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## Pro Football Draft Overview

### A Transcendent Prospect and a Running Back Revival

The 2017 NFL Draft (April 27-29 in Philadelphia) has its greatest strength at two glamour positions – CB and DE, with the latter being headlined by one of those mega-prospects that only comes along once every few years, Texas A&M's Myles Garrett – and RB, which has been more marginalized over the past decade than any other time in history.

Leonard Fournette of LSU has long been envisioned as a top prospect, a large stud with speed who is capable of joining with Ezekiel Elliott and Todd Gurley in the game's bell cow resurgence. Florida State's Dalvin Cook has great burst from more of a traditional tailback's frame and Stanford's Christian McCaffrey is just a flat-out speed demon, lethal in space. The league has seen few running backs go in the first round in recent years, but these three, the first two especially, should go very high. Oklahoma's Joe Mixon is close to their level, but probably won't go on Day One because of his woman-beating problem.

While DE and CB are elite positions, the larger defensive line and secondary groups are stellar as well. Ohio State has some big-timers out of the latter sector, CB Marshon Lattimore and S Malik Hooker. LSU S Jamal Adams is a contender for the Top 10 as well and Michigan LB/S hybrid Jabril Peppers is one of the most intriguing wild cards in the entire draft. Out of the former group, Stanford DE Solomon Thomas and Alabama DT Jonathan Allen seem like locks to go very high.

It's rare for ILB or TE prospects to be drafted in the top half of the first round, but two prospects from Alabama, Reuben Foster and OJ Howard, are poised to be the exceptions this year. It's even more rare for top QBs not to automatically be among the top picks, but there are no assurances of anyone in the group of Clemson's Deshaun Watson, North Carolina's Mitch Trubisky, Texas Tech's Patrick Mahomes and Notre Dame's DeShone Kizer being selected very high. That development, more than any other, would really differentiate this draft class.

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## Quarterbacks

	School	Ht/Wt
1 DeShaun Watson	Clemson	6'2, 221
2 Mitchell Trubisky	UNC	6'2, 222
3 DeShone Kizer	Notre Dame	6'4, 233
4 Patrick Mahomes	Texas Tech	6'2, 225
5 Davis Webb	California	6'5, 229
6 Brad Kaaya	Miami (FL)	6'4, 214
7 Nate Peterman	Pittsburgh	6'2, 226
8 Josh Dobbs	Tennessee	6'3, 216
9 Chad Kelly	Ole Miss	6'2, 228
10 Jerod Evans	Virginia Tech	6'3, 232
11 Trevor Knight	Texas A&M	6'1, 219
12 CJ Bethard	Iowa	6'2, 219
13 Seth Russell	Baylor	6'3, 213

## Running Backs

	School	Ht/Wt
1 Leonard Fournette	LSU	6'0, 240
2 Christian McCaffrey	Stanford	5'11, 202
3 Dalvin Cook	Florida St	5'10, 210
4 Alvin Kamara	Tennessee	5'10, 214
5 Joe Mixon	Oklahoma	6'1, 228
6 Marlon Mack	USF	5'11, 213
7 Kareem Hunt	Toledo	5'10, 216
8 D'Onta Foreman	Texas	6'0, 233
9 Wayne Gallman	Clemson	6'0, 215
10 Samaje Perine	Oklahoma	5'11, 233
11 Brian Hill	Wyoming	6'1, 219
12 Jeremy McNichols	Boise St	5'9, 214
13 De'Veon Smith	Michigan	5'11, 223
14 Jamaal Williams	BYU	6'0, 212
15 James Connor	Pittsburgh	6'1, 233
16 Corey Clement	Wisconsin	5'10, 220
17 Joe Yearby	Miami (FL)	5'9, 185
18 Matt Dayes	NC State	5'9, 205
19 Donnell Pumphrey	San Diego St	5'8, 176
20 Elijah Hood	UNC	6'0, 232

## Tight Ends

	School	Ht/Wt
1 OJ Howard	Alabama	6'5, 250
2 David Njoku	Miami	6'4, 245
3 Evan Engram	Ole Miss	6'3, 235
4 Jordan Leggett	Clemson	6'6, 260
5 Gerald Everett	South Alabama	6'2, 240
6 Adam Shaheen	Ashland	6'6, 275
7 Jake Butt	Michigan	6'5, 245
8 Bucky Hodges	Virginia Tech	6'6, 255
9 Michael Roberts	Toledo	6'4, 270
10 Jeremy Sprinkle	Arkansas	6'5, 250
11 George Kittle	Iowa	6'4, 245
12 Cole Hikutini	Louisville	6'4, 245
13 Tyrone Swoopes	Texas	6'4, 250
14 Sean Culkin	Missouri	6'6, 250
15 Taylor McNamara	USC	6'6, 265

## First Look Ahead to 2018 Pro Football Draft

The city of Los Angeles now has two pro football teams again and they also have two of the most anticipated QB prospects of the 2018 NFL Draft, USC's Sam Darnold and UCLA's Josh Rosen. Darnold is the early favorite to go #1 overall and Wyoming's Josh Allen is the other signal-caller regarded as being on the same level as the LA twosome. Generally speaking, there are less reservations that scouts have about the top arms in the 2018 draft than the ones in the 2017 crop. Elsewhere on offense, RBs Derrius Guice of LSU, Royce Freeman of Oregon and Saquon Barkley of Penn State loom large, as do WRs Christian Kirk of Texas A&M and Calvin Ridley of Alabama.

