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The 2023 NFL Draft was the 88th annual meeting of National Football League teams to select newly eligible players for the upcoming NFL season. The first round was held on April 27, followed by the second and third rounds on April 28th. The draft concluded with rounds 4–7 on April 29th. The NFL held the event live in Kansas City, Missouri for the first time. All team selections took place from Kansas City with league commissioner Roger Goodell announcing the early selections from the podium.

The Chicago Bears originally owned the first pick for the first time since 1947 before trading it to the Carolina Panthers, prior to the draft, for multiple draft picks and wide receiver D. J. Moore. The Panthers selected Alabama quarterback Bryce Young with the first pick and the Los Angeles Rams selected Deshaun Johnson with the final pick. Also, for the second year in a row, the Miami Dolphins held the fewest picks in the draft with four.

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. Five picks have been awarded for the draft pursuant to the resolution.

Cleveland received a third-round selection along with a 2022 third-round selection when Minnesota hired the Browns' vice president of football operations Kwesi Adofo-Mensah as general manager.

San Francisco received a third-round selection when Washington hired San Francisco's vice president of player personnel Martin Mayhew as general manager.

Kansas City received a third-round selection and a 2022 third-round selection when Chicago hired the Chiefs' executive director of player personnel Ryan Poles as general manager.

San Francisco received a third-round selection and a second 2022 third-round selection after Miami also hired the 49ers' former offensive coordinator Mike McDaniels as head coach.

San Francisco received a third-round selection and a 2024 third-round selection after Tennessee hired former 49ers director of player personnel Ran Carthon as general manager.

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NFL Draft 2023

General information - Dates - April 27-April 29, 2023

Location – Kansas City, Missouri

Networks - ABC, ESPN, NFL Network, ESPN Radio

Overview

259 Total selections in 7 rounds

First selection – Carolina Panthers - QB Bryce Young - Alabama

Last selection - 'Mr. Irrelevant' - Houston Texans - DE **Desjuan Johnson - Toledo**

Most selections (14) - Los Angeles Rams

Fewest selections (4) - Miami Dolphins

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 23, 2023.

The following is the breakdown of the 259 players selected in NFL Draft 2023 by position:

36 Cornerbacks	15 Guards
33 Wide receivers	15 Tight ends
30 Linebackers	14 Quarterbacks
22 Defensive ends	9 Centers
21 Defensive tackles	3 Placekickers
20 Safeties	3 Punters
19 Offensive tackles	1 Fullback
18 Running backs	

Selections by NCAA Conference

The SEC lead the conferences with 62 selections, though not the record setting numbers like last year when the SEC had the most in NFL history. It surpassed 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	0	1	4	1	2	0	2	10
ACC	4	3	5	3	10	3	4	32
Big 12	6	3	4	4	1	7	5	30
Big Ten	9	11	5	7	9	9	5	55
C-USA	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
Ind. (FBS)	0	2	0	1	2	2	0	7
MAC	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	7
MW	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	5
Pac-12	3	3	4	3	5	3	6	27
SEC	9	8	14	9	9	6	7	62
Sun Belt	0	0	0	2	2	2	3	9

NCAA Division I FCS football conferences

ASUN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Big Sky	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
CAA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ivy	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
MVFC	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
NEC	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

OVC	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
SWAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WAC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Non-Division I NCAA football conferences

GLIAC (DII)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
SAC (DII)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Schools with multiple draft selections

Selections Schools

10	Alabama, Georgia
9	Michigan
8	TCU
6	Clemson, Florida, LSU, Ohio State, Oregon, Penn State, Pittsburgh
5	Auburn, Maryland, Oklahoma, Purdue, South Carolina, Stanford, Tennessee, Texas
4	Houston, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas State, North Carolina, Northwestern, Ole Miss, UCLA, USC
3	BYU, Cincinnati, Iowa State, Kentucky, Louisville, Miami (FL), Michigan State, Minnesota, Notre Dame, Old Dominion, Texas A&M, Utah, Wisconsin
2	Appalachian State, Arkansas, Boise State, Eastern Michigan, Mississippi State, Nebraska, Oklahoma St, Oregon State, Syracuse, Tulane, Wake Forest

Selections by Position

Position	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
Cornerback	4	5	3	3	5	8	8	36
Wide receiver	4	4	6	3	3	8	5	33
Linebacker	3	3	7	3	8	5	2	31
Defensive end	5	2	4	5	2	1	2	21
Defensive tackle	4	2	4	2	1	4	4	21
Offensive tackle	5	0	2	5	3	2	3	20
Safety	0	2	3	2	5	3	5	20
Running back	2	1	4	1	4	3	3	18
Tight end	1	5	3	0	4	0	2	15
Guard	0	4	0	4	2	0	4	14
Quarterback	3	1	1	3	4	1	1	14
Center	0	3	1	1	1	2	1	9
Kicker	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
Punter	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Fullback	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Position	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
Offense	15	18	17	17	21	21	21	130
Defense	16	14	21	15	21	16	20	123
Special teams	0	0	1	1	0	3	1	6

NFL Draft 2023 Grades by Team

1	Houston	A+	17	New Orleans	C+
2	Seattle	A+	18	Dallas	C+
3	Indianapolis	A	19	Las Vegas	C+
4	Pittsburgh	A	20	LA Chargers	C+
5	NY Giants	A	21	LA Rams	C+
6	Philadelphia	B+	22	Miami	C+
7	Green Bay	B+	23	Cleveland	C+
8	New England	B+	24	Denver	C+
9	Baltimore	B	25	Arizona	C
10	Kansas City	B	26	NY Jets	C
11	Buffalo	B	27	Washington	C
12	Atlanta	B	28	Tennessee	C
13	Detroit	B	29	Minnesota	C
14	Chicago	B	30	Jacksonville	C
15	Cincinnati	B	31	Tampa Bay	C
16	Carolina	B	32	San Francisco	C

NFL Draft 2023 - Team Review**National Conference****Arizona Cardinals - 4-13 - Head Coach Jonathan Gannon - 1st Year****2023 Rookie Draft Class**

1 (6) Paris Johnson	Ohio State	OT
2 (10) BJ Ojulari	LSU	OLB
3 (9) Garrett Williams	Syracuse	CB
3 (31) Michael Wilson	Stanford	WR
4 (20) Jon Gaines II	UCLA	OG
5 (5) Clayton Tune	Houston	QB
5 (34) Owen Pappoe	Auburn	ILB
6 (3) Kei'Trel Clark	Louisville	CB
6 (36) Dante Stills	West Virginia	DL

The Cardinals moved back in the top four rounds to acquire extra picks both for this class and next spring to begin a critical roster building process. They hold two #1 and three #3 picks next year including the Texans first round selection. The Cards fell significantly in 2022 with weakest on both sides of the ball. QB Kyler Murray sustained another late season injury. He struggled through 14 games with very marginal production. He may not return until October.

They traded back in the 1st round and chose the first offensive tackle in Paris Johnson. He gives them a bookend tackle who eventually plays left tackle, though probably starts either at RT or guard early. He is well developed to push for a

starting job in camp. He upgrades a line which struggled last season and parted ways with a few veterans. He probably earns a starting job in camp and should be a fixture here for a long time. He is Big Ten battle tested and should improve their shaky pass protection.

The Cards selected quick edge defender BJ Ojulari in the 2nd round. He gives them the outside pass pressure which has been missing recently. They lost future HOF JJ Watt to retirement and emerging edge defender Zach Allen in FA and released vet Markus Golden. Ojulari hopes to follow his brother Azeez of the Giants to provide impact off the edge. He is expected to challenge to a key role in sub packages as a rusher. His selection over DE Keion White was a surprise and a slight reach with the 41st overall selection. With two 3rd round picks, they choose CB Garrett Williams and wideout Michael Wilson. Williams is recovering from a midseason ACL injury which may limit him in camp. He is expected to be ready by early fall. He is a savvy instinctive cover man with adequate size. He carries an early starting grade when healthy. Wilson was one of 14 receivers selected in the top 100 selections. He impressed at the Senior Bowl which improved his grade. He joins a unit which released star DeAndre Hopkins, in addition to AJ Green retiring. Wilson can earn time in three wideout sets and a good addition.

In the 4th round, they chose for interior lineman Jon Gaines, a versatile blocker with experience at both center and guard. They lost a few interior players in FA and Gaines gets a chance to win a roster spot and push for early playing time. He was a reach this early. With two 5th round picks, they choose QB Clayton Tune and LB Owen

Pappoe. Tune was excellent value here and a passer who can develop further in this system. He can win a #3 role here and move up the depth charts with experience. Pappoe is a tough fast defender who can excel in the sub packages and special teams. He was excellent value here. With two 6th round picks, they choose CB Kei'Trel Clark and DL Dante Stills. Clark will compete for early time in the sub package as a nickel corner. He can surprise here with pressing needs at a few positions. Stills is an inside/outside lineman with versatility and production. He gets a huge chance here after changes on their front three. He was solid late value. May spend early time on the practice squad.

Grade: C+

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Cards' signed second tier FAs, guard Hjalte Froholdt, WR Zach Pascal, OT Dennis Daley, LB Kyzir White and DT Kevin Strong. They resigned guard Will Hernandez and OT Kelvin Beachum. They lost defenders, DL Zach Allen and Trysten Hill, edge Markus Gooden, OL Cody Ford and Rodney Hudson and corner Byron Murphy. Allen and Murphy are key losses of emerging defenders in their prime. Rookie UDFAs, DL Jacob Slade, S Kendell Brooks, RB Emari Demercado, TE Blake Whiteheart and LBers Kyle Soelle and Marvin Pierre and CB Quavian White. TE Whiteheart can win a roster spot here with a good camp.

Training Camp Objectives: The Cards collapsed last season with QB Kyler Murray the chief liability prior to his injury. Murray hopes to return this fall, but has much to prove after regressing significantly since the Cardinals playoff loss after the 2021 season. He has been a disgruntled player who can create undo problems and influential in the firing of HC Kliff Kingsbury. Murray needs to commit to the Cardinals program to remain the leader here. Both lines will undergo changes with FA losses. They look to runner James Connor to be the feature back here. Vet WR Hopkins was released. Their defense was among the worst in the league and lost their prime players in Watt, Allen and Murray. LB Isaiah Simmons stepped up in a multiple of roles and enters a contract season to become a difference maker here. Their secondary will have to improve though added little new talent. Pro Bowl safety Budda Baker is the stabilizing force here. The very tough NFC West will demand that Murray return to prior levels. This club though is in a major transition on both offense and defense. They may repeat as the worst team in the talented West division until young talent settles in the pro game. Key roster changes may continue through the 2023 season as this club falls to among the worst in the NFL.

Atlanta Falcons - 7-10- Head Coach Arthur Smith - 2nd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (8) Bijon Robinson	Texas	RB
2 (7) Matthew Bergeron	Syracuse	OG
3 (12) Zach Harrison	Ohio State	DE
4 (11) Clark Phillips III	Utah	CB
7 (7) DeMarcco Hellams	Alabama	S
7 (8) Jovaughn Gwyn	South Carolina	OG

The Falcons decided to add one of the blue-chip prospects in this class in runner Bijon Robinson. He is a complete back with big play ability to be a three down starter early. He has the development to be an impact performer immediately. They drafted runner Tyler Allgeler in the middle rounds last year and he emerged as a complete back and went over 1000 yards rushing. Robinson was a surprise selection here after Allgeler's rookie performance. He could be a bargaining chip in

future trade discussions. Robinson could help this club nurse a young starting QB in a run-oriented offense.

They traded up in the 2nd round to select OL Matthew Bergeron. They hope he can compete for the left guard job in camp. He has the talent to eventually kick outside to tackle, though he earns early starting time inside. His selection over Joe Tippmann and Cody Mauch was a surprise with both higher grades especially on the inside.

On the 3rd round, they chose DE Zach Harrison, a talented edge defender with the big play ability that has been lacking in recent years. He is a long athlete with speed and athleticism to create havoc off the edge. He may be limited to a situational pass rushing role initially, though he has three down potential with development. With their 4th round pick, they chose corner Clark Phillips, a quick instinctive cover man who can upgrade their nickel role. He was a solid addition here and his level of development gives him a chance to start in the sub packages immediately.

With their two 7th round picks, they selected safety DeMarcco Hellams and guard Jovaughn Gwyn. Their struggling secondary was addressed again with safety Hellams. He was a versatile piece in the Bama talented secondary with experience at a few spots which can earn him a roster spot and reps in the sub packages in time. Good late addition. OL Gwyn graded out fairly high in the SEC. He has the versatility to back up all the interior spots which may earn him a roster spot with a good preseason. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Falcons were aggressive in the FA market. They signed veterans, S Jessie Bates III, edge Calais Campbell, DT David Onyemata, LB Kaden Elliss, LB Tae Davis, QB Taylor Heinicke, TE Jonnu Smith, wideouts Mack Hollins and Scotty Miller and CB Mike Hughes. They resigned G Chris Lindstrom, OT

Kaleb McGary, edge Lorenzo Carter, P Bradley Pinion and FB Keith Smith. They lost CB Isiah Oliver, QB Marcus Mariota and edge Abdullah Anderson. Bates was a top addition and they look to him to provide leadership on their young defense. DL Campbell and Oneymata can provide smart veterans for the front. Their offensive line stays intact with key vet resignings. Edge Carter returns and is counted on to provide more outside pressure. They acquired corner Jeff Okudah for a late pick, hoping he plays up to his high draft selection. They lost a few veterans, QB Mariota and corner Oliver. They added an average UDFA class this year with wideouts Justin Marshall and Keilahn Harris, RB Carlos Washington, edge Ikenna Enechukwu and LB Mike Jones Jr. Marshall is a talented receiver with size and speed and can make this roster and could surprise in roles in multiple sets. Edge Enechukwu will get a long look in camp with the physical package to play in sub packages as a rusher. LB Jones has the ability to impress on special teams and earn roster before settling into their base defense.

Training Camp Objectives: The Falcons continue their rebuilding process after parting with QBs Matt Ryan and vet Marcus Mariota in recent years. They added vet QB Taylor Heinicke to compete with young starter Desmond Ridder. They have had five consecutive sub .500 records and they hope to surpass last seasons' 7-10 record. They improved running the ball which kept them competitive weekly. Rookie Robinson has the talent to rank this ground game to be among the best in the game and helping their young QB to manage this attack. They hope young TE Kyle Pitts is healthy and plays a bigger role in this attack. Rookie WR London was impressive despite inconsistent QB play. Their defense struggled throughout last season and looks to new veterans to elevate their game. Their front-line added vets Campbell, Onyemata and Goldman which can help Pro Bowler DT Grady Jarrett. Former star wideout Calvin Ridley was traded after being reinstated following a suspension. The Falcons' defense ranked near the bottom in all vital statistics. They look to young vet LBers Carter and Evans to become playmakers here. They need their young secondary to improve quickly after another poor performance. They hope FA addition safety Jessie Bates provides leadership and playmaking ability here. Former top pick corner AJ Terrell became a shutdown cover man. This club needs to improve quickly especially on defense to compete in the average South. The NFC South continues to change and the Falcons will have to take another step up to be competitive. Capable to compete in a soft division.

Carolina Panthers - 7-10 - Head Coach Frank Reich - 1st Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (1) Bryce Young	Alabama	QB
2 (8) Jonathan Mingo	Ole Miss	WR
3 (17) DJ Johnson	Oregon	LB
4 (12) Chandler Zavala	NC State	OG
5 (11) Jammie Robinson	Florida State	S

The Panthers made the key deal to move up to the first overall selection to draft Bryce Young. They paid a huge price to move from the 9th spot to the first overall pick, but felt Young was a talent who warranted the deal. Young combines fine intangibles with mobility, accuracy and quick decision making. He has performed at a high-level vs top competition and has excelled on the big stage thru his career. He faces a difficult task with the

Panthers, though a club that went 6-6 after firing HC Matt Rhule. QB has been a revolving door since parting ways with Cam Newton with multiple high choices at the position. Young can be the cornerstone leader here, though has an average group of playmakers currently. The offensive line has talent especially last year's top pick LT Ikem Ekwonu came on over his rookie season.

On the 2nd round, they chose wideout Jonathan Mingo, a big athlete who looks the part. On the hoof he has the makeup of a big-time player, though his production has been inconsistent, in addition to suspect hands. His size and speed is intriguing and he will compete for starting time in camp in an average group of receivers. His selection at the 39th overall pick was a reach, though one their front office signed off on completely.

On the 3rd round, they chose edge defender DJ Johnson, a quick outside pass rusher they hope can provide impact opposite Brian Burns. He was part of a heavy run of edge defenders through the 2nd day and addressed a key need. Though he was a reach this early and will have to prove he warranted this early a selection. On the 4th round, they selected guard Chandler Zavala, a fast-rising senior coming off a strong career finish. He was very consistent over 2022 and graded out high in both pass and run blocking. His strong finish is expected to allow him to compete for a starting role early and possibly this training camp. He rates an early starting grade and hopes to become a fixture on the inside. On the 5th round, they picked safety Jammie Robinson, a savvy defender who has lined up at a few spots in the secondary. He is a mobile smart defender with sure tackling and the range and agility to matchup in coverage. He has the talent to develop and eventually press for time in package defenses. Excellent late pick with the tools to pay dividends in time.

Grade: B

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Panthers went through major changes with the trade for the first overall pick

of QB Bryce Young. They included veteran star wideout DJ Moore in the deal. They added veterans RB Miles Sanders, S Vonn Bell, QB Andy Dalton, DT Shy Tuttle, TE Hayden Hurst. DE DeShawn Williams, G Justin McCray, WR Adam Thielen and WR D.J. Chark in FA. RB Sanders hopes to give them a boost after the McCaffrey trade. S Bell is counted on to them a playmaker. They re-signed C Bradley Bozeman, LS J.J. Jansen, DT Henry Anderson. They lost RB D'Onta Foreman, C Pat Elflein, LB Damien Wilson, QB Sam Darnold, QB P.J. Walker. They added a good rookie UDFA class in RB Cameron Peoples, wideout Josh Vann, OT Ricky Lee, OG Nash Jensen, corners Rejzohn Wright, Colby Richardson and Mark Milton, DL Jalen Redmond and Travez Moore and backers Eku Leota, Austin Ajiake and Bumper Pool. Corner Wright can press for a roster spot here. He has the raw talent to get a long look with a definite make it grade. DL Redmond has quickness to fit into a sub package role make this defense.

Training Camp Objectives: The Panthers finished with 5 wins for the three consecutive season at 5-12. HC Matt Rhule is probably in a must win situation this season which led to the addition of veteran offensive linemen and defenders. QB Darnold will be critical to any improvement. Vet star runner Christian McCaffrey returns after missing half of last season following missing most of the 2020 campaign. He will have to prove healthy to return as the feature back and could be trade bait on a changing offense which could use future draft capital. The defense will look to strong recent draft classes to take a huge step this season. The front four will have to improve after average results at best in most key areas. DT Brown is capable of being a dominant interior lineman, though must be more productive as an interior rusher. DE Brian Burns is a difference maker, though needs more help as he faces double team blocking often. The secondary went through more changes with rookie Joe Horn returning after only three starts. Safety Xavier Woods is counted on to become a stabilizing force and line up the unit. This club is in transition with key areas especially QB unsettled. The defense will have to play up to the commitment in salary gap and draft capital. They probably fall short of the .500 level again despite building a stronger roster.

Chicago Bears – 3-14 - Head Coach Matt Eberflus - 2nd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (10) Darnell Wright	Tennessee	OT
2 (22) Gervon Dexter	Florida	DT
2 (25) Tyrique Stevenson	Miami	CB
3 (1) Zacch Pickens	South Carolina	DT
4 (13) Roschon Johnson	Texas	RB
4 (31) Tyler Scott	Cincinnati	WR
5 (14) Noah Sewell	Oregon	ILB
5 (31) Terell Smith	Minnesota	CB
7 (1) Travis Bell	Kennesaw St	DT
7 (41) Kendall Williamson	Stanford	CB

The Bears addressed a major problem with their #1 problem when they selected RT Darnell Wright. He is a highly developed blocker who should win the RT spot with a strong camp. He combines bulk, agility and functional strength. He graded out high vs SEC and Senior Bowl talent which warranted a top selection. His addition provides an edge blocker who can help QB Justin Fields improve his pocket passing. He was a solid addition.

With two 2nd round picks, they addressed their defensive front and changing secondary. They drafted DT Gervon Dexter and Tyrique Stevenson. DT Dexter was the first of two tackles chosen for their front. They

have been very weak stopping the run and look to their new interior players to make their presence felt. Dexter has a big frame and agility within the box to win a starting role. Stevenson was selected on the pick acquired in the deal for LB Raquon Smith. Stevenson is a physical cover man who improved over his career vs top talent. He joins a young secondary with the raw talent to become a force in time. His physical game will fit in well here and he should earn time in the sub packages and possibly an early starting grade. Good addition.

In the 3rd round, they selected DT Zacch Pickens, a quick wide body defender who rose off a strong career finish. He is active in the tackle box and can couple with Dexter to form a tough interior. With two 4th round picks, they addressed their changing offense adding runner Roschon Johnson and wideout Tyler Scott. RB Johnson is a tough one cut runner who finishes well. He shows reliable hands and could press for a fair amount of touches with a strong preseason. Capable of being a huge surprise. WR Scott is a fast receiver coming off a strong final season. He has the speed to win in the vertical game and the run after the catch ability to break plays. He was excellent value this late and capable of giving them a key playmaker in multiple sets.

