



2011 NFL Draft and Free Agency

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## Draft Winds...

For the sixth consecutive year the NFL Draft will be held at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. The dates for the 2011 Draft are April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. With the success of the ratings and fan support, the Draft will again be in prime time. The first round of the Draft will commence on Thursday at 8:00 PM EST, with the second and third rounds on Friday, 6:00 PM EST. Rounds four through seven will conclude the Draft on Saturday at 12:00 PM EST. All teams will have ten minutes to make their selections in the first round and seven minutes for the second round. In rounds three through seven, ball clubs get five minutes to make their selections. An organization going over the time limit may make their pick any time after the clock runs out, but the team(s) with the succeeding pick(s) may make their selections as their turn indicates. Compensatory picks are awarded based on a formula, the primary factor of which is a team's net losses of unrestricted free agents the previous year. These picks are added on at the end of the assigned round. These selections cannot be traded. Only picks can be traded in this draft, no players because there is no CBA agreement in place. **The NFL Network and ESPN will provide television coverage.**

## Draft Board...

For the first time in thirty years we've enclosed a draft board inside the April newsletter. The draft board that is enclosed would be considered the front board. The players are stacked by position and by round. Players on the board in the draft room would horizontally represent their value with another position. Due to space limitations, this is not true on our board. As players are drafted, their magnetic card is transferred to a side board where the 32 teams are listed in columns. When the draft is over, the players who are still listed on the front board would be the top free agents to be signed. With no CBA – no free agents can be signed until an agreement is in place. All the teams have been contacted about failed drug tests at the Combine. Extensive background checks on all prospects are still ongoing up until the day of the Draft if need be. Be mindful of the fact that all players are graded first on their ability to play their position in the NFL. Then the players are tagged and moved from the front board to a side board and may not be drafted because of injury (medical board), positive drug test, off the field indiscretions, (character board) etc. The teams will massage their boards up until two days prior to the Draft. Lastly there is the top-150 board which is a ranking of each team's top 150 players. All 32 teams obviously have a different top-150 board and each team's draft will come from their top-150 players.

## Intriguing Prospects 2011...

By Jon Cooper

This year's draft looks to be very important with the uncertainty of free-agency and the whole lock-out mess. Teams will have to address needs through the draft exclusively until this is settled. By then it may be too late to do much significantly. The scramble when this is settled will be fascinating. Those teams that need a quarterback have the usual dilemma who can upgrade the position immediately. In the past, a team could have the veteran in mini-camps, off-season workouts, and OTAs. This year when free-agency commences, there will be a small window to find someone and get them in camp. Teams with established QBs appear to have a big

advantage at this point. The QB position again has some outstanding athletes, with the name most have talked about being **Cam Newton** of Auburn. Much has been said about his poor Combine showing. That aside, the questions about Newton go far beyond the Combine. There have been too many high first round busts at QB to not give a team pause about taking any QB with a high pick. The importance of the position often dictates taking someone there because if you don't, someone else will and the next Peyton Manning may be throwing TD passes against you. There have been some outstanding high picks as well, so doing one's homework is the key. In Newton's case, his positives are his athletic ability, size, arm strength, fluid arm movement, mobility, and playmaking ability with his feet. The negatives we have heard before with college QBs include limited experience reading coverage, not much work under center, accuracy issues, and touch on some throws. There are also some potential intangible issues which combined with everything else make him a risk. The biggest question for me is the ability to read coverage. In many cases this can develop, but in the spread/shotgun offenses we see so much at the collegiate level, creating matchups is the most important thing. It involves simple reads and getting the ball out there and relying on the QB's athletic ability. In the NFL with more multiple coverage and better overall secondary play the QB has to read "the triangle" to find an open receiver. More teams are including spread principles in their offense but the game is still different and the successful teams have a QB that can make the reads. I would pass on Newton early. He is better suited to a team that has the time to bring him along rather than need to throw him out there early. If a rookie wage scale comes in as we are hearing, it also makes more sense to take him as the risks aren't as great. How this will be instituted is an unknown, so stay tuned. Another top rated QB **Blaine Gabbert** of Missouri also played in a shotgun spread type offense. He has NFL size and tools and displays a quick release. He has good arm strength and displays good mobility. Extremely accurate on short and intermediate throws. He will have to adapt to playing under center and NFL reads and footwork. He also has not been a starter that long. His tools are too good to ignore and he might be the first QB taken. At the Senior Bowl this year we saw two QBs, **Jake Locker** of Washington and **Ricky Stanzi** of Iowa, who played in offenses more compatible with the NFL style. Both worked under center and had to make read progressions they will have to make in the NFL. Locker has the arm strength you look for and excellent throwing mechanics. He is inconsistent with accuracy and needs to be more disciplined in his footwork. He does not set his feet at times and will force throws. He has good mobility and keeps the play alive with his feet. He has the tools of an NFL starter and could progress into an outstanding NFL QB. He needs work but could go in the first round. May be as game ready as anyone in the draft. Stanzi does what you want an NFL QB to do mechanically and with his reads. He looks off DBs and has excellent throwing mechanics. He improved as a senior, making better decisions and displaying big play ability. He has some accuracy issues the deeper the throw and will force the ball into coverage at times. This was more apparent earlier in his career. He had a good week at the Senior Bowl and helped himself. He has improved over his career and the fact that he played in an NFL style system might put him in the second round. This year we are focusing on defense with our usual emphasis on linebackers. This year's group is not outstanding as a whole, but there are several that qualify as intriguing prospects. The continuing trend to a 3-4 has produced the usual conversion projects as a large number of defensive linemen also

