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The 2021 NFL Draft was the 86th annual meeting of National Football League teams to select newly eligible players for the upcoming NFL season. The first round was held on April 29, followed by the second and third rounds on April 30. The draft concluded with rounds 4–7 on May 1. The NFL held the event live in Cleveland, Ohio with limited attendance due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. All team selections took place from Cleveland with league commissioner Roger Goodell announcing the early selections from the podium.

Five quarterbacks were selected in the first round - Trevor Lawrence, Zach Wilson, Trey Lance, Justin Fields, and Mac Jones. It was the second highest number of first-round QB selections (tied with the 1999 & 2018 drafts) after the record six selected in 1983. The draft also marks the third time the first three picks (Lawrence, Wilson, and Lance) were QBs, following the 1971 and 1999 draft classes. A total of eight QBs selected in the first three rounds, the most in NFL Draft history. Conversely, however, only two QBs were taken in rounds four through seven. The 2021 class also marked the lowest position for the first defensive player selected in a given draft in the common era, with the Carolina Panthers' selection of Jaycee Horn at the eighth overall choice.

In addition to the high number of QBs, six Alabama players were taken in the first round, which tied with the six Miami players in 2004 for the most 1st-round selections from an individual school. Conversely, no Big 12 Conference players were drafted in the first round for the first time since the conference's 1994 establishment. The draft also saw no Michigan State players selected for the first time in 80 years.

The NCAA granted an extra year of eligibility and an opt-out option for athletes because of the shortened season, resulting in many prospects returning to school instead of declaring for this draft class.

2020 Resolution JC-2A picks

In November 2020 the NFL passed that year's Resolution JC-2A, which rewards teams for developing minority candidates for head coach and/or general manager positions. The resolution rewards teams whose minority candidates are hired away for one of those positions by awarding draft picks. These draft picks are at the end of the third round, after standard compensatory picks. If multiple teams qualify, they are awarded in draft order from the first round. These picks are in addition to, and have no impact on, the standard 32 compensatory picks. Four picks have been awarded for the draft pursuant to the resolution.

San Francisco received 2021, 2022, and 2023 third-round selections when its defensive coordinator Robert Saleh was hired by the New York Jets as head coach and its vice president of player personnel Martin Mayhew was hired by Washington as general manager.

Los Angeles Rams received 2021 and 2022 third-round selections when their college scouting director Brad Holmes was hired by Detroit as general manager.

Baltimore received 2021 and 2022 third-round selections when its assistant head coach and passing game coordinator David Culley was hired by Houston as head coach.

New Orleans received 2021 and 2022 third-round selections when its director of pro scouting Terry Fontenot was hired by Atlanta as general manager.

The NFL originally announced 32 compensatory selections. On March 19, it released a revised list of 33 selections. After correcting an error in the original calculation, the Patriots earned an additional fifth-round compensatory selection. The NFL Management Council and NFLPA agreed to add an extra compensatory selection instead of removing a previously awarded one.

While Las Vegas originally forfeited its sixth-round selection as punishment for repeated COVID-19 protocol violations during the 2020 season, this penalty was not reflected in the NFL's official release of draft picks.

While New Orleans forfeited its seventh-round selection as punishment for repeated COVID-19 protocol violations during the 2020 season, the penalty was not included in the NFL's official draft order.

Forfeited picks

New England forfeited its third-round selection as punishment for illegal filming of the field and sidelines by the team's television crew of a 2019 game between Cincinnati and Cleveland.

Minnesota forfeited its seventh-round selection as punishment for a salary cap violation involving a 2019 practice squad player.

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General information – Dates - April 29–May 1, 2021

Location - Cleveland, Ohio

Networks - ABC, ESPN, NFL Network, ESPN Radio

Overview

259 Total selections in 7 rounds

First selection - Jacksonville Jaguars - QB Trevor Lawrence

Last selection - 'Mr. Irrelevant' - Tampa Bucs - LB Grant Stuard

Most selections (11) - Carolina Panthers, Dallas Cowboys & Minnesota Vikings

Fewest selections (3) - Seattle Seahawks

In order to be eligible to enter the draft, players must be at least three years removed from high school. The deadline for underclassmen to declare for the draft was January 18, 2021.

The following is the breakdown of the 259 players selected in NFL Draft 2021 by position:

38 cornerbacks

36 wide receivers

34 defensive ends

25 offensive tackles

21 linebackers

21 safeties

19 defensive tackles

18 running backs

13 offensive guards

11 tight ends

10 quarterbacks

8 centers

2 long snappers

1 fullback

1 placekicker

1 punter

Selections by NCAA Conference

A new record-high 65 players were drafted from the SEC, the most in NFL history, surpassing the previous number of selections, 64, in 2019 which was also the set by the SEC.

Selections by NCAA Conference**NCAA Division I FBS Conferences by Rounds**

Conference	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
American	2	1	2	5	2	2	5	19
ACC	6	5	9	6	5	9	2	42
Big 12	0	4	2	6	4	2	4	22
Big Ten	7	4	9	2	11	5	6	44
C-USA	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	4
Ind. (FBS)	1	3	3	1	2	0	5	15
MAC	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	4
MW	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
Pac-12	3	3	5	4	4	8	1	28
SEC	12	10	7	8	7	16	5	65
Sun Belt	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4

NCAA Division I FCS football conferences

MVFC	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	4
Southland	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Non-Division I NCAA football conferences

MEC (DII)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MIAA (DII)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NSIC (DII)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WIAC (DIII)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

Schools with multiple draft selections**Selections Schools**

10	Alabama, Ohio State
9	Georgia, Notre Dame
8	Florida, Michigan
7	LSU
6	Kentucky, Penn State, Pittsburgh
5	BYU, Clemson, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Stanford, Texas, UCF, USC
4	Auburn, Cincinnati, Duke, Florida State, Iowa, Miami (FL), Oklahoma State, South Carolina, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech, Washington
3	Houston, Northwestern, Wisconsin
2	Arizona, Boise State, Boston College, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Louisville, Minnesota, Mississippi State, Nebraska, North Dakota State, Northern Iowa, Ole Miss, Oregon State, Purdue, SMU, Syracuse, TCU, Tennessee, Texas Tech, Tulane, UCLA, Western Michigan

Selections by Position

Position	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
Center	0	3	1	1	0	1	2	8
Cornerback	5	3	8	6	7	6	3	38
Defensive end	6	3	5	7	4	3	6	34
Defensive tackle	0	2	3	4	3	5	2	19
Fullback	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Guard	1	1	3	1	1	3	3	13
Kicker	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Linebacker	3	3	4	3	4	2	2	21
Long snapper	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Offensive tackle	4	6	4	4	3	3	1	25
Punter	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Quarterback	5	1	2	1	0	1	0	10
Running back	2	1	1	4	1	5	4	18
Safety	0	3	2	1	8	5	2	21
Tight end	1	1	3	2	4	0	0	11
Wide receiver	5	5	5	5	3	8	5	36

Position	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
Offense	18	18	19	18	13	21	15	122
Defense	14	14	22	21	26	21	15	133
Special teams	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4

NFL Draft Team Review 2021

National Conference

Arizona Cardinals - 8-8 - Head Coach Kliff Kingsbury - 3rd Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#16): Zaven Collins, LB, Tulsa
- 2 (#49): Rondale Moore, WR, Purdue
- 4 (#136): Marco Wilson, CB, Florida (Balt- KC)
- 6 (#210): Victor Dimukeje, LB, Duke (Balt)
- 6 (#223): Tay Gowan, CB, UCF (Minnesota)
- 7 (#243): James Wiggins, S, Cincinnati
- 7(#247): Michal Menet, C, Penn State (Chicago)

The Cardinals made strides in 2020 yet fell short of the postseason with a weak 2-4 divisional record. With the 16th overall selection, they choose LB Zaven Collins. He is a quality athlete who gives their front seven a diverse inside/outside defender. He needs his position defined and should flourish on the inside. He could provide impact as a rookie replacing outside Haason Reddick. He is best covered up near the LOS, yet can make an impact off the edge with big play ability.

The Cards selected explosive wideout Rondale Moore in the 2nd round. He gives HC Kliff Kingsbury a gamebreaker out of the slot for QB Kyler Murray. He also doubles as a big play return specialist to give his club consistently strong field position. He was good value at the 49th overall selection. On the 4th round, they drafted cornerback Marco Wilson, a workout warrior who impressed at his Pro Day. He projects to the outside and nickel corner role positions on this defense. Wilson got beat too often to be selected in the top 100 despite showing that type of athleticism. He is a boom/bust prospect, though good value here and arguably the Cards best value among the late selections.

With two 6th round picks, they choose LB Victor Dimukeje and CB Tay Gowan. Dimukeje is a quick edge rusher who can play in sub packages and provide some outside pass pressure. He was good value here and could be a huge surprise over time. Gowan is fast raw cover man who can make this roster. He needs development but has the talent after starting two seasons following a JC career. With two 7th round picks, they choose safety James Wiggins and center Michal Menet. Wiggins had a strong final season following an injury riddled 2019. He can surprise and start in time and may earn early reps in their dime package. He should be an immediate strong defender on coverage units. Menet gives them interior depth and will compete for a roster spot. He was decent value here and could press for time once he settles into the offense. Good late value. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Cards' quickly signed FA defender JJ Watt after his release. Watt has been a three-time DPY winner and gives this front seven another impact defender. Most other additions were offensive players like runner James Connor and wideout AJ Green. They traded for Pro Bowl center Rodney Hudson and dealt starter Jason Cole to the Vikings. They also signed corner Malcolm Butler and safety Shawn Williams. They lost backers Haasan Reddick and De'Vondre Campbell, runner Kenyan Drake, guard JR Sweezy, DT Corey Peters and starting corners Patrick Peterson and Dre Kirkpatrick. Kirkpatrick and RT Marcus Gilbert retired this spring. Rookie UDFAs, TE Cary Angeline and corner Lorenzo Burns looks to impress in camp and make this squad.

Training Camp Objectives: The Cards look to continue to improve under young HC Kingsbury working with Murray. He looks to rely on runner Chase Edmunds and newly signed James Connor to provide a dual threat behind an

improving line. Vet WR Larry Fitzgerald remains unsigned and could retire. Green joins veteran Hopkins to form a Pro Bowl duo. Their defense improved in 2020, though their run defense ranked near the bottom of the league. Watt can provide a huge impact in that area. Their secondary will have to improve quickly with new talent throughout. Pro Bowl safety Budda Baker can be the stabilizing force here. The very tough NFC West will demand that Murray takes the next step and provides more big plays in the passing game. The offense faded over a late season collapse and needs to score more points to compete in arguably the NFL's best division.

Atlanta Falcons - 4-12- Head Coach Arthur Smith - 1st Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#4): Kyle Pitts, TE, Florida
- 2 8 (Denver, No. 40): Richie Grant, S, UCF
- 3 (#68): Jalen Mayfield, OT, Michigan
- 4 (#108): Darren Hall, CB, San Diego St
- 4 (#114): Drew Dalman, C, Stanford (Denver)
- 5 (#148): Ta'Quon Graham, DT, Texas
- 5 (Comp #182): Adetokunbo Ogundeji, DE, Notre Dame
- 5 (Comp #183): Avery Williams, CB, Boise State
- 6 (#187): Frank Darby, WR, Arizona State

The Falcons decided to add one of the super blue chip prospects in this class in TE Kyle Pitts. They passed on the talented QB class, though the first three selections went prior to their first choice. Pitts is a rare talent with freakish size and athleticism to create unique diversity and flexibility within an offense. He has elite skills to shine in this passing game and is more than an average blocker. His addition allowed the Falcons to trade Pro Bowl receiver Julio Jones for #2 and #4 picks next year.

Their struggling defense was addressed with four of their next six selections. They jumped on the selection of safety Richie Grant with their 2nd round pick. He is an athletic agile defender with fine range and ball skills to give this unit a much-needed ball hawk. He probably starts day one along with FA Damon Harmon to form a new tandem. He was a solid pick here who addressed a major need after losing vet Keanu Neal in FA. He shows the versatility to start in all the packages and become a fixture with a strong camp. With their 3rd round pick, they chose OL Jalen Mayfield, a massive versatile blocker. He grades out high vs Big Ten talent with both power and technique to carry a starting grade early in his career. He is capable of winning the job in camp with a good preseason and provide the Falcons with another quality young blocker. Fine value here.

With their two 4th round picks, they selected corner Darren Hall and center Drew Dalman. Hall is a long cover man who fell in the deep corner class. He joins a young secondary where he can win the nickel role with a good preseason. He was a solid addition here who figures to see extensive early playing time. Dalman is a sound technician who improved throughout his career. The Falcons hope he can compete for the starting job vacated by the FA loss of veteran Alex Mack. Young center Matt Hennessey could move to guard if Dalman impresses in the preseason. He was a good addition. With three 5th round picks, they chose DT Ta'Quon Graham, CB Avery Williams and DE Adetokunbo Ogundeji. Graham is a nice addition who can play in a line rotation. He has extensive experience to play in their front four and may push for a starting job in time. Ade Ogundeji gets a chance to compete for edge time on a unit with pressing needs. He can play a situational role early in his career with some improvement. Williams is a playmaker in the return game plus a kick blocker. He is raw in coverage, though makes this roster on his special teams merits. On the 6th round, they added receiver Frank Darby, a developed pass catcher who could be a hidden gem in this deep receiving class. He can surprise here and win a roster spot after a good Senior Bowl effort. He must stay healthy to take advantage of this opportunity. **Grade: B+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Falcons had little room in their salary cap again this offseason. They lost a few veterans like safeties Keanu Neal and Ricardo Allen, center Alex Mack, RB Todd Gurley, guard James Carpenter, DE Allen Bailey, TE Luke Stocker and other second line vets. They signed corner Fabian Moreau, safety Damon Harmon, DT Jonathan Bullard, LBers Brandon Copeland and Barkevious Mingo and WR/RS Cordarrelle Patterson. They added an average UDFA class this year with QB Feleipe Franks, RB Javian Hawkins, RB Caleb Huntley, WR Austin Trammell, WR Antonio Nunn, FB/TE John Raine, OT Jack Batho IV, OL Joe Sculthorpe, OL Kion Smith, OL Bryce Hargrove, OL Ryan Neuzil, DL Zac Dawe, backers Kobe Jones, Dorian Etheridge, Eli Howard, Alani Pututau and Erroll Thompson, CB Marcus Murphy, safeties Dwayne Johnson Jr. and JR Pace. Thompson is a player to watch with the talent to make this roster and could surprise to settle into a backup role initially.

Training Camp Objectives: The Falcons hope to rebuild and return to contention in the NFC South after three consecutive sub .500 seasons. They face a huge task in one of the best divisions in the NFL that won the Super Bowl after QB Tom Brady signed with Tampa. QB Matt Ryan is still an elite passer and is coming off another strong performance despite weak running game support. He needs a balanced ground game to provide a boost. The

offensive line continues to improve with their former top two draft choices, guard Lindstrom and RT McGary expected to step up further. They will rely on veteran wideout Calvin Ridley after the trade of Julio Jones. The presence of rookie Kyle Pitts could form one of the best tandems in the game. Pitts may become the center piece of this attack. The Falcons' defense ranked near the bottom in all vital statistics. They look to vet LB Dante Fowler to give them impact off the edge with a double-digit sack effort. LB Deion Jones is the leader here and hopes to return to Pro Bowl form. They look to the secondary to improve quickly after another poor performance. Vet safety Keanu Neal left along with safeties Damontae Kazee and Ricardo Allen. They could have three new starters in the secondary to go with second year top pick AJ Terrell. This club needs to improve quickly especially on defense to compete in the South. The NFC South continues to improve and the Falcons will have to make a huge step up to be competitive.

Carolina Panthers - 5-11 - Head Coach Matt Rhule - 2nd Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#8): Jaycee Horn, CB, South Carolina
- 2 (#59): Terrace Marshall Jr., WR, LSU (Cleveland)
- 3 (#70): Brady Christensen, OT, BYU (Philadelphia)
- 3 (#83): Tommy Tremble, TE, Notre Dame (Chicago)
- 4 (#126): Chuba Hubbard, RB, Oklahoma State (Tenn)
- 5 (#158): Daviyon Nixon, DT, Iowa (Houston-New England)
- 5 (#166): Keith Taylor, CB, Washington (Tennessee)
- 6 (#193): Deonte Brown, OG, Alabama
- 6 (#204): Shi Smith, WR, South Carolina (Chicago)
- 6 (Comp #222): Thomas Fletcher, Long Snapper, Alabama
- 7 (#232): Phil Hoskins, DT, Kentucky (Tennessee-Atlanta)

The Panthers had a huge draft class split almost equally between offense and defense after using all seven of their choices on defensive players last spring.

They addressed their secondary twice beginning with their top ten selection to land the first corner in the class in Jaycee Horn. He gives them a shutdown cover man for a young struggling secondary. They held an early first round pick again and wanted to land an impact defender following DT Derrick Brown. He will press for immediate starting time and provides a highly developed defender with talent to become one of the top cover men in the game.

On the 2nd round, they chose wideout Terrace Marshall, a polished pass catcher who reunites with his former college coach. He should play immediately in three wideout sets and gives this offense another weapon for new starting QB Sam Darnold. He was good value late in the round.

With two 3rd round selections, they added OT Brady Christensen and TE Tommy Tremble. Christensen addresses a pressing left tackle problem. He could surprise and win a starting role with a strong preseason. He developed nicely in the BYU pro style offense and might make a smooth transition to the pro game. TE Tremble is a mobile versatile athlete who gives an offense a unique piece to line up at TE, FB, H-back and flex. He is a reliable receiver and a strong blocker to fill all of those roles.

On the 4th round, they chose RB Chuba Hubbard, a talented runner who rushed for over 2000 yards in 2019. He can provide a change of pace, backing up Christian McCaffrey. He was good value here and should be able to replace vet Mike Davis. With two 5th round picks, they chose DT Daviyon Nixon and CB Keith Taylor. Nixon was a playmaker in 2020 and it was a shock he lasted this long. He will benefit immensely lining up next to massive Derrick Brown. He is an ideal three technique defender who can provide impact even in a limited role. Taylor is long cover man who improved nicely over his late career. He has the talent to press for time in the sub packages. He was a good addition, though needs work on his technique and recognition skills to become a fixture here.

With three 6th round picks, they added guard Deonte Brown, wideout Shi Smith and LS Thomas Fletcher. Brown is a wide body interior lineman who graded out fairly high vs SEC talent. He can surprise in time here and probably push for a starting role. Smith is a quick slot receiver and had a solid late career against SEC cover men. He can make this roster and give them a receiver for multiple sets. LS Fletcher may be a cheaper option for special teams with starter JJ Jensen entering his 15th season. On the 7th round, they chose DT Phil Hoskins, a long interior defender who can press for time in their rotation. He needs a good showing in the preseason to make this roster.

Grade: B+

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Panthers went through major changes on the roster, starting with the trade for young veteran QB Sam Darnold. He can be a huge addition here with fine talent to direct a successful team. He has a strong ground game and quality receiving corps including reuniting with former playmaker Robby Anderson. They added vet OL Cam Erving and Pat Elflein along with wideout David Moore, TE Dan Arnold, LBers, Haason Reddick and Denzel Perryman, CBs AJ Bouye and Rashaan Melvin. They lost veterans, wideout Curtis Samuel, runner Mike Davis and defensive starters safety Tre Boston, corner Rasul Douglas, LB Tahir Whitehead and DT Kawann Short. They traded QB Teddy Bridgewater after acquiring Darnold. They added a small rookie UDFAs class who could win spots at with a good showing in camp. OG David Moore and LB Paddy Fisher have the talent to

surprise. Moore is a tough blocker who will compete for a roster spot. LB Fisher is a smart defender with top instincts and production in the Big Ten. He can make this roster on his special teams value alone.

Training Camp Objectives: The Panthers finished 5-11 again and made huge roster moves this offseason. They made wholesale changes on offense at many key positions. QB Darnold is the triggerman they need to score more points and utilize a strong trio of receivers. RB Christian McCaffrey returns after missing most of the 2020 season. He looks for another dominant performance working with Darnold. The defense will look to strong recent draft classes to take a huge step this season. Darnold is the wildcard and a prospect who if healthy and protected could finally realize his potential and provide an upper echelon starter here. Their front four must improve off an average 2020 season. DT Brown is capable of being a dominant interior lineman who sets the pace for a unit. The secondary will undergo further changes and needs to improve after another subpar season. This club may be a season away from competing vs playoff clubs though they could challenge the .500 level off the improved personnel.

Chicago Bears - 8-8 - Head Coach Matt Nagy - 4th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#11 - New York Giants): Justin Fields, QB, Ohio State
- 2 (#39 - Carolina): Teven Jenkins, OT, Oklahoma State
- 5 (#151 - Carolina): Larry Borom, OT, Missouri
- 6 (#217 - Seattle - Tampa Bay (Comp): Khalil Herbert, RB, Va Tech
- 6 (#37 - Comp No. 221): Dazz Newsome, WR, UNC
- 6 (#228 - Comp): Thomas Graham Jr, CB, Oregon
- 7 (#250 - Seattle): Khyiris Tonga, DT, BYU

The Bears addressed their #1 problem at QB when they traded up in the first round to land Justin Fields. The Bears pursued several veterans this offseason including Russell Wilson, Carson Wentz and Matt Stafford with no luck. They attempted to move into the top five selections, but were not able to complete a deal. Fields fell off some concerns about his pocket presence and ability to go through his progressions. He is in a

good spot with the Bears, sitting behind veteran Andy Dalton initially. He works with HC Matt Nagy and can refine his game quickly while he learns the system and the NFL game. Excellent move by the Bears where they were relentless in their attempt to improve the position with both the addition of Dalton for the short term and drafting Fields as their face of the franchise for the future.

