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The 2024 NFL Draft was the 89th annual meeting of National Football League teams to select newly eligible players for the upcoming NFL season. The first round was held on April 25, followed by the second and third rounds on April 26th. The draft concluded with rounds 4–7 on April 27th. The NFL held the event live in Hart Plaza in Detroit, Michigan for the first time. It set a record of over 775,000 fans in attendance. All team selections took place from Detroit with league commissioner Roger Goodell announcing the early selections from the podium.

The Chicago Bears owned the first overall this year after trading for it with the Carolina Panthers, prior to last year's draft, for multiple draft picks and wide receiver D. J. Moore. The Bears selected QB Caleb Williams with the first overall pick this April. He was the first of a record setting six QBs chosen in the first round. It tied the famous 1983 NFL Draft of 6 QBs with 3 HOF passers in Elway, Kelly and Marino. A record number of receivers 7 were also chosen in the first round tying the 2004 draft class. In addition, the first round set a record of 23 offensive players selected in the opening round with the first 14 draft choices from the offensive side of the ball.
    The Panthers selected Alabama quarterback Bryce Young with the first overall pick in 2023.

2020 Resolution JC-2A picks
Since the 2021 NFL Draft, the league, under 2020 Resolution JC-2A passed in November 2020, 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 by draft order in the first round. These picks are in addition to, and have no impact on, the standard 32 compensatory picks. Two picks were awarded for the 2024 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 McDaniel 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 2024
General information - Dates - April 25-27, 2024
Location - Detroit, Michigan
Networks - ABC, ESPN, NFL Network, ESPN Radio
Overview
257 Total selections in 7 rounds
First selection - Chicago Bears - QB Caleb Williams - Southern Cal
Last selection - 'Mr. Irrelevant' - NY Jets - S Jaylen Key - Alabama

Most selections (12) – Arizona Cardinals
Fewest selections (5) – Chicago Bears

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 15, 2024.

The following is the breakdown of the 257 players selected in NFL Draft 2024 by position:

36 Cornerbacks	**16 Guards**
35 Wide receivers	**12 Tight ends**
27 Offensive tackles	**12 Centers**
24 Defensive tackles	**11 Quarterbacks**
20 Defensive ends	**3 Placekickers**
20 Linebackers	**1 Punters**
20 Running backs	**0 Fullback**
20 Safeties	

Selections by NCAA Conference
The SEC lead the conferences with 59 selections, though not the record setting numbers like last year when the SEC had the most in NFL history. Last year 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	0	1	0	1	2	1	5
ACC	4	4	7	5	8	6	7	41
Big 12	3	7	3	5	5	4	4	31
Big Ten	4	7	9	7	5	3	7	42
C-USA	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
Ind. (FBS)	1	1	2	0	3	0	1	8
MAC	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
MW	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Pac-12	8	4	5	8	6	7	5	43
SEC	11	8	6	7	8	14	5	59
Sun Belt	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	6

NCAA Division I FCS football conferences

Big South–OVC	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
CAA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ivy	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
MVFC	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	4
Patriot	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Southland	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
UAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Non-Division I football conferences

G-MAC (DII)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
CWUAA (U Sports)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Non-College Selections

CFL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
RFU	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Schools with multiple draft selections

Selections	Schools
13	Michigan
11	Texas
10	Alabama, Florida State, Washington
8	Georgia, Oregon, Penn State
7	Notre Dame, USC
6	Clemson, LSU, Missouri
5	Auburn, Utah
4	Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisville, Miami (FL), Ohio State, South Carolina, Texas A&M
3	Arizona, Duke, Kansas State, Mississippi State, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Ole Miss, Oregon State, Pittsburgh, TCU, Tennessee, Wake Forest, Washington State
2	Arkansas, Boston College, Kansas, Marshall, Maryland, NC State, Purdue, South Dakota State, Texas Tech, Troy, Tulane, UCF, UCLA, UTEP, Wisconsin

Selections by Position

Position	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
Cornerback	3	7	3	3	10	6	4	36
Wide receiver	7	4	5	4	4	7	4	35
Offensive tackle	8	4	5	2	1	4	3	27
Defensive tackle	1	7	2	3	0	6	5	24
Defensive end	5	2	3	0	5	1	4	20
Linebacker	0	1	6	2	6	3	2	20
Running back	0	1	3	7	5	4	0	20
Safety	0	3	3	4	4	1	5	20
Guard	0	1	5	2	1	4	3	16
Center	1	1	0	1	3	2	4	12
Tight end	1	1	1	6	0	1	2	12
Quarterback	6	0	0	0	2	2	1	11
Kicker	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Punter	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Position	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
Offense	23	12	19	22	16	24	17	133
Defense	9	20	17	12	25	17	20	120
Special teams	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4

NFL Draft 2024 Team Grades

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

NFL Draft 2024 - Team Review

National Conference
Arizona Cardinals - 4-13 - Head Coach Jonathan Gannon - 2nd Year

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #4	Marvin Harrison Jr., WR, Ohio St
Rd 1, #27 (Hous)	Darius Robinson, Edge, Missouri
Rd 2, #43 (Atl)	Max Melton, CB, Rutgers
Rd 3, #66	Trey Benson, RB, Florida State
Rd 3, #71 (Tenn)	Isaiah Adams, OL, Illinois
Rd 3, #82 (Indy)	Tip Reiman, TE, Illinois
Rd 3, #90 (Hous)	Elijah Jones, CB, Boston College
Rd 4, #104	Dadrian Taylor-Demerson, S, Texas Tech
Rd 5, #138	Xavier Thomas, Edge, Clemson
Rd 5, #162 (Hous)	Christian Jones, OT, Texas
Rd 6, #191 (Indy)	Tejhaun Palmer, WR, UAB
Rd 7, #226	Jaden Davis, CB, Miami (Fl)

The Cardinals held on to the 4th overall selection and choose wideout Marvin Harrison. They turned down a few offers to move back, but refused to make a deal with a generational player like Harrison on the board. He gives young QB Kyler Murray a much needed #1 receiver. He has the package to be special early in his career and it was a wise move to claim a true blue-chip prospect and great fit here. They held a 2nd #1 pick from a 2023 trade with the Texans. They choose DL Darius Robinson, a versatile fast rising prospect off a strong postseason. He fits their front and best suited for the five-technique role. He has the development to start as a rookie and give their front a much-needed boost after finishing last in the league in run defense. He was an excellent addition here.

In the 2nd round, they chose the first of three cornerbacks with the selection of Max Melton. He had a strong postseason and has the talent, development and intangibles to win a starting job in camp. He has graded out high in a few techniques and has a big upside. He was the 4th consecutive corner chosen in the early 2nd round. With four 3rd round picks after trades, they choose runner Trey Benson, OL Isaiah Adams, TE Tip Reiman and corner Elijah Jones. Benson is a young physical back who will push starter James Connor. He shows power between the tackles and reliable hands. He must prove capable of picking up blitz situations and durable over the season. OL Adams was a surprise this early, though is experienced at both guard and tackle and will push for early starting time if any regular falters. TE Tip Reiman tested out very well in the postseason and rose up the charts quickly. He is a tough inline blocker and shows reliable hands and good route running thin the shorter zones. His presence allows the Cards to move talented vet Trey McBride around to create mismatches in multiple sets. CB Elijah Jones finished strong and was another prospect who moved up the ranking fast. He displays fine man coverage skills to push for immediate time in the nickel and dime packages.

In the 4th round, they chose DB Dadrion Taylor-Demerson, a versatile defender with a multiple of skills to fit into a few roles in their secondary. He moves well with good speed, instincts and range to press for time in the dime package. With two 5th round picks, they chose edge Xavier Thomas and OT Christian Jones. Thomas has the burst off the edge to be a factor in the sub package. He must prove to be durable to live up to his nice potential. OT Jones came on strong in the postseason, though most feel he is limited to the right side. He is physical and has the prototypical size for the outside with the toughness and agility to surprise. He was excellent value here. In the 6th round, they chose wideout Tejhaun Palmer, a good-sized athlete who will compete for a roster spot on their thin receiving corps. He needs to impress in camp. In the 7th round, they chose CB Jaden Davis, a quick cover man with extensive experience at two big time programs. He can surprise here and win a roster or PS spot with interesting upside. GM Monti Ossenfort had another strong draft class to build this changing roster.   **Grade: A+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Cards' signed RT Jonah Williams to bookend Paris Johnson. They added second tier FAs, guard Evan Brown, WR Chris Moore, CB Sean Murphy-Bunting and QB Desmond Ridder. They released LT DJ Humphries. They lost receivers, Marquise Brown and Rondale Moore leaving a big void. Rookie UDFAs, DL Myles Murphy, WR Xavier Weaver and LB Joe Shimko can surprise and win a roster spot here with a good camp. DL Murphy could develop into a solid rotational piece for this front.

Training Camp Objectives: The Cards finished with another 4-13 season with QB Kyler Murray returning from his ACL injury at midseason. He holds the key to any return to postseason contention and has much to prove after regressing significantly since the Cards playoff loss in 2021. At times, he has been a disgruntled player who can create undo problems, in addition to real durability concerns. Both lines will undergo changes with FA losses. They look to runner James Connor share the feature back role with rookie Benson. Rookie WR Harrison has impact talent and could be the catalyst to any turnaround. Their defense was among the worst in the league and lost most of their prime players in recent years. LB Zaven Collins needs to step up along with 2nd year BJ Ojulari and provide edge pressure. Their secondary allowed too many big plays and will look to young corners to become fixtures here. Pro Bowl safety Budda Baker is the stabilizing force here, though could be traded for the right offer. The very tough NFC West will demand that Murray return to prior levels. This club though remains in transition on both offense and defense. They need the young talent to settle in important positions. Strong draft classes must become core performers here to avoid ranking among the worst clubs in the league.

Atlanta Falcons *-7-10 - Head Coach Raheem Morris - 1st Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #8	Michael Penix Jr., QB, Washington
Rd 2, #35 (Ariz)	Ruke Orhorhoro, DT, Clemson
Rd 3, #74	Bralen Trice, Edge, Washington
Rd 4, #109	Brandon Dorlus, Edge, Oregon
Rd 5, #143	JD Bertrand, LB, Notre Dame
Rd 6, #186 (Minn-Ariz)	Jase McClellan, RB, Alabama
Rd 6, #187	Casey Washington, WR, Illinois
Rd 6, #197 (Cleve)	Zion Logue, DT, Georgia

The Falcons held their 4th consecutive top 8 selection. They shocked personnel men and draftniks with the selection of QB Michael Penix, their 4th consecutive offensive player in the 1st round. Penix was a wild card QB in this class off injury concerns and some delivery and pocket awareness. With the huge signing of vet Kirk Cousins, it is excessive to use a top 8 pick on a prospect who most likely sits his first two seasons. Probably the biggest gamble in Atlanta in years and one which seems unnecessary this early.

They traded up in the 2nd round to select to add DL Ruke Orhorhoro, a versatile defender with developed pass rushing skills. He is the first of four draft choices for the front seven after poor big play production. Orhorhoro figures to push for a starting job if he has a strong camp. He has improved annually, though a reach this early.

With their 3rd and 4th round picks, they chose edge rushers Bralen Trice and Brandon Dorlus. Trice is a physical non-stop defender who performed well on one of the best college units. He gets a big chance here, though must disprove a subpar postseason. Dorlus is a hot and cold defender who needs to improve his instincts and technique to become a force off the edge. He faces a big challenge in camp and a key addition to this class.

On the 5th round, they chose LB JD Bertrand, a savvy defender with strong tackling skills. His marginal speed must be overcome, though he has the makeup to be an immediate core special teams performer. With three 6th round picks, they chose runner Jase McClellan, WR Casey Washington and DT Zion Logue. McClellan is a physical back who runs hard between the tackles. He can block vs backers and protect the QB, though needs work on the receiving game. WR Washington is a good athlete with average speed. He competes well for the ball and can win a roster spot here with a good camp. DT Logue is a massive interior defender who is raw and needs time. He is a long athlete with power and athleticism to create havoc inside if he improves technique.   **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Falcons were aggressive in the FA market. They signed veteran QB Kirk Cousins for a huge $180 million contract coming off Achilles surgery following his midseason injury. He looks to bring a talented young offense together. They added receivers, Darnell Mooney and Rondale Moore to give them a

strong skill position group. They added marginal defensive veterans. They lost edge vets, Calais Campbell and Bud Dupree. They added an average UDFA class this year with TE Aaron Stogner and punter Ryan Sanborn. Both can win a roster spot here.

Training Camp Objectives: The Falcons continue rebuilding program and addressed their QB problems with the signing of Cousins and drafting Penix. They traded Desmond Ridder for a late pick. They have had six consecutive sub .500 records and they hope to improve after another 7-10 record. They improved running the ball behind rookie Bijorn Robinson. Their QB play was weak which is why they ranked among the league's work in scoring. They look to young wideout Drake London and TE Kyle Pitts to step up with the expected improvement in the passing game. Their defense struggled again throughout last season and looks to rookies to elevate this unit. Their front seven added a few key potential starters. Pro Bowler DT Grady Jarrett missed half the season due to a knee injury. The Falcons' defense ranked near poorly in all vital statistics. They need their young secondary to improve quickly after another poor performance. FA addition safety Jessie Bates provided leadership and playmaking ability here. Veteran corner AJ Terrell is 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 a step up to be competitive. Capable to compete in a soft division.

Carolina Panthers *- 2-15 - Head Coach Dave Canales - 1st Year*

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│  2024 Rookie Draft Class                                      │
│  Rd 1, #32 (KC-Buff)        Xavier Legette, WR, South Carolina │
│  Rd 2, #46 (Indy)           Jonathon Brooks, RB, Texas        │
│  Rd 3, #72 (NYJ)            Trevin Wallace, LB, Kentucky       │
│  Rd 4, #101                 Ja'Tavion Sanders, TE, Texas       │
│  Rd 5, #157 (Minn-NYJ)      Chau Smith-Wade, CB, Wash St       │
│  Rd 6, #200 (Dall-Hous-Buff) Jaden Crumedy, DT, Arkansas       │
│  Rd 7, #240 (Pitt)          Michael Barrett, LB, Michigan      │
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The Panthers made a major deal last year 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 which included this year's #1 overall selection. They moved into the late 1st round moving up one spot to secure the player plus the 5th year option for first round selections. They chose wideout Xavier Leggette, a big athlete with length and playmaking talent. He needs some route development to win a starting job. In their young receiving corps, he could emerge as their #1 receiver in a short time. He gives QB Bryce Young a huge target in the intermediate routes and red zone situations. Young needs to take a step up this season after a disappointing rookie season where they finished last in passing and among the worst in the league in key statistics.

On the 2nd round, they chose runner Jonathon Brooks with the pick acquired from the Giants for edge defender Brian Burns. Brooks is an elusive back with the burst to break plays. He is coming off 2023 ACL surgery, though may be ready for the start of the start. Probable starter when healthy and good addition here. On the 3rd round, they chose LB Trevin Wallace, a tackling machine who came on fast over his final season. Physical defender with burst to finish and range to make stops on the perimeter when he reads plays properly. Strong Senior Bowl moved him up further and has the skill set and production to win a starting Mike role as a rookie.

On the 4th round, they chose TE Ja'Tavion Sanders, an athletic receiver with length, speed and playmaking ability. He was excellent value here and gives Young an excellent weapon in the intermediate routes and especially the seam. Playmaker with big upside and top addition here. He has performed at a high-level vs top competition and has excelled on the big stage. On the 5th round, they chose corner Chau Smith-Wade, a tough quick cover man who was very impressive at the Senior Bowl. He shows keen instincts and technique to put himself in position to make plays. Shorter than ideal and best suited for the inside and possible early starting nickel corner.

On the 6th round, they chose DT Jaden Crumedy, a big physical defender who improved over his long career. He gets a huge opportunity here with little depth inside. Performed well on a big stage and handles the physicality well, though a limited rusher. Capable of surprising with some development. On the 7th round, they chose LB Michael Barrett, a tough instinctive backer with the skills to excel on special teams. Limited athlete with excellent intangibles who performed well on a big stage – powerful tackler with toughness and instincts to be a fixture on special teams and top locker room player. ***Grade: B***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Panthers traded for vet receiver Diontae Johnson for CB Donte Jackson. Johnson gives QB Young a highly productive playmaker who gets open consistently. They invested heavily on vet guards Robert Hunt and Damien Lewis to improve their weak interior. They added vets, DT A'Shawn Robinson, edge defenders Jadeveon Clowney and DJ Wonnum and safety Jordan Fuller. They lost vets, LB Frankie Lulu and Deion Jones, wideouts D.J. Chark and Laviska Shenault, safeties Vonn Bell and Jeremy Chinn, edge defenders Yetur Gross-Matos and Marquis Haynes, TE Hayden Hurst, CB Shaquill Grifin, C Bradley Bozeman and guard Gabe Jackson. They added a good rookie UDFA class in QB Jack Plummer, RB Jaden Shirden, WR Jalen Coker, WR Sam Pinkney, OT Jeremiah Crawford, C Andrew Raym, DE Darius Hodges, DE Popo Aumavae, OLB Kenny

Dyson, LB Jackson Mitchell, CB Willie Drew and S Demani Richardson. Plummer, Shirden and Coker should get a long look and gain a PS spot. OL Raym and safety Richardson can surprise and make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Panthers finished at the bottom of the league with a 2-15 record. During owner David Tupper's five years at the helm they have fired 3 head coaches, all at midseason. They have started 9 different QBs over the past six seasons with poor drafts and trades purging this roster. QB Young hopes to benefit from an improved supporting cast with half the offense first year starters. They look to rookies WR Leggette, runner Brooks and TE Sanders to play key roles in this attack. Vet guards Hunt and Lewis are counted on to anchor the middle. The line may hold the key to any overall improvement. The defense will look to 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 needs help from edge defenders. Rookie Mike LB Trevin Wallace is counted on to anchor the middle of this unit. The secondary went through more changes with vet Joe Horn facing a critical season after missing extensive time once again. Safety Xavier Woods is a solid defender with well-rounded talent to lead this unit. This club is in transition with vital roster building underway. Key areas especially QB need to improve and direct this club. The defense will have a new face at important areas and look to improvement after allowing too many big plays and overall points. They face an uphill battle to approach the .500 level and escape the NFC South basement. They are just starting to build a stronger roster.

Chicago Bears – 7-9 - Head Coach Matt Eberflus - 3rd Year

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    2024 Rookie Draft Class
Rd 1, #1 (Car)        Caleb Williams, QB, USC
Rd 1, #9              Rome Odunze, WR, Washington
Rd 3, #75             Kiran Amegadjie, OT, Yale
Rd 4, #122 (Phil)     Tory Taylor, P, Iowa
Rd 5, #144 (Chic-Buff) Austin Booker, Edge, Kansas
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The Bears addressed a major problem with the 1st overall selection when they chose QB Caleb Williams. They obtained that selection wit ah trade with Carolina last spring to move up to select QB Bryce Young. Williams is a highly developed passer who can make all the throws whether in the pocket or on the move. He has a strong receiving corps in DJ Moore, Keenan Allen and rookie top pick Rome Odunze plus TE Cole Kmet. Williams developed quickly working with HC Lincoln Riley which should enhance his ability to start as a rookie. He looks to become the face of the franchise and the Bears best QB in decades.

With their second 1st round pick, they added wideout Rome Odunze, a big physical receiver with developed playmaking talent. He fits in here well on a receiving corps where he does not have to be the #1 weapon. He could thrive in a spread offense which allows Williams to find the single coverage. front and changing secondary.

In the 3rd round, they selected OT Kiran Amegadjie, a big athletic lineman coming off a quad injury which cost him the postseason. Faces a steep learning curve vs top competition after dominating in the Ivy League. He has the skill set to man the left tackle role in time, though needs development and probably lines up at RT or guard by year two. Excellent long-term investment. In the 4th round, they selected punter Tory Taylor, a strong legged kicker with an impressive long resume. Punted very well in a bad climate and an excellent fit here and a defensive weapon. In the 5th round, they selected edge rusher Austin Booker, a long quick athlete with impact ability. Comes off the edge with a burst to make big plays. Currently, a one-dimensional defender, though he brings impact off the edge which fits here very well. Very good value at this point of the process   ***Grade: A***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bears were limited in the vet FA market by cap restrictions. They signed key veterans, RB D'Andre Swift, TE Gerald Everett and safety Kevin Byard. They traded 3rd day picks for wideout Keenan Allen and OL Ryan Bates. They traded former 1st round pick, QB Justin Fields for a 6th round pick. They lost FAs, wideout Mooney, RB Foreman, TE Lewis and Tonyan, OL Cody Whitehair and Lucas Patrick, defenders, edge Ngakoue, DT Jones and safety Jackson. Added an average group of UDFAs in QB Austin Reed, WR Peter LeBlanc, WR Ian Wheeler, TE Brendan Bates, OT Theo Benedet, DL Jamree Kromah, DL Keith Randolph Jr., LB Carl Jones Jr. and DB Reddy Stewart. OT Benedet has interesting skills and warrants a look here, though probably on the PS. DL Kromah and Randolph can surprise and win a roster spot and eventually play in their rotation.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bears finished in last place in the NFC North which led to major changes especially on offense. They initiated a big roster turnover with their two #1 picks both offensive impact players. They look young QB Williams to step in and provide vital playmaking and leadership. Wideout Rome Odunze can give this attack a quick boost. Vet Keenan Allen gives them a savvy playmaker who will adjust quickly in this offense. Their passing game finished last year near the bottom in the league. Their ground game ranked high with a committee headed by Khalil Herbert. The offensive line relies on RT Darnell Wright and guard Teven Jenkins to provide improved protection for Williams, after allowing 50 sacks in 2023. Guard Nate Davis must step up after an injury riddled first season in Chitown. LT Braxton Jones has improved with experience. Their receiving corps looks to DJ Moore to continue to open the passing game. Their defense improved in 2023 behind edge Sweat and rookie tackle Dexter. The young

secondary allowed big plays and too much yardage, though has the talent to be a top unit. Young starters CBs Gordon, Johnson and rookie Stevenson made fast strides in 2023. Safety Brisker became a leader and will benefit from the addition of veteran Byard. They look to their young nucleus to step up here. They will rely on young QB Williams to give this attack impact and sound decision making. The defense must show further maturity for this club to compete for a playoff spot. Bears can improve in the average NFC North, though may be another season away from being more than a marginal .500 club.