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## Ourlads Offensive Draft Board

QB	RB/FB	WR	TE	OT	OG/OC
1st B Gabbert Missouri C Newton Auburn J Locker Wash. C Ponder FL State	1st M Ingram Alabama M Leshoure Illinois	1st AJ Green Georgia J Jones Alabama T Smith Maryland	1st K Rudolph N. Dame	1st T Smith USC N Solder Colorado A Castonzo Bost. C G Carimi Wisconsin D Sherrod MS State	1st M Pouncey Florida
2nd C Kaepernick Nev. R Mallett Arkansas	2nd R Williams VA Tech D Thomas KS State	2nd G Little N. Carolina J Baldwin Pittsburgh L Hankerson Miami R Cobb Kentucky	2nd	2nd O Franklin Miami B Ijalana Villanova	2nd D Watkins Baylor R Hudson FL State M Cannon TCU S Wisniewski Penn St.
3rd A Dalton TCU	3rd K Hunter Okla. St. D Murray Oklahoma S Vereen California	3rd T Young Boise St. J Jernigan Troy	3rd L Stocker Tenn. DJ Williams Arkan. V Green Nevada	3rd M Gilbert Florida J Pinkston Pittsb. J Carpenter Alabama	3rd W Rackley Lehigh C Boling Georgia
4th R Stanzi Iowa P Devlin Delaware	4th D Locke Kentucky A Bradford USC J Todman Connect. D Carter Syracuse J Rodgers Oreg. St. S Ridley LSU	4th E Gates Abil. Chris. A Pettis Boise St. N Paul Nebraska T Toliver LSU D Moore Tennessee R Johnson USC T Doss Indiana	4th L Kendricks Wisc. J Cameron USC R Housler FL Atlan.	4th L Ziemba Auburn J Brewer Indiana	4th J Moffitt Wisconsin K O'Dowd USC
5th T Taylor Virg. Tech	5th M Fannin Auburn J Harper Clemson D Scott Maryland B Powell Louisville T Jones East Wash. R Helu Nebraska P DiMarco S. Carol O Marecic Stanford	5th G Salas Hawaii R Whalen Stanford C Shorts Mt. Union	5th J Thomas Port. St. A Smith Virg. Tech C Clay Tulsa	5th C Hairston Clemson J Reid Cent. Florida J Barksdale LSU	5th D Arkin MO State D Love Arkansas Z Hurd Connect. S Schilling Michigan B Fusco Slippery Rk T Barnes Missouri
6th G McElroy Alabama	6th A Green Hawaii D Lewis Pittsburgh E Royster Penn St. N Devine W. Virg. S Havili USC H Hynoski Pittsburgh A Sherman Connect. S Chapas Georgia	6th <a href="#">A Binns Cincinnati</a> <a href="#">A Robinson SMU</a> <a href="#">R Lockette Ft.Val.St</a> <a href="#">DSanzenbacher OHSt</a> <a href="#">D Harris E. Carolina</a> <a href="#">J Maehl Oregon</a>	6th C Gantt Mich. State C Cochart SoDakSt L Smith Marshall	6th D Newton Ark. St. W Smith E. Carol.	6th A Jackson Fresno St B Browning OH St. Z Williams Wash St. J Kirkpatrick TCU R Bartholomew Syrac
7th TJ Yates N. Carol N Enderle Idaho S Tolzien Wisconsin	7th A Allen GA Tech D Evans Virg. Tech J Clay Wisconsin	7th V Brown S. Diego St C Matthews KY J Kerley TCU T Gurley S. Carol. S Burton WTXA&M L Jean FL Atlantic T Turner Indiana D Adams Auburn C Smith S. Alabama	7th S Oordt N. Iowa A Reisner Iowa C Franklin IA State D Hardy Idaho K Adams Purdue W Saunders S. Carol	7th D Hall Stanford M Person Mont. St. B Stingily Louisville	7th J Boren Ohio State D Kilgore Appal. St. R Dominguez Ark. K Williams Neb. J Vandervelde Iowa B Bell New Mexico J Kelce Cincinnati B Lamaak IA State K Kowalski Toledo A Linnenkohl OR St.

