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Pro Football Draft Overview

The Strength This Year is in the Trenches

It's the nature of the beast for the media to focus primarily on the skill positions every year – especially quarterback – regardless of the talent landscape, but 2016 is truly the year of the trenches. The second consecutive NFL Draft to be held in Chicago (April 28-30 at the Auditorium Theatre) has a chance to be noteworthy historically for superlative depth all along the defensive line and at offensive tackle, as well as for New England forfeiting their first-round pick for their Deflategate crimes.

At OT, Mississippi's Laremy Tunsil and Notre Dame's Ronnie Staley are commonly regarded as the best of that amazing crop, with Tunsil having an excellent chance of going off the board #1 overall. DEs Joey Bosa of Ohio State and DeForest Buckner of Oregon headline the defensive line class and could both go in the Top 5.

In terms of the skill positions, QBs Carson Wentz of North Dakota State and Jared Goff of California are battling for the #2 overall spot with Cleveland and each will go in the Top 5 only if any teams decide to trade up, since all of the other teams are committed to incumbents for the next few years. Paxton Lynch of Memphis has at least a 50-50 chance of making it into the Top 10 as well. At running back, Ohio State bell cow Ezekiel Elliott is the rare three-down talent worthy of being selected in the first ten picks and he could be joined by the sole headliner of a thin wide receiver crop, Mississippi's Laquon Treadwell.

Defensively, versatile Florida State defensive back Jalen Ramsey is very likely to go in the Top 5 and the following other players could easily go in the Top 10: super-talented OLB Myles Jack of UCLA, Florida CB Vernon Hargreaves III, Clemson DE Shaq Lawson and Alabama DT A'Shawn Robinson. The first round's big wild cards are injured Notre Dame OLB Jaylon Smith and two players with character questions Eastern Kentucky DE/OLB Noah Spence and Mississippi DE Robert Nkemdiche.

	Quarterbacks	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	Carson Wentz	Top 10	North Dakota St	6'5	230	4.77
2	Jared Goff	Top 10	California	6'4	210	4.82
3	Paxton Lynch	Rd 1-2	Memphis	6'6	245	4.86
4	Dak Prescott	Rd 2-3	Mississippi St	6'2	225	4.79
5	Cardale Jones	Rd 2-4	Ohio St	6'5	255	4.81
6	Connor Cook	Rd 2-4	Michigan St	6'4	220	4.79
7	Christian Hackenberg	Rd 2-5	Penn St	6'4	235	4.79
8	Cody Kessler	Rd 3-5	USC	6'1	225	4.89
9	Jacoby Briskett	Rd 3-5	NC State	6'3	230	4.94
10	Jacob Coker	Rd 3-6	Alabama	6'5	235	4.88
11	Kevin Hogan	Rd 3-5	Stanford	6'2	215	4.78
12	Jeff Driskel	Rd 5-7	Louisiana Tech	6'3	230	4.56
13	Trevone Boykin (ATH)	Rd 5-7	TCU	6'0	215	4.77
14	Nate Sudfeld	Rd 5-7	Indiana	6'5	240	4.92
15	Everett Golson	Rd 6-FA	Florida St	6'1	185	4.72

	Running Backs	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	Ezekiel Elliot	Top 15	Ohio St	6'0	225	4.47
2	Derrick Henry	Rd 1-2	Alabama	6'3	245	4.54
3	Devontae Booker	Rd 2	Utah	5'11	220	4.52
4	Kenneth Dixon	Rd 2	Louisiana Tech	5'10	215	4.58
5	Alex Collins	Rd 2-3	Arkansas	5'10	215	4.59
6	Jordan Howard	Rd 2-3	Indiana	6'0	230	4.59
7	Kenyan Drake	Rd 3-4	Alabama	6'1	210	4.45
8	Jonathan Williams	Rd 3-4	Arkansas	5'11	220	4.58
9	Paul Perkins	Rd 3-4	UCLA	5'10	210	4.54
10	CJ Prosise	Rd 3-4	Notre Dame	6'0	220	4.48
11	Kelvin Taylor	Rd 4-5	Florida	5'10	210	4.59
12	Keith Marshall	Rd 5-6	Georgia	5'11	205	4.31
13	Tre Madden	Rd 6-7	USC	6'0	225	4.53
14	Josh Ferguson	Rd 6-7	Illinois	5'9	200	4.48
15	Keenan Reynolds	Rd 7-FA	Notre Dame	5'10	195	4.57

	Tight Ends	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	Hunter Henry	Rd 2	Arkansas	6'5	250	4.71
2	Austin Hooper	Rd 2-3	Stanford	6'4	255	4.72
3	Nick Vannett	Rd 3	Ohio St	6'6	255	4.88
4	Jerell Adams	Rd 3	S. Carolina	6'5	245	4.64
5	Thomas Duarte	Rd 3	UCLA	6'2	230	4.72
6	Darion Griswold	Rd 3-4	Arkansas St	6'3	250	4.67
7	Tyler Higbee	Rd 4	W. Kentucky	6'6	250	4.88
8	Jake McGee	Rd 4	Florida	6'5	250	4.69
9	Bryce Williams	Rd 4-5	E. Carolina	6'6	245	4.94
10	Ben Braunecker	Rd 5	Harvard	6'3	250	4.66
11	Temarrick Hemingway	Rd 5	S. Carolina St	6'5	245	4.56
12	Beau Sandland	Rd 5-6	Montana St	6'4	255	4.72
13	Henry Krieger Coble	Rd 6	Iowa	6'3	250	4.88
14	Kyle Carter	Rd 6	Penn St	6'3	245	4.75
15	Braxton Deaver	Rd 7	Duke	6'5	240	4.71

First Look Ahead to 2017 Pro Football Draft

The default story going into any NFL Draft always involves the quarterbacks and, as of press time, 2017 looks strikingly like 2016, with no Andrew Luck-like perceived gimmes, but a handful of very good prospects. Assuming that he comes out early, Clemson's DeShaun Watson should be the top selection among them. He has many of the same strengths – and weaknesses – of Russell Wilson. Miami's Brad Kaaya and Chad Kelly of Mississippi – a predecessor of Watson at Clemson – are the others who look likely to land in the first round this far out.

Following in the footsteps of Todd Gurley (and perhaps, Ezekiel Elliott), this draft is likely to have two running backs capable of helping to restore prestige to the position: Leonard Fournette of LSU and Dalvin Cook of Florida State. Another strong season could put Stanford's Christian McCaffrey in that conversation. JuJu Smith-Schuster of USC is the consensus #1 wide receiver at this point, although LSU's Malachi Dupre could still pass him.

