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The 2026 NFL Draft was the 91st annual meeting of National Football League teams to select newly eligible players for the upcoming NFL season. The first round was held on April 23rd followed by the second and third rounds on April 24th. The draft concluded with rounds 4–7 on April 25th. The NFL held the event live in Pittsburgh, Pa. for the 2nd time and first time since December, 1947. This year set an attendance record for the event. All team selections took place from Pittsburgh with league commissioner Roger Goodell announcing the early round selections from the podium.

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NFL Draft 2026

General information - Dates - April 23-25, 2026

Location - Pittsburgh, Pa,

Networks - ABC, ESPN, NFL Network, ESPN Radio

Overview

257 Total selections in 7 rounds

First selection - QB Fernando Mendoza - Indiana

Last selection 'Mr. Irrelevant' - LB Red Murdock - Buffalo

Most selections (13) - Miami Dolphin

Fewest selections (5) - Los Angeles Rams

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 13, 2026.

The following is the breakdown of the 257 players selected in NFL Draft 2026 by position:

36 Wide receivers	18 Guards
28 Linebackers	13 Running backs
27 Defensive tackles	11 Centers
27 Cornerbacks	10 Quarterbacks
21 Defensive ends	1 Longsnapper
21 Offensive tackles	2 Punters
21 Tight ends	1 Placekicker
20 Safeties	1 Fullback

Selections by NCAA Conference

The SEC lead the conferences with 87 selections, the most in NFL history.

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	0	1	0	0	3	4
ACC	6	2	6	8	6	8	2	38
Big 12	6	5	3	2	9	6	7	38
Big Ten	10	9	10	10	9	10	10	68
CUSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ind. (FBS)	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	7
MAC	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	4
MW	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Pac-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEC	7	15	14	15	13	10	13	87
Sun Belt	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2

Schools with multiple draft selections

Numbers	Schools
11	Ohio State
10	Alabama, Texas A&M
9	Clemson, Miami (FL), Texas Tech
8	Georgia, Indiana, Penn State
7	Florida, Iowa, LSU, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington
6	Michigan, Missouri, Notre Dame, Texas
5	Auburn, Tennessee
4	Arizona, Arizona State, Arkansas, Boston College, Cincinnati, Kentucky, Utah
3	Duke, Illinois, South Carolina, USC
2	Baylor, BYU, Georgia Tech, Kansas, Kansas State, Michigan State, Mississippi State, Navy, NC State, North Dakota State, Northwestern, Ole Miss, Stanford, TCU, Toledo, Wake Forest

Selections by Position

Position	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
Wide receiver	5	3	9	6	4	7	2	36
Linebacker	4	6	2	5	3	4	4	28
Defensive tackle	1	3	4	4	3	6	6	27
Cornerback	2	5	3	7	5	1	4	27
Defensive end	4	5	1	3	2	1	5	21
Offensive tackle	6	0	5	5	1	2	2	21
Tight end	1	4	4	1	6	1	4	21
Safety	2	3	3	2	6	0	4	20
Guard	3	1	1	3	3	5	2	18
Running back	2	0	1	2	3	2	3	13
Center	0	2	1	1	3	3	1	11
Quarterback	2	0	2	1	1	1	3	10
Punter	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Fullback	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Kicker	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

NFL Draft 2026 - Team Grades

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

NFL Draft 2026 - Team Review

National Conference

Arizona Cardinals - 3-14- Head Coach Mike LaFleur - 1st Year

NFL Draft 2026 - Grade B+

Round 1, pick 3: Jeremiyah Love - RB, Notre Dame
Round 2, pick 34: Chase Bisontis - OL, Texas A&M
Round 3, pick 65: Carson Beck - QB, Miami
Round 4, pick 104: Kaleb Proctor - DL, SE Louisiana
Round 5, pick 143: Reggie Virgil - WR, Texas Tech
Round 6, pick 183: Karson Sharar - LB, Iowa
Round 7, pick 217: Jayden Williams - OT, Ole Miss

The Cardinals held the 3rd overall selection and choose running back Jeremiyah Love, a terrific well-rounded feature back. He gives this offense a much needed three down starter with highly developed skills to be dangerous every time he touches the ball. He can be a difference maker here and a performer who elevates everyone's level of play. He combines size, speed, cutting skills and hands to rank among the best in the game within a short time. Whether you

take a running back this early in the only question. He has early Pro Bowl talent to give this offense an impact weapon to change this struggling franchise.