Of course, difference-makers are present at the top of the draft on defense as well, with Florida S Derwin James, Clemson DT Christian Wilkins, Alabama LB Malik Jefferson, LSU DE/OLB Arden Key, Alabama DE Da'Shawn Hand and Ohio State DEs Tyquan Lewis and Sam Hubbard likely candidates for the Top 10 overall.

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## Draft Priorities By Team

1 Cleveland: QB, DB, DE, WR, OLB, OT, TE  
 2 San Francisco: QB, LB, WR, OL, DB  
 3 Chicago: QB, WR  
 4 Jacksonville: DE, QB, RB, TE, OT, DB  
 5 Los Angeles Rams: OL, WR, DB, DE, LB  
 6 New York Jets: OL, DB, WR, QB, TE, OLB  
 7 Los Angeles Chargers: OL, WR, DB, OLB, QB  
 8 Carolina: RB, OL, DE, S  
 9 Cincinnati: OL, DL, WR, CB, RB  
 10 Buffalo: CB, WR, LB  
 11 New Orleans: DL, DB, WR, OG  
 12 Philadelphia: CB, LB, DL, RB  
 13 Arizona: CB, QB, WR, OL, ILB, DE  
 14 Minnesota: OB, WR, QB, OLB, DT  
 15 Indianapolis: DE, LB, RB, DB  
 16 Baltimore: RB, LB, WR, DE  
 17 Washington: DL, WR, RB, LB, TE  
 18 Tennessee: LB, WR, CB, TE  
 19 Tampa Bay: DL, RB, DB, LB  
 20 Denver: OL, DL, TE, QB  
 21 Detroit: RB, LB, OL, WR  
 22 Miami: OL, DL, LB, DB  
 23 New York Giants: LB, RB, TE, OL, DL, QB  
 24 Oakland: DB, LB, DL  
 25 Houston: QB, DB, LB  
 26 Seattle: OL, DL, DB, WR  
 27 Kansas City: LB, WR, OG, QB, DT, DB  
 28 Dallas: DB, WR, DL, TE  
 29 Green Bay: CB, RB, OL, LB  
 30 Pittsburgh: LB, TE, DB, RB, QB  
 31 Atlanta: DE, OL, TE, LB, DB  
 32 New England: LB, RB, OT, DE

### Strength of Positions in Draft

GREAT: RB, DE, CB  
 VERY GOOD: WR, DT, ILB, OLB, S  
 GOOD: TE  
 AVERAGE: OG, QB  
 POOR: OT, C  
 VERY POOR: none  
 HORRIBLE: none

## Wide Receivers

1 Mike Williams  
 2 Corey Davis  
 3 Curtis Samuel  
 4 John Ross  
 5 Zay Jones  
 6 Juju Smith-Schuster  
 7 Cooper Kupp  
 8 Chris Godwin  
 9 ArDarius Stewart  
 10 Noah Brown  
 11 Malachi Dupre  
 12 Jalen Robinette  
 13 Isaiah Ford  
 14 Travin Dural  
 15 Josh Reynolds  
 16 Chad Hansen  
 17 Shelton Gibson  
 18 Chad Williams  
 19 Ricky Seals-Jones  
 20 Dede Westbrook  
 21 Damore'ea Stringfellow  
 22 KD Cannon  
 23 Fred Ross  
 24 Amara Darboh  
 25 Carlos Henderson  
 26 Chance Allen  
 27 Stacy Coley  
 28 Kenny Gooaday

## School

Clemson  
 W. Michigan  
 Ohio St  
 Washington  
 East Carolina  
 USC  
 Eastern Michigan  
 Penn St  
 Alabama  
 Ohio St  
 LSU  
 Air Force  
 Virginia Tech  
 LSU  
 Texas A&M  
 California  
 West Virginia  
 Grambling  
 Texas A&M  
 Oklahoma  
 Ole Miss  
 Baylor  
 Mississippi St  
 Michigan  
 Louisiana Tech  
 Houston  
 Miami (FL)  
 N. Illinois

## Ht/Wt

6'4, 218  
 6'3, 209  
 5'11, 196  
 5'11, 188  
 6'2, 201  
 6'2, 215  
 6'2, 204  
 6'1, 209  
 5'1, 204  
 6'2, 222  
 6'2, 196  
 6'3, 220  
 6'1, 194  
 6'-1, 202  
 6'3, 194  
 6'2, 202  
 5'11, 191  
 6'0, 207  
 6'5, 245  
 6'0, 178  
 6'2, 218  
 5'11, 182  
 6'1, 213  
 6'2, 214  
 5-11, 199  
 6'2, 198  
 6'1, 195  
 6'4, 218

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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 2016 list, their number is included in parentheses  
QB: Tom Brady (30), Derek Carr, Aaron Rodgers (1), Matt Ryan, Russell Wilson (6)

RB: Le'Veon Bell, Ezekiel Elliott, David Johnson

WR: Odell Beckham, Jr. (5), Antonio Brown (4), Mike Evans, Julio Jones (14)

