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Draft Winds...

For the seventh 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 26th, 27th, and 28th. 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. **The NFL Network and ESPN will provide television coverage.**

Draft Board...

The enclosed draft board on pages 2-3 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. The position columns may overlap by rounds due to space limitations, IE: some wide receivers with 3rd round grades are listed in the second round on the 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. 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 a top-150 board which is a ranking of each team's top 150 players. All 32 teams have a different top-150 board and each team's draft will come from their top-150 players.

Intriguing Prospects 2012...

By Jon Cooper

In this year's intriguing prospects we revisit a topic we looked at in 2010 and some of the players who exemplify this. In 2010 we looked long and hard at Tim Tebow and tried to gauge his impact on the NFL. In this year's draft, the QB question of pro-style passer vs. great athlete comes up again when comparing **Andrew Luck** (Stanford) and **Robert Griffin III** (Baylor). First of all, finding that great pro-style passer is getting tougher and tougher with the proliferation of the spread offense at the collegiate level. That is not to say the spread QB cannot become a great NFL passer; it's just the reads are simpler in the spread and there is an unknown in the developmental process. With that in mind, this is a good time to review the phenomenon of the spread offense and its impact on football at all levels. The spread is not new, the "short punt" formation was used in the 50's and CFL teams used variations of it during that era as well. The NFL "shotgun" phenomenon of the 60's made use of multiple immediate receivers. The 49ers of that era had three QBs running their version of the shotgun and traded one, Y.A. Tittle, partly because he did not fit what they were trying to do. They were left with Bill Kilmer and John Brodie. While Brodie and Kilmer had great careers, the 49ers' version of the "gun" as an all-the-time offense did not last. Tittle went on to win three division titles with the Giants in a more conventional offense. The "run and shoot" offense became popular in the 80's and some NFL teams went to

it as a base offense. The "run and shoot" was a mostly under center 4 WR offense that featured quick reads and a QB on the move. It was a pass first offense that put up big numbers before defenses caught up. The spread of today features the zone read running series which differentiates it from earlier 4 wide receiver offenses. The QB is in the gun and the threat of the run from the spread has made this offense very difficult to defend with the right QB. Over the last ten to fifteen years, more and more high schools and colleges have switched to the spread. With so many high schools copying what they see at the college level, colleges have an abundance of QBs and receivers to recruit who fit the spread. It is, however, getting harder to find the players to develop the pro-style offense. Colleges that use the TE find it more difficult to find a high school TE. A good percentage of college TEs are converts from OL or WR. The spread makes sense at the college level because you can easily have 5 or 6 quality, athletic QBs on your roster. This makes the injury factor less important when considering the use of a running QB. The spread is simpler in terms of concepts and relies on quick reads from the gun and a QB in the running game. Another factor is the tendency of coaches at the high school and college level to get their best athletes on offense, as you find as many as 4 receivers in the mix. The FB and TE positions do not exist in many offenses. In years past, the adage was "always put your best players on defense". That has changed. The result is an emphasis on offense which is producing some spectacular results. A good example is the Illinois high school 5A State Championship game last November that featured Montini (running a spread) beating Joliet Catholic 70-45. Montini put up 853 yards of total offense and JCA had a running back gain 515 yards. A college game that comes to mind is the Northern Illinois 63-60 win over Toledo. The Tim Tebow situation this year was a good study of an NFL team trying to marry the principles of the spread with the Pro-style offense. It was exciting, a great story, and contributed to a playoff win for the Broncos. When push came to shove, Denver decided to go with an established NFL passer in Peyton Manning and trade Tebow. I'm not sure what Denver would have done had Manning not been available. In my mind, the marriage of the two offensive styles has merit as some of the formations used fit the pro-style attack and give the added threat of Tebow's read option. His weakness in passing mechanics was the limiting factor as defenses could use man coverage and concepts designed to control Tebow as a runner. Man coverage is something a good QB with a quick release can beat if used too often. At times, Tebow struggled mightily and some of those come-from-behind wins, while exciting, were as much a product of Denver's defense as anything else. Tebow proved he belonged and it will be interesting to see how the Jets use him in their offense. If you look at Carolina and Cam Newton you see a QB with the athletic ability who also has the passing mechanics to make him successful in both styles. Robert Griffin III also gives you the great athlete who can make a major impact as a runner and passer. Luck gives you the rare polished NFL style passer who should be game ready as a rookie. Who you take vs. the two is a good question, as both project as impact players for a long time. With modern football's emphasis on the spread, it may take 10 plus years for another guy like Luck to come along, so in my mind it is no contest as to who you take. He has the size, mobility, arm strength, quick release, and accuracy that a pro-style passer needs. He played in that "west coast" style system and compares favorably to guys like John Elway and Peyton Manning. You really have to dig to find a weakness in

