NFL Draft 2016 Review Online Book
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NFL Draft 2016 Poll - Which Team had the best 2016 NFL Draft class?
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Titans 14%	Vikings 9%
Browns 12%	Bills 9%
Jaguars 12%	49ers 9%
Bengals 11%	Saints 8%
Ravens 10%	Texans 8%
Giants 10%	Bears 8%

NFL Draft Facts

As expected, Ohio St dominated the draft class with a record 10 players taken in the first three rounds. That included five of the first 20 overall selections including two of the first 4 players selected this year - DE Joey Bosa to San Diego and RB Zeke Elliott to Dallas with the 3rd and 4th overall choices. Overall, the Buckeyes had 12 players selected over the three-day event. It was a couple of picks fewer than the Buckeyes' record draft of 14 in 2004. Ohio State was followed by Clemson which had 9 players and UCLA with 8. Notre Dame, Alabama and Florida had 7 prospects each with Baylor right behind them with 6 picks. Arkansas, Georgia, LSU, Penn St, Michigan St, Mississippi, Stanford, Texas Christian and West Virginia had 5 players each selected.

The SEC once again led all conferences with 51 players selected despite Ohio State's impressive huge group. The Big Ten made it close with 47 players chosen, a big increase for the NFL Draft 2015. The big two conferences dominated the overall draft scene. The Pac-12 finished third with 32 picks, though 9 of them came in the final round. The ACC had 26 players selected a huge drop from the prior two NFL Draft classes. The Big 12 also had 26 draft choices while the American Athletic Conference and C-USA tied for the most among non-Power 5 leagues with 10 picks each. The Mountain West had 9 players with the MAC 6 and the Sun Belt 3. The major Independents were lead once again by Notre Dame with 7 prospects selected.

The major FBS schools dominated the overall draft with 90% of all players selected from former D1A programs with the Power 5 Conferences plus Notre Dame accounting for 75% of all selections. At the same time, though, the lower levels made an impact with 25 players chosen from the lower divisions including #2 overall choice QB Carson Wentz. The small college breakdown includes 21 from FCS schools, 2 from DII programs and 2 from international programs. Wentz was the highest non-D1A player drafted since Dallas selected DE Ed 'Too Tall' Jones with the #1 pick overall 4 years ago in the NFL Draft 1974. Two other non-FBS players LB/DE Noah Spence was selected with the 39th pick and Samford DB James Bradberry was taken 62nd overall totaling three prospects selected within the first three rounds.

The group of underclassmen who declared for the NFL Draft this year had the usual impact especially in the early rounds. They dominated the early rounds with 8 of the top 10 picks and 21 of the 31 first round selections taken. Over the seven rounds, 77 of the 107 declared underclassmen were selected. Unfortunately, there were 30 declared underclassmen who were not selected among the 253 draft choices. That includes even Ohio St which led all schools with 12 players overall selected with junior FS Tyvis Powell and sophomore WR Jalin Marshall on the open market at the conclusion of the seven rounds. Several highly regard junior receivers were passed on through the process and indicative of the weak postseason numbers posted by that position. Wideouts, Rogers Lewis of Bowling Green, Bralon Addison and Byron Marshall of Oregon, De'Runnya Wilson of Mississippi State, Cayleb Jones of Arizona and Tennessee's Marquez North all failed to hear their name called. Other underclassmen available in the free market included OL Arkansas Denver Kirkland, LB Oklahoma Dominique Alexander and DTs USC Antwaun Woods and Indiana DT Darius Latham. Many of the huge number of other underclassmen went much later than anticipated including CB Mackensie Alexander of Clemson, DT A'Shawn Robinson of Alabama, DT Andrew Billings of Baylor, SS Jayron Kearse of Clemson, DB Jalen Mills of LSU and MLB Scooby Wright of Arizona.

Players Chosen by Conference

SEC: 51	CUSA: 10
Big Ten: 47	AAC: 10
Pac 12: 32	MWC: 9
ACC: 26	Notre Dame 7
Big12: 26	MAC: 6

National Conference
Arizona Cardinals - *14-4 - Head Coach Bruce Arians - 4th Year*

The Cardinals focused on their secondary and offensive line in this draft class after drafting DL Robert Nkemdiche in the first round. Nkemdiche is a versatile talented lineman who fits the end five technique role here. He is highly talented athlete who was an underachiever in college after being the top HS prospect in the nation as a recruit. He is a risky selection after a hot and cold career, but was considered a marginal top ten talent entering the 2015 season. He figures in their line rotation immediately if he produces in the preseason and is similar to former Cardinal Darnell Dockett. They addressed their secondary with the addition of raw corner Brandon Williams, a running back conversion. Williams possesses elite speed and fine size and agility to develop into a starting corner, but a risky top 100 selection who needs time to learn the finer points of the position. He should excel as a gunner and possible returner. On the 4th and 5th rounds, they added OL Evan Boehm and Cole Toner. Boehm will press for the starting center job in camp and could the role outright with a good showing. Toner is a developmental tackle/guard who must win a roster spot, but has the tools to warrant a long look here. On the 5th and 7th rounds, they added defensive backs, safety Marqui Christian and corner Harlan Miller. Christian is an in the box smasher who needs development in his coverage skills. He carries an early starting grade on special teams' coverage units. Miller is a talented corner who was fine value here and possibly could surprise in camp and earn time in the package defenses. He also has return skills that will allow him to compete for the punt return role. The Cards are impressed with his size and instincts for their scheme. He was excellent value at the 205th overall selection.

> **2016 Rookie Draft Class**
> Round 1: (29) Robert Nkemdiche, DT - Ole Miss
> Round 3: (92) Brandon Williams, CB - Texas A&M
> Round 4: (128) Evan Boehm, C - Missouri
> Round 5: (167) Marqui Christian, SS - Midwestern St.
> (170) Cole Toner, OT - Harvard
> Round 6: (205) Harlan Miller, CB - SE Louisiana

Grade: C-

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Cards biggest offseason acquisition was veteran DE/LB Chandler Jones in a trade with the Pats prior to the NFL Draft for their #2 pick and OG Jon Cooper. Jones can provide impact off the edge that was only average last fall. They also added veteran OG Evan Mathis, a tough hard-nosed blocker who can provide stability on the inside. He was a good signing. They lost veteran starters, safety Rashad Johnson, OT Bobby Massie, OG Ted Larsen and CB Jerraud Powers. Rookie UDFA, have the best chance to impress in camp. Hakeem Valles TE Monmouth, Jake Coker QB Alabama, Jared Baker RB Arizona, Clay Debord OT Eastern Washington, Amir Carlisle WR Notre Dame, Bobo Beathard WR Appalachian St, Chris King WR Duquesne, Ronald Zamort CB Western Michigan, Mattias Farley S Notre Dame, Lamar Louis ILB LSU, Givens Pierce OT Nebraska, Trevon Hatfield CB SW Missouri St, Chris Hubert WR/KR/PR Fayetteville St, Artie Rowell OC Pittsburgh, Brian

Berzanski OL Central Missouri, Garrett Swanson P Fresno St and Kameron Canaday LS Portland St,. OT Debord and WR Amir Carlisle can help this offense and are strong PS candidates if they do not make the final roster.
Training Camp Objectives: The Cards look to repeat in the NFC West under HC Bruce Arians after a strong 14-4 season that ended with a blowout in their NFC title loss. They look to veteran QB Carson Palmer to continue his hot hand to help them take the next step. Palmer relies on LT Jared Veldheer and new FA guard Evan Mathis to protect him. They will look to young RB David Johnson to take a big step up as their feature back after an impressive rookie season. Their improving underrated defense added vet edge rusher Chandler Jones who they hope provides impact in passing situations. Jones may get help from top pick Robert Nkemdiche who can provide an interior penetrator in passing situations. The Cards will revamp their secondary with a few key new starters. The secondary depends on shutdown corner Patrick Peterson to set the pace. Former top pick, backer/safety Deone Buccanon is a tough run stuffer and provide leadership. The healthy return of defender Tyrann Mathieu can be the difference to form a talented group. Mathieu is recovering from his second ACL injury and provides impact and leadership when healthy. The Cardinals are one of the favorites in the NFC with the roster to take the next step. They need the defensive to make more big plays and keep Carson Palmer healthy to beat the upper echelon on clubs. Super Bowl bound team.

Atlanta Falcons - *8-8 - Head Coach Dan Quinn - 2nd Year*

The Falcons made a surprising move with the selection of safety Keanu Neal with the 17th overall selection. They addressed the defense with three of their first four picks with an emphasis on speed. Neal is a tough instinctive safety who finishes and shows adequate coverage skills. On the 2nd round, they added linebacker Deion Jones, a fast hitter who came on strong over the 2015 season. He figures to press for immediate time and is a three

> **2016 Rookie Draft Class**
> Round 1: (#17) Keanu Neal, SS - Florida
> Round 2: (52) Deion Jones, OLB - LSU
> Round 3: (81) Austin Hooper, TE - Stanford
> Round 4: (115) De'Vondre Campbell, OLB - Minnesota
> Round 6: (195) Wes Schweitzer, OG - San Jose St.
> Round 7: (238) Devin Fuller, WR - UCLA

down defender with speed and hitting power. They traded back two spots in the round and see him as a boost for the back seven that struggled through a poor 2015 performance. He was a fine addition. On the 3rd round, they quickly selected TE Austin Hooper, a highly developed receiver they hope fills a huge void since the retirement of Tony Gonzalez. He gives QB Matt Ryan a much needed playmaker in the middle especially the red zone. He will compete for the starting job and could earn it outright with a good preseason. He was fine value at the 81st overall pick. On the 4th round, they needed LB De'Vondre Campbell, a fast developing outside defender. He has growth potential and fine speed and instincts to surprise here. He carries a starting grade in time and was outstanding value on the 3rd day. He could excel on coverage units and was one of the better late selections in the entire draft. In the 6nd round, they addressed their offensive line with the addition of guard Wes Schweitzer, a huge lineman with the skills to move and play inside. He is a road grader who needs technique development and some time, but has the makeup to press for an inside role with experience. On the 7th round, they chose wideout Devin Fuller, a fast raw receiver. His athleticism and speed moved him into the top 250 selections. He was a good late gamble in this draft with definite upside if he has a good preseason. He has the talent to push for time in three and four wideout sets with the talent to surprise if he shows critical development over time.   ***Grade: C***
Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Falcons focused mainly on their new 3-4 defense and the offensive line in FA. They added center Alex Mack and wideout Mohamed Sanu, in addition to LBers Courtney Upshaw and Sean Weatherspoon. OC Mack hopes to provide leadership and stability in the pivot while WR Sanu hopes to provide a fine compliment opposite Julio Jones in replacement of Roddy White. LBers Upshaw and Washington give HC Dan Quinn reliable veterans on an improved unit that hopes to take another step up this fall. They added average rookie UDFAs this year with De'Andre Mann RB Kansas, Nick Rose K Texas, Will Ratelle LB NDSU, Brian Poole DB Florida, Ivan McClennan DE/LB Washington St, Jordan Walsh OL Iowa, Adam Cox FB Iowa, William McGehee OL Arizona St, Joshua Perkins TE Washington, J.D. McKissic WR Arkansas St., Daje Johnson WR Texas, David Richards WR Arizona, Chris Mayes DT Georgia, Trevor Williams CB Penn St, Cory Johnson DL Kentucky, Josh Dawson DE Georgia, Owen Williams DE Tennessee and Tarris Batiste DB Georgia St.
Training Camp Objectives: The Falcons hope to build on their .500 season last year under HC Dan Quinn. QB Matt Ryan needs to reduce his mistakes especially in big games. An improved ground game can be the catalyst to make a difference here. Young runner Devonta Freeman is a dual threat, but needs help from Tevin Coleman to share the load. They look for offensive line to improve further with FA signee center Alex Mack joining OT Jake Matthews to provide an immediate upgrade. They parted ways with veteran wideout Roddy White who was an excellent complement to star receiver Julio Jones. They look to new FA addition Mohamed Sanu to give them a versatile

playmaker. The Falcons defense made some improvement last season, though more is needed to return to playoff levels. They hope new additions, LB Courtney Upshaw and rookie Deion Jones plus the return of Sean Weatherspoon give assistance to talented Vic Beasley. The secondary looks for further improvement from top pick, safety Keanu Neal who can be an enforcer here. This club is at the crossroads to a return to contention if they protect Matt Ryan and run the ball better and the defense makes quick improvement with the additions of new young talent. This club may be a season away from returning to the playoffs.

Carolina Panthers – *17-2 - Head Coach Ron Rivera - 6th Year*

The Panthers held the #30th overall pick this spring and retained it to select DT Vernon Butler, a big mobile physical tackle. He provides defensive-line depth behind starters Star Lotulelei and Kawann Short. Both were entering their final season contract, though Short signed a huge long term agreement by mini-camp. Butler gives them an early starter to groom in a three-man rotation for 2016. He was a slight reach here, though GM

| *2016 Rookie Draft Class* |
| Round 1: (#30) Vernon Butler, DT - Louisiana Tech |
| Round 2: (62) James Bradberry, CB - Samford |
| Round 3: (77) Daryl Worley, CB - West Virginia |
| Round 5: (141) Zack Sanchez, CB - Oklahoma |
| Round 7: (252) Beau Sandland, TE - Montana St |

Dave Gettleman was preparing for at least one to leave next offseason. With their next three selections, they chose corners James Bradberry, Daryl Worley and Zack Sanchez. They surprisingly released talented Pro Bowl corner Josh Norman from his non-exclusive franchise prior to the draft. It created a huge need on the corner that immediately addressed in the draft. Bradberry is a big athlete with the triangle numbers clubs covet in a starting corner. He was a highly productive small college talent who will press for time in the package coverage sets. He should be an immediate factor on special teams especially as a gunner. CB Worley is a developed defender with good ball instincts to play early and possibly push for a starting role. CB Sanchez is a quick cover man with top instincts to compete for the nickel corner role. He graded out high weekly and could claim the starting nickel role with a good preseason. That may be his niche in the NFL and a quality addition here.

On the 7th round, they added TE Beau Sandland, a mobile strong prospect with the talent to be a huge surprise. He has the athletic package to play early in the NFL, though his level of development as a route runner is questionable. He can develop into a complete prospect, but should earn a key backup role and be a factor in the red zone.   *Grade: C*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Panthers took loses with the retirement of DE Jared Allen and the release of Pro Bowl corner Josh Norman. They hope compensates for those losses. They made only a few stopgap additions with the signing of CB Brandon Boykin a few additions for their battered secondary. They added solid rookie UDFAs in who could win roster spots at pressing positions with a good showing in camp. Jared Norris ILB Utah, Devon Johnson RB Marshall, Kayarris Garrett WR Tulsa, Jensen Stoshak WR Florida Atlantic, Andrew Bonnet FB North Dakota St. and Jeremy Cash S Duke. Safety Cash was an excellent signing and a kid that has starting talent. WR Garrett is a big athlete who can win a possession receiver role and was a fine addition. RB Johnson must prove healthy, but if right he can win a roster spot and be a fine short yardage back with some versatility.

Training Camp Objectives: The Panthers have won three consecutive NFC South titles with young vet QB Cam Newton the main catalyst. The Super Bowl loss tarnished a terrific 17-2 season. Newton looks to direct a balanced attack that relies on runner Jon Stewart to carry the load. They need the line to maintain their 2015 level with LT Michael Oher a key performer. The receiving corps gets top pick receiver Kelvin Benjamin back after missing last season with an ACL injury. TE Greg Olsen is still among the best in the game. The Panthers' front four interior ranks among the best in the league and the LB unit is led by Pro Bowlers Luke Kuechly and Thomas Davis and young Shaq Thompson. The secondary will have three new starters and needs the young corners Bradberry, Worley and Sanchez to step in and play well. This unit needs to mesh quickly to be effective, though they will benefit from a talented front seven. This club will be hard pressed to repeat last season's record, though has the key components to repeat with one of the premier passers in the game in Cam Newton. With issues on the offensive line, wide receiver and secondary, in addition to a tougher schedule, they may struggle at times. They are still the team to beat in the NFC South and one of the better clubs in the conference pursuing the Super Bowl title.

Chicago Bears - *6-10 - Head Coach John Fox - 2nd Year*

The Bears used six of their nine picks this year on defensive prospects. They were aggressive and moved up in the first round to select LB Leonard Floyd, ahead of the Giants. Floyd is a fast developing backer with big play ability as a scheme diverse starter. He is a three down early starter and capable of being an impact player here. On the 2nd round, they chose OL Cody Whitehair, an agile tough blocker man who moves inside to guard and projects

to a starting job entering camp. He was excellent value here and should win a starting role with a solid preseason. He is highly developed and battle tested and is a fine addition to stabilize a shaky unit. In the 3rd round, they were surprised to see Jon Bullard still available. He is a quick tweener lineman with experience both inside and outside and best in a three technique role. May move outside to a five technique spot in a 3-4 set. In the 4th round, they added LB Nick Kwiatkoski, safety Deon Bush and corner Deiondre' Hall.

> **2016 Rookie Draft Class**
> Round 1: (#9) Leonard Floyd, OLB - Georgia
> Round 2: (56) Cody Whitehair, OG - Kansas St
> Round 3: (72) Jonathan Bullard, DT - Florida
> Round 4: (113) Nick Kwiatkoski, ILB - West Virginia
>   (124) Deon Bush, S - Miami
>   (127) Deiondre' Hall, CB - Northern Iowa
> Round 5: (150) Jordan Howard, RB - Indiana
> Round 6: (185) DeAndre Houston-Carson, FS - William&Mary
> Round 7: (230) Daniel Braverman, WR - Western Michigan

LB Kwiatkoski is a mobile defender with good instincts and the ability to attack the ball. He must show he get off big blockers in the NFL, but he a quality addition and a player who can start in time and be an immediate factor on coverage units. Safety Deion Bush is defender who hits a ton and shows good ball instincts. He gives their defense an enforcer in the secondary at a position that has been addressed annually over recent years with marginal success. DB Deiondre' Hall is a big versatile defender who fits a cover role or safety spot. He will compete for a role in the package defenses in camp and could win a spot with a good performance. He has the makeup to be a quality gunner on special teams and was good late value. With their #5 pick, they added running back Jordan Howard, a physical thumper who can be a workhorse runner. He gives this attack a critical physical presence for late in the game and in cold weather. He could see ample time this season at a pressing need position.

On the 6th round, they added safety DeAndre Houston-Carson, a big versatile defender with good ball skills and the ability to matchup in coverage. He figures to earn time in their nickel package early in his career with a starting grade in time. He was excellent value here and could be a huge surprise in time. He also fits a cover two corner role or free safety. He should earn time in the nickel and dime package where his versatility and instincts makes him a valuable addition with interesting upside in this secondary. On the 7th round, they selected WR Daniel Braverman, a quick sure handed receiver who runs sound routes and gets open. He is capable of surprising here and win a roster spot. He figures to compete for both the slot receiver and returner roles.   ***Grade: B+***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bears were aggressive in the veteran FA market and added LB Danny Trevathan who they hope follows the Chicago middle backer legacy. They also added RT Bobby Massie, LB Jerrell Freeman, DT Akiem Hicks and safety Omar Bolden, all of who are expected to play key roles at pressing areas. They lost veteran starters, TE Martellius Bennett, OT Jermon Busrod, OG Vladimir Ducasse and DT Jarvis Jenkins, most of them replaced this offseason. They added a good group of rookie UDFAs who can surprise and make this roster or PS. Joe Sommers TE Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Roy Robertson-Harris DE UTEP, Dan Buchholz OG Duquesne, John Kling OT Buffalo, Ben Braunecker TE Harvard, Taveze Calhoun DB Mississippi St, Don Cherry LB Villanova, Nate Meier DE Iowa, Derek Keaton WR/KR Georgia Southern, Kevin Peterson CB OK St, Mark Sewall SS Indiana St, and Alex Hansen DE Air Force. LB Robertson-Harris can surprise with some development, though he needs time and technique. CB Calhoun is a tough cover two defender who can make this roster and surprise over time. LB Cherry is a savvy defender who can impress on coverage units and make this team.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bears will look for a breakout season after an impressive postseason in both the FA market and the NFL Draft. Veteran QB Jay Cutler will still direct this offense and looks for the return of former top pick Kevin White to provide impact in the passing game. White missed his entire rookie season and provides a much needed deep threat that Cutler needs to step up. They will benefit from a line that took nice strides last season and added top guard Cody Whitehair. Veteran receiver Alshon Jeffery will benefit from White's presence, but needs to prove he is fully recovered from injuries. The loss of veteran runner Matt Forte was a major blow and the running back by committee will be fully tested with young vet Jeremy Langford the main performer. The defense was the main focus in both FA and the NFL Draft. The selection of LB Leonard Floyd with their #1 pick and the signing of LBers Danny Trevathan and Jerrell Freeman were key changes on this front seven. Trevathan is the anchor here while rookie Floyd hopes to provide impact off the edge on an aggressive unit. The young secondary looks to safety Amos and corner Fuller to step up with rookies Bush and Hall expected to see action in package defenses. The Bears have not made the playoffs since the 2010 season with only one year over .500. Both sides of the ball need to improve with the revamped defense critical for any long term recovery. Their average front four and secondary will be vital for any development. The offense needs Cutler to be the leader here with young playmaker White vital to any overall process. The Bears face a telltale season with several key young veterans needing strong performances.

Dallas Cowboys - 4-12 - Head Coach Jason Garrett - 6th Year

The Cowboys drafted running back Ezekiel Elliott in the first round after both top QBs went off the board with the first two selections. Elliott is a terrific fit here and capable of being the biggest impact rookie in the entire class. He is a complete back and highly developed to step in immediately. With starting veteran Darren McFadden out with a dislocated elbow, Elliott gets a chance this preseason to claim the job and never look back. He gives this offense an impact runner that can lengthen Tony Romo's career with a more balanced attack. He has the makings of an instant star in Dallas and a

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#4) Ezekiel Elliott, RB - Ohio St
Round 2: (34) Jaylon Smith, OLB - Notre Dame
Round 3: (67) Maliek Collins, DT - LSU
Round 4: (101) Charles Tapper, DE - Oklahoma
(135) Dak Prescott, QB - Miss St.
Round 6: (189) Anthony Brown, CB - Purdue
(212) Kavon Frazier, SS - Central Michigan
(216) Darius Jackson, RB - Eastern Michigan
(217) Rico Gathers, TE - Baylor

great selection. On the 2nd round, they choose LB Jaylon Smith, a blue chip defender coming off a major late knee injury that cost him a top five selection and probably his rookie season. He should compete for early starting time when healthy and has impact ability to be a game changer here. He may have ranked with the top two or three prospects in this class if healthy and able to participate in the postseason workouts. He can become a cornerstone defender here and a difference maker in time, though he probably needs another year to fully recover from his knee surgery. He was an excellent gamble here and capable of paying huge dividends over time.