TE: none

OL: Zack Martin, Tyron Smith (21), Joe Thomas, Trent Williams

DE: Geno Atkins, Cliff Avril, Joey Bosa, Jadeveon Clowney, Aaron Donald (17), Danielle Hunter, Khalil Mack (8), Gerald McCoy, Ndamukong Suh (12), JJ Watt (31)

LB: Vic Beasley, Dont'a Hightower, Von Miller (2), Bobby Wagner

CB: Malcolm Butler, Marcus Peters, Patrick Peterson (11), Richard Sherman (9)

S: Eric Berry, Kam Chancellor (18), Landon Collins, Janoris Jenkins, Devin McCourty, Harrison Smith

	Offensive Tackles	School	Ht/Wt
1	Garrett Bolles	Utah	6'5, 300
2	Ryan Ramsey	Wisconsin	6'6, 310
3	Cam Robinson	Alabama	6'6, 320
4	Antonio Garcia	Troy	6'6, 295
5	Julie'n Davenport	Bucknell	6'6, 320
6	Taylor Moton	W. Michigan	6'5, 330
7	David Sharpe	Florida	6'6, 340
8	Roderick Johnson	Florida St	6'7, 300
9	Javarius Leamon	S. Carolina St	6'7, 330
10	Will Holden	Vanderbilt	6'7, 310
11	Chad Wheeler	USC	6'7, 305
12	Jermaine Eluemunor	Texas A&M	6'4, 330
13	Brad Seaton	Villanova	6'8, 325
14	Erik Magnuson	Michigan	6'6, 305
15	Zach Banner	USC	6'8, 350
16	Kelly Parfitt	Florida Atlantic	6'6, 315
17	Connor McDermott	UCLA	6'8, 305
18	JJ Dielman	Utah	6'5, 310
	Offensive Guards	School	Ht/Wt
1	Forrest Lamp	W. Kentucky	6'3, 310
2	Dan Feeney	Indiana	6'4, 304
3	Dion Dawkins	Temple	6'3, 315
4	Ehtan Pocic	LSU	6'6, 310
5	Taylor Moton	W. Michigan	6'5, 330
6	Pat Elflein	Ohio St	6'3, 305
7	Dorian Johnson	Pittsburgh	6'5, 300
8	Danny Isidora	Miami (FL)	6'3, 310
9	Isaac Asiata	Utah	6'3, 325
10	Kyle Kalis	Michigan	6'4, 305
11	Jordan Morgan	Kutztown	6'2, 315
12	Jessamen Dunker	Tennessee St	6'4, 318
13	Nico Siragusa	San Diego St	6'4, 325
14	Kareem Are	Florida St	6'6, 335
15	Greg Pyke	Georgia	6'6, 315
16	Alex Kozan	Auburn	6'4, 310

## 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 San Francisco taking Mitchell Trubisky 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 Trubisky is still on the board when the 49ers are on the clock, the player is not obligated to pick Trubisky 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 Solomon Thomas 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 Trubisky. 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!

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## 2017 Fantasy Football UQB Rankings

Top 25 Overall			Running Backs			Wide Receivers			Tight Ends		
		UQB			UQB			UQB			UQB
1	David Johnson	1669	1	David Johnson	1669	1	Jordy Nelson	1590	1	Travis Kelce	1570
2	Ezekiel Elliott	1596	2	Ezekiel Elliott	1596	2	Antonio Brown	1579	2	Greg Olsen	1553
3	Jordy Nelson	1590	3	LeGarrette Blount	1571	3	Mike Evans	1574	3	Rob Gronkowski	1544
4	Antonio Brown	1579	4	LeSean McCoy	1564	4	Odell Beckham	1567	4	Kyle Rudolph	1539
5	Mike Evans	1574	5	Le'Veon Bell	1561	5	Julio Jones	1561	5	Dennis Pitta	1528
6	LeGarrette Blount	1571	6	Devonta Freeman	1541	6	T.Y. Hilton	1559	6	Zach Ertz	1525
7	Travis Kelce	1570	7T	Ty Montgomery	1532	7	Sammie Coates	1551	7	Jimmy Graham	1524
8	Odell Beckham	1567	7T	Jordan Howard	1532	8	Davante Adams	1542	8	Delanie Walker	1515
9	LeSean McCoy	1564	9	DeMarco Murray	1531	9	DeSean Jackson	1538	9	Cameron Brate	1510
10	Matt Ryan	1562	10	Jay Ajayi	1525	10	Michael Thomas	1534	10T	Martellus Bennett	1508
11T	Le'Veon Bell	1561	11T	Melvin Gordon	1524	11	Kenny Stills	1533	10T	Jordan Reed	1508
11T	Julio Jones	1561	11T	Bilal Powell	1524	12	Brandin Cooks	1528	12	Jason Witten	1506
13	T.Y. Hilton	1559	13	Latavius Murray	1522	13	Chris Hogan	1526	13	Antonio Gates	1504
14	Drew Brees	1557	14	Mike Gillislee	1520	14	Doug Baldwin	1525	14	Coby Fleener	1501
15	Greg Olsen	1553	15	Mark Ingram	1519	15	Marvin Jones	1523	15T	Jack Doyle	1500
16T	Sammie Coates	1551	16	Duke Johnson	1517	16	Jarvis Landry	1522	15T	C.J. Fiedorowicz	1500
16T	Aaron Rodgers	1551	17	Spencer Ware	1514	17T	Julian Edelman	1519	15T	Eric Ebron	1500
18T	Rob Gronkowski	1544	18T	Tevin Coleman	1513	17T	Amari Cooper	1519			
18T	Tom Brady	1544	18T	Isaiah Crowell	1513	19T	Rishard Matthews	1518			
20	Davante Adams	1542	20	Chris Thompson	1511	19T	Tyrell Williams	1518			
21	Devonta Freeman	1541	21	DeAndre Washington	1509	19T	Dez Bryant	1518			
22	Kyle Rudolph	1539	22T	Darren Sproles	1508	22T	Demaryius Thomas	1516			
23	DeSean Jackson	1538	22T	James White	1508	22T	Michael Crabtree	1516			
24	Michael Thomas	1534	24T	Lamar Miller	1507	22T	Golden Tate	1516			
25	Kenny Stills	1533	24T	Jeremy Hill	1507	25	Larry Fitzgerald	1512			
			24T	Carlos Hyde	1507	26	Kelvin Benjamin	1511			
			27	Frank Gore	1506	27	Emmanuel Sanders	1510			
			28	Matt Forte	1502	28T	Pierre Garcon	1509			
			29T	Ryan Mathews	1501	28T	Kenny Britt	1509			
			29T	Terrance West	1501	30T	Terrelle Pryor	1508			
						30T	Mike Wallace	1508			
Quarterbacks											
		UQB									
1	Matt Ryan	1562									
2	Drew Brees	1557									
3	Aaron Rodgers	1551									
4	Tom Brady	1544									
5	Kirk Cousins	1532									
6	Dak Prescott	1528									
7	Derek Carr	1524									
8	Sam Bradford	1523									
9	Matthew Stafford	1519									
10T	Andrew Luck	1518									
10T	Andy Dalton	1518									
12	Russell Wilson	1515									
13	Ben Roethlisberger	1512									
14T	Carson Palmer	1511									
14T	Alex Smith	1511									