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

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #29 (Det)	Tyler Guyton, OT, Oklahoma
Rd 2, #56	Marshawn Kneeland, Edge, W Michigan
Rd 3, #73 (Minn-Det)	Cooper Beebe, G, Kansas St
Rd 3, #87	Marist Liufau, LB, Notre Dame
Rd 5, #174	Caelen Carson, CB, Wake Forest
Rd 6, #216	Ryan Flournoy, WR, SE Missouri St
Rd 7,#233 (Lv)	Nathan Thomas, OT, Louisiana
Rd 7, #244	Justin Rogers, DT, Auburn

The Cowboys had major issues on their offensive line and addressed that unit three times in their draft class. They moved back in the 1st round five spots and still landed OT Tyler Guyton. The prospect earmarked. Guyton is a massive nimble athlete with left tackle skills though experience on only the right side. He addresses a major need area and is expected to compete for immediate starting time. They acquired a 3rd round pick for moving back and landed OL Cooper Beebe with the 73rd overall selection. He is an excellent addition with versatility for most positions. His high level of development makes him NFL ready on the interior and probable rookie starter with pressing their issues inside. Their first-round selection (#24) probably produces two rookie starting linemen after trade.

With their 2nd round pick, they addressed their defensive front and choose edge Marshawn Kneeland. He was a fast-rising prospect off a strong final season and postseason. He shows quickness and power off the edge along with the base to anchor and hold the edge. Solid addition here though must prove up to the physicality on the strongside where he will face the double team regularly. Defender on the come and plays immediately in their line rotation and early starter. With two 3rd round picks, they chose OL Beebe and LB Marist Liufau. Beede probably starts. Liufau is another early middle round backer chosen over the past four draft classes. He is an active defender who makes plays, though can get tied up by bigger blockers often. He should excel on special teams, and shows high development in coverage to play in the sub packages He was a reach this early.

On the 5th round, they chose corner Caelen Carson, a quality athlete with extensive experience in the secondary. Good size and skill set, with some injuries over his career which pushed him down the charts. He can earn time in the dime package where his good tackling and instincts might warrant early reps. Solid addition. On the 6th round, they chose wideout Ryan Flournoy, a fast-developing small college prospect. He performed well at the Senior Bowl and drew attention. He combines a high level of development with sure hands, nice length and radius with the toughness to compete for the pass.

With two 7th round picks, they chose OL Nathan Thomas and DT Justin Rogers. Thomas is a tackle/guard swing lineman with bulk and agility. He is an intriguing prospect for an organization which has been very savvy adding offensive linemen. He can make this roster. Rogers is a 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 can earn a roster/ PS spot with a good training camp performance. He needs much development and is a candidate for the PS. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Cowboys signed veteran FAs, LB Eric Kendricks, runners Eeke Elliott and Royce Freeman, DT Carl Davis and Damien Wilson. Most were stopgap additions. They lost starters, RB Tony Pollard, WR Michael Gallup, LT Tyron Smith, center Tyler Biadasz, DE Dorance Armstrong, DT Johnathan Hankins, CB Stephon Gilmore and safety Jayon Kearse. They leave a few huge holes on both units. LB Leighton Vander Esch retired due to medical issues. They signed an average rookie UDFA class with only a few prospects with a chance to make this roster. They added RB Nathaniel Peat, WR Corey Crooms, WR Cam Johnson, TE Brevyn Spann-Ford, TE Alec Holler, DT Denzel Daxon, LB Jason Johnson, Brock Mogensen and Byron Vaughns, DBs Julius Wood, Josh DeBerry and Emany Johnson. TE Spann-Ford is a physical player to provide a key piece for this offense. He shows sure hands to catch and consistent blocking. 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 inline addition and capable of reps.

Training Camp Objectives: Cowboys won the NFC East title, but were hammered in the opening round of the playoffs by the Packers. QB Dak Prescott lights up mediocre and sub .500 teams, but struggles vs top clubs that plays out in the postseason. His supporting cast changes with at least two new starting linemen and receivers along with new running backs. RB Zeke Elliott returns, though maybe limited to a 1A role. Young receiver CeeDee Lamb is a premier playmaker, but could present contract issues over the next season. Vet Brandin Cooks is still a quality

performer in three wideout sets. The line presents major challenges, though they probably have two new starters from their draft class. forming a potent trio. TE Jake Ferguson and Luke Schoonmaker to form a reliable pair. The offensive line will miss veteran LT Tyron Smith. The defense is revolves around All-Pro LB Micah Parsons who is an impact performer. He possibly becomes a contract holdout. Young defenders, DT Smith and LB Overshown need to step up and fill roles in this changing unit with marginal depth. The LBing unit needs to step up after starters' Leighton Vander Esch's retirement. The front four will miss DE Dorance Armstrong's 7.5 sacks. 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, though their rookie class can provide several starters. New veterans and prior draft class will have to step up for this club to compete vs the top contenders.

Detroit Lions - *14-3 - Head Coach Dan Campbell - 4th Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #24	Terrion Arnold, CB, Alabama
Rd 2, #61	Ennis Rakestraw, CB, Missouri
Rd 4, #126 (GB-NYJ)	Giovanni Manu, OT, Brit Columbia
Rd 4, #132 (SF-Phil)	Sione Vaki, RB/S, Utah
Rd 6, #189 (Buff-Hous)	Mehki Wingo, DT, LSU
Rd 6, #210 (Phil)	Christian Mahogany, G, Boston College

The Lions held the #29 selection in the first round and traded up with the Cowboys when corner Terrion Arnold was still available at the 24th selection. He fits their scheme with the level of development to challenge for rookie time as either a starter and sub package defender. He was a solid addition at the pressing position.

With their 2nd round pick, they came right back with CB Ennis Rakestraw. He is a physical aggressive defender who tackles and is a strong culture fit here. He fell off injury issues, though has shown to overcome problems to return quickly. He was excellent value this late and has definite starting talent if healthy. He figures to earn time in sub packages in camp with interesting upside.

With their two #4 picks, they chose OT Gio Manu and safety Sione Vaki. Manu is an international player who had a knock out workout at an amazing 6'7" 350 lbs. He has the physical package and skill set to eventually start in the league. He was the earliest international player ever selected in the NFL Draft. Vaki is a tough savvy versatile athlete who lined up at both safety and running back. He gets his first look at safety where he shows strong tackling and good range. Needs coverage development. Top special teams' defender and good role defender. With their two 6th round picks, they chose DT Mehki Wingo and guard Christian Mahogany. Wingo is a quick penetrator with the talent to play in line rotation as a rusher. He was productive vs SEC talent and could be an early contributor in the sub package. Good addition. Mahogany is a tough physical blocker who was a surprise this late. He is a sound technician with good mobility and toughness to make this roster. He has top core strength that translates well to the field. The Lions project him to eventually start inside and be a valuable backup his first few seasons. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Lions were aggressive in the FA market. They addressed their defensive front with a few high-priced veterans in DE Marcus Davenport and DT DJ Reader. DT Reader is a top run stuffer who gives them a solid interior anchor. DE Davenport hopes to emerge opposite edge defender Aidan Hutchinson. They added FAs, corner Arik Robertson, WR Tre'Quan Smith and guard Kevin Zeiter. They traded their #3 selection for corner Carlton Davis, an excellent addition for their pressing secondary needs. They lost C.J. Gardner-Johnson, WR Josh Reynolds, guard Jonah Jackson, QB Teddy Bridgewater and DT Benito Jones. CB Cameron Sutton was released due to a domestic violent situation, though was resigned by June. They signed a good group of rookie UDFAs with the talent to surprise. They added WR Jalon Calhoun and WR Isaiah Williams, TE Isaac Rex, C Duke Clemens, Kingsley Eguakun and Bryan Hudson, OLB Isaac Ukwu, Nate Lynn, DaRon Gilbert and Steele Chambers, CB Morice Norris and S Chelen Garnes and Loren Strickland, LS Hogan Hatten and PK James Turner. Wideouts Calhoun and Williams will get a long look here. TE Rex is a quality receiver with the talent to surprise and is especially effective in the red zone. LB Chambers has the talent to be a nickel backer and quality special teams' performer.

Training Camp Objectives: The Lions won the NFC North and their first playoff game since 1991. They won two postseason games before losing a heartbreaker to the 49ers. HC Campbell has led this club to the playoffs in three short years. He has assembled tough hard-nosed players who buy into the program. Young QB Jared Goff emerged as a top flight passer with an impressive performance of over 4500 yards and a 30/12 TD/int ratio. He looks to former top pick Jamison Williams to step in year three and provide big play ability. He has the deep speed to couple with star Amon-Ra St. Runners, David Montgomery and rookie Jahmyr Gibbs provide impact here to rank among the league leaders. The line ranks among the best in the game. TE LaPorta was awesome as a rookie and gave this attack an added dimension. Their young defense improved, though struggled, especially their porous secondary. They will have two new starters there. Edge defender Aidan Hutchinson is a difference maker. New defensive veterans, CB Davis and DT will provide leadership along with young backer Jack Campbell. The Lions climbed the mountain to win the division. It will probably be tougher to defender their title in the tough and improved NFC North. They bring a tough

mentality along with a balanced offense. Their defense ranks only in the middle and must prove better in pass defender and points allowed. They added another strong draft class with the talent to contribute immediately. Their gritty mentality looks to take the next step in the postseason behind the emerging QB Jared Goff. They can win the competitive NFC North again, though they will not surprise anyone after their recent major turnaround.

Green Bay Packers – 10-7 – Head Coach Matt LaFleur – 5th Year

2024 Rookie Draft Class

Rd 1, #25	Jordan Morgan, OT, Arizona
Rd 2, #45 (Den-NO)	Edgerrin Cooper, LB, Texas A&M
Rd 2, #58	Javon Bullard, S, Georgia
Rd 3, #88	MarShawn Lloyd, RB, USC
Rd 3, #91 (Buff)	Ty'Ron Hopper, LB, Missouri
Rd 4, #111 (NYJ)	Evan Williams, S, Oregon
Rd 5, #163 (Buff)	Jacob Monk, OL, Duke
Rd 5, #169	Kitan Oladapo, S, Oregon State
Rd 6, #202	Travis Glover, OT, Georgia State
Rd 7, #245	Michael Pratt, QB, Tulane
Rd 7, #255	Kalen King, CB, Penn State

The Packers' GM Brian Gutekunst held another large draft class (11) after several trades. They addressed their offensive line in the 1st round and followed with two additional selections for that unit. In the first round, they choose OT Jordan Morgan, a long agile versatile lineman with developed skills. An aggressive blocker who gets to the 2nd level and finishes. In protection, he moves well, though needs to refine his hand usage and overall technique. Probably wins the left tackle position with a strong preseason. Solid addition to a young line which holds the key to the continuous development of QB Jordan Love.

With their two #2 picks, they chose LB Edgerrin Cooper and safety Javon Bullard. Cooper is a blue-chip athlete with versatility and big play talent. He came on strong, showing well rounded and developed instincts and skills to be a three-down starter in either scheme. He has an incredible ceiling to provide impact as a pass rusher and sideline to sideline finisher. Bullard is an aggressive hard-hitting defender who excels near the LOS. He shows top range and good open field tackling. Needs development in man coverage with better grades in zones. Probably couples with Xavier McKinney to form a new safety tandem after only 7 interceptions in 2023 for the complete secondary. He was the first of three safeties selected in the NFL Draft.

With their two #3 picks, they chose runner Marshawn Lloyd and LB Ty'Ron Hopper. Lloyd is a quick instinctive runner who came on fast in the postseason. He has natural receiving skills with elusiveness in the openfield and the burst to break plays. He can earn the 1A role behind new veteran Josh Jacobs. Hopper is a quick hitter who finishes well. Needs some development on his initial reads and drops in coverage, though should excel of special team units early.

In the 4th round, they chose safety Evan Williams, a savvy defender with good tackling skills. He figures to press for time in the sub package where he is consistently in good position to make plays. Sure tackler with the talent to become a fixture on special teams. With two 5th round picks, they choose center Jacob Monk and safety Kitan Oladapo. Monk is a smart pivotman who gives them a solid backup with extensive experience. Oladapo finished strong with an impressive Senior Bowl. He is a physical defender who finishes like a linebacker and the agility to matchup in coverage. Excellent value here and possible starter in time, with early impact on special teams.

In the 6th round, they chose OT Travis Glover, a massive blocker who impressed in individual drills. He has the physical package for right tackle or guard and can make this roster. He displays developed skill set to surprise and push for time early in his career. With two 7thd round picks, they choose QB Michael Pratt and DB Kalen King. Pratt is another late round QB after selecting QB Sean Clifford last April. Pratt fell off average arm strength and marginal competition, though has proven to be accurate with smart decision making. He was a good addition with the talent to surprise with development. DB King fell off a subpar 2023 season and an unimpressive postseason. He lined up at corner, though may get reps at safety and different roles in the dime package. Needs a good camp to earn a roster spot, though would be a PS candidate if he fails to win roster spot.   **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Packers signed veterans runner Josh Jacobs, safety Xavier McKinney and OT Andre Dillard. Jacobs replaces Jones and gives them a well-rounded feature back. McKinney had a big contract finale and received a huge contract. Dillard has been a 1st round bust. They lost RB Aaron Jones, OT David Bakhtiari, LB DeVondre Campell, OG Jon Runyan, safeties Darnell Savage and Rudy Ford and TE Josiah Deguara. Bakhtiari has been an annual injury problem. OG Jansen will be missed and is an emerging blocker. The Packers signed an average rookie FA class including RB Jarveon Howard, WR Julian Hicks, WR Dimitri Stanley, TE Messiah Swinson, OL Donovan Jennings, OL Trente Jones, DL James Ester, DL Rodney Mathews, LB Ralen Gofort and LS Peter Bowden. OL Jones can surprise here and win a backup role or probably a PS spot.

Training Camp Objectives: The Packers earned the Wild card berth off a strong finish and won the opening round in the playoffs. They lost a tough game vs the 49ers. QB Jordan Love stepped up with an impressive finish which carried over to the postseason. He showed poise and playmaking ability to this club to build around. He used strong young

classes of receivers in Christian Watson, Jayden Reed, Romeo Dubbs and Dontayvion Wicks plus young TEs in Musgrave and Kraft. The offensive line will undergo changes this season and may hold the key to any repeat for the playoffs. Pro bowl guard Elgton Jenkins is counted on for leadership. They continued to invest on the defensive unit with high draft choices. LBers Rashan Gary, Preston Smith and Quay Walker form a strong pair of edge rushers. Rookie Edgerrin Cooper is in an ideal position to excel and become a tackling machine here. They run defense was a major liability and he can make a difference. NT Kenny Clark is one of the game's best interior rushers. The young secondary will undergo several changes after few big plays on the ball in 2023. This club returned to the playoffs after a one-year absence. The trade of Aaron Rodgers opened the door for both playing time for Love and salary cap relief for FA additions. The offensive line needs to step up while the defense must prove more effective vs playoff caliber offenses. Packers will be in the postseason race, though a much-improved NFC North will press them to improve in key areas to make the postseason.

Los Angeles Rams - 10-7 - Head Coach Sean McVay - 8th Year

2024 Rookie Draft Class

Rd 1, #19	Jared Verse, Edge, Florida State
Rd 2, #39 (NYG-Car)	Braden Fiske, DT, Florida St
Rd 3, #83	Blake Corum, RB, Michigan
Rd 3, #99	Kamren Kinchens, S, Miami
Rd 5, # 154	Brennan Jackson, Edge, Wash St
Rd 6, #196	Tyler Davis, DT, Clemson
Rd 6, #209	Joshua Karty, PK, Stanford
Rd 6, #213	Jordan Whittington, WR, Texas
Rd 6, #217	Beaux Limmer, C, Arkansas
Rd 7, #254	KT Leveston, OL, Kansas State

The Rams addressed their defensive front with their top two selections. In the 1st round, they chose edge defender Jared Verse, a versatile defender who shows outside speed to rush the passer and power to anchor vs the run. He was good value here. With their 2nd round pick, they selected DT Braden Fiske, college teammate of Verse. Strong final season and postseason to elevate his grade quickly. He is tenacious and shows developed technique and instincts to play immediately. He was an excellent addition which helps the loss of retired Aaron Donald.

With their two 3rd round picks, they selected runner Blake Corum and safety Kamren Kinchens. Corum is a hardnosed back with cutting skills, power and hands. He figures to earn time behind Kyren Williams and is a solid early 1A type. Kinchens is a playmaker, though workout out poorly which cause his stock to fall late in the process. He is a legit 4.6 athlete which combined with good instincts and toughness can earn him time in the sub packages.

With their 5th round pick, they chose edge defender Brennan Jackson, an aggressive relentless athlete with limits. He has good core strength to surprise in run defense with the burst and hand usage to win off the edge. With their four 6th round picks, they selected DT Tyler Davis, PK Johua Karty, WR Jordan Whittington and OL Beaux Limmer. Davis slipped in the draft off an average final season. He lacks imposing size, though has been effective vs high competition. Looks to earn time in line rotation. PK Karty is a strong legged prospect with good accuracy and power to also win kickoff duties. WR Whittington is sure handed athlete with nice experience in the slot. Looking to hit another home run on a late receiver after landing Puka Nacua in the 5th round last year. OL Limmer has experience to cover the interior roles. He can win a roster spot here off that versatility. OL Leveston was a college tackle who can also project to guard. He carries a make it grade on a unit with only marginal depth. **Grade: B+**
Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The signed veteran FAs, QB Jimmy Garoppolo, OG Jonah Jackson, corners Tre'Davious White and Darius Williams and safety Kamren Curl. They were surprise to announce the retirement of Aaron Donald, a great penetrator and future HOFer. They lost center Brian Allen, QB Carson Wentz, RB Royce Freeman, OL Coleman Shelton, DL Jonah William, CB Ahkello Witherspoon and safeties Jordan Fuller and John Johnson. They signed an average group of rookie UDFAs in wideouts, JJ Laap, Drake Stoops and Sam Wiglusz, TE Neal Johnson, OL Justin Dedich, OL Blake Larson, DE Anthony Goodlow, DL Tuli Letuligasenoa, DL David Olajiga, LB Elias Neal, LB Omar Speights, DB Cam Lampkin, DB Kenny Logan Jr., DB Jaylen McCollough, DB Josh Wallace and DB Charles Woods. LB Speights can make this roster and excel on special teams.
Training Camp Objectives: The Rams earn the Wild card playoff spot off wining their final four games. They lost a heartbreaker to the Lions in the first round. QB Matthew Stafford throw for just under 4000 yards in just 15 games and was instrumental in the strong finish. Wideout Cooper Kupp had a good season while rookie Puka Nacua exploded with a 100+ catch season for 1400 yards and 6 TDs. The ground game benefitted from young runner Kyren Williams who rushed for over 1000 yards and 12 TDs. The offensive line improved with new young talent. The defensive front will undergo a few changes with loss of premier tackle Aaron Donald. Rookies Verse and Fiske expected to win starting jobs. The secondary added new veterans and rookies and could be totally revamped this season. They 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 compete for NFC West leadership, and has the makeup to win a playoff spot, though too many questions related to their offensive line and overall defense. Stafford can still put-up elite numbers for this offense.

Minnesota Vikings *-7-9 - Head Coach Kevin O'Donnell - 3rd Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #10 (NYJ)	J.J. McCarthy, QB, Michigan
Rd 1, #17 (Hous)	Dallas Turner, Edge, Alabama
Rd 4, #108	Khyree Jackson, CB, Oregon
Rd 6, #177 (Car-Jax)	Walter Rouse, OT, Oklahoma
Rd 6, #203 (NYJ)	Will Reichard, PK, Alabama
Rd 7, #230 (Atl-Cleve-Ariz)	Michael Jurgens, C, Wake Forest
Rd 7, #232 (Den-SF-Hous)	Levi Drake-Rodriguez, DT, Texas A&M-Com

The Vikings parted ways with veteran QB Kirk Cousins who signed a huge FA contract. They added QB Sam Darold in free agency and he could start with a strong preseason. In the first round, they moved up one spot to select QB JJ McCarthy, a smart emerging passer. He was instrumental in the Michigan national title in 2023 and combines quick processing ability along with a fast delivery and accuracy. His fast development may earn him rookie starting time with a good camp, though he would benefit from sitting early and allowing the game to slow down for him. He was a quality addition and their patience paid off to wait until he slipped a few selections.