With their 2nd round pick (#34), they turned down an offer to move back and chose guard Chase Bisontis. This is a very developed guard with rookie starting talent. He graded out high vs SEC talent and is NFL ready to win an interior starting job. He will help block for Love and the new starting QB. Very good addition to a line which needed an influx of developed talent. Expect him to win a starting guard job in training camp.

On the 3rd round, they chose QB Carson Beck, with the 65th overall selection. He was their 3rd ranked QB after a strong close to this career getting the Hurricanes to the national title game. He returned from a throwing elbow injury which required surgery prior to his final season where he improved weekly and made a huge difference in the Miami title run. He has a nice upside and a good gamble here if he stays healthy. He excels in reading coverage and has a good arm with touch and accuracy to win starting job in time.

With their 4th round selection, they choose defensive lineman Kaleb Proctor, a tweener with inside/outside versatility. He can be a frontline defender with an explosive burst and the speed to finish as a pass rusher. This unit needs a difference maker and the inconsistent line needs to provide playmakers from both inside and outside. He has the package to be a fine addition and he was a wise addition to fit in their line rotation. On the 5th round, they drafted wideout Reggie Virgil, a sure handed pass catcher with good production. He has upside and a good gamble here if he settles into the offense. He runs sound routes and can make plays after the reception.

On the 6th round, they choose LB Karson Sharar, a savvy versatile defender coming off a strong final performance. He fits their front seven and has a chance to surprise and make this club. He needs to impress on special teams' units to claim a roster position. He was a solid addition here. In the 7th round, they chose OT Jayden Williams, a particle four-year starter at left tackle. He is still a raw prospect and more a guard prospect with only marginal length for the outside. He is a good project after grading out high in a few roles vs SEC defenders. Good late gamble with upside to surprise over time. GM Monti Ossenfort had another strong draft class with an emphasis on their young offense. **Grade: B+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Cards' parted ways with QB Kyler Murray after 7 frustrating seasons. They turn the page one more time after four disappointing seasons. They made wholesale changes with most 30+ year olds moving on. Veterans, Calais Campbell and DT Dalvin Tomlinson left in FA. They signed second tier veterans, QB Gardner Minshew, guard Isaac Seumalo and wideout Kendrick Bourne. Rookie UDFAs, Ole Miss WR Harrison Wallace, Ole Miss S Wydett Williams III, SMU DE Cameron Robertson, James Madison CB Elijah Culp and Arizona C Ka'ena Decambra. WR Harrison Williams can surprise and win a roster spot here with a good camp.

Training Camp Objectives: The Cards fell back tremendously in 2025 and began another rebuilding process. They parted ways with disappointing QB Kyler Murray. They hope to resign veteran QB Jacoby Brissett who is holding out. Rookie QB Carson Beck could surprise and start by midseason. Rookie runner Jeremiyah Love will be the focus of the offense and can be a difference maker here and open up the offense. They emphasized their defense in free agency and their offense in the NFL Draft. Both lines will undergo changes with FA losses. They expect young WR Harrison to step up this season. TE Trey McBride is one of the best in the game and is a reliable playmaker. Their offensive line is coming together and will benefit from a few new starters. Their defense was poor again despite the addition of edge defender Josh Sweat. They need high draft choices, edge BJ Ojulari, and DTs Darius Robinson and Walter Nolan to step up and play up to their top billing. Their young secondary made little impact and allowed too many chunk plays. They will benefit from an improved overall pass rush. Young corners, rookie Will Johnson, Garrett Williams and Max Melton form a solid trio. Pro Bowl safety Budda Baker is this units stabilizing force. Playing in the league's toughest

division will be extremely difficult to make progress in the win column. This club remains in transition on defense and needs the young talent to settle in important positions. They need additional strong draft classes to challenge for the .500 mark before competing for the playoffs.