On the 3rd round, they drafted DT Maliek Collins, a versatile physical lineman. He was a reach this early and chosen over a few DL that were higher rated, both interior and outside prospects like Bullard, Kaufusi and Washington. Collins was injured in mini-camp and lost for the 2015 season that leaves a huge gap at the under tackle spot. They were hawk the free agent market and waiver cuts for a stop-gap defender. They chose DE Charles Tapper on the 4th round, a productive athletic edge rusher with some inconsistencies. He was a fine addition here and value this late. He has the frame to add weight and figures to be a situational rush end and see time early in the package defenses. With their other 4th round pick, they drafted QB Dak Prescott, a savvy veteran passer who they hope steps up and earns the #2 role in time. He lacks size and needs to be quick in the pocket to create passing lanes. He was good value here and has an NFL arm to press for time and settle into the offense. They hope he can be Tony Romo's heir apparent in a few seasons. Good third day addition.

With their four 6h round picks, they chose defensive players CB Anthony Brown and Kavon Frazier and runner Darius Jackson and TE Rico Gathers. Brown is a fast athlete who tackles well and should be a fine addition to their changing secondary. He was good late value and should become a very serviceable cover man in their dime package. He has the size, speed and tackling ability to win the gunner role. Safety Frazier is a physical defender who flies to the ball and finishes well. He is a quick active defender who addresses a need position. He runs well and should be a key addition to their coverage units that probably warrants him a roster spot. Runner Jackson is a tough inside runner who can impress in the preseason and take advantage of some openings and injuries in the backfield. TE Gathers is a big raw athlete with a basketball background. He has intriguing potential but very raw as a football player. He has the body to become a complete performer. He shows natural hands and body control with the speed to run the middle seam. He may need a season on the practice squad to learn the game. He can win a roster spot with a good training camp and is a tough kid with talent to fill a few key roles and surprise over time.   *Grade: B*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Cowboys made few moves in FA with little room under the salary cap. They made a good signing of RB Alfred Morris and DT Cedric Thornton. They suffered no significant losses though they show little depth throughout their roster. They signed an average rookie UDFAs class with having the best chance to make this roster. Rodney Coe DT Akron, David Hedelin OT Purdue, Boston Stiverson OL Kansas St, Chris Brown WR Notre Dame, Andy Jones WR Jacksonville U and Ed Eagan WR Northwestern St., Austin Traylor TE Michigan, Jake Brendel OL UCLA, Ryan Mack OT Memphis, Arjen Colquhoun CB Michigan St. Jeremiah McKinnon CB FIU and Caleb Azubike DE Vanderbilt. Both wideouts Brown and Eagan have a chance to slick here.

Training Camp Objectives: Cowboys try to regroup off a terrible season that saw QB Tony Romo go down with an injury within the first month. They also lost start wideout at midseason that also contributed to their poor offensive performance. Romo returns and looks to rookie top pick Ezekiel Elliott to provide impact to their ground game to balance this attack. He can be a difference maker here to elevate this attack. Bryant gives them the #1 wideout to keep a defense occupied while ageless TE Jason Witten is still among the top performers. They continue to be the most over hyped club in the league. Romo benefits behind one of the premier lines in the game. The defense continues to struggle and makes few big plays to change a game. Their front line faces more early season suspensions DEs

DeMarcus Lawrence and Randy Gregory and LB Rolando McClain. The addition of DT Cedric Thornton will help, though the unit produces few impact plays with minimal playmakers on the roster. Mike man Sean Lee is coming off his best season and needs to repeat to provide leadership here. The Boys will rely on an expected high powered offense to overcome an ordinary defense that may get worse before it gets better. Young back Elliott could carry this club further than their talent with a playoff berth possible if the prime players stay healthy.

Detroit Lions - 7-9 - Head Coach Jim Caldwell - 3rd Year

The Lions had a very strong draft class that may be their best in years. They addressed their top needs well through the early rounds and had a solid class that filled a few key problem areas. With the 16th overall selection, they choose OT Taylor Decker, a big mobile tackle with a rookie starting grade. He can play both tackle spots, though projects best to right side especially early in his career. He is an explosive blocker with fine size and functional power. He is a developed technician who can start day one and perform at a high level. This was a fine addition in the mid round and a lineman with fine durability and intangibles to be a fixture on

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#16) Taylor Decker, OT - Ohio St.
Round 2: (46) A'Shawn Robinson, DT - Alabama
Round 3: (95) Graham Glasgow, C - Michigan
Round 4: (111) Miles Killebrew, SS - Southern Utah
Round 5: (151) Joe Dahl, OG - Washington St.
(169) Antwione Williams, LB - Georgia Southern
Round 6: (191) Jake Rudock, QB - Michigan
(202) Anthony Zettel, DT - Penn St.
(210) Jimmy Landes, LS - Baylor
Round 7: (236) Dwayne Washington, RB - Washington

this front wall. On the 2nd round, they chose DL A'Shawn Robinson, an active versatile lineman with the skills to be a three down starter. He has the development to step in immediately and play as a situational defender and get 30-40 snaps a game. He can hold the point in run defense, in addition to being an explosive pass rusher as a bull rusher. He is best in the three technique role, though also projects well to the five technique spot. He was a very solid addition and fine value on the 2nd day.

With their #3 selection, they added guard/center Graham Glasgow, a tall agile pivotman who grades out well in both run and pass blocking. He can also slide over to guard and figures to press for starting early in his career. He was excellent value here and a solid addition with early starting talent. On the 4th round, they chose safety Miles Killebrew, a very physical defender who projects to the strongside position. He is not fully developed in coverage and needs to develop in that area before challenging for a starting role. He is a very tough savvy defender with good instincts and tackling ability to be a force on coverage units. quickness to matchup with slot receivers. On the 5th round, they added OL Joe Dahl and LB Antwione Williams. Dahl projects to guard where he played earlier in his career prior to moving to left tackle. He had a strong postseason especially at the Senior Bowl and it is surprising that he lasted until the 151st selection. He has the talent to push for a starting role inside, but needs some time to develop his technique especially pulling and traps. He was an excellent addition here. LB Williams is a big mobile defender with further upside potential. He is a physical run stuffer and capable of filling a role on coverage units. He is raw in pass coverage and needs to settle into a position either Mike or Sam and refine his skills. He needs critical time to develop, but has interesting skills for the position. With their three 6th round picks, they chose QB Jake Rudock, DL Anthony Zettel and LS Jimmy Landes. Rudock had a fine 2015 season that earned him postseason invitations that helped his cause. He has the intangibles to stick around and settle into a system. He can win the #3 role or earn a practice squad spot to refine his tools. His selection over Jeff Driskel, Brandon Allen and Brandon Doughty was hometown nepotism. DL Zettel was a solid addition and a versatile prospect who can play in their line rotation. He figures in a strong side five technique position though can be effective inside. He has talent with some development and was fine value here with good footwork to play in a line rotation as a rookie. LS Landes is the best snapper in this class and figures to win the role this preseason. On the 7th round, they chose runner Dwayne Washington, a big physical back who must impress in camp after an injury riddled career. He can press for time in this backfield and surprise in time. He could earn time his short yardage situations and surprise here. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Lions signed starting receiver Marvin Jones, a solid addition here opposite Golden Tate. He hopes to lessen the loss of premier receiver Calvin Johnson. He is their biggest loss since last season. Most additions and losses were marginal starters. They signed a weak group of rookie FA, have the talent to surprise. Jay Lee WR Baylor, Jace Billingsley WR Eastern Oregon, Quinshad Davis WR North Carolina, Simms McElfresh WR Appalachian St, Cole Wick TE Incarnate Word, Andrew Zeller OL Maryland, Adam Fuehne TE Southern Illinois, Chase Farris OL Ohio St, Deonte Gibson DE Northwestern, James DeLoach DT Georgia, Ian Wells CB Ohio, Charles Washington CB Fresno St and Adairius Barnes CB Louisiana Tech. OG Farris is a gem

who can pay huge dividends with development. WR Lee can make this squad and push for time in multiple sets in time. TE Fuehne is a raw prospect with the skill set to surprise with further time at the position.

Training Camp Objectives: The Lions hope to continue their strong second half finish last season that raises hope in the balanced NFC North. Veteran QB Matthew Stafford was very impressive late last fall, though he will be without star wideout Calvin Johnson in 2016. The rushing attack needs to improve with young Ameer Abdullah the primary weapon. Veteran wideout Golden Tate and former top pick TE Eric Ebron will have to step up in the absence of Johnson. New FA wideout Marvin Jones is a good addition as a #2 receiver. Their maligned defense needs improvement throughout to ever take this club to the postseason. Young DEs Ziggy Ansah and Devin Taylor are critical defenders for any improvement. Their young secondary made few big plays and relies on young corner Darius Slay to stabilize a unit that has annually been among the worst coverage corps in the league. The Lions have several key questions to answer before they make a run at the playoffs. QB Stafford must continue to prove himself as a late game winner and the line must improve for the ground game. The defense shows progress, but needs to provide more big plays for this unit to answer questions positively to challenge for the playoffs.

Green Bay Packers - *11-7* - *Head Coach Mike McCarthy - 11th Year*

The Packers' GM Ted Thompson as usual addressed their biggest needs with their early selections. He landed DT Kenny Clark in the first round, an agile defender with good range and tackling skills. He should compete for a starting job immediately along a line that has been very average in recent seasons. He is a three down defender who can play early in all the package defenses. With their 2nd round selection, they drafted OT Jason Spriggs, a tall agile tackle who comes from a pro-style offense. He graded out high in the Big Ten and had

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#27) Kenny Clark, DT - UCLA
Round 2: (48) Jason Spriggs, T - Indiana
Round 3: (88) Kyler Fackrell, LB - Utah St.
Round 4: (131) Blake Martinez, LB - Stanford
(137) Dean Lowry, DE - Northwestern
Round 5: (163) Trevor Davis, WR - Cal
Round 6: (200) Kyle Murphy, T - Stanford

a strong Senior Bowl week. He has the skill set and development to start early at either tackle or possibly guard. He was excellent value here. With their 3rd round selection, they chose LB Kyler Fackrell, a tall rangy quick backer with natural pass rushing skills. He penetrates well and uses his long arms to separate that probably earns him time in the package defenses where he can be an effective pass rusher. He was a solid addition here.

On the 4th round, they chose defenders LB Blake Martinez and Dean Lowry. Martinez is a savvy backer who gets to the ball and finishes consistently. He lacks imposing skills and big play ability, but he is a tough productive backer who will find a way to make this team and possibly start in time. He will be an immediate factor on coverage units that earns him time. Lowry was excellent value at the 137th selection. He has a fine size and intangibles. He lacks the great first step, though he can pressure the pocket and stack vs the run. He brings much needed pass rushing talent to this front. He needs additional moves but has a nice level of development to help now. He could be one of the steals of this draft class and was outstanding value here. With their 5th round pick, they chose wideout Trevor Davis, a raw sure handed speed weapon. He needs work on his routes and must get stronger, though he can be a factor in multiple sets. He was an outstanding gamble here and can pay huge dividends for the Packers. With their 6th round pick, they added OT Kyle Murphy, a big versatile athlete who needs time to learn the finer points of play. He needs time to adjust to the pro game and needs to show more power as a drive blocker and better adjustment skills in pass protection. He was a good value in the last round.

Grade: C+

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Packers made only one significant FA addition with the signing of veteran TE Jared Cook. He provides a receiver who can stretch the seam and give QB Aaron Rodgers a missing vertical threat. They lost veteran DT BJ Raji, DL/LB Mike Neal, CB Casey Hayward and wideout James Jones which left a void along their defensive line which they addressed twice in the draft. Their rookie free agent class added Savon Huggins RB Northern Iowa, Dom Jackson RB Nevada, Geronimo Allison WR Illinois, Devonte Robinson WR Utah St, Brandon Burks RB Troy, Marteze Waller RB Fresno St., Kyle Steuk OL Northern Michigan, Joe Callahan, QB, Wesley, Cory Tucker OG Slippery Rock, Brian Price DT UTSA, Reggie Gilbert DE Arizona, Josh Hawkins CB ECU, Dale Pierson DE Iowa St, Warren Gatewood DB Alcorn St, Kentrell Brice DB Ruston, Randall Jette CB UMass, Makinton Dorleant DB UNI, Tyler Kuder DL Idaho St, Beniquez Brown LB Mississippi St., Demond Smith DB Georgia Tech and Pete Mortell P Minnesota. WR Allison has the talent to make this squad, though may need a season on the PS. LB Brown can surprise here along with RB Savon Huggins.

Training Camp Objectives: The Packers made the playoffs as a Wild card team, but lost in the second round in overtime to the Cardinals. QB Aaron Rodgers looks to the return of Pro Bowl receiver Jordy Nelson to give him a true

#1 wideout. The addition of fast TE Jared Cook gives this offense an added dimension. They will look to young backs Eddie Lacy to return to his former level after a subpar 2015 performance. The offensive line struggled over the late season with a few minor injuries that broke up the continuity of the unit. The Packers defense has been the albatross that has kept this club from postseason advancement. They rely on LB Clay Matthews to provide big plays with little support elsewhere. Veteran DE/LB Julius Peppers still provides some outside pass pressure, but more is needed. The secondary is young and talented with safety Ha Ha Clinton-Dix and CB Damarius Randall key playmakers. This unit ranks among the most improved in the league and must continue to make significant improvement to compete with the top clubs and advance and contend for the Super Bowl.

Los Angeles Rams - *7-9 - Head Coach Jeff Fisher - 5th Year*

The Rams addressed their biggest problem prior to the NFL Draft with the huge trade up for the #1 overall selection. They feel they are only a QB away from a run at the Super Bowl and were willing to pay a King's ransom for the top choice. With the first overall pick, they drafted QB Jeff Goff, a talented junior who was very impressive through the postseason. He will get a chance to win the starting job, but needs a

> **2016 Rookie Draft Class**
> Round 1: (#1 overall) Jared Goff, QB - Cal
> Round 4: (110) Tyler Higbee, TE - Western Kentucky
> (117) Pharoh Cooper, WR - South Carolina
> Round 6: (177) Temarrick Hemingway, TE - S. Carolina St.
> (190) Josh Forrest, ILB - Kentucky
> (206) Mike Thomas, WR - S. Mississippi

strong preseason to hold off veteran Nick Foles. He needs to become an elite passer to justify the very high cost to move up that basically takes many prime picks from a few NFL Drafts. He would benefit from sitting for a season, though the high cost and profile of the prospect will pressure the Rams to start him at some point this season. They did not select again until the 110th pick in the 4th round.

With their two 4th round picks, they chose receivers, TE Tyler Higbee and wideout Pharoh Cooper. Higbee is a mobile sure handed prospect who is coming off late knee surgery that limited his postseason. He is a well-developed receiver who plays both inline and the H-back role. He gives this offense a missing dimension and was an excellent addition, though may need most of the 2016 to get healthy. Cooper was the best value selection in the entire NFL Draft. He is a playmaker who I ranked in the top 60-75 and was outstanding value at 117th. He can line up both in the slot and outside and is dangerous every time he touches the ball. He is highly developed to play day one in three wideout sets and also capable of winning a return role.

With their three 6th round picks, they chose receivers, tight end Temarrick Hemingway and wideout Mike Thomas around LB Josh Forrest. Hemingway is big athlete with fine ball skills and the speed to run the deep seam. He was highly productive at the lower level and was especially effective in the red zone. He combines with Higbee to give them rare versatility at TE, H-back and flex receiver. Thomas is an underrated talented receiver with high grades. He is a bigger possession type with fine hands and leaping talent. He is fine value here and can make this squad with a good effort in camp. LB Forrest is a big physical defender who fills the alley well. He has good instincts and developing coverage skills that best fit the inside, though he could also project to the Sam spot. With only marginal backup talent he can win a roster spot with a good showing this preseason. He needs to show he can be a core coverage defender on special teams. He has the makeup to be a top special teams defender. ***Grade: B***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Rams had little room in their salary cap again this offseason. They did sign DE Quinton Coples and CB Coty Sensabaugh. They parted ways with quality starters, CB Janoris Jenkins, DE Chris Long, LB James Laurinaitis, safety Rodney McLeod and TE Jared Cook. They signed a quality and deep group of rookie UDFAs in Pace Murphy OL Northwestern St, Michael Jordan DB Missouri Western, Paul McRoberts WR SE Missouri St, Marquez North WR Tennessee, Aaron Green RB TCU, Taylor Bertolet K Texas A&M, Brian Randolph S Tennessee, Jordan Lomax SS Iowa, Winston Rose CB New Mexico St, Corey Littleton LB Washington, Darreon Herring LB Vanderbilt and Ian Seau LB Nevada. WR North and McRoberts were good signings. Both are ideal PS candidates.

Training Camp Objectives: The Rams will look to turn the page with rookie QB Jared Goff expected to take over the reins at some point this season. Goff continues to make fast progress and has been productive through the postseason. He hopes to ride workhorse tailback Todd Gurley in a run oriented offense that ranked last in the league in most key categories. He needs the young receiving corps and line to take the next step especially players Tavon Austin and Kenny Britt. Rookie wideout Pharoh Cooper can surprise and show he can play a significant role in their multiple sets. The young line hopes to step up behind LT Greg Robinson and other young blockers. The defensive front has one of the premier tackles in the game in Aaron Donald who couples with young DT Michael Brockers. Pro Bowl end Robert Quinn returns from back surgery and hopes to regain his form. Their young secondary relies on

playmaker Trumaine Johnson to be a shutdown cover man. Young Lamarcus Joyner is counted on to play a bigger role in pass defense. The Rams have not hit the .500 mark in a decade, but believe they have the components to compete for the playoffs in the toughest division in football. They need a time for Goff to develop and their young receivers to gain valuable experience. The defense has the makings of staying among the top units, though they lost four key starters that may cost them late in games. Emerging club that may be a year away from developing.

Minnesota Vikings - 11-6 - Head Coach Mike Zimmer - 3rd Year

The Vikings stayed with their value board throughout the NFL Draft. They landed two first round talents with their first and second round picks. They were shocked that wideout Laquon Treadwell was available at the 23rd overall selection and quickly chose the talented receiver. He is highly developed and gives this offense a true #1 receiver for young QB Teddy Bridgewater. Though only average speed, he is a smooth pass catcher who faced top talent and was very productive. It was a cornerstone piece for their young offense. CB Mackensie Alexander had no

> **2016 Rookie Draft Class**
> Round 1: (#23) Laquon Treadwell, WR - Ole Miss
> Round 2: (54) Mackensie Alexander, CB - Clemson
> Round 4: (121) Willie Beavers, OT - Western Michigan
> Round 5: (160) Kentrell Brothers, LB - Missouri
> Round 6: (180) Moritz Boehringer, WR - Germany
>   (188) David Morgan, TE - Texas-San Antonio
> Round 7: (227) Stephen Weatherly, OLB - Vanderbilt
>   (244) Jayron Kearse, S - Clemson

business getting out of the first round and lasting to the 54th overall selection. He gives them a very deep group of young corners that could rank with any set in the league within a short time. He will press for time in the nickel and dime package where he can be effective opposite slot receivers. This can prove to be a super steal if he develops and plays up to his natural skill set. He is still raw in some aspects of play, though nice upside from here.

With their 4th round pick, they chose OT Willie Beavers, a talented tackle who fell off a shaky postseason. He has prototypical skills for the tackle spot, though is not ready for NFL speed. He probably sits for at least one season, but has the talent to surprise and become a fine tackle. He has size, reach and agility play left tackle with technique development. On the 5th round, they selected LB Kendrell Brothers, a mobile productive defender who fell off average workout numbers. He was excellent value here. He may be groomed to be veteran Chad Greenway's replacement after his final upcoming season. Brothers is a tough tackler who gets through traffic and finishes consistently well. He should be a top special teams' performer this season.

With their two 6th round picks, they selected WR Moritz Boehringer and TE David Morgan. Boehringer is a German native who played flag football in Europe. He is a huge receiver/H-back type who tested well in the postseason that earned him a draftable grade. He is very raw to say the least, but a talent who creates interesting matchup problems with his size and speed. He needs time and may be best suited for the PS for at least a season. Morgan is a mobile sure handed tight end who put up only average speed numbers through the spring that hurt his final grade. He is a quality receiver with a nice level of development to help now in three wideout, or multiple sets that use an H-back performer. He was good value here and can make this squad and become a solid role performer.

With their two 7th round picks, they selected LB Stephen Weatherly and safety Jayron Kearse. Weatherly is a tough edge rusher who holds up well vs the run. He was good value here and gives their front seven a fine addition. He should compete for time as a situational pass rusher. He must settle into a position up or down in time, but was a good value this late with definite upside. Kearse fell in the draft off a weak 2015 season and poor postseason. He is a big rangy defender with good ball skills. He is a poor tackler that hurt his fine grade and he must improve in that vital area to compete for playing time. He has interesting upside and can settle into this defense and surprise in time. He was a good late gamble and capable of becoming a good role defender. His time on coverage units will depend on how quickly he improves his tackling, instincts and basic fundamentals.   ***Grade: B+***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Vikings were aggressive in FA and added veteran OL Aex Boone and Andre Smith to improve their line. They also added safety Michael Griffin. They parted ways with WR Mike Wallace and CB Josh Robinson who failed to live up to their expectations here. They added a quality rookie UDFAs class in Joel Stave QB Wisconsin, Kyle Carter TE Penn St, Marken Michel WR UMass, Jhurrell Pressley RB New Mexico, Elijhaa Penny RB Idaho, CJ Ham RB Sioux Falls, Theiren Cochran DL Minnesota, Denzell Perine DE Florida International, Keith Baxter CB Marshall, Eric Rawls CB Kentucky St, and Edwin Young DB Northern Iowa. DE Cochran has the skills to surprise here and could win a roster spot or land on the PS.

Training Camp Objectives: The Vikings made only a few key changes to their roster, relying good draft classes to build their roster. They hope young QB Teddy Bridgewater continues to progress after a breakout second season. This offense still relies on Pro Bowl runner Adrian Peterson to carry the load. They rely on a line that added two new starters in guard Boone and RT Smith. The receiving corps added a true #1 performer in top pick Laquon Treadwell.