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Ourlads Offensive Draft Board

| QB | RB/FB | WR | TE | OT | OG/OC |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| 1st A Luck Stanford R Griffin III Baylor | 1st T Richardson Alab. D Martin Boise St. | 1st J Blackmon Okla. St. M Floyd Notre Dame S Hill GA Tech K Wright Baylor | 1st C Fleener Stanford | 1st M Kalil USC R Reiff Iowa J Martin Stanford C Glenn Georgia M Adams Ohio St. | 1st D DeCastro Stanford P Konz Wisconsin |
| 2nd B Weeden Okla. St. B Osweiler AZ State R Tannehill TXA&M | 2nd D Wilson VA Tech L Miller Miami C Polk Washington L James Oregon I Pead Cincinnati | 2nd R Randle LSU A Jeffery S. Carol. M Sanu Rutgers M McNutt Iowa | 2nd D Allen Clemson | 2nd B Massie Mississippi K Osemele Iowa St. Z Sanders FL State | 2nd K Zeitler Wisconsin J Allen Illinois |
| 3rd K Cousins Mich. St. N. Foles Arizona R Wilson Wisconsin | 3rd B Pierce Temple C Gray TX A&M R Hillman SanDgSt C Rainey Florida | 3rd M Jones California C Givens Wake For. T Streeter Miami AJ Jenkins Illinois B Quick Appal. St. J Adams Arkansas | 3rd M Egnew Missouri O Charles Georgia | 3rd M Schwartz Calif. | 3rd B Brooks Miami-OH T Bergstrom Utah |
| 4th | 4th T Ganaway Baylor | 4th C Owusu Stanford TJ Graham NC St. K Martin Mich. St. R Broyles Okla. J Criner Arizona D Jones N. Carol. N Toon Wisconsin | 4th L Green LA-Lafay. J Hanna Oklahoma | 4th M Zusevics Iowa M Reynolds BYU B Mosley Auburn N Potter Boise St. T Compton S. Dak. | 4th A Silatolu Mdwstrn St. B Washington Miami P Blake Baylor S Kelemete Washing. R Leary Memphis R Miller Colorado |
| 5th K Moore Boise St R Lindley SanDgSt | 5th B Ewing Wisconsin R Turbin Utah State T Poole Tennessee V Ballard Mississ. St. D Herron Ohio St. E Baker Mich. St. | 5th J Fuller TX A&M J Wright Arkansas R Matthews Nevada TY Hilton FL Inter. G Robinson AZ St. D Posey Ohio State D Coale VA Tech J Kearshe Wash. | 5th D Dunsmore N'wstrn K Koger Michigan | 5th D Stephenson Okla. A Datko FL State L Holmes S. Mississ. | 5th D Wynn Rutgers L Nix Pittsburgh J Looney Wake For. B Jones Georgia J Warren S. Florida M Brewster Ohio St. A Gettis Iowa |
| 6th C Harnish N. Ill. BJ Coleman TN-Cht | 6th B Bolden Mississ. C Diehl Clemson D Meggett Maryland L Creer LA Tech | 6th D Moss S. Dak. St. D Wylie Fresno St. J Hemingway Mich. BJ Cunningham MI St G Childs Arkansas W Kemp Missouri D Moyer Penn State K Moore Connecticut | 6th B Linticum MI St. R Ellison USC E Igwenagu Mass. D Peterson LSU D Paulson Oregon G Bryan NC State | 6th M McCants AL-Birm. | 6th D Molk Michigan J Brown Troy Q Saulsberry MS St. A McClain Clemson R Johnson Cal-PA R Watkins S. Carol. |
| 7th GJ Kinne Tulsa A Davis S. Mississ. C Keenum Houston | 7th L Dunbar N. Texas B Rainey W. KY | 7th E Page Toledo L Brazill Ohio M Maze Alabama J White W. Mich. L Lewis E. Carolina J Jackson Missouri T Benford TN Tech | 7th A Miller California E Rodriguez Temple | 7th M Jones Nebraska J Carmon Mississ. St. J Adams Columbia L Adcock Okla. St. | 7th K Beachum SMU J LeRibeus Penn St. J Troutman Penn St. D Dennis Temple |