Draft Priorities By Team

1 Tennessee: OL, CB, WR, LB
2 Cleveland: QB, OL, WR, LB, DB
3 San Diego: OL, WR, DL, S
4 Dallas: RB, CB, OLB, QB
5 Jacksonville: OL, DE, LB
6 Baltimore: OL, CB, LB, DE
7 San Francisco: WR, CB, OL, ILB
8 Miami: RB, TE, DE, DB, LB
9 Tampa Bay: WR, OL, DB
10 New York Giants: WR, LB, CB, DE, RB
11 Chicago: DL, S, OL, OLB
12 New Orleans: DL, DB, OG, QB
13 Philadelphia: WR, OT, DL, CB
14 Oakland: TE, OT, ILB, C
15 Los Angeles: QB, WR, MLB, DB, DE
16 Detroit: DL, LB, S, OT
17 Atlanta: OG, DT, LB, DB
18 Indianapolis: RB, OLB, CB, OL, DL
19 Buffalo: LB, DE, S, WR, OT
20 New York Jets: TE, OL, DL, LB, CB, QB
21 Washington: RB, DL, CB, DT, ILB
22 Houston: TE, DL, WR, OL
23 Minnesota: OL, WR, LB
24 Cincinnati: DB, WR, DL
25 Pittsburgh: DB, TE, OLB, OL
26 Seattle: OL, DT, OLB, CB
27 Green Bay: DT, TE, CB, ILB
28 Kansas City: OG, CB, WR, DE, LB
29 Arizona: DB, OL, OLB, QB
30 Carolina: CB, DE, OT
31 Denver: QB, DT, ILB, OG, S
NO 1ST ROUND PICK: New England:

Strength of Positions in Draft
GREAT: OT, DE, DT
VERY GOOD: OLB
GOOD: QB, WR,
AVERAGE: RB, CB
POOR: TE, OG, C, ILB, S
VERY POOR: none
HORRIBLE: FB

	Wide Receivers	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	Laquon Treadwell	Rd 1	Ole Miss	6'2	220	4.65
2	Corey Coleman	Rd 1	Baylor	5'11	195	4.35
3	Michael Thomas	Rd 1-2	Ohio St	6'3	215	4.57
4	Will Fuller	Rd 1-2	Notre Dame	6'0	190	4.48
5	Josh Doctson	Rd 1-2	TCU	6'2	200	4.49
6	Braxton Miller	Rd 2	Ohio St	6'1	200	4.49
7	Tyler Boyd	Rd 2	Pitt	6'1	200	4.58
8	Pharoah Cooper	Rd 2-3	S. Carolina	5'11	200	4.49
9	Rashard Higgins	Rd 2-3	Colorado St	6'1	200	4.64
10	Sterling Shepard	Rd 3	Oklahoma	5'10	195	4.48
11	Leonte Carroo	Rd 3	Rutgers	6'0	215	4.51
12	Kolby Listenbee	Rd 3-4	TCU	6'0	200	4.35
13	Cayleb Jones	Rd 3-4	Arizona	6'2	210	4.65
14	Jordan Payton	Rd 3-4	UCLA	6'1	210	4.47
15	Keyarris Garrett	Rd 3-4	Tulsa	6'3	220	
16	Aaron Burbridge	Rd 4	Michigan St	6'0	205	4.56
17	Jalin Marshall	Rd 4	Ohio St	5'11	205	4.59
18	Geronimo Allison	Rd 4-5	Illinois	6'3	200	4.67
19	Tajae Sharpe	Rd 4-5	Umass	6'2	195	4.55
20	Charone Peake	Rd 4-5	Clemson	6'2	210	4.45
21	Kenny Lawler	Rd 4-6	California	6'2	205	4.64
22	Devon Cajuste	Rd 4-6	Stanford	6'3	235	4.62
23	Marquez North	Rd 4-6	Tennessee	6'2	225	4.48
24	Jaydon Mickens	Rd 5-6	Washington	5'11	170	4.42
25	Nelson Spruce	Rd 5-6	Colorado	6'1	205	4.69
26	Demarcus Robinson	Rd 5-7	Florida	6'1	205	4.59
27	D'haquille "Duke" Williams	Rd 5-7	Auburn	6'2	215	4.72
28	Rashawn Scott	Rd 6	Miami	6'0	200	4.49
29	Byron Marshall	Rd 6	Oregon	5'9	200	4.52
30	Quinshad Davis	Rd 7	UNC	6'4	205	4.61

	Offensive Tackles	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	Laremy Tunsil	Top 3	Ole Miss	6'5	310	5.21
2	Ronnie Stanley	Top 15	Notre Dame	6'6	315	5.19
3	Jack Conklin	Rd 1	Michigan St	6'6	310	5.01
4	Taylor Decker	Rd 1	Ohio St	6'7	310	5.23
5	Jason Spriggs	Rd 1	Indiana	6'6	300	4.94
6	Germain Ifedi	Rd 1-2	Texas A&M	6'6	325	5.27
7	Vadal Alexander	Rd 2	LSU	6'5	325	5.57
8	Shon Coleman	Rd 2-3	Auburn	6'5	310	5.25
9	Le'Raven Clark	Rd 2-3	Texas Tech	6'5	315	5.16
10	Alex Lewis	Rd 3	Nebraska	6'6	315	5.22
11	Willie Beavers	Rd 3	Western Michigan	6'5	320	5.28
12	Jerald Hawkins	Rd 3-4	LSU	6'6	305	5.23
13	John Theus	Rd 4	Georgia	6'6	315	5.22
14	Joe Haeg	Rd 4-5	N. Dakota St	6'6	305	5.16
15	Tyler Marz	Rd 5	Wisconsin	6'6	315	5.54

	Offensive Guards	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	Vadal Alexander	Rd 1-2	LSU	6'5	325	5.57
2	Cody Whitehair	Rd 2	Kansas St	6'4	300	5.08
3	Christian Westerman	Rd 2-3	Arizona St	6'3	300	5.17
4	Joshua Garnett	Rd 2-3	Stanford	6'4	315	5.32
5	Landon Turner	Rd 2-3	North Carolina	6'4	330	5.58
6	Denver Kirkland	Rd 3	Arkansas	6'4	335	5.55
7	Sebastian Tretola	Rd 3	Arkansas	6'4	315	5.45
8	Isaac Seumalo	Rd 3-4	Oregon St	6'4	305	5.18
9	Spencer Drago	Rd 4	Baylor	6'6	315	5.27
10	Graham Glasgow	Rd 4-5	Michigan	6'6	310	5.13

Short List of Players For 2016 FDH Top 32 in the NFL

Every summer, The FDH Lounge unveils its list of the Top 32 players in the NFL (with the number chosen to represent an average of one player per team) at The FDH Lounge Multimedia Magazine, with an analysis then being performed of the list. For the first time, we are revealing our short list prior to the final construction of the feature, 40 players who will form the group and an Honorable Mention collection. For the players on the 2015 list, their number is included in parentheses.