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## Centers

	School	Ht/Wt
1 Ehtan Pocic	LSU	6'6, 310
2 Jon Toth	Kentucky	6'4, 310
3 Pat Elfein	Ohio St	6'3, 305
4 Kyle Fuller	Baylor	6'4, 305
5 Tyler Orlosky	W. Virginia	6'3, 300
6 Isaac Asiata	Utah	6'3, 325
7 Riley Sorenson	Washington St	6'4, 320

## Defensive Tackles

	School	Ht/Wt
1 Jonathan Allen	Alabama	6'3, 286
2 Malik McDowell	Michigan St	6'6, 295
3 Chris Wormley	Michigan	6'4, 289
4 Caleb Brantley	Florida	6'3, 307
5 Montravius Adams	Auburn	6'4, 304
6 Jaleel Johnson	Iowa	6'3, 316
7 Jarron Jones	Notre Dame	6'6, 316
8 Carlos Watkins	Clemson	6'3, 309
9 Charles Walker	Oklahoma	6'2, 310
10 Vincent Taylor	Oklahoma St	6'3, 304
11 Davon Godchaux	LSU	6'3, 310
12 Eddie Vanderdoes	UCLA	6'3, 305
13 Larry Ogunjobi	Charlotte	6'3, 305
14 Dalvin Tomlinson	Alabama	6'3, 310
15 Ryan Glasgow	Michigan	6'3, 302
16 Isaac Rochell	Notre Dame	6'4, 280
17 Chunky Clements	Illinois	6'2, 301
18 Josh Augusta	Missouri	6'4, 347

## NT

	School	Ht/Wt
1 Caleb Brantley	Florida	6'3, 307
2 Montravius Adams	Auburn	6'4, 304
3 Jaleel Johnson	Iowa	6'3, 316
4 Jarron Jones	Notre Dame	6'6, 316
5 Carlos Watkins	Clemson	6'3, 309
6 Dalvin Tomlinson	Alabama	6'3, 310
7 Elijah Qualls	Washington	6'1, 313
8 Vincent Taylor	Oklahoma St	6'3, 310
9 Eddie Vanderdoes	UCLA	6'3, 305
10 Josh Augusta	Missouri	6'4, 347
11 Tyrique Jarrett	Pittsburgh	6'2, 340

## 2017 Rookie Class Fantasy Analysis

For the most part, 2017 doesn't shape up as a very out-of-the-ordinary fantasy football season for rookies (little immediate QB production, decent early contributions at WR) with the minor exception of greater-than-usual potential from the TE class. Alabama's OJ Howard is the rare talent worthy of the top half of the first round, with Miami's David Njoku and Mississippi's Evan Engram also very possible for first-round selection – which, given that soft hands almost entirely define draft position, means that they could be slotted as fantasy starters in their first year, depending on where they go.

The number of decent potential producers at RB is not unusual, even if the ceiling for the top guys is, a little bit. LSU's Leonard Fournette has long projected as a bell cow the likes of Ezekiel Elliott and Todd Gurley, setting himself up as a potential #1 RB in his rookie year. Florida State's Dalvin Cook is now thought of on much the same level, with Stanford's Christian McCaffrey not projected as a three-down back due to stature, but a very strong prospect nonetheless due to his explosiveness. Others who could make contributions as rooks include Samaje Perine and Joe Mixon of Oklahoma and Alvin Kamara of Tennessee.