## Ourlads Defensive Draft Board

DT/NT	DE	IB/OB	DC	FS/SS	PK/PT
1st M Dareus Alabama N Fairley Auburn C Heyward Ohio St. C Liuget Illinois M Wilkerson Temp. S Paea Oregon St. P Taylor Baylor	1st R Quinn N. Carolina D Bowers Clemson JJ Watt Wisconsin R Kerrigan Purdue C Jordan California A Clayborn Iowa	1st V Miller TX A&M	1st P Peterson LSU P Amukamara Neb. A Williams Texas B Harris Miami	1st	1st
2nd C Ballard Iowa D Nevis LSU J Casey USC	2nd A Smith Missouri J Sheard Pittsburgh A Bailey Miami S Acho Texas	2nd J Houston Georgia A Ayers UCLA B Carter N. Carol. Q Sturdivant N. Car. M Wilson Illinois	2nd J Smith Colorado	2nd R Moore UCLA	2nd
3rd T McClain S. Flor. M Austin N. Carol. J Jenkins Clemson K Ellis Hampton	3rd P McPhee MS State	3rd C Carter Fresno St. D Moch Nevada B Reed Arizona G Jones Mich. State K Sheppard LSU	3rd C Brown Texas R Dowling Virginia B Burton Utah R Carmichael VA Tech C Chekwa Ohio State J Patrick Louisville	3rd Q Carter Oklahoma M Gilchrist Clemson	3rd
4th L Guy Arizona St. J Powe Mississippi	4th	4th C McCarthy Miami M Foster Washing. R Homan Ohio St. KJ Wright MS State N Irving NC State C Matthews Oregon A Dent Georgia	4th D House NM State S Wright USC B Hogan West Virg. J Thomas Buffalo D Skrine TN-Chatt. K Burney N. Carol.	4th R Sands West Virg. C Culliver S. Carol. T Sash Iowa D McDaniel Clemson J Jarrett Temple D Searcy N. Carol. S Keo Idaho	4th
5th C Thornton S. Ark. M Parker Richmond I Williams Nt Dame S Fua Stanford	5th G Romeus Pittsburgh K Klug Iowa P Allen Nebraska	5th M Herzlich Bost. Coll D Hogue Syracuse L Wilson Connect.	5th C Marsh Utah St. J Brown Colorado C Brown Texas D Van Dyke Miami	5th D Williams N. Carol J Hines Ohio State J Lefeged Rutgers E Hagg Nebraska A Black Florida J Johnson Boise St.	5th A Henery Nebraska
6th A Gray S. Mississ. C Neild W. Virg.	6th J Beal Oklahoma C Matthews S. Carol.	6th B Miller Cent. Flor. JT Thomas W. Virg. N Bellore Cent. MI O Lemon Okla. St. D Smith Syracuse M Mohamed Calif. S Lutrus Connect. C White Mississ. St.	6th	6th A Rich BYU W Hill Florida C Jones TCU J Tarrant GA Tech M LeGree Appal. St	6th K Forbath UCLA J Jasper LSU A Bates Mich. St.
7th M Blanc Auburn J Graves Virg. Tech D Carter UCLA S Siliga Utah A Taylor Oklahoma Z Clayton Auburn	7th B Bair Oregon R Winterswyk Boise U Chinasa Okla. St. J Trattou Florida L Livingston LSU R Elmore Arizona Z Parr Virginia	7th B Rolle Ohio State DJ Smith Appal. St. T Keiser Stanford E Gordon Mich. St D Gomes Nebraska J Cornell Mississ. G Lloyd Connect. R Davis NW MO St. D Decicco Pitts. D Domino SoDakSt J Mouton Michigan J Bynes Auburn A Wujciak Maryland	7th J Rogers Richmond C Allen Citadel B Maxwell Clemson K Rutland Missouri B Thompson Boise R Jones NW MO St R Sherman Stanford J Gatlin ND State	7th C Conte California D Sims Iowa State	7th C Henry Florida R Donahue Iowa

**Ourlads Draft Choices by Team**

<b>Arizona</b>			
5	Von Miller	OB	TXA&M
38	Jake Locker	QB	Washington
69	William Rackley	OG	Lehigh
103	Davon House	DC	New Mex. St.
136	Jordan Todman	RB	Connect.
171	Andre Smith	TE	Virg. Tech
184	DeMarcus Van Dyke	DC	Miami
249	Ricky Elmore	DE	Arizona
<b>Atlanta</b>			
27	Kyle Rudolph	TE	Notre Dame
59	Leonard Hankerson	WR	Miami
91	Colin McCarthy	OB	Miami
124	Kendric Burney	DC	N. Carol.
158	David Arkin	OG	Missouri St.
192	Jeremy Beal	DE	Oklahoma
210	Alex Green	RB	Hawaii
229	Shaun Chapas	FB	Georgia
230	Mike Blanc	DT	Auburn
<b>Baltimore</b>			
26	Aaron Williams	DC	Texas
58	Jon Baldwin	WR	Pittsburgh
90	Pernell McPhee	DE	Mississ. St.
123	James Brewer	OT	Indiana
164	Da'Rel Scott	RB	Maryland
165	Eric Hagg	SS	Nebraska
180	Orie Lemon	IB	Okla. St.
191	Charlie Gantt	TE	Mich. St.
225	Tori Gurley	WR	S. Carol.
<b>Buffalo</b>			
3	Blaine Gabbert	QB	Missouri
34	Akeem Ayers	OB	UCLA
68	Curtis Brown	DC	Texas
100	Tyler Sash	SS	Iowa
122	Lee Ziemba	OT	Auburn
133	Jordan Cameron	TE	South. Cal
169	Sione Fua	NT	Stanford
206	Chris White	IB	Mississ. St.
245	Eric Gordon	OB	Mich. St.
<b>Carolina</b>			
1	Patrick Peterson	DC	LSU
65	Jurrell Casey	DT	South. Cal
97	Jarvis Jenkins	DT	Clemson
98	Casey Matthews	IB/OB	Oregon
132	Denarius Moore	WR	Tennessee
166	Jamie Harper	RB	Clemson
203	Willie Smith	OT	E. Carol.
244	TJ Yates	QB	N. Carol.
<b>Chicago</b>			
29	Stephen Paea	DT	Oregon St.
62	Randall Cobb	WR	Kentucky
93	John Moffitt	OC/OG	Wisconsin
127	Ross Homan	OB	Ohio St.
160	Ahmad Black	SS	Florida
195	Derek Newton	OT/OG	Ark. St.
<b>Cincinnati</b>			
4	AJ Green	WR	Georgia
35	Christian Ponder	QB	Florida St.
66	Terrell McClain	DT	S. Florida
101	Allen Bradford	RB	South. Cal
134	Shiloh Keo	SS	Idaho
167	Zach Hurd	OG	Connect.
207	Josh Bynes	IB	Auburn
246	Byron Stingily	OT	Louisville
<b>Cleveland</b>			
6	Robert Quinn	DE	N. Carolina
37	Torrey Smith	WR	Maryland
70	Quinton Carter	FS	Oklahoma
102	Nate Irving	IB	NC State
137	Chris Hairston	OT	Clemson
168	Cedric Thornton	DT	S. Ark.
170	Jeron Johnson	SS	Boise St.
248	Zane Parr	DE	Virginia