QB: Aaron Rodgers (1), Andrew Luck (12), Russell Wilson (13), Tom Brady (23), Ben Roethlisberger (31), Derek Carr, Cam Newton, Carson Palmer, Tyrod Taylor

RB: Todd Gurley, Doug Martin, Adrian Peterson

WR: Odell Beckham (7), Antonio Brown (11), Julio Jones (28), DeAndre Hopkins, Brandon Marshall

TE: Rob Gronkowski (9), Greg Olsen

OT: Tyron Smith (20)

DE: JJ Watt (2), Ziggy Ansah, Michael Bennett, Carlos Dunlap

DT: Ndamukong Suh (3), Aaron Donald, Malik Jackson

OLB: Von Miller (26), Anthony Barr, Chandler Jones, Khalil Mack

ILB: Luke Kuechly (25)

CB: Richard Sherman (8), Darrelle Revis (10), Josh Norman, Patrick Peterson

S Earl Thomas (14), Kam Chancellor (16), Eric Berry, Kurt Coleman

Draft Play-Along Game

We at FantasyDrafthelp.com have devised a contest to help you and your friends measure your acumen on Draft Day. It's the FantasyDrafthelp.com Mock Draft Game (credit to Fantasy Drafthelp.com contributor Bob Benak for inventing the game). Each participant submits a mock draft before the proceedings … and then all parties compete in a separate "live draft competition."

Each board is scored separately, but the scores of the two are compiled to crown the Grand Champion of Draft Day. Here's the scoring system:

Picks #1-4 are weighted at one point apiece.
Picks #5-8 are weighted at two points apiece.
Picks #9-12 are weighted at three points apiece.
Picks #13-16 are weighted at four points apiece.
Picks #17-20 are weighted at five points apiece.
Picks #21-24 are weighted at six points apiece.
Picks #25-28 are weighted at seven points apiece.
Picks #29-32 are weighted at eight points apiece

Players may "roll over" their picks from the completed mock draft to the live draft if a player remains on the board … or they may cover themselves with another pick. Example: a player has Cleveland taking Jared Goff with the #2 pick on the mock draft they turned in at the outset. That would count for two points if the pick is correct. If Goff is still on the board when the Browns are on the clock, the player is not obligated to pick Goff during the live draft. He may "roll over" the pick, choosing to try to win two points in both the live and completed mock draft categories. Or he may try to cover himself with another pick. For example, should he correctly pick Carson Wentz in the live draft part of the competition, he would gain the two points in the live draft but win no points in the completed mock draft part of the competition, in which he incorrectly picked Goff. So strategy is at a premium during this competition. This game also puts great emphasis on correctly making picks later in the first round, when chances for success are the most difficult. Picking a player accurately in the later part of the first round on both the completed mock draft and the live mock draft can ensure a thrilling, come-from-behind victory. If you and your friends want to take your enjoyment of Draft Day to the next level by competing and strategizing along with the wizards of the NFL, try our game and enjoy!

2016 Fantasy Football UQB Rankings

	Top 25 Overall	UQB
1	Antonio Brown	1710
2	Julio Jones	1707
3	Brandon Marshall	1648
4	Allen Robinson	1632
5	DeAndre Hopkins	1624
6	Odell Beckham	1619
7	Rob Gronkowski	1592
8	Delanie Walker	1587
9	Doug Baldwin	1578
10	Jordan Reed	1574
11	Torrey Smith	1572
12	Cam Newton	1570
13T	A.J. Green	1568
13T	Larry Fitzgerald	1568
15	Demaryius Thomas	1567
16	Danny Woodhead	1565
17T	Russell Wilson	1564
17T	Devonta Freeman	1564
17T	Tom Brady	1564
20	Greg Olsen	1560
21T	Adrian Peterson	1559
21T	Gary Barnidge	1559
23	Tyrod Taylor	1557
24	Eric Decker	1556
25T	Sammy Watkins	1554
25T	Andre Ellington	1554

	Quarterbacks	UQB
1	Cam Newton	1570
2T	Russell Wilson	1564
2T	Tom Brady	1564
4	Tyrod Taylor	1557
5	Alex Smith	1545
6	Carson Palmer	1541
7	Drew Brees	1539
8T	Eli Manning	1538
8T	Aaron Rodgers	1538
10T	Philip Rivers	1534
10T	Blake Bortles	1534
12	Matthew Stafford	1531
13	Andy Dalton	1529
14	Derek Carr	1527
15	Ryan Fitzpatrick	1524

	Running Backs	
1	Danny Woodhead	
2	Devonta Freeman	
3	Adrian Peterson	
4	Andre Ellington	
5	Doug Martin	
6	DeAngelo Williams	
7	Todd Gurley	
8	Charles Sims	
9T	Karlos Williams	
9T	Theo Riddick	
11T	David Johnson	
11T	Spencer Ware	
13	Lamar Miller	
14T	Giovani Bernard	
14T	Thomas Rawls	
16T	Darren McFadden	
16T	Chris Ivory	
16T	Mark Ingram	
19	Jeremy Hill	
20	Latavius Murray	
21T	Matt Forte	
21T	Duke Johnson	
21T	Ryan Mathews	
24T	Jamaal Charles	
24T	Le'Veon Bell	
26T	James Starks	
26T	Frank Gore	
26T	LeSean McCoy	
29T	Rashad Jennings	
29T	C.J. Anderson	

	Wide Receivers	UQB
1	Antonio Brown	1710
2	Julio Jones	1707
3	Brandon Marshall	1648
4	Allen Robinson	1632
5	DeAndre Hopkins	1624
6	Odell Beckham	1619
7	Doug Baldwin	1578
8	Torrey Smith	1572
9T	A.J. Green	1568
9T	Larry Fitzgerald	1568
11	Demaryius Thomas	1567
12	Eric Decker	1556
13	Sammy Watkins	1554
14	Calvin Johnson	1553
15	Kenny Britt	1552
16	Jarvis Landry	1549
17T	James Jones	1546
17T	Mike Evans	1546
19	Allen Hurns	1545
20	Brandin Cooks	1544
21	DeVante Parker	1543
22	Ted Ginn	1542
23	Jeremy Maclin	1537
24	T.Y. Hilton	1536
25	Emmanuel Sanders	1531
26	Jordan Matthews	1527
27	Markus Wheaton	1526
28	Amari Cooper	1525
29T	John Brown	1524
29T	DeSean Jackson	1524