With two 5th round picks, they added ILB Noah Sewell and CB Terell Smith. Sewell was excellent value here and gets a chance to fill the spot vacated by the traded Roquan Smith. Sewell is tough interior run stuffer with enough speed to get to the perimeter. He must improve his reads and his ability to cover, but carries a starting grade in time. Limited in space. Smith is a big athletic corner who will get a look at a few positions. His size and

speed will warrant time in the sub packages and he has the makeup of a top flight special teams' defender. With two 7th round picks, they addressed their defensive interior again with the selection of DT Travis Bell and CB Kendall Williamson. Bell was the 3rd interior defender selected to address their weak run defense. He can earn a PS role if he shows upside development in the preseason. Williamson is another defender, joining a deep group of young corners and safeties over recent draft classes in a complete overhaul of their weak secondary. Gets first look at safety here. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bears were limited in the veteran FA market by cap restrictions. They signed veterans, LB T.J. Edwards, LB Tremaine Edmunds, DT Andrew Billings and DT DeMarcus Walker, RB D'Onta Foreman, TE Robert Tonyan, G Nate Davis, RB Travis Homer, QB P.J. Walker and LB Dylan Cole. WR DJ Moore came in the trade to deal the first overall pick. He gives Fields a proven playmaker. LBers Edwards and Edmunds have been consistent young defenders and good additions here. RB Foreman is a workhorse and nice addition. TE Tonyan is two years removed from an ACL injury and should be a fine compliment to starter Kmet to give them a potent duo in the middle zones for Fields. New guard Nate Davis is counted on stabilize the interior. They resigned FB Khari Blasingame. They lost RB David Montgomery, QB Trevor Siemian, OT Riley Reiff and LBers Nicholas Morrow and Matthew Adamsmith. They added an average group of UDFAs in QB Tyson Bagent, PK Andre Szmyt, wideouts, Aron Cruickshank and Thyrick Pitts, TE Camien Caffrey, OT Bobby Haskins, OG Nick Amoah, OG Lorenz Metz, OG Gabe Houy, edge Jalen Harris, LB Micah Baskerville, Callahan O'Reilly, CB Nugget Warren and safeties Justin Broiles and Macon Clark. QB Bagent gets a long look here and could win a #3 role or a PS spot. LB Baskerville has talent and could surprise with a good preseason. He has the speed to be a quality special teams' performer.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bears lost their last 10 games in 2022 and finished in the bottom of the NFL which initiated a big roster turnover in the FA market. They made key changes at important positions that will determine their 2023 fate. They look young QB Justin Fields to improve and step up and provide vital playmaking and leadership. He rushed for over 1100 yards, though threw for only 2200 yards and barely a 60% completion rate. Their passing game finished last in the league. Their ground game ranked #1, though lost RB Montgomery in FA. They will look to a committee to compliment Fields. The offensive line welcomes rookie top pick, OT Darnell Wright after allowing 58 sacks in 2022. He hopes to provide a right tackle anchor opposite LT Braxton Jones. TE Cole Kmet gives them a high-quality weapon who will benefit further from Fields development. Their receiving corps added DJ Moore, a terrific playmaker to couple to veteran Darnell Moody. Their defense was equally inept with poor rushing defense which allowed opponents to control the ball. They surrendered the most points in the league. The traded Mikeman Roquan Smith for a #2 pick at midseason, though replaced by FA additions. The secondary looks to young starters CB Gordon and S Brisker to improve off starting as rookies. They may have hit bottom in a 3-win season and look to their young nucleus to step up here. They will rely on young QB Fields to step up as a picket passer and use his quality receiving corps to open up this offense. Bears can improve in the average NFC North, though at least a season away from being more than a marginal .500 club.

Dallas Cowboys - 12-5 - Head Coach Mike McCarthy - 4th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (26) Mazi Smith	Michigan	DT
2 (27) Luke Schoonmaker	Michigan	TE
3 (27) DeMarvion Overshown	Texas	ILB
4 (27) Viliami Fehoko	San José St	DE
5 (35) Asim Richards	North Carolina	OT
6 (1) Eric Scott Jr	Southern Miss	CB
6 (35) Deuce Vaughn	Kansas St	RB
7 (27) Jalen Brooks	South Carolina	WR

The Cowboys had a few prospects earmarked at the 26th overall pick. At the 25th pick, the Giants feared the Cowboys would jump them and moved up one spot and selected corner Deonte Banks. Jacksonville then traded back with Buffalo who selected TE Dalton Kincaid with the 25th selection. He was a prospect the Cowboys had listed as a high priority. They then addressed their defensive line in the 1st round with the selection of DT Mazi Smith. He is a mobile wide body defender with raw technique currently. He has excellent natural strength and the base to hold

the point vs double team blocks. He struggles to finish especially as a pass rusher. He comes off the snap only adequately and gets tied up consistently when his first move is contained. He was a reach this early, though the Cowboys feel his ability to eat up blockers keeps Micah Parsons as one of the game's premier defenders.

On the 2nd round, they chose TE Luke Schoonmaker to address their pressing need at the position. Though a developing prospect with an NFL starting grade, he was a reach this early as the Cowboys. His selection

over TE Darnell Washington or LB Drew Sanders was a huge surprise with both prospects rated much higher. Schoonmaker though, is a well-rounded prospect who will move the chains and compliment new starter TE Jake Ferguson. They could form a solid tandem to help both their run and passing games. On the 3rd round, they picked versatile defender DeMarvion Overshown, a big rangy athlete with speed and playmaking talent. He shows range and the ability to finish, in addition to the ability to matchup with tight ends. He could shine on a defense with Parsons and Vander Esch. He was good value here, though still learning the position and his reads.

On the 4th round, they picked edge defender Viliami Fehoko, a quick edge rusher who came on strong over his late career. He impressed at the East-West week and elevated his stock quickly. He has the talent to earn time in the sub packages as a situational rusher and was a solid selection here. On the 5th round, they chose OL Asim Richards, a big versatile blocker who improved nicely over his late career. He performed well at the Senior Bowl practices and impressed at both right tackle and guard. He was an excellent late selection and value with the talent to make this roster.

With two 6th round picks, they chose CB Eric Scott and RB Deuce Vaughn. Scott is a long corner with intriguing skills and agility in coverage. He can be a fixture on special teams' coverage units and push for time in the sub packages. Interesting late addition with the talent to be a big surprise in time. Vaughn is a water bug runner with excellent production over his long career. He is the son of Dallas front office executive. He can press for touches as a third down back and change of pace runner. His ability to pick up blitzers will determine his readiness. On the 7th round, they chose wideout Jalen Brooks, a big raw athlete who considered transferring prior to deciding to enter this draft class. He is a big fast receiver with the ability to stretch the field. He needs much development and is a candidate for the PS with the talent to surprise in time. He figures to see time on special teams and possibly as a gunner.

Grade: C+

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Cowboys traded for veterans CB Stephon Gilmore and WR Brandin Cooks. They signed RB Ronald Jones and OT Chuma Edoga in FA. They were stopgap additions. They re-signed RB Tony Pollard, LB Leighton Vander Esch, QB Cooper Rush, CB C.J. Goodwin and edge Dante Fowler Jr. They released RB Ezekiel Elliott as a cap casualty. They lost TE Dalton Schultz, G Connor McGovern, WR Noah Brown, CB Anthony Brown and LB Luke Gifford in FA. TE Schultz was a key loss, though they project Schoonmaker as a good replacement. OL McGovern is another interior lineman lost in FA. They signed an above average rookie UDFA class with some interesting prospects with a chance to make this roster. They added FB/H-back Hunter Luepke, OTs Earl Bostick Jr. and T.J. Bass, wideouts David Durden, Jalen Moreno-Cropper, Jose Barbon and John Stephens Jr., TE Princeton Fant, LBers, Tyrus Wheat, Isaiah Land and Durrell Johnson and corner CB Myles Brooks. Luepke is a versatile player to provide a key piece for this offense. He shows sure hands to catch and consistent blocking. OT Bostick and Bass were quality additions and both can make the roster or the PS. Wideout Moreno-Cropper was an excellent signing. He has the talent to press for a roster spot and could shock and win a role in the multiple sets. He was an excellent addition and capable of reps from the slot. Corner Brooks could surprise here with only marginal secondary depth.

Training Camp Objectives: Cowboys made the playoffs earning a Wild card berth. They beat a sub .500 Bucs team before losing to the 49ers in the next round. QB Dak Prescott continued to impress during the regular season and fail in big spots in the playoffs. He returns with a strong changing supporting cast entering the 2023 season. RB Zeke Elliott was released. Veteran Tony Pollard rushed for his first 1000-yard season and will be featured. Young receiver CeeDee Lamb is their go to playmaker with vet Michael Gallup and new vet Brandin Cooks forming a potent trio. TE Jake Ferguson will be featured along with rookie Schoonmaker to form a reliable pair. The offensive line will have flip tackles with young Tyler Smith taking over for the left side and veteran Tyron Smith moving to right tackle. The defense is based around All-Pro LB Micah Parsons. He looks to continue to make big plays with rookies DT Smith and LB Overshown expected to play key roles. The LBing unit and secondary need to step up. Veteran corner Stephon Gilmore can provide a spark in coverage. Edge rusher Demarcus Lawrence and LB Leighton Vander Esch are quality staples in this D. The front four stepped up with better pressure with DE Dorance Armstrong providing some impact. Prescott must improve vs top competition if this club expects to be more than a playoff contender who comes up short in big matchups. This roster lacks overall depth throughout and their rookie class is not exciting. New veterans and prior draft class will have to step up for this club to rank with the top contenders.

Detroit Lions - 9-8 - Head Coach Dan Campbell - 3rd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (12) JahMhyr Gibbs	Alabama	RB
1 (18) Jack Campbell	Iowa	ILB
2 (3) Sam LaPorta	Iowa	TE
2 (14) Brian Branch	Alabama	S
3 (5) Hendon Hooker	Tennessee	QB
3 (33) Brodrick Martin	Western Kentucky	DT
5 (18) Colby Sorsdal	William & Mary	OT
7 (2) Antoine Green	North Carolina	WR

The Lions held two #1 selections and traded back with the #4 selection for additional top 50 picks. With their two #1 picks, they chose runner JahMhyr Gibbs and LB Jack Campbell. Gibbs was a surprise this early, though is a talented back with three down abilities. He has the speed to be dangerous on the perimeter with the hands to catch the ball and the surprisingly power to rum inside. He combines fine vision and cutting skills to create space and make plays in the hole. Lions traded veteran runner D'Andre Swift after the draft to the Eagles. Gibbs will combine with FA addition David Montgomery to give

then a completely new tandem. LB Campbell combines fine triangle numbers with excellent FBI talent. He is NFL ready and a good fit in this changing young unit. He attacks the line and is capable of blitzing or making plays at the sidelines or fill inside. He has the talent to be a plug and play starter with the mentality HC Dan Campbell wants from a defensive leader watching this unit to rank among the worst in the league again in 2022.

With their two #2 picks, they chose TE Sam LaPorta and safety Brian Branch. They both addressed pressing need areas and will compete for starting roles this preseason. LaPorta is a mobile sure-handed receiver with developed route running and the ability to read coverage. He was a prospect I loved and rated much higher by NFL decision makers than draftniks. He is an underrated blocker who hopes to follow the rich Iowa TE tradition. He can win the starting job outright in camp. Branch is a versatile defender who can line up a defense especially the secondary. He is a leader who can adjust quickly and line up in the slot or stay in the backend and cover the field as a free safety. He has top instincts and the range to get to the ball and make plays. He gives this defense a much-needed savvy player to cover mistakes and double in certain situations. The Lions first four selections all carried a high level of development to start early and possible as rookies at pressing need areas-

With their two 3rd round picks, they chose QB Hendon Hooker and DT Brodrick Martin. Hooker fell off a late season ACL injury which may delay his rookie season until midseason. He had an outstanding 2022 season and could have been involved in the early first round selections if healthy. He has NFL starting ability though must rehab his knee and settle into the new system. As a 25-year-old rookie, he has the maturity, smarts and athleticism to develop quickly and could press for time here by the 2024 season. He was excellent value here and capable of replacing starter Jared Goff, if the emerging starter slides over the next few seasons. DT Brodrick Martin is a huge space eater with the bulk and raw power to eat up blockers and allow backers to run to the ball. Martin can help them improve their weak run defense and allow edge rushers to stay clean. He is a physical interior defender who brings the grit and toughness this defense has desperately needed in recent years.

With their 5th round selection, they choose OL Colby Sorsdal, a sound technician with good mobility and toughness to make this roster. He was chosen over several higher rated interior prospects, but the Lions project him to eventually start inside and be a valuable backup his first few seasons. With their 7th round selection, they choose wideout Antoine Green, a physical tough possession receiver with well-developed skills. He combines nice size and agility to compete for passes and shows reliable hands to make this squad. His physicality make translate to special teams' which could also earn him reps on that unit. He was a good addition. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Lions part ways with a few high-priced veterans. They did sign FA additions, RB David Montgomery, WR Marvin Jones, CB Cameron Sutton, CB Emmanuel Moseley, G Graham Glasgow, S C.J. Gardner-Johnson and LB Jalen Reeves-Maybin. They re-signed LB Alex Anzalone, edge John Cominsky, RB Craig Reynolds, DT Isaiah Buggs, OT Matt Nelson and QB Nate Sudfeld. They lost RB Jamaal Williams, WR D.J. Chark, LB Chris Board, G Evan Brown, CB Mike Hughes and S Deshon Elliott. Montgomery gives Campbell a tough inside runner he wanted for this offense. CBs, Sutton, Moseley and Gardner-Johnson gives this secondary new blood on a struggling unit with minimal production. They traded former high pick CB Jeff Okudah for a late selection after another weak performance. They signed a good group of rookie UDFAs with the talent to surprise. They added QB Adrian Martinez, S Brandon Joseph, RB Mohamed Ibrahim, WRs Chase Cota and Keytaon Thompson, OT Connor Galvin, OT Ryan Swoboda and OL Brad Cecil, DT Cory Durden, DT Chris Smith, DE Zach Morton, LBers Isaac Darkangelo and Trevor Nowaske and CB Starling Thomas V. Safety Joseph was an excellent addition and can win a roster spot and earn reps in the sub packages in his career. He has an NFL starting grade in time.

Training Camp Objectives: The Lions came up just short of making the playoffs, despite going 8-2 down the stretch. HC Campbell has won the locker room here and drafted players of his makeup – tough hard-nosed players who leave it all on the field. Young QB Jared Goff stepped up and lead this offense to a top five ranking in key areas. He will benefit from receiver, former top pick Jamison Williams, healthy after an abbreviated rookie season. He improves their deep speed and couples with emerging Amon-Ra St. Brown should improve the Lions annual rushing problems. Runners, David Montgomery and rookie Jahmyr Gibbs can provide impact here and a more consistent ground game. The line welcomes the return of OL Graham Glasgow to compete for an interior job. Rookie TE LaPorta has the talent to give this attack a huge boost especially in the middle zones. Their young defense struggled mightily last season, especially their porous secondary. They will have three new starters there, in addition to rookie inside backer Jack Campbell. New defensive veterans will provide leadership along with backer Campbell who is the prototypical type sought by the head coach. The Lions continue to rebuild and feel they have closed the talent gap in the mediocre NFC North. They bring a tough mentality along with a balanced offense and a defense which addressed their problem areas with quality NFL starters. They added a strong draft class with the talent to contribute immediately. Their gritty mentality looks to take the next step to the postseason behind a quality starting QB Jared Goff. They can win the competitive in the NFC North and look to run off their amazing 2022 momentum and strong finish.

Green Bay Packers - 8-9 - Head Coach Matt LaFleur - 4th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (13) Lukas Van Ness	Iowa	DE
2 (11) Luke Musgrave	Oregon St	TE
2 (19) Jayden Reed	Michigan St	WR
3 (15) Tucker Kraft	South Dakota St	TE
4 (14) Colby Wooden	Auburn	DT
5 (15) Sean Clifford	Penn St	QB
5 (25) Dontayvion Wicks	Virginia	WR
6 (2) Karl Brooks	Bowling Green	DE
6 (30) Anders Carlson	Auburn	PK
7 (15) Carrington Valentine	Kentucky	CB
7 (18) Lew Nichols III	Cen Michigan	RB
7 (25) Anthony Johnson Jr.	Iowa St	S
7 (39) Grant DuBose	Charlotte	WR

The Packers' GM Brian Gutekunst held the most draft selections (13) after the blockbuster trade prior to the NFL Draft when he sent star QB Aaron Rodgers to the Jets for a #2 selection plus additional picks. This followed last year's class which 11 new prospects the Packers added. With this year's #1 pick, they chose edge defender Lukas Van Ness, a versatile fast rising defender. He came on strong showing well developed hand technique and the ability to play both inside and outside along with different techniques in both fronts.

With two 2nd round picks, they choose TE Luke Musgrave and WR/RS Jayden Reed. Musgrave is a very talented receiver

who is coming off an ACL injury. He moves well and is fluid in his routes with soft hands to utilize his huge receiving radius. He has the skill set to become a top flight NFL playmaker and addresses a pressing need here that could allow him to win a starting job in camp. He was an excellent addition here. He is an underrated blue-chip prospect with a huge upside as a pro and best suited for the flex position. WR/RS Reed is a versatile playmaker who addresses a few key needs. He runs well and has both the quickness and speed to make plays with the ability to play outside or in the slot. He is the best returner in this class especially as a punt returner. He was a slight reach this early, though a few clubs were interested in his return ability that elevated him to the mid second day. He has the development to start as a rookie. In the 3rd round, they surprisingly choose another TE Tucker Kraft, a well-rounded inline prospect. He combines size, speed, pass catching and agility. He understands coverage and finds openings in the middle and red zones to play in multiple sets. He was a solid addition and may start along with Musgrave in several formations. With their 4th round pick, they chose DL Colby Wooden, a physical versatile lineman with a nice level of development. He fits best in a five technique and graded out high vs SEC blockers. He figures to get reps in their line rotation, including the three-technique role. With two 5th round picks, they chose QB Sean Clifford and WR Dontayvion Wicks. Clifford was a surprise this early and a definite reach. He has extensive experience at a high level and directed many PSU victories. After the Rodgers deal, this pick was necessary. He is a good game manager, though his talent and arm strength comes up short for starting at the NFL level. WR Wicks is a talented receiver who slipped off subpar late workouts. He has fine length and leaping ability with a big receiving radius. He could prove to be a huge steal here, though must refine his game especially coming out of his breaks to create separation. He has NFL starting talent with development.

With two 6th round picks, they chose edge Karl Brooks and PK Anders Carlson. DE Brooks has five

technique length and holds the point well in run support. He can bull rush from both five and three techniques, though needs work to finish better and add more moves. He was a solid middle round addition and great value at the #179 selection. Carlson has a strong leg and gets an opportunity to replace longtime starter Mason Crosby. With four 7th round picks, they chose CB Carrington Valentine, RB Lew Nichols III, DB Anthony Johnson Jr. and WR Grant DuBose. CB Valentine is a good cover man with the tools to develop further. He was good value here and could refine his reads and instincts with time as a backup or on the PS. RB Nichols is a tough workhorse back who fell off an injury riddled final season. He can make this roster and could press for time in short yardage. Over time, he could be a key piece in an offense as a 1A type. DB Johnson completed his career at safety and graded out well in 2022. He is also an experienced corner with nice grades in zone schemes. He was a solid late addition and can make this roster. He could see time in the sub packages early with extensive experience at a few positions. WR Dubose is a sure handed playmaker who can surprise here. He needs the necessary muscle to take the next step. He can win a roster spot with a good camp and has the AA to go over the middle. Good late selection.

Grade: A

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Packers signed veterans S Tarvarius Moore and LS Matt Orzech. They resigned CB/KR Keisean Nixon, TE Tyler Davis and S Johnathan Ford. They lost QB Aaron Rodgers via trade, WR Allen Lazard, TE Robert Tonyan, DT Dean Lowry, DT Jarran Reed and S Adrian Amos. The Packers signed an average rookie FA class including OT Kadeem Telfort and OL Chuck Giliaga, TE Cameron McDonald and Henry Pearson, wideout Malik Heath and Duece Watts, LB Jimmy Phillips Jr and safeties Christian Morgan and Benny Sapp III and edge defenders, Keshawn Banks, Justin Ademilola and Jason Lewan. S Sapp can surprise here and win a backup role and possibly in their dime package in time.

Training Camp Objectives: The Packers turned the page from the Aaron Rodgers era and traded him to the Jets for a few early selections. They will look to young QB Jordan Love to direct this offense. Love is totally unproven and faces the acid test in year four. Their huge last two draft classes are good start of rebuilding, though the 2022 class produce little except for wideout Christian Watson. The offensive line welcomed back LT David Bakhtiari who gave a solid effort in 2022. Pro bowl guard Elgton Jenkins shows dominant talent on the inside. Their defense continued to land their high draft choices with only good results. LBer Rashan Gary is recovering from an ACL midseason injury and may not be ready for the start of the season. LB Preston Smith provides impact off the edge while NT Kenny Clark is one of the game's best interior linemen. The young secondary made fine strides and has the talent to rank with the better units in the league after further development in 2022. This club fell from the top of the NFC North division and lacks impact to make the playoffs. The trade of Rodgers leaves this club in the rebuilding mode hoping young starter Love is the player they drafted in 2020 when trading up in the first round. The defense ranks in the middle of the league though young defenders can take the next step. Packers have fallen from the NFC favorites, though a weak NFC North may keep them in contention as a marginal .500 playoff team.

Los Angeles Rams - 5-12 - Head Coach Sean McVay - 7th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
2 (5) Steve Avila	TCU	OL
3 (14) Byron Young	Tennessee	DE
3 (26) Kobie Turner	Wake Forest	DT
4 (26) Stetson Bennett	Georgia	QB
5 (27) Nick Hampton	Appalachian St	LB
5 (40) Warren McClendon	Georgia	OL
5 (41) Davis Allen	Clemson	TE
5 (43) Puka Nacua	BYU	WR
6 (5) Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson	TCU	CB
6 (12) Ochaun Mathis	Nebraska	DE
6 (38) Zach Evans	Ole Miss	RB
7 (6) Ethan Evans	Wingate	P
7 (17) Jason Taylor II	Oklahoma St	S
7 (42) Desjuan Johnson	Toledo	DE

The Rams had no #1 pick as a result of the final payment in the trade for QB Matt Stafford. He was the key component in their SB victory. With their 2nd round pick, they selected OL Steve Avila, a wide body physical blocker with experience at both center and guard. He projects inside to guard and could win the job outright with a strong preseason. He was good value here. With their two 3rd round picks, they selected edge defender Byron Young and DT Kobie Turner. Young was a difference maker for the Vols and gets a chance to win time on the edge here. His speed will allow him to play in many sets and a good piece for their changing defense. DT Turner is an undersized lineman with quickness and instincts to press for time in the line rotation. He can give this front a boost as a pass rusher.

With their 4th round pick, they selected QB Stetson Bennett, a two-time leader for the national champions. Though only marginal size and physical skills, he

has the intangibles and the ability to make key plays under pressure. He was a reach this early, though gives the Rams a much-needed young backup for veteran Matthew Stafford. With four 5th round picks, they selected LB Nick Hampton, OG Warren McClendon, TE Davis Allen and WR Puka Nacua. LB Hampton is a developed edge rusher who can earn reps here. He is a very good athlete who can impress once he settles in this system. OG McClendon is a mobile blocker with time at a few line positions. He was good value here and can push for starting time early in his career. TE Allen is an agile receiver with good hands and route running to give an offense a boost in multiple sets. He was a solid addition here. WR Nacua is a savvy route runner with top hands and marginal speed. He will compete for time in multiple sets and is capable of being a huge surprise and possible starting as a rookie.