The Vikes defense improved nicely last season behind a quality front four and a young highly regarded LBer corp. The young secondary needs to improve, though they have the talent especially with the addition of safety Michael Griffin who joins Pro Bowl FS Harrison Smith. Big corner Xavier Rhodes is ready for a breakout performance. The improved consistency at QB and the better overall defensive unit gives the Vikes a chance to repeat in the balanced NFC North. This young club needs to bounce back and show resiliency from their crazy playoff loss to Seattle.

New Orleans Saints - 7-9 - Head Coach Sean Payton - 10th Year

The Saints addressed their key areas throughout the draft process and had a good class despite only five total selections. In the first round, they drafted DL Sheldon Rankins with the 12th overall pick. Rankins is a versatile explosive lineman who gives them flexibility on their front. He will lineup inside here and is capable of winning a starting job in camp. He is a three down lineman who can stuff the

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#12) Sheldon Rankins, DT - Louisville
Round 2: (47) Michael Thomas, WR - Ohio St
          (61) Vonn Bell, FS - Ohio St.
Round 4: (120) David Onyemata, DT - Manioba (Can)
Round 7: (237) Daniel Lasco, RB - Cal

run and rush the passer on a defense in desperate need of an impact performer in the front seven. He was excellent value and fit here and capable of being a core performer here.

With two 2nd round picks, they chose wideout Michael Thomas and safety Vonn Bell. Thomas is a big possession receiver they hope fills the void of veteran Marques Colston who was a great Saints performer. Thomas can be an excellent complement to fast young Brandin Cook. Though not fully developed, he should get a lot of reps as either a starter or key weapon in three wideout sets. Safety Bell is great value late in the round and a prospect they look to improve their package coverages and possible surprise starter. They traded their #3 and #4 picks to land him. He carried a top 40-50 grade on our board and was a fine addition. He matches up well as a corner that probably warrants him 30-40 snaps per game if not a starting job outright. This probably proves to be a fine trade.

In the 4th round, they drafted DT David Onyemata, a big raw athlete with NFL prototypical numbers. He has fine size, mobility and overall athleticism to challenge for NFL playing time. He is capable of matching up well with lineman, though raw in most areas of technique and overall instincts. He has the overall athleticism to play end in a five technique role and become an effective three down linemen in time. He faces a tough learning curve in the short term. He was a good pick here who become a fine starter early in his career. On the 4th round, they added LB Khairi Fortt, an athletic defender with experience both inside and outside. He struggled due to injuries while playing in a variety of positions and schemes that hindered his production. He was a reach this early, though he fits the Saints 3-4 scheme. On the 7th round, they added runner Daniel Lasco, a versatile back with well-rounded skills to fill a few roles. He comes off an impressive 2014 season followed by injuries as a senior. He can press for time here if the veterans Ingram and Spiller don't step up and produce better overall numbers. There unbalanced offense relies too much on the league's #1 passing game behind Drew Brees to outgun opponents. Lasco was a fine addition and a well-rounded back who can play as a situational role and can surprise in this setting. He is an ideal practice squad player.   *Grade: C+*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Saints had some room under their salary cap and were aggressive and added a few veterans for their defense. They signed LB James Laurinaitis and DT Nick Fairley and hope they provide some impact on their front seven. They lost TE Ben Watson, LB James Anderson and CB Brandon Browner along with several second tier players. They parted ways with long time wideout Marques Colston. They signed a talented group of rookie FA and several can win a roster spot or land on the practice squad, namely. Ryker Mathews OL BYU, Avery Young OT Auburn, Jordan Williams WR Ball St, Jared Dangerfield WR Western Kentucky, Landon Turner OG North Carolina, Marcus Henry OC Boise St, Joe Cheek OL Texas A&M, Tommylee Lewis WR Northern Illinois, Mitchell Loewen TE Arkansas, Sione Houma FB Michigan, DJ Pettway DE Alabama, Dominique Tovell LB Louisiana-Lafayette, Jeff Schoettmer LB North Carolina, Luther Maddy DT Virginia Tech, Geremy Alridge-Mitchell RB West Texas A&M, Royce Lafrance LB Tulane, Dillon Lee LB Alabama, De'Vante Harris CB Texas A&M, Ken Crawley CB Colorado, Blake Frohnapfel QB UMass, Mike Caputo S Wisconsin, Trae Elston S Ole Miss and Anthony Pistelli PK Samford. Guard Landon Turner and OT Avery Young can make this roster. CB Ken Crawley was one of the better rookie FA on the market and can make this roster and fill a role in time.

Training Camp Objectives: The Saints have two totally different units with their offense among the highest rated in the league and their defense ranked among the worst. QB Drew Brees gives this team a chance every week and will continue to build with young WR Brandin Cooks as his top playmaker. The addition of veteran TE Fleener will help and Brees will utilize his receiving to the fullest. The ground game is effective, though unspectacular. Former top pick Mark Ingram must show he can be the game to game feature back after another injury riddled season. The line has issues at guard that could create problems if no improvement. Former #1 pick OL Andrus Peat could be the answer. Their defense was absolutely horrible in every major category. The secondary hopes for further improvement this season with starting safeties Jairus Byrd and Kenny Vacarro. The addition of Mike LB James Laurinaitis joins young LB Stephone Anthony to form a physical tandem. They have pressing problems on the corner with veteran Keenan Lewis and young PJ Williams counted on stabilize a battered unit. With a tough early season schedule, the Saints defense will get fully tested. QB Brees will look to win most shootouts to keep them in playoff contention.

New York Giants – 6-10 - _Head Coach Ben McAdoo - 1st Year_

They addressed their pressing issues on defense with their most of their top selections. They held only six picks and stay at their position. They had a few prospects listed as the 10th overall pick and landed CB Eli Apple at the spot. They see him as a young blue chip cover man who gives them a playmaker in time. He has fine size and natural athleticism to fulfill those expectations. They ranked behind only Jalen Ramsey among cover men. He probably plays in the nickel package on the outside with

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#10) Eli Apple, CB - Ohio St.
Round 2: (40) Sterling Shepard, WR - Oklahoma
Round 3: (71) Darian Thompson, S - Boise St.
Round 4: (109) B.J. Goodson, LB - Clemson
Round 5: (149) Paul Perkins, RB - UCLA
Round 6: (184) Jerell Adams, TE - South Carolina

newly signed veteran Janoris Jenkins kicking inside in that package. Apple has the talent to become a true shutdown cover man with some development. The Giants lack a true #1 receiver and Beckham has the big play talent to claim that title. He is also a top flight returner and capable of being a difference maker in several roles.

On the 2nd round, they chose wideout Sterling Shepard, a quick fast receiver with excellent hands and run after the catch abilities. He is a perfect fit here with playmakers needed opposite Odell Beckham, especially with vet Victor Cruz still unproven after missing 26 games with injuries. Shepard is highly developed playmaker who can step in immediately and provide an impact. He was an excellent addition who addressed a high pressing need with only marginal depth on the unit. On the 3rd round, they added safety Darian Thompson, a savvy ball hawk who addresses a major need at free safety. He was very productive with a history of big plays that projects to early NFL starting time. He can win the free safety job with a good preseason after a strong mini-camp. This was a great addition that improves the secondary significantly.

On the 4th round, they chose linebacker B.J. Goodson, a savvy mobile defender who reads plays well and finishes with strong reliable tackling. He has a quick initial reaction that allows him to beat blockers and make big plays. He is a playmaker, especially in forward attacking the LOS and moving laterally. He needs to settle into a position and could find a niche in the package defenses as a spy defender. He was good value here and a defender who shows the burst to make plays that should earn him a core role on coverage units. On the 5th round, they chose running back Paul Perkins, a hard charging back who also catches the ball well. He is a tough between the tackles runner who also blocks well. He is well rounded and a can be a factor in the passing game – hands, routes and defensive recognition to be a complete back. Fine third day addition that gives them good depth that may create a trade situation in the future. On the 6th round, they chose TE Jerrell Adams, a tall rangy pass catcher with good speed to stretch the deep seam. He is an experienced performer who produced at a high level that may warrant him early time in multiple sets as an H-back or flex receiver. He could be a steal this late with the skill set to press for in time in the package offenses and possibly an eventual starter.   _**Grade: B+**_

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Giants were very aggressive in FA and addressed few areas in their secondary and defensive line. They signed top veterans CB Janoris Jenkins and DL Olivier Vernon and Damon Harrison. They also added LBers Keenan Robinson and Kelvin Sheppard. Jenkins will couple with veteran Rodgers-Cromartie to former one of the best cover tandems in the game. Vernon and Harrison were excellent additions to a struggling front four that will get a healthy JPP this season. It was an outstanding FA class that upgraded key need areas. They parted ways with vet CB Prince Amukamura, WR Reuben Randle, DE Robert Ayers and guard Geoff Schwartz. They signed a quality rookie FA class with a few having good chances to make the roster or PS. Roger Lewis WR Bowling Green, KJ Maye WR Minnesota, Quintavious Burdette WR Ole Miss, Darius Powe WR Cal, Ryan Malleck TE Va Tech, Cedrick Lang TE UTEP, Romeo Okwara DE Notre Dame, Melvin

Lewis DT Kentucky, Josh Woodrum QB Liberty, Michael Hunter CB OK State, Andrew Adams S UConn, Mike Rose DE North Carolina St, Greg Milhouse DL Campbell U, Donte Deayon DB Boise St, Kassan Messiah LB UMass, Taylor Loffler DB, Marshaun Coprich RB Illinois St, Terry Williams RB Kutztown, Miles Shuler WR Northwestern and Junior Lee LB UConn. WR Roger Lewis is a major sleeper with untapped talented and could surprise here. DE Okwara and DT Greg Milhouse will press for time along the line and are good PS candidates. Safety Andrew Adams, DE Romeo Okwara and CB Donte Deayon are sleepers with pro talent to warrant a long look on the PS.

Training Camp Objectives: The Giants face a critical after missing playoffs for the four straight season. Their offense returns nine starters plus the addition of rookie wideout Sterling Shepard. Veteran QB Eli Manning is coming off an excellent performance and can continue his level of play with further improvement by the line and ground game in general. Feature back Rashad Jennings heads a deep position. Pro Bowl wideout Odell Beckham is among the best players in the league. The Giants will look to their new front four to make significant improvement especially a healthy veteran rusher JPP. He looks to return to his Pro Bowl form and welcomes FA end Vernon and DT Harrison to form a talented front. The secondary added several quality players in top flight corner Janoris Jenkins and rookie safety Darian Thompson to give DC Steve Spagnuoloa the talent to turn this unit around. The Giants look to the front four to set the pace with overall improvement critical for a playoff run. This club can win the division after allowing it to slip away behind a defensive unit that lacked any playmakers. NFC East title is a real possibility here.

Philadelphia Eagles – 7-9 - Head Coach Doug Pederson - 1st Year

The Eagles focused all their energy on moving up in the NFL Draft to select a future starting QB. They traded prior to the draft with the Dolphins to move to the #8 pick from the #13 spot. They then traded several high selections to the Browns for the #2 overall choice to guarantee them one of the top two QBs. With the #2 pick, they selected Carson Wentz, the small college sensation who came of an impressive postseason. He has enormous talent including the vital intangibles the position demands. He started only two seasons at a lower level albeit

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#2) Carson Wentz, QB - North Dakota St.
Round 3: (79) Isaac Seumalo, OG - Oregon St.
Round 5: (153) Wendell Smallwood RB - West Virginia
(164) Halapoulivaati Vaitai, OT - TCU
Round 6: (196) Blake Countess, CB - Auburn
Round 7: (233) Jalen Mills, FS - LSU
(240) Alex McCalister, DE - Florida
(251) Joe Walker, ILB - Oregon

two championship performances. He may best fit to backup for a season, though the pressure to play such a high profile pick may force them to play if veteran Sam Bradford does not perform well. It will take a few seasons before deciding if this deal was the answer in Philly. The high price goes with the territory of moving up to the top few spots. He is capable of being the face of the franchise in Philly that has struggled to gain a true identity in years.

On the 3rd round, they drafted center/guard Isaac Seumalo, a mobile physical lineman with the versatility to play all the interior positions. He combines size, agility and technique to start in time at a few positions. He was a solid addition here with the upside to start in time and a fine backup for the short term. With two 5th round picks, they added runner Wendell Smallwood and OL Halapoulivaati Vaitai. Smallwood is an underrated runner with a good skills set, though a slight reach here. He comes off a 1500 yard performance and fits here as a good 1A type. Vaitai is a massive blocker who performed in a spread offense and needs drive blocking work. He projects to right tackle and guard but must impress in camp to win a roster spot on a deep line unit. With age along the line, he can earn time on a changing unit. On the 6th round, they added corner Blake Countess, a quick cover who projects to the nickel role. He matches up well over fast slot receivers and could earn a roster spot on that alone. He was also a quality special teams' performer that also earns him a spot.

With three 7th round picks, they added DB Jalen Mills, LBers Alex McCalister and Joe Walker. Mills is a versatile defender with a nice level of development. He graded well at both corner and safety, and has length, agility and speed to fill a few spots in the nickel and dime packages. He should be a serviceable defender who eventually plays 30+ snaps a game and was a quality addition. LB McCalister is a big rangy edge rusher with intriguing skills. He has an injury history and periods of inconsistencies that must be corrected, yet could be a key role player for the front seven with impact as a sack artist. He was a good late gamble. LB Walker is a savvy defender who can make this club, though mainly must impress on coverage teams to earn more time in the base defense. He was a decent late addition. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Eagles continue to address the secondary and offensive line and signed safety Rodney McLeod and OL Brandon Brooks and Steve Wisniewski. McLeod upgrades the weakness at a safety spot opposite Malcolm Jenkins which has been an annual revolving door. OL Brooks starts day one and Wisniewski is in the mix for the other guard spot. They traded veterans, runner DeMarco Murray, CB Byron Maxwell and LB Kiko

Alonso. They also lost starters DT Cedri Thornton, LB DeMeco Ryans, CB Walter Thurmond and WR Riley Cooper. QB Mark Sanchez was released and signed by the Broncos. They added an average rookie UDFAs class in Quentin Gause LB Rutgers, Hunter Sharp WR Utah St, CJ Smith CB North Dakota St, Myke Tavarres LB Incarnate Word, Dillon Gordon TE LSU, Cayleb Jones WR Arizona, Bruce Johnson OC Maine, Darrell Green OG San Diego St, Cedric O'Neal RB Valdosta St, John DePalma LS, West Virginia, Aziz Shittu DE/LB Stanford, Connor Wujciak DL Boston College, Destiny Vaeao DT Wash St, Byron Marshall WR/RB Oregon, Marcus Johnson WR Texas and LT Filiga LB Utah St. WR Hunter Sharp and Cayleb Jones can press veterans for roster spots here. DE/LB Aziz Shittu can surprise in this front.

**Training Camp Objectives:** The Eagles begin a new era with a new regime after the Chip Kelly that earn one divisional title prior to falling quickly. They look for a transitional season hoping to start veteran QB Sam Bradford while top pick Carson Wentz learns the system. Bradford could have a good season and improve on last year's fine effort. Runner Ryan Mathews gets a chance to be the feature back. The young receiving corps needs to improve for his offense to make important strides. They focused on defense in free agency and look for improvement in most areas. Their front seven has young talent that is just entering their prime. How much the defense improves will determine not only if the Eagles can compete in the NFC East, but if this roster is the core of a top flight NFL team.

San Francisco 49ers - _5-11 - Head Coach Chip Kelly - 1st Year_

The 49ers held the 2nd most selections in the draft with 11 picks behind only the Browns. Over the last four drafts, they have selected an amazing NFL record 44 prospects with marginal results and limited production. In the first round, they chose a DE DeForest Buckner, the second year in a row they chose an Oregon lineman in the first round. Buckner is better than Arik Armstead, though both should be effective under former HC Chip Kelly. Buckner is a three down defender and good fit and value here. He is an athletic physical defender who continues to improve his experience. They traded back into the late 1st round to select guard Joshua Garnett. They traded

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#7) DeForest Buckner, DE - Oregon
(28) Joshua Garnett, OG - Stanford
Round 3: (68) Will Redmond, CB - Arizona St.
Round 4: (133) Rashard Robinson, CB - LSU
Round 5: (142) Ronald Blair, DE - Appalachian St
(145) John Theus, OT - Georgia
(174) Fahn Cooper, OT - South Carolina
Round 6: (207) Jeff Driskel, QB - Louisiana Tech
(211) Kelvin Taylor, RB - Florida
(213) Aaron Burbridge, WR - Michigan St
Round 7: (249) Prince Charles Iworah, CB - W. Kentucky

their #2 (37) and #4 picks to land the developed guard. He replaces a hole inside after the losses of guards Alex Boone and Mike Iupati. Garnett is a physical sound technician who can win the job outright this season, though they paid a high price. He may have been available at the #37 overall pick.

With their #3 and another #4 picks, they added corners, Will Redmond and Rashard Robinson. Redmond is coming off a knee injury that limited his postseason work, though he is a talented cover man. They did not get him cheap despite the injury. They have made a recent of drafting injured players with seven choices with ACL teams. They have paid a high price for prospects who have delayed getting on the field. Redmond is expected to see time this fall as a nickel corner where he has the skills set to excel. Robinson is a big lean defender with natural talent to matchup with NFL wideouts. He has limited playing time, mainly due to continuous suspension. He must impress this preseason and show the off the field issues are behind him. With three 5th round picks, they added DE Ronald Blair, and OL John Theus and Fahn Cooper. DE Blair is a fast developing defender with bulk, mobility and agility. He can play both up and down and has the bulk to play a technique role once he settles into this front. He is an emerging prospect with definite upside. OL Theus played mainly right tackle in college and projects there and guard. He graded out well in the SEC and can challenge for starting time, but must settle into the system. He was good value here. Cooper is a big right tackle who also lined up on the left side. He did well vs SEC edge rushers and projects best to right tackle, though needs technique development and further strength development. He was a good late addition and has interesting upside potential. With three 6th round picks, they added QB Jeff Driskel, RB Kelvin Taylor and WR Aaron Burbridge. Driskel is a big pocket passer with nice mobility. He needs to learn to play in a pro-style offense after limited time with Tech after transferring from Florida. He is a good developmental prospect as a very unsettled position with the starting job open to veterans Colin Kaepernick and Blaine Gabbert this preseason. Taylor is a prospect who fell off subpar postseason workouts. He can surprise here and earn time as a 1A type in time. He could press for time as a kickoff returner. WR Burbridge is an elusive receiver with return skills. He is a good runner after he gets his hands on the ball and figures to press for time in three wideout sets

early in his career. He can impress in camp and earn time on this average unit that lacks consistent playmakers. He was a solid addition here. On the 7th round, they added CB Prince Charles Iworah, a fast compact cover man who had a strong 2015 season. He can win a roster spot here on a unit that added three in this class plus additional other unproven young corners. He was fine value here. **Grade: B+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The 49ers signed a very small FA class with veteran guard Zane Beadles added to replace Alex Boone. They parted ways with veteran wideout Anquan Boldin and RB Reggie Bush. They look to their young roster to step up and provide impact this season. They added a mediocre class of rookie UDFAs including Devon Cajuste TE Stanford, Bryce Treggs WR Cal, Demetrius Cherry DL ASU, Jason Fanaika DE/LB Utah, Kevin Anderson DE Stanford, Jered Bell SS Colorado, Alex Balducci DL Oregon, Demetrius Cherry DL Arizona St, Kevin Anderson OLB Stanford, Darren Lake DT Alabama and Blake Muir OL Baylor. TE Cajuste and LB Fanaika were good signings and they could surprise and make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The 49ers' fell since the departure of HC Jim Harbaugh with both the offense and defense equally the blame. Young QB Kaepernick faces a critical season to recapture his early career magic. He looks to a changing line that retains only LT Joe Staley from playoff clubs. The ground attack needs young runner Carlos Hyde to play up to his high draft selection and prove to be a durable game to game workhorse. Veteran wideout Torrey Smith has been only average and needs to prove he is a true #1 receiver. The SF defense ranks among the worst in the game and needs two recent #1 picks, DEs Arik Armstead and DeForest Buckner to give this front a talented tandem to build around. LB NaVorro Bowman remains from top unit. Young LB Aaron Lynch is an emerging pass rusher. The young secondary has struggled recently and needs former top picks Jimmy Ward and Eric Reid to step up this season after periods of weak play during their early career. The 49ers face a tough schedule in the strongest division in the NFL. Their offense must make major improvement to become respectable and competitive in the NFC. Chip Kelly goes through major growing pains here on a team that is a few seasons away from playoff contention.

Seattle Seahawks – 11-7 - *Head Coach Pete Carroll - 7th Year*

The Seahawks had another large draft class and traded back in the 1st round and up in the 2nd round. With their #1 pick, they drafted OL Germain Ifedi, a big physical blocker who projects to both right tackle and guard. He was a slight reach this early but addressed pressing issues on the Seahawks line. He has interesting upside that could justify the selection. He needs to start inside at guard and settle into the offense before being ready for right tackle.

In the 2nd round, they moved up quickly with DL Jarran Reed still available in the mid round area. Reed is a versatile lineman who graded out high at a high level of competition and much big game experience. He

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#31) Germain Ifedi, OG - Texas A&M
Round 2: (49) Jarran Reed, DT - Alabama
Round 3: (90) C.J. Prosise, RB - Notre Dame
(94) Nick Vannett, TE - Ohio St
(97) Rees Odhiambo, OG - Boise St.
Round 5: (147) Quinton Jefferson, DT - Maryland
(171) Alex Collins, RB - Arkansas
Round 6: (215) Joey Hunt, C - TCU
Round 7: (243) Kenny Lawler, WR - Cal
(247) Zac Brooks, RB - Clemson

can start inside here after the continuous annual losses along this front. He was excellent value here. With three 3rd round picks, they chose runner CJ Prosise, TE Nick Vannett and OL Rees Odhiambo. Prosise is a talented back with fine speed and receiving skills. With Marshawn Lynch retired, Prosise can be a factor immediately as a 1A type/3rd down back. He was the first of three backs chosen in an open competition this summer. TE Vannett is a tough blocker and sure handed receiver. He lacks speed and big play ability, but has the components to be a fine #2 tight end. OL Odhiambo played left tackle but projects inside to guard. He must prove healthy after an injury prone career, though has the skill set to start with time to settle into the offense. In the 5th round, they chose DT Quinton Jefferson and runner Alex Collins. Jefferson is a quick interior pass rusher the Seahawks traded up to land. He is marginal size and has had an injury history, but has the burst to gain penetration that should earn him time in a line rotation fairly early. He is a good gamble. RB Collins is a tough compact back who fell off an average postseason. He had fumble issues at Arkansas that must improve to make this team and earn touches. He was a good risk this late in the process. With their 6th round pick, they added center Joey Hunt, a smaller pivotman from a spread offense. He is smart and quick, but must prove he can handle big nose tackles to ever earn time inside. He is not the type to count out after grading out high consistently over his college career.