	Tight Ends	UQB
1	Rob Gronkowski	1592
2	Delanie Walker	1587
3	Jordan Reed	1574
4	Greg Olsen	1560
5	Gary Barnidge	1559
6	Austin Seferian-Jenkins	1543
7	Tyler Eifert	1536
8	Brent Celek	1525
9T	Travis Kelce	1521
9T	Ben Watson	1521
11	Zach Ertz	1520
12	Jason Witten	1515
13	Zach Miller	1511
14	Crockett Gillmore	1510
15	Vance McDonald	1507

	Offensive Centers	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	Nick Martin	Rd 2	Notre Dame	6'4	300	5.22
2	Ryan Kelly	Rd 2	Alabama	6'4	315	5.03
3	Jack Allen	Rd 3-4	Michigan St	6'1	300	5.29
4	Max Tuerk	Rd 4-5	USC	6'5	300	5.15
5	Evan Boehm	Rd 5	Missori	6'2	300	5.33

	Defensive Tackles	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	A'Shawn Robinson	Rd 1	Alabama	6'4	310	5.21
2	Sheldon Rankins	Rd 1	Louisville	6'1	300	5.03
3	Jarran Reed	Rd 1	Alabama	6'3	310	5.21
4	Andrew Billings	Rd 1	Baylor	6'1	310	5.06
5	Robert Nkemidiche	Rd 1	Ole Miss	6'3	300	4.87
6	Jonathan Bullard	Rd 1-2	Florida	6'3	285	4.93
7	Adolphus Washington	Rd 2	Ohio St	6'3	300	5.17
8	Chris Jones	Rd 2	Mississippi St	6'6	315	5.03
9	Sheldon Day	Rd 2-3	Notre Dame	6'1	295	5.07
10	Vernon Butler	Rd 2-3	Louisiana Tech	6'4	325	5.33
11	Kenny Clark	Rd 2-3	UCLA	6'3	315	5.06
12	Austin Johnson	Rd 3	Penn St	6'4	315	5.32
13	Javon Hargrave	Rd 3	S. Carolina St	6'1	310	4.93
14	Maliek Collins	Rd 3-4	Nebraska	6'2	315	5.03
15	DJ Reader	Rd 4-5	Clemson	6'3	325	5.33

2016 Rookie Class Fantasy Analysis

2016 is an odd year for NFL first-year players from a fantasy perspective: there are very few impact rookies in this draft class, but there are a few wide receiver equivalents of the college status of "redshirt freshman." Chicago's Kevin White and Baltimore's Breshad Perriman both missed the entire season due to injury, but will come into this season with the benefit of a full year of professional acclimation. White, in particular, should be in a great situation opposite Alshon Jeffery and catching passes from the revitalized Jay Cutler. Devin Smith and Ty Montgomery played very little in 2015 and are also in good passing offenses. Jaelen Strong still needs a QB in Houston and is facing heat for his pot bust, but he too is poised to move from invisible in 2015 to at least somewhat impactful in 2016.

In terms of the pure rookies, no passers are poised to make any kind of fantasy impact at all in 2016 unless a team with solid weapons trades way up for California's Jared Goff. Tight end is similarly a bare position, with only Arkansas' Hunter Henry likely to make a mark in the upcoming season.

Of course, the running back position has one guaranteed stud, Ezekiel Elliott of Ohio State, a legitimate (and rare) three-down force. 'Bama's Derrick Henry will be a solid goal-line vulture this year if nothing else. A number of backs project as platoon contributors in 2016, including Devontate Booker of Utah, Alex Collins of Colorado, Kenneth Dixon of Louisiana Tech and Kenyan Drake of Alabama. Paul Perkins of UCLA projects as an excellent change-of-pace and third-down back.

Ellliott's counterpart at wide receiver is Laquon Treadwell of Old Miss. Treadwell towering over a thin position is entirely predictable from a cyclical perspective, with 2014 featuring a once-in-a-generation group and 2015 also well above average. In terms of the smaller guys, Corey Coleman of Baylor is as good as it gets, although his transition to a pro system will be interesting at best. TCU's Josh Doctson has a bigger build, but will face the same transitional issues in the pros. Conversely, Notre Dame's Will Fuller bears similarity to Coleman in terms of body type and deep speed. Ohio State's Michael Thomas is very good all-around, but doesn't stand out in any one area. His collegiate teammate, Braxton Miller, is still very much a work in progress at this position, but is at the very least the most intriguing gadget player in the draft.

	Safeties	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	Jalen Ramsey	Top 5	Florida St	6'1	210	4.41
2	Keanu Neal	Rd 1-3	Florida	6'0	210	4.62
3	Karl Joseph	Rd 2-3	W. Virginia	5'9	205	4.58
4	Von Bell	Rd 2-3	Ohio St	5'11	205	4.66
5	Darian Thompson	Rd 2-3	Boise St	6'1	215	4.71
6	Su'a Cravens	Rd 2-3	USC	6'1	225	4.69
7	Jeremy Cash	Rd 2-3	Duke	6'0	215	4.66
8	James Bradberry	Rd 3-4	Samford	6'0	210	4.46
9	KJ Dillon	Rd 3-4	W. Virginia	6'0	210	4.53
10	TJ Green	Rd 3-4	Clemson	6'2	205	4.66
11	Tyvis Powell	Rd 4	Ohio St	6'2	210	4.46
12	Jalen Mills	Rd 4	LSU	6'0	195	4.61
13	Miles Killebrew	Rd 4-5	Southern Utah	6'1	220	4.65
14	Jayron Kearse	Rd 4-5	Clemson	6'4	215	4.62
15	Jordan Lucas	Rd 5	Penn St	5'11	200	4.59