Ourlads Defensive Draft Board

| DT/NT | DE | IB/OB | DC | FS/SS | PK/PT |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| 1st F Cox Mississ. State M Brockers LSU D Still Penn State D Poe Memphis J Worthy Mich. St. K Reyes Connect. | 1st Q Copes N. Carol. A Branch Clemson W Mercilus Illinois N Perry USC | 1st L Kuechly Bost. Coll. C Upshaw Alabama M Ingram S. Carol. Z Brown N. Carol. D Hightower Alabama | 1st M Claiborne LSU S Gilmore S. Carol. D Kirkpatrick Alab. J Jenkins N. Alabama | 1st M Barron Alabama | 1st |
| 2nd J Crick Nebraska B Thompson Clems. A Ta'amu Wash. B Winn Boise State | 2nd V Curry Marshall C Jones Syracuse | 2nd L David Nebraska B Wagner Utah St. M Kendricks Calif. | 2nd A Dennard Nebraska B Boykin Georgia J Robinson Cent. FL | 2nd H Smith Notre Dame G Iloka Boise State | 2nd |
| 3rd M Martin Michigan D Wolfe Cincinnati | 3rd C Johnson Virginia | 3rd S McClellin Boise St. R Lewis Oklahoma J-M Johnson Nevada D Davis Arkansas St. B Irvin W. Virginia | 3rd C Minnifield Virginia C Hayward Vanderbilt J Fleming Oklahoma J Hosley VA Tech T Johnson Montana K Tandy W. Virginia | 3rd T Robinson Mich. St. A Allen S. Carolina M Martin Okla. State | 3rd |
| 4th K Randall Texas B Roy Nevada D Harris USC J Howard Florida J Chapman Alabama A Hicks Regina-Can. | 4th T Guyton California T Crawford Boise St. | 4th T Lewis Oklahoma S Spence Miami J Kaddu Oregon K Robinson Texas N Bradham FL State A Cole NC State T Manning NC St. | 4th S Prater Iowa J Norman Coast. Car. L Johnson Iowa State R Blanton No. Dame M Harris FL State | 4th C Mitchell Miss. St. T Dye UCLA | 4th |
| 5th H Fangupo BYU M Forston Miami | 5th R Moore Clemson M Jackson Tennessee J Bequette Arkansas J Crawford Penn State | 5th K Wilber Wake For. E Acho Texas T Carder TCU J Massaquoi Troy O Vernon Miami | 5th R Steed Furman O Bolden AZ State C Judie TX A&M R Brooks LSU D Bentley LA-Lafay. A Jackson Cal Poly T Wade Arizona M Pellerin Hampton | 5th A Henry Wisconsin P Thomas Syracuse B Hardin Oregon St. D Ihenacho SanJoseSt C Thompson SC St. B Taylor LSU | 5th B Anger California |
| 6th JR Sweezy NC State V Meatoga Hawaii T Powell N. Carol N Jean-Baptiste Bayl. | 6th F Alexander Okla. D Paige-Moss N. Car. | 6th M Burriss SanDgSt N Goode W. Virginia T Nielsen Iowa C Galippo USC J Franklin Arkansas B Marshall Nevada J Smith Missouri B Lindsey Pittsburgh | 6th C Sensabaugh Clemson C Powell Penn State C Brown N. Carolina D Fletcher Bost. Coll. J Bethel Presbyterian | 6th D Menzie Alabama | 6th G Zuerlein MO West. S Powell FL State |
| 7th M Kuhn NC State M Daniels Iowa T Robertson S. Carol. D Hamilton Missouri | 7th J Blatnick Okla. St. | 7th N Keller Ohio M Downtin N. Alab. T Whitehead Temple D Fleming No. Dame A Hoffman-Ellis WA State DJ Holt California S Loiseau Merrimack V Burfict AZ State | 7th T Frederick TX A&M C Greenwood Albion C White Samford J Lane N'western St. | 7th J McMillan Maine E Pleasant Oregon D Howell Stanford K McCray Arkan. St. S Richardson Vander. J Jackson McNeese St. | 7th B Walsh Georgia C Wiggs Purdue R Bullock TX A&M B Nortman Wisc. D Butler Georgia |