<b>Dallas</b>			
9	JJ Watt	DE	Wisconsin
40	Orlando Franklin	OT	Miami
71	Ras-I Dowling	DC	Virginia
110	Josh Thomas	DC	Buffalo
143	DeMarcus Love	OG	Arkansas
176	Kai Forbath	PK	UCLA
220	Greg McElroy	QB	Alabama
252	Ryan Winterswyk	DE	Boise St.
<b>Denver</b>			
2	Marcell Dareus	DT	Alabama
36	Bruce Carter	OB	N. Carol.
46	Rahim Moore	FS	UCLA
67	Luke Stocker	TE	Tennessee
186	Bilal Powell	RB	Louisville
189	Derrell Smith	IB	Syracuse
247	DJ Smith	OB	Appal. St.
<b>Detroit</b>			
13	Nate Solder	OT	Colorado
44	Quan Sturdivant	IB	N. Carol.
75	Marvin Austin	DT	N. Carol.
107	Brandon Hogan	DC	W. Virg.
154	Joe Lefeged	SS	Rutgers
205	Armon Binns	WR	Cincinnati
<b>Green Bay</b>			
32	Danny Watkins	OG	Baylor
64	Allen Bailey	DE	Miami
96	Shane Vereen	RB	California
129	Jah Reid	OT	Cent. Flor.
131	Jalil Brown	DC	Colorado
163	Greg Salas	WR	Hawaii
197	Jake Kirkpatrick	OC	TCU
204	Ricardo Lockette	WR	Ft. Vall. St.
233	Justin Trattou	OB/DE	Florida
<b>Houston</b>			
11	Ryan Kerrigan	DE	Purdue
42	Jimmy Smith	DC	Colorado
73	Kenrick Ellis	NT	Hampton
105	DeAndre McDaniel	SS	Clemson
138	Curtis Marsh	DC	Utah St.
178	Brandon Fusco	OC	Slip. Rock
214	Anthony Sherman	FB	Connect.
254	Chas Henry	P	Florida
<b>Indianapolis</b>			
22	Gabe Carimi	OT	Wisconsin
53	Christian Ballard	DT	Iowa
87	DeMarco Murray	RB	Oklahoma
119	Da'Norris Searcy	SS	N. Carol.
152	Tandon Doss	WR	Indiana
188	Nick Bellore	IB	Cent. Mich.
<b>Jacksonville</b>			
16	Cameron Jordan	DE	California
49	Martez Wilson	IB	Illinois
80	Rashad Carmichael	DC	Virg. Tech
114	Niles Paul	WR	Nebraska
147	Greg Romeus	DE	Pittsburgh
121	Patrick Devlin	QB	Delaware
182	Colin Cochart	TE	So. Dak. St.
<b>Kansas City</b>			
21	Phil Taylor	NT	Baylor
55	Marcus Cannon	OG/OT	TCU
86	Kelvin Sheppard	IB	LSU
118	Ronald Johnson	WR	South. Cal
135	Deunta Williams	FS	N. Carol.
140	Julius Thomas	TE	Portland St.
199	Patrick DiMarco	FB	S. Carol.
223	Zack Williams	OG/OC	Wash. St.
<b>Miami</b>			
15	Mark Ingram	RB	Alabama
79	Marcus Gilchrist	FS	Clemson
111	Ricky Stanzi	QB	Iowa
146	Delone Carter	RB	Syracuse
179	Charles Clay	TE	Tulsa
217	Ryan Bartholomew	OC	Syracuse
218	Schuyler Oordi	TE	N. Iowa
235	Lestar Jean	WR	FL Atlan.