With their three 6th round picks, they selected CB Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson, DE Ochaun Mathis and RB Zach Evans. Hodges-Tomlinson is a playmaker who ran poorly at the workouts which hurt his final draft grade. He graded out well vs top talent and can fit in the sub packages especially as a slot corner. He was good late value. DE Mathis is a nice combination of quickness and technique and gets a chance in camp to fill a role in the sub packages. He needs to show more power in his punch and core. RB Evans joins a club looking for a boost from a running back. Evans can press for time and possibly win a 1A type of role. Good late value. With three 7th round picks, they drafted punter Ethan Evans, safety Jason Taylor II and edge Desjuan Johnson. Evans needs to impress in camp to win the job. He also can kickoff. Safety Taylor is a good athlete with adequate size. He shows range and speed and could earn time in the sub packages early off his coverage skills. Johnson is an undersized edge defender with average speed off the edge and may move inside to press for time. He will have to make the squad off his special teams' value. He may refine his skills on the practice squad. **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The signed no veteran FAs. They acquired TE Hunter Long in the Jalen Ramsey trade. They re-signed G Coleman Shelton. They lost edge Leonard Floyd, LB Bobby Wagner, QB Baker Mayfield, G David Edwards, P Riley Dixon, WR Brandon Powell, CB David Long, S Taylor Rapp, S Nick Scott, LS Matt Orzech and K Matt Gay. They signed an average group of rookie UDFAs in RB Tiyon Evans, WR Tyler Hudson, WR Xavier Smith, TE Christian Sims, OL Michael McAllister, backers Kelechi Anyalebechi and DeAndre Square, corners Timarcus Davis, Jordan Jones and Tyon Davis, safeties Collin Duncan, Tanner Ingle, Quindell Johnson, Rashad Torrence II and Jaiden Woodbey, PK Tanner Brown and Christopher Dunn and LS Alex Ward.

Training Camp Objectives: The Rams fell to 5-12 and out of the playoffs during their SB hangover. Injuries played a huge role with QB Matthew Stafford, wideout Cooper Kupp and DT Aaron Donald all missing key parts of the season. All were very clutch in the biggest games. Their offense fell the most both in the passing and ground games. QB Stafford struggled in half a season and needs to regroup quickly to prove he is still a strong passer entering his 14th season. The offensive line missed LT Andrew Whitworth tremendously in 2022. The line has a few openings that must be resolved to return to 2021 form. The ground game struggled again and hopes vet Akers improves and rookie Evans gives this unit a boost. Wideout Kupp returns as one of the best in the league. The defensive front relies on premier tackle Aaron Donald to set the pace. This year he will be without LBers Wagner and Floyd, CB Ramsey and DTs Robinson and Gaines which makes him the prime focus of every offense. The secondary is totally unproven and will be tested especially with only an average front seven. Their young defenders will have to step up for this unit to compete in the tough NFC West where each club is a threat for the divisional title. This club will be hard pressed to regain leadership in the West or make the playoffs with too many questions related to their offensive line and overall defense. Their prime players are still elite players and must be the difference in 2023.

Minnesota Vikings - 13-4 - Head Coach Kevin O'Donnell - 2nd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (24) Jordan Addison	USC	WR
3 (39) Mekhi Blackmon	USC	CB
4 (32) Jay Ward	LSU	S
5 (7) Jaquelin Roy	LSU	DT
5 (30) Jaren Hall	BYU	QB
7 (5) DeWayne McBride	UAB	RB

The Vikings addressed their receiving corps in the first round with the selection of Jordan Addison. He is a polished receiver whose production fell in 2022 after transferring from Pittsburgh. He is fine short area quickness with good speed to break plays, though not an elite burner. He was part of a run of four consecutive receivers selected in the first round. He gets a chance to win a starting role after the release of veteran Adam Thielen. He works both out of the slot and outside. He can also return punts.

They traded their #2 pick to their division rival the Lions last year for the trade that brought TE T.J. Hockenson. With the 3rd selection, they choose corner Mekhi Blackmon, an athlete coming off a big 2022 season after transferring from Colorado. Smooth mover with the burst to close and break up passes. His injury history is a concern, especially

with a lean frame. He shows the speed to matchup in coverage and addresses a pressing need after a poor 2022 performance in coverage and several losses at the position. He can win a starting role outright this preseason. In the 4th round, they chose safety Jay Ward, a versatile long defender with experience at both safety and corner. Interesting prospect with extensive experience at every position in the secondary. Fits safety best with length to matchup with tight ends and big slot receivers. Willing tackler with adequate frame. Good addition.

With two 5th round picks, they chose DT Jaquelin Roy and QB Jaren Hall. DT Roy is a good run stuffer and could earn significant reps after offseason losses. QB Hall joins a small group at the position. He is an accurate passer with mobility and graded out well over his long career. He can make this club as the #3 passer and possibly move up quickly. In the 7th round, they chose runner DeWayne McBride, a physical emerging playmaker with speed and instincts. He is an ideal fit here, especially after the release of veteran Dalvin Cook. He has been a workhorse, though must prove durable after a lingering 2022 injury. He was an excellent addition and a probable rookie starter and good late value if he proves healthy. He must prove good ball security. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Vikings signed edge Marcus Davenport, TE Josh Oliver, CB Byron Murphy, LB Troy Reeder and WR Brandon Powell. They re-signed C Garrett Bradbury, RB Alexander Mattison, QB Nick Mullens, K Greg Joseph, TE Ben Ellefson, G Austin Schlottmann and FB C.J. Ham. They lost WR Adam Thielen, TE Irv Smith Jr., DT Dalvin Tomlinson, LB Eric Kendricks, CB Patrick Peterson, CB Cameron Dantzler, and CB Duke Shelley. DE Davenport is needed to show consistent edge pressure. CB Murphy gives them a much need quality starter and was a top signing. They added an average rookie UDFAs class in OL Alan Ali and Jacky Chen, QB/WR Cephus Johnson, wideouts Malik Knowles and Thayer Thomas, TE Ben Sims, DT Calvin Avery, LB Wilson Huber, LB Ivan Pace Jr., Andre Carter II, Abraham Beauplan, corners NaJee Thompson, CJ ColdonIndiana and Jaylin Williams and PK Jack Podlesny. Edge defender Andre Carter will press for a roster spot and can make this roster and eventually earn time as a situational pass rusher.

Training Camp Objectives: The Vikings won the NFC North but were eliminated from the playoffs in the first round by the Giants. Their offense was explosive again behind QB Kirk Cousins with over 4500 yards passing for 29 TDs, in addition to 1100+ rusher Dalvin Cook. Wideouts Justin Jefferson was the best receiver in the game. Rookie top pick wideout Jordan Addison can be a top compliment. Veteran wideout Adam Thielen was released after the season. TE TJ Hockenson has played a bigger role here with each game experience. The line improved in protection and has a few very talent blockers in O'Neill, Darrisaw and Cleveland. The defense was terrible again and lead to a major housecleaning with FA additions DE Davenport and CB Murphy. Rookie CB Blackmon is capable of surprising here and winning a starting job in camp. The Vikes defense ranked among the worst in the league again and needs the all. the secondary to step up and second year top picks, safety Cine and corner Booth counted on to press for starting time. Their defense must improve if the Vikes expect to reach the postseason. Veteran offense can still deliver, though the young defense with determine how far this club can improve and possible postseason hopes.

New Orleans Saints - 7-10 - Head Coach Dennis Allen - 2nd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (30) Bryan Bresee	Clemson	DT
2 (9) Isaiah Foskey	Notre Dame	DE
3 (8) Kendre Miller	TCU	RB
4 (1) Nick Saldiveri	Old Dominion	OT
4 (25) Jake Haener	Fresno State	QB
5 (12) Jordan Howden	Minnesota	S
6 (18) A.T. Perry	Wake Forest	WR

The Saints held a late #1 pick as a result of prior trades. They chose DL Bryan Bresee, a big mobile versatile lineman with nice grades vs top competition. He will compete for a starting job in camp and is expected to be a huge factor in their line rotation. He will get a first look inside where he can provide some impact here. Sold selection.

In the 2nd round, they choose DE Isaiah Foskey, a quick edge rusher with nice production over a long career. He is quick off the ball with the length and footwork to bend the edge and be a factor opposite Pro Bowler Cameron

Jordan. He fell off some concerns related to run support, though his grades were good to hold the edge and anchor. He was a fine addition and value here. Initially, he could settle into a situational rushing role and may take a season before earning a fulltime duty.

With their 3rd round pick, they selected RB Kendre Miller, a big back with quick feet and balance to run inside and outside. One year starter with huge 2022 production. Best football is ahead which pushed him into the top 75 selections. He will push starter Alvin Kamara for touches and could win the feature back role early in his career. With two 4th round picks, they chose OL Nick Saldiveri and QB Jake Haener. OL Saldiveri is a quality

lineman with most of his experience at right tackle. Good base and adequate footwork with sound technique to continue to develop. Impressed at Senior Bowl week which elevated his stock with a starting grade in time, including at guard. QB Haener is a smart leader who combines many intangibles and good skills with average size and arm strength. He is a savvy game manager who gets a long look here and can win the #3 role and move up reasonably quick early in his career.

With their 5th round pick, they chose safety Jordan Howden, a productive defender with good tackling skills. He fills the box safety role and has the length to cover tight ends. He should be a core special teams' performer here. With their 6th round pick, they chose wideout A.T. Perry, a big possession receiver with a huge radius and reliable hands. He is not a burner and that pushed him down the charts. He can surprise here and push for time in multiple sets and lines up best on the outside. Fine late selection. **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed veterans QB Derek Carr, RB Jamaal Williams, DT Khalen Saunders, DT Nathan Shepherd, OT Storm Norton and S Johnathan Abram. They re-signed WR Michael Thomas, TE Juwan Johnson, edge Tanoh Kpassagnon, S J.T Gray and QB Jameis Winston. They lost edge Marcus Davenport, QB Andy Dalton, DT David Onyemata, DT Shy Tuttle, LB Kaden Elliss, WR Marquez Callaway, WR Deonte Harty and S Justin Evans. They had little salary cap room, but were aggressive signing QB Carr and he is the cornerstone they look to for this offense. They look to safety Johnathan Abram to step up and become a leader and playmaker. They signed an average group of rookie FA and several can win a roster spot or land on the practice squad, namely, TE Joel Wilson, OT Mark Evans II, RB SaRodorick Thompson, WR Sy Barnett, WR Shaq Davis, OL Alex Pihlstrom, LB Nick Anderson, CB Anthony Johnson, DT Jerron Cage, LB Anfernee Orji, PK Blake Grupe and P Lou Hedley. Corner Johnson will get a long look. LB Orji is a savvy backer who can surprise here and make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Saints were aggressive in FA and signed QB Derek Carr who gives them their best leader since Drew Brees. Carr can be the catalyst to return to the top of the NFC South. They hope to return to be one of the game's most potent balanced attacks with the return of receiver Michael Thomas to join Chris Olave. Dual threat back Alvin Kamara was slipped in overall production and will be pressed by new vet Jamaal Williams and rookie Kendre Miller. The talented line was only average and welcomes young LT Trevor Penning to claim the left side position. Their highly regarded defense made changes after FA losses along the line with tackle Nathan Shepherd counted on to improve their suspect run defense. They surrendered less air yardage and applied good pass pressure with vet Cameron Jordan the top edge defender. Their secondary relies corner Marshon Lattimore and safety Tyrann Mathieu. Veteran safety Marcus Maye was injured again and missed multiple games. Mike backer Demario Davis finally made the Pro Bowl and is the anchor in this unit. Saints changing offensive leadership is critical for them to compete and will determine if they return to the top of the South. Carr can be the prime leader here and looks to new playmakers to provide impact.

New York Giants - 9-7-1- Head Coach Brian Daboll - 2nd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (24) Tre Banks	Maryland	CB
2 (26) John Michael Schmitz	Minnesota	C
3 (10) Jalin Hyatt	Tennessee	WR
5 (38) Eric Gray	Oklahoma	RB
6 (32) Tre Hawkins III	Old Dominion	CB
7 (26) Jordon Riley	Oregon	DT
7 (37) Gervarius Owens	Houston	S

The Giants held four top 100 selections with two 3rd round picks. They traded #100 to the Raiders for TE Darren Waller, a former Pro Bowler. He is healthy and gives this attack a big-time threat in the middle seam and red zone. They had clear needs entering the draft and used their top three selections to address key positions. In the first round, they traded up one spot to select corner Tre Banks, a long athletic physical cover man with blue chip skills. He came on strong in 2022 and was the only corner in the country

to neutralize Marvin Harrison in their November matchup. He has NFL shutdown talent, though needs development in route recognition and multiple moves. He carries a rookie starting grade and a terrific addition late in the round.

With their 2nd round pick, they chose center John Michael Schmitt, a wide body tough lineman with experience at both center and guard positions. He graded out high vs Big Ten talent and is NFL ready for the pivot. He can handle a nose tackle in single assignments and has the foot speed to get outside and to the 2nd level. He carries a rookie starting grade and ranked in the top 35 on our value board. Excellent selection and fits a major need area.

With their 3rd round selection, they traded up in the round and chose wideout Jalin Hyatt, a lean fast receiver who had an All-American final performance. He has lined up both outside and in the slot with excellent run

after the catch ability. He carried a top 50 grade on our value board and was an outstanding trade and selection. He gives the Giants flexibility for multiple sets on a unit which needed playmakers. He figures to see time in three and four wideout sets and eventually start here. His speed can take the top off the defense and open-up the middle zones nicely for QB Daniel Jones. With their 5th round selection, they chose runner Eric Gray, a productive runner at a few big-time programs. Natural runner with good cutting skills and vision to make tough inside yardage and the quickness to make the edge. Good hands as a receiver and capable of being a 1A type here within a few seasons. Solid addition.

With their 6th round selection, they drafted corner Tre Hawkins, lean tall cover man with good ball skills and the ability to open-up and change directions. He lined up at both the outside and slot and improved nicely with experience. He will press for time at both the slot and outside and carries a make it to challenge for a roster spot. He has intriguing upside and get a long look in camp. He must get stronger to hold for run support and when matching up vs big receivers. With two 7th round selections, they drafted DT Jordan Riley and safety Gervarrius Owens. DT Riley is a physical presence in the middle and figures to provide depth and a run stuffer for short yardage. He is still raw in key areas and is the ideal PS candidate. Safety Owens is a good cover safety with fine ball skills to make plays. He will press for time in the dime package and addresses a need area after the loss of starter Justin Love in FA. Owens gets a huge opportunity to make the roster and play in sub packages. He can make this squad on versatility and special teams' value and was a fine late addition. **Grade: A**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They added a few quality starters in FA in hopes of improving their young struggling offense. They traded for TE Darren Waller with a selection acquired for wideout Kadarius Toney. They tagged RB Saquon Barkley hoping to sign him with a longer contract. They signed WR Parris Campbell, WR Jeff Smith, WR Jamison Crowder, DT D'Shawn Robinson and Rakeem Nunez-Roches, LB Bobby Okereke, CB Bobby McCain, CB Amari Oruwariye and TE Tommy Sweeney. LB Okereke is an emerging playmaker with Pro Bowl talent. WR Campbell is a young speedster who could blossom in this passing game. They re-signed QB Daniel Jones, RB Matt Breida, WR Darius Slayton, WR Sterling Shepard, P Jamie Gillan, LB Jarrad Davis, edge Jihad Ward. They lost S Jordan Love, WR Kenny Golladay, C Nick Gates and C Jon Feliciano. They signed a good rookie FA class with a few having good chances to make the roster or PS. They signed QB Tommy DeVito, WR Bryce Ford-Wheaton, TE Ryan Jones, DE Habakkuk Baldonado, LB Dyontae Johnson, LB Troy Brown, CB Gemon Green and S Alex Cook. WR Ford-Wheaton is a big athlete with intriguing upside. He needs to prove he can catch consistently in camp, but can make this club. DE Baldonado is a quick edge rusher who will press for a roster spot and can develop into an outside rusher for the sub packages. Safety Cook is a hidden gem and gets an opportunity here with marginal depth. He shows good range and tackling and can surprise with a good preseason.

Training Camp Objectives: The Giants responded to new HC Brian Daboll and made the playoffs for the first time since the 2016 season. Daboll guided young QB Daniel Jones to an excellent performance with few mistakes and over 3200 yards and a 15/5 TD interception ratio. Jones also added over 700 yards rushing and was a dual threat who kept them in most games. He operated with an average line and receiving corps, both of which should improve. LT Andrew Thomas is a Pro Bowler. Young RT Evan Neal struggled through a rookie season, though has the makeup to be the most improved player on the roster. Rookie center John Michael Schmidt can be a much-needed anchor in the middle. Runner Saquon Barkley was franchise tagged and is still the catalyst of this club and a difference maker. The Giants need to sign him to a three-year deal. New TE Darren Waller was an excellent addition and gives them a huge weapon in the seam and red zone. Veteran Parris Campbell was a steal in FA and his speed can open-up this passing game. The Giants defense under 'Wink' Martindale was aggressive, though surrendered too much yardage especially on the ground. DT Dexter Lawrence and Leonard Williams anchor the inside and welcome veterans A'Shawn Robinson and Rakeem Nunez-Roches to the rotation. New Mike backer Bobby Okereke was a total steal in FA and can rank with the best in the league this fall. Young vets, safety Xavier McKinney and edge rusher Azeez Ojulari must prove healthy to be effective. Edge Kayvon Thibodeaux showed game changing talent and can take the next step this fall. The secondary underwent a few key changes with top pick Deonte Banks expected to start and veteran safety Bobby McCain a good stop gap addition. This club made important roster changes and added a few impact rookies which can have a huge effect on their success. Jones and Barkley hold the key and a much better supporting cast will help in big games. This club can return to the playoffs and has made up ground on talent vs Dallas, though still behind the Eagles currently. A 10-win+ season is attainable with important maturity of young players on both sides of the ball.

Philadelphia Eagles – 14-3 - Head Coach Nick Sirianni - 3rd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (9) Jalen Carter	Georgia	DT
1 (31) Nolan Smith	Georgia	LB
3 (2) Tyler Steen	Alabama	OT
3 (3) Sydney Brown	Illinois	S
4 (3) Kelee Ringo	Georgia	CB
6 (11) Tanner McKee	Stanford	QB
7 (32) Moro Ojomo	Texas	DE

The Eagles held two #1 picks this year after a deal last season with the Saints. They moved up from the #10 to the #9 spot to select DT Jalen Carter. He was considered one of the true blue-chip prospects this season before some off the field involvement. He reunites with former Georgia defensive tackle Jordan Davis who was their 1st round pick last April. Carter combines unique quickness for an interior defender and should provide impact as a rusher and possible earn starters' job. With their late 1st round pick, they again drafted a Georgia defender in LB Nolan Smith. He is a fast playmaker with a burst off the

edge to rush the passer. He moves easy and can close on the ball quickly to finish. He can win a starting job with a good preseason.

With two 3rd round picks, they chose OL Tyler Steen and safety Sydney Brown. Steen played tackle in college, though projects to both right tackle and guard in the NFL. He was a slight reach this early, though his grades in the SEC were good. Safety Brown finished strong with an impressive NFL Combine following a fine Senior Bowl week. He moved up quickly and gives them a piece for their sub packages immediately. He carries a starting grade in time.

With their #4 pick, they traded up and chose CB Kelee Ringo, a big physical corner with fine triangle numbers. He fell out of the top 100 picks which was shocking. He can be tight in the hips which makes him slow to turn and run with elite receivers. He graded out average vs top receivers and best vs possession pass catchers. Good value here and must improve his basics. With their 6th round pick, they added QB Tanner McKee, a tall passer with inconsistencies which hurt his final grade. He has an NFL arm and will see time in the preseason. He can win a roster spot with the talent to move up with experience and development. On the 7th round, they chose DT Moro Ojomo, a quick interior lineman with the talent to make this roster. He could win a backup role or a PS position and ultimately a place in their tackle rotation.

Grade: B+

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed veteran FAs, RB Rashaad Penny, QB Marcus Mariota, CB Greedy Williams, S Justin Evans, LB Nicholas Morrow and S Terrell Edmunds. They re-signed C Jason Kelce, edge Brandon Graham, CB James Bradberry, CB Darius Slay, RB Boston Scott, DT Fletcher Cox and OT Brett Toth. They lost RB Miles Sanders, G Isaac Semaulo, LT Andre Dillard, DT Javon Hargrave, LB T.J. Edwards, LB Kyzir White, S Marcus Epps, QB Gardner Minshew, S C.J. Gardner-Johnson and WR Zach Pascal. They traded for runner DeAndre Swift during the draft and he gives them a top flight 1A type with premier receiving skills. They added a solid rookie UDFA class in WR Joseph Ngata and WR Jadon Haselwood, TE Brady Russell, OT Trevor Reid, LB Ben VanSumeren, corners Mekhi Garner and Eli Ricks and punter Ty Zentner. Wideouts Ngata and Haselwood are boom or bust receivers with talent, though inconsistent hands. LB VanSumeren is a productive defender who can win a roster spot and become a solid special teams' performer. OT Reid had a big late workout and is a prospect who will get a long look and probably earns a PS spot to develop further. Corners Garner and Ricks have extensive SEC experience and are good fits for the PS if they don't win a roster spot.

Training Camp Objectives: The Eagles won the NFC East division and returned to the Super Bowl. They lost a thrilling SB to the Chiefs. They were directed by QB Jalen Hurts who made huge improvement especially in his accuracy and decision making. He played behind a top flight line and a consistent if unspectacular ground game. HC Sirianni direct this offense to high production in key areas. veteran wideouts AJ Brown and DeVonta Smith both hit 1000+ yard yards receiving. Their defense improved further and set a league record 70 sacks with four defenders exceeding double digit sacks. Edge rushers Haason Reddick had 16 sacks to set the pace. They look to young interior tackles Davis and Carter to step up and provide inside playmaking. Their LB play gets a boost from savvy Nakota Dean and rookie Nolan Smith plus unknown Chris Elliss. The secondary remains questionable though, they resigned vet corners Darius Slay and James Bradberry. The other starters must prove themselves. They rely on Jalen Hurts to provide playmaking and win close games. Their aggressive defense is especially tough vs the pass. SB contender off talented deep roster and success in big game situations. Favorite to repeat in the NFC East and make another run at the Super bowl.