With their other 1st round selection, they chose edge defender Dallas Turner, a playmaker to change games. He surprisingly fell, though is highly developed to start as a rookie and become a fixture here. He has excellent value in the mid-first round and should pay huge dividends over time.

In the 4th round, they chose corner Khyree Jackson, a long physical defender who had a strong finish to his career. He is a hitter and tough in run support. His intriguing size allows him to dominant when he reads routes properly. Needs work on his technique and instincts to realize his physical talent. Excellent gamble here with starting talent. With two 6th round picks, they chose OT Walter Rouse and PK Will Reichard. OT Rouse played the left side both at Oklahoma and Stanford. He has fine length and agility to protect the edge. He is only adequate in run blocking and needs to bend to utilize his size. Good late selection. PK Reichard set NCAA records for scoring. He excelled under pressure and can win the starting job here and flourish in a dome situation.

With two 7th round picks, they chose center Michael Jurgens and DT Levi Drake-Rodriguez. OL Jurgens performed well in the ACC and has the skill set to surprise and make this roster. He gives them a solid backup at all the interior positions. DT Drake-Rodriguez is tough interior defender with good technique and natural strength. He is still raw in certain areas and needs time, though is capable of surprising here with marginal depth inside. **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Vikings signed FAs, runner Aaron Jones, QB Sam Darnold, edge Jonathan Greenard, LB Andrew Van Ginkel, Kamu Grugler-Hill and Blake Cashman, DT Jerry Tillery and corners Shaquill Griffin and Joejuan Williams. Darnold has the inside track on the starting job. Edge defender Greenard is an emerging impact rusher and excellent addition. LB Van Ginkel developed into a playmaker and reunites with DC Brian Flores. They lost QB Kurk Cousins, DEs Danielle Hunter, Marcus Davenport and Jonah Williams, LBers Jordan Hicks and DJ Wonnum, RB Alexander Attison, WR K J Osborn and guard Dalton Risner. They added an average rookie UDFAs class in WR Devron Harper, WR Ty James and WR Jeshaun Jones, TE Trey Knox, OL Matt Cindric, OL Jeremy Flax, OL Doug Nester and OL Spencer Rolland, Edge Gabriel Murphy, DL Tyler Manoa, DL Taki Taimani, OLB Owen Porter, OLB Bo Richter, LB K.J. Cloyd, LB Dallas Gant and LB Donovan Manuel and CB Dwight McGlothern. Edge Murphy will press for a roster spot and can make this club and eventually earn time as a situational pass rusher.

Training Camp Objectives: The Vikings missed the playoffs going 1-6 to close the season. They turned the page on the QB Kirk Cousins era after a midseason ending Achilles injury. Wideout Justin Jefferson remain one of the best receivers in the game. Rookie top pick wideout Jordan Addison had an excellent first season and fine compliment to Jefferson. TE TJ Hockenson played a big role here to justify his 2022 trade. The line was among the best in pass protection behind O'Neill and Darrisaw. The defense was mediocre at best with continuous pass defensive issues. They allow too much air yardage with few big plays. The secondary must step up and third year top picks, safety Cine and corner Booth face a critical preseason. Their defense must improve if they expect to compete for the playoffs. The offense needs new leadership with vet Darold hoping to hold off rookie top pick JJ McCarthy. With concerns about offensive leadership and the turnover on defense, this club will probably struggle to stay pace in the tough competitive NFC North. They may fall to the bottom of this division until their young roster matures and learns how to win.

New Orleans Saints *- 9-7 - Head Coach Dennis Allen - 3rd Year*

The Saints held a mid first round pick and choose OT Taliese Fuaga, a big mobile versatile lineman with high grades vs top competition. He will compete for an immediate starting job in camp and could win the left tackle spot with a strong preseason. His combination of size, bulk, length, agility and technique makes him a plug and play rookie starter here. He performed very well vs top competition and was an excellent addition here

In the 2nd round, they chose CB Kool-Aid McKinstry, a long aggressive cover man. He fell off his foot injury which limited him over his final season. He is an aggressive tackler and can line up at a few positions in the sub package. He is quick to diagnose and react to routes and usually gets fine position. He is expected to be a huge factor in their sub packages and possibly win an early starting job. rotation. Sold selection.

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #14	Taliese Fuaga, OT, Oregon State
Rd 2, #41 (NYJ-GB)	Kool-Aid McKinstry, CB, Alabama
Rd 5, #150	Spencer Rattler, QB, South Carolina
Rd 5, #170	Bub Means, WR, Pittsburgh
Rd 5, #175	Jaylan Ford, LB, Texas
Rd 6, #199 (Phil)	Khristian Boyd, DT, Northern Iowa
Rd 7, #239 (Den-LAR)	Josiah Ezirim, OT, Eastern Kentucky

With three 5th round picks, they choose QB Spencer Rattler, WR Bub Means and LB Jaylen Ford. QB Rattler is an experienced passer at two different programs. He has a solid arm and touch with the mobility to create on the move. He was a very good addition here and could win the #2 role within a few seasons. WR Means is a speedster with raw skills to mold into a weapon. He has top straight-line speed, but must develop better intermediate route running and quicker coverage. LB Ford is a mobile defender with sure strong tackling. He needs work on separating from blockers and developing further in coverage. Top special teams' performer. With their 6th round pick, they selected DT Khristian Boyd, a quick interior lineman with nice production over his small college career. He is quick off the ball with the length and footwork to penetrate and use his natural power to wreck-havoc on the inside. He was excellent value here and can make this roster and see time in the line rotation. With their 7th round pick, they selected OT Josiah Ezirim, a huge developmental prospect with limited time on offense. He has great size and agility and the tools to mold, though very raw currently. Ideal PS candidate. Fine late selection.

Grade: B

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed veterans QB Nathan Peterman, RB James Robinson, WR Cedrick Wilson, edge Chase Young, LBers Willie Gay, Khaleke Hudson and Will Harris. Young and Gay are counted on to provide impact on defense. They lost edge Zack Baun, QB Jameis Winston, WR Michael Thomas and Lynn Bowden, safety Marcus Maye, OL Andrew Peat, Cameron Erving and Max Garcia and TE Jimmy Graham. They had little salary cap room, but were aggressive signing edge Young and LB Gay. They signed an average group of rookie FA and several can win a roster spot or land on the practice squad, namely, RB Jacob Kibodi, WR Jermaine Jackson, WR Kyle Sheets, WR Mason Tipton, TE Dallin Holker, G Kyle Hergel, C Sincere Haynesworth, OL Nouredin Nouili, DE Nathan Latu, DT Kyler Baugh, LB Isaiah Stalbird, CB Lawrence Johnson, CB Rico Payton, S Millard Bradford and P Matthew Hayball. TE Holker will get a long look as a movement weapon where he shows developed skills.

Training Camp Objectives: The Saints won several late games which saved HC Allen's job, though they fell short of making the playoffs. QB Derek Carr gave them a quality passer and leader, though he needs more consistency. He can be the catalyst to return to the top of the open NFC South. They hope to build on a good offense where the line faces a huge challenge this preseason on the outside. Wideout Chris Olave is ready to join the league's elite playmakers. Back Alvin Kamara would benefit from an improved line. He has slipped in production in recent seasons. Young OL Trevor Penning faces a critical camp. Their veteran defense fell to mediocrity and needs impact from Young and Gay for more front seven production. They surrendered too much ground yardage along with marginal pass pressure. Vet Cameron Jordan may be limited to a rotational edge defender. Their secondary relies corner Marshon Lattimore and safety Tyrann Mathieu. Young vet CBs Paulson Adebo and Alontae Taylor have emerged as quality defenders with well rounded talent. Mike backer Demario Davis is still one of the premier backers. Carr must become a difference maker in big game situations to guide this club to the postseason. The offensive line holds the key while the changing defense must provide more big plays to win in the open NFC South.

New York Giants *- 6-11- Head Coach Brian Daboll - 3rd Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #6	Malik Nabers, WR, LSU
Rd 2, #47 (Seat)	Tyler Nubin, S, Minnesota
Rd 3, #70	Andru Phillips, CB, Kentucky
Rd 4, #107	Theo Johnson, TE, Penn State
Rd 5, #166	Tyrone Tracy Jr., RB, Purdue
Rd 6, #183	Darius Muasau, LB, UCLA

The Giants explored moves up and back in the first round, though held the 6th overall position and landed wideout Malik Nabers. He is a blue-chip prospect with highly developed talent. He has the makeup to be an immediate difference maker here. He will start with impact both from the outside and slot. He has amazing run after the catch ability and has the skill set to give this struggling offense impact juice. Best Giant receiver since Odell Beckham who we compared him to in our YB in March 2024.

With their 2nd round pick, they chose safety Tyler Nubin on a selection they received for Leonard Williams to the Seahawks. Their original #2 pick was traded for edge rusher Brian Burns. Nubin is versatile playmaker with

excellent production and prototypical skills. He can win a starting job vacated by overrated Xavier McKinney. His ball skills are a welcome addition and he has early three down starting talent. Solid addition here.

With their 3rd round pick, they came right back and addressed the secondary with the selection of corner Andru Phillips. He was a fast-rising cover man who graded out high in the SEC. He has fluid hips with quick footwork and the recovery speed to mirror receivers. He is a reliable tackler and can win the slot role with a good preseason. He has starting talent and is NFL ready for the sub packages. Fits a need and quality addition. With their 4th round pick, they chose TE Theo Johnson, a big athlete with interesting physical skills. He has well rounded talent, though needs development in technique and route running. He addresses a major need after the retirement of Darren Waller in June. He will couple with vet Daniel Bellinger to form a good duo with developing talent. Johnson was a big upside with development.

With their 5th round pick, they chose runner Tracy Tyrone, a versatile athlete with prior experience at receiver. He is an ideal 1A type and rated as one of the top sleepers in our Yearbook. Natural receiver with big play ability and runner with his best football ahead of him. Excellent sleeper with good cutting skills and vision to make tough inside yardage and the quickness to make the edge. Talent to become a huge surprise and one of our most underrated prospects in this class. With their 6th round selection, they drafted LB Darius Muasau, an active defender who plays with his hair on fire. He shows great range and the ability to finish with strong tackling. He can play overaggressive at times and needs to play under control especially in space. Capable of being the nickel backer to shadow scramblers in addition to being a fixture on special teams' coverage units. Quality role defender and a fine late addition.   *Grade: B+*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They added a few quality starters in FA in hopes of improving their young struggling offense. They signed starters, RB Devin Singletary, OL Jon Runyan and Jermaine Eluemunor, along with key backups. Singletary replaces Saquan Barkley who left in FA. He rushed for almost as much yardage last season as Barkley. He is an underrated back whose well-rounded talent will help this offense. Runyan and Eluemunor are quality veterans who will start at guard where the GMen had continuous problems in 2023. They came provide stability on the inside bookending talented center John Michael Schmitz. They traded for edge defender Brian Burns, using their #2 pick for a double-digit pass rusher. He couples with Kayvon Thibodeaux to form a potent edge pair, both capable of big sack numbers. They lost starters, RB Barkley, safety Xavier McKinney, guard Ben Bredeson and DT A'Shawn Robinson. They signed a good rookie FA class with a few having solid chances to make the roster or PS. They signed WR Ayir Asante, WR John Jiles, OT Marcellus Johnson, G Jake Kubas, DE Ovie Oghoufo, DL Casey Rogers and DB Alex Johnson. OT Johnson is a big mobile athlete with intriguing upside. He can win a roster spot here.

Training Camp Objectives: The Giants struggled early and could never overcome their terrible 2-8 start. HC Brian Daboll had to rotate three starting QBs, when Daniel Jones went down with an ACL injury in mid-October. The weak injury riddled offensive line struggled especially in protection, allowing a league high 84 sacks. LT Andrew Thomas missed seven games and this club needs a full season from him if they hope for Daniel Jones to return to former levels. Young center Michael Schmitz is primed for a breakout performance and key interior blocker. Young RT Evan Neal struggled again and missed over half the season. He must prove capable of starting on the right side. Top pick wideout Malik Nabers has the playmaking talent to raise this offense to a new level. He is that good. QB Daniel Jones has been over criticized, but has proved to be very effective when protected. His return to the field in camp can guide this offense to a surprise 2024 performance. Runner Barkley will be missed, though his production can be replaced in a committee backfield. TE Darren Waller never became the weapon planned in his only season. The Giants defense made major changes after firing DC 'Wink' Martindale. New DC Shane Bowen will be aggressive, though more effectiveness vs the run. DT Dexter Lawrence is the Giants' best player and the premier interior defender in the league. LB Bobby Okerele is an impact playmaker who will prove his Pro Bowl snub was a mistake. Young vets, safeties Jason Pinnock and Dane Belton will be challenged by rookie Nubin and vet Jalen Mills. Edge rusher Azeez Ojulari returns after missing 7 games and is primed for a big contract season. Edge Kayvon Thibodeaux should thrive opposite new vet Burns as a pass rusher. The secondary underwent key changes with top pick Deonte Banks playing well on the outside. New corner Phillips will compete with vet Flott in a key camp battle for the nickel role. GMen made important roster changes and added a few impact rookies which can have a huge effect on their success. Jones returning to health holds the key with a much better supporting cast along the line and skill positions. This club can surprise and return to the playoffs, though cannot repeat key multiple injuries. A good start of the schedule and this club can believe in themselves and push for a Wild card berth.

Philadelphia Eagles - 11-6 - Head Coach Nick Sirianni - 4th Year

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #22	Quinyon Mitchell, CB, Toledo
Rd 2, #40 (Chic-Wash)	Cooper DeJean, DB, Iowa
Rd 3, #94 (SF)	Jalyx Hunt, Edge, Houston Christian
Rd 4, #127 (Hous)	Will Shipley, RB, Clemson
Rd 5, #152 (Seat-Wash)	Ainias Smith, WR, Texas A&M
Rd 5, #155 (Pitt-LAR-Car-Ind)	Jeremiah Trotter Jr., LB, Clemson
Rd 5, #172	Trevor Keegan, G, Michigan
Rd 6, #185 (NYJ)	Johnny Wilson, WR, Florida State
Rd 6,#190 (NO-GB -NYJ)	Dylan McMahon, C, NC State

The Eagles addressed their glaring secondary problem with their top two selections. They were surprised that corner Quinyon Mitchell was still available at the #22 picks and quickly chose the tough cover man. He comes off an impressive final season and postseason including a strong performance at the Senior Bowl. He carries a rookie starting grade if he shows well in the preseason. He was an excellent addition. They moved up 10 spots in the 2nd round and chose DB Cooper Dejean, a versatile defender with good return skills. He fell off a leg injury which limited through the postseason. He is a savvy defender with sure tackling and keen instincts. His versatility allows him to play inside and outside and also projects to free safety. Very good choice if he proves durable.

With their 3rd round pick, they chose edge defender Jalyx Hunt, a long athlete who continues to improve. Showed well at the Senior Bowl and NFL Combine. He has the burst off the edge to develop into an outside pass rusher. Very raw after time at two lower-level schools. Though a project, he has the skill set to push for reps in the sub package as an edge rusher. Though a slight reach, he has the impact talent to develop in time.

With three 5th round picks, they chose WR/RS Ainias Smith, LB Jeremiah Trotter and OG Trevor Keegan. Smith struggled returning from a 2022 ACL injury. He is an outstanding return specialist with the skills to press for time as a slot receiver. He can provide playmaking ability if he can stay healthy. LB Trotter fell off average type measurables. He hopes to follow his father as an Eagle starter on the inside. He was good value here and can be an immediate impact defender on special teams' units. An eventual starter and solid addition here. OG Keegan is a big physical blocker with good grades over his late career. He gives them good depth while he develops.

With two 6th round picks, they chose WR Johnny Wilson and center Dylan McMahon. Wilson is a wideout/TE hybrid with terrific length and good body control and hands. He gives them a versatile piece for multiple sets, though currently a weak blocker. McMahon could win a backup role or a PS position and ultimately a place in their interior rotation.   **Grade: B+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed veteran FAs, runner Shaquan Barkley, WR DeVante Parker, LB Zack Baun, OT Mekhi Becton, edge Bryce Huff, LBers Devin White and Oren Burks and S CJ Gardner-Johnson. Barkley is counted on toe give them a bell cow runner, though his injury history is a concern. He can be a difference maker if healthy. Parker retired during mini-camp. Becton was a late addition after a horrible career with the Jets. He must make the roster. Edge defender Huff is a force off the edge, though only a one-dimensional defender. White has slipped in recent seasons and hopes to reclaim his former level. CJ Gardner returns after one season in Detroit and looks to give this secondary stability. Veterans, center C Jason Kelce and DT Fletcher Cox retired after outstanding careers. They lost runners D'Andre Swift, Boston Scott and Rashaad Penny, QB Marcus Mariota, TE Jack Stroll, LBers Shaquille Leonard and Zach Cunningham and safety Kevin Byard. They traded for QB Kenny Pickett for a late selection. They traded edge defender Haason Reddick for a conditional middle round pick. They added a solid rookie UDFA class in RB Kendall Milton, TE McCallan Castles, OT Gottlieb Ayedze, OT Anim Dankwah, OT Laekin Vakalahi, DT Gabe Hall and S Andre' Sam. RB Milton is a physical back with power to win a roster spot. OT Ayedze is a raw mobile blocker who could land on PS. DL Hall is a versatile lineman who can make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Eagles lost five of their final six games in 2023, though still earned the Wild card berth. They were quickly eliminated in the postseason by the Bucs. They changed both coordinators after a disturbing late season collapse. QB Jalen Hurts had a decent performance, though made too many mistakes. He should respond to new OC Kellen Moore. The line was not as dominant as prior seasons. They will begin to see annual changes with a few more veterans retiring in upcoming seasons. HC Sirianni faces a telltale season after a disappointing finish. Veteran wideouts AJ Brown and DeVonta Smith hit 1000+ yards receiving again. Their defense fell especially in big situations. They slipped in pass pressure with only the departed Reddick hitting double digit sacks in 2023. They look to young interior tackles Davis and Carter to step up and provide inside playmaking. Their LB play gets a boost from savvy White plus young defenders, Nakota Dean and Nolan Smith. The secondary remains questionable and probably has three new starters, with their top two rookies. Vet corners Darius Slay and James Bradberry will be hard pressed to retain starting status. This club relies on Jalen Hurts to provide playmaking and win close games. Their aggressive defense must prove tough again vs the pass. This SB contender still has a talented roster, though failed in big game situations. Favorite to win in the NFC East to make another run in the playoffs.

San Francisco 49ers -12-5 - Head Coach Kyle Shanahan - 8th Year

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #31	Ricky Pearsall, WR, Florida
Rd 2, #64 (KC)	Renardo Green, CB, Florida St
Rd 3, #86 (Phil-Hous-Phil)	Dominick Puni, OT, Kansas
Rd 4, #124 (Dall)	Malik Mustapha, S, Wake Forest
Rd 4, #129 (Minn-NYJ)	Isaac Guerendo, RB, Louisville
Rd 4, #135	Jacob Cowing, WR, Arizona
Rd 6, #215	Jarrett Kingston, G, USC
Rd 7, #251	Tatum Bethune, LB, Florida St

The 49ers won the NFC West title again before losing to the Chiefs in the Super Bowl. They held the 31st pick in the first round and chose wideout Ricky Pearsall. He had an impressive postseason which elevated his stock significantly. He has good size and shows excellent leaping skills and hands to earn time in their offense as a rookie. He was a slight reach here, but can give this attack a boost especially with several key starters annually injury prone.

With their 2nd round selection, they choose corner Renardo Green, a long savvy cover man who graded out high vs the best competition. He shows the ability to read routes well with the break on the ball to make plays. He was part of a run-on corners from the late 1st round thru the mid-3rd round. High level of development should allow him to play immediately in sub packages with early starting grade.

With their 3rd round selection, they choose OL Dominick Puni, an experienced lineman with time at tackle and guard. Graded out high in the Big 12 and had a good postseason. He uses his bulk and hands well to win early on the down and gain consistent positioning. He needs some development, though has the physical skills to start with development, most likely at guard.

With three 4th round selections, they choose safety Malik Mustapha, RB Isaac Guerendo and WR Jacob Cowing. Mustapha 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. Lacks length in matchups with big receivers, especially tight ends. He can win a role in the dime package early in his career. RB Guerendo is a top athlete with elite numbers. Good straight-line runner with a physicality to get reps in short yardage and eventually a 1A back. Good addition here. WR Cowing is a quick elusive playmaker with the long speed to break plays. Quality return specialist probably earns him a roster spot. Eventual slot receiver with the suddenness to create space and make plays. Top role addition.

With their 6th round selections, they choose OG Jarrett Kinston, a smart versatile interior blocker. He will press for a roster spot in camp and has the talent to develop further. He could land on the PS for a few seasons. With their 7th round selection, they choose LB Tatum Bethune, a hard-hitting defender with experience vs top competition. 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: D**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The 49ers went after defensive players in FA. They signed edge Leonard Floyd, LB De'Vondre Campbell, Oren Burks and Yetur Gross-Matos, DT Maliek Collins and Jordan Elliott and CB Isaac Yiadom. They lost QB Sam Darnold, DT Arik Armstead and Javon Kinlaw, edge rushers, Chase Young, Randy Gregory and Clelin Ferrell and safeties Logan Ryan and Tashaun Gipson Sr. They added a mediocre class of rookie UDFAs including RB Cody Schrader, WR Terique Owens, TE Mason Pline, OL Briason Mays, OL Drake Nugent, DL Evan Anderson and S Jaylen Mahoney.