The WR class is the belle of the ball fantasy-wide as in most recent years. Washington's John Ross lit up the combine with his explosive speed, topping the charts in terms of athleticism. Ohio State's Curtis Samuel is not far behind, but he is far from a "pure" WR at the moment. Mike Williams of Clemson is the pure prototype of size and speed and should contribute immediately. Others who could make noise immediately include Western Michigan's Corey Davis, Alabama's ArDarius Stewart, USC's JuJu Smith-Schuster, Penn State's Chris Godwin, Eastern Michigan's Cooper Kupp, East Carolina's Zay Jones, Louisiana Tech's Carlos Henderson and LSU's Malachi Dupree.

As is the case in the vast majority of seasons, there are no QBs who even come close to profiling as immediate fantasy starters.

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Safeties	School	Ht/Wt
1 Malik Hooker	Ohio St	6'1, 206
2 Jamal Adams	LSU	6'0, 214
3 Jabril Peppers	Michigan	5'11, 213
4 Obi Melifonwu	UConn	6'4, 224
5 Marcus Sanders-Williams	Utah	6'1, 202
6 Marcus Maye	Florida	6'0, 207
7 Justin Evans	Texas A&M	6'0, 199
8 Budda Baker	Washington	5'10, 195
9 Montae Nicholson	Michigan St	6'2, 212
10 Josh Jones	NC State	6'1, 220
11 Lorenzo Jerome	St. Francis	5-10, 204
12 Eddie Jackson	Alabama	6'0, 201
13 Johnathan Ford	Auburn	5'11, 205
14 Orion Stewart	Baylor	6'0, 203
15 Nate Gerry	Nebraska	6'2, 218
16 Fish Smithson	Kansas	5'10, 201
17 Josh Harvey-Clemons	Louisville	6'4, 217
18 Jordan Sterns	Oklahoma St	6'1, 194
19 Tedric Thompson	Colorado	6'0, 205
20 Rayshawn Jenkins	Miami (FL)	6'1, 216
21 John Johnson	Boston College	6'1, 205
22 Jadar Johnson	Clemson	6'0, 206
23 Demetrious Cox	Michigan St	6'1, 198
24 Ahmad Thomas	Oklahoma	6'0, 214

4-3 DE	School	Ht/Wt
1 Myles Garrett	Texas A&M	6'4, 272
2 Solomon Thomas	Stanford	6'3, 273
3 Derek Barnett	Tennessee	6'3, 259
4 Taco Charlton	Michigan	6'6, 277
5 Charles Harris	Missouri	6'3, 253
6 Takkarist McKinley	UCLA	6'3, 240
7 Tanoh Kpassagnon	Villanova	6'7, 289
8 Jordan Willis	Kansas St	6'4, 255
9 Chris Wormley	Michigan	6'4, 289
10 Demarucs Walker	Florida St	6'4, 280
11 Tim Williams	Alabama	6'3, 236
12 Daeshon Hall	Texas A&M	6'5, 266
13 Carl Lawson	Auburn	6'2, 261
14 Trey Henderickson	Florida Atlantic	6'4, 266
15 Tarell Basham	Ohio	6'4, 269
16 Carroll Phillips	Illinois	6'3, 215
17 Josh Carraway	TCU	6'3, 242
18 Isaac Rochell	Notre Dame	6'4, 280
19 Keionta Davis	UT-Chattanooga	6'3, 271
20 Avery Moss	Youngstown St	6'3, 264
21 Devonte Fields	Louisville	6'4, 240
22 Ejuan Price	Pittsburgh	6'0, 229
23 Ken Ekaem	Virginia Tech	6'3, 257
24 Jason Hatcher	Kentucky	6'3, 252

3-4 DE	School	Ht/Wt
1 Jonathan Allen	Alabama	6'3, 286
2 Malik McDowell	Michigan St	6'6, 295
3 Chris Wormley	Michigan	6'4, 289
4 Tanoh Kpassagnon	Villanova	6'7, 289
5 Montravius Adams	Auburn	6'4, 304
6 Jaleel Johnson	Iowa	6'3, 316
7 Jarron Jones	Notre Dame	6'6, 316
8 Davon Godchaux	LSU	6'3, 310
9 Eddie Vanderdoes	UCLA	6'3, 305

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4-3 OLB	School	Ht/Wt
1 Haason Reddick	Temple	6'1, 237
2 Jarrad Davis	Florida	6'2, 227
3 TJ Watt	Wisconsin	6'4, 252
4 Tyus Bowser	Houston	6'3, 247
5 Takkarist McKinley	UCLA	6'3, 240
6 Tim Williams	Alabama	6'3, 236
7 Jordan Willis	Kansas St	6'4, 255
8 Ryan Anderson	Alabama	6'2, 253
9 Carroll Phillips	Illinois	6'3, 215
10 Derek Rivers	Youngstown St	6'5, 229
11 Alex Anzalone	Florida	6'3, 241
12 Duke Riley	LSU	6'0, 232
13 Anthony Walker	Northwestern	6'1, 238
14 Steven Taylor	Houston	6'0, 228
15 Richie Brown	Mississippi St	6'2, 237
16 Josh Carraway	TCU	6'3, 242
17 Devonte Fields	Louisville	6'2, 236
18 Avery Moss	Youngstown St	6'2, 269
19 Hardy Nickerson	Illinois	6'0, 225
20 Brooks Ellis	Arkansas	6'2, 245
3-4 OLB	School	Ht/Wt
1 Myles Garrett	Texas A&M	6'4, 272
2 Solomon Thomas	Stanford	6'3, 273
3 Derek Barnett	Tennessee	6'3, 259
4 Taco Charlton	Michigan	6'6, 277
5 Charles Harris	Missouri	6'3, 253
6 TJ Watt	Wisconsin	6'4, 252
7 Takkarist McKinley	UCLA	6'3, 240
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11 Jordan Willis	TCU	6'4, 255
12 Ryan Anderson	Alabama	6'2, 253
13 Dawuane Smoot	Illinois	6'3, 249
14 Carl Lawson	Auburn	6'2, 261
15 Daeshon Hall	Texas A&M	6'5, 266