	4-3 Defensive Ends	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	Joey Bosa	Top 10	Ohio St	6'5	270	4.86
2	DeForest Buckner	Top 10	Oregon	6'7	290	5.05
3	Noah Spence	Rd 1	Eastern Kentucky	6'2	260	4.79
4	Shaq Lawson	Rd 1	Clemson	6'3	270	4.71
5	Emmanuel Ogbah	Rd 1-2	Oklahoma St	6'4	275	4.63
6	Kevin Dodd	Rd 1-2	Clemson	6'5	280	4.86
7	Robert Nkemdiche	Rd 1-2	Ole Miss	6'3	300	4.87
8	Jonathan Bullard	Rd 1-2	Florida	6'3	285	4.93
9	Shilique Calhoun	Rd 2	Michigan St	6'4	255	4.82
10	Carl Nassib	Rd 2-3	Penn St	6'6	280	4.84
11	Yannick Ngakoue	Rd 2-3	Maryland	6'2	255	4.75
12	Charles Tapper	Rd 2-4	Oklahoma	6'2	270	4.59
13	Bronson Kaufusi	Rd 3-4	BYU	6'6	285	4.87
14	Alex McCalister	Rd 3-4	Florida	6'6	240	4.78
15	Shawn Oakman	Rd 4-6	Bayor	6'7	270	4.96

	3-4 Defensive Ends	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	DeForest Buckner	Top 10	Oregon	6'7	290	5.05
2	Robert Nkemdiche	Rd 1	Ole Miss	6'3	300	4.87
3	A'Shawn Robinson	Rd 1	Alabama	6'4	310	5.21
4	Jarran Reed	Rd 1	Alabama	6'3	310	5.21
5	Adolphus Washington	Rd 2	Ohio St	6'3	300	5.17
6	Jonathan Bullard	Rd 2-3	Florida	6'3	285	4.93
7	Carl Nassib	Rd 2-3	Penn St	6'6	280	4.84
8	Austin Johnson	Rd 2-3	Penn St	6'4	315	5.32
9	Jihad Ward	Rd 3	Illinois	6'3	305	5.11
10	Chris Jones	Rd 3-4	Mississippi St	6'5	310	5.03

4-3 Outside Linebackers	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1 Myles Jack	Top 10	UCLA	6'1	245	4.55
2 Leonard Floyd	Top 20	Georgia	6'6	245	4.61
3 Jaylon Smith	Rd 1-3	Notre Dame	6'2	230	4.59
4 Darron Lee	Rd 1-2	Ohio St	6'1	235	4.47
5 Yannick Ngakoue	Rd 2	Maryland	6'2	255	4.75
6 Kyler Fackrell	Rd 2	Utah St	6'4	245	4.72
7 Scooby Wright III	Rd 2-3	Arizona	6'0	240	4.89
8 Su'a Cravens	Rd 2-3	USC	6'1	225	4.69
9 Deion Jones	Rd 3	LSU	6'1	220	4.59
10 Kentrell Brothers	Rd 3-4	Missouri	6'0	245	4.89
11 Dadi Nicolas	Rd 3-4	Virginia Tech	6'3	235	4.74
12 Kamalei Correa	Rd 3-4	Boise St	6'2	245	4.69
13 Tyler Matakevich	Rd 4	Temple	6'1	230	4.81
14 Antonio Morrison	Rd 4-5	Florida	6'1	235	4.64
15 Josh Perry	Rd 4-6	Ohio St	6'3	250	4.68

3-4 Outside Linebackers	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1 Joey Bosa	Top 10	Ohio St	6'5	270	4.86
2 Leonard Floyd	Top 20	Georgia	6'6	245	4.61
3 Emmanuel Ogbah	Rd 1	Oklahoma St	6'4	275	4.63
4 Noah Spence	Rd 1	Eastern Kentucky	6'2	255	4.79
5 Shaq Lawson	Rd 1	Clemson	6'2	270	4.71
6 Kevin Dodd	Rd 1-2	Clemson	6'5	275	4.86
7 Shilique Calhoun	Rd 1-2	Michigan St	6'4	250	4.82
8 Scooby Wright III	Rd 2	Arizona	6'0	240	4.89
9 Yannick Ngakoue	Rd 2-3	Maryland	6'2	255	4.75
10 Charles Tapper	Rd 2-3	Oklahoma	6'2	270	4.59
11 Kamalei Correa	Rd 3-4	Boise St	6'2	245	4.69
12 Alex McCalister	Rd 3-4	Florida	6'6	240	4.81
13 Josh Perry	Rd 3-5	Ohio St	6'3	250	4.68
14 Victor Ochi	Rd 4-6	Stony Brook	6'2	245	4.86
15 Jordan Jenkins	Rd 4-6	Georgia	6'3	260	4.79

Links to Top Prospect Highlight Videos

NOTE: These video links, when viewed online, can be clicked through to see highlight reels of the draft's top prospects (be warned that you may want to mute your computer because of the tendency of reel-compilers to overlay bad music on top).

Joey Bosa
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3xcR8hUtqw
Corey Coleman
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZhFkIXEv3E
DeForest Buckner
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTI5-CkKx_g
Ezekiel Elliott
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6IyRfht4Xk
Jared Goff
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TcwdHWD3YU
Vernon Hargreaves III
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Mh17M--aQc
Hunter Henry
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cssltYsOVmI
Myles Jack
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XSz3Lz9zvk
Shaq Lawson
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qn_bQctE5UY
Paxton Lynch
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jdm3TayuSUo
Braxton Miller
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EB6D46ycATc
Robert Nkemdiche
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BkCx8JGT3SE
Jalen Ramsey
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIGc2LooeFs
A'Shawn Robinson
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BR7EyecqwM
Jaylon Smith
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsJ6EX7LFjI
Noah Spence
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S68wjetIcT4
Ronnie Stanley
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYq2bgtgmsI
Laquon Treadwell
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prucIQZNUYU
Laremy Tunsil
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oezss_-IzAU
Carson Wentz
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7oT3PpE_Rw

Top 10 Team Rankings Heading Into NFL Draft

1 Seattle
2 New England
3 Carolina
4 Arizona
5 Denver
6 Green Bay
7 Kansas City
8 Pittsburgh
9 New York Jets
10 Oakland

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Top 10 Coaches In The NFL

1 Bill Belichick
2 Bruce Arians
3 Pete Carroll
4 John Harbaugh
5 Mike Zimmer
6 Mike McCarthy
7 Ron Rivera
8 Mike Tomlin
9 Sean Payton
10 Andy Reid

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1 Los Angeles:
2 Philadelphia:
3 San Diego:
4 Dallas:
5 Jacksonville:
6 Baltimore:
7 San Francisco:
8 Cleveland:
9 Tampa Bay:
10 New York Giants:
11 Chicago:
12 New Orleans:
13 Miami:
14 Oakland:
15 Tennessee:
16 Detroit:
17 Atlanta Falcons:
18 Indianapolis:
19 Buffalo Bills:
20 New York Jets:
21 Washington:
22 Houston:
23 Minnesota:
24 Cincinnati:
25 Pittsburgh:
26 Seattle:
27 Green Bay:
28 Kansas City:
29 Arizona:
30 Carolina:
31 Denver:

	Cornerbacks	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	Vernon Hargreaves III	Top 15	Florida	5'10	205	4.41
2	Jalen Ramsey*	Top 5	Florida St	6'1	210	4.41
3	Kendall Fuller	Rd 1	Virginia Tech	5'11	185	4.48
4	Eli Apple	Rd 1	Ohio St	6'0	200	4.41
5	William Jackson	Rd 1	Houston	6'0	190	4.37
6	Mackenzie Alexander	Rd 1	Clemson	5'10	190	4.47
7	Xavien Howard	Rd 1-2	Baylor	6'0	200	4.61
8	Artie Burns	Rd 1-2	Miami	5'11	195	4.53
9	Zack Sanchez	Rd 2	Oklahoma	5'10	185	4.54
10	Harlan Miller	Rd 2-3	SE Louisiana	5'11	185	4.65
11	Deiondre Hall	Rd 3	Northern Iowa	6'1	200	4.68
12	Will Redmond	Rd 3	Mississippi St	5'11	185	4.51
13	Eric Murray	Rd 3-4	Minnesota	5'10	200	4.49
14	James Bradberry	Rd 3-4	Samford	6'0	210	4.46
15	KeiVarae Russell	Rd 3-4	Notre Dame	5'11	195	4.49
16	Sean Davis	Rd 3-5	Maryland	6'1	200	4.46
17	Daryl Worley	Rd 4-5	W.Virginia	6'0	205	4.64
18	Maurice Canady	Rd 4-5	Virginia	6'1	190	4.49
19	Jonathan Jones	Rd 5	Auburn	5'9	185	4.33
20	Rashard Robinson	Rd 6	LSU	6'1	170	4.49

* Top S, not top CB in draft

	Inside Linebackers	Value	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time
1	Reggie Ragland	Rd 1	Alabama	6'1	247	4.72
2	Jaylon Smith	Rd 1-3	Notre Dame	6'2	230	4.59
3	Beniquez Brown	Rd 2	Mississippi St	6'1	230	4.77
4	Scooby Wright III	Rd 2-3	Arizona	6'0	240	4.89
5	Kentrell Brothers	Rd 3-4	Missouri	6'0	245	4.89
6	Josh Forrest	Rd 3-4	Kentucky	6'3	250	4.91
7	Blake Martinez	Rd 3-4	Stanford	6'0	235	4.71
8	Antonio Morrison	Rd 3-5	Florida	6'1	232	4.64
9	Nick Kwiatkoski	Rd 3-5	West Virginia	6'1	240	4.73
10	Nick Vigil	Rd 4-5	Utah St	6'2	235	4.72

	Team	Jason Jones Mock Draft	Position	School		Team	Rick Morris Mock Draft	Position	School
1	LA	Jared Goff	QB	California	1	LA	Jared Goff	QB	California
2	PHI	Carson Wentz	QB	North Dakota State	2	PHI	Carson Wentz	QB	North Dakota State
3	SD	Laremy Tunsil	OT	Mississippi	3	SD	Laremy Tunsil	OL	Mississippi
4	DAL	Joey Bosa	DE	Ohio State	4	DAL	Jalen Ramsey	S/CB	Florida State
5	JAX	Jalen Ramsey	S	Florida State	5	JAX	Myles Jack	OLB	UCLA
6	BAL	DeForest Buckner	DT/DE	Oregon	6	BAL	DeForest Buckner	DT/DE	Oregon
7	SF	Ronnie Stanley	OT	Notre Dame	7	SF	Ronnie Stanley	OT	Notre Dame
8	CLE	Myles Jack	OLB	UCLA	8	CLE	Joey Bosa	DE/OLB	Ohio State
9	TB	Vernon Hargreaves III	CB	Florida	9	TB	Vernon Hargreaves	CB	Florida
10	NYG	Jack Conklin	OT	Michigan State	10	NYG	Ezekiel Elliott	RB	Ohio State
11	CHI	Leonard Floyd	OLB	Georgia	11	CHI	Leonard Floyd	OLB	Georgia
12	NO	Sheldon Rankins	DT	Louisville	12	NO	Sheldon Rankins	DT	Louisville
13	MIA	Ezekiel Elliot	RB	Ohio State	13	MIA	Darron Lee	OLB	Ohio State
14	OAK	William Jackson III	CB	Houston	14	OAK	William Jackson III	CB	Houston
15	TEN	Taylor Decker	OT	Ohio State	15	TEN	Jack Conklin	OT	Michigan State
16	DET	Shaq Lawson	DE/OLB	Clemson	16	DET	Taylor Decker	OT	Ohio State
17	ATL	Darron Lee	OLB	Ohio State	17	ATL	Jarran Reed	DT	Alabama
18	IND	Ryan Kelly	C	Alabama	18	IND	Noah Spence	DE/OLB	Eastern Kentucky
19	BUF	Reggie Ragland	ILB	Alabama	19	BUF	Robert Nkemdiche	DL	Mississippi
20	NYJ	Paxton Lynch	QB	Memphis	20	NYJ	Paxton Lynch	QB	Memphis
21	WAS	Jarran Reed	DT	Alabama	21	WAS	Reggie Ragland	ILB	Alabama
22	HOU	Will Fuller	WR	Notre Dame	22	HOU	Hunter Henry	TE	Arkansas
23	MIN	Laquon Treadwell	WR	Mississippi	23	MIN	Laquon Treadwell	WR	Mississippi
24	CIN	Josh Doctson	WR	TCU	24	CIN	Josh Doctson	WR	TCU
25	PIT	Eli Apple	CB	Ohio State	25	PIT	Eli Apple	CB	Ohio State
26	SEA	Corey Coleman	WR	Baylor	26	SEA	Germain Ifedi	OG	Texas A&M
27	GB	A'Shawn Robinson	DT	Alabama	27	GB	Andrew Billings	DT	Baylor
28	KC	Kevin Dodd	DE	Clemson	28	KC	Mackensie Alexander	CB	Clemson
29	ARIZ	TJ Green	FS	Clemson	29	ARIZ	TJ Green	S	Clemson
30	CAR	Germain Ifedi	OT	Texas A&M	30	CAR	Shaq Lawson	DE	Clemson
31	DEN	Robert Nkimdeche	DT/DE	Mississippi	31	DEN	A'Shawn Robinson	DT	Alabama