<b>Minnesota</b>			
12	Tyron Smith	OT	South. Cal
43	Colin Kaepernick	QB	Nevada
106	Jaiquawn Jarrett	SS	Temple
139	Ian Williams	NT	Notre Dame
150	Lawrence Wilson	OB	Connect.
172	Pierre Allen	DE	Nebraska
200	Dion Lewis	RB	Pittsburgh
215	Lee Smith	TE	Marshall
236	Jeremy Kerley	WR	TCU
<b>New England</b>			
17	Anthony Castonzo	OT	Bost. Coll.
28	Muhammad Wilkerson	NT	Temple
33	Justin Houston	OB	Georgia
60	Daniel Thomas	RB	Kansas St.
74	Sam Acho	OB/DE	Texas
92	Jerrel Jernigan	WR	Troy
125	Mark Herzlich	OB	Bost. Coll.
159	Chykie Brown	DC	Texas
193	Michael Mohamed	IB	California
<b>New Orleans</b>			
24	Adrian Clayborn	DE	Iowa
56	Drake Nevis	DT	LSU
72	Dontay Moch	OB	Nevada
88	Virgil Green	TE	Nevada
226	Brian Rolle	OB	Ohio St.
243	Derek Domino	OB	S. Dak. St.
<b>NY Giants</b>			
19	Michael Pouncey	OG	Florida
52	Ryan Williams	RB	Virg. Tech
83	Greg Jones	IB	Mich. St.
117	Lance Kendricks	TE	Wisconsin
185	Jerrard Tarrant	FS	GA Tech
198	Anthony Gray	DT	S. Mississ.
202	Scott Lutruss	IB	Connect.
221	Bryant Browning	OG	Ohio St.
<b>NY Jets</b>			
30	Aldon Smith	DE	Missouri
94	Edmund Gates	WR	Abil. Christ.
126	Chris Culliver	FS	S. Carol.
161	Bruce Miller	OB	Cent. Flor.
194	Andrew Jackson	OG	Fresno St.
208	JT Thomas	OB	W. Virg.
<b>Oakland</b>			
48	Ben Ijalana	OT	Villanova
81	Chimdi Chekwa	DC	Ohio St.
113	Daryl Skrine	DC	TN-Chatt.
148	Tyrod Taylor	QB	Virg. Tech
181	Roy Helu	RB	Nebraska
219	Colin Jones	FS	TCU
241	Will Hill	FS	Florida
<b>Philadelphia</b>			
23	Derek Sherrod	OT	Mississ. St.
54	Stefen Wisniewski	OC/OG	Penn St.
85	Johnny Patrick	DC	Louisville
104	Derrick Locke	RB	Kentucky
120	Lawrence Guy	DT	Ariz. St.
149	Doug Hogue	OB	Syracuse
153	Jacquizz Rodgers	RB	Oregon St.
227	Cliff Matthews	DE	S. Carol.
237	Noel Devine	RB	W. Virg.
240	Ben Lamaak	OC	Iowa St.
<b>Pittsburgh</b>			
31	Brandon Harris	DC	Miami
63	Marcus Gilbert	OT	Florida
95	Kendall Hunter	RB	Okla. St.
128	KJ Wright	OB	Mississ. St.
162	Alex Henery	PK	Nebraska
196	Chris Neild	NT	W. Virg.
232	Ugo Chinasa	DE	Okla. St.

<b>San Diego</b>			
18	Cameron Heyward	DT	Ohio St.
50	Greg Little	WR	N. Carol.
61	Chris Carter	OB	Fresno St.
82	DJ Williams	TE	Arkansas
89	James Carpenter	OT	Alabama
183	Martin Parker	DT/NT	Richmond
201	Mark LeGree	FS	Appal. St.
234	Chris Matthews	WR	Kentucky
<b>San Francisco</b>			
7	Prince Amukamara	DC	Nebraska
45	Andy Dalton	QB	TCU
76	Brooks Reed	OB	Arizona
108	Austin Pettis	WR	Boise St.
115	Jerrell Powe	NT	Mississ.
141	Tim Barnes	OC	Missouri
174	Ryan Whalen	WR	Stanford
190	Owen Marecic	FB	Stanford
211	Derek Hall	OT	Stanford
231	Thomas Keiser	OB	Stanford
239	Daniel Kilgore	OC/OG	Appal. St.
250	Chris Conte	FS	California
<b>Seattle</b>			
25	Corey Liuget	DT	Illinois
57	Brandon Burton	DC	Utah
99	Shareece Wright	DC	South. Cal
156	Stephen Schilling	OG	Michigan
157	Mario Fannin	RB	Auburn
173	Taiwan Jones	RB/DC	E. Wash.
209	Stanley Havili	FB	South. Cal
242	Alex Linnenkohl	OC	Oregon St.
<b>St. Louis</b>			
14	Julio Jones	WR	Alabama
47	Mikel Leshoure	RB	Illinois
78	Titus Young	WR	Boise St.
112	Mason Foster	OB	Washington
145	Jemalle Hines	SS	Ohio St.
216	Dane Sanzenbacher	WR	Ohio St.
228	David Carter	DT	UCLA
<b>Tampa Bay</b>			
20	Da'Quan Bowers	DE	Clemson
51	Rodney Hudson	OG	Florida St.
84	Clint Boling	OG	Georgia
116	Akeem Dent	IB	Georgia
151	Stevan Ridley	RB	LSU
187	Cecil Shorts	WR	Mt. Union
222	Justin Rogers	DC	Richmond
238	Lazarus Levingston	DE	LSU
<b>Tennessee</b>			
8	Nick Fairley	DT	Auburn
39	Ryan Mallett	QB	Arkansas
77	Jason Pinkston	OG/OT	Pittsburgh
109	Terrence Toliver	WR	LSU
130	Kris O'Dowd	OC	South. Cal
142	Rob Housler	TE	FL Atlan.
175	Chris Rucker	DC	Mich. St.
212	Henry Hynoski	FB	Pittsburgh
251	Byron Maxwell	DC	Clemson
<b>Washington</b>			
10	Cam Newton	QB	Auburn
41	Jabaal Sheard	DE	Pittsburgh
144	Robert Sands	FS	W. Virg.
155	Joseph Barksdale	OT	LSU
177	Karl Klug	OB/DE	Iowa
213	Aaron Bates	P	Mich. St.
224	Brandon Bair	DE	Oregon
253	Jonathan Cornell	IB/OB	Mississ.