Atlanta Falcons - 8-9 - Head Coach Kevin Stefanski - 1st Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: C

Round 2, pick 48: Avieon Terrell - CB, Clemson

Round 3, pick 79: Zachariah Branch - WR, Georgia

Round 4, pick 134: Kendal Daniels - LB, Oklahoma

Round 6, pick 208: Anterio Thompson - DT, Wash

Round 6, pick 215: Harold Perkins Jr. - LB, LSU

Round 7, pick 231: Ethan Onianwa - OT, Ohio State

The Falcons held the 48th overall selection and added corner Avieon Terrell, brother AJ, a Falcons Pro Bowler. Avieon is a versatile defender who fell off a slow timed sprint. He can lineup both inside and outside. He has a good upside and can be an immediate piece in their sub packages. He is a ball hawk game with quick feet and play recognition. He was excellent value here and projects as an early starter.

In the 3rd round, they chose receiver Zac Branch, a fast playmaker who fits well here. He is a versatile weapon who lines up both in the slot and outside. He is effective in bubble screens, reverses and short slants across the middle. He is a fine compliment for Drake London and Kyle Pitts.

They chose two linebackers in the 4th and 6th rounds in Kendal Daniels and Harold Perkins. Daniels can be effective in both outside and inside roles. He gets a first look outside with former #1 pick, James Pearce facing off the field issues. Daniels has speed off the edge and can pursue across the field. Perkins is a small defender with speed and big play ability. He also has played both outside and inside. He lacks size to be effective outside and gets a look as an off backer inside where his speed allows him to run edge to edge. He shows pass rushing ability where he wins on speed to penetrate. He can a key piece to their LBer unit.

With their other 6th round pick, they chose DT Anterio Thompson of Washington. Thompson was a one-year starter in his third career transfer. He was effective as a rusher, though needs to finish better to win in the NFL. He must separate from blockers inside to gain reps in this unit. On the 7th round, they added OT Ethan Onianwa, a big raw blocker who improved with experience .He must impress in camp to win a roster spot, though should be a PS candidate.

Grade: C

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Falcons addressed their biggest needs in the FA market. They signed veteran QB Tua Tagovailoa when he was released. He replaces released QB Kirk Cousins. Tags can win the starting QB job outright in camp. They signed LB Christian Harris to replace departed Kaden Elliss. They signed backups TE Austin Hooper, RB Brian Robinson and WR Jahan Dotson. They added DL Da'Shawn Hand and RT Jawaan Taylor to challenge for openings. They lost starters, edge Leonard Floyd, WR Darnall Moody, OT Elijah Wilkinson and DT David Onyemata. They traded for safety Syndey Brown, a promising young starter. They added a good UDFA class this year with Minnesota-Moorhead QB Jack Strand, Miami C James Brockermeyer, Georgia Tech WR Malik Rutherford, Michigan State TE Jack Velling, Wisconsin OL Riley Mahlman, Wisconsin WR Vinny Anthony, Minnesota WR Le'Meke Brockington, Alabama OL Kam Dewberry, Duke WR Andre Anthony, Miami WR Keelan Marion, Georgia RB Cash Jones, Purdue DL CJ Nunnally and Houston DT Carlos Allen, and Akron CB Malcolm Dewalt IV. TE Veiling can make this roster. WR Vinny Anthony can fit a need here.

Training Camp Objectives: The Falcons missed the playoffs for the 8th consecutive time in 2025 and made wholesale front office and coaching changes. They signed former star Matt Ryan to run the football operations after annual weak draft classes. They signed Kevin Stefanski as the new head coach. He will be counted on to get young QB Michael Pennix right after two struggling seasons. He must prove healthy and settles into an offense with a few top weapons in runner Bjorn Robinson, wideout Drake London and TE Kyle Pitts. The addition of QB Tua Tagovailoa was an excellent, though risky move. He is a winner and should win the starting job in training camp. He must prove healthy and over his concussions. Their offensive line will undergo changes at RT again starter Wilkinson left in FA. New vet RT Taylor must step up and play up to his prior levels. Their defense struggled again throughout last season especially in run defense. Their front seven added a few potential starters in LB Harris, DT Hand and S Brown, in addition to top pick, CB Avieon Terrell. Young edge defender James Pearce had a strong rookie season, though faces serious off the field legal issues. They need their young secondary to improve quickly after an improved performance. Veteran safety Jessie Bates provides leadership and veteran corner AJ Terrell is a shutdown cover man. Rookie safety Xavier Watts was outstanding and gives this secondary a talented unit. This club needs to improve quickly especially on defense to compete in the improving NFC South. The QB battle between Tua and Pennis will get most of the camp attention, though Pennix may be behind in his recovery to open the season. Tua might be the next former starter who steps up and returns to former levels. This division continues to change and the Falcons will have to take a step up to be competitive. They need QB leadership to stabilize and their front seven to step up and apply pressure and improve vs the run. .