Ourlads Draft Choices by Team

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|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Arizona | | | Dallas | | | Miami | | | Pittsburgh | | |
| 13 | Michael Floyd | WR Notre Dame | 14 | David DeCastro | OG Stanford | 8 | Riley Reiff | OT Iowa | 24 | Melvin Ingram | OB S. Carolina |
| 80 | Cam Johnson | DE Virginia | 45 | Harrison Smith | FS Notre Dame | 42 | Ryan Tannehill | QB TexasA&M | 56 | Alameda Ta'amu | NT Washington |
| 112 | Senio Kelemete | OG Washington | 81 | Jayron Hosley | DC VA Tech | 72 | Marvin Jones | WR California | 86 | Trumaine Johnson | DC Montana |
| 151 | Donald Stephenson | OT Oklahoma | 113 | Josh Kaddu | OB Oregon | 73 | Markelle Martin | FS Oklahoma State | 119 | Markus Zusevics | OT Iowa |
| 177 | Trevin Wade | DC Arizona | 135 | Audie Cole | IB NC State | 103 | Sean Spence | OB Miami | 159 | Robert Turbin | RB Utah State |
| 185 | Vick Ballard | RB Mississippi St. | 152 | Rennie Moore | DE Clemson | 145 | Desmond Wynn | OG Rutgers | 193 | James Brown | OG Troy |
| 221 | Jerry Franklin | IB Arkansas | 186 | TY Hilton | WR/RS Florida Inter. | 196 | Frank Alexander | DE Oklahoma | 231 | Wes Kemp | WR Missouri |
| Atlanta | | | 222 | Shawn Powell | PT Florida State | 215 | Brian Linthicum | TE Michigan State | 240 | DJ Holt | IB California |
| 55 | Chris Polk | RB Washington | Denver | | | Minnesota | | | 246 | Ryan Broyles | WR Oklahoma |
| 84 | Michael Egnow | TE Missouri | 25 | Dontari Poe | NT/DT Memphis | 3 | Matt Kalil | OT Southern Cal | 248 | Marcus Dowtin | IB N. Alabama |
| 157 | Ron Brooks | DC LSU | 57 | Brandon Boykin | DC/RS Georgia | 35 | Kendall Wright | WR Baylor | San Diego | | |
| 192 | David Molk | OC Michigan | 87 | Bernard Pierce | RB Temple | 66 | Chase Minnifield | DC Virginia | 18 | Nick Perry | OB/DE Southern Cal |
| 229 | Kelvin Beachum | OG SMU | 108 | Nick Foles | QB Arizona | 98 | Derek Wolfe | DT Cincinnati | 49 | Kevin Zeitler | OG Wisconsin |
| 249 | Shawn Loiseau | IB Merrimack | 120 | TJ Graham | WR/RS NC State | 128 | Ryan Miller | OG Colorado | 78 | LaMichael James | RB Oregon |
| Baltimore | | | 137 | Tank Carder | IB TCU | 134 | Keshawn Martin | WR Michigan State | 110 | Tyrone Crawford | DE Boise State |
| 29 | Peter Konz | OC Wisconsin | 188 | Michael Brewster | OC Ohio State | 138 | Terrell Manning | OB NC State | 149 | Rishard Matthews | WR Nevada |
| 60 | Brandon Brooks | OG Miami (OH) | Detroit | | | 175 | Micah Pellerin | DC Hampton | 183 | Jeremiah Warren | OG South Florida |
| 91 | Tommy Streater | WR Miami | 23 | Dre Kirkpatrick | DC Alabama | 210 | De'Quan Menzie | FS Alabama | 226 | Ryan Lindley | QB San Diego St. |
| 164 | Tauren Poole | RB Tennessee | 54 | Zebrie Sanders | OT Florida State | 223 | Brandon Marshall | OB Nevada | 250 | Delano Howell | SS Stanford |
| 198 | Najee Goode | IB W. Virginia | 85 | Isaiah Pead | RB Cincinnati | New England | | | San Francisco | | |
| 236 | Brandon Lindsey | OB Pittsburgh | 117 | Brett Roy | DE/DT Nevada | 27 | Mark Barron | SS Alabama | 30 | Coby Fleener | TE Stanford |
| 130 | Brandon Mosley | OT Auburn | 158 | Kyle Wilber | OB Wake Forest | 31 | Kendall Reyes | DE Connecticut | 61 | Chandler Jones | DE Syracuse |
| 169 | Dwight Bentley | DC LA-Lafayette | 219 | Matt McCants | OT AL-Birmingham | 48 | Vinny Curry | OB/DE Marshall | 92 | Mike Martin | NT/DT Michigan |
| Buffalo | | | 230 | Jacques Smith | OB Missouri | 62 | Josh Robinson | DC Central Florida | 125 | Leonard Johnson | DC Iowa State |
| 10 | Jonathan Martin | OT Stanford | Green Bay | | | 93 | AJ Jenkins | WR Illinois | 165 | Chris Owusu | WR Stanford |
| 41 | Alshon Jeffery | WR S. Carolina | 28 | Jerrel Worthy | DT Michigan State | 126 | Nigel Bradham | OB Florida State | 199 | Adam Gettis | OG Iowa |
| 71 | Casey Hayward | DC Vanderbilt | 59 | Shea McClellin | OB/DE Boise State | New Orleans | | | 237 | Tydreke Powell | DT N. Carolina |
| 105 | Russell Wilson | QB Wisconsin | 90 | Kirk Cousins | QB Michigan State | 89 | Chris Givens | WR Wake Forest | Seattle | | |
| 124 | Jaye Howard | DT Florida | 123 | Ronnie Hillman | RB San Diego State | 122 | DaJohn Harris | DT Southern Cal | 12 | Whitney Mercilus | DE Illinois |
| 144 | James Hanna | TE Oklahoma | 132 | Robert Blanton | SS/DC Notre Dame | 162 | Jonathan Massaquoi | OB Troy | 43 | Dont'a Hightower | IB Alabama |
| 147 | Emmanuel Acho | OB Texas | 133 | Nate Potter | OT Boise State | 179 | Drake Dunsmore | TE Northwestern | 75 | Tony Bergstrom | OG Utah |
| 178 | Jarius Wright | WR Arkansas | 163 | Malik Jackson | DE Tennessee | 234 | Rishaw Johnson | OG California (PA) | 106 | Cyrus Gray | RB TexasA&M |
| 217 | Jack Crawford | DE Penn State | 197 | Coty Sensabaugh | DC Clemson | NY Giants | | | 181 | Marcus Forston | DT Miami |
| 251 | Anthony Miller | TE California | 224 | Donnie Fletcher | DC Boston College | 32 | Doug Martin | RB Boise State | 225 | Justin Bethel | DC Presbyterian |
| Carolina | | | 235 | Devon Wylie | WR Fresno State | 63 | Dwayne Allen | TE Clemson | St. Louis | | |