went through linebacker drills at the Combine. Most 3-4 teams are looking for the guy who can play over a TE, rush the passer, and play well enough in space to cover the hook/flat on occasion. Teams are willing to take a guy with great burst and power and sacrifice some of the usual LB athletic ability. Some of the undersized college defensive ends can fill the bill. Some of these "tweeners" never find a home as they can't make the transition. **Justin Houston** DE/LB of Georgia is a classic example. He had his hand on the ground as a junior and played as a 2-point stance DE/OLB this past season. He was primarily a pass rusher and excelled in that role. Great burst off the edge and solid against the run. At the Combine he worked out with the linebackers and looked a little out of place in comparison to most of the group. He ran extremely well and made a decent showing. He didn't display the sudden change of direction you look for in a cover LB but that is not what people are looking at him for. He could slip into the first round for a 3-4 team. **Karl Klug** of Iowa is an undersized gap type DT that some are projecting as a LB. He runs well and has a great first step. If that conversion happens it will be as interesting a conversion as you have seen. He is a good college player who may not have a true pro position. **Sam Acho** of Texas worked as a DE at the Senior Bowl but also got time working on pass drops. He projects as a 3-4 OLB. He is an extremely high motor player but does not have the outstanding burst off the edge in comparison to Houston. He is not the elite athlete, but has enough to warrant a close look at LB. He is instinctive, runs well, and is good in pursuit. He also has great intangibles. I like his chances. **Jeremy Beal** of Oklahoma did not run as well at the Combine as hoped but plays faster than he times. He was very productive as a pass rusher and shows a good burst off the edge. He has good lateral ability but does not show the change of direction of a LB. He is undersized for a DE. He may be the "tweener" that doesn't make the conversion due to a lack of enough LB tools. In using the Ourlads OSR he ranked 25/26 at DE. That is a concern in converting to LB. He may not have the bulk to stay at DE but could make it as a situational player. **Chris Carter** of Fresno State and **Donte Moch** of Nevada are two undersized defensive ends who will have to play LB in the NFL. Both had outstanding Combine numbers, including Moch lighting it up in the 40. He has since put up even better numbers in workouts. Carter was extremely productive as an edge rusher with an explosive first step and shows good athletic ability. He will have to prove he can cover and master an NFL defense. Moch has also been productive on the edge. The question is, is he the Combine king whose numbers don't translate to the field? Or will his learning progress and make it as a LB? Both will have learning curves but they were outstanding college players with unique tools. The question is - how high do you go for this type of projection? In a year with below average LB talent, look for them to come off the board by the end of the third round. **Von Miller** of Texas A&M has outstanding OLB tools and projects as a 3-4 guy who has the athletic ability to be an outstanding linebacker versus both the run and pass. He has outstanding pass rush tools and should be better in coverage than what he has shown. He needs work on depth of drop and reacting on the throw. Not the most instinctive, but he has what you look for in a 3-4 OLB. He could play in the right 4-3 scheme as well. He is a solid tackler who can chase in pursuit across the field. Can be physical attacking and separating from blocks. Some inconsistency, but overall this is a top LB prospect who will go in the upper half of the first round. **Mark Herzlich** of Boston College is someone you have to root for due to his fight with cancer. He is an inspirational player who has great intangibles. A closer look at his linebacker play shows a 3-4 guy who could play Sam in the right 4-3 scheme. He is not the elite athlete you look for and does not show the athletic ability of a great prospect. (Ourlads OSR 17/19). He is a sound technician with good instincts. He takes good drops in coverage and is aware of receivers in a zone. He has good technique taking on blocks but will get locked up at times. It will be interesting to see how teams view him and how high he goes. **Kelvin Sheppard** of LSU is a big "thumper" type who may be a 2-down linebacker in the NFL. He has good instincts versus the run and plays well from tackle to tackle. He has some trouble separating from blocks and can get locked up. In observing him at the Senior Bowl his feet tend to stop on contact. With a clear path to the ball he is a playmaker. Does not have outstanding change of direction and struggles in coverage. Does not react well on the throw. He is a physical tackler and has good size for an NFL MLB. How high do you go for a two down "thumper"? Mid-round in my book. **Greg Jones** of