San Francisco 49ers -13 -4 - Head Coach Kyle Shanahan - 7th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

3 (24) Ji'Ayir Brown	Penn State	S
3 (36) Jake Moody	Michigan	PK
3 (38) Cameron Latu	Alabama	TE
5 (21) Darrell Luter Jr.	South Alabama	CB
5 (39) Robert Beal Jr.	Georgia	DE
6 (39) Dee Winters	TCU	LB
7 (30) Brayden Willis	Oklahoma	TE
7 (36) Ronnie Bell	Michigan	WR
7 (38) Jalen Graham	Purdue	LB

The 49ers won the NFC West title again before losing to the Eagles in the conference title game. They held no 1st or 2nd round picks as a result of prior trades for QB Trey Lance and RB Christian McCaffrey. They held additional #3 compensatory picks as a result of front office personnel losses.

With three 3rd round selections, they choose safety Ji'Ayir Brown, PK Jake Moody and TE Cameron Latu. Brown is an athlete with good range and coverage skills. He improved fast over his late career and gets a chance here to press for time in the dime package. PK Moody was impressive in big spots and ranked as our #1 placekicker. He replaces 40-

year-old Robbie Gould who left in FA. TE Latu was part of run of tight ends in the first three rounds. He is well-rounded with reliable catching and blocking skills, though a reach this early. He should win the #2 role behind George Kittle.

With two 5th round selections, they choose CB Darrell Luter and edge defender Robert Beal. CB Luter is a quick cover man with the development to challenge for the nickel role. Good addition with the talent to be effective in the sub packages. Edge Beal is a quick pass rusher who was very effective in that role for the two-time national champions. He can press for time as a situational rusher and should get reps in a rotational system. He is a playmaker with upside, though may be limited to a role defender here. He was good value late in the round with interesting upside. In the 6th round, they selected LB Dee Winters, an instinctive quick small defender. He runs well and picks up keys quickly to get to the ball and finish. He figures to press for time in sub package, in addition to be a top flight special teams' defender. With three 7th round selections, they choose TE Brayden Willis, WR Ronnie Bell and LB Jalen Graham. TE Willis is a versatile prospect who can line up inline, H-back and fullback. He can win a backup role here and provide an experienced backup. WR Bell made a nice recovery from a prior ACL injury and came on over the past year. He is a sure handed receiver who gives open and can win a roster spot here. He needs to improve his complete route tree and prove he can go over the middle and make the tough catch. LB Graham is the third backer in this class. He is a physical tackler who fills inside and can press for a roster spot here. He must prove valuable of special teams' coverage units to earn time to develop in the base defense. He may sit on the PS for a season, but gives the 49ers insurance on a thin unit.

Grade: C

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The 49ers' attempt to trade QB Garoppolo was delayed by his shoulder surgery. They released him with no bids entering the postseason. They signed free agents DT Javon Hargrave, CB Isaiah Oliver, QB Sam Darnold, edge Clelin Ferrell, C Jon Feliciano and K Zane Gonzalez. They re-signed C Jake Brendel, DT Kevin Givens, S Tashaun Gipson Sr., DT Ty McGill and TE Ross Dwelley. They lost QB Jimmy Garoppolo, RT Mike McGlinchey, G Daniel Brunskill, edge Samson Ebukam, edge Charles Omenihu, DT Hassan Ridgeway, LB Azeez Al-Shaair, CB Emmanuel Moseley, S Jimmie Ward, and K Robbie Gould. DT Hargrave gives them a premier interior rusher. RT McGlinchey leaves a huge hole, while CB Moseley and S Ward hurts their secondary. They added a mediocre class of rookie UDFAs including RB Ronald Awatt, RB Khalan Laborn, FB/LB Jack Colletto, wideouts Jadakis Bonds, Isaiah Winstead and Shae Wyatt, OL Joey Fisher, OL IIm Manning, OL Corey Luciano, DL Spencer Waege, LB Mariano Sori-Marin, CB D'Shawn Jamison and S Avery Young.

Training Camp Objectives: Rookie late pick QB Brock Purdy replaced veteran starter Jimmy Garoppolo at midseason and had an amazing performance. 'Mr irrelevant' had a hot hand until an elbow injury in the NFL title game put him on the sidelines. His surgery will heal and allow him to claim the starting job in camp in a competition with injury prone Trey Lance. Purdy combined great poise and production. Runner Christian McCaffrey was acquired at midseason and gave this attack a different dimension. He was a dual threat and complimented wideout Deebo Samuel and TE George Kittle to form a dynamic trio. All are elite playmaker who must be accounted for on every play. The line looks to new RT Colton McKivitz to step in and replace loss of McGlinchey. Their young defense has top talent and ranked #1 in the league. Pro Bowler Nick Bosa is one of the elite edge defenders in the game and commands double teaming often. Mike man Fred Warner is a relentless playmaker while vet Arik Armstead is highly consistent. New DT Javon Hargrave is a force as an inside pass rusher. DT Javon Kinlaw will have to earn time after limited by a knee injury. The secondary shined with CB Charvarius Ward and safety Talanoa Hufanga setting the pace. They are a team to challenge the Eagles for conference honors and the favorite to repeat in the NFC West. Purdy will have to prove

healthy and hold off Lance in competition. Their underrated line sets the pace with top tier skilled positions. Their defense looks to rank among the elite, though their secondary needs to prove up to the challenge after the loss of a few veterans. The 49ers feel ready for a SB run, though key questions of Purdy and secondary must prove positive.

Seattle Seahawks - 9-8 - Head Coach Pete Carroll - 14th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (5) Devon Witherspoon	Illinois	CB
1 (20) Jaxon Smith-Njigba	Ohio State	WR
2 (6) Derick Hall	Auburn	LB
2 (21) Zach Charbonnet	UCLA	RB
4 (6) Anthony Bradford	LSU	OG
4 (21) Cameron Young	Mississippi St	DT
5 (17) Mike Morris	Michigan	DE
5 (20) Olusegun Oluwatimi	Michigan	C
6 (21) Jerrick Reed II	New Mexico	S
7 (20) Kenny McIntosh	Georgia	RB

The Seahawks had extra early draft capital after a prior trade for QB Russell Wilson. With two #1 picks, they chose CB Devon Witherspoon and WR Jaxon Smith-Njigba. Witherspoon comes off an impressive final season and combines excellent short area quickness, long speed, instincts and sound tackling. He elevated his stock at every turn and is a plug and play starter. Excellent addition. WR Smith-Njigba is a playmaker who has been most effective from the slot. He has excellent run after the catch and fine fit here with early time in their three wideout sets. He has good not elite speed which pushed him to the end of the round and part of a four wideout run there. His ability to

get open should make him a favorite of QB Geno Smith.

With two #2 picks, they choose edge Derick Hall and RB Zach Charbonnet. Hall is tough edge rusher who will press for time in the sub packages. He graded out high in the SEC and should get reps in a rotation of edge defenders. He was a slight reach this early, though addressed a need with a transition of talent. RB Charbonnet was a surprise here especially after the performance of rookie Kenneth Walker. He is a big back who gives them a potent tandem with a good camp. He is a tough inside runner and shows reliable hands to give an offense a feature back. With two 4th round picks, they choose OL Anthony Bradford and DT Cameron Young. Bradford had a strong career finish. He addresses a pressing interior need here and could press for starting duty as early as this year. He combines size, reach and mobility with good grades vs SEC speed and power. Good addition. DT Young is a tough run stuffer with bulk, instincts, and power. He holds the point well and shows quickness within the tackle box. Raw pass rusher with only 1 career sack and strictly a run stuffer for short yardage situations initially.

With two 5th round picks, they choose two Michigan players in DE Mike Morris and C Olusegun Oluwatimi. DE Morris is a big athlete with average production and limited experience. One season with good production. Fits the strongside end and five-technique spot. He has an interesting upside, though needs work on his technique and his initial reads. Good long-term prospect. C Oluwatimi is an experienced pivotman who has limited footwork. He fell off system limits and not suited to an outside zone. He holds the point adequately, but not overpowering which pushed him down the charts. With their 6th round selection, they chose defensive back Jerrick Reed, a smallish safety with coverage skills. He shows fine range and the ability to change directions and matchup in coverage. He is a sure tackler which should earn time on coverage units. He has the makeup to play in sub packages with the ability to cover deep and slot receivers. With their 7th round selection, they added runner Kenny McIntosh, a quick sure handed back who can make this roster. He came on over his late career and shows the quickness and cutting skills to get to the second level and make plays. Soft natural hands indicate he can win a 3rd down role fairly early in his career. **Grade: A+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Seahawks signed vets, LB Bobby Wagner, G Evan Brown, DT Dre'Mont Jones, DT Jarran Reed, S Julian Love and LB Devin Bush. They re-signed QB Geno Smith and QB Drew Lock. They lost RB Rashaad Penny, RB Travis Homer, WR Marquise Goodwin, G Kyle Fuller, G Gabe Jackson, DT Shelby Harris, LB Cody Barton, DT Quinton Jefferson and DT Al Woods. DTs Jones and Reed can form a top interior set and protect ILB Wagner to run to the ball. They signed a massive group of rookie UDFAs with a few gems to make this roster. They signed WR Matt Landers, RB Chris Smith, RB Marcus Cooper, QB Holton Ahlers, wideouts Tyjon Lindsey, Jake Bobo, John Hall and CJ Johnson, TE Noah Gindorff and Griffin Hebert, OL Kendall Randolph, DT Robert Cooper, DT Ifeanyi Maijeh, DT Jonah Tavai, edge MJ Anderson, edge Jordan Ferguson, LB Cam Bright. LB Michael Ayers, LB Lamont Bishop, LB Patrick O'Connell, CB Lance Boykin, CB Arquon Bush, CB James Campbell, S Mo Osling III, S Sy Okada, S Jonathan Sutherland and S Christian Young and LS Chris Stoll. WR Landers was surprisingly not drafted. He is a big agile receiver with a make it grade and capable of earning time in the multiple packages in time. TE Gindorff is a physical blocker who can win a backup role once he settles

into the system. He is a good PS candidate.

Training Camp Objectives: The Seahawks made the playoffs earning a Wild Card berth. They were eliminated in round one by their rival, the 49ers. They rode the hot hand of vet QB Geno Smith to a comeback performance. Their balanced offense with 1000-yard runner Kenneth Walker and two 1000-yard receivers in DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett gives Smith a deep group of playmakers. Their young line featuring rookie tackles, Cross and Lucas were anchors on the outside. Their once powerful defense slipped again and will have significant changes with half new starters. Their front four will feature new starters in vets Dre'Mont Jones and Jarran Reed. New backers Bobby Wagner and Devin Bush are counted on improving the run defense. Safety Jamal Adams returns after playing only 1 game in 2022 and is counted on to provide impact. New vet safety Julian Love was a solid signing. Their changing secondary will feature rookie top pick Devon Weatherspoon, an NFL ready cover man ideal for this system. This club reloaded on defense and added key playmakers in rookies wideout Jaxon Smith-Njigba and Zach Charbonnet. This club needs a repeat by QB Smith and a revival by the defense to press the 49ers for the NFC West. They will compete for a playoff spot, but still short of the elite NFC clubs unless young players continue to step up and key vets return to high levels.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers - 8-9 - Head Coach Todd Bowles - 2nd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (19) Calijah Kancey	Pittsburgh	DT
2 (17) Cody Mauch	North Dakota St	OT
3 (19) YaYa Diaby	Louisville	DE
5 (19) SirVocea Dennis	Pittsburgh	LB
5 (37) Payne Durham	Purdue	TE
6 (4) Josh Hayes	Kansas St	CB
6 (14) Trey Palmer	Nebraska	WR
6 (19) Jose Ramirez	Eastern Michigan	LB

The Bucs used their first-round pick on DT Calijah Kancey, a quick interior lineman with developed rushing skills. He is undersized and needs a three-technique role to be effective. He was a reach this early, though will benefit next to big body veteran Vita Vea. With their 2nd round pick, they selected OL Cody Mauch, a wide body versatile prospect who graded high at the Senior Bowl. He can win a starting job in camp and has the development and talent to win a guard job. He is a sound technician with size, agility and technique to

start as a rookie. Sold addition.

In the 3rd round, they chose DE YaYa Diaby, a raw quick edge rusher with definite upside potential. He has the burst off the edge to work with and can be an effective NFL with technique development. He was a reach this early. With two 5th round picks, they drafted LB SirVocea Dennis and TE Payne Durham. Dennis is a mobile instinctive backer who consistently finishes. He can get some reps in the base defense, though will make his bones on special teams' coverage units. TE Durham is a big long receiver with sure hands and effective in the middle zones. He is a dependable blocker with upside with further technique and strength work.

With three 6th round picks, they chose CB Josh Hayes, WR Trey Palmer and edge Jose Ramirez. CB Hayes is a much-traveled corner with time at ND Stat and Virginia. He has good size, footwork and speed to matchup in coverage. He has the talent to make this roster with the development to compete for time in the sub packages within a short time. He must impress in camp. WR Palmer was excellent value here and gets an opportunity here to make this roster. He has deep speed with good hands and adequate size to surprise and get reps in their multiple set. Edge Ramirez is a quick defender who comes on the snap with a fine burst with the hand technique to bend the edge and pressure the passer. He can make this roster and win a situational role in camp. He was an excellent late addition.

Grade: C

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bucs signed QB Baker Mayfield, RB Chase Edmonds and K Chase McLaughlin. They re-signed CB Jamel Dean, LB Lavonte David, G Aaron Stinnie and edge Anthony Nelson. They lost QB Tom Brady, RB Leonard Fournette, LT Donovan Smith, WR Julio Jones, TE Cameron Brate, S Mike Edwards, S Logan Ryan, DT Rakeem Nunez-Roches, DT Akiem Hicks, CB Sean Murphy-Bunting, TE O.J. Howard, WR Scotty Miller and PK Ryan Succop. QB Mayfield can win the starting job outright if given the opportunity. He needs the ground game to improve significantly after finishing last in the league in 2022. They added a good group of rookie FA in runners, Sean Tucker and Ronnie Brown, wideouts Kade Warner, Taye Barber, Rakim Jarrett and Ryan Miller, TE Tanner Taula, C Chris Murray, OL Silas DzensilIndiana, OT Luke Haggard, edge Nelson Mbanasor, LB Jeremy Banks, LB Brandon Bouyer-Randle, DB Keenan Isaac, S Kaevon Merriweather, CB Derek Pitts, S Christian Izien, PK Jake Bates and LS Evan Deckers. RB Tucker was undrafted after a late career injury. He is a playmaker and can win a roster spot and get reps as a situational player. WR Jarrett is a raw athlete with talent and gets a long look in camp which may earn a PS spot.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bucs' won the NFC South division with a sub .500 record and eliminated in the first round by the Cowboys. They lost a few key players from their roster starting with the 'Goat' Tom Brady who retired. His great career included bringing Tampa a SB title. They face a huge continuous turnover over the next year. New QB Baker Mayfield can provide some stability here with the talented young offensive line may be the key here. Their poor ground game must provide more production, relying on a committee group the current plan. Vet wideout Mike Evans may be a trading chip. New skilled position players need to produce to compete in the improved South. HC Todd Bowles looks to veteran defense to step up especially in run defense. Rookie DT Kancey is counted on to provide impact especially as a rusher. The defense relies on veterans, LBs Devin White and Lavonte David to make plays. Safety Antoine Winfield needs to provide more big plays. Bucs are a club in transition and need Mayfield to give this offense a leader and game manager. The Bucs could struggle in the South where each club made improvement and they failed to replace many savvy battled tested vets. This club could struggle to maintain a .500 record.

Washington Commanders - 8-8-1 - Head Coach Ron Rivera - 4th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (16) Emmanuel Forbes	Mississippi St	CB
2 (16) Jartavius Martin	Illinois	S
3 (34) Ricky Stromberg	Arkansas	C
4 (16) Braeden Daniels	Utah	OG
5 (3) K.J. Henry	Clemson	DE
6 (16) Chris Rodriguez Jr.	Kentucky	RB
7 (16) Andre Jones	Louisiana	LB

The Commanders addressed their changing secondary with the selection of CB Emmanuel Forbes and safety Jartavius Martin. Forbes is a ball hawk coming off a strong final two seasons. He gets his hands on many passes. He combines length, agility and superb instincts and timing to make plays. He was a slight reach here, though his high level of development probably earns him a rookie starting grade. DB Martin is a versatile defender who lines up everywhere. He played safety late and showed good

coverage ability with the talent to close consistently on the ball. He is a sure tackler and a welcome addition to this secondary. His versatility may earn him a rookie starting role.

With their 3rd round selection, they chose center Rick Stromberg, a tough sound technician with solid grades in the SEC. He was a surprise this early, but a fit for their scheme along with his high level of development and game grades. With their 4th round selection, they chose OL Braeden Daniels, a versatile lineman who played several positions especially the interior. He carries an NFL starting grade, though a slight reach here. He needs to impress in camp to earn reps. With their 5th round selection, they chose DE K.J. Henry, a powerful edge lineman who anchors well and can push the pocket. He needs technique work and learn to separate quicker from blockers, though he has the components to be every down starter. Good addition. With their 6th round selection, they chose runner Chris Rodriguez, a strong downhill runner who comes off a strong final effort. He can be the change of pace runner to starter Antonio Gibson. He is a good short yardage runner with good ball security and fine hands as a receiver. With their 7th round selection, they chose LB Andre Jones, an athletic defender who runs well and shows the range and instincts to make plays. He will have to earn his stripes on special teams' units in coverage to earn a roster spot. He can fill a role in sub package in coverage with development.

Grade: C

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed veterans, QB Jacoby Brissett, C Nick Gates, RT Andrew Wylie and edge Abdullah Anderson. They re-signed DT Daron Payne, LB David Mayo, DE Efe Obada, CB Danny Johnson and C Tyler Larsen. They lost: QB Taylor Heinicke, LB Cole Holcomb, RB J.D. McKissic, G Wes Schweitzer and safety Bobby McCain. They signed a small rookie UDFA class in wideouts Mitchell Tinsley, Kazmeir Allen, Zion Bowens and Jalen Sample, DT Joshua Pryor, OT Mason Brooks and safeties Xavier Henderson and Kendall Smith.

Training Camp Objectives: The Commanders finished with a .500 record for the first time since the 2016 season, but failed to make the postseason. They have continuously failed to find the right QB whether a veteran or high draft choice. They look to young Sam Howell with limited experience to direct this offense. He gets a very talented group of receivers in Terry McLaurin, Curtis Samuel and Jahan Dotson one of the best in the game. Average ground game may improve if the young line steps up after changes. The defense needs impact edge rusher Chase Young to return to his rookie form. LB Davis moved outside and improved, though the middle is still a pressing issue. Their young secondary benefits from their top two draft picks with both CB Forbes and DB Martin counted on to make big contributions. This is an ever-changing offense which continues to rank on the bottom tier of clubs. Howell probably gets the call in hopes he can surprise and give this team a leader. Still comes up short on talent overall despite a defense which could be among the better units in the league.

American Conference

Baltimore Ravens - 10-7 - Head Coach John Harbaugh - 16th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (22) Zay Flowers	Boston College	WR
3 (23) Trenton Simpson	Clemson	LB
4 (22) Tavius Robinson	Ole Miss	OLB
5 (23) Kyu Blu Kelly	Stanford	CB
6 (22) Malaesala Aumavae-Laulu	Oregon	OT
7 (12) Andrew Vorhees	USC	OG

The Ravens had a solid draft class with picks equally divided from both sides of the ball. GM Eric DeCosta directs this club and combines value and need exceptionally well. He stays with his value board very well and it is reflected in another talented overall class. They wanted to add a playmaker and chose wideout Zay Flowers in the 1st round. He lines up both outside and, in the slot, and displays top running skills with the ball. He has sure hands and is a great route runner who can provide impact as a

rookie here. He was a good addition and one with the development to be a plug and plays weapon this season.

They traded their #2 pick for Pro Bowl LB Roquan Smith last fall. It was an excellent move especially after resigning him to a long contract after acquiring him. With their 3rd round pick, they chose LB Trenton Simmons, a fast versatile defender with scheme diversity. He surprisingly fell to the late top 100 and was outstanding value there. He is a quality nickel backer for the sub package with the speed to matchup with backs or tight ends. He can blitz and has the speed to go sideline to sideline. Type with well-rounded skills to contribute immediately in several roles before winning a fulltime starting job.

With their 4th round pick, they chose edge defender Tavius Robinson, a strong outside force who holds up well vs the run and can pressure the pocket. He was productive in the SEC and could earn reps in their front especially as an edge rusher. Good addition. With their 5th round pick, they drafted CB Kyu Blu Kelly, a smart experienced cover man with developed skills. His average speed pushed him down the charts and excellent value here at the #157th pick. He can push for time in their sub packages and possible start over time.

With their 6th round pick, they drafted OG Malaesala Aumavae-Laulu, strong and mobile with experience at both tackle and guard. He gets a chance here to win a roster spot on a changing aging unit. He could be a surprise starter in time and a good late addition. With their 7th round pick, they came right back and drafted OL Andrew Vorhees, a physical four-year starter who unfortunately sustained an ACL injury at the NFL Combine. He carried a top 75 grade prior to the injury. He is a physical blocker with a wide base and length to start in the NFL. He needs a season on the IR to get fully healthy, though has the experience to come in and push for a starting role as early as next season. He has a strong punch and can count and contain secondary moves. Major late steal. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Ravens were aggressive in FA with the signing of wideouts Odell Beckham and Nelson Agholor. They re-signed S Trayvon Mullen, RB Justice Hill and S Geno Stone. They lost DT Calais Campbell, TE Josh Oliver, G Ben Powers and C Trytan Colon-Castillo. WR Beckham returns from his second ACL injury and signed a 1-year contract. If healthy, he gives this vanilla offense a missing dimension. They signed a quality group of UDFAs in RB Keaton Mitchell, RB Owen Wright, TE Brian Walker, TE Travis Vokolek, QB Nolan Henderson, WR Dontay Demus, WR Sean Ryan, OL Tashawn Manning, OL Brandon Kipper, OG Jaylon Thomas, OL Tykeem Doss, OL Jake Guidone, CB Jeremy Lucien, CB Corey Mayfield Jr., DS Jaquan Amos, DT Trey Botts, DT Kai Caeser and DT Camron Peterson. RBN Mitchell can provide some playmaking as a third down back.