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Top 75 Players Overall

	Player	Position		Player	Position
1	Laremy Tunsil	OT	39	Xavien Howard	CB
2	Jalen Ramsey	FS/CB	40	Derrick Henry	RB
3	Ezekiel Elliot	RB	41	Kenny Clark	DT
4	Myles Jack	OLB	42	Jonathan Bullard	DE
5	Vernon Hargreaves III	CB	43	Sheldon Day	DT
6	Joey Bosa	DE	44	Vadal Alexander	OG
7	DeForest Buckner	DE	45	Tyler Boyd	WR
8	Laquon Treadwell	WR	46	Shilique Calhoun	DE/OLB
9	Leonard Floyd	OLB	47	Hunter Henry	TE
10	Carson Wentz	QB	48	Nick Martin	C
11	Ronnie Stanley	OT	49	Paxton Lynch	QB
12	Noah Spence	DE/OLB	50	Vernon Butler	DT
13	Robert Nkemdiche	DT	51	Shon Coleman	OT
14	Emmanuel Ogbah	DE	52	Dak Prescott	QB
15	Jared Goff	QB	53	Carl Nassib	DE
16	A'Shawn Robinson	DT	54	Devontae Booker	RB
17	Jaylon Smith	OLB/ILB	55	Le'Raven Clark	OT
18	Corey Coleman	WR	56	Yannick Ngakoue	DE/OLB
19	Jack Conklin	OT	57	Adolphus Washington	DT
20	Sheldon Rankins	DT	58	Ryan Kelly	C
21	Shaq Lawson	DE/OLB	59	Kenneth Dixon	RB
22	Reggie Ragland	ILB	60	Karl Joseph	S
23	Michael Thomas	WR	61	Cody Whitehair	OG/C
24	Kendall Fuller	CB	62	Jalen Mills	CB/FS
25	Eli Apple	CB	63	Joshua Perry	OLB
26	Andrew Billings	DT	64	Scooby Wright III	ILB/OLB
27	Will Fuller	WR	65	Artie Burns	CB
28	Mackensie Alexander	CB	66	Vonn Bell	S
29	Darron Lee	OLB	67	Joshua Garnett	OG
30	Braxton Miller	WR/RB/KR	68	Charles Tapper	DE/OLB
31	Kevin Dodd	DE/OLB	69	Sean Davis	CB/S
32	William Jackson III	CB	70	Austin Johnson	DT
33	Taylor Decker	OT	71	Kamalei Correa	DE/OLB
34	Jason Spriggs	OT	72	Cardale Jones	QB
35	Keanu Neal	S	73	Su'a Cravens	S/OLB
36	Germain Ifedi	OT	74	Chris Jones	DT
37	Jarran Reed	DT	75	Rashard Robinson	CB
38	Josh Doctson	WR			

Top 10 Schools of the 2016 NFL Draft

1 Ohio State
2 Alabama
3 Mississippi
4 Clemson
5 Florida
6 Notre Dame
7 UCLA
8 Michigan State
9 Baylor
10 Penn State

Top 5 Conferences of the 2016 NFL Draft

1 SEC
2 Big 10
3 ACC
4 Pac 12
5 Big 12

The FDH Lounge Top Games Of The 2016 NFL Season

1 Seattle at New England (Week 10, Sunday Night Football on NBC): Super Bowls 49 and 50 will both be rematched this year, but 49 takes the lead billing thanks to the epic game they waged, the historic play that decided it and Denver's QB quandary.

2 Carolina at Denver (Week 1, Thursday Night Football on NBC): The last game of the 2015-16 season will be the first one of this campaign, with a more intact Panther team looking to cast a pall over the ring ceremony.

3 New England at Denver (Week 15, CBS): The Broncos beat the Pats in two of the last three AFC Championship Games, so even with a potential vacuum at passer (again), Denver won't be a pushover for the team that many expect to replace them this year.

4 Arizona at Carolina (Week 8, FOX): FOX's biggest game of the season should provide the competitive clash that did not materialize in last winter's NFC Championship Game.

5 Houston at Denver (Week 7, Monday Night Football on ESPN): The Skip Bayless Network will have loads of fun promoting Brock vs. Broncos on every program for weeks leading up to this one.

6 Seattle at Green Bay (Week 14, FOX): These teams bound by the legacies of Mike Holmgren and John Schneider met for the NFC Championship the season before last and many expect these perennial contenders to meet again on the road to the Super Bowl next winter.

7 New England at Pittsburgh (Week 7, CBS): With Peyton Manning now retired, the Steelers may now take the place as Brady/Belichick's greatest remaining rivals.

8 New England at Arizona (Week 1, Sunday Night Football on NBC): Both of the teams who lost on the last Championship Sunday are widely thought to have a great chance to win the next one.

9 Carolina at Seattle (Week 13, Sunday Night Football on NBC): The last two NFC Champions always have tough, highly-competitive guys.

10 Cincinnati at New England (Week 6, CBS): Andy Dalton's late-season injury deprived everyone of the chance to see if the Bengals have really turned the corner; this game could tell at least a little bit in that regard.

11 Indianapolis at Green Bay (Week 9, CBS): Even after an uncharacteristic down year for Andrew Luck, seeing him against Aaron Rodgers is still a must-see event.

12 Minnesota at Carolina (Week 3, FOX): The defending NFC Champions face an up-and-coming threat to their throne.

13T Seattle at Arizona/Arizona at Seattle (Week 7, Sunday Night Football on NBC, Week 16, FOX): Arguably the strongest divisional rivalry going right now is being split between prime time and FOX.

15 Arizona at Minnesota (Week 11, FOX): Two of last season's biggest breakthrough teams are poised to continue their development.

16T Kansas City at Denver/Denver at Kansas City (Week 12, CBS, Week 16, ESPN): Even en route to their Super Bowl title, the Broncos were trounced by the Chiefs, so Denver's dismal offseason offers even more evidence that there is no longer a gap between these squads.

18 Kansas City at Carolina (Week 10, CBS): If you want a hard-hitting, top-flight defensive brawl, it may not get any better than this in 2016.

19T Cincinnati at Pittsburgh/Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (Week 2, CBS. Week 15, Sunday Night Football on NBC): A tough divisional rivalry between teams always in the playoff picture got even more personal in the wild card playoffs.

21T Indianapolis at Houston/Houston at Indianapolis (Week 6, CBS): It took a long time, but the Colts finally have a legitimate rival for supremacy in the AFC South.