In the 2nd round, they selected RT Teven Jenkins, a huge tough blocker who should start day one on this front line. He is very physical and brings the attitude the Bears want in their front line. He is very developed in pass protection and shows the bulk, mobility and reach to be a strong run blocker. Fine addition here.

With their 5th round pick, they added OL Larry Borom, a strong physical blocker with experience at both guard and tackle. He fits here well and could compete for starting duty with changes expected in their front line. Good later selection with definite make it grade. With three 6th round picks, they chose RB Khalil Herbert, WR Dazz Newsome and CB Thomas Graham. Herbert can make plays in a few roles and could eventually earn a 1A type role with development. Newsome is a gritty pass catcher who gets open and moves the chains. He can make this roster and may surprise in multiple sets. Graham was one of the best 3rd day values in this draft. He is a savvy ball hawk and will compete for time in the sub packages. He could earn the nickel role and has interesting upside to press for starting time with experience. With their 7th round pick, they added defensive linemen Khyiris Tonga, a wide body run stuffer. He hopes to impress in camp and win the backup role. PS candidate with some upside. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bears were limited in the veteran FA market by cap restrictions. They signed for QB Andy Dalton to compete for the starting job with top pick Justin Fields. They lost starting QB Mitch Trubisky after a disappointing career. Dalton can win the job in the preseason while Fields settles into the system. They signed FA, CB Marcus Trufant, LB Jeremiah Attaochu and DE Angelo Blackson. They lost CB Kyle Fuller, DT Brent Urban, DE Roy Robertson-Harris and tackles Charles Leno and Bobby Massie. They added a small average group of UDFAs in RB C.J. Marable, WR Khalil McClain, G Dareuan Parker, TE Scooter Harrington, OT Gunnar Vogel, DE Charles Snowden, DT Sam Kamara, DL Thomas Schaffer, DT Daniel Archibong, LB Caleb Johnson, CB Dionte Ruffin and PK Brian Johnson. DE/LB Snowden is an interesting addition and has the playmaking off the edge to surprise in time. He hopes to press for time in sub packages as an edge rusher.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bears made the playoffs with a .500 record last season. They made key changes at important positions that will determine their 2021 fate. They feel they can win the North Division especially with major issues unsettled in Green Bay. They expect veteran QB Dalton to step in and provide vital leadership. Their weak ground game continues to present offensive issues. They look to young runner David Montgomery to provide more production and will look to vets Tarik Cohen and Damien Williams to get them balance after a good showing despite

average blocking. TEs Kmet and Graham gives them weapons and further versatility. Their receiving corps looks to veteran Allen Robinson as their #1 coming off back to back 1000 yard performances. Their defense shows dominant moments still behind LBers Khalil Mack and Roquan Smith. They are one of the best tandems in the game and difference makers. They need a strong supporting cast. The secondary underwent further changes and look to veteran Marcus Trufant to minimize the loss of Kyle Fuller. They have the nucleus to be a solid contender, though need their key positions at QB and secondary to show consistent production. Bears will have to prove to be more than a .500 club to press for this division title that is wide open entering the 2021 season.

Dallas Cowboys - 6-10 - Head Coach Mike McCarthy - 2nd Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#12 - Phil): Micah Parsons, LB, Penn State
- 2 (#44): Kelvin Joseph, CB, Kentucky
- 3 (#75): Osa Odighizuwa, DT, UCLA
- 3 (#84 - Phil-Indy): Chauncey Golston, DE, Iowa
- 3 (Comp #99): Nahshon Wright, CB, Oregon State
- 4 (#115): Jabril Cox, LB, LSU
- 4 (Comp #138): Josh Ball, OT, Marshall
- 5 (Comp #179): Simi Fehoko, WR, Stanford
- 6 (#192 - Lions): Quinton Bohanna, DT, Kentucky
- 6 (Comp #227): Israel Mukuamu, S, South Carolina
- 7 (#238): Matt Farniok, OT, Nebraska

The Cowboys traded back in the 1st round when the top two corners were selected just in front of them. They choose LB Micah Parsons, a talented defender for their injury prone LB unit. He is a playmaker who has impact ability in a few roles. Probably lines up inside where he is closest to the ball replacing retired Sean Lee. He is very effective on the delay blitz and could provide impact in that area. With injuries mounting on the LBing unit with vets, Leighton Vander Esch and Jaylon Smith this was a major need area despite being addressed with high picks over recent drafts. Parsons can be a difference maker and was solid addition and value here.

On the 2nd round, they picked corner Kelvin Joseph, a long aggressive cover man. He gives them a tough big corner opposite young Trevon Diggs. He has a high ceiling, yet is still raw in reading routes and maintaining coverage. He can struggle recovering in the deep game and this could delay early reps. He is a good long-term starter, though needs vital development prior to getting regular reps. He could disappoint early according to his refinement

With three 3rd round picks, they chose DT Osa Odighizuwa, DE Chauncey Golston and corner Nahshon Wright. Osa is a tweener lineman with inside/outside versatility. He figures to see time in the sub packages with interior quickness as a pass rusher. He may eventually start at the strong side end position in time. Golston is two way edge defender who should earn time in their line rotation. He gives them much improved depth and figures to be a serviceable lineman. CB Wright is a large cover man who impressed at mini-camp and may earn regular reps in the nickel package. He has intriguing matchup skills and is a player to watch in the preseason. He may start earlier than #2 pick Joseph.

With two 4th round picks, they chose LB Jabril Cox and OT Josh Ball. Cox is a productive versatile defender who was excellent value here. He has speed, instincts and athleticism that will command reps in their backer group. He adjusted quickly in his only season in the SEC where he earned conference honors in 2020. He will press for reps in the sub package where he shows good matchup skills vs backs and tight ends. Ball is a large blocker with good feet and mobility. He fell due to off the field concerns that will have to be behind him to move forward. He is a boom or bust prospect, though was good value here with the talent to start in time.

On the 5th round, they chose wideout Simi Fehoko, a large tweener receiver with interesting talent. He is a piece for a creative coordinator where he can create multiple mismatches. Good middle round addition to become a very serviceable piece. With two 6th round picks, they chose DT Quinton Bohanna and defensive back Israel Mukuamu. Bohanna is a massive interior lineman who can compete for time in their rotation. He is losing weight which should improve his quickness and he could surprise and become a fine compliment to starters. He is a good inside rusher who can push the pocket. Mukuamu is a versatile back who lines up initially at safety. He must prove to be a reliable tackler for the move, though he has fine size and the range to make the conversion.

With their 7th round pick, they added OL Matt Farniok, a strong physical blocker. He addresses a pressing need with little depth along the line and a few current veterans with reoccurring injuries annually. He needs to impress in the preseason where he could land on the PS with a good showing in camp. **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Cowboys made only a few moves in FA with little room under the salary cap. They resigned QB Dak Prescott to a long-term contract. They also resigned CB Jourdan Lewis and added veterans, safety Keanu Neal, DB Damontae Kazee and DE Brent Urban in hopes they improve their porous defense. They lost vet QB Andy Dalton, CB Chidobe Awuzie, safety Xavier Woods and LB Aldon Smith. They signed an above average rookie UDFA class with some interesting prospects with a chance to make this roster. They signed TEs

Nick Eubanks and Artayvious Lynn along with receivers Brennan Eagles, T.J. Vasher and Brandon Smith. They added DB Tyler Coyle who will get a long look in camp and can make this roster. TE Eubanks and receiver Brandon Smith have talent and versatility to surprise. Smith can make this squad and has good long-term potential.

Training Camp Objectives: Cowboys' offense looks to the return of QB Prescott after a long rehab following an early 2020 season ankle injury. He is the catalyst here and has made nice progress through the offseason. RB Zeke Elliott is set for a strong season after a disappointing 2020 performance. His power game sets the pace for this attack. Young receiver CeeDee Lamb provided impact to an attack that ranked fairly high behind vet Andy Dalton. The defense continues to allow too many big plays in key situations. The LBing unit and young secondary need to step up after injury prone veterans and FA losses. Their front line still relies too much on edge rusher Demarcus Lawrence. Veteran Sean Lee retired after a fine career. Leighton Vander Esch returns after another injury riddled season and must step up to retain his starting job. Veteran Jaylon Smith is coming off a strong performance and is counted on to provide leadership. The young secondary will be tested thoroughly. New vets and rookies must be ready and fill in adequately. Prescott must prove healthy to return to his former level and imperative for this club to become a legitimate East contender. Boys will challenge for the East, though they must prove their defense is up to playoff levels. This roster lacks depth throughout and injuries will play a huge part in any long-term success.

Detroit Lions - 5-11 - Head Coach Dan Campbell - 1st Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#7): Penei Sewell, OT, Oregon**
- 2 (#41): Levi Onwuzurike, DT, Washington**
- 3 (#72): Alim McNeill, DT, NC State**
- 3 (#101): (Comp-LA Rams): Ifeatu Melifonwu, CB, Syracuse**
- 4 (#112): Amon-Ra St. Brown, WR, USC**
- 4 (#113 - (Cleveland-Carolina) Derrick Barnes, LB, Purdue**
- 7 (#257 - (Cleve-Buff): Jermar Jefferson, RB, Oregon St**

The Lions turned the page with both a new coaching and front office staff after earning their third consecutive 4th place finish in the NFC North. They addressed their prime needs especially in the top selections. They addressed their top need early with the addition of OT Penei Sewell in the early first round. Sewell is a well-rounded prospect who has the complete skill set to man the left tackle spot. He ranks with any blindside tackle over the past decade. Though not their highest need, he is a top blue-chip

blocker who improves this offense immediately. They resisted offers from a few clubs for additional early choices.

With their 2nd and 3rd round selections, they choose DT Levi Onwuzurike and Alim McNeill and CB Ifeatu Melifonwu. Onwuzurike is a tough run stuffer who holds the point very well and separates to make stops within the box. His presence should improve their porous run defense. McNeill is a wide body who can line up as a nose tackle and neutralize two blockers. He was a solid addition and should challenge for an early starting job while getting ample reps inside. Melifonwu is a long cover man who could also convert to safety. He impressed at the Senior Bowl and addresses their ongoing secondary problems. He was good value here and has impressive upside potential.

With their two 4th round selections, they choose wideout Amon-Ra St. Brown and LB Derrick Barnes. St. Brown addresses a huge need after several FA defections. He is developed and was great value here. He gives them a much-needed weapon with definite playmaking ability. He should start in three wideout sets. Barnes is a tough defender who combines quickness and power. He is physical near the line and probably sees time in their sub packages. He carries a starting grade in time and was a solid addition. With their 7th round selection, they choose RB Jermar Jefferson, a strong compact back who ranked among our top sleepers in this class. At the NFL level, he must prove durable and capable of filling a role and handling a load. He was a solid addition. **Grade: A**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Lions acquired QB Jared Goff in a trade with the Los Angeles Rams along with a 2021 third-round pick and 1st-round picks in 2022 and '23 for QB Matthew Stafford. Lions signed QB Tim Boyle, RB Jamaal Williams, wideouts Breshad Perriman and Tyrell Williams, TE Darren Fells and Josh Hill, DE Charles Harris, LB Alex Anzalone, DB Quinton Dunbar, Sean Marlowe and Corn Elder. They traded for DT Michael Brockers with the Rams in exchange for a 2023 seventh-round pick. Brockers signed a new three-year, \$24 million deal following the deal. They lost wideouts Kenny Golladay, Marvin Jones, Mohamed Sanu and Danny Amendola, runners Adrian Peterson and Kerryon Johnson, TE Jesse James, OL Oday Aboushi, DE Everson Griffen, DT Danny Shelton, LBers Jarrad Davis, Reggie Ragland and Christian Jones, CB Desmond Trufant and Justin Coleman and safety Duron Harmon among other backups. They signed a strong group of rookie FAs with the talent to surprise. They added runners Rakeem Boyd and Dedrick Mills, receivers Jonathan Adams, Sage Surratt and Javon McKinley, TEs Jake Hausmann and Brock Wright, C Drake Jackson, guard Tommy Kraemer, LB Tavante Beckett, corners Jerry Jacobs and AJ Parker and DB D'Angelo Amos. Receivers Surratt, Adams and McKinley can make

this roster. Brock Wright is a versatile H-back/FB/tight end to give this offense a diverse weapon. Guard Kraemer was an excellent addition and could make this roster if he proves durable.

Training Camp Objectives: The Lions have cleaned house of former starters along with their overall roster. They look to young QB Jared Goff to step in and replace QB Matt Stafford. That's a huge expectation after Stafford had another 4000 yard passing performance. Their ground game is among the worst in the league and former top pick D'Andre Swift faces a pivotal season. The new wideout additions need to give them much needed playmakers. Former top pick TE Hockenson will probably be the focus of their passing game. Their defense was simply awful again and ranked last in the league overall. The Lions rebuild will take more than one offseason. New HC Dan Campbell will bring a new tough mentality to this club. They have been the North cellar dwellers and despite a strong offseason of new personnel may not be able to improve enough to move up in the division. Their young defense will provide several new starters, but may be still a few seasons away from contention.

Green Bay Packers - 13-3 - Head Coach Matt LaFleur - 3rd Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#29): Eric Stokes, CB, Georgia
- 2 (#62): Josh Myers, C, Ohio State
- 3 (#85 - (Tenn): Amari Rodgers, WR, Clemson
- 4 (#142 - (Comp): Royce Newman, OG, Ole Miss
- 5 (#173): Tedarrell Slaton, DT, Florida
- 5 (#178 - (Comp): Shemar Jean-Charles, CB, App St
- 6 (#214): Cole Van Lanen, OT, Wisconsin
- 6 (#220 - (Comp): Isaiah McDuffie, LB, Boston College
- 7 (#256): Kylin Hill, RB, Mississippi St

The Packers' GM Brian Gutekunst directed the offseason moves again and had 9 draft choices. He made a few questionable decisions again, especially in their top selections. It was another draft class focusing on defense that has been prevalent over the past decade. They have left star QB Aaron Rodgers without the necessary muscle to take the next step in the postseason. Rodgers is currently holding out after no mini-camp appearance and a probable boycott of the August training camp.

It will be the main focus entering camp and could change this club's fortunes immensely if he is traded prior to

the 2021 season. Rodger's performance in recent years have rivaled any QB in NFL history.

With their #1 pick, they once again addressed their secondary and chose CB Eric Stokes. He is a high quality athlete with raw corner skills. He has an interesting upside as a starter, though one that needs extensive development. He figures to compete for the nickel role in the preseason and eventually start.

In the 2nd round they choose center Josh Myers after losing veteran pivot Corey Linsley. Myers was a reach this early, though he addressed a key hole in their offensive line. On the 3rd round, they drafted wideout Amari Rodgers, a developed slot receiver with big game experience. He can contribute immediately in the multiple sets and return kicks. He was a solid addition. With their 4th round pick, they chose interior lineman Royce Newman who also has experience at tackle. He gets a chance to make this roster after FA losses.

With two 5th round picks, they chose DT Tedarrell Slaton and CB Shemar Jean-Charles. Slaton is a massive interior lineman who can line up on the center and control two blockers. He is a spaceater with good run stuffing ability, along with questionable conditioning and marginal pass rushing talent. Jean-Charles is a fast quick athlete with smooth hips and good instincts to surprise here. He moves easily and shows a burst to recover and close to the ball. Good addition. With two 6th round picks, they chose OT Cole Van Lanen and LB Isaiah McDuffie. Van Lanen is a local athlete who will compete for the RT job that is wide open. If he shows ability in the preseason he should at least earn a PS position. McDuffie is an active defender who flows to the ball nicely and finishes well. He can land a role on special teams. With their 7th round pick, they chose runner Kylin Hill, a tough hard charging runner who takes no prisoners. He put up impressive numbers vs SEC defenders. He is tough between the tackles and gives them a compliment for starter Aaron Jones and backup AJ Dillon. He can be very effective in short yardage especially goal line situations and provides good depth. He can win a roster spot with a good camp and has the athleticism to land on the PS if roster opening not available. **Grade: D**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Packers signed only backups in the FA market and focused on resigning several of their starters. They resigned RB Aaron Jones, TE Mercedes Lewis, CB Kevin King and S Will Redmond. They added veteran LB De'Vondre Campbell. They lost vet starters, center Corey Linsley, LB Christian Kirksey and RT Rick Wagner. The Packers signed an average rookie FA class including WR Bailey Gaither, OL Jacob Capra, Coy Cronk and Jon Dietzen, DT Jack Heflin, LB Carlo Kemp and safety Christian Uphoff. OL Cronk has guard/tackle experience and is a blocker to watch in the preseason with the skill set to surprise.

Training Camp Objectives: The Aaron Rodgers dilemma will dictate the direction the Packers take this season. He will demand a huge ransom on the trade market. Clubs like the Broncos, WFT, Raiders and Steelers at the front of the

line. He is still the best in the game and can deliver a title for the right club regardless of the cost. Currently, second year top pick Jordan Love will take the reins unless the Packers acquire a veteran QB in any deal. Love is not ready for playing time and with no new veteran this offense could take a huge setback. The offensive line needs two new starters after offseason changes. Their defense continues to land most of their high draft choices with fairly good results. LBers Za'Darius Smith and Preston Smith will be pushed by former top pick Rashan Gary. The young secondary made nice strides and has the talent to rank with the best in the league after numerous high draft selections. They posted another 13-3 record in 2020 behind Rodgers. That will be very difficult to duplicate if he is traded prior to the season. The clubs in the North division all improved more than the Packers. Any move of Rodgers could set off a huge fall to the .500 area where they would struggle earning a playoff berth.

Los Angeles Rams - 10-6 - Head Coach Sean McVay - 5th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 2 (#57): Tutu Atwell, WR, Los Angeles Rams
- 3 (#103 - (Comp): Ernest Jones, LB, South Carolina
- 4 (#112 - (San Fran): Bobby Brown, DT, Texas A&M
- 4 (#130 - (Jax-Rams): Robert Rochell, CB, Cen Arkansas
- 4 (#141 - (Comp): Jacob Harris, WR, UCF
- 5 (#174 - (Hous-Buff): Earnest Brown IV, DE, Northwestern
- 7 (#233 - (Houston-Cinn): Jake Funk, RB, Maryland
- 7 (#249 - (Jacksonville-Tenn): Ben Skrownek, WR, N. D.
- 7 (#252): Chris Garrett, OLB, Concordia-St. Paul

The Rams had no #1 pick as a result of the final payment in the trade for CB Jalen Ramsey. They used their 2nd round pick for fast smurf Tutu Atwell. He is an excellent fit here working with new vet QB Matt Stafford. He has the special vertical speed to provide impact in multiple sets. Type of weapon HC Sean McVay utilizes well.

With their 3rd round pick, they selected LB Ernest Jones, a playmaker who runs well to the ball with the ability to finish. He is raw in coverage but could

flourish on special teams units early. He was a slight reach here, but a functional defender. With three 4th round picks, they drafted DT Bobby Brown, CB Robert Rochell and WR Jacob Harris. Brown is a fine addition and a wide body interior lineman with a powerful burst. He can win reps in a tackle rotation and could press for starting time as a compliment next to DPY Aaron Donald. Rochell is a smooth athlete who impressed at the Senior Bowl. He will press for time in dime package and eventually for a starting role. Solid addition. Harris is a big receiver who impressed in workouts. He is a piece for this offense that is looking for more playmakers. He gets a long look this preseason and could emerge in a role early in his career.

With their 5th round pick, they drafted DE Earnest Brown, an athlete with length and developing skill set. He gets a chance to impress at a position with little depth and a clear opportunity. With three 7th round picks, they drafted runner Jake Funk, WR Ben Skrownek and LB Charis Garrett. Funk is a fast playmaker who must impress in the return game and 3rd down back role. He has had long injury history. Skrownek is a sure handed possession receiver. He runs good routes and can surprise here and make this roster. Garrett has the burst off the edge to make big plays. He warrants a long look and has the talent to emerge as a quality situational edge rusher. Good late gamble. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The trade for QB Matthew Stafford can put this team over the top. He is an enormous talent who was buried in the weak Lions franchise. He is the triggerman Sean McVay wants to direct his explosive attack. Excellent expensive trade that may dictate the NFC leadership. The Rams resigned veteran LB Leonard Floyd to a long-term contract after a strong 2020 performance. They signed veteran wideout DeSean Jackson, a speedster with the vertical speed to take the top of a defense. They traded DT Michael Brockers. They lost safety John Johnson and center Austin Blythe. They signed an average group of rookie UDFAs in WR Landen Akers and Jeremiah Haydel, OL Alaric Jackson, Jordan Meredith and Max Pircher, DT George Silvanic, LB Max Roberts and DBs Paris Ford, Troy Warner and Brontae Harris.