Training Camp Objectives: Veteran QB Brock Purdy directed one of the best offenses in the league. They had ideal balance around Purdy's passing and the running of Christian McCaffrey to rank among the leaders in scoring and production. Wideouts Deebo Samuel and Brandon Aiyuk and TE George Kittle gives them a deep group of playmakers. All must be accounted for on every play. The line performed well with RT Colton McKivitz stepping in and grading out well. Vet LT Trent Williams is arguably the best in the game. Their young defense has top talent and ranked in the top ten units 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 and couples with Dre Greenlaw to form a dominant pair. DT Javon Hargrave is a force as an inside pass rusher. The secondary lead the league in interceptions with CB Charvarius Ward and safety Talanoa Hufanga key defenders. They are coming off back-to-back NFC titles and have retained most of the nucleus. They are a strong favorite to repeat in the NFC. Purdy continues to improve and utilizes his weapons well. Their defense ranks among the elite, though their secondary needs to improve after the SB loss with only marginal coverage vs top passers. Their ready for another SB run, though key questions around offensive line and secondary must prove positive.

Seattle Seahawks - 9-8 - Head Coach Mike MacDonald - 1st Year

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2024 Rookie Draft Class
Rd 1, #16                        Byron Murphy II, DT, Texas
Rd 3, #81 (Den)                  Christian Haynes, G, UConn
Rd 4, #118                       Tyrice Knight, LB, New Mexico St
Rd 4, #121 (Mia-Den)             A.J. Barner, TE, Michigan
Rd 5, #136 (Car-Cleve-Den)       Nehemiah Pritchett, CB, Auburn
Rd 6, #179 (Wash)                Sataoa Laumea, OL, Utah
Rd 6, #192                       D.J. James, CB, Auburn
Rd 6, #207 (SF-Den)              Mike Jerrell, OT, Findlay
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The Seahawks held the 16th overall selection and addressed their weak run defense with the pick of DT Byron Murphy. He had a dominant late career where he beat double team blocking often and was disruptive consistently. He performed against top competition and carried that over with an impressive postseason at the Senior Bowl and NFL Combine. He is relentless, quick and powerful with the LOD to start day one. Excellent fit here.

With their #3 pick, they chose OG Christian Haynes, a tough developed interior blocker with an early starting grade. He comes off an impressive final season and combines excellent short area quickness, toughness and sound technique. He can win a starting job with a good preseason.

With two 4th round picks, they choose LB Tyrice Knight and TE AJ Barner. LB Knight is an aggressive hitter with sideline-to-sideline range. He is a powerful finisher with good initial reads to utilize his fine athleticism. He could challenge for a starting job early in his career and while he waits, he can be a core special teams' performer. TE Barner is a well-rounded prospect who can fill the #2 role. He is an effective blocker and shows reliable hands to be a valuable piece for their multiple sets. He was a slight reach this early.

With their 5th round pick, they choose their first Auburn cornerback in Nehemiah Pritchett. He is a long tough cover man who is aggressive in jump ball situations. He can be an inconsistent tackler which must improve to earn time in their sub packages. He can eventually win a starting job, once he cleans up his tackling and reading routes. With three 6th round picks, they choose OL Sataoa Laumea. CB DJ James and OT Mike Jerrell. OL Laumea is a physical versatile blocker with extensive experience. He is a strong run blocker who fits on backers well and sustains. He uses his bulk to anchor well in protection, though needs to improve siding to handle secondary moves. CB James is a quick instinctive cover man who mirrors receivers well. He is tough for his size and best suited for the nickel role where his matchup skills give him an early starting grade. Good addition. OT Jerrell is a long athlete from the DII level. He is raw and needs work on his football, strength and balance and develops best on the PS for a few seasons.   **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Seahawks signed vets, QB Sam Howell, WR Laviska Shenault, TE Pharaoh Brown, OT George Fant, OG Laken Tomlinson, C Nick Harris, DT Johnathan Hankins, LB Tyrel Dodson and Jerome Baker, safeties Raushawm Jenkins and K'Von Wallace. They lost QB Drew Lock, LBers, Bobby Wagner, Jordyn Brooks and Devin Bush, TE Will Dissly, OT Jason Peters, safeties Jamal Adams and Quandre Diggs, OGs Damien Lewis and Evan Brown. They signed a huge average group of rookie UDFAs. They signed RB George Holani, RB Kobe Lewis, RB TaMerik Williams, WR Hayden Hatten, WR Dee Williams, TE Jack Westover, OT Garret Greenfield, C Mike Novitsky, DE DeVere Levelston, DL Nelson Ceasar, OLB Sunny Anderson, OLB Nelson Ceaser, OLB Rason Williams II, LB Easton Gibbs, CB Carlton Johnson and DB Ro Torrence.
He is a good PS candidate.

Training Camp Objectives: The Seahawks missed the playoffs despite winning three of their final four games. They relied on vet QB Geno Smith to direct this offense. He had a good performance, thought below his 2022 breakout performance. Their balanced offense slipped off a decline in the ground game with no 1000-yard runner. Receiver DK Metcalf had a dominant performance with a 16+ yard average and 10 TDs. Vet WR Tyler Lockett had a good season, though to prior level. Young talent tackles, Cross and Lucas must prove durable after an injury riddled 2023 season. The interior will feature three new starters. Their slipped to the bottom of the league in most vital statistics. Their front four features two high priced starter DT Leonard Willaims and Dre'Mont Jones who need to deliver in 2024. They will be pushed by top pick Byron Murphy. The back seven lacked consistent big play ability and allowed huge yardage and points. Vet safety Julian Love will play a bigger role. Their changing secondary will feature rookie corners and young veteran safeties for their sub packages. This club tried to revamp on defense and must eliminate big plays, in addition to massive amounts of yardage on the ground. This club needs QB Smith to carry this offense. In the tough NFC West, they will compete for a playoff spot, but still short of the elite clubs unless young players step up and key vets play at high levels.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers - *10-7 - Head Coach Todd Bowles - 3rd Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class
Rd 1, #26	Graham Barton, OL, Duke	
Rd 2, #57	Chris Braswell, Edge, Alabama	
Rd 3, #89	Tykee Smith, S, Georgia	
Rd 3, #92 (Det)	Jalen McMillan, WR, Washington	
Rd 4, #125	Bucky Irving, RB, Oregon	
Rd 6, #220	Elijah Klein, G, UTEP	
Rd 7, #246	Devin Culp, TE, Washington	

The Bucs used their first-round pick on OL Graham Barton, a big athletic lineman with experience at every position. He has very good size and mobility with the developed technique to grade out high consistently. He projects best to guard or center. With the retirement of vet center Ryan Jensen. He is highly developed with the makeup of a longtime starter and probably with a good preseason. Excellent addition.

In the 2nd round, they chose LB Chris Braswell, quick edge rusher with definite upside potential. He has the burst off the edge with the power to strike and jar blockers. He can be a very effective starter with technique development. He was a solid addition here. With two 3rd round picks, they chose safety Tykee Smith and wideout Jalen McMillan. Smith had an impressive Senior Bowl and shows developed coverage skills and can be a force near the LOS. He figures to be a piece in their sub package, whether the back quarter or big nickel. Top special teams' performer and player on the come. WR McMillan is a big slot receiver with sure hands and able to win most 50/50 passes. He returned from a knee injury and improved weekly over the 2023 season.

With their 4th round pick, they selected runner Bucky Irving, a quick scatback who gives them a playmaker in different sets. Will press for 3rd down role, where his hands and open field running skills makes him a weapon. With their 6th round pick, they selected OL Elijah Klein, a versatile prospect with good physical skills to make this roster. He gets a good push as a drive blocker and has the footwork to slide in protection. He needs time to refine his technique and settles into a system and could land initially on the PS. With their 7th round pick, they chose TE Devin Culp, a fast mobile pass catcher who best fits the H-back role. He is an adequate blocker who relies on positioning. Dangerous runner after the catch and effective in the redzone in single coverage. ***Grade: B***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bucs signed S Jordan Whitehead, OGs Ben Bredeson and Sua Opeta, edge Randy Gregory and CB Bryce Hall. They lost LB Devin White, edge defender Shaq Barrett, safety Ryan Neal and OL Aaron Stinnie. They traded veteran corner Carlton Davis for the Lions 3rd round selection. Salary cap move and opened up opportunity for younger starters. They added a good group of rookie FA in QB Zack Annexstad, RB DJ Williams, WR Kameron Johnson, WR Latreal Jones, WR Tanner Knue, OL Avery Jones, OL Xavier Delgado, DT Judge Culpepper, LB Kalen DeLoach, LB Antonio Grier, OLB Daniel Grzesiak, OLB Shaun Peterson, CB Tyrek Funderburk, CB Chris McDonald, S Marcus Banks and S Rashad Wisdom

Training Camp Objectives: The Bucs' won back-to-back NFC South titles and bashed the Eagles in the opening round of the playoffs. They were eliminated by the Lions. QB Baker Mayfield had an impressive Comeback performance with over 4000 yards passing and a 28/10 TD/int ratio. Their poor ground game must only marginal production, though starter Rachaad White broke out with a solid performance. Vet wideout Mike Evans had another monster performance with over 1200 yards and 13 TDs despite regular double team coverage. HC Todd Bowles will push their changing defense to step up especially in pass defense. DT Kancey is counted on to provide more big plays. The defense relies on veterans, LB Lavonte David and safety Antoine Winfield to provide big plays. Bucs count on starter Mayfield to continue to provide leadership and consistent production. The Bucs are certainly the team to beat in the NFC South though a few other clubs have improved and capable of surprising in a competitive division.

Washington Commanders - *4-13 - Head Coach Dan Quinn - 1st Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class
Rd 1, #2	Jayden Daniels, QB, LSU	
Rd 2, #36	Johnny Newton, DT, Illinois	
Rd 2, #50 (NO-Phil)	Mike Sainristill, CB, Michigan	
Rd 2, #53	Ben Sinnott, TE, Kansas State	
Rd 3, #67	Brandon Coleman, OL, TCU	
Rd 3, #100 (SF)	Luke McCaffrey, WR, Rice	
Rd 5, #139	Jordan Magee, LB, Temple	
Rd 5, #161 (TB-Phil)	Dominique Hampton, S, Washington	
Rd 7, #222	Javontae Jean-Baptiste, Edge, Notre Dame	

The Commanders addressed their endless search for a top QB and remained at the #2 position in the first round. They selected QB Jayden Daniels, a dual threat athlete who competed an outstanding final season. They turned down all offers for the selection and like the union of Daniels with OC Kliff Kingsbury. Daniels will benefit from Kingsbury's astute passing attack to maximize talent. Daniels is similar to former Washington QB Robert Griffin. Both have similar body types and athleticism. Daniels has a good supporting cast with quality receivers and improving offensive line.

With three 2nd round selections, they chose DT Johnny Newton, CB Mike Sainristill and TE Ben Sinnott. Newton fell off a foot injury which limited his participation in the postseason. Unfortunately, he sustained the same

injury to the other foot in mini camp which will delay his start. He was good value here, though may be slow to get to the field until healthy. CB Sainristill was an impact defender for the national champions. He defies his marginal size and uses his quickness, smart and toughness to get to the ball and finish. He was a slight reach here, though a rising prospect off a strong career finish. TE Sinnott is a versatile sure handed prospect who lines up at a few positions. He is a quality athlete with the RAC ability to be dangerous on the crossing and intermediate routes to give a passer an excellent weapon. He fits well here, though a surprise this early.

With two 3rd round selections, they chose OL Brandon Coleman and WR Luke McCaffrey. OL Coleman was impressive at the Senior Bowl drills and graded out high vs top competition. Physical skills and long arms to earn rookie time with talent for both tackle and guard. WR McCaffrey is a savvy sure handed receiver who runs precise routes. He will be a valuable slot weapon with the ability to get open and provide a reliable target in the underneath routes to move the chains. Rising prospect with the development to be an immediate factor in sub packages. With two 5th round selections, they chose LB Jordan Mcgee and safety Dominique Hampton. Mcgee is a quality athlete though raw in key areas. He needs work on his technique and ability to separate from blockers. Quality special teams and maybe early nickel backer. S Hampton is a long athlete with the coverage ability and range to play in the dime package in time. Plays a few positions which helps his ability to make this roster. Ball hawk coming off a strong final season.   *Grade: B+*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed veterans, LBers Frankie Luvu and Bobby Wagner, DE Dorance Armstrong, center Tyler Biadasz, RB Austin Ekeler, QB Marcus Mariota, S Jeremy Chinn, CB Michael Daivs, Luvu and Wagner will become the heart of this defense. Armstrong is counted on to provide outside pass pressure. They lost WR Curtis Samuel, QBs Sam Howell and Jacoby Brissett, RB Antonio Gibson, TE Logan Thomas, OL Saahdiq Charles and Nick Gates, LBers Cody Barton and Khaleke Hudson, CB Kendall Fuller and safety Kamren Curl. They signed a small rookie UDFA class in QB Sam Hartman, RB Austin Jones, RB Michael Wiley, WR Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint, TE Colson Yankoff, OT David Nwaogwugwu, DT Norell Pollard, CB Chigozie Anusiem, CB AJ Woods, S Ben Nikkel and S Tyler Owens. Owens can surprise here and make this club as a special teams' ace.

Training Camp Objectives: The Commanders finished with a poor 4-13 record which led to a major turnover in personnel. They turn the page with QB Daniels with the intent to start him and build around a strong supporting cast. They look to Daniels to right this ship under the direction of Kingsbury who has developed countless NFL starters. Daniels gets a very talented group of receivers in Terry McLaurin and Jahan Dotson, along with rookie McCaffrey. Their average ground game may improve with new linemen and vet runner Ekeler. The defense needs edge rusher Armstrong to step up on the outside. LB Davis moved outside and improved and will benefit from new interior starters. Their young secondary finished last in the league and will be hard pressed by HC Quinn with new schemes. Both CB Forbes and DB Martin are expected to make big contributions. This club has undergone major changes which usually takes a few seasons to mesh especially with a rookie starting QB coming through his baptism.

American Conference
Baltimore Ravens - *13-4 - Head Coach John Harbaugh - 17th Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #30	*Nate Wiggins, CB, Clemson*
Rd 2, #62	*Roger Rosengarten, OT, Washington*
Rd 3, #93	*Adisa Isaac, Edge, Penn State*
Rd 4, #113 (NYJ)	*Devontez Walker, WR, UNC*
Rd 4, #130	*T.J. Tampa, CB, Iowa State*
Rd 5, #165	*Rasheen Ali, RB, Marshall*
Rd 6, #218	*Devin Leary, QB, Kentucky*
Rd 7, #228 (NYJ)	*Nick Samac, C, Michigan State*
Rd 7, #250	*Sanoussi Kane, S, Purdue*

The Ravens had a large draft class and equally divided from both sides of the ball. GM Eric DeCosta has directed this club very well and combines value and need exceptionally well. He stays with his value board and it is reflected in another talented overall class. They wanted to add a defensive playmaker and chose corner Nate Wiggins in the 1st round. He lines up both outside and, in the slot and graded out high vs top competition. He has elite speed with the toughness to support the run. He can provide impact as a rookie here and was a good addition and one with the development to probably fill the nickel role in their sub packages initially.

With their 2nd round pick, they choose RT Roger Rosengarten, a physical technician. He comes off a strong close to his career, where he is focused and technically sound to use his physical skills and mental toughness to be a fixture on the outside. Good makeup for right tackle and the Ravens culture and probable rookie starter.

With their 3rd round pick, they chose edge defender Adisa Isaac, a tough outside force who holds up well vs the run and can pressure the pocket. He was productive in the Big Ten and could earn reps in their front especially as an edge rusher. Good addition with upside potential. With two 4th round picks, they chose wideout

Tez Walker and corner TJ Tampa. Walker is a playmaker who was only average in the postseason. He suffered drops in the Senior Bowl practices which hurt his grade. His questionable hands and inconsistent route running dropped him in the rankings. He can develop further and challenge for time in multiple sets with improvement. Good gamble here. CB Tampa is a tough zone cover man with good instincts and tackling skills. Plays disciplined and should be a quality addition for their sub packages. Plays both outside and back areas and top value here.

With their 5th round pick, they chose RB Rasheen Ali, a big tough runner with developed skills. Sustained a torn bicep at the Senior Bowl which hurt his final grade. He is a shifty one cut runner who finishes strong. Catches ball nice and could be top backup behind Derrick Henry when healthy. With their 6th round pick, they chose QB Devin Leary, an experienced D1 passer who will hope to impress in camp and land a PS position. With two 7th round picks, they chose center Nick Samac and safety Sanoussi Kane. OL Samac is a quick tough blocker who has impressed in time. Needs a good camp, though a PS candidate. Kane is a physical reliable tackler who needs coverage development. Capable of earning a role on special teams to earn roster spot.   ***Grade: B***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Ravens were aggressive in FA with the signing of running back Derrick Henry. He shifts the focus from QB Jackson to himself in the ground game. Henry can be the bell cow who elevates Jackson's game to the next level. They added OL Josh Jones for line depth. They lost a huge number of starters in edge defender Jadeveon Clowney, WR Odell Beckham, WR Devin Duvernay, RB Dalvin Cook, RB Gus Edwards, RB JK Dobbins, QB Tyler Huntley, OL Morgan Moses, OL John Simpson, OL Kevin Zeitler, LB Patrick Queen, LB Tyus Bowser, CB Ronald Darby and Gene Stone. They signed a quality group of UDFAs in QB Emory Jones, RB Chris Collier, WR De'Angelo Hardy, WR Tayvion Robinson, WR Dayton Wade, WR Isaiah Washington, TE Mike Rigerman, TE Riley Sharp, OT Julian Pearl, OT Darrell Simpson, G Corey Bullock, G Darrian Dalcourt, DE C.J. Ravenell, DE Tramel Walthour, DT Ja'Mion Franklin, OLB Joe Evans, LB Deion Jennings, LB Yvandy Rigby, S Beau Brade, DB Ryan Cooper Jr., DB Jordan Toles and LS Randen Plattner. OT Peart can surprise here and has definite upside in time. S Brade can be a special teams' performer.

Training Camp Objectives: The Ravens won the AFC North title for the first time since 2019. They won a playoff matchup vs the Texans. They fell to the Chiefs in the AFC championship game at home missing the elusive Super Bowl once again. QB Lamar Jackson again led the team in rushing, though struggled from the pocket in big game situations. The line features LT Ronnie Stanley and center Tyler Linderbaum along with young guards Cleveland and Faalele. Rookie Rosengarten should win starting job in camp. TE Andrews remains one of the best in the game despite his falling production. Wideout Zay Flowers provided much needed playmaking talent. The defense improved with the pass defense making big strides around young starters. Pro Bowl backer Roquan Smith is a three down playmaker who covers many mistakes. Former top pick edge Odafe Oweh has played only five game due to injuries. He faces a critical camp to claim a starting job. The secondary features impact safety Kyle Hamilton who is a difference maker here. Marcus Williams is a top defender when healthy. Corner Marlon Humphrey is a top cover man, though injuries have limited his time. Lamar Jackson directs a balanced offense which will look to RB Henry in big game situations. Jackson must improve and perform better vs top clubs. Offensive line goes through a big transition in camp. This club is the team to beat in the tough AFC North and needs to prove up to the challenge vs tough contenders. They combine a balance of veterans and young talent to compete for SB title. An improved ground game may help the passing game to improve which ultimately may determine big game success.

Buffalo Bills - *11-6 - Head Coach Sean McDermott - 8th Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 2, #33 (Car)	Keon Coleman, WR, Florida St
Rd 2, #60	Cole Bishop, S, Utah
Rd 3, #95 (KC)	DeWayne Carter, DT, Duke
Rd 4, #128	Ray Davis, RB, Kentucky
Rd 5, #141 (NYG-Car)	Sedrick Van Pran-Granger, C, Ga,
Rd 5, #160 (GB)	Edefuan Ulofoshio, LB, Wash
Rd 5, #168 (NO-GB)	Javon Solomon, Edge, Troy
Rd 6, #204	Tylan Grable, T/G, UCF
Rd 6, #219 (GB)	Daequan Hardy, CB, Penn St
Rd 7, #221 (Tenn-KC)	Travis Clayton, T/G, England

The Bills traded back out of the first round for the first selection in the 2nd round. They selected WR Keon Coleman, a large playmaker who addressed a major need area. He is a great fit here and presents a big target for QB Josh Allen. He could claim the #1 in this corps where the focus may be on the TE duo of Knox and Kincaid.

With their own 2nd round pick, they chose safety Cole Bishop. He is a savvy defender with good instincts and tackling skills to replace vet Jordan Poyer. He figures to play in the sub packages before claiming a fulltime starting jobs. Fine addition at a need position.

With their 3rd round pick, they chose DT DeWayne Carter, a mobile wide body who performed well in the ACC. He shows a burst to disrupt blocking schemes and has the base and power to anchor. He figures to see early time in their tackle rotation. With their 4th round pick, they chose runner Ray Davis, a compact tough back who comes off an impressive final performance. Productive vs SEC defenses. Good compliment to starter James Cook.

With two 5th round picks, they chose center Sedrick Van Pran-Granger and LB Edefuan Ulofoshio. Van Pran-Granger was an anchor for the Bulldogs in recent years. He lacks imposing measurables, though graded out above average. He probably wins a backup role initially. LB Ulofoshio is a strong tough tackler which probably earns him a key role on special teams. He needs time to settle into a position in this scheme.