| 9 | Fletcher Cox | DT Mississippi St. | 241 | Noah Keller | IB Ohio | 94 | Travis Lewis | IB Oklahoma | 6 | Justin Blackmon | WR Oklahoma St. |
| 40 | Alfonzo Dennard | DC Nebraska | 243 | Jeff Adams | OT Columbia | 127 | Ronald Leary | OG Memphis | 33 | Bobby Massie | OT Mississippi |
| 104 | Joe Adams | WR Arkansas | Houston | | | 131 | Akiem Hicks | DT Regina (Canada) | 39 | Zach Brown | OB N. Carolina |
| 143 | Joe Looney | OG Wake Forest | 26 | Stephen Hill | WR GA Tech | 167 | Phillip Thomas | FS Syracuse | 65 | Billy Winn | DT Boise State |
| 180 | Andrew Datko | OT Florida State | 58 | Mychal Kendricks | IB California | 201 | Chaz Powell | DC Penn State | 96 | Keith Tandy | DC W. Virginia |
| 207 | Tyler Nielsen | OB Iowa | 76 | Antonio Allen | SS S. Carolina | 239 | James Camron | OT Mississippi St. | 171 | Asa Jackson | DC Cal-Poly |
| 216 | Jerron McMillian | SS Maine | 99 | Orson Charles | TE Georgia | NY Jets | | | 209 | Edwin Baker | RB Michigan St. |
| Chicago | | | 121 | Matt Reynolds | OT BYU | 16 | Andre Branch | OB Clemson | 252 | Levy Adcock | OG/OT Oklahoma St. |
| 19 | Devin Still | DT Penn State | 161 | Bradie Ewing | FB Wisconsin | 47 | Brandon Thompson | DT Clemson | Tampa Bay | | |
| 50 | Jeff Allen | OG Illinois | 195 | Quentin Saulsberry | OC Mississippi St. | 77 | James-Michael Johnson | IB Nevada | 5 | Morris Claiborne | DC LSU |
| 79 | Amini Silatolu | OG Midwestern St. | 233 | Blair Walsh | PK Georgia | 154 | Nick Toon | WR Wisconsin | 36 | David Wilson | RB VA Tech |
| 111 | Josh Norman | DC Coastal Carolina | Indianapolis | | | 187 | Lamar Holmes | OT S. Mississippi | 68 | Ronnell Lewis | OB Oklahoma |
| 150 | Jeff Fuller | WR TexasA&M | 1 | Andrew Luck | QB Stanford | 202 | Nick Jean-Baptiste | NT Baylor | 140 | Ryan Steed | DC Furman |
| 184 | Gerell Robinson | WR Arizona State | 34 | Janoris Jenkins | DC N. Alabama | 203 | Greg Zuerlein | PK MO Western | 174 | Brandon Taylor | SS LSU |
| 220 | Chris Galippo | IB Southern Cal | 64 | George Iloka | FS Boise State | 232 | Donte Paige-Moss | OB/DE N. Carolina | 212 | Junior Hemingway | WR Michigan |
| Cincinnati | | | 97 | Brian Quick | WR Appalachian St. | 242 | Eddie Pleasant | SS Oregon | Tennessee | | |
| 17 | Stephon Gilmore | DC S. Carolina | 136 | Josh Chapman | NT Alabama | 244 | Derek Dennis | OG Temple | 20 | Courtney Upshaw | DE/OB Alabama |
| 21 | Cordy Glenn | OG/OT Georgia | 170 | Kevin Koger | TE Michigan | Oakland | | | 52 | Bobby Wagner | OB/IB Utah State |
| 53 | Lamar Miller | RB Miami | 206 | Olivier Vernon | OB Miami | 95 | Demario Davis | OB Arkansas State | 82 | Philip Blake | OC/OG Baylor |
| 83 | Marvin McNutt | WR Iowa | 208 | Antoine McClain | OG Clemson | 129 | Chris Rainey | RB Florida | 115 | Tony Dye | SS UCLA |
| 116 | Kheeston Randall | DT Texas | 214 | Brandon Bolden | RB Mississippi | 148 | Terrence Ganaway | RB Baylor | 155 | Dwight Jones | WR N. Carolina |
| 156 | Aaron Henry | FS Wisconsin | 253 | Kellen Moore | QB Boise State | 168 | Lucas Nix | OG Pittsburgh | 190 | DeVier Posey | WR Ohio State |
| 166 | Ben Jones | OC Georgia | Jacksonville | | | 189 | Jake Bequette | DE Arkansas | 227 | BJ Cunningham | WR Michigan St. |
| 191 | Dale Moss | WR S. Dakota State | 7 | Quinton Coples | DE N. Carolina | Philadelphia | | | Washington | | |
| Cleveland | | | 38 | Rueben Randle | WR LSU | 15 | Michael Brockers | DT LSU | 2 | Robert Griffin III | QB Baylor |
| 4 | Trent Richardson | RB Alabama | 70 | Trenton Robinson | FS Michigan State | 46 | Kelechi Osemele | OT Iowa State | 69 | Mitchell Schwartz | OT California |
| 22 | Mike Adams | OT Ohio State | 101 | Shaun Prater | DC Iowa | 51 | Lavonte David | OB Nebraska | 102 | Brandon Washington | OG Miami |
| 37 | Brandon Weeden | QB Oklahoma State | 142 | Juron Criner | WR Arizona | 88 | Brock Osweiler | QB Arizona State | 109 | Lardarius Green | TE LA-Lafayette |
| 67 | Mohamed Sanu | WR Rutgers | 176 | Bryan Anger | PT California | 114 | Charles Mitchell | SS Mississippi St. | 141 | Tom Compton | OG/OT S. Dakota |
| 100 | Trevor Guyton | DE California | 228 | Greg Childs | WR Arkansas | 153 | Omar Bolden | DC Arizona State | 173 | Duke Ihenacho | SS San Jose State |
| 118 | Keenan Robinson | OB Texas | Kansas City | | | 172 | Christian Thompson | FS SC State | 213 | Charles Brown | DC N. Carolina |
| 139 | Mike Harris | DC Florida State | 11 | Luke Kuechly | IB Boston College | 194 | Jemaine Kearse | WR Washington | | | |
| 160 | Brandon Hardin | FS Oregon State | 44 | Jared Crick | DE/DT Nebraska | 200 | JR Sweezy | DT NC State | | | |
| 204 | Dan Herron | RB Ohio State | 74 | Jamell Fleming | DC Oklahoma | | | | | | |
| 205 | Miles Burris | OB San Diego State | 107 | Bruce Irvin | OB W. Virginia | | | | | | |
| 211 | Vaughn Meatoga | DT Hawaii | 146 | Coryell Judie | DC TexasA&M | | | | | | |
| 245 | Markus Kuhn | DT NC State | 182 | Hebron Fangupo | NT BYU | | | | | | |
| 247 | George Bryan | TE NC State | 218 | Rhett Ellison | TE Southern Cal | | | | | | |
| | | | 238 | Roquevious Watkins | OG S. Carolina | | | | | | |