On the 7th round, they chose wideout Kenny Lawler and runner Zac Brooks. Lawler is a lanky pass catcher who runs good routes and shows sure hands. He needs to bulk up to withstand the rigors of the NFL, but he was productive in a pro style attack that may earn him early time in this average passing game. He was a good addition this late. RB Brooks is a raw back with a good history as a receiver that may earn him time as a 3rd down back. He

was the third back chosen with Lynch retired and starter Thomas Rawls coming off a broken ankle. He can win a roster spot with a good performance in camp.   **Grade: C-**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Seahawks had little salary cap room to be aggressive in the open market and focused on resigning former defenders CB Brandon Browner and DE Chris Clemons. They lost starters, LT Russell Okung, guard JR Sweezy, LB Bruce Irvin and DT Brandon Mebane, in addition to the engine this offense ran on in RB Marshawn Lynch. They signed a very average group of rookie UDFAs in Trevone Boykin QB TCU, Tanner McEvoy ATH Wisconsin, DeAnthony Arnett WR Michigan St, David Dudek RB Boston College, Lene Maiava OL Arizona, Tre Madden RB USC, Aaron (AJ) Karlan, DE, Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Steve Longa LB Rutgers, Denzel Thompson DB SE Louisiana, Darvell Harris CB North Alabama, Christian French DE Oregon and Marwin Evans SS Utah St. TE McEvoy was a fine addition and a kid with some work can compete for time in multiple sets with H-back and a flex role his best positions.

Training Camp Objectives: The Seahawks made the playoffs last season off a hot run to close the season. They injury to Marshawn Lynch hurt and Russell Wilson struggled to overcome the unit's limitations. Lynch's retirement will change this offense and they did take huge hits in FA with several quality line starters like LT Russell Okung and guard JR Sweezy leaving big holes. They have only marginal depth along both lines and in the secondary. The front four must   improve their sack totals despite losing defender Bruce Irvin. The secondary and LBing units set the pace here with veterans, Sherman, Thomas, Chancellor, Wright and Wagner the core of a talented thin unit. The secondary features big corners Sherman and Lane who can cover and are physical with safeties Thomas and Chancellor the best duo in the league. The Seahawks face a soft early schedule, but will be tested to the fullest in the improved NFC in general. Their offense improvement will go a long way in determining their ability to return to the NFL playoffs.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers *– 6-10 - Head Coach Dirk Koetter - 1st Year*

The Bucs addressed mainly their defense with early picks with a focus on the back seven. They traded back two spot for the 11th overall selection and chose CB Vernon Hargreaves, a fast natural cover man. He shows developed coverage skills to matchup with fast #1 receivers that probably earns him a rookie starting grade. He had a marginal top ten grade and fell off some issues. He gives them a possible shutdown corner with development and a nice addition here.

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#11) Vernon Hargreaves, CB - Florida
Round 2: (39) Noah Spence, DE - E. Kentucky
(59) Roberto Aguayo, K - Florida St.
Round 4: (108) Ryan Smith, CB - N.C. Central
Round 5: (148) Caleb Benenoch, OT - UCLA
Round 6: (183) Devante Bond, OLB - Oklahoma
(197) Dan Vitale, TE/FB - Northwestern

On the 2nd round, they came right back and chose DE/LB Noah Spence, a tweener edge rusher with big play ability. He needs to settle into a position and fits the weakside role best, but can also play up in the 3-4 scheme. He fell off prior off the field issues that kept him out of the first round. He is a matchup nightmare for blockers with an explosive burst off the edge and can be a difference maker here after he settles into the front scheme. He has Pro Bowl talent. They traded up into the 2nd round to select PK Roberto Aguayo, the best kicker in this class. They trade with #3 and #4 selections to land one of the most reliable kickers in history.

With their 4th round pick, they chose CB Ryan Smith, an athletic small college prospect who also projects to safety. He is a quality returner where he may earn a rookie starting grade. He figures to press for time in the dime package in time as either corner or safety. On the 5th round, they added OL Caleb Benenoch, a versatile Nigerian lineman who projects best inside to guard. With some technique development, he can push for time and was a solid addition here. On the 6th round, they chose LB Devante Bond and FB/TE Dan Vitale. Bond provides improved depth on this unit and has the makeup to become a key special teams' coverage man. Vitale is a versatile sure handed prospect with good fundamentals to fill a few roles, mainly H-back and movement blocker. He was an excellent late gamble with the playmaking ability to provide an impact if durable.   **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bucs underwent another big roster turnover and focused mainly on defense in FA. They added DE Robert Ayers, CBs Brent Grimes and Josh Robinson and LB Daryl Smith hope to start or fill key roles in this defense. They added guard JR Sweezy to offset the loss of Logan Mankins. They parted ways this vets DT Da'Quan Bowers, LB Bruce Carter, CB Mike Jenkins and DT Henry Melton. They focused on offensive linemen, wideouts and tight ends in rookie free agency and signed Philip Ely QB Toledo, Steven Bench QB USF, Anthony Kelly WR Kutztown, Peyton Barber RB Auburn, Russell Hansbrough RB Missouri, Taylor Fallin OL Memphis, Tim Brown TE/FB West Chester, Kivon Cartwright TE Colorado St, Roman Namdar WR Mount Union, Dez Stewart WR Ohio Dominican, Leonard Wester OL Missouri Western, Dominique Robertson OL West Georgia, Jontavius Morris DT Western Kentucky, Channing Ward DL Ole Miss, Elijah Shumate SS Notre Dame, Luke

Rhodes LB William & Mary, Traveon Henry S Northwestern, Tyson Coleman OLB Oregon, Alan Cross FB/TE Memphis, DaVonte Lambert DE Auburn, Cassanova McKinzy LB Auburn, Mike Kozlakowski DE Maine and Rob Trudo OL Syracuse. They like RB Barber, OT Robertson, TE Cartwright, LB McKinzy and safety Shumate and feel they all can win roster spots or land a PS position.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bucs' finished last in the NFC South for the 5th consecutive season. New HC Dirk Koetter will benefit from new starting QB Jameis Winston who settled into the position after a rough early season. Winston has the upside to take this club back to the playoffs in time. The solid ground game relies on tough back Doug Martin to set the pace with Charles Sims, a fine 3rd down back. Receiver Mike Evans is a talented performer who should move his game along with Winston's development. TE Austin Seferian-Jenkins has been a disappointment and faces key season. The young defense relies on speed, but must get more pressure on the passer to win close games. DT Gerald McCoy is an impact interior rusher who will benefit from stronger supporting cast that added DE Robert Ayers. Their young secondary needs to mature quickly to face NFC South passers. New vet Brent Grimes and rookie Vernon Hargreaves could form new starting tandem along with young corners Johnthan Banks and Alterraun Verner. Bucs have improved annually, but that may take more time to convert into victories in the NFL.

Washington Redskins *- 9-7 - Head Coach Jay Gruden - 3rd Year*

The Skins traded their #1 selection with Houston to flip one spot in the process. Ironically, they both choose wideouts with back to back picks. After the Texans added Will Fuller, the Redskins choose Josh Doctson who developed nicely over his final season. He eventually gives the Skins a true #1 receiver, though may need time with experience in a spread attack. He has the skill set to make the adjustment to the pro game.

> **2016 Rookie Draft Class**
> Round 1: (#22) Josh Doctson, WR - TCU
> Round 2: (53) Su'a Cravens, OLB/SS - USC
> Round 3: (84) Kendall Fuller, CB - Virginia Tech
> Round 5: (152) Matthew Ioannidis, DT - Temple
> Round 6: (187) Nate Sudfeld, QB - Indiana
> Round 7: (232) Steven Daniels, ILB - B.C.
>   (242) Keith Marshall, RB - Georgia

With their 2nd round pick, they picked LB/SS Su'a Cravens, a savvy agile defender with nice production in the Pac 12. He has played both safety and backer with his first look at safety here. He is highly productive who can fit in all the package defenses and provide an immediate playmaker. He is a good addition for this scheme. He fell in the draft process off an average workout, but he is a savvy defender who will help immediately in the nickel package. He has a high level of development to start early in his career. On the 3rd round, they selected corner Kendall Fuller, an agile cover man with good ball skills. There are some injury concerns that led to his fall out of the top 50. He was very good value here if right medically. His selection and the late FA addition of Pro Bowler Josh Norman gives the Redskins a huge boost in the secondary especially in man matchups. He is a tough cover man and carries an NFL starting grade after a nice career vs top ACC competition.

With their 5th round pick, they choose DT Matthew Ioannidis, a tough physical lineman who fits this two gap scheme. He gives them much needed interior depth with the upside to start in time. On the 6th round, they chose QB Nate Sudfeld, a quality pocket passer who finished his career strongly. With the release of RG3, an opening exists for a #3 backup. Sudfeld has NFL talent, but needs to refine his game especially his footwork. He was good value here and a guy who make this club and eventually press for the #2 role.

With two 7th round picks, they added LB Steven Daniels and RB Keith Marshall. LB Daniels was very productive inside for BC and could press for time in the base defense in time. He must earn his roster spot on coverage units. RB Marshall is a fast compact runner who can be a fine compliment to Matt Jones. He is an explosive runner who needs to make progress as a receiver to earn playing time. He must prove durable after an injury riddled career. He can assist as a kickoff returner and was a fine late addition. He can be a top kickoff man. The Redskins had a solid draft class despite limited selections.   ***Grade: C+***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Skins were quick to sign released veteran corner Josh Norman for their struggling secondary. Norman gives them a shutdown cover man missing in recent years. They added DL Kendall Reyes and Ziggy Hood and hope both can win a starting jobs this preseason. They parted ways with RG3 after a troubled late career that started with much promise. They lost a few starters from a broken defense including DT Terrance Knighton, DE Jason Hatcher, CB Chris Culliver, safety Dashon Goldson and LB Keenan Robinson. The Skins signed an average rookie UDFA class, including Reginald Diggs WR Richmond, Joe Gore OT Clemson, Maurice Harris WR Cal, Rob Kelley RB Tulane, Dominick Jackson OL Alabama, Anthony Lanier DE Alabama A&M, Ejiro Ederaine LB Fresno St, Reggie Northup LB FSU, Tevin Carter DB Utah, Geno Mattias-Smith S Alabama, Joe Kerridge FB Michigan and Shiro Davis DE Texas.

Training Camp Objectives: The Skins won the NFC East behind gritty QB Kirk Cousins who found ways to win close games. He will benefit from the addition of wideout Josh Doctson who opens up this offense. They also signed TE Vernon Davis as a #2 behind playmaker Jordan Reed. Cousins holds the key to their production, but needs young runner Matt Jones to step up in the absence of veteran Alfred Morris. The veteran defense lost five starters especially NT Knighton and DE Hatcher upfront. The defense gave up huge yardage but found a way to contain teams in the red zone. They need DL Reyes and Hood to step in and stabilize the front three. They face a tough schedule after getting a 4th place schedule last season. They have major questions related to the ground game, in addition to the defense overall that added a few stop gap veterans who may not be good enough to repeat vs a difficult schedule.

American Conference
Baltimore Ravens *- 5-11 - Head Coach John Harbaugh - 9th Year*

The Ravens had a huge draft class with 12 overall selections. GM Ozzie Newsome and Eric DeCosta stayed with their value board well and it reflects in a strong overall class. They want to address the offensive tackle spot and debated Ronnie Stanley and Laremy Tunsil at the 6th overall selection. They chose Stanley off his talent, durability and intangibles. They expect him to start immediately and possible at left tackle. He has big game experience and carries an early NFL starting grade and easily plays guard in the short term. He was a quality solid and safe selection.

With their 2nd round pick, they chose LB Kamalei Correa, a quick tweener edge rusher with big play ability. He has the burst to shoot a gap and disrupt

> **2016 Rookie Draft Class**
> Round 1: (#6) Ronnie Stanley, OT - Notre Dame
> Round 2: (42) Kamalei Correa, DE - Boise St.
> Round 3: (70) Bronson Kaufusi, DE - BYU
> Round 4: (104) Tavon Young, CB - Temple
> (107) Chris Moore, WR - Cincinnati
> (130) Alex Lewis, OT - Nebraska
> (132) Willie Henry, DT - Michigan
> (134) Kenneth Dixon, RB - Louisiana Tech
> Round 5: (146) Matt Judon, DE - Grand Valley St.
> Round 6: (182) Keenan Reynolds, RB - Navy
> (209) Maurice Canady, CB - Virginia

plays. He should be an excellent addition to their front and see time in situational sets where his quickness can be very effective. He was nice value here and a defender who start as a rookie or contribute early in their packages.

On the 3rd round, they chose DE Bronson Kaufusi, a big mobile end with fine skill set to play the five technique role. He can win a starting job early in this scheme and he has nice upside as a pro. He was a fine addition and probable rookie contributor in pass rushing situations. With five #4 picks, they chose CB Tavon Young, WR Chris Moore, OT Alex Lewis, DT Willie Henry and RB Kenneth Dixon. CB Young is a fast developing prospect who was very underrated nationally. Prior to the draft, we scouted and loved him and are not surprised he went this early. He can play man or zone and is physical to play bump and run. He has the quickness to battle slot receivers and run with them into the deeper zones. WR Moore is a burner who gets open deep that allows him to make big plays. He needs work getting off the line and must develop a bigger route tree. OT Lewis is a tall agile blocker who gives them depth on the outside with changes on the unit. He was a good addition. DT Henry is a young quick interior lineman with good athleticism. He needs technique work and must get stronger, but has the upside to start in time. Good longterm potential. RB Dixon is a tough runner who gets the most of each attempt. He shows reliable hands and fine route running with the toughness to make yardage after the reception.

With their #5 pick, they chose DE/LB Matt Judon, a tweener with interesting skills for the outside. As an end, he is strictly weak side, though one dimensional. As an outside backer, he has a big upside and possible starting talent with development. He has the quick burst to become a factor off the edge and was a fine addition here. He needs to improve to stack better at the point of attack and show the power to bull rush. He gives them a versatile savvy defender who can fill a few roles and should see time in their package defenses initially. With their two 6th round picks, they choose RB Keenan Reynolds and CB Maurice Canady. Reynolds is a smart option QB who moves to running back here. He lacks top speed to stretch the field, but is a quality natural runner and receiver. His fine hands and movement skills will allow him to compete for time in different sets. He could earn the 3rd down back role in time. He is a prospect with the makeup to be a surprise and a very good late gamble. CB Canady is a big agile cover man with average speed. He is fine value this late and fits a cover two scheme best. He must improve his instincts and initial reads to earn a roster spot and time to settle into the system. Grade: B+

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Ravens signed a few key veterans in WR Mike Wallace, safety Eric Weddle, CB Jerraud Powers and TE Ben Watson. Wallace is a playmaker when right, though coming off a subpar performance. Weddle is a savvy safety who addresses a pressing need here. TE Watson gives them a reliable veteran who can tutor young players Maxx Williams and Crockett Gilmore. They lost starting OL Kelechi Osemele and released vet LT Eugene Monroe. They also lost starters, LB Daryl Smith and Courtney Upshaw and safety Will

Hill. Tragically, they lost vet Tray Walker to a vehicular accident. They signed UDFAs, Anthony Fabiano OG Harvard, Victor Ochi DE/LB Stony Brook, Stephane Nembot OT Colorado, Michael Pierce DT Stanford, Cavellis Luckett LB Middle Tennessee St., Jarell Broxton OG Baylor, Matt Skura C Duke, Patrick Onwuasor DB Portland St, Mario Ojemudia LB Michigan, OJ Mau DT Gardner-Webb, Robert Kitching DL UMass and Will Lutz K Georgia St. LB/DE Victor Ochi was a fine addition and good fit for this scheme. He can become a factor as a situational rusher.

Training Camp Objectives: The Ravens look to return to the playoffs behind strong armed QB Joe Flacco who is coming off a knee injury that limited him to 10 starts last season. He will benefit from the selection of LT Ronnie Stanley with their #1 choice. The return vet receiver Steve Smith and addition of Mike Wallace gives him solid starters while waiting for former top pick Breshad Perriman to get healthy for this season. Their weak ground game places pressure on Flacco to produce weekly and they need young backs Javorius Allen, Terrance West or Kenneth Dixon to step up behind vet Justin Forsett. The defense will look for a boost from the draft class that focused on each unit with six draft selections. Veteran LB C.J. Mosley has become the leader of this young unit that will feature four new starters. The secondary looks to new vet Weddle to give them leadership and some big plays. Former #1 pick safety Matt Elam faces a critical season. They face a soft early schedule that probably puts them atop the AFC North entering the key divisional matchups at midseason. The big questions on offense especially the line and ground game are keys issues while the changing defense may be the most critical area for improvement to compete for the AFC playoffs.

Buffalo Bills - 8-8 - *Head Coach Rex Ryan - 2nd Year*

The Bills focused on their battered defense with their first three selections. In the first round, they selected DE/LB Shaq Lawson, an explosive tweener with big play ability. The Bills ranked next to last in sacks last season and Lawson was a welcome addition. He can be an impact performer here, though underwent shoulder surgery prior to mini-camp that will limit him in the early season. He is needed off the edge after the loss of FA Mario Williams who was their primary edge threat in recent season. On the 2nd round, they traded up and

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#19) Shaq Lawson, DE - Clemson
Round 2: (41) Reggie Ragland, ILB - Alabama
Round 3: (80) Adolphus Washington, DT - Ohio St.
Round 4: (139) Cardale Jones, QB - Ohio St.
Round 5: (156) Jonathan Williams, RB - Arkansas
Round 6: (192) Kolby Listenbee, WR - TCU
(218) Kevon Seymour, CB - USC

chose LB Reggie Ragland, just ahead of the Ravens who they feared had him earmarked with the 40th overall selection. Ragland is a fine fit here and the big inside thumper that HC Rex Ryan wants to stuff the run. He can start as a rookie and give this defense an anchor in the middle to stabilize a changing unit.

On the 3rd round, they selected DT Adolphus Washington, a quick interior lineman with experience both inside and outside. He will line up inside initially and shows an explosive burst to gain penetration that this front line needs to provide. He should be an immediate factor in their line rotation and can be an early factor as a situational rusher. He was fine value here. On the 4th round, they selected QB Cardale Jones, a big strong armed passer who is very raw in many areas of play. He directed a win in the National Title game after the 2014 season, but failed to retain the starting job in 2015 with many mistakes and continuous inconsistencies throwing the ball. He needs to settle into the offense and work on basics for a year before moving up the charts and challenge for playing time. On the 5th round, they selected running back Jonathan Williams, a strong talented runner with an injury history. He was highly productive in the SEC a few seasons ago and has big time talent to surprise if right physically. He was one of the best value picks in the entire draft and a prospect who can be a major steal if healthy. He has natural skills, but joins a talented and deep backfield that may limit his initial touches. Excellent addition.

With two 6th round picks, they chose WR Kolby Listenbee and CB Kevon Seymour. Listenbee is a fast receiver and a guy who can be a factor in multiple sets. He has the burst to get deep often and gives them a vertical opposite Sammy Watkins. He needs work on the full route tree and must get strong to hold up to the rigors of the NFL. CB Seymour is a talented cover man who struggled through a few injuries that limited his production. He is a good athlete with size, speed and toughness. He needs work on reading routes and making sound decisions. He was a very good special teams' performer that probably earns him a roster spot with a good healthy preseason performance. He can win a nickel role early in his career and was a good late gamble with high reward for the 218th overall selection.   **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bills signed mostly second tier veterans for their package defenses. They added LBers Zach Brown and Lorenzo Alexander and CB Javier Arenas. They lost Pro Bowl DE Mario Williams and quality young players in WR Chris Hogan and LB Nigel Bradham. They added a big rookie UDFAs class including Davonte Allen WR Marshall, Julian Whigham CB Syracuse, Glenn Gronkowski FB Kansas St, Eric Striker

LB Oklahoma, Gary Chambers WR Arizona St, Jamison Lalk OL Iowa St, Bryson Albright DE Miami (Oh), Robert Kugler C Purdue, Marshall Morgan K Georgia, Justin Zimmer DL Ferris St and Joe Licata QB Buffalo. WR Allen, FB Gronkowski and LB Striker can make this roster with a good camp and could become a core special teams' performers. DL Zimmer is an interesting kid who needs time, but could develop over time and surprise.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bills enter camp with high expectations after a good good offseason. Young QB Tyrod Taylor helped his cause and it is his job to lose to backup E.J. Manuel. He had a good 2015 campaign despite the passing game near the bottom of the league. Star wideout Sammy Watkins provided impact to this struggling passing attack. WR Robert Woods is counted on to produce more big plays. Their ground game has talented playmakers in LeSean McCoy and Karlos Williams. They need to stay healthy. They will play behind an emerging line that continues to improve. The defense faces a critical period after a subpar 2015 performance. DL Marcus Dareus must return to his former level for this unit to come together. LB Jerry Hughes also must regain his edge rushing for this pass defense to improve. Rookie LBers Lawson and Ragland can provide impact here. Corners Gillmore and Darby rank with any tandem in the league. Safety Aaron Williams returns from neck surgery and is a key core starter. The Bills are developing a good young core roster, but face key questions on offense especially the long term QB spot with the young Taylor still learning. Rex Ryan must get this defense to respond to his scheme to elevate this club. They will be hard pressed to get to the playoffs to end their 16 year playoff drought which may cost Ryan his job.

Cincinnati Bengals - *12-5 - Head Coach Marvin Lewis - 14th Year*

The Bengals added to one of the stronger rosters in the league. They added 7 draft selections and selected players with high grades at key need areas. On the 1st round, they chose CB William Jackson, a fast developing corner whom they hope becomes an early role performer. He is an aggressive defender who supports the run well and tackles in space. He fits a cover two scheme very well, though he can matchup in man situations and will battle for position and the ball and win often with his height and

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#24) William Jackson III, CB - Houston
Round 2: (55) Tyler Boyd, WR - Pittsburgh
Round 3: (87) Nick Vigil, ILB - Utah St.
Round 4: (122) Andrew Billings, NT - Baylor
Round 5: (161) Christian Westerman, OG - Arizona St.
Round 6: (199) Cody Core, WR - Ole Miss
Round 7: (245) Clayton Fejedelem, S - Illinois

reach. He could start early in his career and was a solid value late in the round. On the 2nd round, they selected Tyler Boyd, an agile physical receiver with good size, development and long speed. He was excellent value here at a position of pressing need after losing veterans, Mohamed Sanu and Marvin Jones in free agency. Boyd is developed and is fearless over the middle displaying sure strong hands and decent run after the catch abilities. He should be an early contributor and possible starter in multiple sets in this changing offense.