Training Camp Objectives: The Rams made the playoffs in 2020 season and won one postseason game before falling to the Packers. Their offense failed to score enough to win big games. The addition of QB Stafford can spell the difference vs the top clubs. His ability to strike and utilize his full arsenal could see the Rams among the top scoring attacks in the game. They will look to young back Cam Akers to continue to provide an impact as both runner and receiver. His receiving corps looks to young Van Jefferson to play a bigger role in three wideout sets. New vet Jackson and rookie Atwell give them role playmakers who could provide impact facing single coverage. The defensive front relies on premier tackle Aaron Donald to set the pace. They resigned vet Leonard Floyd and need another strong performance. The veteran secondary relies on Pro Bowl corner Jalen Ramsey who anchors their #1 pass defense. They must replace John Johnson and look to young Taylor Rapp. The other young defenders will have to step up for this unit to improve. The Rams can return to the SB behind Stafford and Donald. appearance. They must improve in

the tough NFC West where every club is a threat for the divisional title. This club hopes to return as the class of the West or the NFC. Their prime players are in the elite category and could be the difference in 2021.

Minnesota Vikings - 7-9 - Head Coach Mike Zimmer - 8th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#23 - NY Jets): Christian Darrisaw, OT, Virginia
- 3 (#66 - NY Jets): Kellen Mond, QB, Texas A&M
- 3 (#78): Chazz Surratt, LB, UNC
- 3 (#86 - (Seattle-Jets): Wyatt Davis, OG, Ohio State
- 3 (#90 - (Balt): Patrick Jones, DE, Pittsburgh
- 4 (#119): Kene Nwangwu, RB, Iowa State
- 4 (#125 - (Chicago): Camryn Bynum, CB, Cal
- 4 (#134 - (Buffalo): Janarius Robinson, LB, Florida St
- 5 (#157): Ihmir Smith-Marsette, WR, Iowa
- 5 (#168 - (Pitts): Zach Davidson, P / TE, Central Missouri
- 6 (#199): Jaylen Twyman, DT, Pittsburgh

The Vikings held the most draft picks again this year with 11 and all within the top 200. With the 1st round pick, they traded back in the round with the Jets for an additional early 3rd round. They addressed their biggest need at left tackle and drafted Christian Darrisaw. He is an interesting addition and fell slightly off some back concerns. He has fine length, flexibility and agility to protect the blindside for Cousins in time. He will be pushed in camp to see if healthy and his level of play is ready for the left side. Solid long-term addition.

With four 3rd round picks, they chose QB Kellen Mond, LB Chazz Surratt, OG Wyatt Davis and DE Patrick Jones. Mond was a fast-rising prospect off a strong final

season and Senior Bowl effort. He was a reach here, though a developing passer with starting potential if he improves his skill set. He needs to improve his pocket presence and accuracy to justify this early a selection. Surratt is a quick instinctive defender with top run and chase skills and the ability to cover. He fits the Will role well and could press for reps in their base defense in a few roles and eventually start. Davis is a quality run blocker who graded out high in the Big Ten. He needs work in pass protection. He can push for a starting job early and possibly give the Vikes two rookie starting linemen. Jones is an edge rusher who can earn time in the situational package. He is one dimensional and needs work in run support to hold the point and separate better from blockers.

With three 4th round picks, they chose RB Kene Nwangwu, CB Camryn Bynum and LB Janarius Robinson. Nwangwu is a top athlete with limited playing time. He hits the hole with a top burst and has a powerful frame to break tackles. His best football is ahead of him and has the makeup to be a fine 1A with development as a receiver. Bynum is a savvy defender with fine range and instincts. His average speed may force a move to safety where he could push for time in the dime package. Robinson is a tweener who flashes big play ability. He may push for time as a situational edge rusher, though may be limited to that role.

With two 5th round picks, they selected wideout Ihmir Smith-Marsette and TE Zach Davidson. Smith-Marsette is a smooth receiver with developed skills to play in multiple sets. He was excellent late value. Davidson is a big athlete who tested out very well at his pro day. He has nice upside and could surprise in time and probably earns a roster spot with little depth here. With their 6th round pick, they selected DT Jaylen Twyman, a powerful compact tackle who figures in their line rotation. He may be limited to a situational role due to his lack of size. He may sit on the PS to learn the system with the talent to make the roster in time.

Grade: B

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Vikings signed DT Dalvin Tomlinson and Sheldon Richardson, corners Patrick Peterson, Bashaud Breeland and Mackensie Alexander, DE Stephen Weatherly and safety Xavier Woods. They traded for center Mason Cole after consistent problems on the interior. They lost TE Kyle Rudolph, safety Anthony Harris, DE Ifeadi Odenigbo, DT Jaleel Johnson and LB Eric Wilson. They leave huge defensive openings which means young players have to step up to make the playoffs. They added an average rookie UDFAs class in RB A.J. Rose, receivers Whop Philyor, Blake Proehl and Myron Mitchell, DL Zeandae Johnson and Jordon Scott, LBers Tuf Borland and Christian Elliss and K Riley Patterson, P Zach Von Rosenberg and LS Turner Bernard.

Training Camp Objectives: The Vikings missed the playoffs in 2020 finishing at 7-9 while losing three of their final four games. QB Cousins had another strong performance and put up very good statistics. He directed a potent balanced offense featuring a strong ground attack with young runner Dalvin Cook. Their offensive line struggled too often especially on the inside. RT O'Neill is a top flight blocker. Center Bradbury must improve. The receiving corps missed Stefon Diggs, though veteran Thielen and rookie Justin Jefferson totaled 2300 yards and 21 TDs. They will miss vet TE Rudolph who was a force in the red zone. The Vikes defense ranked among the worst in the league overall. The secondary added Patrick Peterson and expects young corners to improve further. Pro Bowl FS Harrison Smith is still a force. New DTs, Tomlinson and Richardson are counted on to form a strong inside duo along with Michael Pierce. Their defense may make the difference after many close losses in 2020. This club must do better in key matchups if they expect to return to the postseason. Though a marginal NFC contender, their unproven defense may determine any improvement and possible postseason success.

New Orleans Saints - 12-4 - Head Coach Sean Payton - 15th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#28): Payton Turner, DE, Houston
- 2 (#60): Pete Werner, LB, Ohio State
- 3 (#76 - (Denver-Giants): Paulson Adebo, CB, Stanford
- 4 (#133): Ian Book, QB, Notre Dame
- 6 (#206 - (Indianapolis): Landon Young, OT, Kentucky
- 7 (#255): Ka'Waan Baker, WR, South Alabama

The Saints had another small draft class and focused on their defense that lost multiple players in free agency. With little salary cap room, they were unable to add any front-line veterans in the open market. They addressed their primary needs immediately with their first three selections. With their #1 pick they surprised and added their highest rated edge rusher in Payton Turner. He is an emerging defender with length and burst they feel they can work with and develop into

a quality three down starter. He was the most surprising first round selection, though addressed a need for their thin front four.

In the 2nd round, they choose LB Pete Werner, a tough savvy defender with a well-developed skill set. He was a rising prospect off his readiness to press for rookie starting time. His versatility and skill set should warrant extensive playing time. He is a quality piece for this defense that needs a boost from new players.

With their 3rd round pick, they selected CB Paulson Adebo, a talented raw cover man with limited experience. He was part of a run on corners on the 2nd day of the draft. He has size, agility and speed to play all the techniques. His preseason will dictate his readiness and decide if he is ready for the sub packages or starting duty. He is a boom or bust defender who addresses a definite need area here. In the 4th round, they choose QB Ian Book, a smart athletic passer who moves well and makes consistently sound decisions. He can win the #3 role with a good preseason. He figures to land on the PS if there are limited roster positions.

With their 6th and 7th round picks, they chose OT Landon Young and WR Ka'Waan Baker. Young is a huge blocker with right tackle skill set. He graded out high in the SEC and could surprise here in time. He could make the roster or PS with a good preseason performance. Baker is a small quick kick returner who fits a role performer. He faces a tough task challenging vet Deonte Harris for the return duties. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Saints resigned QB Jameis Winston, RB Ty Montgomery and CB P.J. Williams. They franchise tagged S Marcus Williams. With little salary cap room, they added only TE Nick Vannett, OL James Hurst and DE Tanoh Kpassagnon. Veteran QB Drew Brees retired after a tremendous career leaving a huge opening that can only be filled by overall offensive performance. They lost veteran starters mainly defenders in DE Trey Hendrickson, DT Sheldon Rankins, LBers, Kwon Alexander and Alex Anzalone, corners Janoris Jenkins and Justin Hardee along with wideout Emmanuel Sanders, OL Nick Easton and TE Jared Cook. They signed an average group of rookie FA and several can win a roster spot or land on the practice squad, namely, RB Stevie Scott III, TE Dylan Soehner, OL Mike Brown, OL Alex Hoffman, DT Josiah Bronson, DT Lorenzo Neal, LB Shaq Smith, corners Bryce Thompson and Lawrence Woods and P Nolan Cooney.

Training Camp Objectives: The Saints suffered another difficult playoff loss, this time to divisional rival, the Bucs. They ruined Drew Brees' swan song after a brilliant career. They return one of the game's most potent balanced attacks that is directed by veterans, Jameis Winston and Taysom Hill. Winston has been a turnover machine as a starter and gets a chance to reverse this now working with HC Sean Payton. Any starter plays behind one of the best offensive lines in the game. Versatile runner Alvin Kamara is a top big play weapon. Michael Thomas missed over half the 2020 season. He ranks with the top receivers in the game and changes an offense. The line is excellent with tackles Terron Armstead and Ryan Ramczyk protecting the edges. Their defense made huge changes after FA losses and look to a few rookies to contribute immediately. They still surrender too much air yardage and more pass pressure is essential. Young DE Marcus Davenport must step up and provide impact off the edge and assist veteran Cameron Jordan who continues at a Pro Bowl level. Their veteran secondary is coming off a strong performance and they hold the key for a another run at the South title. Starting safety Marcus Williams was given the franchise tag. Veteran corner Marshon Lattimore is highly rated Pro Bowler. Saints changing offensive leadership is critical to compete, though the big turnover on defense may determine if they fell to the .500 level.

New York Giants - 6-10- Head Coach Joe Judge - 2nd Year

The Giants addressed important issues on both sides of the ball, seeking more playmakers. They also made three huge trades in the top 100 selections for the first time in memory. They earmarked a few corners and receivers with the #11 overall selection, but when they were chosen ahead, the Giants had deals on the table. They traded back

with the Bears with QB Justin Fields still on the board at #11 and the Giants received #20 and a 5th round this year and a #1 and #3 selection next year. With the 20th overall pick, the Giants chose WR Kadarius Toney, an explosive

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#20 - Chicago): Kadarius Toney, WR, Florida
 2 (#50 - Miami): Azeez Ojulari, LB, Georgia
 3 (#71 - Denver): Aaron Robinson, CB, UCF
 4 (#116): Elerson Smith, DE, UNI
 6 (#196): Gary Brightwell, RB, Arizona
 6 (#201 - Arizona): Rodarius Williams, CB, Oklahoma St

playmaker with the ability to line up inside and outside. He joins an improved receiving corps that also added vets Kenny Golladay and John Ross in FA. Toney can also help in the return game and is a weapon who opens this offense up and probably faces single matchups often to become a favorite of QB Daniel Jones.

With their 2nd round selection, they traded back from #42 to #50 and were still able to land edge rusher

Azeez Ojulari. He comes off an impressive effort in final season vs SEC blockers, showing the burst to pressure the QB. He is one dimensional currently, though provides impact in an early situational role. He will benefit working with DC Patrick Graham and was excellent value here with an enormous upside.

With their 3rd round pick, they traded up when corner Aaron Robinson was still available at the 71st selection. They moved up for the 76th pick for a #5 selection. He was the start of a huge run on corners over the next 40 picks. We gave Robinson a 2nd round grade and the move up was another wise decision by GM Dave Gettleman. Robinson lines up both inside and outside and will compete immediately for a role in the sub packages. Their first three selections were all good prospects that addressed need areas and built incredible draft capital for next year with two #1s and #3s. With their 4th round pick, they addressed their edge rushing and added Elerson Smith. He is a long athlete with a quick get off to pressure the pocket. He needs strength and technique development, though Giant scouts loved his upside after the Senior Bowl. This is a prospect to watch over time.

With two 6th round picks, they added runner Gary Brightwell and CB Rodarius Williams. Brightwell will push for a backup role with a few veterans in the mix. In addition, he hopes to impress as a kickoff returner to earn a roster spot. Williams was graded higher and the Giants were surprised he was still available and quickly choose him. He is well rounded and highly productive in coverage playing vs wide open passing games. He can cover in man situations and zone schemes and can surprise here. He was productive vs Big 12 talent and combines length, instincts, quickness and tackling ability to help on specials. **Grade: A**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: DE Leonard Williams received the franchise tag and they resigned him early, agreeing on a three-year deal. He was a pivotal move that freed up money for other FA additions. They added a few high quality starters in FA in hopes of improving their young struggling defense. They signed WR Kenny Golladay, TE Kyle Rudolph and CB Adoree Jackson to big long-term contracts. They signed other veterans, QB Mike Glennon, RBs Devontae Booker and Corey Clement, WR John Ross, TE Kelvin Benjamin, guard Zach Fulton, DE Ryan Anderson and Ifeadi Odenigbo, DT Danny Shelton and LB Reggie Ragland. They lost DT Dalvin Tomlinson and RB Wayne Gallman. They lost other backup type veterans and released wideout Golden Tate and guard Kevin Zeitler early to improve their salary cap. They signed a small rookie FA class with a few having good chances to make the roster or PS. They signed G Jake Burton, C Brett Heggie and DE Raymond Johnson. Heggie can surprise here and will get a long look in the preseason. He can win a backup role or land on the PS. Johnson has potential here and will get a long look in camp.

Training Camp Objectives: The Giants struggled with another poor start to the 2020 season, that put them behind early and unable to overcome despite a strong midseason. Young QB Daniel Jones was inconsistent again, yet shows big time talent when protected. He has new weapons to add to Saquan Barkley and receivers, Evan Ingram, Sterling Shepard and Darius Slayton. Their young inconsistent line improved nicely over the final month, but must show that level of play the full season. Barkley is recovering from knee surgery and is on schedule to be ready for fulltime duty in September. He is a cornerstone performer here and can set the pace for a potentially explosive passing attack. The Giants defense made nice improvement under DC Graham. DL Williams had arguably Pro Bowl performance that set the pace upfront. New vets, Mike backer Blake Martinez and CB James Bradberry earned Pro Bowl honors and great FA additions by Gettleman. Marginal pass pressure must improve and a healthy return of Shane Carter or Oshane Ximines and emergence of rookie Ojulari will be critical. The secondary played well and gets second year safety Xavier McKinney fully healthy. The defense returns most starters and has improved depth overall which should make the multiple packages more effective. This club can be a huge surprise with a strong collection of weapons for Jones, though only with improved protection. Jones may hold the key with further maturity. Barkley is primed for a major breakout season. This club needs to learn to win and their 6-10 season last year was closer to a 10-6 effort with further maturity. They can contend for a postseason berth and possibly surprise and win the East title.

Philadelphia Eagles - 4-11-1 - Head Coach Nick Sirianni - 1st Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#10 - (Dallas): DeVonta Smith, WR, Alabama
- 2 (#37): Landon Dickerson, OC, Alabama
- 3 (#73 - (Carolina): Milton Williams, DT, Louisiana Tech
- 4 (#123 - (Miami): Zech McPhearson, CB, Texas Tech
- 5 (#150): Kenneth Gainwell, RB, Memphis
- 6 (#189): Marlon Tuipulotu, DT, USC
- 6 (#191 - (Carolina-Denver): Tarron Jackson, DE, Coastal Carolina
- 6 (#224 - (Comp): Jacoby Stevens, S, LSU
- 7 (#234): Patrick Johnson, DE/LB, Tulane

The Eagles addressed their top needs early with two Alabama players. With the 11th selection, they traded up and choose wideout DeVonta Smith. It was the second year in a row they picked a receiver after WR Jalen Reagor last spring. Smith is a playmaker whether inside or outside, in addition to a good returner. He can provide impact working with former Bama passer Jalen Hurts. His thin frame at 166 lbs. is a major durability concern and his ability to hold up for 17 games annually is rather

still questionable. His production may disappoint working with Hurts who has many questions related to his ability as a pocket passer.

With their #2 pick, they chose OL Landon Dickerson, a physical interior blocker who was dominant at times in the SEC. He sustained a late season ACL injury which pushed him out of the first round. He was fine value here if he is healthy. He can be a premier center/guard if right and a sound risk at the 37th overall selection. He could start by midseason on a line in need of new talent. With their 3rd round pick, they chose DE Milton Williams a versatile lineman who came on late in his career. He figures to earn time in their line rotation maybe as a three technique in sub package. With their 4th round pick, they chose CB Zech McPhearson, an agile instinctive cover man who can push for time in the dime package. He has flexible hips and good speed to match up in man situations and can surprise in time. With their 5th round pick, they chose RB Kenneth Gainwell, a versatile back who figures to press for the 3rd down back spot among other roles. He was good value here.

With their three 6th round picks, they added DT Marlon Tuipulotu, DE Tarron Jackson and safety Jacoby Stevens. Tuipulotu is a good run stuffer who can make this club and see time in short yardage situations. Jackson has a relentless attitude off the edge and can make this club and compete for time in the sub package. Safety Stevens is a hybrid defender and good fit for the dime package and special teams. Nice piece as a role player. With their 7th round pick, they chose DE/LB Patrick Johnson, a fast, lean edge athlete. He may provide a boost to the sub package defenses and special teams coverage units. He was a good addition and can make this roster.

Grade: C

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Eagles' signed veteran, QBs Joe Flacco and Nick Mullens, OT Le'Raven Clark, DE Ryan Kerrigan, DT Hassan Ridgeway, LB Eric Wilson, S Anthony Harris. They resigned TE Richard Rodgers and S Andrew Adams. They added an average rookie UDFA class in QB Jamie Newman, WR Jhamon Ausbon, WR Trevon Grimes, TE Jack Stoll, G Kayode Awosika, C Harry Crider and DE JaQuan Bailey. Bailey can make this team and surprise in time. Newman and Grimes were released after mini-camp.

Training Camp Objectives: The Eagles fell to last place in the NFC East, including 2-4 vs division foes. They traded young QB Carson Wentz this offseason and will go with second year QB Jalen Hurts. They may regret moving Wentz who flashed top talent at times. New HC Sirianni will look to Hurts to direct an attack that will focus on receivers DeVonta Smith and Reagor. Their once highly regarded line must prove healthy after multiple breakdowns last season. Their defense fell significantly ranking in the bottom third in most key categories. DT Fletcher Cox is still a top flight interior defender, though provided less impact overall. DT Hargrove gives them a tough run defender. DE Graham is still a quality edge rusher. Their LB play was barely average and needs to improve. They focused on defense in the FA market especially the secondary with addition of safety Anthony Harris. This is a young club in key areas with unproved talent facing a pivotal season. They need to show more firepower from Hurts to win close games while their changing defense must stop the run to return to playoff levels. Rebuilding season with too many questions.

San Francisco 49ers - 6-10 - Head Coach Kyle Shanahan - 5th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#3 - Houston-Miami): Trey Lance, QB, ND St
- 2 (#48 - Las Vegas): Aaron Banks, OG, Notre Dame
- 3 (#88 - Los Angeles Rams): Trey Sermon, RB, Ohio St
- 3 (#102): Ambry Thomas, CB, Michigan
- 5 (#155): Jaylon Moore, OT, Western Michigan
- 5 (#172 - New Orleans): Deommodore Lenoir, CB, Oregon
- 5 (#180 - Comp): Talanoa Hufanga, S, USC
- 6 (#189): Elijah Mitchell, RB, Louisiana-Laf

The 49ers moved up in the first round from the #12 overall to #3 to land one of the premier QB prospects. They also surrendered their next two #1 picks in future draft classes, an expensive move for one prospect. With the #3 overall pick, they choose Trey Lance. He was a surprise selection, but HC Kyle Shanahan was impressed

over the evaluation process and made the selection. Lance played only one full season with less than 300 career passing attempts and not one game vs FCS talent. He has a top skill set with size, mobility, arm strength and good mechanics to develop into a high-quality NFL starter. He is in a good situation, most likely sitting behind QB Jimmy Garoppolo and learning from Shanahan. He needs time and refinement of his skill set and is in a good situation as long as Garoppolo is healthy and plays well. That gives Lance the necessary time to settle into the system and refine his excellent skill set to justify the enormous price they paid to secure the #3 overall selection.

In the 2nd round, they selected guard Aaron Banks, a mobile wide body blocker who graded out high over his Irish career. He addresses a big need on the interior and has a good upside with refinement. He anchors well in pass protection and has the ability to move and adjust. He also gets to the 2nd level nicely to fit on backers. He went earlier than projected, but has the upside to develop into a top flight blocker.

With their two 3rd round picks, they added runner Trey Sermon and CB Ambry Thomas. Sermon is a physical inside runner who can carry the load weekly. He needs development as a receiver and blocker to be a complete feature back, though figures to get touches in their committee running back group. Thomas is a quality cover man who can compete for time in the sub packages especially the nickel role. He was a solid addition here and could ultimately start in this defense.