With two 6th round pick, they chose OT Tylan Grable and CB Daequan Hardy. Grable is a quality athlete with good footwork and strong hands, though still raw in key areas. He probably lands on PS if he fails to make roster. CB Hardy had an impressive postseason which moved him up the rankings. He is quick and has the burst of speed to win the punt return duties. Must get stronger to compete for the nickel role in time.

With their 7th round pick, they chose OL Travis Clayton, a long athlete with a strong rugby career. He needs refinement in his blocking technique especially hand usage. As an international program player, he does not have to count on the roster which allows him time to develop further. Fine longterm prospect with the skill set to surprise in time. *Grade: B*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bills signed G David Edwards, WR Chase Claypool, WR KJ Hamler, WR Curtis Samuel , center Will Clapp, OT La'el Collins, DT Austin Johnson, LBers Nickholas Morrow and Deion Jones, and safety Mike Edwards. They lost WR Gabe Davis, center Mitch Moore, LB Tyrel Dodson, DE Leonard Lloyd, DTs Tim Settles and Jordan Phillips, corners Tre White and Dane Jackson and safeties Jordan Poyer and Micah Hyde. They traded WR Stefon Diggs and OL Ryan Bates. They added an average rookie UDFAs class including RB Frank Gore Jr., WR Lawrence Keys, WR Xavier Johnson, OL Gunner Britton, OL Mike Edwards, OL Keaton Bills, DE David Ugwoegbu, DE Rondell Bothroyd, DT Branson Deen, DB Te'Cory Couch, DB Keni-H Lovely and P Jack Browning. RB Gore has the makeup to surprise here.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bills won their fourth consecutive AFC East title. They won one playoff game vs the Steelers before falling to the Chiefs in the AFC divisional round. HC Sean McDermott created a strong tough culture here, though have come up short vs elite clubs in the postseason. QB Josh Allen ranks among the best in the league and will have a few new skilled position players. He will utilize the TE tandem of Knox and Kincaid very much going forward after losing starting receivers Diggs and Davis this offseason. They addressed their tough offensive line with vets, Collins and Clapp plus rookies. They look to veteran back James Cook to continue to give this attack a spark. The highly regarded defense looks to continue around a deep unit of playmakers, DT Ed Oliver, DE Greg Rousseau and LB Terrell Bernard and returning Pro Bowler LB Matt Milano. Their secondary will undergo many changes which may dictate their success this season. They remain the team to beat in the much-improved 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, Ravens, Texans and Bengals. Legitimate SB contender who will be judged on their postseason performances.

Cincinnati Bengals - 9-8 - Head Coach Zac Taylor - 6th Year

2024 Rookie Draft Class

Rd 1, #18	Amarius Mims, OT, Georgia
Rd 2, #49	Kris Jenkins, DT, Michigan
Rd 3, #80	Jermaine Burton, WR, Alabama
Rd 3, #97	McKinnley Jackson, DT, Texas A&M
Rd 4, #115	Erick All, TE, Iowa
Rd 5, #149	Josh Newton, CB, TCU
Rd 6, #194	Tanner McLaughlin, TE, Arizona
Rd 6, #214	Cedric Johnson, Edge, Ole Miss
Rd 7, #224 (Hous)	Daijahn Anthony, CB, Ole Miss
Rd 7, #237	Matt Lee, C, Miami (Fl)

The Bengals focused on offense with their first round selection and choose OT Amarius Mims. He possesses rare physical skills, though only 8 career starts. Amazing length and footwork, though raw technique and just adequate core strength. Nevertheless, a blue-chip prospect with huge ceiling after development. Eventual left tackle starter, but must start on the right side. Needs time though a prospect who can be as good as he wants to be.

DT Kris Jenkins, a mobile, strong defender who plays to the whistle. Instrumental in Michigan title and highly rated defense. He can anchor well and addressed a need area after the loss of DJ Reader. Jenkins figures in their tackle rotation day one.

With two 3rd-round picks, they selected wideout Jermaine Burton and DT McKinney Jackson. Burton is our major sleeper in this deep receiving class. He has the burst to hit the home run and be a huge factor here. He was underutilized at Bama and did not develop the full route tree. He has the burst to get deep and should become a Joe Burrow favorite facing single coverage often. DT Jackson is a wide body nose tackle who can be an anchor here. He holds the double team block and frees other front seven. Tough durable defender with good grades vs SEC blockers. Solid addition.

With their 5th-round pick, they selected TE Ereck All, a long agile pass catcher with good production in 2023 prior to ACL injury. Well-rounded prospect could shine here working the middle zones. Big upside when healthy. With their 5th-round pick, they selected CB Josh Newton, a physical cover man who graded out high vs big receiver. Average recovery speed with good tackling skills. Chance to land a role in sub package with inconsistent

young talent in secondary.

With two 6th-round picks, they selected TE Tanner McLaughlin and edge defender Cedric Johnson. McLaughlin is an underrated prospect who came on nicely over his late career. Good hands and the length to be a fine target in the middle zones. Second TE drafted in addition to FA Mike Gesicki. Needs to improve as a blocker, though a prospect with definite make it grade. Edge Johnson has a burst from the outside and was a productive SEC defender. One-dimensional defender with periods of baffling inconsistencies. Late gamble to be an edge rushing role defender. With two 7th-round picks, they selected Daijahn Anthony and center Matt Lee. Anthony was a versatile defender with good, though inconsistent play. He could earn time on the PS if he has a good preseason. Lee is a smallish pivotman with consistent grades. Four-year starter with makeup to make this roster. **_Grade: B_**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bengals made a few key changes in FA. They added TE Mike Gesicki, OT Trent Brown, RB Zack Moss, DT Sheldon Rankins and safeties Vonn Bell and Geno Stone. TE Gesicki could be one of the best FA signings in the league. He could finally realize his talent working with Burrow. Stone is an emerging playmaker and was signed away from rival, the Ravens. They lost WR Tyler Boyd, DT DJ Reader, RB Joe Mixon, TE Irv Smith, RT Jonah Willaims, OG Max Scharping and CB Chidobe Awuzie. They added rookie free agents, QB Rocky Lombardi, RB Noah Cain, RB Elijah Collins, WR Cole Burgess, WR Tre Mosley, TE Cam Grandy, OT Eric Miller, DE Justin Blazek, LB Maema Njongmeta, LB Aaron Casey, CB Lance Robinson, S Michael Dowell, S PJ Jules and P Austin McNamara. LB Casey can surprise here and make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bengals missed the postseason after QB Joe Burrow went down with a season ending wrist injury. They made many changes this offseason along the line and at several skill positions. Burrow had a hot hand when he went down for the season. With an expected improved offensive line this season, his success should continue. Pro Bowl receiver Ja'Marr Chase and talented Tee Higgins gives them the best tandem in the league. Bengals replaced runner Joe Mixon and looks to new vet Moss and Chase Brown to step up. The defense was below average in many areas, though big plays minimized the damage. 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 open competition in the secondary with safeties Dax Hill, Jordan Battle and FA addition Stone vying for starting roles. 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 improve to be competitive in the talented and deep AFC. Burrow remains the difference maker and brings the leadership and talent to overcome most problems.

Cleveland Browns -11-6 - Head Coach Kevin Stefanski - 5th Year

2024 Rookie Draft Class

Rd 2, #54	Michael Hall Jr., DT, Ohio State
Rd 3, #85	Zak Zinter, G, Michigan
Rd 5, #156 (Phil)	Jamari Thrash, WR, Louisville
Rd 6, #206 (Balt)	Nathaniel Watson, LB, Miss St
Rd 7, #230 (Atl)	Myles Harden, CB, South Dakota
Rd 7, #243	Jowon Briggs, DT, Cincinnati

The Browns did not draft until the 2nd round as the result of their final payment of the Deshaun Watson trade three years ago. They have yet to reap benefits from that transaction with Watson sitting out most of 2022 and injured in 2024. With their 2nd round choice, they selected DT Michael Hall, a quick interior lineman who flashed big play ability. He was a surprise this early, though an impressive Senior Bowl helped his cause immensely. He figures to see time in their tackle rotation.

With their 3rd round pick, they choose OG Zak Zinter, a massive blocker who sustained a late career broken leg injury which forced him down the rankings. Physical and tenacious, with the technique to sustain and win consistently. Carries an early starting grade off strong fundamentals and experience when healthy which could early in 2024.

With their 5th round pick, they choose wideout Jamari Thrash, a fast athlete with the ability to win in the vertical game. His inconsistent hands are an area of concern and must improve to warrant time in multiple sets. Boom or bust prospect with impact ability if he improves his liabilities. With their 6th round pick, they choose LB Nathaniel Watson, an aggressive Mike man with good instincts and sure tackling. He can win a roster spot here and eventually start. He should be a core special teams' performer.

With their two 7th round picks, they choose CB Myles Harden and DT Jowon Briggs. Harden is an underrated cover man who got lost in a deep corner group. He has the talent to fit into the dime package with experience. He should make this roster if he shows well on special teams. Briggs is a tough interior penetrator who will compete for a roster spot, though may need time on the PS to refine his skills. **_Grade: C_**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Browns signed a large FA class of middle tier players looking to improve their depth and need positions. They signed QB Tyler Huntley and Jameis Winsto, RB D'Onta Foreman, DT Quinton Jefferson, LBers Jordan Hicks and Devin Bush and OC Brian Allen. They lost QB Joe Flacco, RB Kareem

Hunt, OT Geron Christian, TE Harrison Bryant, OC Nick Harris, DT Jordan Elliott and LBers Anthony Walker and Sione Takitaki. They traded for WR Jerry Jeudy for two late selections. They added a few rookies from the open market in RB Aidan Robbins, WR Ahmarean Brown, TE Treyton Welch, OT Lorenzo Thompson, G Javion Cohen, LB Winston Reid, CB Dyshawn Gales and S Christopher Edmonds.

Training Camp Objectives: The Browns made the playoffs behind veteran passer Joe Flacco who won four games in December carrying them to a 11-6 record. Veteran QB Deshaun Watson returns after a shoulder injury limited him to 6 games. HC Kevin Stefanski did a masterful job to guide this club to the postseason, while starting 5 QBs in the process. Veteran runner Nick Chubb returns from a knee injury which limited him to 2 games. RB Jerome Ford did a solid job, though a better 1A type. The line looks to the return of LT Wills and RT Conklin. The receiving corps added Jeudy to join young receivers Elijah Moore and Cedric Tillman plus #1 vet Amani Cooper. TE Njoku has been very productive. Their defense ranked #1 in the league. Sack artist DE Myles Garrett had a dominant performance with 14 sacks. Their LBing unit added vets Hicks and Bush. The secondary has one of the better units with depth to perform well in all the sub packages. Talented corners, Denzel Ward and Martin Emerson form a top flight cover tandem. 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. Watson faces a telltale season after several lackluster and injury riddled seasons. This club needs leadership in this tough division where every team is a contender. This team continues to add playmakers to score more, though Watson holds the key to put it all together.

Denver Broncos - 8-9 - *Head Coach Sean Payton - 2nd Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #12	***Bo Nix, QB, Oregon***
Rd 3, #76	***Jonah Elliss, Edge, Utah***
Rd 4, #102 (Wash-Seat)	***Troy Franklin, WR, Oregon***
Rd 5, #145 (NYJ)	***Kris Abrams-Draine, CB, Missouri***
Rd 5, #147	***Audric Estime, RB, Notre Dame***
Rd 7, #235 (Seat)	***Devaughn Vele, WR, Utah***
Rd 7, #256 (NYJ)	***Nick Gargiulo, C, South Carolina***

The Broncos parted ways from veteran QB Russell Wilson. He was a total disaster from both cost of draft capital and a salary cap nightmare. His release was addition by subtraction and lets them turn the page to new leadership. With the 1st round pick, they held the selection and choose QB Bo Nix. HC Sean Payton earmarked Nix as a prime candidate and they were able to land him without overpaying for him. Their offense was a trainwreck in 2023, especially the passing game. Nix gets a chance to win starting job, though could sit behind vet Jarrett Stidham ,

With their 3rd round pick, they chose LB Jonah Elliss, a quick rusher with big play talent. He comes off a strong 2023 performance and plays both inside and outside with the ability to blitz. His sideline-to-sideline speed will enable him to be a third down defender and probably plays in sub package as a rookie.

With their 4th round pick, they chose wideout Troy Franklin, a fast lean receiver with big play ability. He fell in a deep class and was excellent value here. He can play in three wideout sets and has shown the ability to get deep on a defense. With two 5th round picks, they chose CB Kris Abrams-Draine and runner Audric Estime. Abrams-Draine is a smaller tough cover man with quick ball skills and good instincts. He can win the nickel role here with a good camp. Estime is a physical runner who is effective between the tackles. Power one cut runner with good body lean, though only marginal speed. Figures to push for the 1A role early.

With two 7th round picks, they chose wideout Devaughn Vele and center Nick Gargiulo. Vale is a big overage prospect with developed receiving skills. He can surprise here and was a solid addition with definite make it grade. Gargiulo is a big interior prospect with average athleticism. He faces a tough camp and must step up to win a roster spot. Probable PS player with a good camp.   ***Grade: C***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed WR Josh Reynolds, LB Cody Barton, CB Levi Wallace and OL Calvin Throckmorton. They traded for QB Zach Wilson and DE John Franklin-Meyers for late picks. They lost QB Russell Wilson, safety Justin Simmons, OL Lloyd Cushenberry, LB Josey Jewell, TE Chris Manhertz, CB Fabian Moreau and NT Mike Purcell. They added a small group of rookie UDFAs, RB Blake Watson, WR Lincoln Victor, TE Dylan Leonard, TE Thomas Yassmin, OT Frank Crum, DL Jaylon Allen, DT Brandon Matterson, DT Jordan Miller, LB Levelle Bailey, LB Alec Mock, S Cam Allen, S Omar Brown and P Nik Constantinou. RB Watson can make this squad. He is a quick interior runner with good long speed to surprise here. RT Crum is a tough athlete with the raw skills to develop into an NFL starter. Make it grade and excellent signing with nice ceiling.

Training Camp Objectives: The Broncos missed the postseason for the 8th season in a row in new HC Sean Payton's first season. Another poor performance by vet QB Russell Wilson was their biggest disappointment. Wilson made countless mistakes and few big plays. They finished among the worst in the league in offense. The signing of HC Sean Payton will work with rookie Bo Nix, hoping to turn the page. They retained their young receivers, Courtland Sutton and young Marvin Mims. Runner Javonte Williams was only ordinary and needs to step up here. Their big changes along the line, adding RT McGlinchey and guard Powers produced only average results. Their

talented young defense fell significantly and made key changes. Defenders, edge Zach Allen and LB Drew Sanders will have to step up and provide impact especially as pass rushers. They allowed too much rushing yardage and their secondary surrendered too many big plays. Corner Patrick Surtain is one of the best in the game. This club faces a rebuilding process with new QB leadership. Defensively, they need to bring in new talent to join a few quality performers to return to a high level. Many questions entering camp with some difficult growing pains expected. They will be hard pressed to escape the cellar in the tough AFC West where they appear a few seasons from competing for postseason.

Houston Texans - *10-7 - Head Coach DeMeco Ryan - 2nd Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 2, #42 (Minn)	Kamari Lassiter, CB, Georgia
Rd 2, #59	Blake Fischer, OT, Notre Dame
Rd 3, #78 (Seat-Wash-Phil)	Calen Bullock, DB, USC
Rd 4, #123 (Cleve-Hous-Phil)	Cade Stover, TE, Ohio St
Rd 6, #188 (Minn)	Jamal Hill, LB, Oregon
Rd 6, #205 (Det)	Jawhar Jordan, RB, Louisville
Rd 7, Pick #238 (NO)	Solomon Byrd, Edge, USC
Rd 7, #247	Marcus Harris, DT, Auburn
Rd 7, #249 (Det)	LaDarius Henderson, OL,

The Texans held two #2 picks as the results of earlier trades. They traded their #1 pick this year for another #1 pick last April to select DROY edge defender Will Anderson. They had both ROY last season in QB CJ Stroud and Anderson.

With their two 2nd round picks, they selected CB Kamari Lassiter and RT Blake Fischer. Lassiter is a tough savvy cover man who performed well on two national championship teams. He has the instincts and physicality to play at the NFL level. He fits in their nickel package and probably this season. RT Fischer has the prototypical numbers for the right side. He improved annually for the Irish on a big stage. He will push for the position with starter Tytus Howard coming off a major knee injury. He was a reach this early, though addressed a major need area and they feel a fast-developing prospect starting talent.

With their 3rd round pick. they selected safety Calen Bullock, a rangy athlete with top ball skills. He is a playmaker for is expected to see immediate time in the dime package. He can win a starting job early in his career and an excellent complement to safety Jalen Pitre. With their 4th round pick. they selected TE Cade Stover, a versatile well-rounded prospect. He lines up at a few positions and is a solid blocker with sure hands to be effective in the short and red zone alignments. Good addition.

With two 6th round picks, they selected LB Jamal Hill and RB Jawhar Jordan. LB Hill is a fast defender who converted to backer from safety. He gives HC DeMeco a piece for their sub package as a nickel in addition to a special teams' performer. RB Jordan is a quick playmaker who must make this squad as a returner and possibly eventually as a 3rd down back. May be earmarked for the PS. With three 7th round picks, they selected edge defender Solomon Byrd, DT Marcus Harris and OL LaDarius Henderson. Solomon is a quick versatile defender with extensive experience in a big-time program. He shows a burst off the edge and fits a situational pass rushing role. DT Harris is a mobile quick penetrator who is corning off a strong performance in the SEC, especially as a pass rusher. He can surprise here and win a roster spot OL Henderson played a few positions for the balanced Michigan offense. He can make this roster or Ps with the skill set to develop further in time.   **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Texans continued their huge house cleaning with multiple moves throughout. They signed RB Joe Mixon, DE Danielle Hunter and Demico Autry, DT Foley Fahukasi and Time Settle and CBs Jeff Okudah and CJ Henderson. They traded for WR Stephon Diggs who gives them a talented #1 receiver. They lost RB Devin Singletary, DE Jonathan Greenard, DTs Teair Tart, Maliek Collins and Sheldon Rankins, OL George Fant and Michael Deiter, LBers Denzel Perryman and Blake Cashman and safeties Amos Adams and Kareem Jackson. The rookie FA class added wideouts Jadon Janke and Jaxon Janke and RB British Brooks.

Training Camp Objectives: The Texans made a major turnaround behind two rookies QB Stroud and edge defender Anderson. New HC Ryans directed this young club to maximum production winning 7 games by 7 points or less. They won the AFC South for the first time since the 2019 season. Top pick QB CJ Stroud displayed rare poise and playmaking ability for a rookie. They added vet runner Joe Mixon and hope he can give them a solid feature runner to balance this offense. TE Dalton Schultz provides an excellent middle zone target. The line looks to tackles Tunsil and Howard to protect the edges. Vet guards, Shaq Mason was consistent while young Kenyon Green struggled through his second season. The defense improved immensely under Ryans with young playmakers stepping up. Rookie edge Will Anderson was a major addition and became a difference maker. The secondary will build around two young starters in corner Stingley and safety Pitre who provide leadership and playmakers. The Texans will not shock anyone this season and will be tested by the improved AFC South. Emerging AFC power with young talent in key positions.

Indianapolis Colts - 9-8 - Head Coach Shane Steichen - 2nd Year

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #15	Laiatu Latu, Edge, UCLA
Rd 2, #52 (LAR-Car)	Adonai Mitchell, WR, Texas
Rd 3, #79 (Jax-Atl-Ariz)	Matt Goncalves, OL, Pittsburgh
Rd 4, #117	Tanor Bortolini, C, Wisconsin
Rd 5, #142 (Tenn-Car)	Anthony Gould, WR, Oregon St
Rd 5, #151	Jaylon Carlies, LB/S, Missouri
Rd 5, #164 (Det-Phil)	Jaylin Simpson, S, Auburn
Rd 6, #201 (Det-Phil)	Micah Abraham, CB, Marshall
Rd 7, #234	Jonah Laulu, DT, Oklahoma

The Colts had another big draft class of 9 choices because of prior trades and compensatory selections. They addressed receiver, offensive line, edge and secondary. They held the 15th overall pick and selected edge defender Laiatu Latu, a blue-chip athlete with the burst to make a difference as a pass rusher. He joins an effective pass rush front and will add a top athlete to improve the pressure further. He can provide impact here.

With their #2 pick, they selected wideout Adonai Mitchell, a big athlete with speed, hands and toughness. He joins a young group where Michael Pittman has excelled annually. Mitchell can be an excellent compliment to Pittman and give young passer Anthony Richardson a fine set of big targets. With their 3rd and 4th round picks, they selected OL Matt Goncalves and Tanor Bortolini. OT Goncalves is a physical technician who projects to tackle and guard. He is well rounded to carry out assignments and could surprise early here at either RT or guard. OL Bortolini covers the three interior positions and is a sound blocker from the Badger tradition. Moves efficiently to pull or trap, with the base to anchor and get a strong push at the point. Solid addition and eventual starter.   With three 5th round picks, they selected WR Anthony Gould, S/LB Jaylon Carlies and S Jaylin Simpson. Gould is a small fast prospect with suddenness and natural running skills. He fits the slot role, in addition to return skills where he has provided big plays. He figures to become a fine role performer here with impact ability. Carlies is a hybrid LB/S and figures to impress on special team units. He can fill the big nickel role where his length and quickness allow him to matchup and run to the ball. Needs to become a core special teams' performer to win a roster spot. S Simpson is an athlete defender with good range and the skills to matchup in coverage. He has the development and skill set to push for time in the sub packages mainly at safety, though can also line up over slot receivers.