On the 3rd round, they chose LB Nick Vigil, a rangy versatile defender who can rush the passer and stuff the run. He made fast late career progress that improved his rating. He had a good postseason that moved him into the top 100. He should see time in situational defenses and has big play ability. His versatility gives the Bengals a key backup to fill a few positions plus a few roles in the package defenses. On the 4th round, they added DT Andrew Billings, a young stout interior defender who projects to under tackle spot in this front seven. He was excellent value here with the development to possibly see rookie time in a rotation with a big camp. He can play early in his career in this line and projects best inside with the upside with continual progress. Fine addition here.

On the 5th round, they added guard Christian Westerman, an agile tough durable lineman with good functional strength and sound technique. He can fill all three interior positions and could challenge for the starting pivot job in time, in addition to either guard spot. He is a very good addition and possible starter within a short time. In the 6th round, they added WR Cody Core, a deceptively fast receiver with long arms and nice reach. He produced vs a high level of competition and is battle tested to compete for time in three and four wideout sets. He must prove he can catch the ball consistently after some easy drops as a collegian. He was good late value. On the 7th round, they chose safety Clayton Fejedelem, a smooth rangy defender with improving skills. He had impressive workouts and figures to help on special teams where he must earn a roster spot. He is a good athlete who is still raw as a cover man. He has the skill set to make nice progress, though he must get reps and develop. He could be a quality special teams' performer and possibly a gunner. He has interesting upside in time.   ***Grade: B+***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bengals made few changes in FA and added LB Karlos Dansby and WR Brandon LeFell. LB Dansby gives them a tough smart defender for the early Vontaze Burfict suspension. LeFell must prove he is over his numerous drops in New England last season. They lost safety Reggie Nelson and hope Taylor Mays fills at least a situational role. They also lost RT Andre Smith and starting wideouts Mohamed Sanu and Marvin Jones. They hope to replace the marginal veterans with a strong draft class. They added rookie free

agents Matt Johnson QB Bowling Green, Alonzo Russell WR Toledo, Alex Erickson WR Wisconsin, Antwane Grant WR Nassau, Dy'Shawn Mobley, RB, EKU, Antwane Grant WR Western Kentucky, Antonio Longino LB Arizona St, Alex Redmond G UCLA, Aaron Epps OT Louisville, Tre Carson RB Texas A&M, David Dean DT Virginia, Trevon Coley DT Florida Atlantic, Gionni Paul LB Utah, Darius Hillary DB Wisconsin and Silverberry Mouhon DE Cincinnati. RB Carson will press for time in short yardage spots. DT Coley can make this roster and fill a three technique role.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bengals hope their young talented roster matures this season and takes the next step with any postseason success. Young QB Andy Dalton performs well during the regular season but has faltered annually in the playoffs. Pro Bowl wideout AJ Green is an impact weapon who benefits from talented TE Tyler Eifert to give Dalton multiple options in sets. The ground game can improve though starters Jeremy Hill and Gio Bernard form a tough tandem. The defense relies on an active front four with tackle Geno Atkins and end Carlos Dunlap the key performers. They look to their depth here with DE Michael Johnson another playmaker. The defense needs the young linebacker PJ Dawson to step in here and make plays in situational packages. The Bengals' secondary needs young talent like safety Shawn Williams and top pick CB William Jackson to give this battered unit a boost. They will have to improve on defense to win in the tough AFC North and reverse their annual disappointing postseason. Both HC Marvin Lewis and QB Andy Dalton must overcome this criticism with some postseason success.

Cleveland Browns - *3-13- Head Coach Hue Jackson - 1st Year*

The Browns made a blockbuster trade with the Eagles that produces two #1 picks eventually with several other key overall selections over the next two NFL Drafts. They had the biggest class this year with 14 overall picks including six in the top 100 and 13 of them in the top 173 choices. With the 15th overall pick, they choose wideout Corey Coleman, a fast playmaker with good run after the catch skills. He was one of four wideouts and 1 TE in this class after the prior regimes picked only four receivers over a five year period. Coleman has a good chance to win a starting role with a strong showing this preseason at a position of screaming need. On the 2nd round, they selected LB Emmanuel Ogbah, a talented tweener edge rusher who plays up here and should win a starting rookie job. He is a top flight edge rusher who should thrive in this scheme. He needs further

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#15) Corey Coleman, WR - Baylor
Round 2: (32) Emmanuel Ogbah, DE - Oklahoma St.
Round 3: (65) Carl Nassib, DE - Penn St.
(76) Shon Coleman, OT - Auburn
(93) Cody Kessler, QB - USC
Round 4: (99) Joe Schobert, OLB - Wisconsin
(114) Ricardo Louis, WR - Auburn
(129) Derrick Kindred, FS - TCU
(138) Seth DeValve, TE/WR - Princeton
Round 5: (154) Jordan Payton, WR - UCLA
(168) Spencer Drango, OG - Baylor
(172) Rashard Higgins, WR - Colorado St.
(173) Trey Caldwell, CB - Louisiana-Monroe
Round 7: (250) Scooby Wright III, ILB - Arizona St.

technique development to battle NFL tackles but he has the key components to become an impact rusher in this defense. He was a fine addition to a struggling defense with few playmakers.

On the 3rd round, they added DE Carl Nassib, OT Shon Coleman and QB Cody Kessler. DE Nassib is an emerging sack man who may be the most improved prospect in this class over the past year. He has excellent length and agility with fast developing technique and improving functional strength. He should be an immediate factor in the situational fronts as a pass rusher with an early starting grade. He is a quality addition. OT Shon Coleman was a fine addition and a blocker who fell on some age and health issues. He has starting left tackles skills in time with the power to play right tackle early. He is a sound technician with a high level of development to start as a rookie. He has good feet and mobility with the mean streak to sustain. He can win a starting job with a good preseason and was a fine value pick. QB Cody Kessler was a surprise addition at a position of continuous upheaval and need. Kessler competes for the #3 role in camp and probably earns a roster or PS spot off high draft selection and overall need at the position. He needs time to settle into a system, but a reach this early.

With their 4th round selections, they chose LB Joe Schobert, wideout Ricardo Louis, safety Derrick Kindred and TE/WR Seth DeValue. Schobert is a versatile defender with experience both inside and outside. He will press for time at both positions and is a developed defender who will find a way to get into the flow of this defense probably on multiple package sets. He can be an impact special teams' performer. WR Louis is a fast well-built athlete who flashed impact in the SEC. He has pro talent, but is raw in many aspects of play especially route running and defensive recognition. He may need time to be totally ready, but his speed should allow him to play in three wideout sets as a vertical threat. He was drafted more on potential than production and is a prospect that was a slight reach here, though nice upside over time. Safety Kindred is a tough mobile defender who was very

productive over his career. He is better suited for zone coverage than man currently and needs time to settle into this system. He has the makeup of a very good special teams' defender immediately. TE/WR DeValue was a reach this early. He has a big body to convert to TE and the H-back role after an Ivy League career at receiver. His mobility and big body will be nice assets to make the conversion. He more than likely would have been available two rounds later.

With their 5th round selections, they chose WR Jordan Payton, lineman Spencer Drango, wideout Rashard Higgins and CB Trey Caldwell. WR Payton is a fairly well developed prospect with average size and speed numbers that forced him into the late rounds. He can win a roster spot here and with extensive experience at the position is capable of surprising and earning time in multiple sets. He was good value here. OG Drango was a fine addition and great late value. He was effective at left tackle in the Big 12 and has the makeup to push inside to guard and challenge for playing time. He grades out as a starting guard in time and fine addition here. WR Higgins fell off average speed numbers and lower 2015 production. He was an excellent selection this late and a kid that can develop into a role in the multiple sets. CB Caldwell is a quick aggressive cover man with nice ball skills. He is short and struggled with some injuries over his career, though he graded out high when healthy. He is a prospect who can be a valuable player in their package defenses especially the nickel role and sound special teams' performer. On the 7th round, they added LB Scooby Wright, a rangy defender who displays sound instincts and mobility and can play early as a nickel backer and should be a top special teams performer. He must prove durable after late career injuries that hurt his grade significantly. He was a fine addition here.   *Grade: B*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Browns revolving door of coaches, decision makers and personnel continues with another huge roster turnover this offseason. They added free agent QB RG3 and look for him to revitalize his career under HC Hue Jackson. RG3 is just entering his prime and can be the catalyst of their much needed turnaround. They also signed veteran defenders, LB Demario Davis and safety Rahim Moore and look to their leadership on a weak unit. They parted ways with troubled QB Johnny Manziel. They lost two key starting OL Mitchell Schwartz and Alex Mack. They also lost starters LB Karlos Dansby, safeties Donte Whitner and Tashaun Gipson, DT Randy Starks and wideout Travis Benjamin. They added a few rookies from the open market in Marteze Waller RB Fresno St. Patrick Skov FB Georgia Tech, JP Holtz TE Pittsburgh, Kenya Dennis CB Mizzou, Tracy Howard CB Miami, Dominique Alexander ILB Oklahoma, Mike Matthews OC Texas A&M, Nile Lawrence-Stample DT Florida St, Jimmy Bean DL Oklahoma St, Kyle Rose DT WVU and Brad Craddock PK Maryland. Defenders, CB Howard, DT Lawrence-Stample and LB Alexander can make this team off a good preseason.

Training Camp Objectives: The Browns begin another new era under HC Hue Jackson who looks to resurrect RG3's career. That can happen if RG3 matures from his Washington experience. They hope star receiver Josh Gordon gets reinstated this summer or has his suspension reduced. They look for top pick Corey Coleman to step in and give them a much need deep threat. The offensive line was one of the team's strengths, but lost starters RT Mitchel Schwartz and Alex Mack. Young center Cameron Irving must justify his first round grade this season. The weak ground game must improve and hope young vet Duke Johnson claims the starting feature back role this preseason. He needs to prove durable to get a significant number of touches. The defense looks for fast improvement overall under DC Ray Horton. He will push young players LB Barkevious Mingo and CB Justin Gilbert to decide if they have NFL starting ability. LBers vet Demario Davis and rookie Emmanuel Ogbah are counted on to improve the weak run defense. This unit gave up 34 TD passes last season, the third most in the league. Pro Bowl corner gets little help from a secondary that added FS Rahim Moore. The Browns have won over five games only once in a decade and that was 7-9 in 2014. The Browns hope to approach the .500 mark, though that remains to be seen for a club that faces a tough schedule and with key questions at the skill positions and several new defensive starters.

Denver Broncos - 15-4 - *Head Coach Gary Kubiak - 2nd Year*

The Broncos had eight draft picks after trades and used them for both sides of the ball. They traded up in the first round when they saw QB Paxton Lynch still available in the round. They moved up five spots to land the strong armed passer who they see as their future leader. It was an excellent addition at the pressing need after the retirement of Peyton Manning and FA loss of Brock Osweiler. Lynch gives them the powerful pocket passer they want in their offensive leader. They paid a late 3rd round pick to get a prospect they ranked in the top 20 players overall in this class. On the 2nd round, they chose DL Adam Gotsis, a big

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#26) Paxton Lynch, QB - Memphis
Round 2: (63) Adam Gotsis, DT - Georgia Tech
Round 3: (98) Justin Simmons, FS - B.C.
Round 4: (136) Devontae Booker, RB - Utah
Round 5: (144) Connor McGovern, OG - Missouri
Round 6: (176) Andy Janovich, FB - Nebraska
(219) Will Parks, S - Arizona
Round 7: (228) Riley Dixon, P - Syracuse

rangy defender with experience both inside and outside on a front line. He fits the five technique end spot here with good length, quickness and hand usage. He must show he is over his injury history that limited his production. He was a reach this early and drafted more on upside potential than level of development.

On the 3rd round, they drafted safety Justin Simmons, a tall defender who tested out well during the postseason. He shows good range and tackling skills to make tackles. He lacks top recovery speed and needs to play in a zone scheme while he develops his man coverage skills. He may press for time in the dime defense and can be a core special teams' defender early, though a reach in the top 100 selections. On the 4th round, they drafted Devontae Booker, a well-rounded back who fell on a late career knee injury. He was an excellent gamble here and the type of runner who can be an ideal complement to starter C.J. Johnson. Booker can win the 3rd down back role if he proves healthy this preseason. Eventually, he can win the feature back role.

On the 5th round, they drafted OL Connor McGovern, a tough versatile lineman with experience at tackle and guard. He combines size, functional strength and toughness to be a factor in their line within a short time. As a guard, he needs some work on his footwork for pulling and traps and anchoring vs big defensive tackles. He has fairly early starting potential with some development and was fine value here.

With two 6th round picks, they chose FB Andy Janovich and safety Will Parks. Janovich gives them a lead blocker that is missing from the roster. He has decent hands as an outlet receiver and is a top special teams' performer on all return units. Safety Parks is the second prospect drafted at this position. He is a savvy defender who reads plays well and is usually in good position to make plays. He must show he can produce on coverage units to earn a roster spot and gain time in the base defense. He was a decent late addition. With their 7th round pick, they chose punter Riley Dixon, a strong leg kicker with a nice level of consistency. His selection was a real surprise with Britton Colquitt the current starter coming off an impressive postseason. Dixon and Colquitt will fight in the preseason for the starting role in a battle that gives them a quality starter.   ***Grade: C+***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Broncos signed veteran OTs, Russell Okung and Donald Stephenson to protect their new starting QB free agent signee Mark Sanchez. They added veterans, DL Jared Crick and Phil Taylor for vacant positions. They lost veteran QBs Peyton Manning and Brock Osweiler, DT Malik Jackson, LB Danny Trevathan, OL Ryan Harris, Evan Mathis and Louis Vasquez and TEs Owen Daniels and Vernon Davis. They all played key roles in their Super Bowl victory. They added a large group of rookie UDFAs in Bralon Addison WR Oregon, Mose Frazier WR Memphis, Kalif Raymond WR Holy Cross, Durron Neal WR Oklahoma, Henry Kreiger-Coble TE Iowa, Anthony Norris TE Southern Utah, Aaron Neary G Eastern Washington, Lars Hanson OL Sacramento St, David Moala DT Utah St, Eddie Yarbrough DE/LB Wyoming, Frank Shannon LB Oklahoma, Kyle Peko DL Oregon St, Shaneil Jenkins DE Shepard, Sadat Sulleyman LB Portland St, Antonio Glover DB Georgia Southern, Calvin Huertolou DT Miami(Fl), Vontarrius Dora DE Louisiana Tech, John Tidwell DB Sioux Falls and Nathan Theus LS Georgia. WR Addison is a playmaker and could surprise in a slot and return roles. TE Kreiger-Coble is a sure handed mobile player who can help in an H-back spot.

Training Camp Objectives: The Broncos have a veteran group that will compete for the NFL title once, though begin with a new veteran QB Mark Sanchez. The offense only ranked in the middle of the pack after prior seasons of a #1 rating in the league in points, passing and total offense. Sanchez is a good game manager when he works with a solid ground game and top defense which he has here. He will operate around an offensive line with three new starters that may determine their true 2016 success. He looks to young TEs Virgil Green and Jeff Heuerman to step up in their first full time starting duty. They added rookie back Devontae Booker along with resigned CJ Johnson and Ronnie Hillman to form a well-rounded and deep backfield. HC Kubiak looks the veteran defense to maintain despite the losses of impact defenders, DT Malik Jackson and LB Danny Trevathan. They leave big holes at critical positions. The front four looks for veteran DE DeMarcus Ware to provide pressure off the edge. LB Von Miller is a game changer who is in the prime of his career. The secondary needs rookies to step up after FA losses. The Broncos will look to their ground game to control games behind a hopefully wiser Mark Sanchez. They expect HC Kubiak can get this tough veteran defense to continue to make big plays in the improved AFC West. Broncos may struggle to repeat in the division.

Houston Texans *- 9-7 - Head Coach Bill O'Brien - 3rd Year*

Texans' traded up a few spots in the first two rounds to select Notre Dame prospects, WR Will Fuller and OL Nick Martin. In the first round, they selected WR Will Fuller, a fast agile receiver with the fine burst to be an impact player especially in the deep game. He must get stronger and run the full route tree and show he can consistently catch the ball. He has the ability to hit home runs and opposite Pro Bowl receiver

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#21) Will Fuller, WR - Notre Dame
Round 2: (50) Nick Martin, OG - Notre Dame
Round 3: (85) Braxton Miller, WR - Ohio St.
Round 4: (119) Tyler Ervin, RB - San Jose St.
Round 5: (159) K.J. Dillon, S - West Virginia
          (166) D.J. Reader, NT - Clemson

DeAndre Hopkins should get single coverage often. Texans hope he can get this offense a shot in better scoring. On the 2nd round, they added OL Nick Martin, a versatile interior lineman who carries a starting grade at three positions. He has the inside track on the pivot position with a good preseason. He is highly developed and graded out high vs top competition that should make his adjustment period smooth. He was a good addition here especially with a new young starting QB in Brock Osweiler.

In the 3rd round, they selected WR Braxton Miller, a versatile athlete who made fast strides after a conversion to the wide receiver position. He is a very tough athlete with natural running skills and a rare sense of coverage after playing QB most of his career. He has a high level of development to compete for a starting job in multiple sets as either the slot or outside receiver. He has the makeup to become an NFL playmaker and was fine value here. With their 4th round pick, they chose RB Tyler Ervin, a quick well rounded who will compete for the 3rd down role and the main kickoff returner. He has the inside track for both roles and was a good addition to give this attack a missing dimension. With their two 5th round selections, they chose safety K.J. Dillon and NT D.J. Reader. Dillon is a well-rounded prospect with good tackling skills and instincts. He shows good range and the ability to make plays on the ball. He is a hitter who should be an early factor on coverage units. He has starting talent in this scheme. DT Reader is a wide body tackle who can play the zero, one and three techniques on the inside. He is a quality run stuffer who can hold the point vs the double team blocks. He is very tough against the run between the tackles. As a pass rusher, he can push the pocket, but struggles to separate from blockers. The Texans are confident they have a solid anchor in the middle and he was a good selection. *Grade: B*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Texans broke the bank to sign young vet QB Brock Osweiler in hopes he is the missing link in their title team. They have failed in big game situations with only marginal veterans at QB. They also added a young feature back in Lamar Miller and guard Jeff Allen. They took a few losses in FA in runner Arian Foster, guard Brandon Brooks, TE Garrett Graham and safety Rahim Moore. The rookie free agency class added Tevin Jones WR Memphis, Richard Mullaney WR Alabama, Tyrell Banks WR Coastal Carolina, Wendall Williams WR Cumberlands, Ryan Langford WR New Mexico, Soma Vainuku FB USC, Arturo Uzdavinis OT Tulane, Luke Hayes OG Kansas St, Nila Kasitati OL Oklahoma, Larry Mazyck OT Kansas, Brennan Scarlett OL Stanford, Joel Heath DL Michigan St, Duke Thomas CB Texas, Jalen Jefferson LB Cal, Shakeel Rashad LB North Carolina, Ufomba Kamalu DE Miami, Eric Lee DE South Florida, Cleveland Wallace CB San Jose St, Tomme Mark DT Houston, Jarrell McKinney OLB Western Michigan, Brennan Scarlett LB Stanford, Lee Hightower S Houston, Chuckie Keeton QB Utah St and Carlos Wiggins WR New Mexico. Richard Leonard CB FIU, Tyvis Powell SAF Ohio St. and Ka'imi Fairbairn K UCLA. Safety Powell and FB Vainuku were excellent additions and could be big surprises in camp. They are capable of competing for either roster spots or PS.

Training Camp Objectives: The Texans lost in the first round of the NFL playoffs, being shutout by the Chiefs 30-0. The lack of firepower has been a continuous issue since their inception. Their strategy in free agency this offseason hopefully changes that history. QB Osweiler and Miller are young veterans who give them key missing offensive leaders. Osweiler gets new receivers in young Jalen Strong and rookies Will Fuller and Braxton Miller along with two new starting linemen. They will rely on their highly regarded tough defense lead by dominant Pro Bowler JJ Watt. LB Whitney Mercilus registered 12 sacks in a breakout performance. Vet LB Brian Cushing regained his old form and lead the team in tackles once again. Young Jadeveon Clowney must prove over his injury history and realize his awesome talent in a defense that could be the best in the game. Veteran corners Jackson and Joseph are a solid tandem along with young Kevin Johnson. The Texans retooled their offense this offseason with new major players in Oweiler and Miller who can be the difference for another AFC South title and possibly a strong postseason run.

Indianapolis Colts *- 8-8 - Head Coach Chuck Pagano - 5th Year*

The Colts held eight picks and used half of them to address their biggest problem, the offensive line. They failed to protect franchise QB Andrew Luck over recent seasons and fell to .500 after three 11+ win years. Luck started only 7 games before shoulder and kidney injuries took their toll. In the 1st round, they drafted center Ryan Kelly, a well-developed prospect. Smart, physical and mobile that probable earns rookie starting call. He was a very solid addition and is capable of also moving to guard and perform at a high level. He has the makeup of a long term starter and a fine addition for Luck's return to this club. In the 2nd round,

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#18) Ryan Kelly, C - Alabama
Round 2: (57) T.J. Green, DB - Clemson
Round 3: (82) Le'Raven Clark, OT - Texas Tech
Round 4: (116) Hassan Ridgeway, DT - Texas
(125) Antonio Morrison, ILB - Florida
Round 5: (155) Joe Haeg, OT - North Dakota St.
Round 7: (239) Trevor Bates, LB - Maine
(248) Austin Blythe, C - Iowa

they drafted defensive back T.J. Green, a talented raw athlete who moved to defense late in his career. He is a big

physical athlete who played safety in 2015 but also projects to corner where his size, agility and top speed forms an awesome skill set. He was a reach this early, but has a high ceiling and carries a starting grade in time and capable of playing in multiple sets early. He combines size and speed and is capable of developing into a #1 defender.