With three 5th round picks, they added OT Jaylon Moore, CB Deommodore Lenoir and safety Talanoa Hufanga. OL Moore is a late developing tackle who may move inside to guard here. He needs some strength and technique development, but could surprise after some key refinement. Lenoir is a tough compact cover man who also projects to safety. He is a savvy defender who is a top tackler which will enhance his ability to play on coverage units. Good addition. Safety Hufanga is a hitter who finishes consistently well. He has adequate speed and range to develop further, though he makes this roster off his special teams' skills. With their 6th round pick, they added runner Elijah Mitchell, a well-rounded performer with a make it grade. He has the burst to get outside and finish along with developed receiving skills to push for the 3rd down role. Good late gamble. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The 49ers' resigned LT Trent Williams to a six-year contract with \$32 million cap hit for 2021. They signed QB Nate Sudfeld, RB Wayne Gallman, WRs Bennie Fowler, Mohamed Sanu and Trent Sherfield, C Alex Mack, OL Senio Kelemete, DE Arden Key, DT Maurice Hurst, DL Zach Kerr, LB Samson Ebukam, LB Nate Gerry and safety Tony Jefferson. They resigned FB Kyle Juszczyk, OL Tom Compton, DT D.J. Jones, corners Emmanuel Moseley, Jason Verrett and K'Waun Williams and S Jaquiski Tartt and Tavon Wilson. They lost backups QBs Nick Mullens and CJ Beathard, WR Kendrick Bourne, DE Solomon Thomas and Ezekiel Ansah and starting corners, Richard Sherman and Ahkello Witherspoon. They added a mediocre class of rookie UDFAs including WR Austin Watkins Jr., TE Josh Pederson, OL Alfredo Gutierrez, LBers Justin Hilliard and Elijah Sullivan. Hilliard was a good signing and could surprise and make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: Veteran Garoppolo returns to direct this offense with top pick Trey Lance looking over his shoulder. Garoppolo has been injury prone and must return to his 2019 level of play and prove durable to hold off the top draft pick. He will benefit from more weapons in rookie runner Sermon and vet receiver Sanu. Wideout Deebo Samuel and TE George Kittle return after missing half the 2020 season and have provided impact. Center Alex Mack is a stop gap after the retirement of Wes Richburg. Their young defense has top talent and were again very effective overall. Vet Armstead was less productive without DeForest Buckner and early injury to Pro Bowler Nick Bosa. Rookie DT Javon Kinlaw is an emerging playmaker. The secondary lost veteran Richard Sherman. Veteran corner Jason Verrett returns and was healthy most of last season. Edge rusher Dee Ford looks to return to form after missing most of the season. The defense can rank among the best in the game if veterans are healthy. They are not the team to beat in the NFC West with other division clubs much improved across the board. Still, they are capable of winning the West, though only if their key players Garoppolo and Bosa are healthy and playing at a high level.

Seattle Seahawks – 12-4 - Head Coach Pete Carroll - 12th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

2 (#56): D'Wayne Eskridge, WR, Western Michigan

4 (#137 - Tampa Bay): Tre Brown, CB, Oklahoma

6 (#208 - Chicago): Stone Forsythe, OT, Florida

converting from cornerback late in his career. He has an explosive burst with elite 1.51 speed in the ten-yard split. He carries it downfield with excellent vertical speed to give an offense a big play weapon. He is a good run after the catch athlete who separates consistently in coverage and just starting to realize his talent as a playmaker. He can

win a role in three wideout sets and provide impact vs single coverage.

With 4th round selection, they chose corner Tre Brown, a quick smaller cover man with a good late career performance. He impressed at the Senior Bowl and figures to press for the nickel corner role. He is a sure tackler and makes sound decisions in coverage. With their 6th round pick, they selected OT Stone Forsythe, a tall blocker with developing skills and best in pass protection. He gets a good opportunity here with age on the outside tackles. He needs further development especially as a run blocker, though he shows the footwork to be effective. He is a prospect who could settle into a backup role in time. Might be headed to the PS. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Seahawks had room in their salary cap to add a few quality veterans. They traded for guard Gabe Jackson for a late draft selection, a solid move. They signed veterans, TE Gerald Everett, DT Kerry Hyder, DT Robert Nkemdiche, DE Aldon Smith, DT Al Woods, CB Ahkello Witherspoon and CB Pierre Desir. They resigned vets, QB Geno Smith, RB Chris Carson, OC Ethan Pocic, OG Jordan Simmons, OT Cedric Ogbuehi, DE Carlos Dunlap, DE Benson Mayowa, NT Poona Ford and CB Damarious Randall. Most of their additions were defensive players with an emphasis on improving their pass rush and coverage talent. They lost two starters in DT Jarran Reed and CB Shaquill Griffin. They signed an above average group of rookie UDFA in runners B.J. Emmons and Josh Johnson, WR Cade Johnson, Tamorrion Terry and Connor Wedington, OL Jake Curhan, Greg Eiland, Jared Hocker and Pier-Olivier Lestage, DT Jarrod Hewitt, LB Jon Rhattigan, CB Bryan Mills and S Aashari Crosswell. OL Curhan and Hocker can surprise and land on the PS if they don't make the roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Seahawks made the playoffs again and lost their wild card game to the Rams. They continue to compete, though they do not play up to their record in the postseason. QB Russell Wilson had another very good season and covers a multiple of problems with his talent and smarts. The ground game was just average and must improve to lengthen Wilson's career. The offensive line may hold the key to any offensive improvement after another turnover this offseason. Their defense slipped significantly again especially in coverage. Their front four struggled providing consistent pressure with safety Jamal Adams leading the club. Their ordinary secondary looks to FA addition corner Ahkello Witherspoon to fit the Hawks type of long corners. MLB Bobby Wagner is still one of the best in the game. The defense should have at least three new starters. This club relies too much on Wilson to carry the offense with only an average ground game. The line has many questions annually and may hold the key to competing for a playoff spot. The defense still has some experience and leadership, though the front four must set the pace here in the tough NFC West. They should compete for playoff spot, though many NFC clubs have improved and added more new talent entering training camp.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers - 11-5 - Head Coach Bruce Arians - 3rd Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class
 1 (#32): Joe Tryon, OLB, Washington
 2 (#64): Kyle Trask, QB, Florida
 3 (#95): Robert Hainsey, OG, Notre Dame
 4 (#129 - Seattle): Jaelon Darden, WR, North Texas
 5 (#176): K.J. Britt, LB, Auburn
 7(#251): Chris Wilcox, CB, BYU
 7 (#259): Grant Stuard, LB, Houston

The Bucs addressed their pressing needs in this draft class hoping to fill positions to create quality depth. The presence of QB Tom Brady will keep this club focused on the short term and they reloaded the roster again to compete for the playoffs this fall.

They addressed their front seven in the first round with the addition of DE/LB Joe Tryon. He is a big mobile tweener with a high level of development that should allow him to play in the

sub package immediately. He is a physical presence who can push the pocket and win off the edge. He is a sound technician and a sure tackler who protects the outside and hold the edge with good run stuffing skills. In the 2nd round, they added QB Kyle Trask, a Florida product who is well versed in the passing game. He has a good skill set and could be the future starter here with further development. He needs to settle into the system and is a good fit working with HC Bruce Arians. In the 3rd round, they chose OL Robert Hainsey, a versatile tackle/guard who graded out nicely over his Irish career. He should provide good depth on a unit with few backups developed vs top talent. Hainsey can press for starting time with experience, though a surprise and reach this early.

In the 4th round, they chose WR Jaelon Darden, an undersized speedster with big play ability. He could see time in the slot role where his suddenness and run after the catch ability gives him a chance to provide impact in that role. He can surprise and win the PR job where his speed can improve an average unit. In the 5th round, they chose LB KJ Britt, a tough productive defender who can win a role on coverage units. With only marginal depth on the overall unit, he can win a roster spot here on special teams alone. With their two 7th round selections, they choose defenders, CB Chris Wilcox and LB Grant Stuard. Wilcox is a big corner with raw skills currently. With development, he has the talent to match up in coverage with a nose for the ball to finish. Stuard is a quick run and

chase backer with sure tackling skills. He must impress on special teams' to earn a roster spot. He can surprise and was a good late addition. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bucs did a good job and resigned many veterans in FA including QB Tom Brady, restructuring his contract to keep the SB gang together. They signed runner Giovani Bernard mainly as a 3rd down back. They resigned QBs Blaine Gabbert and Ryan Griffin, RB Leonard Fournette, WR Antonio Brown, WR Chris Godwin, TE Rob Gronkowski, OT Josh Wells, OG Aaron Stinnie, DE Shaquil Barrett, DT Rakeem Nunez-Roches, DT Ndamukong Suh, LB Lavonte David, LB Kevin Minter, CB Ross Cockrell and K Ryan Succop. They lost CB Ryan Smith and safety Andrew Adams. They added a small group of rookie FA and signed WR T.J. Simmons, OL Sadarius Hutcherson and Calvin Ashley, DE Leighton McCarthy and DT Elijah Ponder, CB Cameron Kinley and safeties Lawrence White and Augie Contressa and K Jose Borregales.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bucs' will make a run at the SB with their whole roster returning especially the 'Goat' Tom Brady. He directs this offense and will utilize a full array of weapons to continue their high scoring attack. The ground game has disappointed and they look to vets Ronald Jones II, Leonard Fournette and new vet Giovani Bernard to produce more ground and air yardage. Brady directs an offense with a talented group of receivers, Mike Evans, Chris Godwin and Antonio Brown and TEs Ron Gronkowski and OJ Howard. The improved line allowed only 22 sacks which helped the immobile Brady immensely. HC Bruce Arians is an excellent leader who utilizes their offensive firepower well. The young defense responded to DC Todd Bowles that elevated former top pick LB Devin White to Pro Bowl level. He flashed dominant skills weekly especially in the postseason as the leader and linchpin. Vets, DT Nda Suh and backer Lavonte David return for one more run at the SB. Sack artists, JPP and Shaq Barrett create consistent outside pressure. Their young secondary improved slightly but gave up too much yardage and big plays. An improved ground game will help Brady and the defense in general. Bucs are the club to beat for the South title with the Saints and Falcons making changes while the young Panthers still in the rebuilding process. Expect the Bucs in the postseason and with many savvy battled tested vets who are capable of playing with any club in the league.

Washington Football Team - 7-9 - Head Coach Ron Rivera - 2nd Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1, Pick 19 (No. 19 overall): Jamin Davis, LB, Kentucky
- 2, Pick 19 (No. 51): Samuel Cosmi, OT, Texas
- 3 (#74 - San Fran): Benjamin St-Juste, CB, Minnesota
- 3 (#82): Dyami Brown, WR, UNC
- 4 (#124): John Bates, TE, Boise State
- 5 (#163): Darrick Forrest, S, Cincinnati
- 6 (#225 - Phil - Comp): Camaron Cheeseman, LS, Michigan
- 7 (#240 - Philadelphia): William Bradley-King, DE, Baylor
- 7 (#246): Shaka Toney, LB, Penn State
- 7 (#258): Dax Milne, WR, BYU

The WFT was hoping to land one of the top 5 QBs in the first round. When they were gone at #15, they addressed their front seven once again with the addition of LB Jamin Davis. He was one of the premier defensive players in this class and a prospect who fits a pressing need on this strong young unit. He can be a vital piece to this front seven with now five #1 picks as starters. He is a strong run defender who can flourish especially on the inside. He is also very effective in a delay blitz situation which gives this defense a new dimension. Though a slight reach this early, he is in a setting where his talent

could benefit and become a highly productive behind an excellent front four.

With their 2nd round selection, they chose OT Samuel Cosmi, a big mobile blocker who impressed at his pro day workout and moved him up on the 2nd day. He will compete for the right tackle job after the release of long-time starter Morgan Moses. He was good value here and a prospect counted on to press for starting time with several changes made at tackle in recent years.

With two 3rd round selections, they choose CB Benjamin St-Juste and WR Dyami Brown. St-Juste is a big athlete who gives them an emerging performer for all sets. He has ideal size for the outside with good matchup skills vs possession receivers. He was part of a big run on corners in the middle rounds and was a reach here at #74, but addressed a big area for this changing defense. Brown is a well-developed pass catcher who came into his own late in his career. He is fast and runs the full route tree to give this offense an interesting piece for the multiple sets. He was an excellent addition here.

With their 4th round selection, they chose TE John Bates, a blocking prospect with the development to see time in two TE sets. He is a reliable pass catcher. With their 5th round selection, they chose safety Darrick Forrest, a savvy defender with good fundamentals. He is a tough sure tackler who should impress on coverage units. With their 6th round selection, they chose LS Camaron Cheeseman, a developed longsnapper who should win the job

with a good preseason.

With three 7th round selections, they chose DE William Bradley-King, LB Shaka Toney and WR Dax Milne. Bradley-King is a relentless tweener with the skills set to make this roster. He needs to find a niche in their sub package to see playing time. Toney is also a tweener, though more suited to playing up in the NFL. He must get stronger, but has a burst off the edge to win a backup role. Milne was effective working in the BYU pass oriented offense. He is productive and could also compete for the RS role, He was fine value here and good potential. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They were aggressive in the FA market. Pro Bowl guard Brandon Scherff again received the franchise tag. QB Ryan Fitzpatrick signed a one-year deal after the retirement of veteran Alex Smith. Fitz Magic brings a fire to an offense and shows the leadership to rally a club. They added WRs Adam Humphries, Curtis Samuel, DeAndre Carter and TE Ricky Seals-Jones, OT Charles Leno, C Tyler Larsen, LB David Mayo, CBs, William Jackson III, Darryl Roberts and Bobby McCain. Samuel and Jackson were impressive additions at major need positions. They resigned RB Lamar Miller, OT David Sharpe, CB Danny Johnson and K Dustin Hopkins. They traded for former guard Ereck Flowers. They signed a small rookie UDFA class in RB Jaret Patterson and TE Sammie Reyes. Both can make this roster. Patterson can push for reps here especially short yardage. Reyes is an intriguing prospect with fine athleticism and speed to develop further as a receiving threat.

Training Camp Objectives: They won the NFC East title despite a 7-9 record. They did it behind an emerging dominant young defense that added impact rookie top pick Chase Young. Their defense ranked #2 overall in the league with over half the unit under five years of experience. They have the makeup of a dominant unit who is just entering their prime. Their offense split time between vet QB Alex Smith with nice production and young Dwayne Haskins who had minimal success. This offseason Smith retired while Haskins did not even finish the 2020 season with the club. Fitzpatrick should be a big improvement. Their ground attack underwhelmed all season despite a good performance by Antonio Gibson. He must take a step up and depends on a better line and an improved ground game. The offense relies upon WR Terry McLaurin who is a fine playmaker. Vet Curtis Samuel can excel in the slot and provide impact. Their defense looks to a young secondary to improve with new corner Jackson, a major addition. Improving club hopes to blend a few new vets with strong core of young players to continue to compete for the wide-open NFC East leadership.

American Conference

Baltimore Ravens – 11-5 - Head Coach John Harbaugh - 13th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#27): Rashod Bateman, WR, Minnesota
- 1 (#31- Kansas City): Jayson Oweh, DE, Penn St
- 3 (#94 - Kansas City): Ben Cleveland, OG, Georgia
- 3 (#104 - Comp): Brandon Stephens, CB, SMU
- 4 (#131): Tylan Wallace, WR, Oklahoma State
- 5 (#160 - Arizona): Shaun Wade, S, Ohio State
- 5 (#171): Daelin Hayes, DE, Notre Dame
- 5 (#184 - Comp): Ben Mason, FB, Michigan

The Ravens had another strong draft class with picks equally divided from both sides of the ball. GM Eric DeCosta directed this process again with an excellent sense to integrate both need and value. DeCosta stays with his value board very well and it reflected in another strong overall class.

They wanted to address their receiving corps and front seven, especially related to pass rush. They traded OT Orlando Brown for a late 1st round pick giving them two first round choices. They choose WR Rashod Bateman and LB Jayson Oweh. Bateman is a playmaker with vertical speed to stretch a defense.

He fits in nicely here and should see extensive time in multiple sets and carries an early starting grade. Oweh is a top athlete with excellent quickness, though raw instincts reading plays and blocking angles. He has a big upside, though probably is limited to a situational role early in his career. He has the talent to develop into a high-quality edge rusher as he gains vital experience.

With their two 3rd round picks, they chose OG Ben Cleveland and CB Brandon Stephens. Cleveland is a rugged physical blocker with limited mobility. He anchors well and is a strong drive blocker with good grades vs SEC defenders. He carries a starting grade in time, possibly as a rookie. Stephens is a big raw athlete with limited time on defense. He has the skill set to develop into a starter with a first look at corner though also safety possibilities. He may have to earn time on the dime coverage unit and special teams. With their 4th round pick, they chose WR Tylan Wallace, a quick sure handed receiver. He is a fine athlete with good production and capable of filling the slot role. He was good later value and could surprise in their multiple sets and possible fairly early.

With three 5th round picks, they chose CB Shaun Wade, DE Daelin Hayes and FB Ben Mason. Wade is a big raw cover man coming off a poor performance. He allowed too many big plays with sloppy technique and poor

reads. He needs development on his basics before being ready for time in the sub packages. He will have to impress on special teams to make the roster. He has a big upside, but must get his fundamentals corrected to play up to his natural talent. Hayes is a tweener edge defender with strong hands and good instincts. He can surprise and fill a need in the sub package and is a player with sound skills to be a serviceable piece on this front seven. Mason is a tough physical blocker who fits the Ravens mold. He helps the ground game and has the movement ability to fill an H-back role. He should excel on all special teams' units. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Ravens were aggressive in FA, though missed out on a few big time receivers. They persisted and signed Sammy Watkins. He is a quality #1 receiver who got lost in the talented deep KC offense. He can flourish here and become a focus of this passing attack. He must prove healthy after an injury riddled career. Excellent move and great fit. They also added TE Josh Oliver, OT Alejandro Villanueva and OG Kevin Zeitler. Villanueva and Zeitler should start on the right-side. They lost starters, LB Matt Judon, DE Yannick Ngakoue, OG DJ Fluker, RB Mark Ingram, WR Willie Snead and C Matt Skura. They signed a quality group of UDFAs in QB Kenji Bahar, RB Nate McCrary, WR Donte Sylencieux, TE Tony Poljan, OT Foster Sarell, OT Adrian Ealy, OG Sam Cooper, DT Xavier Kelly, OLB Barrington Wade and S Ar'Darius Washington. Bahar is another smart Monmouth U athlete with NFL ability. Sarell is a good addition and fit for this offense. Washington is a playmaker who can earn time in packages, though must impress on special teams to win a roster spot.

Training Camp Objectives: The Ravens had another strong season behind QB Lamar Jackson earning a wild card playoff berth. They beat the Titans before falling to the Bills in the playoffs. Lamar Jackson had impact on their rushing attack with another 1000 yard rushing season. His pocket passing still needs to improve to rank with the upper echelon of NFL starters. The Ravens passing game ranked last in the league in 2020. The line features new starters and must prove a cohesive unit. The defense performed well again with top ten rankings in both run and pass defense. DE Calais Campbell sets the pace upfront. Young backers Tyus Bowser, Jaylon Ferguson, Pat Queen and Malik Harrison must step up after key losses. The veteran secondary is one of the best in the league and looks to young backups to play a bigger role in the sub packages. Corners Marlon Humphrey, Marcus Peters and Jimmy Smith provide strong coverage. Lamar Jackson holds the key to this club advancing especially with better passing production in the postseason. He must improve as a pocket passer and perform better vs top defenses. This club hopes to maintain their talent level in the tough AFC North. This club is a tough smart balance of veterans and young talent to compete for the postseason, though their ultimate success is in Jackson's hands.

Buffalo Bills - 13-3 - Head Coach Sean McDermott - 5th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#30): *Gregory Rousseau, DE, Miami*
- 2 (#61): *Carlos Basham Jr., DE, Wake Forest*
- 3 (#93): *Spencer Brown, OT, UNI*
- 5 (#161- LA Rams): *Tommy Doyle, OT, Miami (Oh)*
- 6 (#203 -Hous-Wash): *Marquez Stevenson, WR, Houston*
- 6 (#212 - Hous-New Orleans): *Damar Hamlin, S, Pittsburgh*
- 6 (#213): *Rachad Wildgoose, CB, Wisconsin*
- 7 (#236 - Carolina): *Jack Anderson, OG, Texas Tech*

The Bills used their top two picks on edge defenders, Greg Rousseau and Carlos Basham. Rousseau is a long athletic raw defender with the ability to pressure the edge. He needs refinement on his technique for him to reach his upside as a rusher. He needs core work on run defense especially anchoring at the point. Good long-term addition.

On the 2nd round, they chose DE/LB Carlos 'Boogie' Basham, a versatile playmaker. He is a mobile edge defender with a strong base to hold the point and push the pocket. Type of defender HC McDermott molds into a playmaker. He was excellent value here. He needs further pass rushing technique work to win a starting role, though a fine addition to their tough defense. With their 3rd and 5th round picks, they chose OTs Spencer Brown and Tommy Doyle. Both are raw athletes who probably sit early in their careers. They are long term prospects, though slight reaches this early. They project to RT and inside with the skill set to press for starting time.