Training Camp Objectives: The Ravens made the playoffs with a Wild card berth, only to lose to the Bengals in the first round. QB Lamar Jackson went down for the season late with a knee injury. He resigned a new long contract. Jackson has elite skills, though still must improve throwing from the pocket to beat playoff clubs. He again led the team in rushing with a consistent committee complimenting him very well. The line welcomed the return of LT Ronnie Stanley. Rookie center Tyler Linderbaum started every game and growth through the season. TE Andrews is one of the best in the game. New veteran wideouts Odell Beckham and Nelson Agholor are joined by top pick Zay Flowers to provide much needed playmaking talent. The defense improved with the pass defense making big strides around young starters. Young backers Pat Queen and Odafe Oweh need to step up after mediocre results. The secondary needs safeties, Hamilton and Williams to form a talented pair. Corner Marlon Humphrey is one of the best in the game. Lamar Jackson returns and holds the key for this offense scoring more points. Jackson enters year six with only 1 playoff victory. He must improve and perform better vs top defenses. This club hopes to return to the playoffs in the tough AFC North. They combine a tough smart balance of veterans and young talent to compete for the postseason, though an improved passing game may ultimately determine their big game success.

Buffalo Bills - 13-3 - Head Coach Sean McDermott - 7th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (25) Dalton Kincaid	Utah	TE
2 (28) O'Cyrus Torrence	Florida	OG
3 (28) Dorian Williams	Tulane	LB
5 (16) Justin Shorter	Florida	WR
7 (13) Nick Broeker	Ole Miss	OG
7 (35) Alex Austin	Oregon St	CB

The Bills traded up in the first round for the second year in a row and selected TE Dalton Kincaid. They jumped the Cowboys at the #26 pick for a player coveted by both clubs. Kincaid is a highly developed receiver who gives QB Josh Allen an excellent addition and threat in the deep seam. He is a long athlete with prototypical numbers and the experience to start early in the NFL. He needs refinement in his blocking technique, but has impact ability as a receiver. Fine addition and trade to select an ideal fit for their potent offense.

On the 2nd round, they chose guard O'Cyrus Torrence, a huge veteran blocker with high grades in the SEC. He carried a first-round bubble grade and was great value late in the 2nd round. He is NFL ready and will compete for a starting job in camp and capable of winning the role outright. Fine addition. With their 3rd round pick, they chose LB Dorian Williams, an instinctive quick defender who fills a few roles on this club. He can fill the nickel backer role early and eventually start. He should become a core performer on special teams. He fits both inside and outside and type of defender HC McDermott's likes for backers.

With their 5th round pick, they chose wideout Justin Shorter, a long sure handed receiver who runs fine routes and comes out of a pro spread offense. He can help in three and four wideout sets and possibly early. He was excellent value here. With two 7th round picks, they chose OL Nick Broeker and corner Alex Austin. OL Broeker is a physical blocker with experience both at tackle and guard and fine addition this late. He can make this roster and over time will push for a starting job. CB Austin graded out high in the pass happy Pac-12. He is still raw in certain areas and needs time, though could surprise with development. He is a good fit for the PS and has the raw skills to develop further. Solid late addition. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bills signed G David Edwards, G Connor McGovern, QB Case Keenum, WR Deonte Harty, WR Trent Sherfield and RB Damien Harris. They re-signed S Jordan Poyer, P Sam Martin, LB Tyler Matakevich, S Cameron Lewis and G/T David Quessenberry. They lost LB Tremaine Edmunds, WR Isaiah McKenzie, G Rodger Saffold, QB Case Keenum and RB Davin Singletary. They added an average rookie UDFAs class including RB Jordan Mims, WR Jalen Wayne, WR Tyrell Shavers, OL Richard Gouraige, OT Noah Henderson and DT DJ Dale. RB Mims could surprise here. He is a compact tough runner who can find a way to make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bills won their third consecutive AFC East title. They won one playoff game vs the Dolphins before falling to the Bengals in the AFC divisional round. HC Sean McDermott has created a strong tough culture here and look to make a deeper run this season. QB Josh Allen ranks among the best in the league after another outstanding performance. He was a huge difference and will benefit from new rookie TE Dalton Kincaid with highly developed receiving skills. He joins vet wideouts, Stefon Diggs and WR Gabriel Davis and TE Dawson Knox. They added to their tough offensive line with vet guards Connor McGovern and David Edwards plus rookie O'Cyrus Torrence. They look to veteran back Damien Harris to couple with James Cook to give this attack a spark. The highly regarded defense looks to the return of vet LB Von Miller by midseason. Former top picks, DT Ed Oliver and DE Greg Rousseau have been good pass rushers. LB Matt Milano is a developed playmaker who sets the pace here. Veteran secondary benefits from corner Tre'Davious White and high-quality safeties Jordan Poyer and Micah Hyde. This club is the team to beat in the fast-improving AFC East. HC McDermott ranks among the best in the league and directs this defense with smart schemes. They need to produce more playoff victories in a conference of highly rated opponents in the Chiefs and Bengals. Legitimate SB contender who will be judged on their postseason performances.

Cincinnati Bengals - 12-4 - Head Coach Zac Taylor - 5th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (29) Myles Murphy	Clemson	DE
2 (29) DJ Turner	Michigan	CB
3 (32) Jordan Battle	Alabama	S
4 (29) Charlie Jones	Purdue	WR
5 (29) Chase Brown	Illinois	RB
6 (29) Andrei Iosivas	Princeton	WR
6 (40) Brad Robbins	Michigan	P
7 (29) DJ Ivey	Miami	CB

The Bengals focused on defense again this year with their first three selections on that side of the ball. They were shocked DE Myles Murphy was still on the board at the 29th overall pick and quickly chose the defender. He gives them a highly productive edge defender to rotate with Hendrickson and Hubbard.

They addressed their secondary with their next two

selections. With their 2nd-round pick, they selected corner DJ Turner, a fast smart two-year starter. Displays fine ball skills and the ability to change directions and break on the ball easily. In the Bengals changing secondary, he is expected to earn time in their sub packages with an early starting grade. He has a solid addition here. Safety Jordan Battle was selected in the 3rd round after losing both veteran starters, Jesse Bates and Vonn Bell in FA. Battle is a sound defender with strong tackling and sound instincts. He will push for the strong safety role opposite last year's top pick Dax Hill. Good addition with early starting potential. On the 4th round, they chose wideout Charlie Jones, a sure handed receiver who runs precise routes and make plays. Though not a burner, he can be deceptive with the ball in his hands and a good addition.

On the 5th round, they chose runner Chase Brown, a tough quick back with good vision and elusiveness. He catches the ball well and can be a 1A type here with a good preseason. On the 6th round, they chose wideout Andrei Iosivas and punter Brad Robbins. Iosivas was an excellent long term value selection. He combines size, speed, athleticism and hands to eventually start. He needs route work and defensive recognition, though has the talent to start in time. Outstanding developmental type with make it grade and big upside. On the 7th round, they chose CB D.J. Ivey, a long fast aggressive cover man. He graded out high over his final season on a mediocre defense. He improved at every phase of the scouting process and finished with impressive workout. Figures to press for a roster spot or PS position. He could earn reps in most sub packages with development. Good late addition.

Grade: B

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bengals made a few key changes in FA. They added OT Orlando Brown Jr., G Cody Ford, S Nick Scott, TE Irv Smith Jr. They re-signed S Michael Thomas, LB Germaine Pratt, WR Trent Taylor, G/T Max Scharping and RB Trayveon Williams. They lost S Jessie Bates III, S Vonn Bell, RB Samaje Perine, TE Hayden Hurst and CB Eli Apple. LT Brown was an excellent addition and anchors the blindside for Burrow. OG Ford can press for a starting role. TE Smith gives them a good H-back and receiver to couple with returning TE Drew Sample. They added rookie free agents RB Jaxob Saylor, RB Calvin Tyler Jr., WR Shedrick Jackson, TE Christian Trahan, OG Jaxson Kirkland, DT Devonsha Maxwell, S Larry Brooks III and LBers Jaylen Moody and Shaka Heyward. OL Kirkland can surprise here and make this team. He graded out high in the Pac-12 and will press for time once he settles into this system.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bengals won the AFC North title for the 2nd year in a row. They built momentum through the postseason, beating both the Ravens and Bills before falling to SB winner the Chiefs in the AFC title game. QB Joe Burrow had another amazing performance and was especially impressive in clutch situations. With an expected improved offensive line this season, his success should continue. He uses a talented trio of receivers in Ja'Marr Chase, Tee Higgins and Tyler Boyd. Runner Joe Mixon still heads an average ground game which looks to rookie Chase Brown to provide some juice. The ranked defense was average in many areas, though was suborn in points allowed in big spots which allowed them to win man close games. The defense relied on edge defenders Trey Hendrickson and Sam Hubbard to apply consistent pressure. They still allow too many big plays and will have new starting safeties in Dax Hill and possibly rookie Jordan Battle. Mike man Logan Wilson is a warrior and anchor here. Bengals continue to address problems areas quickly – offensive line and secondary to stay competitive. They have one of the premier passers in the game and elite weapons to continue to be an annual playoff club. They need to continue to improve to be the team to beat in the improving AFC North. Burrow is the difference maker and brings the grit and disciplined approach which keeps his club focused on winning in big spots.

Cleveland Browns - 7-10 - Head Coach Kevin Stefanski - 4th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
3 (11) Cedric Tillman	Tennessee	WR
3 (35) Siaki Ika	Baylor	DT
4 (9) Dawand Jones	Ohio State	OT
4 (24) Isaiah McGuire	Missouri	DE
5 (6) Dorian Thompson-Robinson	UCLA	QB
5 (8) Cameron Mitchell	Northwestern	CB
6 (13) Luke Wypler	Ohio State	C

The Browns did not draft until the 3rd round as the result of two trades. They used their #1 pick as final payment for the trade for QB DeShaun Watson. They have yet to reap benefits from that transaction with Watson sitting out the first nine games last season. They traded their #2 choice for wideout Elijah Moore and a #3 draft pick. With their two #3 picks, they choose WR Cedric Tillman and NT Siaki Ika. Tillman is a big strong athlete with good triangle numbers and the skills to be a fine starter. He will push

for early time here on the outside and was good value at the 74th selection. NT Ika is a wide body defender who

eats up blockers and holds the point very well. He should help improve their weak run defense and allow backers to stay free and run to the ball. He was very good addition and makes this unit better.

With their two 4th round selections, they drafted OT Dawand Jones and DE Isaiah McGuire. RT Jones is a truly massive blocker with incredible bulk and length. He improved nicely over his career and will sit behind injury prone starter Jack Conklin his first few seasons. He has starting talent and time to develop and was excellent value here. DE McGuire is an inside/outside lineman with nice production. He relies on power to win early on the down and has the length to keep blockers off his frame to make plays. He was excellent value here and gets an opportunity to play in their line rotation with a strong preseason.

With their two 5th round selections, they drafted QB Dorian Thompson-Robinson and CB Cameron Mitchell. QB Thompson-Robinson has excellent RPO talent and can give this offense a different dimension. He was fine value here and could develop into a weapon for a few roles. CB Mitchell is an underrated cover man who got lost in a deep corner group. He joins former teammate Greg Newsome here and has the talent to make this roster and push for time in their sub packages with experience. Good late selection. With their 6th round pick, they choose center Luke Wypler, a sound technician with good footwork and instincts. He fell off average measureables and will have to impress in the preseason. He was another pivotman selected late by the Browns. He needs time to refine his talent, though good late pick. **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Browns were aggressive in the FA period and signed DT Dalvin Tomlinson, DT Trysten Hill, edge Ogbonnia Okoronkwo, S Juan Thornhill, TE Jordan Akins, WRs Marquise Goodwin and Marquez Callaway. They re-signed C Ethan Pocic and LB Sione Takitaki. They lost edge Jadeveon Clowney, QB Jacoby Brissett, G Hjalte Froholdt, DT Taven Bryan, edge Chase Winovich, LB Tae Davis and CB Greedy Williams. They traded for WR Elijah Moore. DTs Tomlinson and Hill give them improved inside pass pressure. They added a few rookies from the open market in RB Hassan Hall, TE Thomas Greaney, edge defenders, Mohamoud Diabate, Jeremiah Martin and Lonnie Phelps, S Ronnie Hickman, S Tanner McCalister, LB Charlie Thomas and CB Caleb Biggers.

Training Camp Objectives: The Browns missed the playoffs again losing five games by 7 or less points. Veteran Deshaun Watson returned for his suspension after missing the first 10 games while going 3-3 in starts. HC Kevin Stefanski directed this offense relying on this potent ground game to control the ball. QB Watson was rusty as expected and made few big plays. He faces a pivotal season to justify the high price the Browns paid to acquire him prior to the 2021 season. Veteran runner Nick Chubb was outstanding with over 1500 yards rushing and 12 TDs. RB Jerome Ford will be the new backup. The line looks to improvement from LT Wills and health from RT Conklin. The receiving corps undergoes changes with new vet Elijah Moore joining vets Cooper and Jones who have been steady. TE Njoku has been productive, though erratic catching the ball. Their defense relies on their front four to apply pressure with sack artist DE Myles Garrett, one of the best in the game. Their LBing unit played well with vet JOK stepping up in 2022. The secondary has one of the better units with depth to perform well in all the sub packages. New safety Juan Thornhill joins vet Grant Delpit and talented corners Ward and Newsome to form a top flight secondary. The Browns have some of the building blocks in place to compete in the AFC North, though Watson and the line may dictate how far they go this season. This club knows how to loss close games and needs leadership in this tough division where they might be closer to the basement then the divisional leadership. This team does not score enough in big games to win in clutch situations and may be at least another year away from challenging for the postseason.

Denver Broncos - 5-12 - Head Coach Sean Payton - 1st Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

2 (32) Marvin Mims	Oklahoma	WR
3 (4) Drew Sanders	Arkansas	ILB
3 (20) Riley Moss	Iowa	CB
6 (6) JL Skinner	Boise State	S
7 (40) Alex Forsyth	Oregon	C

The Broncos were without their top two selections as final payment in the trade to acquire veteran QB Russell Wilson. That deal was a disaster in 2022 and Wilson looks to new HC Sean Payton to rejuvenate his career and this offense. They traded into the end of the 2nd round and selected speedy wideout Marvin Mims. He is a playmaker who also doubles as a kickoff returner. He can surprise here on a unit with several injury prone starters. He has the top speed to win in the vertical

game with the ability to go over the middle. He was an excellent addition.

With two 3rd round picks, they chose LB Drew Sanders and DB Riley Moss. LB Sanders comes off a strong 2022 performance and ranked earlier. He plays inside and outside with the ability to blitz. His sideline-to-sideline speed will enable him to be a third down defender and probably starts as a rookie in this scheme. Excellent

addition. DB Moss played corner at Iowa and has the talent to start at both. He is an ideal fit for the sub package and capable of lining up at a few positions. Combines good speed, quickness and instincts to start with development and possible at free safety over time.

With their 6th round pick, they drafted safety JL Skinner, a big athlete who tore his pectoral in the offseason which hurt his final grade. He graded out high over his career with the ability to run the alley and the range and agility to cover the backend. He is great value here and capable of making his roster and earning time in the sub packages. He has starting talent and can provide an impact on special team units. Solid late addition. With their 7th round pick, they drafted pivotman Alex Forsyth, a smart veteran who graded out high in the Pac-12. He is a savvy pivot man who gives them much needed depth on the interior. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed G Ben Powers, RT Mike McGlinchey, RB Samaje Perine, FB Michael Burton, QB Jarrett Stidham, edge Frank Clark, DT Zach Allen, TE Chris Manhertz, CB Tremon Smith, WR Marquez Callaway and LB Matthew Adams. They re-signed LB Alex Singleton. They lost DT Dre'Mont Jones, G Graham Glasgow, RB Chase Edmonds, CB Ronald Darby, RB Mike Boone, FB Andrew Beck, TE Eric Saubert, DE DeShawn Williams and OT Calvin Anderson. OL McGlinchey and Powers were major upgrades for their changing line. DE Allen was an outstanding addition and a defender on the come to be a difference maker on their front seven. DE Clark was added to provide outside pressure and was a good late addition. They added a small group of rookie UDFAs, RB Emanuel Wilson, WR Dallas Daniels, WR Taylor Grimes, TE Nate Adkins, TE Kris Leach, OT Alex Palczewski, OL Henry Byrd, DT PJ Mustipher, LB Seth Benson, LB Thomas Incoom, CB Darrious Gaines, CB Art Green and S Devon Matthews.

Training Camp Objectives: The Broncos missed the postseason for the 7th season in a row. Both sides of the ball improved in 2021, though the poor performance by new vet QB Russell Wilson was by far their biggest disappointment. Wilson made countless mistakes and few big plays. They finished last in the league in points scored. The signing of HC Sean Payton can be instrumental in turning the 35-year-old Wilson around. They retained their young receivers Sutton and Jeudy and runner Williams. They made a few big changes along the line, adding RT McGlinchey and guard Powers. Their talented young defense fell slightly and looks to FA addition edge Zach Allen and rookie LB Drew Sanders to step in and provide impact especially as pass rushers. HC Payton can put the pieces together here. The defense played well, though they lost nine games by less than 7 points. The secondary benefitted from young corner Patrick Surtain who shows elite skills. The Broncos will look to their ground game to continue to be productive behind an improved line. With the expected production from Wilson, the Broncos can make up their lack of scoring. This club is capable of a huge turnaround and the addition of two OL starters and a few defensive additions. Wilson still holds the key and must reduce his turnovers for them to get into the playoff picture with the overall talent to compete in the tough AFC conference.

Houston Texans - 3-13-1 - Head Coach DeMeco Ryan - 1st Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (2) CJ Stroud	Ohio State	QB
1 (3) Will Anderson Jr.	Alabama	LB
2 (31) Juice Scruggs	Penn State	C
3 (6) Nathaniel Dell	Houston	WR
4 (7) Dylan Horton	TCU	DE
5 (33) Henry To'oTo'o	Alabama	LB
6 (24) Jarrett Patterson	Notre Dame	C
6 (28) Xavier Hutchinson	Iowa State	WR
7 (31) Brandon Hill	Pittsburgh	S

The Texans held two #1 picks as the results of trades for QB DeShaun Watson and moving up with their second #1 pick. They selected QB CJ Stroud with the second overall selection and look to turn the page from the DeShaun Watson era. Stroud is a young talented passer who is considered a cornerstone player here. He will have to win the starting job with a good preseason, though capable of starting for a long time here.

They held the #12 pick as final payment in the Watson deal. They traded up to the #3 overall pick to select LB Will Anderson. He was our highest rated

prospect and an excellent addition here. New HC DeMeco Ryan was a former Alabama #1 pick and one of the best DC in the league in recent years. He had major input into this decision. It was expensive moving up for both the #12 overall pick this year and their 1st round pick in 2024 the cost. The Texans feel he is a cornerstone defender to build their young unit around. Anderson gives them an elite edge rusher and will be joined by former Bama backers Christian Harris and rookie Henry To'oTo'o.

With their 2nd round pick, they selected pivotman Juice Scruggs, a smart veteran who graded out high over his final season. He was a surprise this early and a reach here. He was part of a run-on centers in the 2nd through

the 4th rounds. He is a mobile blocker who gets outside and to the 2nd level and effective blocking there. He will press for starting time in camp. With their 3rd round pick, they drafted wideout Nathaniel Dell, a fast playmaker with elite speed to be dangerous from anywhere on the field. He is a developed prospect with top speed and hands to give this attack a much-needed deep threat plus the best returner in this draft class.

With their 4th round pick, they drafted DE Dylan Horton, a long emerging edge defender who improved as a pass rusher through his late career. He was a fine addition this late and a prospect with the talent to become a three-down starter. He will benefit from the coaching of HC Ryan and a good fit for this system. He should get a significant amount of reps in their line rotation. With their 5th round pick, they drafted LB Henry To'oTo'o, a savvy defender with good college production. He will press for time in their base defense and is capable of surprising and winning a starting role outright with a good preseason. He was a core starter for Bama with extensive big game experience to make the leap to the NFL. He was fine late addition.

With their two 6th round picks, they drafted OL Jarrett Patterson and wideout Xavier Hutchinson. Patterson was a steal this late. He has guard/center versatility and a starting grade on the interior. He will push for starting time early in his career and one of the best values in this draft class. Hutchinson is a tough possession receiver who was very productive over a long career. He can win a roster spot on this young receiving corps and has the talent to push for time in multiple sets. He can provide a reliable possession receiver to go over the middle and win in the middle zones. With their 7th round pick, they drafted DB Brandon Hill, a quick versatile defender with extensive experience in a big-time program. He is a quality cover man with time at corner and safety. His consistency coverage ability and tackling gives him a chance to win time in the sub packages. Good late addition. He can make this roster or the PS with the tools to develop further. **Grade: A+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Texans continued their huge house cleaning with multiple moves throughout. The entire organization continues to make changes – front office, coaching staff and roster. They signed WR Robert Woods, WR Noah Brown, TE Dalton Schultz, RB Devin Singletary, RB Mike Boone, LB Denzel Perryman, LB QB Case Keenum, FB Andrew Beck, edge Chase Winovich, DT Hassan Ridgeway, DT Sheldon Rankins, S Jimmie Ward, G Shaq Mason and WR Steven Sims. They re-signed CB Tavierre Thomas, CB M.J. Stewart and edge Derek Rivers. They lost edge Ogbornia Okoronkwo, CB Tremon Smith, TE Jordan Akins, QB Kyle Allen, WR Phillip Dorsett and G Justin McCray. They traded WR Brandin Cooks to the Cowboys. The rookie FA class added edge Ali Gaye, RB Xazavian Valladay, WR Jesse Matthews, WR Jared Wayne, OL Tyler Beach, OL Dylan Deatherage, OT Kilian Zierer, DB Darius Joiner and punter Joe Doyle. Edge Gaye can surprise here and provide impact as an edge rusher in the sub packages.

Training Camp Objectives: The Texans finished in the AFC South for the third consecutive season. They continued major rebuilding process with huge FA and draft classes. They look rookie QB CJ Stroud to claim leadership here on a unit which ranked among the worst in every category. Stroud may need to sit initially, but gained valuable big game experience to make a fast adjustment to the NFL game. They look to young vet runner Pierce and new vet FA addition Singletary to provide the run game with more consistency. New TE Dalton Schultz will provide an excellent middle zone target. The line looks to tackles Tunsil and Howard to protect the edges well. Tunsil ranks the best in the league. New vet guard Shaq Mason is a quality upgrade while former top pick OG Green must bounce back from a tough rookie season. The defense ranked the worst in the league in run defense and lacked playmakers as rushers and cover men. Rookie edge Will Anderson was a major addition to become a difference maker here, especially working with new HC Ryan. The secondary will build around two young starters in corner Stingley and safety Pitre who provide leadership and playmakers. The Texans hope to turn in a new direction and plan under HC Ryan. Young players will have to step up with many new starters. With little expectation to improve, they can be competitive and surprise with a few more wins. Their key development is that they play hard and the turnaround begins.