Carolina Panthers - 8-9 - Head Coach Dave Canales - 4th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: A

Round 1, pick 19: Monroe Freeling - OT, Georgia
Round 2, pick 49: Lee Hunter - DL, Texas Tech
Round 3, pick 83: Chris Brazzell II - WR, Tennessee
Round 4, pick 129: Will Lee III - CB, Texas A&M
Round 5, pick 144: Sam Hecht - OL, Kansas State
Round 5, pick 151: Zakee Wheatley - S, Penn State
Round 7, pick 227: Jackson Kuwatch - LB, Miami (Oh)

The Panthers continued to make nice progress and won the NFC South division despite an 8-9 record. Young QB Bryce Young continues to impress with a better supporting cast. GM Dan Morgan has built a stronger roster and added a very impressive group this April.

They added OT Monroe Freeling, a huge young prospect with the complete skills for the outside. He has developed quickly over 2025 and

should compete for a starting job in camp whether outside or inside. He was excellent value at 19th and is capable of being a fixture on this line. He very developed in key areas and could start day one.

On the 2nd round, they choose interior defender Lee Hunter, a strong inside anchor with the quickness and power. He can help immediately as either a starter or in the sub package. Starter A'Shawn Robinson remains a FA which leaves an opening for Hunter. He was top value here and could start in this front line. He brings a much-needed boost to their pass pressure. On the 3rd round, they choose wideout Chris Brazzell, a long fast receiver. He is a quality athlete with a big upside. He was good value here and figures to earn time in their packages. He has interesting potential and can develop into a three-down starter in time.

With their 4th round pick, they chose corner Will Lee, a long savvy cover man who will press for time in their sub packages. He fell on an average timed speed in workouts. He was effective over his late career and is an aggressive cover man who figures to win time in this defense and was a good addition.

With two 5th round picks, they chose OL Sam Hecht and safety Zakee Wheatly. Hecht is a wide body interior lineman who came on fast in 2025. He has a strong base and surprising mobility to anchor vs nose tackles and get out on pulls. He was an excellent addition. Wheatley is a long raw safety with good natural skills to press for starting time with experience. He could land in the sub packages and special teams in the short term and is a prospect with nice upside once he settles into the system. On the 7th round, they chose LB Jackson Kuwatch, a long outside defender with prior time at Ohio State. He had a strong workout which impressed GM Dan Morgan, a former NFL Pro Bowl backer. Kuwatch will have to impress on special teams to win a roster spot, though certainly has the talent and upside to find a niche on this roster. **Grade: B+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Panthers were aggressive in FA and signed starters, edge defender Jaelan Phillips, Mike backer Devin Lloyd and OT Rasheed Walker. All were major upgrades. They also added RB AJ Dillon, OC Luke Fortner, QB Kenny Pickett and WR John Metchie. They lost vets, OC Cade Mays, OL Austin Corbett, RB Rico Dowdle, DL A'Shawn Robinson and backers DJ Wonnum and Christian Rozeboom. They added a good rookie UDFA class in Georgia Tech QB Haynes King, Texas DB Jaylon Guilbreaux, Rutgers CB Cam Miller, Duke DT Aaron Hall, Notre Dame CB DeVonta Smith, SMU DE Isaiah Smith, Coastal Carolina WR Malik Meigs, Baylor WR Kobe Prentice and Vanderbilt OL Isaiah Glass. QB King can give them a different dimension while he develops. DB Guilbreaux is an athlete who can fill a role and make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Panthers won the NFC South at 8-8 winning tie breakers. GM Dan Morgan has done an excellent job both in the NFL Draft and Free agency market. He was very aggressive in FA and signed edge defender Jaelan Phillips and Mike backer Devin Lloyd. They should become core leaders in their new defense. QB Bryce Young has made continuous improvement and looks to take this club to another playoff berth. He has cut down on his mistakes and threw for over 3000 yards. He looks to young wideouts Leggette, McMillan and Coker to form an imposing duo. Runner Chuba Hubbard gets the call as feature back after parting ways with starter Dowdle. The LT battle between rookie top pick Freeling and new FA veteran Walker will define the offensive line. Vet guards Hunt and Lewis provide good interior protection. The defense will look to new veterans and recent draft classes to step up and provide big plays and consistent pressure. The front line looks to the addition of rookie Lee Hunter to provide veterans DE Derek Brown and the Bobby Brown. Mike LB Lloyd can anchor this unit. The young secondary added more talent and can elevate into the top ten went through major turnover. Joe Horn is a Pro Bowler. This club is still in transition with vital roster building underway. Key areas have been improved with the emergence of QB Young the key change in recent seasons. The defense took a big step, though ranks only in the middle of the pack. The front seven needs to stop the run more consistently. This club can repeat in the balanced NFC South, though they will be pushed by each club in the division. They need to play up to their potential here and prove they can run the ball consistently.