23T Green Bay at Minnesota/Minnesota at Green Bay (Week 2, Sunday Night Football on NBC): When the Vikings appeared to catch up to the Packers during the Christian Ponder days, it was just an illusion – but it's not now.

25 Kansas City at Pittsburgh (Week 4, Sunday Night Football on NBC): With both of these teams now solidly on the top tier of the AFC, this game is sure to be highly-spirited.

Early FDH Predictions For 2016 NFL Season

AFC East
X-New England 11-5
New York Jets 8-8
Buffalo 8-8
Miami 7-9

AFC North
X-Cincinnati 10-6
Pittsburgh 9-7
Baltimore 7-9
Cleveland 2-14

AFC South
X-Indianapolis 9-7
Y-Jacksonville 9-7
Houston 8-8
Tennessee 5-11

AFC West
Y-Oakland 10-6
Y-Kansas City 9-7
Denver 9-7
San Diego 7-9

NFC East
X-Dallas 8-8
New York Giants 8-8
Washington 8-8
Philadelphia 7-9

NFC North
X-Green Bay 12-4
Y-Chicago 9-7
Minnesota 9-7
Detroit 7-9

NFC South
X-Carolina 10-6
Atlanta 8-8
Tampa Bay 6-10
New Orleans 6-10

NFC West
X-Seattle 11-5
Y-Arizona 9-7
Los Angeles 6-10
San Francisco 6-10

Wild Card Playoffs
Cincinnati over Jacksonville
Indianapolis over Kansas City
Carolina over Chicago
Arizona over Dallas

Divisional Round Playoffs
New England over Indianapolis
Oakland over Cincinnati
Green Bay over Arizona
Seattle over Carolina

Championship Sunday
New England over Oakland
Green Bay over Seattle

Super Bowl 51
Green Bay over New England

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Coach of the Year: Mike McCarthy
Offensive Rookie of the Year: Ezekiel Elliott
Defensive Rookie of the Year: Joey Bosa

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Why Value Matters In Fantasy & Pro Sports Drafts

By Rick Morris

On our FANTASYDRAFTHELP.COM INSIDER webcasts, we've discussed this point many times, but we're continually reminded of the need to readdress it: the very real link between fantasy sports drafts and the so-called real kind.

Ten years ago, when the Buffalo Bills selected Donte Whitner with the eighth overall pick at a time when he was considered a fringe Top 20 player at best, FDH Senior Editor Jason Jones and I ridiculed the pick in a real-time webcast.

We explained that Marv Levy, who was new to the Buffalo front office, clearly had no concept of value. Top10 picks must become franchise players at their positions. If, for whatever reason, you are fixated on a player unworthy of the draft slot, trade back and obtain the value collectively, through the desired player and additional picks, but always get value for your pick.

And if a Top 10 pick must become a franchise player, then a Top 5 pick must become one of the elite players in the league. For a team like the Browns that squandered numerous draft picks in the last dozen years under the auspices of such luminaries as Dwight Clark, Butch Davis, Shoebox Pete Garcia and Eric Mangini, the fourth overall pick in the draft has to be a home run and cannot be used on a player not deemed safe enough by the collective brainpower of NFL personnel people. There is no margin for error.

We at FDH don't have to educate skilled fantasy sports owners on the concept of value. This is something they know, or at the very least intuit, as they go through their draft or auction preparation. We always say that you win by obtaining value with every pick. While that ideal is almost impossible, you have to come as close as you can. That means that your high picks have to perform at the level forecasted and your mid-round and lower-round picks must outperform their draft slots. We have always emphasized that the same precept holds true in professional sports drafts. Winning organizations make the most of their draft picks and they know how to proceed in a measured fashion. They do not panic.

Why the Value Of Quarterbacks Continues To Diminish Each Year

By Ken Becks/1st Down Scouting

The QB position is the most over overrated and over hyped position in the NFL! The QB position is the only position that has not evolved athletically over the years as every other position has, which has placed the QB position athletically inferior to most positions on the field of play and makes for an obvious competitive disadvantage. The lack of athleticism you see, is one of many reasons why the NFL continually modifies and updates rule changes to close the gap for QBs lacking in the area of overall athletics (such as allowing QBs to throw balls away once outside the hashes, which avoids oncoming defenders hits, and compensates for lack of athleticism). If the game was to be played like it was not so long ago, the majority of QBs would be out for the year on IR. When the majority of QBs can't elude DTs that are almost 100lbs larger, what does that tell you?

Where does the biggest part of this athletic gap begin? I would say at the collegiate ranks. For the most part, at the high school level, most teams place their best athletes at QB, so these athletes can have the ball in their hands more frequently and have their football IQs take over. Then once these players make their way to the collegiate level, the majority of these athletes are moved to other positions. But why? I can understand by sheer numbers you need to fill other positions on the team, both on offense & defense. The question I have is if the most important position to fill at any level is the QB position, then why wouldn't you place your best athlete, with ideal measureables and a good football IQ at the position? Many times, you will find athletes such as WR Calvin Johnson and WR Brandon Marshall moved from high school QB to collegiate WR. Why? Wouldn't conventional wisdom tell you that if you can have your cake and eat it too, that you would place your best athletes that fit the prototype dimensions desired from the QB position there? Calvin Johnson and Brandon Marshall fit those dimensions in every way. The detractors may wonder what if the players don't want to play the position? Or what if they may not have the mindset to play the position? Or what if this or what if that?

The bottom line is that if a college coach is determined to fill his QB position with the player that best meets the required intangibles, athleticism, and measureables coveted, then he SHOULD be more than willing to convert a highly touted high school player from one position who meets ALL the required needs for filling the most important position on the team, QB! If you were to start to see college coaches placing their best recruited athletes at the QB position, eventually this new prospect of QB would make their way to the NFL level and close the athletic deficiency gap, now existent between the QB and every other position at the NFL level. Imagine a QB like Calvin Johnson at 6-5, 236lbs, running a 4.3/40! A player like this is much more valuable behind center running your offense!

More often than not, the QB position is a developmental position over a 2-3 year period, even with so called franchise Top 10 overall selections. This 2-3 year period is at the expense of the team's success till that QB matures, if ever! Why are QB prospects EVER selected at the top of the draft? It makes more since to take a QB in the 2nd or 3rd round that you can develop in your offensive system that is based on a strong O-Line & running game, until that drafted QB realistically develops enough to be a success behind center. This is a subject I could go on about for as long as there is someone that will listen! Until the draft value of the QB position is dropped for obvious reasons, this type of draft philosophy is the best way to go.