Indianapolis Colts - 4-12-1 - Head Coach Shane Steichen - 1st Year

The Colts had a huge draft class of 12 choices as a result of prior trades and compensatory selections. They have had continuous turnover at QB with a few veterans coming up short in recent years. They struggled again scoring during the 2022 season and consequently finished last in the AFC South. They held the 4th overall pick and selected QB Anthony Richardson, a blue-chip athlete with limited experience. He was the fastest rising prospect in this draft class off his outstanding NFL Combine performance and enormous upside potential. He needs to sit initially and learn the system and understand coverage better. He is expected to be a cornerstone of this offense, though when he starts will be critical to development and success here. His rise in the rankings was surprising, but he has the makeup of a special starter with refinement.

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (4) Anthony Richardson	Florida	QB
2 (13) Julius Brents	Kansas State	CB
3 (16) Josh Downs	North Carolina	WR
4 (4) Blake Freeland	BYU	OT
4 (8) Adetomiwa Adebawore	Northwestern	DE
5 (4) Darius Rush	South Carolina	CB
5 (24) Daniel Scott	California	S
5 (28) Will Mallory	Miami	TE
5 (42) Evan Hull	Northwestern	RB
6 (34) Titus Leo	Wagner	ILB
7 (4) Jaylon Jones	Texas A&M	CB
7 (19) Jake Witt	N Michigan	OT

With their #2 pick, they selected CB Julius Brents, a long agile cover man with developed skills. He fits a pressing need here and can start this fall with a good preseason. He uses his length and speed very well and shows good instincts to make consistently sound decisions. With their 3rd round pick this year, they selected wideout Josh Downs, a smallish playmaker with inside/outside versatility. He was part of a big 2nd day run on receivers and is coming off a strong career finish. He reads coverage well and able to use his top suddenness and speed to separate and provide an excellent target. He has the run after the catch ability to be a fine compliment to starters, Michael Pittman and Alec Pierce. He was an excellent addition at the 78th selection. With their two 4th round picks, they selected OT Blake

Freeland and edge defender Adetomiwa Adebawore. OT Freeland is a top athlete who is well suited for the rightside. He could see reps at guard initially with an early starting grade. He was a fine addition here and capable of being a solid NFL starter within a few seasons. Edge Adebawore is a tough outside defender who surprisingly fell. He had a strong final season followed by an impressive Senior Bowl and NFL Combine. Where he fits is a concern, though he fits in both fronts and eventually a three-down starter. Excellent pick here.

With their four 5th round picks this year, they selected CB Darius Rush, safety Daniel Scott, TE Will Mallory and RB Evan Hull. CB Rush is a long corner who had a breakout 2022 season followed by a strong Senior Bowl. He was excellent value here and carries a starting grade once he settles into this system. Scott improved over his late career and was a solid addition here. Unfortunately, he sustained an ACL injury at mini-camp and will spend his rookie season on the OR list. TE Mallory is a mobile pass catcher who runs the middle zones well. He can lineup both inline or as an H-back and has sure hands and nice run after the catch ability. RB Hull is a tough slasher who can surprise here. He also shows reliable hands and could earn a 1A type role with some experience. With their 6th round pick, they selected, edge Titus Leo, a rangy pass rusher with raw talent to continue to develop. He gets a chance to earn a situational rushing role on a struggling defense. With two 7th round picks, they selected CB Jaylon Jones and OT Jake Witt. CB Jones failed to impress over his final season and postseason. He is a good zone corner and can surprise here. OT Witt is a raw developmental type with improving skills. He has the length and feet for tackle, though may be limited to right tackle while he refines his technique. Good long-term addition who could develop further in time.

Grade: A

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed vets, edge Samson Ebukam, QB Gardner Minshew, K Matt Gay, DT Taven Bryan, WR Isaiah McKenzie. They re-signed edge Tyquan Lewis, LB E.J. Speed and WR Ashton Dulin. They lost QB Matt Ryan, LB Bobby Okereke, WR Parris Campbell and CB Brandon Facyson. They traded CB Stephon Gilmore to the Cowboys. They added an average rookie UDFA class in OG Emil Ekiyor Jr., RB Darius Hagans, RB Titus Swen, OL Harris LaChance, WR Zavier Scott, WR Cody Chrest, WR Johnny King, WR Braxton Westfield, DT Caleb Sampson, LB Guy Thomas, LB Liam Anderson, LB Donovan Mutin, CB Tyler Richardson, S Cole Coleman and S Aaron Maddox.

Training Camp Objectives: The Colts missed the playoffs last season with a collapse throughout especially on their offensive unit. They parted ways with veteran QB Matt Ryan which ended their attempts to add fading veterans to carry them to the postseason. They look to stopgap vet Gardner Mishew to hold the job until top pick Anthony Richardson is ready. Their strong offensive line features guard Quenton Nelson and Braden Smith to step up further. The receiving corps relies on young Michael Pittman and Alec Pierce. RB Jonathan Taylor was missed last season with 6 games injured. He ranks with any back in the league and looks to duplicate his impressive earlier seasons. Their defense must improve to reverse their fall. They need to apply more pass pressure and added help for Paye and Buckner. They need former Pro Bowl LB Darius Leonard return after missing most of the 2022 season. Their young secondary gives up too much big yardage and points. HC Steichen looks to rebuild on the fundamentals and will look to RB Taylor to control field position and clock while young QBs develop. Their defense needs young players to step up and become core leaders. This club has just started a rebuilding project and not ready to compete for the AFC South leadership or chances for the postseason.

Jacksonville Jaguars - 9-8 - Head Coach Doug Pederson - 2nd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (28) Anton Harrison	Oklahoma	OT
2 (30) Brenton Strange	Penn State	TE
3 (25) Tank Bigsby	Auburn	RB
4 (19) Ventrell Miller	Florida	ILB
4 (28) Tyler Lacy	Oklahoma St	DE
5 (1) Yasir Abdullah	Louisville	OLB
5 (26) Antonio Johnson	Texas A&M	S
6 (8) Parker Washington	Penn St	WR
6 (25) Christian Braswell	Rutgers	CB
6 (31) Erick Hallett II	Pittsburgh	S
7 (9) Cooper Hodges	Appalachian St	OG
7 (10) Raymond Vohasek	North Carolina	DT
7 (23) Derek Parish	Houston	FB

The Jaguars made the playoffs for the first time since 2017 when they finished with a 6-1 streak.

They rallied around young star QB Trevor Lawrence to win the AFC South division. This year they choose an offensive lineman to protect the young star and selected OT Anton Harrison in the 1st round. He will get a look at right tackle after the FA loss of starter Jawann Taylor. Harrison will battle Walter Little for the starting job with the loser also considered for a guard role. Harrison figures to start early in his career. They traded back in the first round for extra selections giving them 13 choices in this class.

With their 2nd round selection, they selected TE Brenton Strange, a quality athlete with the talent to start in time. He is a reliable receiver and a solid blocker to give them a top #2 to couple with fast Evan

Ingram. He was part of a run-on tight ends in the 2nd day and was a slight reach this early. to give a defense the leader to unite a defense. With their 3rd round selection, they selected RB Tank Bigsby, a tough downhill slasher who finishes well. He will push starter Travis Etienne for reps and was a durable honest back weekly in the SEC. With their two 4th round selections, they selected LB Ventrell Miller and DE Tyler Lacy. LB Miller was productive in the SEC and hopes to press for time on the inside next to Devin Floyd. He hopes to earn reps on this young unit which is counted on to elevate their subpar defense. DE Lacy has the burst off the edge to provide outside pressure. He is ideal for the five-technique role. He was a surprise pick this early, though the Jaguars feel he can provide playmaking in their line rotation.

With their two 5th round selections, they selected edge Yasir Abdullah and safety Antonio Johnson. LB Abdullah is a top athlete who combines all the skills to excel from the outside in either scheme. He rose up the charts through the postseason off very good measurables plus fine production in big games. He gets a chance to win reps early with a good preseason. Safety Johnson is a big rangy athlete who had an average postseason which hurt his final grade. He is a hitter with good instincts and tackling. He needs work in coverage especially man situations and adequate grades in zone coverage. He can be a top special teams' defender while he develops in their system where he has starting talent. With their three 6th round selections, they selected WR Parker Washington, CB Christian Braswell and safety Erick Hallett. WR Washington is a tough slot receiver with fine skills and good measurables. He can press for time in multiple sets and best out of the slot position. CB Braswell is a raw athlete with fine measurables. He gets an opportunity here with several veteran corners gone from last year. He will have to impress on special teams to win a roster spot and gain time in their system. He could surprise here. Safety Hallett is a rangy defender who moves well and shows sound tackling and instincts. He must impress on special teams to win a roster spot, though has the makeup to make it.

With their three 7th round selections, they selected OG Cooper Hodges, DT Raymond Vohasek and FB Derek Parish. Hodges was a four-time SBC honoree and has the makeup to surprise here. He moves well and excelled in a pro style attack that should help him a longer look on either the roster or PS. DT Vohasek is rugged nose tackle with a strong base and the ability to hold the point. He gets a chance to win a role here and seems destined for the PS this season. FB Parish is a deluxe versatile player with experience at several positions, including linebacker, tight end, H-back and fullback. He has the makeup to be a top special teams' performer and can make this roster outright. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Jaguars signed only a few veterans in RB D'Ernest Johnson, OT Josh Wells, DL Michael Dogbe. They re-signed TE Evan Ingram, S Andrew Wingard, QB C.J. Beathard, DT Roy Robertson-Harris and CB Tre Herndon. They traded for WR Calvin Ridley, one of the game's better playmakers prior to his suspension. They lost edge Arden Key, OT Jawaan Taylor, WR Marvin Jones Jr., CB Shaquill Griffin and TE Chris Manhertz. They signed a solid rookie UDFA class in OG Samuel Jackson, WR Jaray Jenkins, TE Leonard Taylor, DL Jayson Ademilola, LB Dequan Jackson, CB Divaad Wilson and CB Kaleb Hayes.

Training Camp Objectives: The Jaguars rode the hot hand of young QB Trevor Lawrence to the playoffs where they beat the Chargers in the first round before falling in a tough matchup with SB winner the Chiefs. Lawrence was highly

producer, in addition to showing rare leadership for a young starter. Jaguars went 6-1 down the stretch to win the division after five consecutive last place finishes. HC Doug Pederson set the standard directing this offense to a top ten unit in key areas. The addition of wideout Calvin Ridley gives Lawrence a top #1 receiver to couple with Christian Kirk. They sustained OL losses in RT Jawaan Taylor in FA and LT Cam Robinson in a 4-game PED suspension. Young OT Walter Little needs to step up after three starts last season. Rookie top pick OT Harrison will probably be pressed to start on the right side. The development of the offensive line will have a key bearing on Lawrence sustaining his elite level. Their ground game proved consistent with Travis Etienne over 1100 yards rushing and now joined by rookie Tank Bigsby. The young defense relies on a new young LB unit to make a difference. They look to defenders Javon Walker and Devin Lloyd to join DE Josh Allen to make more big plays especially pass pressure. Their recent draft and FA classes may not provide impact and they need them to step up and become core performers. They will be pressed to repeat in the AFC South, though have nucleus to compete annually in a weak division with Lawrence giving them a huge edge over their rivals.

Kansas City Chiefs - 14-3 - Head Coach Andy Reid - 11th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (32) Felix Anudike-Uzomah	Kansas St	DE
2 (24) Rashee Rice	SMU	WR
3 (29) Wanya Morris	Oklahoma	OT
4 (17) Chamarri Conner	Virginia Tech	S
5 (32) BJ Thompson	Stephen F. Austin	Edge
6 (17) Keondre Coburn	Texas	DT
7 (33) Nic Jones	Ball State	CB

The Chiefs won their 7th consecutive AFC West title and followed with winning both the AFC championship game and Super Bowl. HC Andy Reid has guided this club exceptionally well with his second SB title in four years. QB Patrick Mahomes was the prime player and a cornerstone as the NFL's best player. He combines rare talent with leadership to be catalyst for future SB championships.

With their 1st round pick, they choose edge defender Felix Anudike-Uzomah, a fast long rusher

who can bend the edge. He was a surprise this early, though improved at every stop and provides a much-needed outside presence in passing situations. He most likely earns key reps in passing situations and possible a starting role. He replaces the released DE Frank Clark and can provide a fine bookend for last year's top pick edge rusher George Karlaftis. With their 2nd round pick, they choose wideout Rashee Rice, a polished playmaker who emerged over a strong late career. He is quick into his routes and shows fine hands, body control and run after the catch ability. He can step in immediately in their multiple packages with an early starting grade on the outside. Good addition. With their 3rd round pick, they selected OT Wanya Morris, a mobile versatile lineman with experience at both tackle and guard. He will get reps at both positions with expected changes in the preseason. He graded out high over his late career and will push starters and backups for openings. He was good value late on the 2nd day. With their 4th round pick, they selected DB Chamarri Conner, a versatile back with time at both corner and safety. He moves easy and has the range to develop further as a free safety. His experience at corner will help him to line up in the sub packages where he can play multiple positions. This type can surprise.

With their 5th round pick, they selected edge defender BJ Thompson, a long flexible athlete with the reach to keep blockers off his body and bend the edge. He is a classic tweener with issues on anchoring vs the run. He can push for time as a situational rusher with development and a good late gamble. With their 6th round pick, they selected DT Keondre Coburn, a mobile low based interior defender. He can press for time inside after FA losses. He warrants a long look and would be considered for the PS if not the roster. With their 7th round pick, they selected CB Nick Jones, a quick instinctive cover man who had a good postseason. He projects both outside and, in the slot, and is quick to react and has the long speed to ride a receiver's hip down field. He figures to press for the slot role in the preseason. Fine addition at a pressing need area.

Grade: B

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Chiefs signed OT Jawaan Taylor, edge Charles Omenihu, LB Drue Tranquill and S Mike Edwards. They re-signed G Nick Allegretti. They lost OT Orlando Brown Jr., edge Frank Clark, S Juan Thornhill, WR JuJu Smith-Schuster, OT Andrew Wylie, DT Khalen Saunders, FB Michael Burton and QB Chad Henne. The addition of OT Taylor is expected to minimize the loss of LT Brown. They added an average rookie UDFA class in RB Deneric Prince, WR Nikko Remigio, WR Ty Scott, TE Tyrick James, OL Quinton Barrow, OL Anderson Hardy, OL Blake Haynes, OL Jerome Carvin, LB Isaiah Moore, LB Cam Jones, edge Truman Jones, CB Reese Taylor and CB Anthony Witherstone, S Anthony Cook, S Martez Manuel and Isaiah Norman.

Training Camp Objectives: The Chiefs' returned to the SB for the third time in four seasons, winning their 2nd title. Patrick Mahomes earned his elite status for the position with a brilliant gutty performance. They focused heavy on their

key needs in FA and the NFL Draft and were able to address their offensive line, secondary and front four with prime picks. They need to provide protection with new tackles in this system. New OT Taylor moves to the left side for the first time of his career. Young Lucas Niang gets the opportunity to reclaim the rightside job. Their potent passing game behind Patrick Mahomes ranks with the best in the game, in addition to #1 in points scored. RB Isiah Pacheco claimed the starting job from Clyde Edwards-Helaire and a consistent performer to balance this offense. Their receiving corps will undergo more changes after the loss of vet JuJu Smith-Schuster and Decole Hardman. Vet Marquez Valles-Scantling heads a trio of unproven Skyy Moore and Kadarius Toney. TE Travis Kelce is the best in the game and a dominant difference maker. The defense made some improvement in 2022, though falls into average levels in most areas. They look to young defenders to step in and become core starters. DT Chris Jones is one of the premier defenders in the league who is often dominant. Young corners McDuffie and Sneed form a talented tandem. The Chiefs continue to dominant in the talented AFC West and deep conference with several strong contenders. Their offensive line faces further changes, though has recently actually improved and is building a young core. Chiefs are positioned to make another run at the SB especially if they keep the gifted Mahomes healthy and the young defense improves with experience.

Las Vegas Raiders - 6-11 - Head Coach Josh McDaniels - 2nd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (7) Tyree Wilson	TCU	DE
2 (4) Michael Mayer	Notre Dame	TE
3 (7) Byron Young	Alabama	DT
3 (37) Tre Tucker	Cincinnati	WR
4 (2) Jakorian Bennett	Maryland	CB
4 (33) Aidan O'Connell	Purdue	QB
5 (36) Christopher Smith	Georgia	S
6 (26) Amari Burney	Florida	LB
7 (14) Nesta Jade Silvera	Arizona St	DT

The Raiders turned the page after collapsing through the 2022 season. They released veteran starting QB David Carr. He was the catalyst of an amazing playoff run in 2021 when he carried a struggling organization. They signed QB Jimmy Garoppolo despite recovering from a knee injury. They held a top ten pick and selected DE Tyree Wilson. He is a well-rounded prospect with three down talent to start as a rookie. He is recovered from a leg injury, though should be ready for camp. He is counted on to be a bookend to Maxx Crosby and provide consistent pressure. He needs to be a cornerstone here on a

unit which struggles to stop the run and pass consistently. With their 2nd round pick, they jumped at the chance to select TE Michael Mayer, a well-rounded prospect who surprisingly fell off an average late workout. He is a polished receiver with soft hands and runs precise routes. He will block both inline and 'on the move' and can win the starting job outright this preseason. He was an excellent selection at the 35th overall pick.

With two 3rd round selections, they chose DL Byron Young and wideout Tre Tucker. DL Young is a scheme diverse lineman who is best suited for the outside, though can line up in a three-technique role in the sub package. WR Tucker is a speedster who will press for the slot receiver role. He has the burst to take the lid off the defense and was a nice addition for an offense that needs speed. With two 4th round picks, they selected CB Jakorian Bennett and QB Aidan O'Connell. CB Bennett is an intriguing prospect with prototypical numbers the position demands. He is still a raw athlete, though one that proved he has flexible hips, short area quickness and long speed to become a solid NFL starter. QB O'Donnell has the makeup of an NFL starter – size, arm strength and intangibles. He is a pocket passer and a kid who can win the #3 role here and move up shortly once he settles into their system. Good addition here. With their 5th round selection, they chose safety Chris Smith, a versatile defender who fell off a subpar workout. He has experience at both safety and corner and can make this roster with many openings after a poor 2022 performance. Smith can win a role in the sub packages and press for a starting role early in his career. Good selection. With their 6th round selection, they picked LB Amari Burney, an active defender with good instincts and strong tackling. He needs to impress on special teams to earn a roster spot, but has the makeup to perform well there. With their 7th round selection, they drafted DT Nesta Jade Silvera, a quick run stuffer who has played well in big games. He is tough within the tackle box with mobility and quickness and best suited for the three-technique spot. Nice late gamble. **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 signed QB Jimmy Garoppolo, WR Jakobi Meyers, LB Robert Spillane, S Marcus Epps, CB Brandon Facyson, WR Phillip Dorsett, WR Cam Sims, TE O.J. Howard, CB David Long, CB Duke Shelley and TE Austin Hooper. They re-signed RB Josh Jacobs, OT Brandon Parker, RB Ameer Abdullah, RB Jakob Johnson, DT Jerry Tillery, OT Jermaine Eluemenor and WR

Keelan Cole. They lost QB Derek Carr, QB Jarrett Stidham, edge Clelin Ferrell, LB Denzel Perryman, TE Foster Moreau, CB Rock Ya-Sin and WR Mack Hollins. They traded TE Darren Waller to the Giants. They signed an average rookie UDFA class TE John Samuel Shenker, OT Dalton Wagner, OL McClendon Curtis, edge Brock Martin, LB Drake Thomas, edge Adam Plant Jr, edge George Tarlas, CB Azizi Hearn and DS Jaydon Grant.

Training Camp Objectives: The Raiders collapse over the second half of the season and made multiple major changes this offseason. They released QB David Carr who had been a key performer. New vet QB Jimmy Garoppolo gets the call, though is recovering from foot surgery. Their fall can be mainly attributed to their poor draft classes from 2019 thru 2021 when they had six #1 picks. Five of the six top picks were total busts with only runner Josh Jacobs justifying his high selection. Jacobs led the league in rushing in 2022 and is the complete feature back. With a few new weapons, veteran WR Jakobi Meyers and rookie TE Michael Meyers, it will help Pro Bowl wideout Davonte Adams to continue his high production. Their young changing line performed well and was a big surprise. The defense made few big plays and made too many mistakes. They gave up huge passing yardage with marginal pass pressure except for Maxx Crosby. The front four registered only 27 sacks which put enormous pressure on their young secondary. Rookies DE Tyree Wilson and DL Bryon Young are counted on to provide impact here. They look to FA addition, corner David Long to provide stability here. The Raiders hope to compete in the much-improved AFC West, though only if the defense takes huge steps up. They could be competitive in this tough division, though Garoppolo's foot injury makes this questionable. They must show better fundamentals and fewer mistakes to surpass the .500 level and play with the top AFC clubs.

Los Angeles Chargers - 10-7 - Head Coach Brandon Staley - 3rd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (22)	Quentin Johnston	TCU WR
2 (23)	Tuli Tuipulotu	USC DE
3 (22)	Daiyan Henley	Washington St LB
4 (23)	Derius Davis	TCU WR
5 (22)	Jordan McFadden	Clemson OG
6 (23)	Scott Matlock	Boise State DT
7 (22)	Max Duggan	TCU QB

The Chargers made the playoffs for the first time since 2018. QB Justin Herbert led the offense to the third best passing game in the NFL. They fell short on defense and tried to address their most pressing problem with their top selections. With their first-round pick, they selected wideout Quentin Johnston, a big athlete with the speed to get deep and ability to go over the middle. He will command time in their offense especially with starters Keenan Allen and Mike Williams missing too much time in recent years. Johnston will help Hebert with a huge wingspan and the speed to break plays.

In the 2nd round, they added DL Tuli Tuipulotu, a versatile productive veteran who is scheme diverse. He can win with power or speed and has the body type to become a top flight five-technique starter. He had a mediocre postseason which hurt his final grade, though an ideal fit here and probable rookie starter. Excellent addition. In the 3rd round, they added LB Daiyan Henley, a fast mobile backer who goes sideline to sideline. He is very effective if covered up where he is allowed to run to the ball and finish. He can earn reps here and possibly start. His coverage development could allow him to play a big nickel role while his basic skills could line him up inside and start early there. Top selection addresses a need area.