Intriguing Prospects *continued from page 1.*

his game. He is not the runner that Griffin is, nor does he have the explosive quickness. But as an NFL style passer, he is the best to come along in quite a while. On the other hand, Griffin gives you an explosive athlete who is also a great passer, albeit in an offense that emphasized quick reads and placed a minimum on reading coverage. He has the arm strength and release of a great NFL passer. There are those who say, why not get the best of all worlds and take Griffin who can do it all? That argument is understood and has merit, but Griffin as a passer has not yet shown what Luck has. Another factor is the run emphasis you get with a spread QB that puts your offense at risk of injury more than the pro-style attack. NFL teams are limited in the QBs they can carry, so if your QB goes down, the drop off is greater if your offensive emphasis has to change. In looking at the backups on NFL teams, I don't see a lot of Robert Griffin and Cam Newton types. This is why NFL teams don't wholesale out to the spread. For many it becomes a "wildcat" package which is what you might see in New York with Tebow. More and more teams look at the spread as a major part of the package with more of those style athletes coming on the radar. There are a number of game ready spread QBs out there and the question is how high do you draft one of these guys and how will he develop? One that I have observed who is intriguing is **Kirk Cousins** (Michigan State). He had a great Senior Bowl week and showed improvement on what was seen during the season. He has shown development in West Coast style reads during that week and his release was crisp with good velocity. He made all the throws. Interestingly enough, he is not the blazing fast spread QB but shows good mobility and pocket presence. He has the size and arm strength you look for in an NFL style QB and has great intangibles that make him an attractive 2nd or 3rd round pick. It seems scouts are all over the board on him, but I see him as an ascending player who will eventually be a starter in the NFL. For sure, he can be that quality backup you look for in a modern NFL offense. As mentioned, the TE is becoming a difficult position to find at the collegiate level. This places a premium on finding TEs who can run and block. The TE who is an outstanding receiver and at least a passable blocker is hard to find, but when you get one he can be a weapon. This year's class of TEs appears weak and could be a continuing trend. One prospect who could fill the bill is **Michael Egnew** (Missouri). At one time he was a highly regarded prospect due to his size (6050, 252) and receiving skills. He did not have the year he had as a junior and did not show good strength as a blocker. His receiving skills are difficult to ignore as he has played slot, TE, X and Z along with some time as a backfield H-back type. He may slip from the elite status, but with teams needing a TE you might catch lightning in a bottle as he has solid receiving skills. On the other side of the ball, defending wide open 4 wide receiver offenses has seen some changes in the type of players used coming out on defense. There is a major emphasis on getting to the QB and having the kind of athlete on the edge of the defense who can rush the passer, contain the QB running, and control the perimeter run game. This is a tall order, but edge rushers are at a premium along with athletic LBs who can cover and blitz. To get more speed and athletic ability into the lineup, more teams are going to the 3-4 as a base or at least a supplemental defense. All 4-3 teams are looking for great athletes to play DE and will sacrifice size to find that guy. The 3-4 teams look for a bigger rush OLB who can rush the passer, play the run, and at least adequately drop in coverage. Every year there are the hybrid guys who could play OLB or DE depending on the team. This year there are a number of players in that mold that people are trying to figure where they fit. **Courtney Upshaw** (Alabama) projects as a pass rushing 3-4 OLB or 4-3 DE and should be a first round pick. He is physical and will play well over a TE, but his biggest asset is as an edge pass rusher. He is not a prototype DE size-wise but has shown good OLB tools. He shows great initial reaction and a burst in pursuit. He is physical shedding blocks and has excellent lateral movement. He has put on weight which may facilitate the move to DE. Either way, he has the tools to be an impact player. **Shea McClellin** (Boise State) worked mostly at LB at the Senior Bowl as his size seems to dictate a move to OLB in a 3-4. He performed adequately for a guy who was relatively new to the position. His biggest strength is rushing the passer as he was outstanding in that area with a great first step and explosiveness around the corner. He shows good moves and relentless effort working to the QB. I feel he could go either way in the NFL. At DE, teams that play the 4-3 will look at **Whitney Mercilus** (Illinois). He does not