With three 6th round picks, they chose WR Marquez Stevenson, safety Damar Hamlin and CB Rachad Wildgoose. Stevenson is a fast smallish receiver with playmaking talent. He is a good addition and a prospect who can push for time in the multiple sets. He has the speed to stretch the field and could provide impact vs single coverage and possibly the return game. Hamlin is a hard-nosed defender with sure tackling skills. He will have to impress on special teams coverage units to make this roster. Wildgoose is a good athlete who missed time in 2020 due to a shoulder injury. He needs time to settle into this defense, but can press for the nickel role eventually. On the 7th round, they chose OG Jack Anderson, a tough experienced blocker who is well versed in pass protection. He was good value here and can press for time inside down the road. Solid late addition. **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bills signed a few key veterans especially on their offense with QB Mitchell

Trubisky, RB Matt Breida, WR/R Brandon Powell, WR Emmanuel Sanders, OT Bobby Hart, OG Forrest Lamp, LB Tyrell Adams and P Matt Haack. They resigned WRs Andre Roberts and Isaiah McKenzie, RB Taiwan Jones, OT Daryl Williams, OG Jon Feliciano, LB Matt Milano and CB Levi Wallace. They lost FA, WR John Brown, DE Trent Murphy, CB Josh Norman and OG Brian Winters. They added an average rookie UDFAs class including WR Tre Walker, TE Quintin Morris, OL Syrus Tuitele, CBs Olajiah Griffin and Nick McCloud and S Tariq Thompson.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bills won the AFC East title for the first time since 1995. They won two playoff games before falling to the Chiefs in the AFC title contest. HC Sean McDermott has created a strong tough culture here and it reflects in their ability to prepare and compete in big game situations. QB Josh Allen had a major breakout season with huge improvement in his accuracy. He was a huge difference in big games and is the cornerstone performer here. He will benefit from new vet wideout Emmanuel Sanders in big situations. They hope he provides some impact similar to Stefon Diggs provided last season. They return their tough offensive line which should assist their ground game. They added RB Matt Breida who will press vets Singletary and Moss in a committee unit.

The highly regarded defense looks to young former top picks, DT Ed Oliver and LB Tremaine Edmunds to provide more impact. They are good defenders though not the difference makers expected. LB Matt Milano is a playmaker who sets the pace here. Veteran secondary benefits from shutdown corner Tre'Davious White and high-quality safeties Jordan Poyer and Micah Hyde. This club is the team to beat in the AFC East with most of their top players just entering their prime. HC McDermott ranks among the best in the league and directs this defense with smart schemes and defender rotation to maximize effectiveness. More playoff victories are expected, though the AFC top clubs continue to improve across the board.

Cincinnati Bengals - 4-11-1 - Head Coach Zac Taylor – 3rd Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#5): Ja'Marr Chase, WR, LSU
- 2 (#46 - New England): Jackson Carman, OT, Clemson
- 3 (#69): Joseph Ossai, LB, Texas
- 4 (#111): Cam Sample, DE, Tulane
- 4 (#122 - New Eng-Arizona): Tyler Shelvin, DT, LSU
- 4 (#139 - New Eng - Comp): D'Ante Smith, OT, East Carolina
- 5 (#149): Evan McPherson, PK, Florida
- 6 (#190): Trey Hill, C, Georgia
- 6 (#202 - Miami): Chris Evans, RB, Michigan
- 7 (#235 - Detroit): Wyatt Hubert, DE, Kansas State

The Bengals held another top five selection this year and did not hesitate selecting WR Ja'Marr Chase the former weapon for QB Joe Burrow. The Bengals were tempted to select LT Penei Samuel but the thought of reuniting Chase with Burrows was too intriguing. Chase is a true #1 receiver, size, speed, ball skills and run after the catch ability. Burrow had an outstanding season before being injured in the 10th game. He set new rookie record for 300 yard passing games and was primed for many others before the knee injury. The new Bengal combo is expected to give this attack a huge

boost. Chase was highly productive vs top SEC cover men, though he sat out 2020 due to Covid 19.

On the 2nd round, they chose OL Jackson Carman, a big physical blocker with experience at both guard and tackle. He figures to push for a starting job in camp. He is a tough run blocker and uses his bulk and length fairly well in protection. He figures to play inside and could start at guard this season. On the 3rd round, they selected LB Joseph Ossai, an aggressive active tweener with well-rounded skills. He has the LOD to challenge for a starting job in camp. He has a burst off the edge and can play both up and down. He can run with TEs and backs and has the makeup of a three-down starter. Solid addition at a major need area.

With three 4th round picks, they selected DE Cam Sample, DT Tyler Shelvin and OT D'ante Smith. They continue to address the trenches. Sample gives them an edge rusher with a good motor to see time in their line rotation. Shelvin is a massive run stuffer who they need to fill the inside. He is counted on to improve their weak run defense. Smith figures to develop in time and is a good prospect once he refines his technique and overall strength.

On the 5th round, they chose PK Evan McPherson, a strong legged player who was very accurate in the SEC. He figures to push for the starting job. With two 6th round picks, they selected center Trey Hill and RB Chris Evans. Hill is a gritty wide body who must be in shape. He can handle nose tackles in single assignments when right. Evans is an aggressive runner who hits the hole quickly and finishes well. Impressed at the Senior Bowl and can make this roster. On the 7th round DE Wyatt Hubert, a quick tough tweener type. He had a good effort in the postseason that earned him a late selection. He can make this club with a good preseason. **Grade: B-**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bengals made many changes in FA. They added OT Riley Reiff, OG, DE Trey Hendrickson, DL Larry Ogunjobi, CBs Chidobe Awuzie, Mike Hilton and Eli Apple and S Ricardo Allen. They resigned QB Brandon Allen, RB Samaje Perine, DL Mike Daniels, CB Tony Brown, S Brandon Wilson, LS Clark Harris and P Kevin Huber. TE Thaddeus Moss was claimed off waivers. They lost WRs AJ Green and John Ross,

RB Giovanni Bernard, DE Carl Lawson, DT Geno Atkins, CBs William Jackson III and Mackensie Alexander and safety Shaun Williams. They added rookie free agents QB Collin Hill, RB Pooka Williams Jr., WR Riley Lees, TE Pro Wells, LB Darius Hodge, CB Antonio Phillips and P Drue Chrisman.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bengals continued their slide to the bottom of the AFC North and missed the postseason for the fifth year in a row. They will build around QB Joe Burrow who has a special skill set to excel. He returns from a knee injury and needs much better pass protection to realize his complete talent. He gets his former #1 receiver Chase to open up this offense. Former top pick OT Jonah Williams returns to left tackle after missing 6 games last season following missing his complete rookie season. He is vital for the development of Burrow. Their revamped offensive line will feature new vet Reiff at right tackle hopefully to protect the edges for Burrow. Feature back Joe Mixon returns after missing the final 10 games. He must prove durable and show big play ability. The defense ranked at the bottom in the league and needs to improve. They probably will have as many as four new starters. The defense failed to pressure the QB, with no returning starters with more than 2 sacks from last season. They could have two new starters in the secondary to elevate the defensive play. Expect improvement here with the rebuilding process underway, though a few seasons from contending in the tough talented AFC North.

Cleveland Browns - 11-5 - Head Coach Kevin Stefanski - 2nd Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#26): *Greg Newsome II, CB, Northwestern*
- 2 (#52 - Carolina-Chic): *Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, LB, N. D.*
- 3 (#91 - New Orleans): *Anthony Schwartz, WR, Auburn*
- 4 (#110 - Philadelphia): *James Hudson, OT, Cincinnati*
- 4 (#132): *Tommy Togiai, DT, Ohio State*
- 5 (#153 - Detroit): *Tony Fields II, LB, West Virginia*
- 5 (#169 - Rams): *Richard Lecounte III, S, Georgia*
- 6 (#211): *Demetric Felton, WR, UCLA*

The Browns used their first two selections on defense with an emphasis on coverage. With their 1st round pick, they selected CB Greg Newsome. He is a long savvy cover man who will push for a starting job this preseason with a good chance of winning an outside spot. He shows the ability to play both zone and man and upgrades this unit nicely. He was good value at the 26th overall selection.

With their 2nd round selection, they drafted LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, a fast versatile athlete with suddenness and flexibility to play well in man coverage. He is smooth dropping in coverage and can matchup with fast tight ends. He fits the Will backer role best where he utilizes his speed and instincts. Very good addition with smarts, versatility and quickness, though must answer the size limitations vs blockers. He can be a difference maker and was excellent value at the #52 overall selection.

With their 3rd round pick, they choose WR Anthony Schwartz, a fast lean athlete with the ability to take the top off a defense. He is a former track guy who is still learning the finer points of receiving, though his production improved annually vs top SEC cover men. He can provide impact in the return game. With their two 4th round picks, they choose OL James Hudson and DT Tommy Togiai. Hudson is a mobile wide body with the skill set to start in time with development. He is inconsistent and needs technique work and more discipline in his game to play up to his athleticism. Togiai is a quick interior lineman with good run defensive skills. He will push for a roster spot and maybe for reps in the tackle rotation especially in short yardage situations.

Their two 5th round picks were LB Tony Fields and safety Richard Lecounte. Fields is an aggressive performer with good tackling skills and instincts. He will make this club on his special teams' skills while he settles into the defense. Lecounte is a prospect who returned after an accident and fell in the process despite extensive SEC production. He can win a backup role and in time can press for reps in the dime package. With their 6th round pick, they choose RB/WR Demetric Felton, a versatile situational playmaker for multiple roles. He can win a backup job here as a slot receiver, 3rd down back and/or return specialist which makes him a valuable player. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Browns were aggressive in the FA period especially on defense. They signed safety John Johnson, DEs Jadeveon Clowney, Malik Jackson and Takk McKinley, LB Anthony Walker and CB Troy Hill. They resigned WR Rashard Higgins and LB Malcolm Smith. They lost DE Adrian Clayborn and Olivier Vernon, DT Sheldon Richardson and Larry Ogunjobi, LB BJ Goodson, CB Terrance Mitchell and safeties Karl Joseph and Andrew Sendejo. They added a few rookies from the open market in RB Tre Harbison, DE Romeo McKnight, DT Marvin Wilson, CBs Emmanuel Rugamba and Kiondre Thomas.

Training Camp Objectives: The Browns made the playoffs for the first time in 26 years beating the Steelers in the first round before falling to the Chiefs in a close game. They addressed their biggest needs this offseason hoping to win their first AFC North title. HC Kevin Stefanski directed this club nicely from midseason despite, struggling in the passing game most of the season. QB Baker Mayfield had a good performance, but missed big play weapon Odell Beckham especially in big situations. Their improved line allowed them to pound the ball with runners, Nick Chubb and

Kareem Hunt. RT Conklin was an outstanding addition for 2020. Tight end Austin Hooper is a consistent weapon. Wideouts Odell Beckham and Jarvis Landry need to show they are still a dangerous duo. Their defense looks to their front four to improve around sack artist DE Myles Garrett. DE Jadeveon Clowney and DT Malik Jackson hope to return to former levels. Their LBing unit will feature two new starters with probably rookie JOK and vet Anthony Walker stepping up. The secondary looks for impact from safety John Johnson and rookie corner Newsome to improve their coverage unit. CB Denzel Ward is a Pro Bowl performer. The Browns look to QB Mayfield to mature further and utilize his full array of weapons. He needs to spread the ball to playmakers and set up their potent ground game. The Browns have the building blocks in place to win the AFC North. This club has learned to win and might be ready to take the next step deeper into the postseason. Team has the makeup to get to the show soon and maybe annually.

Denver Broncos - 5-11 - Head Coach Vic Fangio - 3rd Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#9): *Patrick Surtain II, CB, Alabama*
- 2 (#35 - Atlanta): *Javonte Williams, RB, North Carolina*
- 3 (#98 - New Orleans - Comp): *Quinn Meinerz, C, Wis-White*
- 3 (#105 - New Orleans - Comp): *Baron Browning, LB, Ohio St*
- 5 (#152 - Philadelphia): *Caden Sterns, S, Texas*
- 5 (#164 - Giants-Chicago): *Jamar Johnson, S, Indiana*
- 6 (#219 - Atlanta - Comp): *Seth Williams, WR, Auburn*
- 7 (#237): *Kary Vincent Jr., CB, LSU*
- 7 (#239 - NY Giants): *Jonathon Cooper, LB, Ohio State*
- 7 (#253 - Cleveland): *Marquiss Spencer, DT, Mississippi State*

The Broncos had a large draft class and did an outstanding job of adding talent. With their #1 pick, they chose CB Patrick Surtain, a well-developed cover man who can line up both outside and inside. He is a polished talented athlete who can give this defense a shutdown defender. He has performed well in many techniques with very good instincts and sure tackling ability. They resisted trade offers for additional selections to land a Pro Bowl caliber type who fills out this talented secondary very well.

With their 2nd round pick, they drafted RB Javonte Williams, a tough slasher type with the ability to make defenders miss and also run over them. He combines the suddenness and long speed to break plays. He catches the ball fairly well and has the complete skill set to become a feature back eventually. He will have to prove durable and can run disciplined routes, but has the makeup to be a quality feature back with well-rounded talent.

With two 3rd round picks, they drafted OL Quinn Meinerz and LB Baron Browning. Meinerz will get a look at all interior positions. He is a hard-nosed blocker with good functional strength and technique that allowed him to impress at the Senior Bowl practices. He eventually starts inside and was a fine addition here. Browning is active and physical with the burst to the ball to finish. He came on strong late in his career and will press for reps on the inside. He needs work on his coverage skills and lacks good matchup development vs backs. He should see time in the sub packages and special teams.

With their two 5th round picks, they drafted safeties Caden Sterns and Jamar Johnson. Both were fine value selections. Sterns was an excellent addition coming off an impressive Pro day workout. He has excellent size, speed and athleticism and may get a look at corner in camp. He has the makeup to be a top special teams' performer. He can start with experience. Johnson has developed into a good ball hawk with the range to make plays in coverage. He is a sure tackler who usually takes good angles to the ball. Solid addition. With their 6th round pick, they drafted WR Seth Williams, a big receiver with good body control to win 50/50 balls. He is tough in the red zone and is a player to develop with the skill set to play outside or the flex role. Good long-term value to start when he is right.

With their three 7th round picks, they drafted CB Kary Vincent, DE/LB Jonathon Cooper and DL Marquiss Spencer. Vincent sat out the 2020 season which hurt his final draft grade. He is a cat quick cover man with the ability to close on the receiver. He fits the nickel role after development. Good late gamble. Cooper is a relentless edge defender who produced vs top talent. Some medical issues pushed him to the late rounds, but capable of being top value and good fit for this front. He should get reps fairly early in his career. Spencer is a tweener interior lineman who is a better fit for the five-technique role on this 3-4 front. He could pay huge dividends in time. He is a savvy productive force with the makeup of a situational performer especially as a rusher. **Grade: A**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They traded for QB Teddy Bridgewater for a late selection. He will compete with starter Drew Lock. The Broncos were aggressive in FA and signed RB Mike Boone, TE Eric Saubert, OT Cameron Fleming, OT Bobby Massie, DL Shamar Stephen, CBs Ronald Darby and Kyle Fuller. They resigned DT Shelby Harris, S Kareem Jackson. Safety Justin Simmons signed a long contract after getting the franchise tag. They lost starters, runner Phillip Lindsay, TE Nick Vannett, LB Jeremiah Attaochu and CB AJ Bouye. They added a small group of rookie UDFAs. TE Shaun Beyer, FB Adam Prentice, WRs DeVontres Dukes, Warren Jackson and

Branden Mack, OL Drew Himmelman and Nolan Laufenberg, DE Andre Mintze, LBers Curtis Robinson and David Curry and DB Mac McCain.

Training Camp Objectives: The Broncos missed the postseason for the 5th season in a row. Both sides of the ball were disappointing in 2020. Their talented young offense has a few top playmakers, though third year QB Drew Lock has barely been adequate. He makes too many mistakes and misses open receivers often. Bridgewater will have to win the job in camp. Their ground game was mediocre though veteran runner Melvin Gordon gave a good effort. WR Courtland Sutton returns after missing virtually all of 2020 with a knee injury. Jeudy and Hamler showed promise in their rookie season. TE Noah Fant flashed talent and should play a bigger role in this passing game. The offensive line played well with vets, Glasgow, Bolles and Risner forming a solid core. HC Vic Fangio looks to wake up the veteran defense especially LBers Bradley Chubb and Von Miller. The secondary made key changes with corners Fuller and Darby providing new starters. Top pick Surtain will command a key role in their multiple sets. Safeties Simmons and Jackson are a savvy pair of veterans. The Broncos will look to their ground game to be more productive behind an improved line. With marginal production at QB, the Broncos will be aggressive in any trade possibilities for MVP and All-Pro QB Aaron Rodgers. They would have to pay future #1 picks and players to land the Packer great. Lock has a full array of weapons and must produce to maintain the starting role. This club is capable of a huge turnaround and the potential addition of Rodgers would put them in the playoff picture with the overall talent to compete with any NFL club.

Houston Texans - 4-12 - Head Coach David Culley - 1st Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

3 (#67): Davis Mills, QB, Stanford

3 (#89 - Carolina-Cleve): Nico Collins, WR, Michigan

5 (#147): Brevin Jordan, TE, Miami

5 (#170 - Rams-Jacksonville- Cleve): Garret Wallow, LB, TCU

6 (#195 - Dallas): Roy Lopez, DT, Arizona

The Texans had no #1 or #2 picks as the results of trade for LT Laremy Tunsil with Miami. He is a quality blindside tackle who protected QB Deshaun Watson. The Texans signed Tunsil to a multiple year extension.

With the two 3rd round picks, they selected QB Davis Mills and WR Nico Collins. Mills is a very talented passer with a limited career due to injuries. He has fine

size and a strong arm with the intangibles the position demands. They project him to their future starter, though he needs refinement of his raw talent after only 11 career starts. He would benefit most if he sits for two years and refines his game, though the Texans leadership problems may demand he play sooner. Collins is a big physical target with the skill set to become a starting possession receiver. He gets an opportunity after key veterans have departed in recent years. He probably wins an early starting job. Good addition.

With their two 5th round picks, they drafted TE Brevin Jordan and LB Garret Wallow. Jordan is a lean athlete with the speed to get into the seam. He should press for time with only marginal vets on the roster here. Wallow is a fast athlete who came on strong over his Big 12 career. He is a serviceable prospect and one with nice upside, possibly as the Will backer. He has the makeup of an excellent special teams' performer. With their 6th round pick, they drafted Roy Lopez. Tough physical defender with strong base to hold point and occupy blockers. He struggles as a rusher, but figures to help in run support and may help at the nose with experience. **Grade: D**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Texans listened to trade offers for QB Deshaun Watson, but interest fell dramatically when his off the field problems became public. It began one of the biggest house cleaning changes in NFL history. The entire organization underwent huge changes – front office, coaching staff and roster. They signed QB Jeff Driskel, QB Tyrod Taylor, RBs Rex Burkhead, Mark Ingram and Phillip Lindsay, WRs Chris Conley, Andre Roberts, Alex Erickson, Donte Moncrief and Taywan Taylor, TE Pharaoh Brown, OL Justin McCray, Lane Taylor and Justin Britt, DL Derek Rivers, DeMarcus Walker, Maliek Collins and Jaleel Johnson, LB Kamu Grugier-Hill, Jordan Jenkins and Christian Kirksey, CBs Terrance Mitchell, Desmond King and Tavierre Thomas, S Terrance Brooks and P Cam Johnston. They made a few trades including DE Shaq Lawson for LB Benardrick McKinney, TE Ryan Izzo in exchange for a late round 2022 pick and OT Marcus Cannon for a late round selection. They resigned CB Vernon Hargreaves III, OT Roderick Johnson and LS Jon Weeks. They lost DE JJ Watt which began the purge this winter. They lost WR Will Fuller and OC Nick Martin as they let a wholesale number of veterans leave in a massive roster turnover. The small rookie FA class added WR Damon Hazelton, C Ryan McCollum and OL Carson Green.

Training Camp Objectives: The Texans memory of winning the AFC South for 4 times in five seasons ended with a poor 4-12 season in 2020. That may become the norm going forward after the roster purging this offseason. This club has broad base issues everywhere with the rebuilding project just starting. Watson has become more a distraction than a leader and may either sit out the season or be traded out of the conference. He will only be a hinderance to the start of what appears to be a complete overhaul. Vet Tyrod Taylor could be a stabilizing presence and will rely on the

rushing attack to manage the game. RB David Johnson is joined by Lindsay, Ingram and Burkhead. Lindsay could be the go-to back here. Vet WR Brandin Cooks is still a vertical threat and his presence keeps defenses honest. The line looks to tackle Tunsil and Howard to protect the edges. The defense collapsed allowing 25 points or more 13 times in 2020. The departure of DE JJ Watt spells across the board changes here with as many as 7 new starters. LB Whitney Mercilus may be the next vet to move out this year. The makeshift secondary will probably provide two new starters along with possibly two new LBers as regulars. The Texans need to define a direction and plan or this could be a wasted season with little true rebuilding with numerous marginal vets just filling the gaps. The good news is that they have their #1 pick and could land the first overall selection next April.