Michigan State looks the part and shows good tools. He has been inconsistent and some weakness has shown up. He reads well and has good instincts. Occasionally will be out of position and over or under run plays. He can be explosive taking on blocks but this is where inconsistency shows. He can get locked up and too often could not get off a block. In observing him at the Senior Bowl, he did not appear to have the functional strength to consistently shed. He lacks power to go with his explosiveness. He does not make a lot of plays in coverage as he tends to be too shallow in his drop and does not show good zone awareness. He should be a solid two down player but he needs work. He is highly regarded by some in this year's draft and with the strength of the position being weak he could go in the second round. **Casey Matthews** of Oregon is not the elite prospect his brother was, but is a solid prospect who does most things well. He doesn't have the size or speed of the great prospects but he was an extremely productive player in college. He is smooth and athletic with good technique. Not the most physical but does a good job separating from blocks. Will struggle to shed at times but usually has good leverage on the block and to the ball. Solid in coverage with good instincts and reactions to the throw. Good zone awareness. Gets through the traffic and consistently takes a good angle to the ball. Good change of direction with the ability to play in space. Smart player who has good intangibles. The thing that is most interesting about him is his draft projection. It will not surprise me to see him taken in the mid-rounds with some other player with better numbers going higher. Then, a few years down the road Casey is a productive starter and the other guy is out of the league. People are all over the board with him. With this not being a great year for LBs, I will not be surprised where he goes from the second to the fourth. Don't bet against him. **Colin McCarthy** of Miami impressed me at the Senior Bowl and on film. Like Matthews he has great intangibles but is not considered an elite prospect. He had a great Combine and Ourlads OSR of 1/9. He has had to overcome shoulder injuries, so that may be an issue on his draft status but he has been an outstanding LB at Miami. He is smart and instinctive taking good angles to the ball and getting downhill with no wasted movement. He uses good technique taking on blocks and getting through the traffic. Good coverage awareness and reacts well on the throw. Good technique in coverage. Not extremely powerful but is solid in all areas of linebacker play. Can play inside or outside and projects to be a quality "blue collar" NFL starter. Look for him to go in the second or third round. I may be a little high, but the proof will be down the road. If injuries don't get in the way he can have a good NFL career. At the safety position NFL teams are finding it hard to find the two way safety who can cover the deep half and play in run support. There are several safeties that play to match up with slot receivers in a spread and some safeties that play in the box. With match up zones being used a lot in college these days, some safeties don't get much experience with some of the things a good deal of NFL teams do in multiple coverage packages. There are "tweeners" here as well. **Ahmad Black** of Florida is a good example of a guy who has outstanding athletic ability on the field but does not show the speed you look for in a corner or an elite safety. He was an extremely productive college player at just over 5-9 and 180 pounds. He has the size of a corner but plays like a safety. He also did not have a great Combine. You need to turn on the video and watch him play. He has outstanding ball skills and supports the run with a sudden downhill burst. Good change of direction and is very instinctive. He is not afraid to throw his body around and is solid versus the run. He has good safety cover skills and is quick on his plant and drive. Size may be a limiting factor over the top, but he should make a team and fit in somewhere in a coverage package. Where do you take a guy like this? Is he a starter? Or is he a situational player? Teams will have to answer this and decide on his value. He could go higher than projected and the right team could jump on him in the second. **Quinton Carter** of Oklahoma impressed me at the Senior Bowl and I like him as a two way safety. He doesn't have the ideal size of a safety but he has the tools. He has over the top cover skills and the ability to support the run. Fills well in running lanes and is a solid tackler. Good range in coverage and plays all the zones well. Plays well in the short flat. He did not show as well in man cover but should do well enough in blitz situations. In the right system as a weak or free safety he will be a productive NFL starter. As we said, this year's draft is going to be interesting as the lockout gives us a side show that may influence how teams approach it. Will this influence trades? I would think twice about trading a pick this year. Drafting players who can play right away will be at a premium for some teams.

## OURLADS' Annual LADDIE AWARDS

The LADDIES have become a regular part of our Draft coverage. We enjoy them. It's fun. Based on our discussion with subscribers, most enjoy them as well. These awards are the subjective result of a poll among 'our lads' and are for your enjoyment. And the 2011 Awards go to:

### Quarterbacks

Cream of the Crop: **Blaine Gabbert** (Missouri)  
 Arm Strength: **Colin Kaepernick** (Nevada)  
 Accuracy: **Scott Tolzien** (Wisconsin), **Pat Devlin** (Delaware)  
 Touch: **Christian Ponder** (Florida State)  
 Mobility: **Cam Newton** (Auburn), **Jake Locker** (Washington)  
     **Tyrod Taylor** (Virginia Tech)  
 Underappreciated: **Ricky Stanzi** (Iowa)  
 Combine King: **Tyrod Taylor** (Virginia Tech)  
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **Christian Ponder** (Florida State)  
 Free Agent Find: **Mike Hartline** (Kentucky)

### Running Backs

Cream of the Crop: **Mark Ingram** (Alabama)  
 Fastest: **Da'Rel Scott** (Maryland)  
 Hands: **DeMarco Murray** (Oklahoma)  
 Blocker: **Patrick DiMarco** (South Carolina)  
 Moves: **Jacquizz Rodgers** (Oregon State)  
 Power: **Allen Bradford** (Southern Cal)  
 Toughest: **Mark Ingram** (Alabama)  
 Underappreciated: **Allen Bradford** (Southern Cal)  
 Return Man: **Derrick Locke** (Kentucky)  
 Combine King: **Roy Helu** (Nebraska)  
 Best All-Star Performance: **Delone Carter** (Syracuse)  
 Free Agent Find: **Chad Spann** (Northern Illinois)  
     **Johnny White** (North Carolina)