have the bulk to be the consistent run stuffer but he will be drafted for his ability to rush the passer. He has an explosive first step with incredible speed off the edge. He will have to be accounted for in any protection scheme and has the ability to play havoc with a pass offense. His production on a so-so Illinois team was outstanding. A defensive lineman of note is **Quinton Coples** (North Carolina). He has all the tools to play a three technique, 3-4 DE or 4-3 left DE. He can play the run, rush the passer and chase. He can be physical and has the size, strength, and explosiveness to dominate. The problem is he does not always do that. He has a tendency to take a play off and does not always use good technique. He flashes everything you want in terms of quick hands, leverage and ability to come off a block. He can get up field and is disruptive on the line and in the backfield. He needs to be more consistent, but he will be drafted high. He has some unique tools. The linebacker position also has seen a plethora of smaller athletic LBs who are used in college 3-4 and 3-5 defenses. The big "thumper" type inside LB who can run is getting harder to find. The one who fits that mold is **Luke Kuechly** (Boston College). He is extremely productive and always around the ball. He has the size you want at MLB. At linebacker in this day and age, a premium is placed on athleticism, quickness and speed. While there is an emphasis on the edge rusher/OLB there is also a need for linebackers who can cover, change directions, and chase. If you can get some size and power it is a bonus. One player who was not that well known was **Demario Davis** (Arkansas State). He was an add-on at the Senior Bowl and had a great week of practice displaying everything you look for in a LB. He can play multiple LB positions, has decent size at 6020, 230 and a non-stop motor. He did play out of control at times and would get out of position, but his athletic ability and speed can't be ignored. He displays good cover skills both man and zone and has a burst in his reactions. Good change of direction with sideline to sideline range. He can be physical and can flat out run in pursuit. He is the type of guy who may never come off the field vs. today's offenses. In some ways he is the prototype of what you need to fill out your LB roster. He should be an outstanding special teams' player. While he may not be a high pick, he will be a high value pick in the mid-rounds. **Sean Spence** (Miami) is an undersized athletic LB who shows outstanding instincts, quickness, and agility. He has good range in pursuit and outstanding cover skills. He shows good read and react with good leverage taking on blocks and tackling. For a small player he is extremely explosive. Size is a limiting factor at 5113, but his ability and production are too good to ignore. At worst he can be an outstanding nickel or situational LB. **Lavonte David** (Nebraska) is in the same mold with a little more height. He also displays great technique and explosiveness and the ability to cover both man and zone. He is physical for his size and threw his body around playing with relentless effort. He also has excellent LB skills and tools but size limits him to that weakside position. He can be outstanding in a nickel package as his coverage skills make him a tremendous asset vs. the NFL passing game. Both Spence and David are not going to be first round picks but they will be good value picks in the third round. In today's football, having athletes like this is essential. **Nigel Bradham** (Florida State) and **Zach Brown** (North Carolina) are more conventional solid LB prospects who have decent size and quality overall skills. Neither is extremely physical but display what you look for in a 4-3 OLB. Both could possibly play in a 3-4 as well. Bradham does most things well and has decent instincts and for the most part takes good angles vs. the run and is a solid tackler. His coverage skills are good and he has good technique working vs. a block. He has some hesitancy at times but can be a solid prospect. Brown impressed me at the Senior Bowl practices with very good play vs. the run and pass. He has good instincts and is very quick to the hole. For the most part good read and react as he fits the hole. He also shows excellent range in pursuit and can be physical attacking blocks. At times he hesitates as he can get caught up on a block, but for the most part he is solid in this area. He displays prime time cover skills with good zone awareness and quick reactions on the throw. He has range in coverage and good closing speed. He can be a good fit for a variety of teams and I will not be surprised if he goes in the late first round. It is always interesting to see how different teams will project these athletes and where they will fit.

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 2012 Awards go to:

Quarterbacks

Cream of the Crop: **Andrew Luck** (Stanford)
Robert Griffin III (Baylor)
 Arm Strength: **Brandon Weeden** (Oklahoma State)
Kirk Cousins (Michigan State)
 Accuracy: **Robert Griffin III** (Baylor), **Andrew Luck** (Stanford)
 Touch: **Robert Griffin III** (Baylor), **Andrew Luck** (Stanford)
 Mobility: **Robert Griffin III** (Baylor), **Andrew Luck** (Stanford)
 Underappreciated: **Kellen Moore** (Boise State)
 Combine King: **Robert Griffin III** (Baylor)
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **BJ Coleman** (Tenn-Chattanooga)
 Free Agent Find: **Bo Levi Mitchell** (Eastern Washington)