Indianapolis Colts - 11-5 - Head Coach Frank Reich - 4th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#21): Kwity Paye, DE, Michigan**
- 2 (#54): Dayo Odeyingbo, DE, Vanderbilt**
- 4 (#127): Kylan Granson, TE, SMU**
- 5 (#165): Shawn Davis, S, Florida**
- 6 (#218 - New Orleans-Comp): Sam Ehlinger, QB, Texas**
- 7 (#229 - New Orleans-Jacksonville): Michael Strachan, WR, Charleston-West Virginia**
- 7 (#248): Will Fries, OG, Penn State**

The Colts addressed their defensive line once again with their 1st round pick. They selected DE Kwity Paye, a versatile edge defender with big play ability. He will press for a starting job with a good preseason. He is a nice addition to their front seven that features DT DeForest Buckner and LB Darius Leonard. He was an excellent addition and becomes a much needed edge playmaker.

With their #2 pick this year, they selected DE Dayo Odeyingbo, a strong outside defender who injured his Achilles tendon in the Senior Bowl. He had the makeup of a first-round

pick prior to the injury. He could spend part of the season on the IR or PUP list to get fully healthy. He has length and bulk with the agility to push the pocket and is a good fit for the strongside end spot when healthy. Interesting upside.

With their 4th round pick, they took TE Kylan Granson, a sure handed pass catcher with fine red zone skills. He can fill an H back role and is an interesting piece for this offense. With their 5th round pick, they took safety Shawn Davis, a strong tackler with nice size and experience. He has only adequate speed and needs a zone scheme to fit in the sub packages. He will have to impress on special teams' units initially before earning reps in the base defense.

With their 6th round pick, they took QB Sam Ehlinger, a savvy leader who will go after the backup role this preseason. He was very effective over his Texas career and the type who will respond to HC Reich. With two 7th round picks, they choose WR Michael Strachan and OG Will Fries. Strachan is a big mobile receiver with strong frame and sure hands to fit a niche here. Good addition. Fries is a battled tested Big Ten blocker who hopes to win a backup roster spot during the preseason. He could develop further in time. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Colts traded for QB Carson Wentz for a 2021 third-round pick and a conditional 2022 second-rounder. He can recapture his game reuniting with HC Frank Reich, his former coordinator in Philadelphia. He replaces the retired Philip Rivers who completed an outstanding career. LT Anthony Castonzo also retired after a solid career. They signed vets, OTs Julián Davenport, Eric Fisher, Sam Tevi, OG Chris Reed, DE Al-Quadin Muhammad, DT Antwaun Woods and DB Sean Davis. They resigned vets, RB Marlon Mack, WR T.Y. Hilton and CB Xavier Rhodes. They lost DEs Justin Houston and Denico Autry, QB Jacoby Brissett, LB Anthony Walker and S Malik Hooker along with a few backups. They added a small average rookie UDFAs class in RB Deon Jackson, WRs Tarik Black and Tyler Vaughns and LBers Anthony Butler and Isaiah Kaufusi.

Training Camp Objectives: The Colts earned the playoffs last season, but were eliminated by the Bills in the first round. They hope to turn the page after one season with Rivers. Wentz will benefit from a strong offensive line featuring guard Nelson. His line failed him over recent years with the Eagles. The receiving corps will also be an upgrade with young Paris Campbell and Michael Pittman good compliments to vet Hilton. RB Jonathan Taylor gets the starting call after an impressive 1100+ yard rookie season. Their defense must improve to challenge for the AFC leadership. They need to apply more pass pressure and look for help for Buckner after losing vets, Justin Houston and Denico Autry. Rookie Paye and young Tyquan Lewis are counted on to contribute as edge rushers this fall. They rely on Pro Bowl LB Darius Leonard for leadership and top production. The secondary gave up too much big yardage and needs better play from starters. Colts face a tough challenge in Tennessee to return to the South leadership and must balance their offense under Wentz's direction. Their defense may determine if they compete with the top AFC clubs, though they will probably compete for the South title with a strong core of young veterans.

Jacksonville Jaguars - 1-15 - Head Coach Urban Meyer - 1st Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#1 overall): Trevor Lawrence, QB, Clemson
- 1 (#25 - LA Rams): Travis Etienne, RB, Clemson
- 2 (#33): Tyson Campbell, CB, Georgia
- 2 (#45 - Minnesota, No. 45): Walker Little, OT, Stanford
- 3 (#65): Andre Cisco, S, Syracuse
- 4 (#106): Jay Tufele, DT, USC
- 4 (#121 - Rams-San Fran-Las Vegas): Jordan Smith, LB, UAB
- 5 (#145): Luke Farrell, TE, Ohio State
- 6 (#209 - LA Rams) Jalen Camp, WR Georgia Tech

The Jaguars finished with a 1-15 record and were awarded the first overall selection. It was a foregone conclusion that they would select QB Trevor Lawrence. He passed all the tests and will be the feature player here. He will benefit from new HC Urban Meyer who has been a winner and leader on big stages. Lawrence has the skill set to rank with the elite passers in the league within time. The Jaguars have to be considered a contender in the AFC South soon.

With their other #1 pick, they wanted to add a weapon to assist Lawrence and choose his Clemson

teammate RB Travis Etienne. He is a well-rounded back and gives this offense a fine compliment to James Robinson. The combination could elevate their low-ranking ground game. Etienne was a solid addition to give this attack another weapon to their young balanced offense.

With their two 2nd round selections, they selected CB Tyson Campbell and OT Walker Little. Campbell is a large cover man who came on late in his career. He is still raw in some basics in coverage and due to his size may eventually move to safety where there are only average starters. He was a reach at the 33th selection, though fits into their sub packages immediately. Little is a massive tackle with agility and footwork to match up in pass protection. He can also project to guard and carries an early starting grade. He was considered an early 1st round talent prior to 2019 when he tore his knee early that season. He could force some changes among veteran starters.

With their 3rd round selection, they added safety Andre Cisco, a mobile ballhawk with an injury history. He is a starting talent when right and his ability to hit should earn him a role on special teams. He has interesting upside once he settles into the system and proves healthy. With two 4th round selections, they added DT Jay Tufele and LB Jordan Smith. Tufele is a physical interior lineman who opted out of the 2020 season. He is raw in some respects and needs time, but has starting talent once he refines his technique and overall play recognition. Smith is a tall edge rusher and plays both up and down and could be a compliment opposite Josh Allen. He is a relentless pass rusher who graded out high over his final two seasons. He needs some technique and strength development, though is an emerging prospect with big play ability.

With their 5th and 6th round selections, they selected TE Luke Farrell and WR Jalen Camp. Farrell was recruited by Meyer when he was HC at Ohio St. and knows the prospect well. The position has only marginal talent which makes it open to new players. Camp had an impressive pro day and fine triangle numbers. He has a good chance to make this roster with a good preseason. He can surprise here and a player who will push for time in a young unit. He is a good fit for the PS.

Grade: B

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Jaguars were aggressive in FA and signed a few starting veterans. They added QB C.J. Beathard, RB Carlos Hyde, WRs Jamal Agnew, Pharoh Cooper, Phillip Dorsett and Marvin Jones, TE Tim Tebow, OG Tyler Shatley, DE Jihad Ward, DT Roy Robertson-Harris, LB Damien Wilson, CB Shaquill Griffin and safeties Rudy Ford and Rayshawn Jenkins. OT Cam Robinson received the franchise tag. DT Malcom Brown was acquired from the Saints for a 7th-round pick. They resigned DEs Dawuane Smoot and Adam Gotsis, DT Daniel Ross, CB Sidney Jones and S Josh Jones. They signed a solid rookie UDFAs class in WRs Josh Imatorbhebe and Tim Jones, DT Kenny Randall, LB Dylan Moses and CBs DJ Daniel and Corey Straughter. Moses was an excellent addition and a defender who can make this roster. He can play in the sub packages and should be a reliable special teams' performer.

Training Camp Objectives: The Jaguars collapsed in 2020 and hit bottom at 1-15 that earned them the top overall pick. They begin the Urban Meyer new era for the Jaguars behind top pick QB Trevor Lawrence. He hopes to take advantage of new skill position players, runner Travis Etienne and vet wideout Marvin Jones. Runner James Robinson had a good rookie season and will form a quality tandem. Their offensive and defensive units ranked among the worst in the league. Their front line must improve for Lawrence to be effective this season. Tackles Robinson and Taylor and high-priced guard Norwell must set the pace. The young defense relies on a vet LB unit to stabilize this changing group. They look to young defenders, DE Josh Allen, CB CJ Henderson and LB Myles Jack to lead this inexperienced unit. They need their last three draft classes to step up and become core defenders. They look for some improvement though this young club is still at the beginning of a rebuilding process. Meyer will push starters or make changes.

Kansas City Chiefs - 14-2 - Head Coach Andy Reid - 9th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 2 (#58 - Baltimore): Nick Bolton, LB, Missouri
- 2 (#63): Creed Humphrey, C, Oklahoma
- 4 (#144 - Comp): Joshua Kaindoh, DE, Florida St
- 5 (#162 - NY Jets-Las Vegas-Miami): Noah Gray, TE, Duke
- 5 (#181 Comp): Cornell Powell, WR, Clemson
- 6 (#226 - NY Jets-Carolina, No. 226): Trey Smith, OG, Tenn

The Chiefs lost the Super Bowl in an attempt to repeat. HC Andy Reid was brilliant directing this high scoring offense, but was not able to overcome offensive line injuries late in the season. Star QB Patrick Mahomes was incredible once again, though an ankle injury restricted him greatly in the postseason. The Chiefs explosive offense was instrumental in their fifth consecutive AFC West title.

They traded their 1st-round pick to the Ravens for OT Orlando Brown and a #2 selection. He has lined up at both tackle spots. He is just entering his prime and a good fit here for a young veteran offense. He will initially line up at left tackle where he graded out fairly high in 2020.

With their two 2nd round picks, they drafted LB Nick Bolton and OC Creed Humphrey. Bolton is a savvy defender with the instincts and speed to become an early starter. He fits the sub package immediately and can win a starting job in time. He fits the Mike role best where his sideline-to-sideline quickness allows him to be very productive. Humphrey is an experienced pivotman who graded out high in most areas of play. He can win a starting role in the preseason and become a fixture here. He has excellent value late in the 2nd round.

With their 4th round pick, they selected DE/LB Joshua Kaindoh, an athletic versatile prospect with the talent to start in time. He is raw in some aspects of play after an injury history. He can rush the passer and has the physical tools to develop into a three-down defender with experience and refinement of his skills. With their two 5th round picks, they drafted TE Noah Gray and WR Cornell Powell. Gray is a versatile weapon and a good piece for Reid to utilize in different roles. He can play tight on the line, as an H-back or a FB creating different matchups on the play clock. Good fit as role player. Powell is a physical pass catcher who wins the 50/50 balls. He is effective over the middle and gives the Chiefs a piece for multiple sets. With their 6th round pick, they choose OG Trey Smith, a massive phone booth interior blocker. He tested out only adequately which hurt his draft position after being expected to grade in the top 100 selections. He can drive block and anchor in pass protection, though very limited when pulling to the outside. Good late gamble. He may develop further on the PS. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Chiefs made a huge trade prior to the NFL Draft 2021 when they acquired OT Orlando Brown plus a #2 pick for their 2021 first round pick and a few middle round selections. Brown addressed their biggest need and has experience at both tackle spots. They resigned veterans, WR Demarcus Robinson, OT Mike Remmers, DE Taco Charlton and S Daniel Sorenson. They signed vets RB Jerick McKinnon, TE Blake Bell, OGs Joe Thuney and Kyle Long, C Austin Blythe, DT Jarran Reed, LB Kamalei Correa and S Will Parks. They traded for CB Mike Hughes by flipping late round picks with the Vikings. They lost WR Sammy Watkins and CB Bashaud Breeland. They added a small rookie UDFA class in QB Shane Buechele, DE Malik Herring, LB Riley Cole, S Devon Key and DBs Zayne Anderson, Dicaprio Bootle, Marlon Character and Jaylon McClain-Sapp.

Training Camp Objectives: The Chiefs' focused heavily on their key needs in the NFL Draft and were able to address their offensive line and defense with prime picks. They are capable of a repeat SB appearance behind the potent passing of Patrick Mahomes. RB Clyde Edwards-Helaire combines with Darrel Williams to form a good tandem. Their receiving corps is loaded and most returned including Pro Bowlers, TE Travis Kelce and WR Tyreek Hill. The defense made some improvement in 2020 and must take another step to remain atop the AFC. HC Reid looks to direct this club and Mahomes in particular, to another AFC West title. Mahomes has a strong supporting cast and utilizes the full array of weapons. The KC defense holds the key to any repeat with improved speed at LB and the addition of veteran DT Reed key improvements. There remain concerns in the secondary, though young CB Sneed and safety Tyrann Mathieu solid leaders and playmakers. The Chiefs still rule the improving AFC, but they look to improve in pass coverage to win in big games. Their offensive line appears to have the depth to withstand any injuries after being caught short in the postseason with multiple key losses. Chiefs will make a strong run at another SB especially if they keep the gifted Mahomes upright and healthy the full season.

Las Vegas Raiders - 8-8 - Head Coach Jon Gruden - 4th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#17): Alex Leatherwood, OT, Alabama
- 2 (#43 - San Fran): Trevon Moehrig, S, TCU
- 3 (#79 - Arizona): Malcolm Koonce, LB, Buffalo
- 3 (#80): Divine Deablo, S, Virginia Tech
- 4 (#143 - Comp- Jets-Minnesota): Tyree Gillespie, S, Missouri
- 5 (#167 - Seattle): Nate Hobbs, CB, Illinois
- 7 (#230 - San Fran-Jets): Jimmy Morrissey, C, Pittsburgh

The Raiders surprised with their early selections especially their #1 pick. They chose OL Alex Leatherwood, a massive versatile blocker with

experience at both tackle and guard. He was inconsistent too often which hurt his overall grade here, though the Raiders loved his fit at right tackle. Still, it was an expensive price to pay for a right tackle. Raiders feel he is a plug and play blocker to form a bookend tandem opposite Kolton Miller.

With their 2nd round selection, they chose S Trevon Moehrig, a rangy athlete with good coverage skills. He moves easily with the range to make plays and has the fluid hips to matchup with slot receivers. He needs work on his run support, though is a defender with early starting talent. He must prove over his back injury. With two 3rd round picks, they chose LB Malcolm Koonce and S Divine Deablo. Koonce is physical edge performer who strikes and finishes. He has the talent to surprise here and figures to press for time in the sub packages immediately. Deablo is a tough downhill thumper who is a hybrid backer/safety. He can fill a few roles including the nickel backer spot in certain sets. He carries a starting grade in time, though went earlier than expected.

With their 4th round pick, they chose S Tyree Gillespie, a big hitter with developing coverage skills. He should provide impact on special teams and is well rounded to fit in the dime defense immediately. Projects as a starter in time and an excellent addition here. With their 5th round pick, they drafted corner Nate Hobbs, a rising defender coming off a good pro day workout. He is a still raw in his technique and needs some time, but has the athleticism speed and toughness the position demands. Good late gamble. With their 7th round pick, they drafted OL Jimmy Morrissey, a hard-nosed blocker with good grades at a few positions. He gives this unit vital depth and can develop further on his technique and overall strength.

Grade: C

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Raiders had another huge salary cap cushion and were aggressive addressing needs. They signed a large group of FAs, to key need areas. They added RB Kenyan Drake WR Willie Snead, C Nick Martin, DE Yannick Ngakoue, DT Quinton Jefferson, DL Matt Dickerson, DL Solomon Thomas, CB Casey Hayward, CB Rasul Douglas and safety Karl Joseph. They resigned RB Theo Riddick WR John Brown, WR Zay Jones, TE Derek Carrier, OT Sam Young, OG Richie Incognito, OL Denzelle Good, DT Jonathan Hankins, LB Nicholas Morrow and CB Nevin Lawson. They inexplicitly traded veteran offensive linemen, OT Trent Brown, OC Rodney Hudson and guard Gabe Jackson. All were quality starters. They lost RB Devontae Booker, WR Nelson Agholor, DT Maliek Collins, LB Raekwon McMillan and safeties Lamarcus Joyner, Jeff Heath and Erik Harris. They signed a small rookie UDFA class RB Garrett Groshek, RB Trey Ragas, WR DJ Turner, WR Dillon Stoner, TE Matt Bushman, OT Devery Hamilton, DT Darius Stills, LB Max Richardson, CB Shaun Crawford and CB TJ Morrison

Training Camp Objectives: The Raiders are still in the rebuilding phase under GM Mike Mayock and HC Jon Gruden especially on the offensive line and secondary. They reached the .500 mark for the first time since 2016, their last season making the playoffs. QB Derek Carr responded with another big season working with a few new weapons. How this offense operates behind a young changing line with three new starters may decide their success. RB Josh Jacobs is the linchpin for this ground game. WR Henry Ruggs must play up to his high draft status after a disappointing rookie performance. The defense made too many mistakes and allowed far too many big plays. They surrendered huge amounts of yardage in both run and pass defense. The front four registered only 21 sacks which put enormous pressure on their young secondary with each starter under three years of experience. New DE Yannick Ngakoue is counted on to provide impact off the edge opposite steady Clelin Ferrell. They could have three new starters in addition to other young defenders for their sub package. The Raiders hope to compete in the AFC West, though only if the defense takes huge steps up. They could be competitive in this tough division, but must show better fundamentals and fewer mistakes to surpass the .500 level and play with the top AFC clubs.

Los Angeles Chargers - 7-9 - Head Coach Brandon Staley - 1st Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#13): Rashawn Slater, OT, Northwestern
- 2 (#47): Asante Samuel Jr., CB, Florida State
- 3 (#77): Josh Palmer, WR, Tennessee
- 3 (#97 - Comp): Tre' McKitty, TE, Georgia
- 4 (#118): Chris Rumph II, LB, Duke
- 5 (#159): Brenden Jaimies, OT, Nebraska
- 6 (#185 - Jacksonville): Nick Niemann, LB, Iowa
- 6 (#198): Larry Rountree III, RB, Missouri
- 7 (#241): Mark Webb, S, Georgia

The Chargers addressed their most pressing problem with their top selection. With their first-round pick, they selected OL Rashawn Slater. With the outstanding emergence of QB Justin Herbert, protecting the franchise is paramount here. Slater is an outstanding blocker with the versatility to start at several positions. He was an excellent addition and carried a top ten grade. He should be the long-term starter here and probably at left tackle. He has Pro Bowl talent and joins new FA center Corey Linsley to upgrade their front line immensely.

In the 2nd round, they added CB Asante Samuel, a quick savvy cover man with a high level of development. He is a plug and play defender in the sub packages and

probably starts as a rookie. He upgrades this unit which made nice improvement last season.

With two 3rd round picks, they added WR Josh Palmer and TE Tre' McKitty. Palmer came on late in the process off good final season and pro day workout. He was a slight reach here, but gives them much needed depth behind vets Keenan Allen and Mike Williams. He is a tough possession target who moves the chains and catches the 50/50 balls. McKitty also was impressive over the 2020 season and gives them a receiving prospect to replace the loss of Hunter Henry. He was over drafted in a lean year at the position.

In the 4th round, they added LB Chris Rumph, an edge rusher and good fit here. He needs to get stronger, though could surprise in time with development. In the 5th round, they added OL Brenden Jaimes, a blocker with extensive experience and versed fairly well in pass protection. He can win a roster spot with a good preseason and a prospect who projects more inside to guard than outside. With two 6th round picks, they added LB Nick Niemann and RB Larry Roundtree. Niemann is a fast athlete with the ability to finish. He needs work in coverage, though could project to the sub package with refinement. He must impress on special teams to make this roster. Roundtree is a tough inside runner with good body lean and the power to finish well. Marginal speed and raw as a receiver pushed him to the late rounds, though capable of being a steal here. In the 7th round, they added S Mark Webb, a rangy athlete with good coverage skills. He needs to be more physical as a tackler, but brings the skill set to surprise in the sub package in time. **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Chargers made a few key moves in FA, signing QB Chase Daniel, TE Jared Cook, OG Matt Feiler, C Corey Linsley, OL Oday Aboushi, DT Christian Covington, LB Kyler Fackrell and CB Ryan Smith. They resigned CB Michael Davis, DB Brandon Facyson and K Michael Badgley. The Chargers added rookie free agents WR Elijah Stove, TE Hunter Kampmoyer, OT Darius Harper, OT Kyle Spalding, DL Jared Goldwire, DL Forrest Merrill, LB Amen Ogbongbemiga, DB Ben DeLuca, LS Ryan Langan and K Alex Kessman.

Training Camp Objectives: The Chargers made a nice turnaround behind QB Herbert. He is the cornerstone performer here to build around. They are primed for the next step behind an improved OL the addition of new weapons for Herbert. They need to run the ball better to realize those aspirations. The defense performed well despite safety Derwin James missing the entire season. He is a difference maker when healthy and could be the missing piece to this underrated unit. DE Joey Bosa was dominant again off the edge despite special attention. They look to Mike LB Murray to supply further leadership after a strong rookie season. Their overall depth is suspect. The Chargers are hoping for a breakout performance that pushes them into contention in competitive AFC West. Herbert can make the difference especially with an improve ground attack and the return of former All-Pro defender James. Chargers won't surprise anyone this season, so they need across the board progress to take the next step.