With their 6th round pick, they selected CB Micah Abraham, a quick instinctive ball hawk with nice production. He will compete for the nickel role where his skills fit best. He must show he can mirror slot receivers this preseason to earn a roster or PS Spot. With their 7th round pick, they selected DT Jonah Laulu, an active tough interior lineman. He faces a steep curve inside where the Colts have a few talented prospects. He could land on the PS with a good preseason.   **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed a few vets, DT Raekwon Davis, QB Joe Flacco and TE Eric Tomlinson. They lost QB Gardner Minshew, RB Zach Moss and WR Isaiah McKenzie. They added an average rookie UDFA class in QB Kedon Slovis, QB/WR Jason Bean, RB Trent Pennix, WR Xavier White, OG Dalton Tucker, LB Craig Young and PK Spencer Shrader.

Training Camp Objectives: The Colts missed the playoffs for the third consecutive season despite making big strides on both sides of the ball. They did this with the loss of rookie QB Richardson after only four games. They look for him to step in and take a big leap with more experience and a better supporting cast. RB Jonathan Taylor missed half the season, though still was a productive back to build around. Their strong offensive line features guard Quenton Nelson and Braden Smith. The receiving corps relies on young Michael Pittman, though needs Alec Pierce to be more productive along with rookie Mitchell. Their defense improved especially the pass rush. They need to improve on 3rd down situations. Their young secondary gives up too much yardage and points. HC Steichen looks to rebuild on the fundamentals and will look to a healthy Taylor to control field position while Richardson develops. Their defense needs young players to step up and become core leaders. This club may be closer than analysts think, but only if key young performers on both sides of the ball – Richardson and Latu become top performers. Ready to compete for the AFC South leadership or wild card berth.

Jacksonville Jaguars - 9-8 - Head Coach Doug Pederson - 3rd Year

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #23 (Clev-Hou-Min)	Brian Thomas, WR, LSU
Rd 2, #48	Maason Smith, DT, LSU
Rd 3, #96	Jarrian Jones, CB, Florida St
Rd 4, #114	Javon Foster, OT, Missouri
Rd 4, #116 (NO)	Jordan Jefferson, DT, LSU
Rd 5, #153	Deantre Prince, CB, Ole Miss
Rd 5, #167 (KC-Minn)	Keilan Robinson, RB, Texas
Rd 6, #212	Cam Little, PK, Arkansas
Rd 7, #236	Myles Cole, Edge, Texas Tech

The Jaguars attempted to rally around young star QB Trevor Lawrence but came up short in too many key situations. This year they choose a weapon for Lawrence and selected WR Brian Thomas. He had an outstanding 2023 season with many big plays and consistent production in the high-powered LSU passing game. He has well developed skills which should earn him rookie time

in three wideout sets. He is dangerous in the red zone and his presence opens their offense including their struggling ground game.

With their 2nd round selection, they selected DT Maason Smith, a big interior lineman who figures in their tackle rotation as a rookie. He has the tools to develop further and a high ceiling with further work on his fundamentals. With their 3rd round selection, they selected CB Jarrian Jones, a tough cover man with strong tackling. He is still raw in coverage, despite having the athleticism to refine his talent to be a quality starter.

With two 4th round selections, they selected OT Javon Foster and DT Jordan Jefferson. OL Foster will get a look at right tackle and guard and carries a starting grade at both positions. He is a hard-nosed athlete who moved to left tackle in 2023 and graded out well vs SEC talent. Eventual starter and excellent value here. DT Jefferson is a physical interior lineman who strikes quickly and holds the point consistently. He needs work on his hand technique to separate better and finish the play. He gives them another young tackle to rotate and play in short yardage situations. Solid addition here and tools to develop down the road.

With two 5th round selections, they chose CB Deantre Prince and RB Keilan Robinson. CB Prince is quick in coverage to compete for a role in sub packages. He was their second corner drafted and a prospect with further upside. He can make this roster. RB Robinson is a playmaker and can provide impact as a 3rd down back. He can win the return role immediately and is a natural returner in that role. With their 6th round selection, they selected PK Cam Little, a strong legged experience kicker. He has the talent to win the starting job outright in the preseason. With their 7th round selection, they selected edge defender Myles Cole, an agile defender who strikes quickly and has the speed to penetrate. He needs development in areas, though has the skill set to help in a line rotation and capable of making this club. He is ideal for the five-technique role.   *Grade: C*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Jaguars signed only a few veterans in DT Arik Armstead, WR Gabe Davis and Devin Duvernay, TE Josiah Deguara, C Mitch Morse and S Darnell Savage. They acquired QB Mac Jomes for a late selection. They lost WR Calvin Ridley and Zay Jones, LBers K'Lavon Chaisson and Shaq Quarterman, CBs Darius Williams and Tre Herndon and safety Rayshawn Jenkins. Signed a solid rookie UDFA class in RBs Jalen Jackson and Lorenzo Lingard, WR Joshua Cephus, WR Brevin Easton, WRs Wayne Ruby, Joseph Scates and David White Jr., TE Shawn Bowman, OG Steven Jones, DE Andre Carter, LBers Trey Kiser and Andrew Parker Jr. and S Josh Proctor.

Training Camp Objectives: The Jaguars missed the playoffs losing five of their final six games. They tried to ride the hot hand of young QB Trevor Lawrence to the playoffs, but came up short down the stretch. Lawrence was highly productive and showed fine leadership for a young starter. HC Doug Pederson set the standard directing this offense though a weak ground game limited his options. The addition of rookie Brian Thomas and Gabe Davis gives Lawrence other top receivers to join Christian Kirk and TE Evan Ingram. Former top pick OT Harrison performed well despite injuries. Center Luke Fortner will be replaced by new vet Mitch Morse. Their ground game relies on Travis Etienne who has been consistent, though unspectacular in the recent seasons. 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. They will be competitive in the balanced AFC South. They have the nucleus to win the division, though both the offense and defense must improve to realize that in 2024.

Kansas City Chiefs - *11-6 - Head Coach Andy Reid - 12th Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #28 (Buff)	*Xavier Worthy, WR, Texas*
Rd 2, #63 (SF)	*Kingsley Suamataia, OT, BYU*
Rd 4, #131	*Jared Wiley, TE, TCU*
Rd 4, #133 (Buff)	*Jaden Hicks, S, Washington St*
Rd 5, #159 (Dall)	*Hunter Nourzad, C, Penn State*
Rd 6, #211 (SF)	*Kamal Hadden, CB, Tennessee*
Rd 7, #248 (Buff)	*C.J. Hanson, G, Holy Cross*

The Super bowl champion Chiefs and QB Patrick Mahomes again found a way to win key games. Mahomes overcame an average receiving corps to make game changing plays in big spots.

With their 1st round pick, they choose wideout Xavier Worthy, a super-fast playmaker who gives them their best deep threat since Tyreek Hill. Worthy set a new NFL Combine sprint number with a crazy 4.21 time. He has a special burst to get deep and open this attack. His presence changes their passing game and allows Mahomes to use the deep game. Worthy is also a dangerous returner.

With their 2nd round pick, they choose OT Kingsley Suamataia, a big mobile blocker who came on well over his late career. Possibly moves inside to guard and needs technique development. Will compete for early starting time with FA changes. Good mental makeup, combined with solid athleticism. Fine addition and long-term starter. With two 4th round picks, they choose TE Jared Wiley and safety Jaden Hicks. TE Wiley is an emerging prospect and excellent value here. He presents a big target with sure hands and easy movement through the middle zones. He can be a valuable backup for multiple sets and creates space to get open and give his passer a reliable target. Safety Hicks shows top athleticism with good instincts. Shows the range and flexible hips to open up

and mirror receivers in man situations. Capable of being a key defender in the sub packages with experience lining up at a few positions.

With their 5th round pick, they choose center Hunter Nourzad, a versatile tough lineman with good grades in the Big Ten. Looks to win a roster spot on versatility with his talent best suited for the interior. Solid backup. With their 6th round pick, they choose CB Kamal Hadden, a long instinctive athlete who fell off injury concerns. Prior shoulder injuries limited his playing time. Gets opportunity here with key FA loss of Sneed. Aggressive and sure tackler with the quality skill set to fit this defense. Excellent late gamble.

With their 7th round pick, they choose OG C.J. Hanson, a good technician with mobility to carry out assignments. Needs strength work to anchor vs big NFL tackles. Smart blocker with good hands to gain control and the raw talent to improve here, though may need to develop on the PS his first few seasons.   *Grade: B*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Chiefs signed WRs Marquise Brown and Mecole Hardman, QB Carson Wentz, TE Irv Smith, DT Mike Pennel, CB Kelvin Joseph and punter Matt Araiza. They lost corner L'Jarius Sneed, LB Willie Gay, S Mike Edward, WRs Marquez Valdes-Scantling and Ricky James, OT Donovan Smith, G Nick Allegretti and RB Jerrick McKinnon. They added an average rookie UDFA class in RB Emani Bailey, RB Carson Steele, WR Phillip Brooks, WR Reggie Brown, TE Baylor Cupp, OT Ethan Driskell, OT Griffin McDowell, OG McKade Mettauer, OG Nick Torres, DT Fabien Lovett, LB Swayze Bozeman, LB Curtis Jacobs, LB Luquay Washington, CB Miles Battle, CB Derrick Miller, CB Christian Roland-Wallace and P Ryan Rehkow.

Training Camp Objectives: The Chiefs won their 8th consecutive AFC West title and followed by winning both the AFC championship and Super Bowl games. HC Andy Reid guided this club exceptionally well with his third SB title in five years. QB Patrick Mahomes worked his magic again without elite playmakers other than TE Jason Kelce. They focus primarily on their key needs in both FA and the NFL Draft. They addressed their weak receiving corps and added top pick WR Worthy and TE Wiley while signing vet WR Brown. They addressed both the offensive line and secondary. OT Lucas Niang is healthy and gets the opportunity to reclaim the starting right-side job. RB Isiah Pacheco is a gutty workhorse who sets the pace for a tough rushing attack. WR Decole Hardman returns and can provide impact as a returner. TE Travis Kelce remains the best in the game and a bigtime difference maker. The defense made major improvement under brilliant DC Steve Spagnuolo. DT Chris Jones was dominant in key games and set the pace for this unit. Young defenders, corner McDuffie and LBers Nick Bolton and Drue Tranquill all played at a high level. 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 threepeat which would be the first time any club won three consecutive titles in the SB era. The gifted Mahomes and Kelce plus a top-rated young defense makes this possibly.

Las Vegas Raiders - 8-9 - *Head Coach Antonio Pierce - 2nd Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #13	**Brock Bowers, TE, Georgia**
Rd 2, #44	**Jackson Powers-Johnson, C, Oregon**
Rd 3, #77	**Delmar Glaze, OT, Maryland**
Rd 4, #112	**DeCamerion Richardson, CB, Miss St**
Rd 5, #148	**Tommy Eichenberg, LB, Ohio State**
Rd 6, #208 (KC)	**Dylan Laube, RB, New Hampshire**
Rd 7, #223 (NE)	**Trey Taylor, S, Air Force**
Rd 7, #229 (Minn)	**M.J. Devonshire, CB, Pittsburgh**

The Raiders changed leadership at both GM and HC and hope to build on that momentum. With their 1st round pick, they surprised with the selection of TE Brock Bowers, He is a terrific receiver who lines up anywhere to create mismatches. His selection follows picking TE Michael Mayer in the 2nd round in 2023. They create an awesome duo with rare versatility to create different sets before movement. Bowers is an exceptional receiver with top separation and the run after the catch ability to make big plays. Blue chip prospect can provide a major impact here and take other players up a level.

With their 2nd round pick, they jumped at the chance to select OL Jackson Powers-Johnson, a versatile interior blocker with early starting grade. Came on strong over his late career and projects to guard here and probably wins a rookie starting job. Solid addition here. With their 3rd round pick, they choose OL Delmar Glaze, an athletic mobile blocker who tested well in the postseason. He was a surprise this early, though has intriguing skills to advance quickly through further development.

With their 4th round pick, they selected the first of three defensive backs in CB DeCamerion Richardson. He is an excellent athlete with the raw skills to start in time. He will be pushed in camp to see if he can absorb their system. He gets fooled too often, though has the speed to make up for his mistakes. Needs work on his initial reads and the ability to transition in coverage. With their 5th round pick, they picked LB Tommy Eichenberg, a productive Mike man with top instincts and good fundamentals. He was very effective in big game situations and carries a starting grade in time. Top special teams' performer while he settles into this system.

With their 6th round pick, they selected RB Dylan Laube, a short tough runner with natural skills. He can earn reps here and a change of pace back to expected starter Zamir White. Good value here and possible returner

at times. With two 7th round selections, they chose safety Trey Taylor and CB MJ Devonshire. Taylor won the Jim Thorpe award as nation's best defensive back. He is a fundamentally sound athlete with sure tackler and good instincts. Makeup to be a core special teams' performer with the talent to push for time in sub package in time. CB Devonshire is an aggressive cover man who fits the Raider mold, though must clean up his hand use to avoid penalties. Quick initial reactions with the flexible hips to mirror which will allow him to compete for the nickel role early in his career. Nice late gamble. *Grade: C*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Raiders were aggressive in FA and signed DT Christian Wilkins. They signed a small group of FAs, to key need areas. They signed mainly offensive players, QB Graham Minshew, RB Alexander Mattison, WR Michael Gallup, TE Harrison Bryant and OL Cody Whitehair. They lost QB Jimmy Garoppolo, RB Josh Jacobs, TE Austin Hooper, WR Hunter Renfro, OL Jermaine Eluemunor, Brandon Parker and Greg Van Roten, DT Jerry Tillery, DL Bilal Nichols and CB Amik Robertson. They signed an average rookie UDFA class QB Carter Bradley, WR Jeff Foreman, WR Lideatrick Griffin, WR Ramel Keyton, G Clark Barrington, G Jake Johanning, C Will Putnam, OL Andrew Coker, DE TJ Frankin, DE Amari Gainer, DE Ron Stone, DT Tomari Fox, DT Noah Shannon, CB Demarcus Governor, CB Ja'Quan Sheppard, CB Rayshad Williams and S Phalen Sanford.

Training Camp Objectives: The Raiders collapsed over the second half of the season and made further multiple major changes this offseason. The Raiders turned the page at midseason and fired HC McDaniels and replaced by Antonio Pierce, along with new GM Tom Telesco. They released QB Jimmy Garoppolo and replaced by QB Gardner Minshew. He competes with young QB Aidan O'Connell who made nice progress as a rookie. Their two-year fall from the playoffs can be 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 exited runner Josh Jacobs justifying his high selection. With new weapon Bowers along with veterans, WR Jakobi Meyers, TE Michael Meyers and Pro Bowl wideout Davonte Adams gives Minshew a deep group of playmakers. Their young changing line performed well and will have at least one new starter. The defense made few big plays and too many mistakes. They gave up huge passing yardage. Edge rusher Maxx Crosby is worth the price of admission and a difference maker. He will benefit from the addition of DT Wilkins. Former top pick, DE Tyree Wilson is counted on to provide impact here. The Raiders hope to compete in the much-improved AFC West, though only if they improve on both sides of the ball. Their defense must take a huge step up here. They could be competitive in this tough division, though Minshew holds the key to putting up more points and fewer turnovers. They must improve with better fundamentals and fewer mistakes to play with the top AFC clubs.

Los Angeles Chargers - 5-12 - Head Coach Jim Harbaugh - 1st Year

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #5	Joe Alt, OT, Notre Dame
Rd 2, #34 (NE)	Ladd McConkey, WR, Georgia
Rd 3, #69	Junior Colson, LB, Michigan
Rd 4, #105	Justin Eboigbe, DT, Alabama
Rd 5, #137 (NE)	Tarheeb Still, CB, Maryland
Rd 5, #140	Cam Hart, CB, Notre Dame
Rd 6, #181	Kimani Vidal, RB, Troy
Rd 7, #225	Brenden Rice, WR, USC
Rd 7, #253	Cornelius Johnson, WR, Michigan

The Chargers missed playoffs off a horrible overall performance which led to wholesale changes. They held the 6th overall selection and listened to offers though retained the position. New HC Jim Harbaugh wants to play a balanced offense with a strong ground game. He opted for OT Joe Alt in the first round and see him as a linchpin here for an improved ground game and better pass protection. He is a blue-chip tackle and can set the pace here and be a huge impact in this offense.

In the 2nd round, they added wideout Ladd McConkey, a super quick receiver with precise route running and reliable hands. He is NFL ready and gives this offense an excellent weapon whether out of the slot or outside. He was top value here and a plug and play starter in three wideout sets.

In the 3rd round, they added LB Junior Colson, a key component in the Michigan title and a natural fit for the Chargers scheme. He runs well and finishes using instincts, speed and toughness. He can earn a rookie starting grade and become a fixture and leader here early in his career. Excellent addition and culture changer.

In the 4thd round, they added DT Justin Eboigbe, a versatile lineman and good fit for the strong side or five technique role. He needs strength development and must prove durable after neck concerns. With two 5th round picks, they added corners, Tarheeb Still and Cam Hart. Still is coming off a strong 2023 season. He has good length and sound ball skills to play in this defense. He is better outside currently. CB Hart is a huge cover man with developing skills. Needs work on his reads to earn time in sub defenses after being beat deep. Converted receiver with further upside, but may sit out base defense and earn roster spot on special teams' ability, mainly as a gunner.

In the 6th round, they added RB Kimani Vidal, an elusive shifty runner to get to the 2nd level. Durable and sure handed to surprise here and possible 1A to new starter Gus Edwards. Interesting late gamble. With two 7th round picks, they chose wideouts Brenden Rice and Cornelius Johnson. Rice is son of legendary receiver Jerry Rice. Talent to surprise with multiple openings in the receiving corps. Johnson is another Michigan prospect with

understanding of the system. He is a sure handed wideout who gives them a reliable possession receiver who can move the chains. Probably makes the club on a unit with only marginal depth.   *Grade: A*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Chargers made a key move in FA, signing RB Gus Edwards and DJ Dobbins, WR DJ Chark, TEs Hayden Hurst and Will Dissly, center Bradley Boseman, LBers Denzel Perryman and Troy Dye and corner Kristen Fulton. They lost RB Austin Ekeler and Joshua Kelley, WR Mike Williams, TEs Gerald Everett and Nick Vannett, DTs Austin Johnson and Nicholas Williams, LBers Kenneth Murphy and Erik Kendricks and corner Michael Davis. They traded wideout Keenan Allen for a 4th round pick. Center Corey Linsley retired due to an illness. The Chargers added rookie free agents QB Casey Bauman, WR Jaelen Gill, WR Jaylen Johnson, WR Leon Johnson, TE Luke Benson, TE Zach Heins, OT Tyler McLellan, OT Tyler Smith, G Karsen Barnhart, G Willis Patrick, OL Bucky Williams, DL Michael Mason, OLB Savion Jackson, OLB Tremon Morris-Brash, LB Jeremiah Jean-Baptiste, LB Shane Lee, LB Luquay Washington, CB Robert Kennedy, CB Zamari Walton, S Akeem Dent, S Thomas Harper and S Jayln Phillips.

Training Camp Objectives: The Chargers turn the page to the Jim Harbaugh era where fundamental football will be king. Their FA signees and draft choices reflect their change to strong disciplined football. They over rely on strong-armed QB Justin Herbert who missed four games in 2023. He is an elite passer, though his club finds ways to lose close games. They will build a consistent contender around a strong front wall with a few Pro Bowl caliber blockers. They will move toward the next step under Harbaugh and will develop a more potent ground game. Young receivers, Quentin Johnston, Derius Davis along with vet CJ Chark and rookie Ladd McConkey will form a new corps. Veteran wideouts Keenan Allen and Mike Williams have departed after good careers. They need to run the ball better to maximize their weapons. Vet Gus Edwards can pound the ball which mirrors Harbaugh's system. The defense slipped in too many big spots again. Edge defender Kahlil Mack was outstanding with 17 sacks. The defense missed edge rusher Joey Bosa again missing half the season. Vet safety Derwin James is a top defender and an anchor in this suspect secondary. Herbert is the difference maker here, though will have to adjust to Harbaugh's calls for balance and ball security. The defense must improve quickly in run support and need new backers Perryman and Colson to step up shut down the ground game. The Chargers made good improvement to challenge for the playoffs. Harbaugh is a disciplined leader and winner and capable of getting this club on the same page to start winning close games.

Miami Dolphins - 11-6 - Head Coach Mike McDaniel - 3rd Year

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #21	*Chop Robinson, Edge, Penn State*
Rd 2, #55	*Patrick Paul, OT, Houston*
Rd 4, #120	*Jaylen Wright, RB, Tennessee*
Rd 5, #158	*Mohamed Kamara, Edge, Colorado St*
Rd 6, #184 (Chic)	*Malik Washington, WR, Virginia*
Rd 6, #198	*Patrick McMorris, S, Cal*
Rd 7, #241	*Tahj Washington, WR, USC*

The Dolphins lost both edge rushers last season and addressed this position with their #1 draft pick. They chose edge defender Chop Robinson, a quick powerful prospect with developing skills. He strikes with power and has the burst, though can struggle to use his hands properly and separate from blockers. With both starters coming off 2023 major injuries, he has a chance to start in 2024 and play a significant role. Defender with a high ceiling.