Running Backs

Cream of the Crop: **Trent Richardson** (Alabama)
 Fastest: **Lamar Miller** (Miami)
 Hands: **Chris Polk** (Washington)
 Blocker: **Bradie Ewing** (Wisconsin), **Doug Martin** (Boise State)
 Moves: **LaMichael James** (Oregon)
 Power: **Trent Richardson** (Alabama)
 Toughest: **Trent Richardson** (Alabama), **Doug Martin** (Boise State)
 Underappreciated: **Ronnie Hillman** (San Diego State)
 Return Man: **LaMichael James** (Oregon)
 Combine King: **Chris Rainey** (Florida)
 Best All-Star Performance: **Michael Smith** (Utah State)
 Free Agent Find: **Michael Smith** (Utah State)

Wide Receivers

Cream of the Crop: **Justin Blackmon** (Oklahoma State)
 Hands: **Kendall Wright** (Baylor)
 Fastest: **Stephen Hill** (Georgia Tech)
 Routes: **Kendall Wright** (Baylor)
 Blocker: **Michael Floyd** (Notre Dame)
 Run After Catch: **Michael Floyd** (Notre Dame)
 Return Man: **Joe Adams** (Arkansas)
 Leaper: **Kashif Moore** (Connecticut)
 Underappreciated: **Wes Kemp** (Missouri)
 Combine King: **Chris Owusu** (Stanford)
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **Joe Adams** (Arkansas)
 Free Agent Find: **Dale Moss** (South Dakota State)
Keith Nichol (Michigan State)

Tight Ends

Cream of the Crop: **Coby Fleener** (Stanford)
 Hands: **Michael Egnew** (Missouri)
 Blocker: **George Bryan** (North Carolina State)
Kevin Koger (Michigan)
 Fastest: **James Hanna** (Oklahoma)
 Strongest: **Dwayne Allen** (Clemson)
 Underappreciated: **Michael Egnew** (Missouri)
 Combine King: **James Hanna** (Oklahoma)
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **George Bryan** (North Carolina State)
 Free Agent Find: **Anthony Miller** (California)

Offensive Line

Cream of the Crop: **David DeCastro** (Stanford), **Matt Kalil** (Southern Cal)
 Feet: **Matt Kalil** (Southern Cal)
 Pass Blocker: **Matt Kalil** (Southern Cal)
 Run Blocker: **David DeCastro** (Stanford)
 Strongest: **David Molk** (Michigan)
 Toughest: **Tony Bergstrom** (Utah)
 Underappreciated: **Quentin Saulsberry** (Mississippi State)
Jeff Allen (Illinois)
 Combine King: **Donald Stephenson** (Oklahoma), **Matt Kalil** (Southern Cal)
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **Jeff Allen** (Illinois)
 Free Agent Find: **Al Netter** (Northwestern)

Defensive Line

Cream of the Crop: **Fletcher Cox** (Mississippi State)
 Run Stopper: **Fletcher Cox** (Mississippi State)
 Pass Rusher: **Whitney Mercilus** (Illinois)
 Fastest: **Nick Perry** (Southern Cal)
 Strongest: **Dontari Poe** (Memphis)
 Toughest: **Alameda Ta'amu** (Washington)
 Underappreciated: **Mike Daniels** (Iowa)
 Combine King: **Mike Martin** (Michigan)
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **Vinny Curry** (Marshall)
Alameda Ta'amu (Washington)
 Free Agent Find: **Drew Nowak** (Western Michigan)
Delano Johnson (Bowie State)

Linebackers

Cream of the Crop: **Luke Kuechly** (Boston College)
 Run Defender: **Luke Kuechly** (Boston College), **Lavonte David** (Nebraska)
 Pass Coverage: **Zach Brown** (North Carolina)
 Pass Rusher: **Vinny Curry** (OB/DE) (Marshall), **Andre Branch** (Clemson)
 Fastest: **Bruce Irvin** (West Virginia)
 Strongest: **Ronnell Lewis** (Oklahoma)
 Toughest: **Courtney Upshaw** (Alabama)
 Underappreciated: **Sammy Brown** (Houston)
 Combine King: **Luke Kuechly** (Boston College)
Mychal Kendricks (California)
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **Bobby Wagner** (Utah State)
 Free Agent Find: **Dexter Heyman** (Louisville)

Defensive Backs

Cream of the Crop: **Morris Claiborne** (LSU), **Mark Barron** (Alabama)
 Coverage: **Morris Claiborne** (LSU)
 Toughest: **Mark Barron** (Alabama)
 Fastest: **Josh Robinson** (Central Florida)
 Playmaker: **Casey Hayward** (Vanderbilt)
 Return Man: **Brandon Boykin** (Georgia)
 Leaper: **Justin Bethel** (Presbyterian)
 Underappreciated: **Charles Mitchell** (Mississippi State)
Antonio Allen (South Carolina)
 Combine King: **Josh Robinson** (Central Florida)
 Best All-Star Bowl Performance: **Antonio Allen** (South Carolina)
 Free Agent Find: **Jerrell Young** (South Florida)

Place Kickers

Cream of the Crop: **Greg Zuerlein** (Missouri Western)
 Free Agent Find: **Greg Zuerlein** (Missouri Western)

Punters

Cream of the Crop: **Bryan Anger** (California)
 Free Agent Find: **Kyle Martens** (Rice)

Special Teams

Best Long Snapper: **Josh Harris** (Auburn)