## 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).

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2NRyYaPrkw>  
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Corey Davis  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwieKrx3yn0>  
Reuben Foster  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9jHvfASsHs>  
Leonard Fournette  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MKKnCz8OSc>  
Myles Garrett  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmrVKonzo-A>  
Malik Hooker  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1WBK7tUfFc>  
OJ Howard  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIYbWrNF-9Q>  
DeShone Kizer  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXj76WC6nF4>  
Marshon Lattimore  
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Christian McCaffrey  
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Jabrill Peppers  
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John Ross  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJWauEzblJQ>  
Solomon Thomas  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wI3EAGuIZLs>  
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## Top 10 Team Rankings Heading Into NFL Draft

- 1 New England
- 2 Seattle
- 3 Green Bay
- 4 Atlanta
- 5 Dallas
- 6 Oakland
- 7 Pittsburgh
- 8 Tampa Bay
- 9 Kansas City
- 10 Denver

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- 11 New Orleans:
- 12 Cleveland:
- 13 Arizona:
- 14 Philadelphia:
- 15 Indianapolis:
- 16 Baltimore:
- 17 Washington:
- 18 Tennessee:
- 19 Tampa Bay:
- 20 Denver:
- 21 Detroit:
- 22 Miami:
- 23 New York Giants:
- 24 Oakland:
- 25 Houston:
- 26 Seattle:
- 27 Kansas City:
- 28 Dallas:
- 29 Green Bay:
- 30 Pittsburgh:
- 31 Atlanta:
- 32 New Orleans:

	Cornerbacks	School	Ht/Wt
1	Marshon Lattimore	Ohio St	6'0, 193
2	Marlon Humphries	Alabama	6'0, 193
3	Kevin King	Washington	6'3, 200
4	Gareon Conley	Ohio St	6'0, 195
5	Teez Tabor	Florida	6'0, 199
6	Adoree Jackson	USC	5'10, 186
7	Fabian Moreau	UCLA	6'0, 206
8	Sidney Jones	Washington	6'0, 186
9	Tre'Davious White	LSU	5'11, 192
10	Quincy Wilson	Florida	6'1, 211
11	Cordrea Tankersley	Clemson	6'1, 199
12	Chidobe Awuzie	Colorado	6'0, 202
13	Desmond King	Iowa	5'11, 185
14	Jourdan Lewis	Michigan	5'10, 188
15	Brendan Langley	Lamar	6'0, 201
16	Howard Wilson	Houston	6'1, 184
17	Ahkello Witherspoon	Colorado	6'3, 198
18	Cameron Sutton	Tennessee	5'11, 188
19	Rasul Douglas	West Virginia	6'2, 209
20	Dwayne Thomas	LSU	5'11, 196
21	Corn Elder	Miami (FL)	5'10, 183
22	Ezra Robinson	Tennessee St	5'11, 189
23	Nate Hairston	Temple	6'0, 196
24	Marquez White	Florida St	6'0, 194
25	Jalen Myrick	Minnesota	5'10, 200
26	Damontae Kazee	San Diego St	5'10, 184

	ILB	School	Ht/Wt
1	Reuben Foster	Alabama	6'0, 229
2	Haason Reddick	Temple	6'1, 237
3	Jarrad Davis	Florida	6'2, 227
4	Zach Cunningham	Vanderbilt	6'4, 212
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8	Duke Riley	LSU	6'0, 232
9	Kendell Beckwith	LSU	6'2, 243
10	Anthony Walker	Northwestern	6'1, 238
11	Richie Brown	Mississippi St	6'2, 237
12	Harvey Langi	BYU	6'2, 251
13	Riley Bullough	Michigan St	6'2, 226
14	Ben Gedeon	Michigan	6'2, 244