Miami Dolphins - 10-6 - Head Coach Brian Flores - 3rd Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#6 Philadelphia): Jaylen Waddle, WR, Alabama
- 1 (#18): Jaylan Phillips, DE, Miami
- 2 (#36 - Houston): Jevon Holland, S, Oregon
- 2 (#42 - NY Giants): Liam Eichenberg, OT, Notre Dame
- 3 (#81): Hunter Long, TE, Boston College
- 7 (#231 - Houston): Larnel Coleman, OT, UMass
- 7 (#244 - Las Vegas): Gerrid Doaks, RB, Cincinnati

The Dolphins had a strong draft class of 7 selections with 5 picks in the top 81 choices. They traded out of the #3 spot in the first round for additional selections before trading up to the 6th overall selection. They held two #1 picks and chose WR Jaylen Waddle and DE/LB Jaelan Phillips, two high quality athletes with injury histories. Waddle is a game changer and capable of lining up at a few positions, in addition to the return game. He reunites with Tua Tagovailoa from their Bama days. He is an ideal compliment to vets

Fuller and Parker. Phillips is a mobile aggressive edge performer who is capable of playing up and down. He comes off the edge with speed and power to make big plays as a rusher. He also opens hips easily and can run with backs and tight ends. If these two are healthy, they can be difference makers on their units at impact positions.

With two 2nd round choices, they selected S Jevon Holland and OT Liam Eichenberg. Holland addressed a major need and brings a ballhawk type with good range and instincts. He was a slight surprise this early especially with RT Teven Jenkins on the board. Holland figures in all their sub packages and possibly win a starting job. Eichenberg is a hard-nosed blocker with sound technique and the footwork to adjust and sustain. He gets a first look at right tackle and may claim the starting job this preseason. Good sound blocker with big game experience to become a fixture on this front line. With their 3rd round choice, they selected TE Hunter Long, a polished receiver and sound route runner. He is very effective in the intermediate zones and could form a fine TE tandem with Mike Gesicki. He has shown to be a solid blocker especially inline.

With two 7th round picks, they drafted OT Larnel Coleman and RB Gerrid Doaks. Coleman converted to offense late after playing earlier at DT. He has length and agility to develop further, yet lacks power and the drive to finish. He may wind up on the PS. Doaks sustained a few career injuries which hurt his final grade. He is a physical runner especially between the tackles with the ability to move the pile and chains. This is the best Miami draft class in recent memory and one they need to be the cornerstone of a contender. **Grade: A**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Dolphins were aggressive in FA on both sides of the ball with the addition of QB Jacoby Brissett, RB Malcolm Brown, WR Will Fuller, OL D.J. Fluker, C Matt Skura, DT Adam Butler, DT John Jenkins, LB Brennan Scarlett, CB Justin Coleman, CB Jason McCourty and P Michael Palardy. They added LB Benardrick McKinney and OT Isaiah Wilson in trades. They released Wilson soon after the deal due to off the field issues. They traded OG Ereck Flowers. They resigned LB Jerome Baker, WR Mack Hollins, OT Adam Pankey and LB Elandon Roberts. They lost QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, OC Ted Karras, DT Davon Godchaux, LB Kyle Van Noy and S Bobby McCain in FA. They signed an average rookie UDFA class in FB Carl Tucker, G Robert Jones, DT Jerome Johnson and CBs Trill Williams and Jaytin Askew.

Training Camp Objectives: Dolphins improved to 10-6 last season, though failed to make the postseason. They continue to make major changes on their roster. HC Brian Flores has created a winning culture the past two seasons and developed a strong locker room. They look to Tagovailoa to step up with a much stronger group of weapons to work with. He must prove durable and show he has the pocket presence to go through his progressions. An improved ground game is imperative to create a balanced offense. The young offensive line may hold the key to the team's success with possibly up to four starters having under two years of experience. Defenders DE Emmanuel Oghab, DT Christian Wilkins, LB Jerome Baker and CB Xavien Howard set the pace for an aggressive defense. The Dolphins hope to build off the 2020 success with young players settling into their system. They should compete for the AFC East and playoffs. They should be competitive in most games, but are still a club learning how to win. They can surprise in the wide-open AFC East, though only if young players take the next key step in their potential.

New England Patriots – 7-9 - Head Coach Bill Belichick - 22nd Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#15): Mac Jones, QB, Alabama
- 2 (#38 - Cincinnati): Christian Barmore, DT, Alabama
- 3 (#96 - Comp): Ronnie Perkins, LB, Oklahoma
- 4 (#120): Rhamondre Stevenson, RB, Oklahoma
- 5 (#177 - Comp): Cameron McGrone, LB, Michigan
- 6 (#188 - Houston): Joshua Bledsoe, S, Missouri
- 6 (#197): Will Sherman, OT, Colorado
- 7(#242): Tre Nixon, WR, UCF

The Patriots addressed their biggest needs in this draft class with a focus on the premier D1 program athletes. They sat at their #15 overall selection and landed QB Mac Jones. He was a prospect they considered moving up for, but chose to stay put and added their future starter. Jones is coming off a huge final performance showing fast development in reading defenses and understanding an offense. He will be mentored as their next starting QB after some development. He was excellent value here and an ideal fit for the Patriots.

With their #2 pick, they selected DT Christian Barmore, a massive interior run stuffer. He has prototypical skills for the position with big game experience. He combines power and quickness to be a complete defender, though needs further work on his technique especially hand usage. Good longterm potential with the talent to rank with the top interior linemen.

With their 3rd round pick, they added LB Ronnie Perkins, a tweener edge rusher who saw extensive action in the Big 12 where he graded out nicely. He is an excellent leverage defender who keeps blockers off his frame to make additional moves. He can press for reps in their pass rushing package where he shows big play ability. He fits a need here and the type of prospect HC Bill Belichick develops into a quality NFL starter. With their 4th round pick, they added RB Rhamondre Stevenson, a physical between the tackles performer who moves the chains consistently. He can carry the ball 20+ times weekly and usually has good ball security. He is developing as a receiver and figures to press for reps here immediately. Good middle round value.

With their 5th round pick, they choose LB Cameron McGrone, a hard nosed inside tackling machine. He sustained a minor injury in 2020 that limited his production, but he is a well-developed athlete for the base defense. He needs work on his coverage skills to become a three-down starter. Fine addition and the type Pats develop into a core starter. With their two 6th round picks, they added S Josh Bledsoe and OT Will Sherman. Bledsoe is a tweener with skill set to also line up outside. He is a hitter and a tough durable defender who can push for time in the dime package. He should make the roster on his special teams' skills. Sherman is an experienced lineman who projects to guard here. He needs to show more power as a drive blocker, though displays the footwork to slide in protection. He may need time on the PS for a few seasons. With their 7th round pick, they added WR Tre Nixon, a

fast athlete with marginal size. He figures to press for time in the slot, in addition he can also return kicks. **Grade: B**
Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Pats were aggressive in FA and added players at key need areas. They signed TEs Hunter Henry and Jonnu Smith, WR Nelson Agholor, C Ted Karras, DE Henry Anderson, DTs Montravius Adams and Davon Godchaux, LBers Matt Judon, Raekwon McMillan and Klyle Van Noy. They traded for OT Trent Brown. Star WR Julian Edelman retired completing a HOF career. They lost guard Joe Thuney along with second tier players, RB Rex Burkhead, S Terrence Brooks, TE Ryan Izzo, DT Beau Allen, CB Jason McCourty, DE John Simon, WR Damiere Byrd and OL Jermaine Eluemunor. The Pats signed only 1 rookie UDFA in PK Quinn Norton.

Training Camp Objectives: The Pats had a losing record while missing the playoffs for the first time since 2008. They had their best draft class and FA group signings in recent years. QB Cam Newton returns and gets an influx of new skill position players to improve this unit. Their passing game in 2020 ranked among the worst in the league. Newton faces a pivotal season to remain here. He looks to new WR Agholor and TEs Henry and Smith to open up this attack. RB Sony Michel and WR N'Keal Harry must step up to get reps to remain starters here. RB Damien Harris can claim the starting job with a good preseason. The defense will be retooled again and add at least four new starters. HC Belichick has been a master at fitting new players into his defensive schemes. DT Barmore should be an anchor in the middle. They usually reloaded successfully, especially with young defenders filling key pieces in sub packages. They are not the favorites to win the AFC East and will have to push for a playoff spot. They face an improved AFC East division and their matchups will go a long way to deciding any playoff appearance. This club knows how to win with Belichick still the master on game plans and schemes to get the most out of his roster.

New York Jets - 2-14 - Head Coach Robert Saleh - 1st Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#2 overall): Zach Wilson, QB, BYU
- 1 (#14 - Minnesota): Alijah Vera-Tucker, OG, USC
- 2, Pick 2 (No. 34): Elijah Moore, WR, Ole Miss
- 4, Pick 2 (No. 107): Michael Carter, RB, UNC
- 5, Pick 2 (No. 146): Jamien Sherwood, S, Auburn
- 5 (#154 - NY Giants): Michael Carter II, S, Duke
- 5 (#175 - Kansas City): Jason Pinnock, CB, Pittsburgh
- 6 (#186): Hamsah Nasirideen, S, Florida State
- 6 (#200- Las Vegas): Brandin Echols, CB, Kentucky
- 6 (#207 - Kansas City-Pitt): Jonathan Marshall, DT, Arkansas

The Jets held another very high draft pick and went for impact rather than trading back. GM Joe Douglas wanted to change the guard at QB and selected Zach Wilson, a slick throwing passer from a pro style passing game. Douglas traded starter Sam Darnold after another injury marred season. The Jets never gave him a strong supporting cast and their poor front line has ranked with the worst in the game in recent seasons. Wilson will have to prove durable and up to the physicality of the game at only 215 lbs. He will be the cornerstone of this club going forward. He needs young LT Mekhi Becton to establish himself as a blindside anchor. Wilson is still raw in many

respects of reading coverage and needs a much-improved ground game to assist the transition. Their ground game was awful in 2020 and their highest returning back totaled only 232 yards.

With their second #1 pick, they traded up from #23 to #14 and selected OL Alijah Vera-Tucker. He is agile with quickness and toughness to play immediately at guard. He slides well in protection along with the ability to get to the second level and fit on backers. Nice move for a quality early NFL starter. He has huge upside from here. With their #2 selection, they drafted WR Elijah Moore, a smallish fast weapon with big play talent to start fairly early. He needs work on his routes and a more expanded package, though he was a fast-rising prospect off a big final season. He gives this offense another piece to help solidify their new receiving corps. He can become a favorite of young QB Wilson, with single coverage expected regularly.

With their 4th round pick, they selected RB Michael Carter, a compact athlete with fine quickness and deceiving power to push for many reps in this offense. He catches the ball well and was a quality addition here. He is expected to make an impact this season. With three 5th round picks, they selected safeties Jamien Sherwood and Michael Carter II and CB Jason Pinnock. Their secondary gave up huge yardage and made few turnovers. They look to their five defensive backs to step up and play roles in a turnaround. Sherwood gets a look at the Will backer role where he could see time in the nickel defense. He should be a force on special teams and his versatility probably earns him a roster spot. DB Carter has lined up at both safety and corner and will get reps in the sub packages and possibly could earn time there. He covers fairly well and can line up over the slot receiver. Pinnock is a long cover man who matches up well vs possession receivers. He is physical especially at the line in run support and has the makeup of a core special teams' defender.

With three 6th round picks, they selected three more defenders, in S/LB Hamsah Nasirideen, CB Brandin

Echols and DT Jonathan Marshall. Nasirideen is a hybrid defensive back who gets a look at the nickel backer role. He is a box safety who hits and finishes and looks to impress on special teams to make this roster. Echols is a small cover man who must impress in the nickel role and special teams. He might get caught in the secondary depth and land on the PS for a season. Marshall addresses their lack of line depth. He is best suited for the three technique where his quickness allows him to gain penetration. He can make this roster with little interior depth. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Jets had a huge salary cap cushion and were very aggressive in FA. They signed FAs, RB Tevin Coleman, WR Corey Davis, WR Keelan Cole, TE Tyler Kroft, C Dan Feeney, OT Morgan Moses, DEs Vinny Curry and Carl Lawson, DT Sheldon Rankins, LB Jarrad Davis, DB Justin Hardee and Lamarcus Joyner. RB Frank Gore retired after an incredibly long productive HOF career. S Marcus Maye received the franchise tag and signed his one-year tender. They resigned RB Josh Adams. They lost WR Breshad Perriman, OL Pat Elflein, QB Joe Flacco, DEs Tarell Basham and Henry Anderson, LBers Jordan Jenkins and Neville Hewitt, CBs Brian Poole and Arthur Maulet and S Bradley McDougald. They signed an above average UDFA class in TE Kenny Yeboah, OL Grant Hermanns, OL Parker Ferguson, OL Tristen Hoge, OL Teton Saltes, DL Michael Dwumfour, DL Hamilcar Rashed, LB Camilo Eifler, LB Brendon White, DB Isaiah Dunn, DB Jordyn Peters and K Chris Naggar.

Training Camp Objectives: The Jets struggled through a disastrous 2-14 season winning both games late in the season losing the Trevor Lawrence sweepstakes. QB Sam Darnold was again abused behind a weak line and marginal group of skill position players. He struggled throwing the ball with one of the worst passing games in the league. His trade was necessary to turn the page for a new leadership and core players. New HC Robert Saleh faces a major house cleaning. GM Joe Douglas traded two cornerstone players over the past year in star safety Jamal Adams and Darnold. His first draft class features LT Becton and injury prone WR Denzel Mims with little other production. They need the defense to apply more pass pressure after a weak 2020 performance. The line was effective vs the run with former #1 pick Quinnen Williams showing playmaking ability. Vet LB Mosley returns after missing the past two seasons. New LB Jarrad Davis gets a chance to shine on the inside next to Mosley. Safety Maye is expected to make more plays with better pressure. Young starting corners, Austin and Hall went through a baptism last fall and are counted on to step up and provide consistent coverage. Jets may struggle through a painful growing season behind a rookie QB and young line. The addition of rookie OG Alijah Vera-Tucker and vet RT Morgan Moses were solid additions to a line that needed new talent ready to step in. They need first year receivers to respond to the new setting. Vet Mims and FA Davis are counted on to provide playmakers. They are too many pressing questions to be too optimistic, but new HC Saleh will change the culture of the locker room and that is always the most important step to begin to set the tone for a new regime.

Pittsburgh Steelers - 12-4 - Head Coach Mike Tomlin - 15th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#24): *Najee Harris, RB, Alabama*
- 2 (#55): *Pat Freiermuth, TE, Penn State*
- 3 (#87): *Kendrick Green, OG, Illinois*
- 4 (#128): *Dan Moore Jr., OT, Texas A&M*
- 4 (#140 - Comp): *Buddy Johnson, LB, Texas A&M*
- 5 (#156 - Miami-Phil): *Isaiahh Loudermilk, DE, Wisconsin*
- 6 (#216 - Tampa Bay): *Quincy Roche, LB, Miami*
- 7 (#245 - Miami): *Tre Norwood, CB, Oklahoma*
- 7 (#254 - Baltimore): *Pressley Harvin, P, Georgia Tech*

The Steelers addressed their top needs with their early selections and their first four picks were offensive performers. In the 1st round, they chose RB Najee Harris, a complete player with consistently high production. He is a tough inside runner with the ability to get outside and break plays and finish. Good receiver and capable of being three down back and ideal fit for the Steelers offense. His best football is ahead with little mileage. He can a difference maker here and take their league low rushing attack to respectability.

With their #2 pick, they selected TE Pat Freiermuth, a well-rounded athlete who can carry out all the assignments. He is a strong inline blocker with good movement skills. He is a sure handed receiver who runs precise routes and sits in openings especially in the middle zones to provide a fine target. He uses his big body to shield defenders and has the components to become a complete NFL performer. Both the Steelers' top two selections were excellent fits for their offense while addressing huge needs. With their 3rd round pick, they choose OL Kendrick Green, a mobile wide body with experience at all the inside positions. He has a low center of gravity which helps utilize his strong frame and finish. Developed blocker needs some work in pass protection, especially adjusting to secondary moves. He gets a first look at center where the Steelers have had a great legacy of HOF performers. He is a good long term fit in this scheme.

With their two 4th round picks, they choose OT Dan Moore and LB Buddy Johnson. Moore addresses the

huge needs along the line which feature have four new starters. Moore will push for starting job, most likely at right tackle after starting three seasons vs SEC defenders. He has bulk and power to play the right side with the footwork to move in protection and traps. He can win a starting job with an impressive preseason. Solid addition here. Johnson will compete for an inside position. He is a very good run stuffer with good size, instincts and the technique to finish. He should excel on special teams.

With their 5th round pick, they selected DE Isaiahh Loudermilk, a tall tweener with good production in the Big Ten. He will get a long look on the edge and could earn reps in the base defense on early downs. He has the frame to fill out and add weight and could develop into a steady situational piece. With their 6th round pick, they selected LB Quincy Roche, a quick edge rusher who fits the attack outside role. He flashes power to create opportunities and gets an opportunity with FA losses and little depth. He came on nicely in the postseason and could surprise and push for starting time with further development. He needs to improve his hand usage as a rusher. He was a solid addition at this point.

With their two 7th round picks, they selected CB Tre Norwood and punter Pressley Harvin. Norwood is a good run defender who also fits the safety role. He fell off of some average speed numbers and man coverage concerns, but is a prospect with a make it grade and definite upside for the special teams. Harvin is a huge strong punter with a powerful leg and gives rare height and distance. He will press for the starting job in camp. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Steelers signed a few free agents. They added RB Kalen Ballage, WR Ray-Ray McCloud, OG Trai Turner, OL Rashaad Coward, OL B.J. Finney, OL Joe Haeg, DE T.J. Carter and S Miles Killebrew. They resigned WR JuJu Smith-Schuster, QB Josh Dobbs, OT Zach Banner, DL Tyson Alualu, DL Chris Wormley, CB Cameron Sutton and LB Vince Williams. They lost LBers Bud Dupree and Avery Williamson, RB James Connor, OL Matt Feiler, OT Adam Villanueva, TE Vance McDonald, S Sean Davis, CBs Mike Hilton and Steve Nelson. Veteran center Maurkice Pouncey retired after a fine career. They released Pro Bowl guard David DeCastro in June and signed vet Turner. They added rookie free agents WR Rico Bussey Jr., WR Isaiah McKoy, LBers Calvin Bundage and Jamar Watson, CBs Shakur Brown and Mark Gilbert and safeties Donovan Stiner and S Lamont Wade.

Training Camp Objectives: The Steelers won the AFC North for the first time since 2017. They lost their playoff game vs Cleveland with their second loss in two weeks. They were directed by QB Ben Roethlisberger who returned from elbow surgery to throw 33/10 TDs with 3800 air yards. He returns for what could be their final performance. WR JuJu Smith-Schuster was resigned to form an awesome unit along with veteran WRs Chase Claypool, Diontae Johnson and James Washington. Steelers' will look to rookie RB Harris to get their power running game going to balance this offense after falling to the bottom of the league in 2020. Big Ben needs their changing line to step up after wholesale changes. Their defense was dominant at times and relies on LB TJ Watt to set the pace as one of the games' dominant edge rushers. LB Alex Highsmith came on strong and is counted on replacing edge rusher Dupree. DE Stephen Tuitt is a very underrated force as a three-down defender. S Minkah Fitzpatrick made the All-Pro for the second consecutive season. S Terrell Edmunds improved and is just entering his prime. They look to their young defensive players to make further progress this fall, so they can make a title run. The Steelers should be competitive in the very tough North division. Their changing offensive line may determine their success especially in big game situation. They must win divisional matchups to return to the playoffs, though may struggle winning the division.

Tennessee Titans - 11-5 - Head Coach Mike Vrabel - 4th Year

2021 Rookie Draft Class

- 1 (#22): Caleb Farley, CB, Virginia Tech
- 2 (#53): Dillon Radunz, OT, ND St
- 3 (#92 - Green Bay): Monty Rice, LB, Georgia
- 3 (#100 - Comp): Elijah Molden, CB, Washington
- 4 (#109 - Carolina-Houston): Dez Fitzpatrick, WR, Louisville
- 4 (#135 - Green Bay): Rashad Weaver, LB, Pittsburgh
- 6 (#205): Racey McMath, WR, LSU
- 6 (#215 - Kansas City): Brady Breeze, S, Oregon

The Titans addressed their struggling secondary three overall picks including their 1st round selection of CB Caleb Farley. He is a long agile cover man with good ball skills. He uses his great length and good footwork well in coverage to win most 50/50 passes. He sat out 2020 and had back surgery which pushed him down the charts after being considered a marginal top ten selection. He has the potential to be a major steal and become a feature in the Titans new young secondary.

With their 2nd round pick, they drafted OT Dillon Radunz, a long blocker who dominated at the lower level. He impressed at the Senior Bowl where he graded out well in pass protection vs top D1 talent. He was part of a run on tackles in the 2nd round. He will compete for the RT

and guard positions with a good chance to start with an impressive preseason. Good sound addition for core piece in their front line.