On the 3rd round, they added OT Le'Raven Clark, a big mobile tackle with very long arms and fine footwork. He may eventually play left tackle, but has may need a season at right tackle or guard to adjust to the NFL. He played in a spread offense with little drive blocking development and mainly working from a two-point stance. He needs time to settle into a position and the pro game in general, but was excellent value here with the upside to develop into a top left tackle. With two 4th round picks, they drafted DT Hassan Ridgeway and LB Antonio Morrison. DT Ridgeway struggled through an injury riddled late career that hurt his draft grade. He is a talented athlete with a high ceiling if right and will push for early time in this front. He can play in either front and maybe best suited for the 3-4 scheme. He has a nice level of development and figures to win a key role in a rotation. He has starting potential with development in his technique. He is an interesting addition with big upside if he matures and shows discipline in his game. LB Morrison sustained many injuries over his career and must prove durable to play in the NFL. He was very productive in the SEC and the Colts are hoping that experience can carry over his early NFL career. He was a risky addition here. In the 5th round, they drafted OL Joe Haeg, a physical blocker who projects to right tackle or guard as a pro. He is a fine technician who played both tackles spots well and uses his bulk, reach and fine functional strength to the fullest. He will push for time on this changing front that graded out poorly last season. Haeg is good value and shows real upside for the NFL game with the intangibles and overall makeup to surprise and start in time here. On the 7th round, they added LB Trevor Bates and OL Austin Blythe. LB Bates is a tweener with a burst off the edge to challenge for time in situational defenses in time. He must impress on special teams to earn a roster spot. He may need a season on PS to settle into a position and the pro game in general. OL Blythe is an experienced blocker with time at both center and guard. He is a good technician who can surprise and make this roster.   *Grade: C*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Colts signed veteran CBs Patrick Robinson and Jamar Taylor to improve their coverage. They failed to sign any other potential starters. They lost a large contingent of veterans with starters LB Jerrell Freeman, TE Coby Fleener, WR Andre Johnson, safety Dwight Lowery and center Khaled Holmes parting ways and leaving holes. They added a deep quality rookie UDFAs class in Adam Redmond OT Harvard, Ron Thompson DE/LB Syracuse, Josh Ferguson RB Illinois, Danny Anthrop WR Purdue, Mekale McKay WR Cincinnati, Chester Rogers WR Grambling State, Tevaun Smith WR Iowa, Marcus Leak WR Maryland, Stefan Isiah Cage OT Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Andrew Williamson S Vanderbilt, Darion Griswold TE NC St, Mike Miller TE Baylor, Curt Maggitt LB Tennessee, Davonte Harris OL Appalachian St, Sterling Bailey NT Georgia, Delvin Simmons DT USC, Julian Campenni DL UConn, Anthony Sarao LB USC, Daniel Davie CB Nebraska, Chris Milton CB Georgia Tech, Stefan McClure SAF Cal, Darius White CB Cal, Leviticus Payne CB Cincinnati, Blake Frohnapfel QB UMass and Harrison Elliot LS Air Force. They like RB Ferguson very much and see him as a 3rd down possibility. They like TE Griswold can make this roster especially inline. LB Maggitt is a good fit with the potential to surprise over time to refine his skill set. NT Bailey is a sleeper with NFL starting talent with development.

Training Camp Objectives: The Colts look to improve significantly on offense with the return of talented QB Andrew Luck the key difference. Luck ranks with any QB in the league when healthy and maybe the best in the game despite an average supporting cast. He gets a few new linemen, namely center Ryan Kelly who hopefully can protect him from the recent beatings he's taken in the pocket. The Colts ground game must improve for this club to return to contention. Young WR Donte Moncrief has become a fine compliment to TJ Hilton. Veteran back Frank Gore continues to hold off the competition. The lack of pass pressure from their front line puts their decent secondary at risk. This unit lacks big plays and allows among the highest point totals in the league. Ageless veteran Robert Mathias returns after a 7 sack season following an Achilles injury. The Colts are excited about the return of Andrew Luck and feel he is the difference maker to take a mediocre roster to the postseason. That may be a tall order off a postseason that saw better players leave than sign on with the Colts. Maybe not better than .500 again in the fast improving AFC South.

Jacksonville Jaguars - 5-11 - Head Coach Gus Bradley - 4th Year

The Jaguars focused on defense with all but one of their 7 selections. They wanted to add one of the premier defenders and earmarked junior DB Jalen Ramsey with the 5th overall selection. He is a blue chip defender with the versatility to play either corner or safety at a high level. We ranked him the top prospect in the class. He is a difference maker who can raise the level of this young secondary that has struggled

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#5) Jalen Ramsey, DB - Florida St.
Round 2: (36) Myles Jack, OLB - UCLA
Round 3: (69) Yannick Ngakoue, DE - Maryland
Round 4: (103) Sheldon Day, DT - Notre Dame
Round 6: (181) Tyrone Holmes, OLB - Montana
　　　　 (201) Brandon Allen, QB - Arkansas
Round 7: (226) Jonathan Woodard, DE - C Arkansas

consistently in recent years. Major addition here.

With their 2nd round selection, they were excited to land LB Myles Jack, a blue chip backer who is rehabbing an early 2015 knee injury. He was considered a top 5-8 prospect prior to the injury and will be 10 months into his rehab with the opening of camp. He was an excellent gamble here and a front seven defender who provides impact in a few roles and a three down backer when healthy. He was one of the top value picks in the draft process. Ramsey, Myles and last years' top pick LB Dante Fowler who missed his rookie season due to an Achilles injury gives the Jaguars three defenders I ranked in the top five the past two draft classes. When healthy, this trio gives the Jags the potential of one of the premier units in the game. With their 3rd round selection, they added DE/LB Yannick Ngakoue, a rangy tweener with the burst off the edge to make big plays. He does have interesting skills – size, arm strength and quickness. He gives them a situational rusher early into his career until he settles into a position and system. They are counting on him to provide some big plays off the edge. He was a slight reach this early.

With their 4th round pick, they chose DT Sheldon Day, a quick interior tackle with the burst to make big plays. He can earn time in the tackle rotation and provide some impact as a pass rusher. He was excellent value here and a defender who can start in time. With their two 6th round picks, they chose LB Tyrone Holmes and QB Brandon Allen. LB Holmes is another edge rusher they like and look to see if he can fill a situational role early in the package defenses. He must impress on special teams to earn a roster spot. QB Allen is a smart field general who gets the ball to the proper receiver consistently with few mistakes. He can win a roster spot or PS position with a good showing in the preseason.

With their 7th round pick, they chose DE Jonathan Woodard, a big defender who can fill the strong side position. He is hard working technician who understands positioning and uses his big frame to gain an early advantage. He needs to add moves and get stronger, but can surprise here and earn time on the PS if the roster depth retains veterans. He has the talent to develop into a good rotational lineman.   ***Grade: B+***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Jaguars were aggressive in FA and signed veteran defenders DL Maliek Jackson, safety Tashaun Gipson, CB Prince Amukamara, RB Chris Ivory and OL Kelvin Beachum. Jackson needs to provide impact on this front that provides minimal pressure. RB Ivory can improve this weak ground game. They parted ways with veteran OL Wisniewski and Beadles with younger blockers in place. They lost DEs Andre Branch and Chris Clemons with new young playmakers expected to step up this fall. They signed an average rookie UDFAs class in Max Wittek QB Hawaii, Jamal Robinson WR UL-Lafayette, Pierce Slate OT San Diego, Rashod Hill OT Southern Miss, Brien Boddy-Calhoun CB Minnesota, Mike Hilton DB Ole Miss, Jarrod Wilson SAF Michigan and Kirk Willis LS Cincinnati. WR Robinson can surprise and make this roster. CB Boddy-Calhoun was one of the better rookie FAs available and capable of earning backup roles and moving up this depth chart. He has the NFL talent to surprise.

Training Camp Objectives: The Jaguars answered major questions at key skill positions including QB with Blake Bortles and at wide receiver with Allen Robinson and Allen Hurns. They look to young Bortles as the leader who is capable of being an elite starter in this league. He needs better protection and looks to veteran OT Luke Joeckel to finally realize his potential. New vet OT Kelvin Beachum will push for both tackle spots. They look to new veteran runner Chris Ivory to push starter TJ Yeldon to form a hard changing pair. They look to young wideout Marqise Lee to stay healthy and give them a boost in three wideout sets. The defense continues to ranked among the worst in the league in most key categories. They were aggressive in the FA market and added DL Malik Jackson to join quick edge rusher Donte Fowler on a deep young line. The linebacker unit counts on veterans, Mike man Paul Posluszny and Will defender Telvin Smith to set the pace for hopefully talented Myles Jack. Top pick CB Jalen Ramsey can be an early shutdown cover man with rare versatility. Safety Johnathan Cyprien will be test this preseason. This team has improved their roster annually with little difference in their victory totals. They need to get basics down especially on defense where they look for an emerging leader. They could be a major breakout club this season with an improved defense necessary for any playoff contention.

Kansas City Chiefs *- 12-6 - Head Coach Andy Reid - 4th Year*

The Chiefs made the playoffs again under HC Andy Reid, but were eliminated by the Patriots after shutting out the Texans. With the first round pick, they traded back with the 49ers and selected massive DT Chris Jones on the 2nd round. Jones is a massive lineman with freakish size and natural athleticism. He has had periods of inconsistencies that hurt his final grade, though he can be a dominant defender at times. He is

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 2: (#37) Chris Jones, DT - Miss St.
Round 3: (74) KeiVarae Russell, CB - Notre Dame
Round 4: (105) Parker Ehinger, OG - Cincinnati
        (106) Eric Murray, CB - Minnesota
        (126) Demarcus Robinson, WR - Florida
Round 5: (162) Kevin Hogan, QB - Stanford
        (165) Tyreek Hill, WR - West Alabama
Round 6: (178) D.J. White, CB - Georgia Tech
        (203) Dadi Nicolas, LB - Virginia Tech

versatile to play inside or outside and may be best suited for the five technique role where his length and athleticism would be best utilized. Though a clear boom or bust prospect, this kid's best football is in front of him especially with technique development.

With their 3rd round pick, they choose CB KeiVarae Russell, a strong agile defender with good coverage skills. He is a good fit here for their secondary and could push for early starting time in the nickel package. He projects to either a man or zone coverage and has the talent to be a good starter after showing immense improvement returning for his final season. He has healed a broken leg that hindered his postseason activity. He may also project to safety and should be an early factor in their nickel and dime defenses. He was a very good addition here. With their three 4th round choices, they chose OG Parker Ehinger, CB Eric Murray and WR Demarcus Robinson. OG Ehinger is a tough sound technician with extensive D1 experience. He needs some strength and technique work, but has a nice level of development to press for a starting job early in his career. CB Murray is a tough savvy cover man who graded out well in the Big Ten. He is the 2nd of three corners drafted after losing veteran Sean Smith in FA. Murray can play early and may surprise and earn time in nickel package this season. He was a good addition. WR Robinson is a fine athlete, though raw in areas of receiving. He must grow up after a history of off the field issues at Florida. This kid is a boom or bust player with a high ceiling if committed to the team and learning the finer points of play. Chiefs might have to be patient with his development as a receiver if his off the field issues are behind him.

With two 6th round picks, they added QB Kevin Hogan and WR/RB Tyreek Hill. QB Hogan is a smart pocket passer with nice production in the Pac 12. He has a good arm and mobility to refine as a #3 with the Chiefs. He has NFL starting talent, but needs time to settle into system and refine his footwork and delivery. He could surprise in time and earn starting time and was a fine late gamble. WR/RB Hill is a fast playmaker who shows fine running and return skills. He was a transfer from Oklahoma St. with big play ability, though off the field issues that must be addressed to have a pro career. With two 6th round picks, they selected CB D.J. White and LB Dadi Nicolas. CB White is a quick savvy cover man with the skills to challenge for the nickel job in camp. He started three seasons in the ACC and is fairly developed to win a roster spot and compete for time. He was a good addition. LB Nicolas is a tweener who was productive when healthy. He is aggressive off the edge and better suited playing up in the 3-4 scheme. He has nice upside here, but needs time and reps to develop his strength and technique to get up to NFL standards. He is a situational defender who can win a roster spot.   *Grade: B*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Chiefs took losses in the FA market and lost three offensive linemen in OG Jeff Allen and Ben Grubbs and OT Donald Stephenson. They were quick to sign veteran OT Mitchell Schwartz to address an annual pressing problem. They added only marginal backup veterans. They added marginal veterans but need young players and draft choices to step up and produce. They added an average group in their rookie UDFA class. They signed Mitch Matthews WR BYU, Michael Nysewander TE Alabama, Ben Clarke OL Hawaii, Jake Bernstein OL Vanderbilt, Brandon Eakins WR Citadel, Jordan Canzeri RB Iowa, Garrett Griffin TE Air Force, Jake Ceresna DL SUNY-Cortland, Terrance Smith LB Florida State, Tanner Agen DT Mich Tech, Herbert Gamboa LB Montana, Tre Jones CB Mount Union, Keyen Loge LB South Dakota and Dylan Detweiler LS Fresno St. LB Smith could be a major surprise with the versatility to fill a nickel backer role and key special teams defender.

Training Camp Objectives: The Chiefs' roster went through wholesale changes this offseason in order to stay in playoff contention. Veteran QB Alex Smith is coming off his best season, but will operate behind a line that took a few key FA losses and will have two new starters. Veteran runner Jamaal Charles returns from his 2nd ACL injury. Backups Spencer Ware and Charcandrick West gives them a deep backfield. The KC defense ranked among the best in the league in key categories especially sacks, points allowed and interceptions. They look to Pro Bowl defenders LBers Justin Houston, Tamba Hali and LB Derrick Johnson along with safety Eric Berry. The three-man line is anchored by NT Dontari Poe and emerging DE Jaye Howard. The secondary looks to young rookie defenders to assist a quality unit with little depth after FA losses. The Chiefs have maintained their position in the improving AFC West. They have to improve on offense where they have little depth at most positions and key questions along the offensive interior line. They are capable of winning this quality division.

Miami Dolphins *- 6-10 - Head Coach Adam Gase - 1st Year*

The Dolphins focused on offensive players with most of their top selections. They traded back in the first round prior to the NFL Draft with the Eagles to add veterans, CB Maxwell and LB Alonso. With the 13th overall selection, they were shock to find LT Laremy Tunsil still available. With pressing needs at tackle, they

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#13) Laremy Tunsil, OT - Ole Miss
Round 2: (38) Xavien Howard, CB - Baylor
Round 3: (73) Kenyan Drake, RB - Alabama
(86) Leonte Carroo, WR - Rutgers
Round 6: (186) Jakeem Grant, WR - Texas Tech
(204) Jordan Lucas, SS - Penn St.
Round 7: (223) Brandon Doughty, QB - W. Kentucky
(231) Thomas Duarte, TE - UCLA

were excited to land the blue chip prospect who fell off a drug incident. Tunsil is a starter day one, though maybe at guard initially. He is a natural left tackle and was arguably the best prospect in the entire NFL Draft. He can be a cornerstone blocker here for a decade. With their 2nd round choice, they selected CB Xavier Howard, a big physical athlete who will press for starting time this preseason. He can play bump and run and has the speed to carry a receiver down field. He needs technique work and play recognition to be ready for the NFL game. He was a slight reach this early, though has a big upside in time. He is a good long term prospect with nice upside after he settles into a position and this system.

With their two 3rd round picks, they drafted RB Kenyan Drake and WR Leonte Carroo. RB Drake is a lanky fast playmaker who catches the ball well, in addition to showing the ability to break the big play. He has the size to run inside and is an effective goal line runner with fine hands to win the 3rd down back role. He is a tough sure handed receiver with a nice level of development and fine overall production to probably earn at least the #3 role. WR Carroo is a tough deceptively fast receiver who they traded up to select. He was a solid addition with an early pro starting grade off high career production. He will press for time in three and four wideout sets and is a good long term weapon with big play ability to be a factor in this attack. With two 6th round selections they drafted WR Jakeem Grant and DB Jordan Lucas. WR Grant is a diminutive fast playmaker who performed in a spread offense. He can compete for time in multiple sets, but must show he can hold up to the physicality of the NFL and adjust to the pro offense. DB Lucas is a versatile defender with experience at play both safety and corner that may assist him making this roster. He will probably get a first look at safety where he played most of his career. He has size, range and tackling skills to make the team, but must impress on coverage units to increase his chances.

On the 6th round, they chose QB Brandon Doughty and TE Thomas Duarte. QB Doughty is a big pocket pass with an average arm and high production. He can win a #3 role here with a good showing this preseason. He lacks the upside to start and may never be more than a #2 or #3. TE Duarte is a strong agile receiver with a good skill set. He is a sure handed prospect with agility, leaping ability and quickness. He can provide a different dimension here as an H-back/Flex performer and a solid role player. He can challenge for time in three wideout sets early in his career. He was a good addition and value here.   ***Grade: B***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Dolphins signed DEs Mario Williams and Andre Branch in FA. They replace departed DEs Olivier Vernon and Derrick Shelby. They also lost wideouts Rishard Matthews and Greg Jennings and corners Brent Grimes and Jamar Taylor and LB Kelvin Sheppard. They added rookie UDFAs, Ruben Carter OL Florida State, Rashawn Scott WR Miami(FL), Brandon Shippen WR Temple, Akil Blount ILB Florida AM, James Burgess LB Louisville, Farrington Huegunin DE Kentucky, Lafayette Pitts CB Pittsburgh, Ryan Di Salvo LS San Jose State and Marshall Koehn K Iowa, WR Scott was a fine addition and capable of making this roster. DE Huegunin has NFL talent and could land on the roster. LB Burgess can win a roster spot on special teams' value.

Training Camp Objectives: The Dolphins' offense struggled last season and ranked near the bottom of the league in a few key categories after dealing with an inconsistent performance from their line. QB Ryan Tannehill paid his dues again behind suspect protection. He put up good numbers despite the pressure and developed a nice relationship with his receivers especially Jarvis Landry. He needs to continue to make progress in better pocket presence and overall accuracy. He gets new blockers along with young weapons like former top pick wideout DeVante Parker. Runner Jay Ayjayi and rookie Kenyan Drake are counted on to improve a subpar running game. The offensive line added top pick Laremy Tunsil to join tackles Branden Albert and Ja'Wuan James to form a new front line. The unit needs to come together to protect the still developing Tannehill. The defense is a tough unit that bent, but did not break. They must improve in run defense to give their offense more opportunities. DT Suh must take his game up a level to justify his high contract. Their secondary will have at least two new starters in CB Maxwell and possibly rookie CB Xavien Howard. They expect safety Reshad Jones to continue to gives this unit an impact performer in run support. The Dolphins have not gotten to the playoffs since 2008 and this season they will compete for postseason only if they get a cohesive line to allow Tannehill to realize his talent and effectively run the ball. The defense has the makings of a playoff unit if young talent plays up to their abilities.

New England Patriots *- 13-5 - Head Coach Bill Belichick -17th Year*

The Patriots held no #1 pick due to Deflate gate fiasco. They forfeited what would have been the 29th overall draft pick. In the 2nd round, they choose CB Cyrus Jones, a short compact cover man with good return skills. Belichick buys into Nick Saban prospects and hopes this veteran of big games pays dividends as both a nickel and returner this fall. Jones was a slight

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 2: (#60) Cyrus Jones, CB - Alabama
Round 3: (78) Joe Thuney, OG - N.C. St.
           (91) Jacoby Brissett, QB - N.C. St.
           (96) Vincent Valentine, DT - Nebraska
Round 4: (112) Malcolm Mitchell, WR - Georgia
Round 6: (208) Kamu Grugier-Hill, OLB - E. Illinois
           (214) Elandon Roberts, ILB - Houston
           (221) Ted Karras, OG - Illinois
Round 7: (225) Devin Lucien, WR - Arizona St.

reach this early, though a versatile serviceable performer.

With their three #3 picks, they choose OL Joe Thuney, QB Jacoby Brissett and DT Vincent Valentine. They traded the 61st pick to the Saints for their #3 and #4 choices. OL Thuney is a versatile interior lineman with experience at many positions. He is an average athlete with fine intangibles and technique to get the most of his talent. He was a reach this early, but has the components to have a career most likely at guard. Good early backup especially at the interior positions. QB Brisset is a big mobile passer with a strong arm and leadership. He is a project after only two seasons starting and a reach in the top 100 selections. Nevertheless, he has the components to develop and move up the charts over time. DT Valentine was a surprise addition as an underclassman. He has a big frame with mobility and footwork, though very raw currently. He can be effective in a line rotation with 30 snaps per game mainly in the middle. He was a clear reach this early, though interesting upside. He was a player who would have been on the board later.

With their #4 pick, they choose WR Malcolm Mitchell, a talented injury prone playmaker. Mitchell was an excellent addition and a prospect who can provide impact early in his career if healthy. He is a good runner and has the burst of speed to get deep. He gives them a much needed deep threat for QB Tom Brady. He was their best overall selection. With three 6th round picks, they chose LB Kamu Grugier-Hill, LB Elandon Roberts and OG Ted Karras. LB/safety Grugier-Hill is a tweener who runs well and makes sure tackles. He needs development in coverage to earn the nickel backer role, but has the makeup to be a top core special teams' defender this season. He looks like a solid role defender with work. LB Roberts was very productive and a strong tackler. He should be a factor on coverage units and could surprise in time to press for reps at an inside backer spot. OG Karras is a tough drive blocker from an NFL family tradition. He has the components to surprise here on the interior where they are not completely settled. Good late addition. On the 7th round, they added WR Devin Lucien, a D1 transfer from UCLA who came late in his career. He gives a chance to impress this preseason on a unit with average type talent and limited depth. Looks like a PS performer with a decent showing in camp.   ***Grade: D***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Pats signed a few top flight FAs in DE Chris Long, DT Terrance Knighton, TE Martellus Bennett, wideout Chris Hogan and LB Shea McClellin. They are expected to fill key roles with Long and Knighton key front line defenders. Belichick looks to revive McClellin's career as a flexible defender. WR Hogan gives them a quality possession receiver. They lost only marginal veterans with most replaced in FA or the NFL Draft. The Pats signed an average rookie UDFAs class, Bryce Williams TE East Carolina, De'Runnya Wilson TE/WR Mississippi St., Steven Scheu TE Vanderbilt, DJ Foster RB/WR Arizona St, CJ Johnson LB Ole Miss, V'Angelo Bentley CB Illinois, Cre'Von LeBlanc CB Florida Atlantic, Jonathan Jones CB Auburn, Woodrow Hamilton DT Ole Miss, and Devonta Burns FS Texas A&M. The signing of TE Williams was a definite steal and a performer who can win a roster spot and fill a key role in two TE sets. Corners Bentley, Jones and LeBlanc have NFL talent and at least one can win a roster spot with the others PS candidates after solid college careers.