In the 4th round, they added WR/RS Derius Davis, a small fast playmaker with top running skills. His explosive speed gives this passing and return games a different dimension. He can line up in the slot, but also is dangerous on bubble screens and Jet sweeps. His return game big play ability can dictate field position. He was excellent value here and should earn ample reps in a few roles. Fine piece for a few units with big play potential. In the 5th round, they added lineman Jordan McFadden, a versatile three-year starter with time at both guard and tackle. He was good value here and has starting potential at guard where he graded out high consistently. He was an excellent addition and carries a starting grade and possibly early. Possibly lines up at left guard early. In the 6th round, they added DT Scott Matlock, a tough wide body with good run skills. He will press for a roster spot on the inside where there is little depth on the nose. In the 7th round, they added QB Max Duggan, the third TCU player chosen by the Chargers. Duggan had an excellent 2022 performance, showing rare intangibles with smart decision making. He can win the #3 role here and possibly move up to the #2 role quickly. **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Chargers made a key move in FA, signing LB Eric Kendricks. They resigned G/OT Trey Pipkins, DT Morgan Fox, QB Easton Stick, P J.K. Scott, TE Donald Parham. They lost LB Drue Tranquil, LB Kyle Van Noy, S Nasir Adderley, QB Chase Daniel, OT Storm Norton and LB Troy Reeder. The Chargers added rookie free agents C Johari Branch, OL Nic Melsop, RB Tyler Hoosman, RB Elijah Dotson, TE Michael Ezeike, WR Terrell Bynum, WR Ontaria Wilson, DL Andrew Farmer, Edge Terrance Lang, DT Jerrod Clark,

OLB Brevin Allen, LB Nathan East, LB Mikel Jones, CB Tyler Baker-Williams, CB Cam Brown, CB Tiawan Mullen, CB AJ Uzodinma, CB Cameron Brown and S A.J. Finley.

Training Camp Objectives: The Chargers made the playoffs, though lost the opening game in a heartbreaker to the Jaguars. They rode a 4700-yard passing performance by strong-armed QB Justin Herbert. He is an elite passer and the Chargers are building a consistent contender around him especially a front wall. They are primed for the next step with the addition of two rookie receivers in Johnston and Davis. Veteran wideouts Keenan Allen and Mike Williams will have to prove durable to be mainstays in this passing game. Runner Austin Ekeler had an excellent season, especially as a receiver. He is having contract issues with the front office. They need to run the ball better to maximize their weapons. Young back Isaiah Spiller was a non-factor as a rookie. The defense slipped in too many big spots again in 2022 and. Edge defender Mack was effective, though not dominant. The defense missed edge rusher Joey Bosa and CB JC Jackson for most of the season. They are counted on to rebound this fall. Vet safety Derwin James returned to the Pro Bowl. He provides leadership in very competitive AFC West. Herbert is the difference maker here, though needs an improved ground attack to maintain a high level. The defense must improve in run support and need backers to step up after mediocre production. The Chargers made moderate improvement with most West clubs closing the gap. Herbert will still carry this club, though others need to step up in big spots to win key AFC matchups.

Miami Dolphins - 9-8 - Head Coach Mike McDaniel - 2nd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
2 (20) Cam Smith	South Carolina	CB
3 (21) Devon Achane	Texas A&M	RB
6 (20) Elijah Higgins	Stanford	WR
7 (21) Ryan Hayes	Michigan	OT

The Dolphins had no #1 draft pick as the result of being penalized by the league for a player FA violation. They addressed important need areas in the early rounds. With their 2nd round choice, they selected corner Cam Smith, a quick defender who graded out high vs SEC receivers. He was good value here and can press for the nickel corner role in camp. He has the quickness, speed and instincts to win the job and give

the Dolphins an excellent trio of corners along with new vet Jalen Ramsey and Xavien Howard.

With their 3rd round choice, they selected runner Devon Achane, a short compact runner with speed and quickness. He is deceptively powerful and shows the ability to jump cut in the hole and create openings. He joins a deep backfield with no defined starter currently. He will probably earn many reps with the ability to be a three down back in time. He was a solid addition.

With their 6th round choice, they selected WR/TE Elijah Higgins, a big receiver who projects to the flex/H-back role. He gives this attack a missing dimension to utilize his size and speed to create mismatches. He can be a dangerous red zone weapon from a few different alignments. He was an excellent late pick with intriguing upside. With their 7th round choice, they selected OL Ryan Hayes, a hard-nosed blocker who graded out high at right tackle. He also projects inside to guard and was top value here. He has the makeup to start fairly early and one of the better late picks in the process. Good developmental type to surprise and start in time. **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Dolphins were aggressive in FA on both sides of the ball with the addition of QB Mike White, LB David Long Jr., TE Eric Saubert, WR Braxton Berrios, S DeShon Elliott and P Jake Bailey. They re-signed RB Raheem Mostert, RB Jeff Wilson Jr., RB Myles Gaskin, LB Duke Riley, OT Kendall Lamm, CB Nik Needham, WR River Cracraft, OT Geron Christian and LB Andrew Van Ginkel. They lost TE Mike Gesicki, TE Cethan Carter, LB Elandon Roberts, WR Trent Sherfield and P Thomas Morstead. They traded for CB Jalen Ramsey for a #2 pick and TE Hunter Long. They signed a good rookie UDFA class in QB James Blackman, WR Chris Coleman, WR Daewood Davis, TE Julian Hill, OT Jarrett Horst, OT Alex Jensen, OL DJ Scaife Jr., OL Alama Uluave, DT Anthony Montalvo, edge Randy Charlton, DT Brandon Pili, LB Ezekiel Vandenburgh, DE Mitchell Agude, LB Garrett Nelson, CB Ethan Bonner, LB Aubrey Miller Jr., S Bennett Williams and punter Michael Turk.

Training Camp Objectives: Dolphins made the playoffs for the first time since the 2016. They were eliminated in the first round in a close game with the Bills. They improved offensively with the addition of WR Tyreek Hill producing 1700+ receiving yards and 7 TDs. Teammate Jaylen Waddle added 1300+ yards to form the most potent pair in the game. QB Tua Tagovailoa responded to new HC Mike McDaniel who as a good track record with QBs. Tua sustained a few concussions which could jeopardize his career. They need to improve their ground game by committee use which has been only adequate. They continue to pursue FA veteran Dalvin Cook who could give this offense a huge boost, including extending Tua's career. The line remains the key area which must improve with their run blocking still weak. Young vet OT Austin Jackson has been a disappointment and needs to step up and solidify the rightside. Defenders DE Emmanuel Oghab, DT Christian Wilkins, LB Jerome Baker and CB Xavien Howard are considered core

players here. CB Ramsey gives them a premier cover pair with Howard. The Dolphins hope new veterans leads their young players to take the next step. With improved health from Tua and in their running game, they can put their veteran defense in good situations. They should compete for the tough AFC East and playoffs. They are still a club learning how to win, though can surprise in the AFC East each club has improved to compete with the Bills.

New England Patriots – 8-9 - Head Coach Bill Belichick - 24th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (17) Christian Gonzalez	CB	Oregon
2 (15) Keion White	DE	Georgia Tech
3 (13) Marte Mapu	LB	Sacramento St
4 (5) Jake Andrews	C	Troy State
4 (10) Chad Ryland	PK	Maryland
4 (15) Sidy Sow	OG	Eastern Michigan
5 (13) Atonio Mafi	OG	UCLA
6 (10) Kayshon Boutte	WR	LSU
6 (15) Bryce Baringer	P	Michigan St
6 (33) Demario Douglas	WR	Liberty
6 (37) Ameer Speed	CB	Michigan St
7 (27) Isaiah Bolden	CB	Jackson St

The Patriots held the 14th overall pick, but traded back with the Steelers on the clock when they were offered the 17th overall selection. OT Broderick Jones was on the board and coveted by both the Steelers and Jets at the 15th overall choice. With the 17th selection, they chose CB Christian Gonzalez, a long tough cover man coming off a strong career finish. He is a physical corner with the hips of a smaller defender and the long speed to ride receivers down the field. Excellent addition and probable rookie starter.

With their #2 pick, they selected edge defender Keion White, an athletic outside player with fast developing skills. He has a burst on the snap with the power to penetrate and get off

blockers. He was effective at both the Senior Bowl and NFL Combine. Good value here and should earn reps in the line rotation and ultimately become a core defender for this unit. With their 3rd round pick, they added safety hybrid Marte Mapu, a long rangy athlete. He comes off an excellent late career which earned a Senior Bowl and NFL Combine invitations. Combines quickness, top speed, instincts and toughness with the versatility to play a few positions. He tore a pectoral that limited his workouts, but he still went in the top 76 overall selections. He has the components to be a special piece in a defense where Belichick is a master at using his type of defender to the fullest.

With three 4th round picks, they added OL Jake Andrews, PK Chad Ryland and guard Sidy Sow. OL Andrews is a developed prospect who continued to rise over the postseason. He addresses a high need area after losing veteran OL, Ted Karras, Joe Thuney and Shaq Mason in recent offseasons. Andrews was impressive at the Senior Bowl and elevated his ranking nicely. He has interior versatility, though best in the pivot. He has the footspeed to get to the perimeter and second level, in addition to anchor vs nose tackles. Fine addition. PK Ryland has a strong leg and impressed at two college stops. He can win the job vacated by veteran Nick Foles who left in FA. OG Sow is a hog guard with a wide base and powerful core. He moves well in the tackle box and can surprise here with only marginal current depth.

With their 5th round pick, they added guard Atonio Mafi, another wide body lineman with time at a few spots. He is a physical sound technician who matches up well vs power and speed. He can start in time with a good preseason and the type who can have a career on the inside. With four 6th round picks, they added wideout Kayshon Boutte, punter Bryce Baringer, wideout Demario Douglas and CB Ameer Speed. WR Boutte is a playmaker who fell significantly off a subpar final season and postseason. He is healthy and gets an opportunity here where he can surprise and win a starting role this fall. He works both outside and out of the slot and should earn extensive time in this passing game. This prospect could be one of the biggest steals in the draft, though clearly a boom or bust selection. Punter Baringer has a strong leg with good hang time and no blocks in a long career. He kicked in a similar climate and should join Ryland to form a rookie duo of kickers. Douglas is a fast playmaker who can surprise here. He must impress in the preseason in multiple sets, in addition to the return game where there is an opportunity. CB Speed is a tall cover man who transferred from Georgia where he saw little playing time. He is an intriguing project off his triangle numbers and could line up over tight ends or see reps as he big nickel role. Type gives them depth to develop and need sit on the PS for a season refining his skills.

Grade: B+

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Pats added quality veterans in FA and signed players WR JuJu Smith-Schuster, TE Mike Gesicki, OT Riley Reiff, RB James Robinson, OT Calvin Anderson, LB Chris Board and P Corliss Waitman. They re-signed WR DeVante Parker, CB Jonathan Jones, CB Jalen Mills, S Jabrill Peppers, G James

Ferentz, LS Joe Cardona, LBers Ja'Whaun Bentley, Mack Wilson and LB Raekwon McMillan. They lost WR Jakobi Meyers, RB Damien Harris, TE Jonnu Smith and P Jake Bailey. Veteran safety Devin McCourty retired after an excellent career. The Pats signed a very small group of UDFA in QB Malik Cunningham, TE Johnny Lumpkin and LB/S Jourdan Heilig.

Training Camp Objectives: The Pats failed to make the playoffs, going 2-5 to close the season. They had an outstanding draft class and solid FA additions. They look to young QB Marc Jones to step up and he should benefit from new OC Bill O'Brien. They added playmakers TE Mike Gesicki and WR JuJu Smith-Schuster. Vet wideout DeVante Parker should play a bigger role in this passing game. They hope to sign FA DeAndre Hopkins before the start of camp. The ground game was ineffective, though Rhamondre Stevenson went over the 1000-yard mark. TE Hunter Henry is a quality receiver and good performer to couple with Gesicki. Their veteran defense keeps them in most games with big plays. They will benefit who their top three draft choices all of whom should play a key role in their packages. HC Belichick will be tested to fit new players into his defensive schemes, though he shows the ability to place them into his schemes. LB Matthew Judon was an impact force again off the edge, though needs a stronger supporting cast. They will have to score more points to compete in the potent AFC East and look to O'Brien to get the most from Marc Jones with key new playmakers. They face a much-improved division and their matchups will go a long way to deciding any playoff appearance. This club knows how to win with Belichick the master of game plans and schemes to get the most out of his roster. Club is capable to returning to the playoffs, though prime players must have strong performances.

New York Jets - 7-10 - Head Coach Robert Saleh - 3rd Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class		
1 (15) Will McDonald	Iowa State	Edge
2 (12) Joe Tippmann	Wisconsin	C
4 (18) Carter Warren	Pittsburgh	OT
5 (9) Israel Abanikanda	Pittsburgh	RB
6 (7) Zaire Barnes	W Michigan	LB
6 (27) Jarrick Bernard-Converse	LSU	CB
7 (3) Zack Kuntz	Old Dominion	TE

The Jets were prepared to select OT Broderick Jones when the Steelers traded up with the Patriots to grab the talent tackle. The Jets shifted gears and drafted edge defender Will McDonald. He has an elite burst off the edge with the ability to use his length and bend the edge to pressure the outside. He was a surprise this early and a reach here, though addresses a need area for their sub packages. He needs to get stronger to hold the point better in run support with his early value as an edge rusher.

With their 2nd round pick, they choose pivotman Joe Tippman, a huge agile blocker who also projects to guard. He comes off a strong finish and is a solid addition here who will press for starting duty in camp and capable of winning a starting role. Good selection. With their 3rd round pick, they came right back on the offensive line and selected OT Carter Warren. He was a rising prospect off a strong 2022 performance, though a surprise here. He was part of a run-on linemen through the middle rounds. He projects to both tackle and guard and can make this roster. He may need a season to settle into a position and this system, but could surprise if he continues to refine his skills.

With their 5th round pick, they selected runner Israel Abanikanda, a back hard charging back with the talent to surprise. He can push for reps here with a good preseason. With starter Breece Hall probably not ready for the start of the season, he could be a factor in the ground game. Good middle round selection. With two 6th round picks, they selected LB Zaire Barnes and corner Jarrick Bernard-Converse. Barnes can win a roster spot with a good preseason, though needs to show he can produce on special teams. CB Bernard-Converse is a versatile defender with size, speed, agility and experience to make this roster. Interesting addition with definite upside to play in the sub packages on the corner or deep zone. Good late addition. On the 7th round, they selected TE Zach Kuntz, a big athlete coming off an impressive NFL Combine. He was terrific value this late and has the talent to be a fine receiver especially in the red zone. Aaron Rodgers can bring out the best in him. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Jets had a huge salary cap cushion and were very aggressive in FA. They signed FAs, QB Aaron Rodgers, WR Allen Lazard, S Amos Adams, C Wes Schweitzer, WR Mecole Hardman and P Thomas Morstead. They re-signed LB Quincy Williams, edge Solomon Thomas, K Greg Zuerlein, RB Ty Johnson. They acquired S Chuck Clark for a late selection. Unfortunately, he sustained an ACL injury in mini-camp. They lost QB Mike White, WR Jeff Smith, G Dan Feeney, G Nate Herbig, WR Braxton Berrios, RB James Robinson. They traded WR Elijah Moore to the Browns for flipping a 2nd round pick for their 3rd round selection. They signed an average UDFA class in WR Jason Brownlee, WR T.J. Luther, RB Travis Dye, WR Xavier Gipson, WR EJ Jenkins,

edge Deshaun Alexander, LB Claudin Cherelus, LB Caleb Johnson. LB Maalik Hall, CB Kahlel Hailassie, S Trey Dean III and S Marquis Waters.

Training Camp Objectives: The Jets missed the playoffs for the 12th consecutive season, losing their final six games. GM Douglas's four-year record to 15-51. He was aggressive pursuing veteran QB Aaron Rodgers after the late season collapse. Young QB Zach Wilson has been a colossal mistake as the 2nd overall selection in 2021. He struggled through a terrible 2022 season with weak protection and a subpar ground game. The Jets have a stronger supporting cast for Rodgers with new additions at the skilled positions. LT Mekhi Becton returns from an injured knee and a reduced 350 lbs. He faces a key camp with his performance determining where and if he starts. Veteran LT Duane Brown hopes to protect the blindside. Guards Tomlinson joins returning Alijah Vera-Tucker to form a top pair along with center Connor McGovern. Wideout Garrett Wilson is a blue-chip receiver with big play ability. New veteran receivers, Allen Lazard and Mecole Hardman give this unit a boost. Hardman is a difference maker in the return game. Rodgers can elevate every player's game a level. HC Robert Saleh turns the offense over to OC Nathaniel Hackett, a prior coordinator for Rodgers in Green Bay. The Jets highly regarded defense failed in big spots over the final months. They were dominant earlier in the year but slipped in key areas. The unit features DT Quinnen Williams, Mike backer CJ Mosley and corner Sauce Gardner among the best at their positions. The healthy return of edge rusher Carl Lawson helped and young edge defender Jermaine Johnson is expected to step up this fall. The defense needs to stay healthy, especially Lawson and Mosley while the young secondary will have to mature quickly for this unit to improve over last year. Though improved, there are too many pressing questions to be too optimistic. HC Saleh will continue to change the culture here looking to key veterans to step up and produce in big spots. A tough early schedule will test them to the fullest. The tough AFC East will demand this club to step up weekly. Rodgers has the talent to carry a club and the Jets have the supporting cast to press for the playoffs.

Pittsburgh Steelers - 9-8 - Head Coach Mike Tomlin - 16th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (14) Broderick Jones	Georgia	OT
2 (1) Joey Porter Jr.	Penn State	CB
2 (18) Keeanu Benton	Wisconsin	DT
3 (30) Darnell Washington	Georgia	TE
4 (30) Nick Herbig	Wisconsin	LB
7 (24) Cory Trice	Purdue	CB
7 (34) Spencer Anderson	Maryland	OG

The Steelers addressed their top needs with their early selections. In the 1st round, they wanted a true left tackle and traded up ahead of the Jets with the Pats to choose LT Broderick Jones. He is fast developing prospect with agility, length and big game experience to push for starting time as a rookie. He needs to impress in the preseason and prove he can handle NFL edge speed consistently to line up at left tackle. He may start inside at guard and ladder out after experience. He has the makeup of a quality NFL starter and probably earns a starting job in camp.

With their two 2nd round picks, they selected CB Joey Porter and DT Keeanu Benton. CB Porter was surprisingly available with the 32nd overall pick and the Steelers quickly jumped on the physical defender. He is a good fit here and will press for immediate time in their sub package with a chance of winning a starting job outright. He was excellent value here and capable of being a cornerstone of this changing secondary. DT Benton is an excellent fit here with experience on the nose, along with the length and athleticism to play the five-technique spot. He had a strong 2022 season and developed his hand technique and prove he can separate and get off blockers. He has a solid addition here and can win a starting job in camp or play a significant role on their three-man front.

With their 3rd round pick, they choose TE Darnell Washington, a massive athletic prospect with a huge upside. It was a surprise he fell to the late 2nd day and excellent value. The Steelers will look to his blocking and versatility to couple with starter Pat Freiermuth to form a potent duo. Washington is a huge target with an amazing receiving radius. He is tough in the red zone and short areas to give this offense an awesome piece for different sets. His blocking both inline and on the move is at NFL levels currently. One of the best values in the entire class. With their 4th round pick, they selected LB Nick Herbig, a hard nosed versatile backer. He is an excellent fit for the Steelers defense. He was highly productive in college and lined up both outside and inside in his schemes. He can blitz off the edge or from the inside with the toughness to fill the hole and stop the run. He probably lines up inside here and gives them a potential starter there and a developed piece for their situational packages. He can start here within a short period and was excellent value here.

With their two 7th round picks, they choose CB Cory Trice and guard Spencer Anderson. CB Trice is a long cover man with prior experience at safety. We rated him much higher off an impressive close to his career. He will press for time in their nickel package and could surprise. His length and safety experience makes him an interesting

TE matchup with both speed and instincts. Top late addition. OG Anderson is versatile prospect with most of his time at right tackle. He projects inside with the ability to drive block and anchor vs the rush. He has limited footspeed to pull. May move to the PS for a season. **Grade: A**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Steelers signed a few key free agents and added CB Patrick Peterson, G Isaac Semaulo, LB Cole Holcomb, G Nate Herbig and LB Elandon Roberts. They re-signed DT Larry Ogunjobi and S Damonte Kazee. They lost CB Cameron Sutton, CB William Jackson, LB Devin Bush, LB Myles Jack, WR Steven Sims and S Terrell Edmunds. They added rookie free agents QB Tanner Morgan, FB Monte Pottebaum, RB Jordan Byrd, DT James Nyamwaya, edge David Perales and PK BT Potter.

Training Camp Objectives: The Steelers missed the playoffs for the first time since 2019 despite winning 7 of their final nine games. They were directed by rookie QB Kenny Pickett who responded with a strong performance especially in big situations. They traded WR Chase Claypool at midseason for a #2 pick which became CB Joey Porter. Rookie wideout George Pickens had an outstanding performance while vet Diontae Johnson was a solid playmaker. They relied on vet RB Najee Harris to give them power running and he added 1000+ rushing. TE Pat Freiermuth had an excellent season. They look to rookie OT Broderick Jones to help their line improve. The changing line added guard Isaac Seumalo to strengthen the interior. Their defense had a strong performance despite losing All-Pro backer TJ Watt for six games. LB Alex Highsmith had a breakout effort with 14.5 sacks. New backers Cole Holcomb and Elandon Roberts and rookie Nick Herbig will elevate a unit which has fallen in recent seasons. S Minkah Fitzpatrick made another Pro-Bowl and anchors this veteran unit. New FA Patrick Peterson and current corner Levi Wallace are counted on to provide consistent coverage. The fast development of Pickett moved this program forward quickly after the retirement of Big Ben. They want to run the ball more effectively, in addition to increasing their point totals where they rank among the worst in the league. The offensive line may hold the key to any improved production. The Steelers should be competitive in the tough North division, though their veteran defense must return to prior levels to assist their changing offense. They must win divisional matchups after a 3-3 record if they want to return to the playoffs. A stronger ground game raises this club on both sides of the ball and a key to any postseason.

Tennessee Titans - 7-10 - Head Coach Mike Vrabel - 6th Year

2023 Rookie Draft Class

1 (11) Peter Skoronski	Northwestern	OT
2 (2) Will Levis	Kentucky	QB
3 (18) Tyjae Spears	Tulane	RB
5 (13) Josh Whyle	Cincinnati	TE
6 (9) Jaelyn Duncan	Maryland	OT
7 (11) Colton Dowell	UT-Martin	WR

The Titans held their position in the first round and selected OT Peter Skoronski, a highly developed versatile lineman. He is NFL ready and gets a chance to win a starting job with a good preseason. He projects both outside and inside and gets a first look at left tackle. He can win a starting role in camp and has graded out high and tested in the Big Ten. Left tackle was a pressing need after starter Taylor Lewan tore his ACL early and Skoronski gets a chance to start there in camp.