With their 2nd round choice, they selected OT Patrick Paul, a large prospect with agility, great length and good athleticism. Raw in key areas of technique and needs time to refine his skill set. Talent to eventually play left tackle, though not ready and may sit until his technique progresses further. Good long-term prospect with starting grade.

With their 4th round choice, they selected runner Jaylen Wirght, a quick back who graded out high vs SEC defenses. He was top long speed and consistently gets to the 2nd level. He had earlier fumble problems which seem to be behind him. Runs upright at times which makes him easy to tackle. Figures to compete for the 3rd down role early. With their 5th round choice, they selected edge defender Mohamed Kamara, a quick burst to be effective as a rusher. Probably one dimensional early in his career, though capable of providing impact as a rusher. Good gamble here and can be effective in a defensive rotation.

With two 6th round choices, they selected WR Malik Washington and safety Patrick McMorris. Washington is a sure handed quick receiver coming off a breakout final performance. He shows both inside and outside versatility with the run after the catch ability to break plays. Depth is wide open after Hill and Waddle and Washington could provide versatility and production in multiple sets. Safety McMorris is a big hard-hitting defender who plays in the box and has been a sure tackler. Bites on play action too much and best on plays in front of him in a zone scheme. Must impress on special teams to earn time and develop in the package defenses.

With their 7th round choice, they selected wideout Tahj Washington, a smooth quick receiver with sure hands and the run after the catch ability to compete for a roster spot. Good developmental type to surprise and see time in multiple sets.   *Grade: C+*

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Dolphins were limited in FA due to salary cap space, though they were

aggressive on middle tier players. They signed safety Jordan Poyer, LBers Shaq Barrett, Anthony Walker, Cam Brown, and Jordyn Brooks, WR O'Dell Beckham, TE Jonnu Smith, DTs Benito Jones and Teair Tart, center Aaron Brewer and CB Kendall Fuller. They lost DTs Chrisitan Wilkins and Raekwon Davis, DE Emmanuel Ogbah, LBers Andrew Van Ginkel and Jerome Baker, WRs Cedrick Wilson and Chase Claypool, CBs Xavien Howard and Eli Apple and safeties Brandon Jones and DeShon Elliott. They signed a good rookie UDFA class in QB Gavin Hardison, WR Je'Quan Burton, TE Hayden Rucci, G Bayron Matos, OL Andrew Meyer, OL Matthew Jones, DT Leonard Payne, LB Grayson Murphy, CB Storm Duck, CB Isaiah Johnson, S Jordan Colbert and S Mark Perry. Both Murphy and Perry have interesting skills to surprise here and could win roster spots.

Training Camp Objectives: Dolphins made the playoffs again, though fell in the first round. They lead the league in total offense, passing and scoring. QB Tua Tagovailoa worked well with HC Mike McDaniel making consistently sound reads and adjustments. WR Tyreek Hill producing another 1700+ receiving yards and 13 TDs. Teammate Jaylen Waddle added 1000+ yards despite missing three games. Their ground game was excellent before injuries took their toll losing rookie De'Von Achane for a long stretch. Vet Raheem Mostert was a workhorse and unstoppable at the goal line. The line improved in run blocking and protection. Young vet OT Austin Jackson had a breakout performance and solidified the right-side. Defenders DE Emmanuel Oghab, DT Christian Wilkins, LB Jerome Baker and CB Xavien Howard will be missed. CB Ramsey gives them a premier cover man when healthy. The Dolphins hope new veterans leads their young players to take the next step. With a healthy Tua and a strong running game, they set up their potent passing game. Their veteran defense may provide five new starters. They allowed too many points last season and face a telltale difficult schedule. They will compete for the tough AFC East and playoffs, but must prove up to the task defensively to win in big game situations.

New England Patriots *– 4-13 - Head Coach Jerod Mayo - 1st Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #3	Drake Maye, QB, UNC
Rd 2, #37 (LAC)	Ja'Lynn Polk, WR, Washington
Rd 3, #68	Caedan Wallace, OT, Penn State
Rd 4, #103	Layden Robinson, G, Texas A&M
Rd 5, #110 (Chic-LAC)	Javon Baker, WR, UCF
Rd 6, #180	Marcellas Dial, CB, South Carolina
Rd 6, #193	Joe Milton, QB, Tennessee
Rd 7, #231 (Chic)	Jaheim Bell, TE, Florida State

The Patriots held the 3rd overall pick and turned down all trades. With the selection, they chose strong-armed Drake Maye to start a new era. He has the makeup of a top flight starter with development. He has a powerful arm which is essential in the NE climate. He needs development reading coverage and going through his progressions and may be best initially behind veteran Jacoby Brissett. He was an excellent addition and face of the franchise going forward. Needs patience and time to refine his talent, though a big-time prospect for the future.

With their #2 pick, they selected wideout Ja'Lynn Polk, a well-developed athlete with high production and the versatility to play inside and outside. He figures to see time in three wideout sets and provide a reliable piece in multiple sets. Surprising selection this early and one of a few reaches by the front office. With their 3rd round pick, they add OT Caedan Wallace, a big strong lineman with good grades over his final season. He will have to settle into a position and best suited for the right side. He was a reach here and will have to prove he warranted this early a selection.

With their 4th round pick, they added guard Layden Robinson, a wide body lineman who grades out well in run blocking. He is inconsistent in protection and can struggle maintaining balance and hand contact. He was a surprising reach this early. With their 5th round pick, they added wideout Javon Baker, an athlete with good size, speed and hands. Former Bama receiver. Excellent body control with improving routes and defensive recognition. Big ceiling in time and excellent choice here.

With two 6th round picks, they added CB Marcelas Dial and QB Joe Milton. CB Dial is a good-sized defender with length and ball skills. He is better in zone than man coverage which could move him to safety. Needs to impress on special teams to make this roster. QB Milton is a huge strong-armed passer with the physical tools to win a backup role. He needs extensive work on his footwork and throwing mechanics. With their 7th round pick, they added TE Jaheim Bell, a mobile pass catcher with developed skills. He can provide an excellent piece for this offense with the ability to line up at a few positions. Excellent value here. ***Grade: C***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Pats added quality veterans in FA and signed QB Jacoby Brissett, RB Antonio Gibson, TE Austin Hooper, WR KJ Osborn, OL Chuk Okorafor and LB Sione Takitaki. They lost WR DeVonte Parker and Mathew Slater, RB Zeke Eliot, TE Mike Gesicki, DT Lawrence Guy, LB Mack Wilson and CB JC Jackson, Miles Bryant and Jalen Mills. The Pats signed a small group of UDFA in RB DeShaun Fenwick, TE Jacob Warren, OT Zuri Henry, C Charles Turner, DE John Morgan, LB Jontrey Hunter, CB Kaleb Ford-Demont, CB Mikey Victor and S Dell Pettus.

_Training Camp Objectives__:_ The Pats failed to make the playoffs for the second consecutive season. They are beginning a rebuilding process which may take a few seasons. They start with new QB Drake Maye, a strong-armed tough kid and cornerstone piece to build around. He may sit behind Brissett initially. Most skill position players will be first year starters here. They traded young promising QB Marc Jones for a late draft pick. They will go with young unproven players in key roles. The ground game was effective, behind Rhamondre Stevenson who will be joined by vet FA Gibson. Their veteran defense keeps them in most games with sound schemes. They will look to young HC Jerod Mayo to maintain their sound defense. HC Belichick retires after a brilliant career with 6 SB victories at the helm. LB Matthew Judon returns after missing most of 2023 with a bicep injury. DT Christian Barmore had a breakout season and a fixture on the inside. They face a much-improved division and difficult to matchup. This club will present a new lineup on offense and most likely go through a tough learning curve. Getting young players valuable experience will go a long way to starting the process, though competing for any postseason berth seems out of the question.

New York Jets - 7-9 - Head Coach Robert Saleh - 4th Year

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #11	**_Olu Fashanu, OT, Penn State_**
Rd 3, #65 (Car)	**_Malachi Corley, WR, W. Kentucky_**
Rd 4, #134 (Balt)	**_Braelon Allen, RB, Wisconsin_**
Rd 5, #171 (Phil)	**_Jordan Travis, QB, Florida State_**
Rd 5, #173 (KC-SF)	**_Isaiah Davis, RB, South Dakota St_**
Rd 5, #176 (SF)	**_Qwan'tez Stiggers, CB, Toronto (CFL)_**
Rd 7, #257	**_Jaylen Key, S, Alabama_**

The Jets attempted to move up in the first round to select OT Joe Alt though they were unable to close the deal. At the 10th overall pick, they traded back one spot for a few drafts. They selected Olu Fashanu with the draft choice. He is a massive left tackle and addresses a major need on the outside. Both starters Smith and Moses are long time players with injury histories. Fashanu has excellent length with a strong base and the agility to slide in protection. He needs refinement on his technique and hand usage along with bending his knees more consistently. He was a solid addition and possibly could slide inside to guard early for experience. He needs to get stronger to get a better push in run support. They traded their #2 pick   prior as final payment in the Aaron Rodgers deal.

With their 3rd round pick, they choose wideout Malachi Corley, a tough talented pass catcher with excellent run after the catch ability. He fits both inside and outside and is a developed route runner coming out of a pro style passing game at WK. He has a strong frame and quick feet which allows him to be a running back in the open field. We compared him to Deebo Samuel in our March Yearbook and he can provide impact here working with Rodgers. He can get single coverage often and capable of being very productive operating vs a nickel corner. Excellent selection and early impact potential.

With their 4th round pick, they selected runner Braelon Allen, a big tough back with high production. He has a strong frame with a quick burst to the hole to move the pile. He is a one cut runner with fine body lean and good ball security. He can be a top backup to starter Bryce Hall. Allen also surprised in mini-camp, showing fine receiving skills and more developed in that role then during his college career. He was a great addition and backup.

 With three 5th round picks, they selected QB Jordan Travis, RB Isaiah Davis and CG Qwan'tez Stiggers. QB Travis gives them a developmental passer in the system. He will benefit from both Rodgers and Tyrod Taylor with over 30 years combined experience. He comes off an ankle injury which ended an undefeated season. He is a savvy athlete with mobility, quick delivery and decision making. He probably earns the #3 role and could move up with experience. RB Davis was a surprise after selecting Allen earlier. He is a physical one cut runner with most of his work between the tackles. Kind of baffling selection which duplicates Allen's skill set. CB Stiggers is a CFL defender who did not play in college. He has good size and instincts and plays a physical game. He has the makeup of a gunner on special teams which earns him a roster spot.

With their 7th round pick, they choose 'Mr. Irrelevant', safety Jaylen Key. Transfer from UAB. One year starter. Physical and aggressive with the length to matchup with tight ends. Earns roster spot on his special team's ability in the preseason. **_Grade: B_**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Jets were very aggressive in FA. They signed FAs, tackles Tyron Smith and Morgan Moses, G John Simpson, WR Mike Williams, QB Tyrod Taylor, DT Leki Fotu and Javon Kinlaw and CB Isaiah Oliver. They traded QB Zach Wilson for a late selection. They lost edge defender Bryce Huff, OL Mekhi Becton, Duane Brown, Conner McGovern and Laken Tomlinson, DL John Franklin-Myers, Quinton Jefferson and Carl Lawson, WR Randall Cobb, TE CJ Uzomah, corners Bryce Hall and Javelin Guidry and safety Jordan Whitehead. They traded for LB Haason Reddick, an excellent edge rusher for a conditional early selection. They signed an average UDFA class in QB Andrew Peasley, QB Colby Suits, WR Tyler Harrell, WR Marcus Riley, TE Lincoln Sefcik, OL Brady Latham, OL Willie Tyler, DE Eric Watts, DT Leonard Taylor III, edge Tyreek Johnson, edge Braiden McGregor, LB Jimmy Ciarlo, LB Jackson Sirmon, CB Jarius Monroe, CB Shemar Bartholomew, CB Myles Jones, S Al Blades Jr. and DB Brandon Codrington.

Training Camp Objectives: The Jets missed the playoffs for the 13th consecutive season, losing five consecutive games at midseason. GM Douglas's five-year record to 27-56. He put his stack on veteran QB Aaron Rodgers who was injured after four plays in 2023. Young QB Zach Wilson was a colossal mistake as the 2nd overall selection in 2021 and was traded during the offseason. The Jets have a stronger supporting cast for Rodgers with new additions at the skilled positions. The line will have three new starters plus the return of OL Alijah Vera-Tucker. They will have to improve off last season's terrible performance. LT Mekhi Becton was not resigned after four horrible seasons. Wideout Garrett Wilson is a blue-chip receiver with big play ability which Rodgers will feed if healthy.

New receiver, Malachi Corley gives this unit a boost from the slot. Vet Mike Williams is a big-time receiver, though may not be ready until Sept/Oct. Rodgers can elevate every player's game a level if healthy. HC Robert Saleh turned the offense over to OC Nathaniel Hackett. His first season was marred by multiple injuries. Saleh had Jets highly regarded defense playing well over the full season. They dominated at times, featuring DT Quinnen Williams, Mike backer CJ Mosley and corner Sauce Gardner among the best at their positions. New edge rusher Riddick and young edge defender Jermaine Johnson is present a big play tandem. The defense needs to stay healthy, especially Mosley while the young secondary looks to safety Chuck Clark to step in and start. The improved offensive line may be the most important addition for Rodgers. HC Saleh has a thrrr-year record of 18-33 which makes all the SB hype a stretch, though the Jets are capable of a huge turn around and finally make the playoffs. A soft early schedule may jump start this club to the top of the AFC. Rodgers has the talent to carry a club and the Jets have the improved supporting cast to press for the playoffs.

Pittsburgh Steelers - *10-7 - Head Coach Mike Tomlin - 17th Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #20	Troy Fautanu, OT, Washington
Rd 2, #51	Zach Frazier, OL, West Virginia
Rd 3, #84	Roman Wilson, WR, Michigan
Rd 3, #98 (Phil)	Payton Wilson, LB, NC State
Rd 4, #117	Mason McCormick, OL, South Dakota St
Rd 6, #178 (Ariz-Car)	Logan Lee, DT, Iowa
Rd 6, #195	Ryan Watts, CB, Texas

The Steelers addressed their top needs with their early selections. In the 1st round, they wanted another top tackle and selected Troy Fautanu. He is an agile tackle with refined technique and quick footwork and hands to play LT in the NFL. He is fast developing prospect with agility, enough 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 also start inside at guard and ladder out with experience. Makeup of a quality NFL starter on this revamped line where he can be an anchor and probably earn a starting job in camp.

With their 2nd round pick, they came right back and selected OL Zach Frazier. They have had an incredible legacy in the pivot and Frazier could be the next inline. He has excellent core strength and top technique especially his hands after a wrestling career. His level of development will allow him to compete for the starting job, where he has the skills to win in the preseason.

With two 3rd round picks, they choose wideout Roman Wilson and LB Payton Wilson. WR Wilson had a strong final season and can line up both in the slot or outside. He has good run after the catch ability and is a disciplined playmaker. He should earn early time in their three wideout sets and fine target for their new passers. LB Wilson is a terrific Mike man with the speed, instincts and toughness. He can win a starting three down interior job here, though he must prove durable to realize his blue-chip talent. Excellent gamble here

With their 4th round pick, they choose guard Mason McCormick, a sound technician from the small college level. He is well developed and will push for time with a strong preseason. He projects as a starter on the inside, though probably sits a season to settle into the system and culture. Solid addition to pay big dividends in time.

With two 6th round picks, they choose DL Logan Lee and CB Ryan Watts. DL Lee is a good technician after time at Iowa and fits a five-technique role. He can surprise here and make this squad with a good preseason. He could fit in a line rotation. Watts is a good addition here and will press for immediate time in their sub package with a chance of winning a role there. He 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 packages and could surprise. His length and safety experience makes him an interesting matchup with speed and instincts. Top late addition.   ***Grade: A***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Steelers signed or acquired two QBs in Russell Wilson and Justin Fields. They will fight it out in the preseason for the starting job. They traded young former 1st round starter Kenny Pickett who was given only two seasons in the Steel city, hardly a fair chance to show his talent. They signed LB Patrick Queen, WRs Von Jefferson, Quez Watkins and Cordarrelle Patterson, TE Mycole Pruitt and safety DeShon Elloitt. They traded for CB Donte Jackson for wideout Diontae Johnson. They lost free agents, CBs Patrick Peterson and Levi Wallace, WR Allen Robinson, OL Mason Cole and Chukwuma Okorafor, QBs Mason Rudolph and Mitch Trubisky and safety Keanu Neal. They added rookie free agents QB John Rhys Plumlee, RB Daijun Edwards, LB

Julius Welschof, LB Jacoby Windmon and CB/RS Beanie Bishop. With the trade of Diontae Johnson, Bishop could surprise and win PR job and develop as a nickel corner.

Training Camp Objectives: The Steelers made the playoffs winning their final three games in the process. They lost to the Bills in the opening round. They turn the page with new starters on offense at QB, WR and offensive line. The QB camp battle of Wilson and Fields will determine their direction. The young talented offensive line added blue chip blockers and could provide better protection and better run blocking. Wideout George Pickens had a solid performance, though will be without vet Diontae Johnson. Rookie WR Wilson and vet Jefferson are counted on to become productive playmakers. They relied on steady vet RB Najee Harris to give them power running and he added 1000+ rushing. TE Pat Freiermuth missed time which effected his production. He is primed to return to 2022 levels. They look to OT Broderick Jones to help their line improve. The changing line expects at least two rookies to win starting jobs. Their defense got a strong performance from All-Pro backer TJ Watt who produced 19 sacks. Edge defender Alex Highsmith had a solid effort with 7 sacks. They look to FA backer Patrick Queen to be a tackling machine here. S Minkah Fitzpatrick missed 7 games, though was still a sound defender. They want to run the ball more effectively, in addition to increasing their 3rd down efficiency and 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 have won divisional matchups with a 5-1 record last season, though probably tough to duplicate that in 2024. To return to the playoffs, they need a stronger ground game to balance an unknown passing game with a new starter.

Tennessee Titans - 6-11 - *Head Coach Brian Callahan - 1st Year*

2024 Rookie Draft Class	
Rd 1, #7	JC Latham, OT, Alabama
Rd 2, #38	T'Vondre Sweat, DT, Texas
Rd 4, #106	Cedric Gray, LB, UNC
Rd 5, #146 (Minn)	Jarvis Brownlee Jr., CB, Louisville
Rd 6, #182	Jha'Quan Jackson, WR, Tulane
Rd 7, #242 (Phil)	James Williams, LB, Miami (Fl)
Rd 7, #252 (KC)	Jaylen Harrell, Edge, Michigan

The Titans held their position in the first round and selected OT JC Latham, a highly developed versatile lineman. He is SEC battle tested and NFL ready. He gets a chance to win the starting LT job, though was not ready at mini-camp for that test. Seems ready for right tackle where most of his snaps were at Bama. Good fit and second consecutive #1 pick for offensive line.

With their 2nd round pick, they selected DT T'Vondre Sweat, a massive interior lineman with dominant skills. He can anchor vs the double team and is a force in run defense which sets the pace for this unit. He has the athleticism to push the pocket and rush the passer, though technique work will help him improve. Playing next to Jeffery Simmons can allow him to shine in single assignments. Solid addition to fill out this front line.

With their 4th round pick, they selected LB Cedric Gray, a rangy defender who moves well with the instincts to gain a fast advantage on plays. Excelled in the Senior Bowl and can compete for a rookie starting job with well-rounded skills. Excellent value here.

With their 5th round pick, they selected CB Jarvis Brownlee, a physical cover man who is aggressive in coverage and competes for the ball. He will earn time in sub packages here with a good combination of size, instincts, quickness and toughness. Good addition and early contributor. With their 6th round pick, they selected WR Jha'Quan Jackson, a short compact fast receiver. He was very productive at Tulane and fits the slot role where he can win the starting job in camp. Nice late addition.

With two 7th round picks, they selected LB/S James Williams and edge Jaylen Harrell. Hybrid Williams needs to define his pro position. He lined up mainly at safety, though his coverage skills are not fully developed there. At Will or nickel backer, he can be in the box where his speed allows him to pursue and matchup in the short zones. Edge defender Harrell has a quick burst to penetrate, though needs further hand usage to counter once his initial move is contained. He carries a make it grade here, though maybe on the PS in 2024.   ***Grade: C***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Titans added veterans, WR Calvin Ridley, RB Tony Pollard, TE Trevon Wesco, OL Saahdig Charles and Lloyd Cushenberry, DL Sebastian Joshep-Day, LB Kenneth Murray and corners L'Jarius Sneed and Chidobe Awuzie. They lost RB Derrick Henry, QB Ryan Tannehill, OL Andrew Brewer, Andre Dillard and Cory Levin, DL Denico Autry and Marlon Davidson, LB Azeez Al-Shaair, CBs Kristian Fulton and Sean Murphy-Bunting and safeties Terrell Edmunds and K'Von Wallace. Titans signed an average group of rookie UDFAs in RB Dillon Johnson, RB Jabari Small, WR Bryce Oliver, WR Sam Schnee, TE Steven Stilianos, TE David Martin-Robinson, OL X'Zauvea Gadlin, OL Brian Dooley, OL Cole Spencer, DL Isaiah Iton, DE Khalid Duke, CB Gabe Jeudy-Lally, CB Robert Javier, CB Rod Gattison, S Keaton Ellis and PK Brayden Narveson.