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	Team	Player	Position	School
1	CLE	Myles Garrett	DE	Texas A&M
2	SF	Marcus Lattimore	CB	Ohio State
3	CHI	OJ Howard	TE	Alabama
4	JAX	Jonathan Allen	DL	Alabama
5	TEN	Jamal Adams	S	LSU
6	NYJ	Marlon Humphrey	CB	Alabama
7	LAC	Mike Williams	WR	Clemson
8	CAR	Leonard Fournette	RB	LSU
9	CIN	Reuben Foster	ILB	Alabama
10	BUF	Malik Hooker	S	Ohio State
11	NO	Solomon Thomas	DE	Stanford
12	CLE	Mitchell Trubisky	QB	UNC
13	ARI	DeShone Kizer	QB	Notre Dame
14	PHI	Dalvin Cook	RB	Florida State
15	IND	Taco Charlton	3-4DE/OLB	Michigan
16	BAL	Corey Davis	WR	Western Michigan
17	WAS	TJ Watt	OLB	Wisconsin
18	TEN	John Ross	WR	Washington
19	TB	Gareon Conley	CB	Ohio State
20	DEN	Christian McCaffrey	RB	Stanford
21	DET	Derek Barnett	DE	Tennessee
22	MIA	Cam Robinson	OT/OG	Alabama
23	NYG	David Njoku	TE	Miami
24	OAK	Zach Cunningham	ILB/OLB	Vanderbilt
25	HOU	DeShaun Watson	QB	Clemson
26	SEA	Kevin King	CB	Washington
27	KC	Garrett Bolles	OT	Utah
28	DAL	Charles Harris	DE	Missouri
29	GB	Jarrad Davis	ILB/OLB	Florida
30	PIT	Obi Melifonwu	S	UConn
31	ATL	Sidney Jones (redshirt)	CB	Washington
32	NO	Ryan Ramsey	OT	Wisconsin
33	CLE	Jabril Peppers	S	Michigan

## Rick Morris Mock Draft

	Team	Player	Position	School
1	CLE	Myles Garrett	DE	Texas A&M
2	SF	Solomon Thomas	DE	Stanford
3	CHI	Marcus Lattimore	CB	Ohio State
4	JAX	Leonard Fournette	RB	LSU
5	TEN	Jamal Adams	S	LSU
6	NYJ	Mitchell Trubisky	QB	UNC
7	LAC	Malik Hooker	S	Ohio State
8	CAR	Christian McCaffrey	RB	Stanford
9	CIN	Jonathan Allen	DL	Alabama
10	BUF	Mike Williams	WR	Clemson
11	NO	Derek Barnett	DE	Tennessee
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13	ARI	Patrick Mahomes	QB	Texas Tech
14	PHI	Tre'Davious White	CB	LSU
15	IND	Takkarist McKinley	DE	UCLA
16	BAL	Corey Davis	WR	Western Michigan
17	WAS	Reuben Foster	ILB	Alabama
18	TEN	John Ross	WR	Washington
19	TB	Dalvin Cook	RB	Florida State
20	DEN	Ryan Ramsey	OT	Wisconsin
21	DET	Haason Reddick	OLB	Temple
22	MIA	Forrest Lamp	OG	Western Kentucky
23	NYG	Cam Robinson	OT/OG	Alabama
24	OAK	Jarrad Davis	ILB/OLB	Florida
25	HOU	DeShaun Watson	QB	Clemson
26	SEA	Kevin King	CB	Washington
27	KC	Zach Cunningham	ILB/OLB	Vanderbilt
28	DAL	Marlon Humphrey	CB	Alabama
29	GB	Gareon Conley	CB	Ohio State
30	PIT	David Njoku	TE	Miami
31	ATL	Taco Charlton	3-4DE/OLB	Michigan
32	NO	Adoree Jackson	CB	USC
33	CLE	Obi Melifonwu	S	UConn

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Players	Position	Players	Position
1 Myles Garrett	DE	51 Caleb Brantley	DT/NT
2 Reuben Foster	ILB	52 Ben Boulware	ILB
3 Leonard Fournette	RB	53 Ryan Anderson	OLB
4 Mike Williams	WR	54 Marcus Maye	S
5 Malik Hooker	S	55 Montravious Adams	DT/NT
6 Jonathan Allen	DT	56 Justin Evans	S
7 Jamal Adams	S	57 Chris Godwin	WR
8 OJ Howard	TE	58 Fabian Moreau	CB
9 Marshon Lattimore	CB	59 Jordan Willis	OLB
10 Solomon Thomas	DE	60 Budda Baker	S
11 Marlon Humphries	CB	61 ArDarius Stewart	WR
12 Corey Davis	WR	62 Tre'Davious White	CB
13 Derek Barnett	DE	63 Demarcus Walker	DE
14 Taco Charlton	DE	64 Patrick Mahomes	QB
15 Charles Harris	DE/OLB	65 Gerald Everett	TE
16 Christian McCaffrey	RB	66 Chris Wormley	DT
17 John Ross	WR	67 Quincy Wilson	CB
18 Dalvin Cook	RB	68 Davis Webb	QB
19 David Njoku	TE	69 Adam Shaheen	TE
20 Haason Reddick	OLB	70 Dan Freeney	OG
21 DeShaun Watson	QB	71 Montae Nicholson	S
22 TJ Watt	OLB	72 Marlon Mack	RB
23 Kevin King	CB	73 Tanoh Lpassagnon	DE
24 Zach Cunningham	ILB	74 Jake Butt	TE
25 Gareon Conley	CB	75 Noah Brown	WR
26 Curtis Samuel	WR	76 Jordan Willis	DE
27 Alvin Kamara	RB	77 Antonio Garcia	OT
28 Jarrad Davis	OLB	78 Julie'n Davenport	OT
29 Joe Mixon	RB	79 Malachi Dupre	WR
30 Mitchell Trubisky	QB	80 Cordrea Tankersley	CB
31 Garrett Bolles	OT	81 Jaleel Johnson	DT
32 Obi Melifonwu	S	82 Ethan Pocic	OG/C
33 Zay Jones	WR	83 Alex Anzalone	ILB
34 Jalen Tabor	CB	84 Chidobe Awuzie	CB
35 Adoree Jackson	CB/PR	85 Duke Riley	ILB
36 Ryan Ramczyk	OT	86 Dion Dawkins	OG
37 Evan Engram	TE	87 Desmond King	CB
38 Malik McDowell	DT	88 Josh Jones	S
39 Jabril Peppers	S	89 Jarron Jones	DT
40 Sidney Jones (inj)	CB	90 Lorenzo Jerome	S
41 Marcus Williams	S	91 Brad Kaaya	QB
42 Juju Smith-Schuster	WR	92 Isaiah Ford	WR
43 Jordan Leggett	TE	93 Jaleel Johnson	DT
44 Takkarist McKinley	OLB	94 Nate Peterman	QB
45 Forrest Lamp	OG	95 Kareem Hunt	RB
46 DeShone Kizer	QB	96 Ricky Seals-Jones	WR
47 Tim Williams	OLB	97 Pat Elflin	C
48 Cooper Kupp	WR	98 Josh Dobbs	QB
49 Cam Robinson	OT/G	99 David Sharpe	OT
50 Tyus Bowser	OLB	100 Dawuane Smoot	DE/OLB