With their 2nd round pick, they traded up to select QB Will Levis when he fell out of the first round. Levis has an NFL arm and projects as a starter with development. He needs work on his defensive reads and going through his progressions before reaching his potential. It was an outstanding move to trade up for a club in need of a future leader. He can pay huge dividends over time, though needs to sit and develop the finer points of the position. With their 3rd round pick, they chose RB Tyjae Spears, a quick instinctive runner with sure hands to give a club a top flight 1A type. He is highly developed and can get a fair amount of reps this season. His suddenness makes him dangerous on the 2nd level. His speed and playmaking talent gives this club a much-needed dimension. With their 5th round pick, they drafted TE Josh Whyle, a long sure handed prospect with good blocking skills. He is well rounded to possibly start in time, though an excellent #2 player within a short time. Also, he is dangerous in the redzone and provides a big target. Solid addition.

With their 6th round pick, they drafted OT Jaelyn Duncan, an agile athlete who needs technique refinement. He is a long blocker with good footwork to slide well in pass protection, though lacks a consistent strong punch. He needs to get stronger and learn to counter better and more consistently to earn time. He could make the roster, though projects better to the PS initially. With their 7th round pick, they selected wideout Colton Dowell, a fast receiver with return skills. He can fill a role early in his career. He moves well, separates and catches easily and capable of winning a backup role. He was a good late addition and value here and can make this roster. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Titans added veterans, LT Andre Dillard, C/G Daniel Brunskill, edge Arden Key, LB Azeez Al-Shaair, LB Luke Gifford and CB Sean Murphy-Bunting. They re-signed WR Nick Westbrook-

Ikhine. They lost LT Taylor Lewan, OT Dennis Daley C Ben Jones, WR Robert Woods, TE Austin Hooper, edge Bud Dupree, PK Randy Bullock, G Nate Davis, DT DeMarcus Walker, DT Kevin Strong, LB David Long Jr., LB Dylan Cole and safety Andrew Adams. Titans signed an average group of rookie UDFAs in WR Kearis Jackson, RB Charles McClelland, WR Jacob Copeland, WR Tre'Shaun Harrison, OT John Ojukwu, DT Shakel Brown, edge Caleb Murphy, edge Thomas Rush, DL TK McClendon Jr., CB Steven Jones Jr., LB Matt Jackson, LB Matthew Jackson, S Tyreque Jones and PK Trey Wolff.

Training Camp Objectives: The Titans missed the postseason for the first time since the 2018 season, losing their final seven games. The offense fell significantly behind a very ordinary performance by Ryan Tannehill. He missed time and enters final year on contract with two young QBs in the wings. Star workhorse runner Derick Henry went over 1500 yards again, but could not change the results in several key close games. They addressed the shaky offensive line in recent years with top picks. LT Skoronski hopes to replace departed vet Taylor Lewan. New OT Andre Dillard gets a chance to start here while young RT Nicholas Petit-Frere begins the year with a 6-game gambling suspension. Their top receiver Robert Woods totaled only 527 yards and 2 TDs. Rookie top pick WR Treyton Burks struggled through injuries and some drops. HC Mike Vrabel hopes to rebuild a tough smart team around the NFL Draft with selective FA additions. Vrabel built this defense around DT Jeffery Simmons, though offenses have doubled him often and neutralized him. Edge defender Harold Landry returns after missing 2022 season due to an ACL injury. They need their front seven to be more productive to help Simmons. Their secondary is talented, though would benefit from better line pass pressure. They most likely will go with Tannehill to start the season, though a slow start probably will demand a quick hook by Vrabel. Veteran runner Henry remains the focus here, though could be a trading chip if this club decides to make a bigger overhaul going forward. This club can be competitive in the average AFC South if prime players produce up to expectations. They will have to improve in several key areas especially their passing game and pass rush to matchup with the elite AFC clubs.

NFL Draft 2023 Selection Order - Seven Rounds

*** Compensatory Picks**

Pick	Team	Player	Position	School
First Round				
1	Carolina (Chicago)	Bryce Young	QB	Alabama
2	Houston	CJ Stroud	QB	Ohio State
3	Houston (Arizona)	Will Anderson	Edge	Alabama
4	Indianapolis	Anthony Richardson	QB	Florida
5	Seattle (Denver)	Devon Witherspoon	CB	Illinois
6	Arizona (LA Rams-Detroit)	Paris Johnson	OT	Ohio State
7	Las Vegas	Tyree Wilson	DE	Texas Tech
8	Atlanta	Bijan Robinson	RB	Texas
9	Philadelphia (Carolina-Chicago)	Jalen Carter	DT	Georgia
10	Chicago (New Orleans-Phil)	Darnell Wright	OT	Tennessee
11	Tennessee	Peter Skoronski	OT	Northwestern
12	Detroit (Cleve-Hous-Arizona)	Jahmyr Gibbs	RB	Alabama
13	Green Bay (NY Jets)	Lukas Van Ness	DE	Iowa
14	Pittsburgh (New England)	Broderick Jones	OT	Georgia
15	NY Jets (Green Bay)	Will McDonald	Edge	Iowa State
16	Washington	Emmanuel Forbes	CB	Mississippi State
17	New England (Pittsburgh)	Christian Gonzalez	CB	Oregon
18	Detroit	Jack Campbell	LB	Iowa
19	Tampa Bay	Calijah Kancey	DT	Pittsburgh
20	Seattle	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	WR	Ohio State
	Miami (pick forfeited)			
21	LA Chargers	Quentin Johnston	WR	TCU
22	Baltimore	Zay Flowers	WR	Boston College
23	Minnesota	Jordan Addison	WR	Southern California
24	NY Giants (Jacksonville)	Deonte Banks	CB	Maryland
25	Buffalo (Giants-Jacksonville)	Dalton Kincaid	TE	Utah
26	Dallas	Mazi Smith	DT	Michigan

27 Jacksonville (Buffalo)	Anton Harrison	OT	Oklahoma
28 Cincinnati	Myles Murphy	DE	Clemson
29 New Orleans (San Fran-Miami-Den)	Brian Bresee	DL	Clemson
30 Philadelphia	Nolan Smith	Edge	Georgia
31 Kansas City	Felix Anudike-Uzomah	Edge	Kansas State

Second Round

32 Pittsburgh (Chicago)	Joey Porter	CB	Penn State
33 Tennessee (Houston-Arizona)	Will Levis	QB	Kentucky
34 Detroit (Arizona)	Sam LaPorta	TE	Iowa
35 Las Vegas (Indianapolis)	Michael Mayer	TE	Notre Dame
36 LA Rams	Steve Avila	OL	TCU
37 Seattle (Denver)	Derick Hall	Edge	Auburn
38 Atlanta (Las Vegas-Indianapolis)	Matt Bergeron	OL	Syracuse
39 Carolina	Jonathan Mingo	WR	Mississippi
40 New Orleans	Isaiah Foskey	Edge	Notre Dame
41 Arizona (Tennessee)	BJ Ojulari	Edge	LSU
42 Green Bay (Cleveland-NY Jets)	Luke Musgrave	TE	Oregon State
43 NY Jets	Joe Tippmann	C	Wisconsin
44 Indianapolis (Atlanta)	Juju Brents	CB	Kansas State
45 Detroit (Green Bay)	Brian Branch	S	Alabama
46 New England	Keion White	Edge	Georgia Tech
47 Washington	Quan Martin	DB	Illinois
48 Tampa Bay (Detroit-Green Bay)	Cody Mauch	OL	North Dakota State
49 Pittsburgh	Keeanu Benton	DL	Wisconsin
50 Green Bay (Tampa Bay)	Jayden Reed	WR	Michigan State
51 Miami	Cam Smith	CB	South Carolina
52 Seattle	Zach Charbonnet	RB	UCLA
53 Chicago (Baltimore)	Gervon Dexter	DT	Florida State
54 LA Chargers	Tuli Tuipulotu	DE	Southern California
55 Kansas City (Jacksonville-Det-Minn)	Rashee Rice	WR	SMU
56 Chicago (Jacksonville)	Tyrique Stevenson	CB	Miami
57 NY Giants	John Michael Schmitz	C	Minnesota
58 Dallas	Luke Schoonmaker	TE	Michigan
59 Buffalo	O'Cyrus Torrence	OG	Florida
60 Cincinnati	DJ Turner	CB	Michigan
61 Jacksonville (S. Fran-Carolina-Chic)	Brenton Strange	TE	Penn State
62 Houston (Philadelphia)	Juice Scruggs	C	Penn State
63 Denver (Kansas City-Detroit)	Marvin Mims	WR	Oklahoma

Third Round

64 Chicago	Zaach Pickens	DT	South Carolina
65 Philadelphia (Houston)	Tyler Steen	OL	Alabama
66 Philadelphia (Arizona)	Sydney Brown	S	Illinois
67 Denver (Indianapolis)	Drew Sanders	LB	Arkansas
68 Detroit (Denver)	Hendon Hooker	QB	Tennessee
69 Houston (LA Rams)	Tank Dell	WR	Houston
70 Las Vegas	Byron Young	DE	Alabama
71 New Orleans	Kendre Miller	RB	TCU
72 Arizona (Tennessee)	Garrett Williams	CB	Syracuse
73 NY Giants (Cleve-Hous-LA Rams)	Jalin Hyatt	WR	Tennessee
74 Cleveland (NY Jets)	Cedric Tillman	WR	Tennessee
75 Atlanta	Zach Harrison	Edge	Ohio State
76 New England (Carolina)	Marte Mapu	LB	Sacramento State
77 LA Rams (New England-Miami)	Byron Young	LB	Tennessee

78 Green Bay	Tucker Kraft	TE	South Dakota State
79 Indianapolis (Washington)	Josh Downs	WR	North Carolina
80 Carolina (Pittsburgh)	DJ Johnson	Edge	Oregon
81 Tennessee (Detroit-Arizona)	Tyjae Spears	RB	Tulane
82 Tampa Bay	YaYa Diaby	Edge	Louisville
83 Denver (Seattle)	Riley Moss	DB	Iowa
84 Miami	Devon Achane	RB	Texas A&M
85 LA Chargers	Daiyan Henley	LB	Washington State
86 Baltimore	Trent Simpson	LB	Clemson
87 San Francisco (Minnesota)	Ji'Ayir Brown	S	Penn State
88 Jacksonville	Tank Bigsby	RB	Auburn
89 LA Rams (NY Giants)	Kobie Turner	DT	Wake Forest
90 Dallas	DeMarvion Overshown	LB	Texas
91 Buffalo	Dorian Williams	LB	Tulane
92 Kansas City (Cincinnati)	Wanya Morris	OT	Oklahoma
93 Pittsburgh (San Fran-Carolina)	Darnell Washington	TE	Georgia
94 Arizona (Philadelphia)	Michael Wilson	WR	Stanford
95 Cincinnati (Kansas City)	Jordan Battle	S	Alabama
* 96 Detroit (Arizona)	Brodric Martin	DT	Western Kentucky
* 97 Washington	Ricky Stromberg	C	Arkansas
* 98 Cleveland	Siaka Ika	NT	Baylor
* San Francisco	Jake Moody	PK	Michigan
* 100 Las Vegas (KC-Giants)	Tre Tucker	WR	Cincinnati
* 101 San Francisco	Cameron Latu	TE	Alabama
* 102 Minnesota (San Francisco)	Mekhi Blackmon	CB	Southern California

Fourth Round

103 New Orleans (Chicago)	Nick Saldiveri	G/T	Old Dominion
104 Las Vegas (Houston)	Jakorian Bennett	CB	Maryland
105 Philadelphia (Arizona)	Kelee Ringo	CB	Georgia
106 Indianapolis	Blake Freeland	OT	BYU
107 New England (LA Rams)	Jake Andrews	C	Troy
108 Seattle (Denver)	Anthony Bradford	OG	LSU
109 Houston (Las Vegas)	Dylan Horton	DE	TCU
110 Indianapolis (Tenn-Atlanta)	Ade Adebawore	DT	Northwestern
111 Cleveland	Dawand Jones	OT	Ohio State
112 New England (NY Jets)	Chad Ryland	PK	Maryland
113 Atlanta	Clark Phillips	CB	Utah
114 Carolina	Chandler Zavala	OG	NC State
115 Chicago (New Orleans)	Roschon Johnson	RB	Texas
116 Green Bay	Colby Wooden	DE	Auburn
117 New England	Sidey Sow	OG	Eastern Michigan
118 Washington	Braeden Daniels	G/T	Utah
119 Kansas City (Detroit-Minn)	Chamarri Conner	S	Virginia Tech
120 New York Jets (Pitt-New Eng)	Carter Warren	OT	Pittsburgh
121 Jacksonville (Tampa Bay)	Ventrell Miller	LB	Florida
122 Arizona (Miami-KC)	Jon Gaines	OG	UCLA
123 Seattle	Cameron Young	DT	Mississippi State
124 Baltimore	Tavious Robinson	DE	Mississippi
125 LA Chargers	Derius Davis	WR	TCU
126 Cleveland (Minnesota)	Isaiah Maguire	DE	Missouri
127 New Orleans (Jacksonville)	Jake Haener	QB	Fresno State
128 LA Rams (NY Giants)	Stetson Bennett	QB	Georgia
129 Dallas	Villami Fehoko	DE	San Jose State
130 Jacksonville (Buffalo)	Tyler Lacy	DE	Oklahoma State
131 Cincinnati	Charlie Jones	WR	Purdue
132 Pittsburgh (San Fran-Carolina)	Nick Herbig	LB	Wisconsin
133 Chicago (Philadelphia)	Tyler Scott	WR	Cincinnati

134	Minnesota (KC)	Jay Ward	S	LSU
* 135	Las Vegas (New England)	Aiden O'Connell	QB	Purdue

Fifth Round

136	Jacksonville (Chicago)	Yasir Abdullah	Edge	Louisville
	Houston - no pick			
137	Washington (Arizona-Buff)	KJ Henry	DE	Clemson
138	Indianapolis	Darius Rush	CB	South Carolina
139	Arizona (Denver)	Clayton Tune	QB	Houston
140	Cleveland (Rams)	Dorian Thompson-Robinson	QB	UCLA
141	Minnesota (Indianapolis)	Jaquelin Roy	DT	LSU
142	Cleveland	Cameron Mitchell	CB	Northwestern
143	NY Jets	Izzy Abanikanda	RB	Pittsburgh
144	New Eng (Atlanta-Las Vegas)	Antonio Mafi	OG	UCLA
145	Carolina	Jammie Robinson	S	Florida State
146	New Orleans	Jordan Howdan	S	Minnesota
147	Tennessee	Josh Whyte	TE	Cincinnati
148	Chicago (New Eng-Balt)	Noah Sewell	LB	Oregon
149	Green Bay	Sean Clifford	QB	Penn State
150	Buffalo (Washington)	Justin Shorter	WR	Florida
151	Seattle (Pittsburgh)	Mike Morris	DE	Michigan
152	Detroit	Colby Sorsdal	OT	William & Mary
153	Tampa Bay	SirVocea Dennis	LB	Pittsburgh
154	Seattle	Olu Oluwatimi	C	Michigan
155	San Francisco (Miami)	Darrell Luter	CB	South Alabama
156	LA Chargers	Jordan McFadden	G/T	Clemson
157	Baltimore	Kyu Blue Kelly	CB	Stanford
158	Indianapolis (Minnesota)	Daniel Scott	S	California
159	Green Bay (Jack-Atlanta-Det)	Dontayvion Wicks	WR	Virginia
160	Carolina (NY Giants-Jack)	Antonio Johnson	S	Texas A&M
161	LA Rams (Dallas-Houston)	Nick Hampton	LB	Appalachian State
162	Indianapolis (Buffalo)	Will Mallory	TE	Miami
163	Cincinnati	Chase Brown	RB	Illinois
164	Minnesota (San Francisco)	Jaren Hall	QB	BYU
165	Chicago (Phil-New Orleans)	Terrell Smith	CB	Minnesota
166	Kansas City	BJ Thompson	Edge	Stephen F Austin
* 167	Houston (LA Rams)	Henry To'oTo'o	LB	Alabama
* 168	Arizona	Owen Pappoe	LB	Auburn
* 169	Dallas	Asim Richards	G/T	North Carolina
* 170	Las Vegas (Green Bay-Jets)	Chris Smith	S	Georgia
* 171	Tampa Bay (LA Rams)	Payne Durham	TE	Purdue
* 172	NY Giants	Eric Gray	RB	Oklahoma
* 173	San Francisco	Robert Beal	LB	Georgia
* 174	LA Rams (Las Vegas)	Warren McClendon	G/T	Georgia
* 175	LA Rams (Tampa Bay)	Davis Allen	TE	Clemson
* 176	Indianapolis (Dallas)	Evan Hull	RB	Northwestern
* 177	LA Rams	Puka Nacua	WR	BYU

Sixth Round

178	Dallas (Chicago-Miami-KC)	Eric Scott	CB	Southern Mississippi
179	Green Bay (Hous-Tampa Bay)	Karl Brooks	DT	Bowling Green
180	Arizona	Kei'trel Clark	CB	Louisville
181	Tampa Bay (Indianapolis)	Josh Hayes	S	Kansas State
182	LA Rams	Tre Hodges-Tomlinson	CB	TCU
183	Denver	JL Skinner	S	Boise State
184	New York Jets (Las Veg-New Eng)	Zaire Barnes	LB	Western Michigan
185	Jacksonville (NY Jets)	Parker Washington	WR	Penn State
186	Tennessee (Atlanta)	Jaelyn Duncan	OT	Maryland

187	New England (Carolina)	Kayshon Boutte	WR	LSU
188	Philadelphia	Tanner McKee	QB	Stanford
189	LA Rams (Tennessee)	Ochaum Mathis	DE	Nebraska
190	Cleveland	Luke Wypler	C	Ohio State
191	Tampa Bay (Green Bay)	Trey Palmer	WR	Nebraska
192	New England	Bryce Baringer	P	Michigan State
193	Washington	Chris Rodriguez	RB	Kentucky
194	Kansas City (Detroit)	Keondre Coburn	DT	Texas
195	New Orleans (Pitt-Den)	AT Perry	WR	Wake Forest
196	Tampa Bay	Jose Ramirez	Edge	Eastern Michigan
197	Miami	Elijah Higgins	WR	Stanford
198	Seattle	Jerrick Reed	S	New Mexico
199	Baltimore	Mala Aumavae-Laulu	OT	Oregon
200	LA Chargers	Scott Matlock	DT	Boise State
201	Houston (Minnesota)	Jarrett Patterson	C/G	Notre Dame
202	Jacksonville	Christian Braswell	CB	Rutgers
203	Las Vegas (Giants-Hous)	Amari Burney	LB	Florida
204	NY Jets (Dallas-Las Vegas)	Jarrick Bernard-Converse	CB	LSU
205	Houston (Buffalo)	Xavier Hutchinson	WR	Iowa State
206	Cincinnati	Andrei Iosivas	WR	Princeton
207	Green Bay (San Fran-Hous-Jets)	Andres Carlson	PK	Auburn
208	Jacksonville (Phil)	Erick Hallett	S	Pittsburgh
209	NY Giants (Kansas City)	Tre Hawkins	CB	Old Dominion
* 210	New England	Demario Douglas	WR	Liberty
* 211	Indianapolis	Titus Leo	Edge	Wagner
* 212	Dallas	Deuce Vaughn	RB	Kansas State
* 213	Arizona	Dante Stills	DE	West Virginia
* 214	New England (Las Vegas)	Ameer Speed	CB	Michigan State
* 215	LA Rams (Washington)	Zach Evans	RB	Mississippi
* 216	San Francisco	Dee Winters	LB	TCU
* 217	Cincinnati (Kansas City)	Brad Robbins	P	Michigan

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218	Chicago	Travis Bell	DT	Kennesaw State
219	Detroit	Antoine Green	WR	North Carolina
220	NY Jets	Zach Kuntz	TE	Old Dominion
221	Indianapolis	Jaylon Jones	CB	Texas A&M
222	Minnesota	DeWayne McBride	RB	UAB
223	LA Rams	Ethan Evans	P	Wingate
224	Atlanta (Las Vegas)	Demarco Hellams	S	Alabama
225	Atlanta	Jovaughn Gwyn	OG	South Carolina
226	Jacksonville (Carolina)	Cooper Hodges	G/T	Appalachian State
227	Jacksonville (New Orleans)	Ray Vohasek	DT	North Carolina
228	Tennessee	Colton Dowell	WR	Tennessee-Martin
229	Baltimore (Cleveland)	Andrew Vorhees	OG	Southern California
230	Buffalo	Nick Broeker	G/T	Mississippi
231	Las Vegas (New England)	Nesta Silvera	DT	Arizona State
232	Green Bay	Carrington Valentine	CB	Kentucky
233	Washington	Andre Jones	LB	Louisiana
234	LA Rams (Pittsburgh)	Jason Taylor	S	Oklahoma State
235	Green Bay (Det-LA Rams)	Lew Nichols	RB	Central Michigan
236	Indianapolis (Tampa Bay)	Jake Witt	OT	Northern Michigan
237	Seattle	Kenny McIntosh	RB	Georgia
238	Miami	Ryan Hayes	OT	Michigan
239	LA Chargers	Max Duggan	QB	TCU
240	Jacksonville (Balt-NY Giants)	Derick Parish	FB	Houston
241	Pittsburgh (Minn-Denver)	Cory Trice	CB	Purdue
242	Green Bay (Jacksonville)	Anthony Johnson	S	Iowa State

243	NY Giants	Jordan Riley	DT	Oregon
244	Dallas	Jalen Brooks	WR	South Carolina
245	New England (Buff-Atlanta)	Isaiah Bolden	CB	Jackson State
246	Cincinnati	DJ Ivey	CB	Miami
247	San Francisco	Brayden Willis	FB	Oklahoma
248	Houston	Brandon Hill	S	Pittsburgh
249	Philadelphia	Moro Ojomo	DT	Texas
250	Kansas City	Nic Jones	CB	Ball State
* 251	Pittsburgh (LA Rams)	Spencer Anderson	OG	Maryland
* 252	Buffalo	Alex Austin	CB	Oregon State
* 253	San Francisco	Ronnie Bell	WR	Michigan
* 254	NY Giants	Gervarius Owens	S	Houston
* 255	San Francisco	Jalen Graham	LB	Purdue
* 256	Green Bay	Grant DuBose	WR	Charlotte
* 257	Denver	Alex Forsyth	C	Oregon
* 258	Chicago	Kendal Williamson	CB	Stanford
* 259	Houston	Desjuan Johnson	DE	Toledo

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