### Wide Receivers

Cream of the Crop: **AJ Green** (Georgia)  
 Hands: **AJ Green** (Georgia)  
 Fastest: **Edmund Gates** (Abilene Christian)  
 Routes: **Greg Salas** (Hawaii)  
 Blocker: **Julio Jones** (Alabama)  
 Run After Catch: **Julio Jones** (Alabama)  
 Return Man: **Jeremy Kerley** (TCU)  
     **Jerrel Jernigan** (Troy)  
 Leaper: **Jon Baldwin** (Pittsburgh)  
 Underappreciated: **Greg Little** (North Carolina)  
 Combine King: **Julio Jones** (Alabama)  
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **Leonard Hankerson** (Miami)  
 Free Agent Find: **Kris Durham** (Georgia)

### Tight Ends

Cream of the Crop: **Kyle Rudolph** (Notre Dame)  
 Hands: **DJ Williams** (Arkansas)  
 Blocker: **Lee Smith** (Marshall)  
 Fastest: **Rob Housler** (Florida Atlantic)  
 Strongest: **Luke Stocker** (Tennessee)  
     **Charlie Gantt** (Michigan State)  
 Underappreciated: **Colin Cochart** (South Dakota State)  
 Combine King: **Jordan Cameron** (Southern Cal)  
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **Julius Thomas** (Portland State)  
 Free Agent Find: **Colin Cochart** (South Dakota State)

### Offensive Line

Cream of the Crop: **Mike Pouncey** (Florida)  
 Feet: **Tyron Smith** (Southern Cal)  
 Pass Blocker: **Nate Solder** (Colorado), **Tyron Smith** (Southern Cal)  
 Run Blocker: **Michael Pouncey** (Florida)  
 Strongest: **Ryan Bartholomew** (Syracuse), **Marcus Cannon** (TCU)  
 Toughest: **Danny Watkins** (Baylor)  
 Underappreciated: **Mike Person** (Montana State)  
     **Tim Barnes** (Missouri)  
 Combine King: **Nate Solder** (Colorado)  
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **Rodney Hudson** (Florida State)  
 Free Agent Find: **Dan Kilgore** (Appalachian State)

### Defensive Line

Cream of the Crop: **Marcel Dareus** (Alabama)  
 Run Stopper: **Marcel Dareus** (Alabama)  
 Pass Rusher: **Ryan Kerrigan** (Purdue)  
 Fastest: **Robert Quinn** (North Carolina)  
 Strongest: **Stephen Paea** (Oregon State)  
 Toughest: **JJ Watt** (Wisconsin), **Adrian Clayborn** (Iowa)  
     **Marcel Dareus** (Alabama), **Nick Fairley** (Auburn)  
 Underappreciated: **Jeremy Beal** (Oklahoma)  
 Combine King: **JJ Watt** (Wisconsin)  
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **Martin Parker** (Richmond)  
     **Justin Trattou** (Florida)  
     **Ryan Kerrigan** (Purdue)  
 Free Agent Find: **John Graves** (Virginia Tech)

### Linebackers

Cream of the Crop: **Von Miller** (Texas A&M)  
 Run Defender: **Greg Jones** (Michigan State)  
 Pass Coverage: **Mason Foster** (Washington)  
 Pass Rusher: **Von Miller** (Texas A&M)  
 Fastest: **Martez Wilson** (Illinois)  
 Strongest: **Justin Houston** (Georgia)  
 Toughest: **Mark Herzlich** (Boston College)  
 Underappreciated: **Casey Matthews** (Oregon)  
     **Bruce Miller** (Central Florida)  
 Combine King: **Von Miller** (Texas A&M)  
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **Von Miller** (Texas A&M)  
 Free Agent Find: **Eric Gordon** (Michigan State)

### Defensive Backs

Cream of the Crop: **Patrick Peterson** (LSU)  
 Coverage: **Patrick Peterson** (LSU)  
 Toughest: **Quinton Carter** (Oklahoma), **Jermale Hines** (Ohio State)  
 Fastest: **DeMarcus Van Dyke** (Miami), **Patrick Peterson** (LSU)  
 Playmaker: **Patrick Peterson** (LSU)  
 Return Man: **Patrick Peterson** (LSU)  
 Leaper: **Curtis Brown** (Texas)  
 Underappreciated: **Ahmad Black** (Florida)  
 Combine King: **Patrick Peterson** (LSU)  
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **Kendric Burney** (North Carolina)  
 Free Agent Find: **Ryan Jones** (NW Missouri State)  
     **Josh Gatlin** (North Dakota State)

### Place Kickers

Cream of the Crop: **Alex Henery** (Nebraska)  
 Free Agent Find: **Dan Bailey** (Oklahoma State)

### Punters

Cream of the Crop: **Aaron Bates** (Michigan State)  
 Free Agent Find: **Reid Forrest** (Washington State)

### Special Teams

Best Long Snapper: **Zach Enyeart** (Washington State)