Training Camp Objectives: The Pats have won the AFC East seven straight seasons and 12 of the last 13 years. Their highly ranked offense will once again look to star veteran QB Tm Brady for leadership and production. He operates behind a veteran line that returns all starters with health the key issues. They rely on veteran Pro Bowl TE Rob Gronkowski to continue his dominance working with Brady perfectly. New TE Bennett creates an awesome tandem and he should flourish with Gronk getting special attention often. Gronk is the premier two-way performer in the league. The ground game struggled last season and return veteran starter LaGarrette Blount in hopes he recaptures his former level of play. The defense needs to improve to challenge for an NFL title especially the pass defense. The run defense improved but should take another step up with the addition of NT Terrance Knighton on the inside and DE Chris Long on the edge. Young LB Jamie Collins comes up big in key situations and should flourish with new playmakers. Corners Malcolm Butler and Logan Ryan form a solid young set of cover men. Free safety Devin McCourty is a stalwart and remains the leader of young unit. The Patriots are always in the Super Bowl hunt with Brady at the controls. Their improved defense can take this club further in the postseason with another NFL title not out of the realm of possibilities with Brady directing the show. They are once again the team to beat in the AFC East and one of the clubs that plays for a bye and home field advantage every game throughout the season.

New York Jets - 10-6 - Head Coach Todd Bowles - 2nd Year

The Jets had a draft class that included 7 picks and mainly defensive players and hopefully their future starting QB. On the first round, they chose LB Darron Lee, a fast defender with playmaking ability and the versatility to line up at a few spots. He has the speed to makeup for his mistakes and shows the ability to cover

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#20) Darron Lee, OLB - Ohio St.
Round 2: (51) Christian Hackenberg, QB - Penn St.
Round 3: (83) Jordan Jenkins, OLB - Georgia
Round 4: (118) Juston Burris, CB - N.C. St.
Round 5: (158) Brandon Shell, OT - South Carolina
Round 7: (235) Lac Edwards, P - Sam Houston St.
(241) Charone Peake, WR - Clemson

fast receivers. He can be too aggressive and needs to breakdown in space better, though an instinctive tough defender who should be a three down starter day one. He is a very physical defender who explodes to the line to drop runners and graded out well in both run and pass defense with rare range.

With their 2nd round pick, they chose QB Christian Hackenberg, a big raw strong armed passer with technique flaws. He fell in the draft off an erratic 2015 season with marginal accuracy behind a shaky PSU line. He showed happy feet while getting hit far too often operating behind a young front. He has a very good arm and big strong frame, but must improve his footwork and delivery to even challenge for starting time. He needs strong coaching for Chan Gailey on the fundamentals to regain his confidence. He needs to sit for at least a season with as many reps in the preseason as possible, relearning the basics. He needs to read and adjust to coverage and how to patiently find secondary receivers. He was an excellent selection and a kid who can be the answer for the Jets, though needs much coaching and valuable time to learn the basics without the pressure of starting.

On the 3rd round, they chose LB Jordan Jenkins, a savvy developed defender who was very productive in the SEC. He has lined up both inside and outside with equal success and is especially effective in run support. He will press for early time and could surprise and win either a key role or starting job. He can mirror receivers in the short game and has the burst off the edge to be a threat as a pass rusher. He can make up for his mistakes with the ability to close well on the ball and was a solid addition here. With their 4th round pick, they added CB Juston Burris, a physical cover man best suited for a cover two scheme. He should excel on coverage units and can also press for a role in package defenses. He has starting potential and fits a few roles. He was a solid selection here.

On the 5th round, they added OT Brandon Shell, a mobile right tackle with SEC experience. He has a long frame and arms with good functional strength, but needs to use it more effectively. He was a decent late addition, though he needs development and maybe time on the PS. With two 7th round picks, they added Lac Edwards and WR Charone Peake. Edwards is a former Australian rugby player who played well at the D1AA lever. As a punter, he has a good leg and hangtime and can win the job outright with a good preseason. WR Peake is a fast lanky receiver with an injury history. He comes from a receiver background at Clemson that has produced numerous NFL starters. He gets a good chance to win a backup role here and if he shows the skill set in camp, will most likely at least earn a PS position. Good late addition with upside if healthy and continues to develop his overall skill set.

Grade: B

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Jets added a key offensive weapon in free agency in RB Matt Forte who should be the workhorse back here. They traded for LT Ryan Clady after veteran D'Brickashaw Ferguson retired. They added quality veteran defenders LB Bruce Carter, DL Jarvis Jenkins and NT Steve McLendon. They lost veteran starters, LBers Demario Davis and Calvin Pace, CBs Antonio Cromartie and Antonio Allen and RB Chris Ivory. They signed an average rookie UDFAs class in Jason Vander Laan QB Ferris St, Liam Nadler QB Gannon, Mathu Gibson OT Wingate, Damian Love OL Alabama St, Jalin Marshall WR Ohio St, Robbie Anderson WR Temple, Kyle Friend OC Temple, Quenton Bundrage WR Iowa St, Tarow Barney DT Penn St, Lawrence Thomas DL Michigan St, Ben Goodman DE Kansas, Helva Matungulu DT WCU, Claude Pelon DL Southern Cal, Doug Middleton DB App. St, Alex Wells S Temple, Tom Hackett P Utah, Daniel Sobolewski K Albright College, Ross Martin K Duke and Terron Beckham ATH N/A. DL Thomas can fill a role here. S Middleton has NFL talent and can win a backup role on his special teams' value alone. Beckham tries to find a niche to make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Jets hope to return to playoff contention after missing in the season finale last year. They must resign starting QB Ryan Fitzpatrick to have any chance to make a strong run in an improving AFC East. New veteran runner Matt Forte is an upgrade here with backup Bilal Powell a well-rounded 1A type. Veteran receivers, Brandon Marshall and Eric Decker both went over 1000 yards receiving last fall and need Fitzpatrick to return as the triggerman. LT Ryan Clady needs to prove he is able to return after missing last season with ACL injury. HC Bowles got good production from his defense and will benefit new edge rushers in vet Lorenzo Mauldin and rookies Darron Lee and Jordan Jenkins. The secondary looks to young safety Calvin Pryor to continue his strong performance. They hope young corner Dee Milliner is healthy and capable of replacing the loss of veteran Antonio Cromartie. Jets need to show more firepower and look to Forte for a missing dimension. They have a difficult first half schedule that they must be ready for to stay in contention. This club needs to mature off last season with Fitzpatrick capable of taking them the next step.

Oakland Raiders - 7-9 - Head Coach Jack Del Rio - 2nd Year

The Raiders addressed key areas on defense with their first three selections. They chose LB Karl Joseph in the 1st round with the 14th overall selection. He is a highly developed well rounded prospect who may be the most NFL ready safety in this draft class. He comes off a knee injury that limited his postseason, but the Raiders felt worthy on this pick. He is an explosive tackler with big play ability with the range to go sideline to sideline. He has a

burst to the ball to finish and can rush the passer or drop in coverage. He is probably 100% later this summer and could start as a rookie. He was a reach off his knee injury, but went where he was expected to be selected prior to the injury.

> **2016 Rookie Draft Class**
> Round 1: (#14) Karl Joseph, S - West Virginia
> Round 2: (44) Jihad Ward, DE - Illinois
> Round 3: (75) Shilique Calhoun, DE - Michigan St.
> Round 4: (100) Connor Cook, QB - Michigan St.
> Round 5: (143) DeAndre Washington, RB - Texas Tech
> Round 6: (194) Cory James, OLB - Colorado St.
> Round 7: (234) Vadal Alexander, OG - LSU

With their 2nd and 3rd round picks, they chose DEs, Jihad Ward and Shilique Calhoun. DE Ward was a reach this early and selected off his upside potential. He has a big athletic frame that the Raiders feel he can play up to his natural talent. He was chosen over DEs Nassib and Kaufusi, in addition to Calhoun. He is best suited for the strong side, though can also line up at the three technique spot. DE Calhoun is a smart tough defender who can play both up or down. He is relentless off the edge and has improved his technique and his ability to anchor vs the run. He is a good defender who can challenge for early playing time in different packages and eventually start here. He was very good value here. With their 4th round pick, they traded up and selected QB Connor Cook, a surprising addition here, though fine value. He had a strong Big Ten career winning two titles, but struggles with accuracy and some question his leadership. He can sit and learn in this system and refine his footwork and throwing motion to try to take the next step to a #2 role in time.

In the 5th round, they selected RB DeAndre Washington, a compact runner with a fine burst through the hole and developed hands and route running. He could earn the 3rd back spot in time and has the versatility to fill a few roles that probably earns him a roster place. With their 6th round pick, they selected LB Cory James, a savvy defender who runs well and could compete for the nickel backer role in time. He must impress on coverage units to make this squad. With their 7th round pick, they choose OL Vadal Alexander, a big versatile lineman who was a good late addition. He needs to prove physical for the NFL game, though he has the package to become a fine contributor over time with critical development. He needs some time to settle into either guard or tackle and refine his basic skills. He flashes power and agility but his inconsistencies hurt his final grade and forced him into the developmental category. His versatility could earn him a vital backup role to develop further.   *Grade: C*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Raiders had the most salary cap room in the league again and were aggressive addressing big needs especially on defense. They added DE/LB Bruce Irvin, CB Sean Smith, safety Reggie Nelson and OL Kelechi Osemele. They lost two defenders to retirement in DB Charles Woodson and DE Justin Tuck. They lost only one fulltime starter in OL J'Marcus Webb who was replaced by Osemele. They signed an average rookie UDFAs class of Ryan O'Malley TE Penn, Pig Howard WR Tennessee, Johnnie Holton WR Cincinnati, Max McCaffery WR Duke, Marvin Hall WR Washington, Denver Kirkland OL Arkansas, Byron Williams OG Stephen F. Austin, Terran Vaughn OL Stephen F. Austin, Oni Omoile OL Iowa St, Shadrach Thornton RB North Carolina St, Jalen Richard RB Southern Miss, Antonio Hamilton DB/KR South Carolina St, Kyrie Wilson LB Fresno St, Perez Ford LB Northern Illinois, Michael Bloomfield OLB Winston-Salem St., Greg Townsend Jr. DE USC, James Cowser DE Southern Utah, Darius Latham DL Indiana, Drew Iddings DL South Dakota and Kenneth Durden DB Youngstown St. DE Cowser was an excellent addition with nice upside in time.

Training Camp Objectives: The Raiders have a massive job integrating as many as 10 new starters including QB Matt Schaub who has slipped noticeably over recent seasons. Schaub is the next Raider starter in their endless search for a playoff leader. He will work with new veteran wideout James Jones in a young receiving corps. The unsettled offensive line may hold the key especially with the immobile Schaub. Center Stefen Wisniewski is the only blocker whose starting job is secure. Runner Darren McFadden will get competition from FA signee Maurice Jones-Drew and they could form a tough tandem if healthy. The defense added new veterans for their front four and look to Justin Tuck, LaMarr Woodley and Antonio Smith to form a tough front. The secondary made few big plays and allowed far too much yardage. Former top pick D.J. Hayden needs to prove he was worthy of a first round selection. Rookie top pick LB Khalil Mack has Pro Bowl talent. Young LB Sio Moore is a thumper and playmaker. The Raiders believe they can compete in the AFC West and continue fast progress. They can surprise and make the playoffs with QB Derek Carr and wideout Amari Cooper key performers for offensive progress. Young DE Khalil Mack is a star defender who changes games quickly. They look to talented LB Bruce Irvin to provide some big plays off the edge with troubled LB Aldon Smith a new defender attempting to reach his former level of play. Many veterans would have to play at their former levels to help them challenge for any playoffs aspirations, though they are getting strong pieces in place.

Pittsburgh Steelers - 11-7 - Head Coach Mike Tomlin - 10th Year

The Steelers continue to address their aging defense early in the process with their top draft choices. They tried to stay with their value board and selected two defensive backs with their top two choices. In the 1st round, they added CB Artie Burns, an emerging cover man with length, agility and speed. He has natural talent, though not fully developed in his reads and ability to adjust. He was a slight reach here, though a defender with a nice upside. He was a surprising pick this early, though his speed and tackling should allow him to be a playmaker

> **2016 Rookie Draft Class**
> Round 1: (#25) Artie Burns, CB - Miami
> Round 2: (58) Sean Davis, DB - Maryland
> Round 3: (89) Javon Hargrave, DT - S.C. St.
> Round 4: (123) Jerald Hawkins, OT - LSU
> Round 6: (220) Travis Feeney, OLB - Washington
> Round 7: (229) DeMarcus Ayers, WR - Houston
> (246) Tyler Matakevich, LB - Temple

here. He carries a starting grade and could fill the nickel role as a rookie. On the 2nd round, they choose DB Sean Davis, a big tough defender with experience at both safety and corner. He is a hitter who will support the run and tackles in open field. He fits the strong safety or cover two corner role the best, in addition to having the makeup of a top core special teams' defender. He was fine value here and a defender who can be effective in the nickel and dime packages immediately. He has the makeup of an early starter and possible as a rookie on a battered secondary that looks for key changes and much needed improvement in 2016.

On the 3rd round, they selected DT Javon Hargrave, a quick interior lineman who can rush the passer. He gives them a playmaker for the sub packages and some needed inside pass pressure. He is best suited for the three technique spot where he is able to use his top initial quickness best to penetrate the backfield. He was a reach this early and needs time to adjust to the Steelers scheme. He is best in a situational role that uses his initial burst to the fullest. He has the burst to be a big play defender, though he must prove he can get off blockers and be durable at the NFL level. On the 4th round, they selected OT Jerald Hawkins, a big physical blocker best suited for the right side. He graded out high in the SEC and is battled tested vs top competition at both tackle spots. He projects to right tackle where he can earn a starting job with some development over a critical learning period.

On the 6th round, they selected LB Travis Feeney, a fast agile defender with highly developed skills for special teams. He has length and mobility to compete for the nickel backer role with the size and speed to matchup with backs and tight ends. He was a good late addition and can become a top role defender. With two 7th round picks, they chose WR DeMarcus Ayers and LB Tyler Matakevich. WR Ayers was selected more off his return skills than receiving talent. The return job is wide open and the Steelers want someone other than Antonio Brown to handle it. He is a smallish weapon who can line up at wideout, slot receiver and out of the backfield, but he earns his stripes here on his return skills. LB Matakdvich is a hard-nosed backer who hits a ton and can support the run well. He has only marginal speed to cover backs and tight ends and can struggle in matchups. He is still raw in areas of coverage, but has the package to be an effective player. He was good value here, though he clearly needs time to settle into a pro defense. He makes this squad off his special teams' performance this preseason. He was fine value here and has upside in this scheme.   *Grade: C*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Steelers allowed a big contingent of veterans to leave in FA, though most with marginal starters/backups. They signed TE Ladarius Green and OT Ryan Harris in hopes both can win starting jobs. Veteran TE Heath Miller retired after an excellent career. They did lose wideout Martavis Bryant for the 2016 season for multiple failed drug tests. They lost a few DBs in Will Allen, Brandon Boykin and Antwon Blake after a horrible 2015 performance. They also lost vets OL Kelvin Beachum and NT Steve McLendon. The Steelers continue to small players in the veteran FA market. They added rookie free agents Jacob Huesman QB UT-Chattanooga, Nick Arbuckle QB Georgia St, Christian Powell RB Colorado, Jay Rome TE Georgia, Gus Penning TE Baylor, David Reeves TE Duke, Canaan Severin WR Virginia, Quinton Schooley OL North Carolina St, Mike McQueen OT Ohio, Tyriq McCord LB Miami (FL), Giorgio Newberry DL FSU, Devaunte Sigler DL Jacksonville St, Zack Shaw LB Indiana, Javien Elliott DB Florida St, Johnny Maxey DL Mars Hill and Kelvin Fisher Jr. DB UTEP. DT Sigler has a chance to impress in camp with a key opening on the inside. He is an ideal PS defender if he does not win a roster spot.

Training Camp Objectives: The Steelers look to their rookie class to make a major contribution this fall with their top three selections all at critical need positions. QB Ben Roethlisberger performed well despite missing runner Le'Veon Bell and two starting offensive linemen. Big Ben is still the catalyst here and he proved it once again in their playoff miracle win over the Bengals. Runners LeVeon Bell and DeAngelo Williams form a powerful tandem that can control the clock and field position. Roethlisberger needs the offensive line to perform better after an average performance. Center Maurkice Pouncey returns and can make a huge difference here. Pro Bowl wideout Antonio Brown is a major impact performer, but needs wideout Markus Wheaton to step up with the loss of wideout Martavis Bryant and

retirement of TE Heath Miller. The Steelers' once highly rated aging defense continued to slide and they made a few key changes in the secondary. They rely on a talented group of linebackers to set the pace. Former top pick Jarvis Jones must step up after a lackluster early career while LB Ryan Shazier is a rising star. The secondary looks to young defenders Ross Crockett and rookies Burns and Davis to play at a high level now. The Steelers are in a highly competitive wide open division. They hope their young defensive players make big progress this fall, so they can make a run. Bell needs to return to his former level for this offense to maintain their high ranking.

San Diego Chargers - *4-12 - Head Coach Mike McCoy - 4th Year*

The Chargers addressed their most pressing problems with their early selections. On the first round, they selected DE Joey Bosa, a tough two-way defender who is a great fit for this scheme. He wins with speed, power and moves and is highly developed after facing top competition over his career. He should contribute immediately, though he held out of mini-camp due to an unsigned contract. He can be a difference maker here on a front seven that needs a playmaker and a three down anchor. He carries a rookie starting grade and was a fine addition for the Chargers

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#3) Joey Bosa, DE - Ohio St.
Round 2: (35) Hunter Henry, TE - Arkansas
Round 3: (66) Max Tuerk, C - USC
Round 4: (102) Joshua Perry, ILB - Ohio St.
Round 5: (175) Jatavis Brown, OLB - Akron
Round 6: (179) Drew Kaser, P - Texas A&M
(198) Derek Watt, FB - Wisconsin
Round 7: (224) Donavon Clark, OG - Michigan St.

On the 2nd round, they added TE Hunter Henry, a big talented pass catcher with a high level of development. He was an excellent pick here and capable of providing impact in this attack. He couples with Pro Bowl TE Antonio Gates who enters his final season with the Chargers. Henry can be an immediate factor in a few roles and a performer veteran QB Philip Rivers will become familiar with early. Henry has excellent hands and run after the catch ability to be factor in the passing game. He can be effective in the red zone and should become a favorite of Rivers this preseason. He was a fine addition and early impact weapon. On the 3rd round, they chose center/guard Max Tuerk, a tough technician who graded out well in big game situations. He fell off a late career knee injury, but is healthy now and could challenge for a starting job early. He was a slight reach, though a player who addressed a definite need and has the makeup to have a nice NFL career.

On the 4th and 5th rounds, they added LBers Joshua Perry and Jatavis Brown. Perry is a tough physical defender who fits the inside spot here. He has the skills to play every down, though limited to shorter zones in pass coverage. He also fits well outside and probably wins a situational role with a good training camp. He was a nice addition and has the talent to start in time. LB Brown was a difference maker in the MAC. He is a fast quick instinctive defender with marginal size. He was excellent value this late and a prospect who is capable of being an instant hit on coverage units. He has the speed and instincts to match up in coverage and could win the nickel backer role early in his career. He was a fine late addition and has the skill set to be a nice surprise and capable of being a top role performer. With two 6th round picks, they added punter Drew Kaser and FB Derek Watt. Kaser was the best punter in this class who replaces released veteran Mike Scifres. Kaser has a powerful leg and gets good hang time to get the Chargers a solid prospect. FB Watt is a versatile back who gives the Chargers a much needed lead blocker for former #1 pick Melvin Gordon to run behind. Watt is a solid blocker and a sure handed receiver to fill this critical role nicely. Gordon can play up to their high expectations of him when they drafted him last spring. With their 7th round pick, they chose guard Donavon Clark, a tough hard-nosed blocker from a pro-style offense. He has the powerful base to hold the point with limited quickness to get to the outside. He needs development to improve his pass protection and pulling. He can surprise here and make this roster in time. He was good value, but may need to develop further on the PS.   **Grade: B+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Chargers made a few key moves in FA, signing DL Brandon Mebane, WR Travis Benjamin and CB Casey Hayward. DL Mebane will help their weak run support defense. WR Benjamin gives them a legitimate vertical threat for vet QB Philip Rivers. CB Hayward can help in the nickel package. They lost starters safety Eric Weddle, DE Kendall Reyes, LB Donald Butler, CB Patrick Robinson and TE Ladarius Green, all key subtractions. Most were replaced in the draft by higher rated defenders. The Chargers added rookie free agents Mike Bercovici QB Arizona St, Jamal Jones WR Montana, Kenneth Farrow RB Houston, Chris Swain FB Navy, Sebastian Johansson OL Marshall, Tyler Johnstone OT Oregon, Tre Roberson ATH Illinois St, Spencer Pulley C Vanderbilt, Mike McQueen C Ohio, Carlos Wray DE Duke, Chris Landrum DL Jacksonville St, Tyler Marcodes LB Georgia Tech, Shaq Petteway LB West Virginia, Larry Scott CB Oregon St., Terrell Chestnut CB WVU and Adrian McDonald DB Houston. RB Farrow can win the big back role here. OT Johnstone has the skill set to play in the NFL, though must stay healthy.

Training Camp Objectives: The Chargers have slipped noticeably over the past few seasons and appear to face an uphill this season. HC Mike McCoy is on the hot seat and must get this club to respectability. He depends on leadership from savvy QB Philip Rivers. Their offense ranks among the league's worst in rushing yardage and scoring. The offense needs young back Melvin Gordon to show why they used a #1 pick on him. His improvement would be the biggest boost this attack can get. The healthy return of #1 WR Keenan Allen is another shot for this low scoring offense. The defense was not up to playoff standards especially vs the run. They lost four starters and need better play from the nose tackle spot. The young LBer corps needs to make more big plays and establish itself as a top unit. Rookie DE Bosa and free agent signee DT Mebane can provide some upfront impact they desperately need. The secondary is very unsettled other than corner Jason Verret. Safety is a pressing problem with marginal defenders on the current roster. The Chargers are not a playoff club and must show more consistency in scoring situations. Their marginal defense must improve rushing the passer, in coverage and tougher vs the run.