## Top 10 Schools of the 2017 NFL Draft

Top 10 Schools of the 2017 NFL Draft	Top 5 Conferences of the 2017 NFL Draft
1 Alabama	1 SEC
2 Ohio State	2 Big 10
3 LSU	3 ACC
4 Michigan	4 Pac 12
5 Stanford	5 AAC
6 Clemson	
7 Washington	
8 Wisconsin	
9 Florida	
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- 1 Atlanta at New England: Week 7, NBC
- 2 Green Bay at Atlanta: Week 2, NBC
- 3 New England at Oakland (in Mexico City): Week 11, CBS
- 4 Dallas at Atlanta: Week 10, FOX
- 5 Green Bay at Dallas: Week 5, FOX
- 6T Tampa Bay at Atlanta/Atlanta at Tampa Bay: Week 12, FOX, Week 15, ESPN
- 8 Seattle at Green Bay: Week 1, FOX
- 9T Kansas City at Oakland/Oakland at Kansas City: Week 7, CBS/NFL Network, Week 14, CBS
- 11 Carolina at New England: Week 4, FOX
- 12 Green Bay at Pittsburgh: Week 12, NBC
- 13 Indianapolis at Seattle: Week 4, NBC
- 14 New England at Tampa Bay: Week 5, CBS/NFL Network
- 15 Seattle at Dallas: Week 16, CBS
- 16 Dallas at Oakland: Week 15, NBC
- 17 Kansas City at New England: Week 1, NBC
- 18 New England at Pittsburgh: Week 15, CBS
- 19 Green Bay at Carolina: Week 15, FOX
- 20 New England at Denver: Week 10, NBC

## Jason Jones 2017 NFL Draft Player Notes

WR Cooper Kupp is a classic "production over workouts" player ... WR Ricky Seals-Jones is dogged by the 4.69 time, even though he is very large for the position ... Out of the cornerbacks, Marshon Lattimore is a lock for the Top 10, if not the Top 5 ... Marlon Humphries should go in the Top 20 ... Kevin King and Gareon Conley look very strong for the first round, with Conley in particular a fast-riser ... Tre'Davious White and Adoree Jackson could go on either Day 1 or Day 2 ... Sidney Jones loomed as a Top 10 pick if he wasn't hurt andn still may be a high "redshirt" pick.

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Buffalo 8-8  
Miami 8-8  
New York Jets 2-14

AFC North  
X-Pittsburgh 10-6  
Baltimore 9-7  
Cincinnati 6-10  
Cleveland 5-11

AFC South  
X-Tennessee 10-6  
Y-Indianapolis 9-7  
Houston 8-8  
Jacksonville 5-11

AFC West  
X-Oakland 11-5  
Y-Denver 9-7  
Kansas City 8-8  
Los Angeles 6-10

NFC East  
X-Philadelphia 9-7  
Dallas 8-8  
New York Giants 7-9  
Washington 6-10

NFC North  
X-Green Bay 11-5  
Chicago 8-8  
Minnesota 8-8  
Detroit 6-10

NFC South  
X-Tampa Bay 11-5  
Y-Atlanta 10-6  
Y-Carolina 8-8  
New Orleans 7-9

NFC West  
X-Seattle 11-5  
Arizona 8-8  
Los Angeles 8-8  
San Francisco 4-12

Wild Card Playoffs  
Tennessee over Denver  
Pittsburgh over Indianapolis  
Green Bay over Carolina  
Atlanta over Philadelphia

Divisional Round  
New England over Pittsburgh  
Oakland over Tennessee  
Seattle over Atlanta  
Tampa Bay over Green Bay

Championship Sunday  
New England over Oakland  
Seattle over Tampa Bay

Super Bowl MVP: Russell Wilson  
NFL MVP: Aaron Rodgers  
Coach of the Year: Dirk Koetter  
Offensive Rookie of the Year: Leonard Fournette  
Defensive Rookie of the Year: Malik Hooker

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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.

11 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.

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## Why the Value Of Quarterbacks Continues To Diminish Each Year

By Ken Becks/1<sup>st</sup> 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 measurables 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 measurables 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 sense 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.