Training Camp Objectives: The Titans decline continued and they missed the postseason for the 2nd year in a row. HC Mike Vrabel was fired after an excellent long tenure, directing them to the postseason annually. They made wholesale changes in the offseason, parting ways with runner Derrick Henry and QB Ryan Tannehill, two core

performers during their playoff seasons. The offense fell significantly and changed to rookie QB Will Levis, a strong-armed passer with interesting potential. He started over half the season and will be the leader here. He will work with new weapons, WR Ridley and RB Pollard behind a young and talented line. Former top pick WR Treylon Burks faces a critical preseason after a very disappointing 2023 season. Theor defense is built around DT Jeffery Simmons, though offenses have doubled him often. Edge defender Harold Landry had double digit sacks after returning from an ACL injury. They need their front seven to be more productive to help Simmons. The secondary made major changes after another poor performance with few big plays and huge air yardage allowed. They added vet corners, Sneed and Awuzie to stabilize this unit. This club will probably struggle to be competitive in the improving AFC South. Young players will have to produce for them to improve and reverse recent seasons. They face a big rebuilding process which has just started.

<u>NFL Draft 2024 Selection Order</u> - *Seven Rounds*

* Compensatory Picks

Pick	Team	Player	Position	School
First Round				
1.	Chicago Bears (Car)	Caleb Williams	QB	USC
2.	Washington Commanders	Jayden Daniels	QB	LSU
3.	New England Patriots	Drake Maye	QB	North Carolina
4.	Arizona Cardinals	Marvin Harrison Jr	WR	Ohio State
5.	Los Angeles Chargers	Joe Alt	OT	Notre Dame
6.	New York Giants	Malik Nabers	WR	LSU
7.	Tennessee Titans	JC Latham	OT	Alabama
8.	Atlanta Falcons	Michael Penix Jr	QB	Washington
9.	Chicago Bears	Rome Odunze	WR	Washington
10.	Minnesota Vikings (NYJ)	J.J. McCarthy	QB	Michigan
11.	New York Jets (Minn)	Olumuyiwa Fashanu	OT	Penn State
12.	Denver Broncos	Bo Nix	QB	Oregon
13.	Las Vegas Raiders	Brock Bowers	TE	Georgia
14.	New Orleans Saints	Taliese Fuaga	OT	Oregon State
15.	Indianapolis Colts	Laiatu Latu	Edge	UCLA
16.	Seattle Seahawks	Byron Murphy II	DT	Texas
17.	Minnesota Vikings (Jac)	Dallas Turner	Edge	Alabama
18.	Cincinnati Bengals	Amarius Mims	OT	Georgia
19.	Los Angeles Rams	Jared Verse	Edge	Florida State
20.	Pittsburgh Steelers	Troy Fautanu	OL	Washington
21.	Miami Dolphins	Chop Robinson	Edge	Penn State
22.	Philadelphia Eagles	Quinyon Mitchell	CB	Toledo
23.	Jacksonville Jaguars (Cleve-Hous-Minn)	Brian Thomas Jr	WR	LSU
24.	Detroit Lions (Dall)	Terrion Arnold	CB	Alabama
25.	Green Bay Packers	Jordan Morgan	OT	Arizona
26.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Graham Barton	OL	Duke
27.	Arizona Cardinals (Hous)	Darius Robinson	Edge	Missouri
28.	Kansas City Chiefs (Buff)	Xavier Worthy	WR	Texas
29.	Dallas Cowboys (Det)	Tyler Guyton	OT	Oklahoma
30.	Baltimore Ravens	Nate Wiggins	CB	Clemson
31.	San Francisco 49ers	Ricky Pearsall	WR	Florida
32.	Carolina Panthers (Buff-KC)	Xavier Legette	WR	South Carolina
Round Two				
33.	Buffalo Bills (Car)	Keon Coleman	WR	Florida State
34.	Los Angeles Chargers (NE)	Ladd McConkey	WR	Georgia
35.	Atlanta Falcons (Ariz)	Ruke Orhorhoro	DT	Clemson
36.	Washington Commanders	Jer'zhan Newton	DT	Illinois
37.	New England Patriots (LAC)	Ja'Lynn Polk	WR	Washington
38.	Tennessee Titans	T'Vondre Sweat	DT	Texas
39.	Los Angeles Rams (Car-NYG)	Braden Fiske	DT	Florida State
40.	Philadelphia Eagles (Wash-Chic)	Cooper DeJean	CB	Iowa
41.	New Orleans Saints (GB-NYJ)	Kool-Aid McKinstry	CB	Alabama

42. Houston Texans (Minn)	Kamari Lassiter	CB	Georgia
43. Arizona Cardinals (Atl)	Max Melton	CB	Rutgers
44. Las Vegas Raiders	Jackson Powers-Johnson	C	Oregon
45. Green Bay Packers (NO-Den)	Edgerrin Cooper	LB	Texas A&M
46. Carolina Panthers (Indy)	Jonathon Brooks	RB	Texas
47. New York Giants (Seat)	Tyler Nubin	S	Minnesota
48. Jacksonville Jaguars	Maason Smith	DT	LSU
49. Cincinnati Bengals	Kris Jenkins	DT	Michigan
50. Washington Commanders (Phil-NO)	Mike Sainristil	CB	Michigan
51. Pittsburgh Steelers	Zach Frazier	C	West Virginia
52. Indianapolis Colts (LAR)	Adonai Mitchell	WR	Texas
53. Washington Commanders (Phil)	Ben Sinnott	TE	Kansas State
54. Cleveland Browns	Michael Hall Jr	DT	Ohio State
55. Miami Dolphins	Patrick Paul	OT	Houston
56. Dallas Cowboys	Marshawn Kneeland	Edge	Western Michigan
57. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Chris Braswell	Edge	Alabama
58. Green Bay Packers	Javon Bullard	S	Georgia
59. Houston Texans	Blake Fisher	OT	Notre Dame
60. Buffalo Bills	Cole Bishop	S	Utah
61. Detroit Lions	Ennis Rakestraw Jr	CB	Missouri
62. Baltimore Ravens	Roger Rosengarten	OT	Washington
63. Kansas City Chiefs (SF)	Kingsley Suamataia	OT	BYU
64. San Francisco 49ers (KC)	Renardo Green	CB	Florida State

Round 3

65. New York Jets (Car)	Malachi Corley	WR	Western Kentucky
66. Arizona Cardinals	Trey Benson	RB	Florida State
67. Washington Commanders	Brandon Coleman	OG	TCU
68. New England Patriots	Caedan Wallace	OT	Penn State
69. Los Angeles Chargers	Junior Colson	LB	Michigan
70. New York Giants	Andru Phillips	CB	Kentucky
71. Arizona Cardinals (Tenn)	Isaiah Adams	OG	Illinois
72. Carolina Panthers (NYJ)	Trevin Wallace	LB	Kentucky
73. Dallas Cowboys (Det-Minn)	Cooper Beebe	OG	Kansas State
74. Atlanta Falcons	Bralen Trice	Edge	Washington
75. Chicago Bears	Kiran Amegadjie	OT	Yale
76. Denver Broncos	Jonah Elliss	Edge	Utah
77. Las Vegas Raiders	Delmar Glaze	OT	Maryland
78. Houston Texans (Wash-Seat)	Calen Bullock	S	USC
79. Indianapolis Colts (Atl-Jax)	Matt Goncalves	OT	Pittsburgh
80. Cincinnati Bengals	Jermaine Burton	WR	Alabama
81. Seattle Seahawks (NO-Den)	Christian Haynes	OG	UConn
82. Arizona Cardinals (Indy)	Tip Reiman	TE	Illinois
83. Los Angeles Rams	Blake Corum	RB	Michigan
84. Pittsburgh Steelers	Roman Wilson	WR	Michigan
85. Cleveland Browns	Zak Zinter	OG	Michigan
86. San Francisco 49ers (Hous-Phil)	Dominick Puni	OT	Kansas
87. Dallas Cowboys	Marist Liufau	LB	Notre Dame
88. Green Bay Packers	MarShawn Lloyd	RB	USC
89. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Tykee Smith	S	Georgia
90. Arizona Cardinals (Hous)	Elijah Jones	CB	Boston College
91. Green Bay Packers (Buff)	Ty'Ron Hopper	LB	Missouri
92. Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Det)	Jalen McMillan	WR	Washington
93. Baltimore Ravens	Adisa Isaac	LB	Penn State
94. Philadelphia Eagles (SF)	Jalyx Hunt	Edge	Houston Christian
95. Buffalo Bills (KC)	DeWayne Carter	DT	Duke
96. Jacksonville Jaguars*	Jarrian Jones	CB	Florida State
97. Cincinnati Bengals*	McKinnley Jackson	DT	Texas A&M
98. Pittsburgh Steelers* (Phil)	Payton Wilson	LB	North Carolina State
99. Los Angeles Rams*	Kamren Kinchens	S	Miami
100. Washington Commanders* (SF)	Luke McCaffrey	WR	Rice

Round 4

101. Carolina Panthers	Ja'Tavion Sanders	TE	Texas
102. Denver Broncos (Seat- Wash)	Troy Franklin	WR	Oregon
103. New England Patriots	Layden Robinson	OG	Texas A&M
104. Arizona Cardinals	Dadrion Taylor-Demerson	S	Texas Tech
105. Los Angeles Chargers	Justin Eboigbe	DT	Alabama
106. Tennessee Titans	Cedric Gray	LB	North Carolina
107. New York Giants	Theo Johnson	TE	Penn State
108. Minnesota Vikings	Khyree Jackson	CB	Oregon
109. Atlanta Falcons	Brandon Dorius	DT	Oregon
110. New England Patriots (LAC-Chic)	Javon Baker	WR	UCF
111. Green Bay Packers (NY J)	Evan Williams	S	Oregon
112. Las Vegas Raiders	Decamerion Richardson	CB	Mississippi State
113. Baltimore Ravens (Den-NYJ)	Devontez Walker	WR	North Carolina
114. Jacksonville Jaguars	Javon Foster	OT	Missouri
115. Cincinnati Bengals	Erick All	TE	Iowa
116. Jacksonville Jaguars (NO)	Jordan Jefferson	DT	LSU
117. Indianapolis Colts	Tanor Bortolini	C	Wisconsin
118. Seattle Seahawks	Tyrice Knight	LB	Texas-El Paso
119. Pittsburgh Steelers	Mason McCormick	OG	South Dakota State
120. Miami Dolphins (Phil-LAR-Pitt)	Jaylen Wright	RB	Tennessee
121. Seattle Seahawks (Den-Mia)	A.J. Barner	TE	Michigan
122. Chicago Bears (Phil)	Tory Taylor	P	Iowa
123. Houston Texans (Cleve)	Cade Stover	TE	Ohio State
124. San Francisco 49ers (Dall)	Malik Mustapha	S	Wake Forest
125. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Bucky Irving	RB	Oregon
126. Detroit Lions (NYJ-GB)	Giovanni Manu	OT	University of British Columbia
127. Philadelphia Eagles (Hous)	Will Shipley	RB	Clemson
128. Buffalo Bills	Ray Davis	RB	Kentucky
129. San Francisco 49ers (Minn-Det)	Isaac Guerendo	RB	Louisville
130. Baltimore Ravens	T.J. Tampa	CB	Iowa State
131. Kansas City Chiefs	Jared Wiley	TE	TCU
132. Detroit Lions (SF)*	Sione Vaki	RB	Utah
133. Kansas City Chiefs (Buff)*	Jaden Hicks	S	Washington State
134. New York Jets* (Balt)	Braelon Allen	RB	Washington
135. San Francisco 49ers *	Jacob Cowing	WR	Arizona

Round 5

136. Seattle Seahawks (Car-Cleve)	Nehemiah Pritchett	CB	Auburn
137. Los Angeles Chargers (NE)	Tarheeb Still	CB	Maryland
138. Arizona Cardinals	Xavier Thomas	Edge	Clemson
139. Washington Commanders	Jordan Magee	LB	Temple
140. Los Angeles Chargers	Cam Hart	CB	Notre Dame
141. Buffalo Bills (Car-NYG)	Sedrick Van Pran-Granger	C	Georgia
142. Indianapolis Colts (Car-Tenn)	Anthony Gould	WR	Oregon State
143. Atlanta Falcons	JD Bertrand	LB	Notre Dame
144. Chicago Bears (Buff-Chic)	Austin Booker	Edge	Kansas
145. Denver Broncos (NYJ)	Kris Abrams-Draine	CB	Missouri
146. Tennessee Titans (Minn-Phil)	Jarvis Brownlee Jr	CB	Louisville
147. Denver Broncos	Audric Estime	RB	Notre Dame
148. Las Vegas Raiders	Tommy Eichenberg	LB	Ohio State
149. Cincinnati Bengals	Josh Newton	CB	TCU
150. New Orleans Saints	Spencer Rattler	QB	South Carolina
151. Indianapolis Colts	Jaylon Carlies	S	Missouri
152. Philadelphia Eagles (Wash-Seat)	Ainias Smith	WR	Texas A&M
153. Jacksonville Jaguars	Deantre Prince	CB	Mississippi
154. Los Angeles Rams	Brennan Jackson	Edge	Washington State
155. Philadelphia Eagles (LAR-Pitt)	Jeremiah Trotter Jr	LB	Clemson
156. Cleveland Browns (Phil-Ariz)	Jamari Thrash	WR	Louisville
157. Carolina Panthers (Minn-Cleve)	Chau Smith-Wade	CB	Washington State
158. Miami Dolphins	Mohamed Kamara	Edge	Colorado State
159. Kansas City Chiefs (Dall)	Hunter Nourzad	C	Penn State
160. Buffalo Bills (GB)	Edefuan Ulofoshio	LB	Washington

161. Washington Commanders (Phil-TB)	Dominique Hampton	S	Washington
162. Arizona Cardinals (Hous)	Christian Jones	OT	Texas
163. Green Bay Packers (Buff)	Jacob Monk	C	Duke
164. Indianapolis Colts (Det)	Jaylin Simpson	S	Auburn
165. Baltimore Ravens	Rasheen Ali	RB	Marshall
166. New York Giants (SF-Car)	Tyrone Tracy Jr	RB	Purdue
167. Jacksonville Jaguars (Minn-KC)	Kellan Robinson	RB	Texas
168. Buffalo Bills (NO)*	Javon Solomon	Edge	Troy
169. Green Bay Packers*	Kitan Oladapo	S	Oregon State
170. New Orleans Saints*	Bub Means	WR	Pittsburgh
171. New York Jets (Phil)*	Jordan Travis	QB	Florida State
172. Philadelphia Eagles*	Trevor Keegan	OG	Michigan
173. New York Jets (KC)*	Isaiah Davis	RB	South Dakota State
174. Dallas Cowboys*	Caelen Carson	CB	Wake Forest
175. New Orleans Saints*	Jaylan Ford	LB	Texas
176. New York Jets (SF)*	Qwan'tez Stiggers	CB	Toronto (CFL)

Round 6

177. Minnesota Vikings (Car-Jax)	Walter Rouse	OT	Oklahoma
178. Pittsburgh Steelers (Ariz-Car)	Logan Lee	DT	Iowa
179. Seattle Seahawks (Wash)	Sataoa Laumea	OG	Utah
180. New England Patriots	Marcellas Dial	CB	South Carolina
181. Los Angeles Chargers	Kimani Vidal	RB	Troy
182. Tennessee Titans (Tenn-Phil)	Jha'Quan Jackson	WR	Tulane
183. New York Giants	Darius Muasau	LB	UCLA
184. Miami Dolphins (Chic)	Malik Washington	WR	Virginia
185. Philadelphia Eagles (NYJ)	Johnny Wilson	WR	Florida State
186. Atlanta Falcons (Ariz-Minn)	Jase McClellan	RB	Alabama
187. Atlanta Falcons	Casey Washington	WR	Illinois
188. Houston Texans (LV-NE-Minn)	Jamal Hill	LB	Oregon
189. Detroit Lions (Hous-Den-LAR-Buff)	Mekhi Wingo	OT	LSU
190. Philadelphia Eagles (NO)	Dylan McMahon	C	North Carolina State
191. Arizona Cardinals (Indy)	Tejhaun Palmer	WR	UAB
192. Seattle Seahawks	DJ James	CB	Auburn
193. New England Patriots (Jac)	Joe Milton III	QB	Tennessee
194. Cincinnati Bengals	Tanner McLachlan	TE	Arizona
195. Pittsburgh Steelers	Ryan Watts	CB	Texas
196. Los Angeles Rams	Tyler Davis	DT	Clemson
197. Atlanta Falcons (Cleve)	Zion Logue	DT	Georgia
198. Miami Dolphins	Patrick McMorris	S	California
199. New Orleans Saints (Phil)	Khristian Boyd	DT	Northern Iowa
200. Carolina Panthers (Buff-Dall-Hous)	Jaden Crumedy	DT	Mississippi State
201. Indianapolis Colts (Det-TB)	Micah Abraham	CB	Marshall
202. Green Bay Packers	Travis Glover	OT	Georgia State
203. Minnesota Vikings (Den-Hous-Cleve)	Will Reichard	PK	Alabama
204. Buffalo Bills	Tylan Grable	OT	UCF
205. Houston Texans (Det)	Jawhar Jordan	RB	Louisville
206. Cleveland Browns (Balt)	Nathaniel Watson	LB	Mississippi State
207. Seattle Seahawks (Den-SF)	Michael Jerrell	OT	Findlay
208. Las Vegas Raiders (KC)	Dylan Laube	RB	New Hampshire
209. Los Angeles Rams*	Joshua Karty	PK	Stanford
210. Detroit Lions (Phil)*	Christian Mahogany	OG	Boston College
211. Kansas City (SF)*	Kamal Hadden	CB	Tennessee
212. Jacksonville Jaguars*	Cam Little	PK	Arkansas
213. Los Angeles Rams*	Jordan Whittington	WR	Texas
214. Cincinnati Bengals*	Cedric Johnson	Edge	Mississippi
215. San Francisco 49ers*	Jarrett Kingston	OG	USC
216. Dallas Cowboys*	Ryan Flournoy	WR	SE Missouri State
217. Los Angeles Rams*	Beaux Limmer	C	Arkansas
218. Baltimore Ravens* (NYJ)	Devin Leary	QB	Kentucky
219. Buffalo Bills * (GB)	Daequan Hardy	CB	Penn State
220. Tampa Bay Buccaneers*	Elijah Klein	OG	Texas-El Paso

Round 7

221. Buffalo Bills (KC-Car-Tenn)	Travis Clayton	OT	England
222. Washington Commanders	Javontae Jean-Baptiste	Edge	Notre Dame
223. Las Vegas Raiders (NE)	Trey Taylor	S	Air Force
224. Cincinnati Bengals (Ariz-Hous)	Daijahn Anthony	S	Mississippi
225. Los Angeles Chargers	Brenden Rice	WR	USC
226. Arizona Cardinals (NYG)	Jaden Davis	DB	Miami
227. Cleveland Browns (Tenn)	Myles Harden	CB	South Dakota State
228. Baltimore Ravens (NYJ)	Nick Samac	C	Michigan State
229. Las Vegas Raiders (Minn)	MJ Devonshire	CB	Pittsburgh
230. Minnesota Vikings (Atl-Cleve-Ariz)	Michael Jurgens	C	Wake Forest
231. New England Patriots (Chic)	Jaheim Bell	TE	Florida State
232. Minnesota Vikings (Den-SF-Hous)	Levi Drake Rodriguez	DT	Texas A&M-Commerce
233. Dallas Cowboys (LV)	Nathan Thomas	OT	Louisiana-Lafayette
234. Indianapolis Colts	Jonah Laulu	DT	Oklahoma
235. Denver Broncos (Seat)	Devaughn Vele	WR	Utah
236. Jacksonville Jaguars	Myles Cole	DE	Texas Tech
237. Cincinnati Bengals	Matt Lee	C	Miami
238. Houston Texans (NO)	Solomon Byrd	Edge	USC
239. New Orleans Saints (LAR-Den)	Josiah Ezirim	OT	Eastern Kentucky
240. Carolina Panthers (Pitt)	Michael Barrett	LB	Michigan
241. Miami Dolphins	Tahj Washington	WR	USC
242. Tennessee Titans (Phil)	James Williams	S/LB	Miami
243. Cleveland Browns	Jowon Briggs	DT	Cincinnati
244. Dallas Cowboys	Justin Rogers	DT	Auburn
245. Green Bay Packers	Michael Pratt	QB	Tulane
246. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Devin Culp	TE	Washington
247. Houston Texans	Marcus Harris	DT	Auburn
248. Kansas City Chiefs (Buff)	CJ Hanson	OG	Holy Cross
249.Houston Texans (Det)	LaDarius Henderson	OG	Michigan
250. Baltimore Ravens	Sanoussi Kane	S	Purdue
251. San Francisco 49ers	Tatum Bethune	LB	Florida State
252. Tennessee Titans (KC)	Jaylen Harrell	Edge	Michigan
253. Los Angeles Chargers*	Cornelius Johnson	WR	Michigan
254. Los Angeles Rams*	KT Leveston	OG	Kansas State
255. Green Bay Packers*	Kalen King	CB	Penn State
256. Denver Broncos * (NYJ)	Nick Gargiulo	C	South Carolina
257. New York Jets*	Jaylen King	S	Alabama

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