With two 3rd round picks, they selected LB Monty Rice and DB Elijah Molden. Rice is a big inside defender with good tackling skills for special teams. He projects as a starter with development and could start early with expected upcoming FA losses. Molden is a versatile defender with the physicality to line up at several positions. He can line up over the slot or outside, in addition to the safety role. He may need a little time to settle into this scheme, though has the talent to become a core performer in their sub packages. He is a quality special teams performer and possible long-term starter. With two 4th round picks, they selected WR Dez Fitzpatrick and LB Rashan Weaver. Fitzpatrick is a fast sure handed athlete who can fill a few roles in this offense. He gets a huge opportunity after FA losses and has the makeup of a quality possession receiver if he takes his game up a level. Weaver is an aggressive edge rusher with impact in that role. He returned from a knee injury and addresses a need here. His late off the field issues hurt his draft status, though he has the talent to surprise here if he matures.

With two 6th round picks, they selected WR Racey McMath and S Brady Breeze. McMath is a big physical receiver who showed good skills especially in the red zone. He shields defenders off nicely and wins most 50/50 passes. Breeze is a savvy defender with good tackling skills. He has the makeup of a top special teams performer. He was a good late addition and value here and can make this roster and help in the sub packages. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Titans traded for high priced WR Julio Jones for a 2022 second-round pick and a 2023 4th-round pick. They added veterans, WR Josh Reynolds, TE Anthony Firkser, OT Kendall Lamm, OT Ty Sambrailo, DE Denico Autry, LB Jayon Brown, LB Bud Dupree, CB Janoris Jenkins and CB Kevin Johnson and S Matthias Farley. They resigned TE Geoff Swain. Titans signed an average group of rookie UDFA in RB Mekhi Sargent, FB Tory Carter, TE Miller Forristall, TE Briley Moore, OL Chandon Herring, OL Cole Banwart, DT Naquan Jones, OLB Justus Reed, K Blake Haubeil and P James Smith.

Training Camp Objectives: The Titans won the AFC South division for the first time since 2008. They were eliminated in the first round by the Ravens blowing a lead at home. They rode the power running of Derrick Henry again including a 2000-yard season. QB Ryan Tannehill had another strong performance with over 3800 yards and few turnovers. GM Jon Robinson and HC Mike Vrabel continue to build a tough smart team despite FA losses. Vrabel will have improve their average defense after slipping in 2020. He looks to new additions to keep this club in the playoffs with as many as five new defensive starters. Their recent draft classes provided key starters to assist them to challenge in the improving AFC South. They need their top selections to play well in specific roles this season. They will continue to build around Tannehill who manages the game very well with Henry is the workhorse/ The addition of WR Julian Jones gives this attack a key weapon working with emerging receiver AJ Brown. The defense must produce more big plays especially their rushers and secondary. They look to new veteran defender Bud Depree to bring pressure off the edge. LBers Rashaan Evans and Harold Landry must step up here. They look to a new set of cover man to make plays in coverage where they made huge changes. The Titans made changes on both sides of the ball counting on young players to step in and play key roles. This club can win the competitive AFC South, though must hold off the improved Colts. Titans should compete again for the postseason, though a more balanced offense will keep Henry healthy for the postseason. They will have to improve in several areas especially the secondary to matchup with the elite AFC clubs.

NFL Draft 2021 Selection Order - Seven Rounds

April, 2021 - * Compensatory Picks

Pick/ Team	Player	Position	School
First Round			
1 Jacksonville	Trevor Lawrence	QB	Clemson
2 NY Jets	Zach Wilson	QB	BYU
3 San Francisco (Houston-Miami)	Trey Lance	QB	North Dakota State
4 Atlanta	Kyle Pitts	TE	Florida
5 Cincinnati	Ja'Marr Chase	WR	LSU
6 Miami (Philadelphia)	Jaylen Waddle	WR	Alabama
7 Detroit	Penei Sewell	OT	Oregon
8 Carolina	Jaycee Horn	CB	South Carolina
9 Denver	Patrick Surtain	CB	Alabama
10 Philadelphia (Dallas)	DeVonta Smith	WR	Alabama

11 Chicago (NY Giants)	Justin Fields	QB	Ohio State
12 Dallas (San Fran-Miami-Phil)	Micah Parsons	LB	Penn State
13 LA Chargers	Rashawn Slater	OT	Northwestern
14 NY Jets (Minnesota)	Alijah Vera-Tucker	OG	Southern California
15 New England	Mac Jones	QB	Alabama
16 Arizona	Zaven Collins	LB	Tulsa
17 Las Vegas	Alex Leatherwood	OG	Alabama
18 Miami	Jaelan Phillips	DE	Miami
19 Washington	Jamin Davis	LB	Kentucky
20 NY Giants (Chicago)	Kadarius Toney	WR	Florida
21 Indianapolis	Kwity Paye	DE	Michigan
22 Tennessee	Caleb Farley	CB	Virginia Tech
23 Minnesota (Seattle-NY Jets)	Christian Darrisaw	OT	Virginia Tech
24 Pittsburgh	Najee Harris	RB	Alabama
25 Jacksonville (LA Rams)	Travis Etienne	RB	Clemson
26 Cleveland	Greg Newsome	CB	Northwestern
27 Baltimore	Rashod Bateman	WR	Minnesota
28 New Orleans	Payton Turner	DE	Houston
29 Green Bay	Eric Stokes	CB	Georgia
30 Buffalo	Gregory Rousseau	DE	Miami
31 Baltimore (Kansas City)	Odafe Oweh	LB	Penn State
32 Tampa Bay	Joe Tryon	LB	Washington

Second Round

33 Jacksonville	Tyson Campbell	CB	Georgia
34 NY Jets	Elijah Moore	WR	Mississippi
35 Denver (Atlanta)	Javonte Williams	RB	North Carolina
36 Miami (Houston)	Jevon Holland	S	Oregon
37 Philadelphia	Landon Dickerson	C/OG	Alabama
38 New England (Cincinnati)	Christian Barmore	DT	Alabama
39 Chicago (Carolina)	Teven Jenkins	OT	Oklahoma State
40 Atlanta (Denver)	Richie Grant	S	Central Florida
41 Detroit	Levi Onwuzurike	DT	Washington
42 Miami (NY Giants)	Liam Eichenberg	OT	Notre Dame
43 Las Vegas (San Francisco)	Trevon Moehrig	S	TCU
44 Dallas	Kelvin Joseph	CB	Kentucky
45 Jacksonville (Minnesota)	Walker Little	OT	Stanford
46 Cincinnati (New England)	Jackson Carman	OT	Clemson
47 LA Chargers	Asante Samuel	CB	Florida State
48 San Francisco (Las Vegas)	Aaron Banks	OG	Notre Dame
49 Arizona	Rondale Moore	WR	Purdue
50 NY Giants (Miami)	Azeez Ojulari	LB	Georgia
51 Washington	Sam Cosmi	OT	Texas
52 Cleveland (Chicago-Carolina)	Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah	LB	Notre Dame
53 Tennessee	Dillon Radunz	OT	North Dakota State
54 Indianapolis	Dayo Odeyingbo	DE	Vanderbilt
55 Pittsburgh	Pat Freiermuth	TE	Penn State
56 Seattle	D'Wayne Eskridge	WR	Western Michigan
57 LA Rams	Tutu Atwell	WR	Louisville
58 Kansas City (Baltimore)	Nick Bolton	LB	Missouri
59 Carolina (Cleveland)	Terrace Marshall	WR	LSU
60 New Orleans	Pete Werner	LB	Ohio State
61 Buffalo	Carlos Basham	DE	Wake Forest
62 Green Bay	Josh Myers	C	Ohio State
63 Kansas City	Creed Humphrey	C	Oklahoma
64 Tampa Bay	Kyle Trask	QB	Florida

Third Round

65 Jacksonville	Andre Cisco	S	Syracuse
66 Minnesota (NY Jets)	Kellen Mond	QB	Texas A&M
67 Houston	Davis Mills	QB	Stanford
68 Atlanta	Jalen Mayfield	OT	Michigan
69 Cincinnati	Joseph Ossai	LB	Texas
70 Carolina (Philadelphia)	Brady Christensen	OT	BYU
71 NY Giants (Denver)	Aaron Robinson	CB	Central Florida
72 Detroit	Alim McNeill	DT	NC State
73 Philadelphia (Carolina)	Milton Williams	DT	Louisiana Tech
74 Washington (San Francisco)	Ben St-Juste	CB	Minnesota
75 Dallas	Osa Odighizuwa	DE	UCLA
76 New Orleans (NY Giants-Denver)	Paulson Adebo	CB	Stanford
New England	Forfeited		
77 LA Chargers	Josh Palmer	WR	Tennessee
78 Minnesota	Chazz Surratt	LB	North Carolina
79 Las Vegas (Arizona)	Malcolm Koonce	DE	Buffalo
80 Las Vegas	Divine Deablo	S	Virginia Tech
81 Miami	Hunter Long	TE	Boston College
82 Washington	Dyami Brown	WR	North Carolina
83 Carolina (Chicago)	Tommy Tremble	TE	Notre Dame
84 Dallas (Indianapolis-Phil)	Chauncey Golston	DE	Iowa
85 Green Bay (Tennessee)	Amari Rodgers	WR	Clemson
86 Minnesota (Seattle-NY Jets)	Wyatt Davis	OG	Ohio State
87 Pittsburgh	Kendrick Green	OG	Illinois
88 San Francisco (LA Rams)	Trey Sermon	RB	Ohio State
89 Houston (Cleveland-Carolina)	Nico Collins	WR	Michigan
90 Minnesota (Baltimore)	Patrick Jones	DE	Pittsburgh
91 Cleveland (New Orleans)	Anthony Schwartz	WR	Auburn
92 Tennessee (Green Bay)	Monty Rice	LB	Georgia
93 Buffalo	Spencer Brown	OT	Northern Iowa
94 Baltimore (from Kansas City)	Ben Cleveland	OG	Georgia
95 Tampa Bay	Robert Hainsey	G/T	Notre Dame
96 New England	Ronnie Perkins	LB	Oklahoma
97 LA Chargers	Tre' McKitty	TE	Georgia
98 Denver (New Orleans)	Quinn Meinerz	C	Wisconsin-Whitewater
99 Dallas	Nashon Wright	CB	Oregon State
100 Tennessee	Elijah Molden	CB	Washington
101 Detroit (LA Rams)	Ifeatu Melifonwu	CB	Syracuse
102 San Francisco	Ambry Thomas	CB	Michigan
103 LA Rams	Ernest Jones	LB	South Carolina
104 Baltimore	Brandon Stephens	CB	SMU
105 Denver (New Orleans)	Baron Browning	LB	Ohio State

Fourth Round

106 Jacksonville	Jay Tufele	DT	Southern California
107 NY Jets	Michael Carter	RB	North Carolina
108 Atlanta	Darren Hall	CB	San Diego State
109 Tennessee (Houston)	Dez Fitzpatrick	WR	Louisville
110 Cleveland (Philadelphia)	James Hudson	OT	Cincinnati
111 Cincinnati	Cameron Sample	DE	Tulane
112 Detroit	Amon-Ra St.Brown	WR	Southern California
113 Detroit (Carolina-Cleveland)	Derrick Barnes	LB	Purdue
114 Atlanta (Denver)	Drew Dalman	C	Stanford
115 Dallas	Jabril Cox	LB	LSU
116 NY Giants	Elerson Smith	DE	Northern Iowa
117 LA Rams (San Francisco)	Bobby Brown	DT	Texas A&M
118 LA Chargers	Chris Rumph	LB	Duke
119 Minnesota	Kene Nwangwu	RB	Iowa State

120 New England	Rhamondre Stevenson	RB	Oklahoma
121 Jacksonville (Las Vegas-SF-Rams)	Jordan Smith	DE	UAB
122 Cincinnati (Arizona-Hous-New Eng)	Tyler Shelvin	DT	LSU
123 Philadelphia (Miami)	Zech McPhearson	CB	Texas Tech
124 Washington	John Bates	TE	Boise State
125 Minnesota (Chicago)	Camryn Bynum	CB	California
126 Carolina (Tennessee)	Chuba Hubbard	RB	Oklahoma State
127 Indianapolis	Kylen Granson	TE	SMU
128 Pittsburgh	Dan Moore	OT	Texas A&M
129 Tampa Bay (Seattle)	Jaelon Darden	WR	North Texas
130 LA Rams	Robert Rochell	CB	Central Arkansas
131 Baltimore	Tylan Wallace	WR	Oklahoma State
132 Cleveland	Tommy Togiai	DT	Ohio State
133 New Orleans	Ian Book	QB	Notre Dame
134 *Minnesota (Buffalo)	Janarius Robinson	LB	Florida State
135 Tennessee (Green Bay)	Rashad Weaver	DE	Pittsburgh
136 Arizona (Kansas City-Baltimore)	Marco Wilson	CB	Florida
137 Seattle (Tampa Bay)	Tre Brown	CB	Oklahoma
138 Dallas	Josh Ball	OT	Marshall
139 Cincinnati (New England)	D'Ante Smith	OT	East Carolina
140 Pittsburgh	Buddy Johnson	LB	Texas A&M
141 LA Rams	Jake Harris	WR	Central Florida
142 Green Bay	Royce Newman	OG	Mississippi
143 Las Vegas (Minnesota-NY Jets)	Tyree Gillespie	S	Missouri
144 Kansas City	Josh Kaindoh	LB	Florida State

Fifth Round

145 Jacksonville	Luke Farrell	TE	Ohio State
146 NY Jets	Jamien Sherwood	S	Auburn
147 Houston	Brevin Jordan	TE	Miami
148 Atlanta	Ta'Quon Graham	DT	Texas
149 Cincinnati	Evan McPherson	PK	Florida
150 Philadelphia	Kenneth Gainwell	RB	Memphis
151 Chicago (Carolina)	Larry Borom	OG	Missouri
152 Denver	Caden Sterns	S	Texas
153 Cleveland (Detroit)	Tony Fields	LB	West Virginia
154 NY Jets (NY Giants)	Michael Carter	S/CB	Duke
155 San Francisco	Jaylon Moore	OG	Western Michigan
156 Pittsburgh (Philadelphia-Dallas-Miami)	Isaiahh Loudermilk	DE	Wisconsin
157 Minnesota	Ihmir Smith-Marsette	WR	Iowa
158 Carolina (New England-Houston)	Daviyon Nixon	DT	Iowa
159 LA Chargers	Brenden Jaimes	OT	Nebraska
160 Baltimore (Arizona)	Shaun Wade	CB	Ohio State
161 Buffalo (Las Vegas)	Tommy Doyle	OT	Miami (O)
162 Kansas City (Miami-Las Vegas)	Noah Gray	TE	Duke
163 Washington	Darrick Forrest	S	Cincinnati
164 Denver (Chicago-NY Giants)	Jamar Johnson	S	Indiana
165 Indianapolis	Shawn Davis	S	Florida
166 Carolina (Tennessee)	Keith Taylor	CB	Washington
167 Las Vegas (Seattle)	Nate Hobbs	CB	Illinois
168 Minnesota (Pittsburgh-Baltimore)	Zach Davidson	TE	Central Missouri
169 Cleveland (LA Rams)	Richard LeCounte	S	Georgia
170 Houston (Cleveland-Jacksonville)	Garret Wallow	LB	TCU
171 Baltimore	Daelin Hayes	DE	Notre Dame
172 San Francisco (New Orleans)	Dede Lenoir	CB	Oregon
173 Green Bay	Tedarrell Slaton	DT	Florida
174 LA Rams (Buffalo)	Earnest Brown	LB	Northwestern
175 NY Jets (Kansas City)	Jason Pinnock	CB	Pittsburgh

176 Tampa Bay	KJ Britt	LB	Auburn
177 New England	Cameron McGrone	LB	Michigan
178 Green Bay	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	Appalachian State
179 Dallas	Simi Fehoko	WR	Stanford
180 San Francisco	Talanoa Hufanga	S	Southern California
181 Kansas City	Cornell Powell	WR	Clemson
182 Atlanta	Ade Ogundeji	DE	Notre Dame
183 Atlanta	Avery Williams	CB	Boise State
184 Baltimore	Ben Mason	FB	Michigan

Sixth Round

185 LA Chargers (Jacksonville-Tenn)	Nick Niemann	LB	Iowa
186 NY Jets	Hamsah Nasirildeen	S	Florida State
187 Atlanta	Frank Darby	WR	Arizona State
188 New England (Houston)	Josh Bledsoe	S	Missouri
189 Philadelphia	Marlon Tuipulotu	DT	Southern California
190 Cincinnati	Trey Hill	C	Georgia
191 Philadelphia (Denver-Carolina)	Tarron Jackson	DE	Coastal Carolina
192 Dallas (Detroit)	Quinton Bohanna	DT	Kentucky
193 Carolina	Deonte Brown	OG	Alabama
194 San Francisco	Elijah Mitchell	RB	Louisiana
195 Houston (Dallas-New England)	Roy Lopez	DT	Arizona
196 NY Giants	Gary Brightwell	RB	Arizona
197 New England	William Sherman	OT	Colorado
198 LA Chargers	Larry Rountree	RB	Missouri
199 Minnesota	Jaylen Twyman	DT	Pittsburgh
200 NY Jets (Las Vegas)	Brandin Echols	CB	Kentucky
201 NY Giants (Arizona)	Rodarius Williams	CB	Oklahoma State
202 Cincinnati (Miami-Houston)	Chris Evans	RB	Michigan
203 Houston (-Washington-Las Vegas-Miami)	Marquez Stevenson	WR	Houston
204 Carolina (Chicago)	Shi Smith	WR	South Carolina
205 Tennessee	Racey McMath	WR	LSU
206 New Orleans (Indianapolis)	Landon Young	OT	Kentucky
207 NY Jets (Pittsburgh-Miami-KC)	Jonathan Marshall	DT	Arkansas
208 Seattle	Stone Forsythe	OT	Florida
209 Jacksonville (LA Rams)	Jalen Camp	WR	Georgia Tech
210 Arizona (Baltimore)	Victor Dimukeje	DE	Duke
211 Cleveland	Demetric Felton	WR	UCLA
212 Buffalo (New Orleans-Houston)	Damar Hamlin	S	Pittsburgh
213 Buffalo	Rachad Wildgoose	CB	Wisconsin
214 Green Bay	Cole Van Lanen	OT	Wisconsin
215 Tennessee (Kansas City)	Brady Breeze	S	Oregon
216 Pittsburgh (Tampa Bay)	Quincy Roche	LB	Miami
217 Chicago (Tampa Bay)	Khalil Herbert	RB	Virginia Tech
218 Indianapolis (New Orleans)	Sam Ehlinger	QB	Texas
219 Denver (Atlanta)	Seth Williams	WR	Auburn
220 Green Bay	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	Boston College
221 Chicago	Dazz Newsome	WR	North Carolina
222 Carolina	Thomas Fletcher	LS	Alabama
223 Arizona (Minnesota)	Tay Gowan	CB	Central Florida
224 Philadelphia	JaCoby Stephens	S	LSU
225 Washington (Philadelphia)	Camaron Cheeseman	LS	Michigan
226 Kansas City (Carolina-NY Jets)	Trey Smith	OG	Tennessee
227 Dallas	Israel Mukuamu	CB	South Carolina
228 Chicago	Thomas Graham	CB	Oregon

Seventh Round

229 New Orleans (Jacksonville)	Mike Strachan	WR	Charleston
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230 Las Vegas (NY Jets-SF))	Jimmy Morrissey	C	Pittsburgh
231 Miami (Houston)	Larnel Coleman	OT	UMass
232 Carolina (Atlanta-Miami)	Phil Hoskins	DT	Kentucky
233 LA Rams (Cincinnati-Houston)	Jake Funk	RB	Maryland
234 Philadelphia	Patrick Johnson	LB	Tulane
235 Cincinnati (Detroit-Seattle)	Wyatt Hubert	DE	Kansas State
236 Buffalo (Carolina)	Jack Anderson	OG	Texas Tech
237 Denver	Kary Vincent	CB	LSU
238 Dallas	Matt Farniok	OG	Nebraska
239 Denver (NY Giants)	Jon Cooper	DE	Ohio State
240 Washington (San Fran-Phil)	William Bradley-King	DE	Baylor
241 LA Chargers	Mark Webb	S	Georgia
Minnesota Forfeited			
242 New England	Tre Nixon	WR	Central Florida
243 Arizona	James Wiggins	S	Cincinnati
244 Miami (Las Vegas-Washington)	Gerrid Doaks	RB	Cincinnati
245 Pittsburgh (Miami)	Tre Norwood	CB	Oklahoma
246 Washington	Shaka Toney	LB	Penn State
247 Arizona (Chicago-Las Vegas)	Michal Menet	C	Penn State
248 Indianapolis	Will Fries	OT	Penn State
249 LA Rams (Tennessee-Jacksonville)	Ben Skowronek	TE	Notre Dame
250 Chicago (Seattle)	Khyiris Tonga	DT	BYU
251 Tampa Bay (Pittsburgh)	Chris Wilcox	CB	BYU
252 LA Rams	Chris Garrett	LB	Concordia-St. Paul
253 Denver (Cleveland)	Marquiss Spencer	DE	Mississippi State
254 Pittsburgh (Baltimore)	Pressley Harvin	P	Georgia Tech
255 New Orleans	Kawaan Baker	WR	South Alabama
256 Green Bay	Kylin Hill	RB	Mississippi State
257 Detroit (Buffalo-Cleveland)	Jermar Jefferson	RB	Oregon State
258 Washington (Kansas City-Miami)	Dax Milne	WR	BYU
259 Tampa Bay	Grant Stuard	LB	Houston

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