Tennessee Titans *- 3-13 - Head Coach Mike Mularkey - 1st Year*

The Titans held the #1 overall selection and offered it to the highest bidder. The Rams stepped to the table and offered a huge bounty to select the top QB Jared Goff. The Rams surrendered two #1, two #2 and additional picks. The Titans have an additional #1 and #3 picks next spring in addition to this year for a total of 10 draft choices. They moved back into the top ten to select OT Jack Conklin, a tough developed lineman with a rookie starting grade. He gives them a left/right tackle to fit in with young vet Taylor Lewan. He can be an anchor on this front and a linchpin for the success of young QB Marcus Mariota. He has starting left tackle talent, but probably starts initially on the right side where his power and agility should allow him to grade out well.

2016 Rookie Draft Class
Round 1: (#8) Jack Conklin, OT - Michigan St.
Round 2: (33) Kevin Dodd, DE - Clemson
　　　　　(43) Austin Johnson, NT - Penn St.
　　　　　(45) Derrick Henry, RB - Alabama
Round 3: (64) Kevin Byard, S - M. Tennessee St.
Round 5: (140) Tajae Sharpe, WR - UMass
　　　　　(157) LeShaun Sims, CB - Southern Utah
Round 6: (193) Sebastian Tretola, OG - Arkansas
Round 7: (222) Aaron Wallace, OLB - UCLA
　　　　　(253) Kalan Reed, CB - Southern Miss

With three 2nd round picks, they selected DE Kevin Dodd, DT Austin Johnson and RB Derrick Henry. DE Dodd is an emerging playmaker who came on strong over his late career. He has great length and athleticism to become a three down defender for either pro scheme. With technique and strength development, he has an enormous ceiling. He should play as a situational pass rusher immediately and start within a short time. Excellent addition. NT Johnson is a wide body who holds the point of attack well and can push the pocket. He will pressure for playing time especially in passing situation where he provides a strong bull rush. RB Henry is a big physical runner who can be a workhorse and fine short yardage back. He needs work on his receiving and blocking, though an ideal 1A type compliment to new veteran DeMarco Murray.

With their 3rd round pick, they selected safety Kevin Byard, a savvy mobile centerfield type who impressed over the postseason. He is well rounded with the range to play man or zone coverage. He will press for time in the package defenses where he can improve their coverage especially in the deep zone. Rising prospect, though a slight reach here and will have to play up to this overall draft choice. With two 5th round picks, they selected WR Tajae Sharpe and CB LeShaun Sims. WR Sharpe is a tall talented pass catcher with sure hands and a nice understanding of route running. He will press for time in three wideout sets and capable of being a fine possession receiver in time. CB Sims is big cover man with raw skills to win a roster spot on potential. He needs time vs NFL receivers and settling into a system. He needs reps in coverage especially in man situations. He fits a cover two scheme best. He must show he can be effective on coverage units and may be tested as the gunner. He was good value here and the type　　　　　***Grade: A***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Titans traded for vet runner DeMarco Murray for a middle round pick prior to the NFL Draft. They signed key free agents, safety Rashad Johnson and WR Rishard Matthews. DB Johnson replaces departed Michael Griffin. WR Matthews can win the #2 or #3 role with his developed skill set. They lost LB Zach Brown, OL Jamon Meredith and CB Coty Sensabaugh. Titans signed an average group of rookie UDFAs in Quayvon Hicks FB Georgia, Samuel Carlson OL Colorado St, Nick Richter OT Richmond, Tyler Marz OT Wisconsin, Golden Ukonu OL LIU-Post, Alex Ellis TE Delaware, Antwaun Woods DL USC, Mehdi Abdesmad DE Boston College, Iosia Iosia DL West Texas A&M, Lemarcus Brutus SS FSU and Brian Randolph SS Tennessee. DL Woods and Abdesmad can impress here on a front that showed only average talent. Safety Brutus can make this squad on his special teams' value.

Training Camp Objectives: The Titans made key changes bringing in a new regime under GM Jon Robinson. They

had a strong draft class and are in position to duplicate again next spring. They cleaned up their salary cap and look to build on young talent to surround young QB Marcus Mariota. He will benefit from rookies OT Jack Conklin and RB Derrick Henry along with veteran runner DeMarco Murray. The ground game was terrible and can only improve from the new acquisitions. Young receivers Dorial Green-Beckham and Kendall Wright have been disappointing to say the least. They must step up for Mariota to progress within this system. Vet TE Delanie Walker is a well-rounded performer who became Mariota's favorite as a rookie. The defense has not gotten the impact in this 3-4 scheme to win with any consistency. The average LB corps lacks a difference maker, though veteran Brian Orakpo had a fine 2015 performance. The secondary add FS Rashad Johnson, though the unit has only average talent that allowed a ton of points last year. The Titans are in the early stages of rebuilding, though have a few key players like Mariota and offensive linemen in place. The defense presents more questions than answers and needs to find out what their young defenders can do in this 3-4 scheme. A season of tough growing pains appears to be on the agenda.

NFL Draft 2016 Selection Order - Seven Rounds
Pick / Team   **Player / Position / School**

First Round

 1 Los Angeles (Tennessee) - Jared Goff - QB - Cal
 2 Philadelphia (Cleveland) - Carson Wentz - QB - North Dakota St
 3 San Diego - Joey Bosa - DE - Ohio St
 4 Dallas - Zeke Elliott - RB - Ohio St
 5 Jacksonville - Jalen Ramsey - DB - Florida St
 6 Baltimore - Ronnie Stanley - OT - Notre Dame
 7 San Francisco - DeForest Buckner - DE - Oregon
 8 Tennessee (Miami thru Phil & Cleve) - Jack Conklin - OT - Michigan St
 9 Chicago (Tampa Bay) - Leonard Floyd - OLB - Georgia
10 NY Giants - Eli Apple - CB - Ohio St
11 Tampa Bay (Chicago) - Vernon Hargreaves - CB - Florida
12 New Orleans - Sheldon Rankins - DT - Louisville
13 Miami (Philadelphia) - Laremy Tunsil - OT - Mississippi
14 Oakland - Karl Joseph - FS - West Virginia
15 Cleveland (Los Angeles thru Tennessee) - Corey Coleman - WR - Baylor
16 Detroit - Taylor Decker - OT - Ohio St
17 Atlanta - Keanu Neal - S - Florida
18 Indianapolis - Ryan Kelly - C - Alabama
19 Buffalo - Shaq Lawson - DE - Clemson
20 NY Jets - Darron Lee - OLB - Ohio St
21 Houston (Washington) - Will Fuller - WR - Notre Dame
22 Washington (Houston) - Josh Doctson - WR - TCU
23 Minnesota - Laquon Treadwell - WR - Mississippi
24 Cincinnati - Will Jackson - CB - Houston
25 Pittsburgh - Artie Burns - CB - Miami
26 Denver (Seattle) - Paxton Lynch - QB - Memphis
27 Green Bay - Kenny Clark - DT - UCLA
28 San Francisco (Kansas City) - Josh Garnett - OG - Stanford
    New England - Pick forfeited
29 Arizona - Robert Nkemdiche - DT - Mississippi
30 Carolina - Vernon Butler - DT - Louisiana Tech
31 Seattle (Denver) - Germain Ifedi - OT - Texas A&M

Second Round

32 Cleveland - Emmanuel Ogbah - DE - Oklahoma St
33 Tennessee - Kevin Dodd - DE - Clemson
34 Dallas - Jaylon Smith - OLB - Notre Dame
35 San Diego - Hunter Henry - TE - Arkansas
36 Jacksonville (Baltimore) - Myles Jack - LB - UCLA
37 Kansas City (San Francisco) - Chris Jones - DT - Mississippi St
38 Miami (Jacksonville thru Baltimore) - Xavien Howard - CB - Baylor
39 Tampa Bay - Noah Spence - DE - Eastern Kentucky
40 NY Giants - Sterling Shepard - WR - Oklahoma

41 Buffalo (Chicago) - Reggie Ragland - LB - Alabama
42 Baltimore (Miami) - Kamalei Correa - OLB - Boise St
43 Tennessee (Philadelphia thru LA) - Austin Johnson - DT - Penn St
44 Oakland - Jihad Ward - DT - Oakland
45 Tennessee (LA) - Derrick Henry - RB - Alabama
46 Detroit - A'Shawn Robinson - DT - Alabama
47 New Orleans - Michael Thomas - WR - Ohio St
48 Green Bay (Indianapolis) - Jason Spriggs - OT - Indiana
49 Seattle (Buffalo thru Chicago) - Jarran Reed - DT - Alabama
50 Houston (Atlanta) - Nick Martin - C - Notre Dame
51 NY Jets - Christian Hackenberg - QB - Penn St
52 Atlanta (Houston) - Deion Jones - OLB - LSU
53 Washington - Su'a Cravens - OLB - Southern California
54 Minnesota - Mackensie Alexander - CB - Clemson
55 Cincinnati - Tyler Boyd - WR - Pittsburgh
56 Chicago (Seattle) - Cody Whitehair - OG - Kansas St
57 Indianapolis (Green Bay) - T.J. Green - DB - Clemson
58 Pittsburgh - Sean Davis - DB - Maryland
59 Tampa Bay (Kansas City) - Roberto Aguayo - PK - Florida S
60 New England - Cyrus Jones - CB - Alabama
61 New Orleans (Arizona thru New England) - Vonn Bell - S - Ohio St
62 Carolina - James Bradberry - CB - Samford
63 Denver - Adam Gotsis - DT - Georgia Tech

Third Round
64 Tennessee - Kevin Byard - S - Middle Tennessee St
65 Cleveland - Carl Nassib - DE - Penn St
66 San Diego - Max Tuerk - C - Southern California
67 Dallas - Maliek Collins - DT - Nebraska
68 San Francisco - Will Redmond - CB - Mississippi St
69 Jacksonville - Yannick Ngakoue - OLB - Maryland
70 Baltimore - Bronson Kaufusi - DE - BYU
71 NY Giants - Darian Thompson - S - Boise St
72 Chicago - Jonathan Bullard - DE - Florida
73 Miami - Kenyan Drake - RB - Alabama
74 Kansas City (Tampa Bay) - Keivarae Russell - CB - Notre Dame
75 Oakland - Shilique Calhoun - DE - Michigan St
76 Cleveland (Los Angeles thru Tennessee) - Shon Coleman - OT - Auburn
77 Carolina (Detroit thru Philadelphia and Cleveland) - Daryl Worley - CB - West Virginia
78 New England (New Orleans -) Joe Thuney - OG - North Carolina St
79 Philadelphia - Isaac Seumalo - C/G - Oregon St
80 Buffalo - Adolphus Washington - DL - Ohio St
81 Atlanta - Austin Hooper - TE - Stanford
82 Indianapolis - Le'Raven Clark - OT - Texas Tech
83 NY Jets - Jordan Jenkins - OLB - Georgia
84 Washington - Kendall Fuller - CB - Virginia Tech
85 Houston - Braxton Miller - WR - Ohio St
86 Miami (Minnesota) - Leonte Carroo - WR - Rutgers
87 Cincinnati - Nick Vigil - LB - Utah State
88 Green Bay - Kyler Fackrell - OLB - Utah
89 Pittsburgh - Javon Hargrave - DT - South Carolina St
90 Seattle - C.J. Prosise - RB - Notre Dame
    Kansas City - Forfeited - tampering
91 New England - Jacob Brissett - QB - North Carolina St
92 Arizona - Brandon Williams - CB - Texas A&M
93 Cleveland (Carolina) - Cody Kessler - QB - Southern California
94 Seattle (Denver) - Nick Vannett - TE - Ohio St
95 (comp) Detroit - Graham Glasgow - C - Michigan
96 (comp) New England - Vince Valentine - DT - Nebraska
97 (comp) Seattle - Rees Odhiambo - OL - Boise St
98 (comp) Denver - Justin Simmons - FS - Boston College

Round 4

99. Browns: Joe Schobert, LB, Wisconsin
100. Raiders (Browns thru Eagles & Titans): Connor Cook, QB, Michigan St
101. Cowboys: Charles Tapper, DE, Oklahoma
102. Chargers: Josh Perry, LB, Ohio St
103. Jaguars: Sheldon Day, DT, Notre Dame
104. Ravens: Tavon Young, CB, Temple
105. Chiefs (49ers): Parker Ehinger, G, Cincinnati
106. Chiefs (Buccaneers thru Bears): Eric Murray, CB, Minnesota
107. Ravens (Dolphins): Chris Moore, WR, Cincinnati
108. Buccaneers: Ryan Smith, CB, North Carolina Central
109. Giants: B.J. Goodson, LB, Clemson
110. Rams: Tyler Higbee, TE, Western Kentucky
111. Lions: Miles Killebrew, S, Southern Utah
112. Patriots (Saints): Malcolm Mitchell, WR, Georgia
113. Bears (Titans thru Eagles & Rams): Nick Kwiatkoski, LB, West Virginia
114. Browns (Raiders): Ricardo Louis, WR, Auburn
115. Falcons: De'Vondre Campbell, LB, Minnesota
116. Colts: Hassan Ridgeway, DT, Texas
117. Rams (Bills thru Bears): Pharoh Cooper, WR, South Carolina
118. Jets: Juston Burris, CB, North Carolina St
119. Texans: Tyler Ervin, RB, San Jose St
120. Saints (Redskins): David Onyemata, DT, Manitoba
121. Vikings: Willie Beavers, T, Western Michigan
122. Bengals: Andrew Billings, DT, Baylor
123. Steelers: Jerald Hawkins, T, LSU
124. Bears (Seahawks): Deon Bush, S, Miami (Fla.)
125. Colts (Packers): Antonio Morrison, LB, Florida
126. Chiefs: Demarcus Robinson, WR, Florida
127. Bears (Patriots): Deiondre' Hall, CB, Northern Iowa
128. Cardinals: Evan Boehm, C, Missouri
129. Browns (Panthers): Derrick Kindred, S, Texas Christian
130. Ravens (Broncos): Alex Lewis, T, Nebraska
131. Packers (compensatory): Blake Martinez, LB, Stanford
132. Ravens (compensatory): Willie Henry, DT, Michigan
133. 49ers (compensatory): Rashard Robinson, CB, LSU
134. Ravens (compensatory): Kenneth Dixon, RB, Louisiana Tech
135. Cowboys (compensatory): Dak Prescott, QB, Mississippi St
136. Broncos (compensatory): Devontae Booker, RB, Utah
137. Packers (compensatory): Dean Lowry, DE, Northwestern
138. Browns (compensatory): Seth DeValve, TE, Princeton
139. Bills (compensatory): Cardale Jones, QB, Ohio St

Round 5

140. Titans: Tajae Sharpe, WR, Massachusetts
141. Panthers (Browns): Zack Sanchez, CB, Oklahoma
142. 49ers (Chargers): Ronald Blair, DE, Appalachian St
143. Raiders (Cowboys): DeAndre Washington, RB, Texas Tech
144. Broncos (Ravens): Connor McGovern, G, Missouri
145. 49ers: John Theus, T, Georgia
146. Ravens (Jaguars): Matt Judon, DE, Grand Valley St
147. Seahawks (Dolphins thru Patriots): Quinton Jefferson, DT, Maryland
148. Buccaneers: Caleb Benenoch, T, UCLA
149. Giants: Paul Perkins, RB, UCLA
150. Bears: Jordan Howard, RB, Indiana
151. Lions: Joe Dahl, OL, Washington St
152. Redskins (Saints): Matt Ioannidis, DT, Temple
153. Eagles: Wendell Smallwood, RB, West Virginia
154. Browns (Raiders): Jordan Payton, WR, UCLA
      LA Rams - Forfeited - supp draft pick 2015
155. Colts: Joe Haeg, T, North Dakota St

156. Bills: Jonathan Williams, RB, Arkansas
     Atlanta - Forfeited/crowd noise
157. Titans (Jets thru Broncos): LeShaun Sims, CB, Southern Utah
158. Jets (Redskins): Brandon Shell, T, South Carolina
159. Texans: KJ Dillon, S, West Virginia
160. Vikings: Kentrell Brothers, LB, Missouri
161. Bengals: Christian Westerman, G, Arizona St
162. Chiefs (Seahawks): Kevin Hogan, QB, Stanford
163. Packers: Trevor Davis, WR, California
164. Eagles (Steelers): Halapoulivaati Vaitai, T, Texas Christian
165. Chiefs: Tyreek Hill, WR, West Alabama
166. Texans (Patriots): D.J. Reader DT, Clemson
167. Cardinals: Marqui Christian, S, Midwestern St
168. Browns (Panthers): Spencer Drango, T, Baylor
169. Lions (Broncos): Antwione Williams, LB, Georgia Southern
170. Cardinals (compensatory): Cole Toner, T, Harvard
171. Seahawks (compensatory): Alex Collins, RB, Arkansas
172. Browns (compensatory): Rashard Higgins, WR, Colorado St
173. Browns (compensatory): Trey Caldwell, DB, Louisiana-Monroe
174. 49ers (compensatory): Fahn Cooper, T, Mississippi
175. Chargers (compensatory): Jatavis Brown, LB, Akron

Round 6
176. Broncos (Browns thru Titans): Andy Janovich, FB, Nebraska
177. Rams (Titans): Temarrick Hemingway, TE, South Carolina St
178. Chiefs (49ers thru Cowboys): D.J. White, CB, Georgia Tech
179. Chargers: Drew Kaser, P, Texas A&M
180. Vikings (49ers): Moritz Boehringer, WR, Germany
181. Jaguars: Tyrone Holmes, LB, Montana
182. Ravens: Keenan Reynolds, QB/RB, Navy
183. Buccaneers: Devante Bond, LB, Oklahoma
184. Giants: Jerrell Adams, TE, South Carolina
185. Bears: DeAndre Houston-Carson, S, William & Mary
186. Dolphins (Dolphins thru Vikings): Jakeem Grant, WR, Texas Tech
187. Redskins (Saints): Nate Sudfeld, QB, Indiana
188. Vikings (Eagles): David Morgan, TE, Texas-San Antonio
189. Cowboys (Raiders): Anthony Brown, CB, Purdue
190. Rams: Josh Forrest, LB, Kentucky
191. Lions: Jake Rudock, QB, Michigan
192. Bills: Kolby Listenbee, WR, Texas Christian
193. Titans (Falcons): Sebastian Tretola, G, Arkansas
194. Raiders (Colts): Cory James, LB, Colorado State
195. Falcons (Texans thru Jets): Wes Schweitzer, G, San Jose St
196. Eagles (Texans thru Patriots and Dolphins): Blake Countess, CB, Auburn
197. Buccaneers (Redskins): Dan Vitale, FB, Northwestern
198. Chargers (Vikings): Derek Watt, FB, Wisconsin
199. Bengals: Cody Core, WR, Mississippi
200. Packers: Kyle Murphy, T, Stanford
201. Jaguars (Steelers): Brandon Allen, QB, Arkansas
202. Lions (Seahawks): Anthony Zettel, DT, Penn St
203. Chiefs: Dadi Nicolas, LB, Virginia Tech
204. Dolphins (Bears thru Patriots): Jordan Lucas, S, Penn St
205. Cardinals: Harlan Miller, CB, Southeastern Louisiana
206. Rams (Panthers thru Bears): Mike Thomas, WR, Southern Mississippi
207. 49ers (Broncos): Jeff Driskel, QB, Louisiana Tech
208. Patriots (compensatory): Kamu Grugier-Hall, LB, Eastern Illinois
209. Ravens (compensatory): Maurice Canady, CB, Virginia
210. Lions (compensatory): Jimmy Landes, LS, Baylor
211. 49ers (compensatory): Kelvin Taylor, RB, Florida
212. Cowboys (compensatory): Kavon Frazier, S, Central Michigan
213. 49ers (compensatory): Aaron Burbridge, WR, Michigan St

214. Patriots (compensatory): Elandon Roberts, LB, Houston
215. Seahawks (compensatory): Joey Hunt, C, Texas Christian
216. Cowboys (compensatory): Darius Jackson, RB, Eastern Michigan
217. Cowboys (compensatory): Rico Gathers, TE, Baylor
218. Bills (compensatory): Kevon Seymour, CB, Southern California
219. Broncos (compensatory): Will Parks, S, Arizona
220. Steelers (compensatory): Travis Feeney, LB, Washington
221. Patriots (compensatory): Ted Karras, G, Illinois

Round 7
222. Titans: Aaron Wallace, LB, UCLA
223. Dolphins (Browns): Brandon Doughty, QB, Western Kentucky
224. Chargers: Donavon Clark, G, Michigan State
225. Patriots (Cowboys thru Seahawks): Devin Lucien, WR, Arizona St
226. Jaguars: Jonathan Woodard, DE, Central Arkansas
227. Vikings (Ravens thru Dolphins): Stephen Weatherly, LB, Vanderbilt
228. Broncos (49ers): Riley Dixon, P, Syracuse
229. Steelers (Giants): Demarcus Ayers, WR, Houston
230. Bears: Daniel Braverman, WR, Western Michigan
231. Dolphins: Thomas Duarte, TE, UCLA
232. Redskins (Buccaneers): Steven Daniels, LB, Boston College
233. Eagles: Jalen Mills, S, LSU
234. Raiders: Vadal Alexander, G, LSU
235. Jets (Rams thru Texans and Broncos): Lachlan Edwards, P, Sam Houston St
236. Lions: Dwayne Washington, RB, Washington
237. Saints: Daniel Lasco, RB, California
238. Falcons: Devin Fuller, WR, UCLA
239. Colts: Trevor Bates, LB, Maine
240. Eagles (Bills thru Vikings): Alex McCalister, DE, Florida
241. Jets: Charone Peake, WR, Clemson
242. Redskins: Keith Marshall, RB, Georgia
243. Seahawks (Texans thru Patriots): Kenny Lawler, WR, California
244. Vikings: Jayron Kearse, S, Clemson
245. Bengals: Clayton Fejedelem, S, Illinois
246. Steelers: Tyler Matakevich, LB, Temple
247. Seahawks: Zac Brooks, RB, Clemson
248. Colts (Packers): Austin Blythe, C, Iowa
249. 49ers (Chiefs): Prince Charles Iworah, CB, Western Kentucky
250. Browns (Patriots thru Dolphins): Scooby Wright, LB, Arizona
251. Eagles (Cardinals): Joe Walker, LB, Oregon
252. Panthers: Beau Sandland, TE, Montana State
253. Titans (Broncos): Kalan Reed, CB, Southern Mississippi

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