Chicago Bears - 11-6 - Head Coach - Ben Johnson - 2nd Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B

Round 1, pick 25: Dillon Thieneman - S, Oregon

Round 2, pick 57: Logan Jones - C/G, Iowa

Round 3, pick 69: Sam Roush - TE, Stanford

Round 3, pick 89: Zavion Thomas - WR, LSU

Round 4, pick 124: Malik Muhammad - CB, Texas

Round 4, pick 166: Keyshaun Elliott - LB Arizona State

The Bears addressed their defensive problems with their top overall selections. In the 1st round, they choose safety Dillon Thieneman, a talented rangy playmaker with well-developed skills. He performed well in all roles with big game experience vs NFL talent. He will compete for an immediate starting job on a unit needing a consistent playmaker. He was an excellent addition here and has the skill set to become a fixture in this

secondary.

On the 2nd round, they added OL Logan Jones a very developed interior blocker with extensive experience and versatility on the inside. He is a savvy mobile blocker with sound technique to compete for early starting time. He is a good fit here after the sudden retirement of veteran center Chris Dalman. He can become a fixture here and checks all the boxes for an early starting grade.

With their two 3rd round picks, they added TE Sam Roush and WR/RS Zavion Thomas. Roush was a surprise pick this early, though probably the best blocker in this class. He has length and power to effectively use his developed technique to get consistent movement at the point. He drops the ball too often and needs development there to win a backup role in this attack. WR Thomas is a fast playmaker who addresses a major need here. He is a sure handed speedster with impact ability. He was a surprise this early, though the Bears brass was impressed with his workouts and playmaking talent. Both picks address key roles in this offense which needs playmakers.

With their two 4th round picks, they added corner Malik Muhammad and LB Keyshaun Elliott. Muhammad is a quick physical defender with developed playmaking talent. He fits in here well in a rebuilt secondary which lost key veterans. He will compete for time in the nickel defense and is capable of winning a role this season. He was an excellent addition. Elliott is a mobile active defender with inside/outside versatility. He shows an explosive burst to strike ballcarriers and figures to win a roster spot and become a fixture on special teams. He figures to push for reps in the sub package as the nickel backer where his speed can be a huge boost to this average unit. Very good value at this point of the process. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bears were aggressive in the vet FA and trade market mainly addressing the secondary. They signed safety Coby Bryant, OC Garrett Bradbury and backers Devin Bush and Jack Sanborn. Starting center Drew Dalman surprisingly retired leaving a huge opening in the middle. They traded wideout DJ Moore to the Bills for a #2 pick in the draft. They lost FA safeties Jaquan Brisker, Kevin Byard and CJ Garner-Johnson. They also lost MLB Tremaine Edmunds, CB Nahshon Wright and DT Andrew Billings. Added an average group of UDFA's in Louisville QB Miller Moss, Tulane CB KC Ezomume, San Diego State K Gabriel Plascencia, Iowa TE Hayden Large, Utah OL Jaren Kump, Wyoming OL Caden Barnett, Kennesaw State RB Coleman Bennett, Oregon State S Skyler Thomas, Georgia LS Beau Gardner, Florida State WR Squirrel White, Michigan State WR Omari Kelly, Wake Forest DT Jayden Loving and Auburn OT Mason Murphy. OL Barnett has interesting skills and warrants a look here, though probably on the PS.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bears won NFC North division for the first time since 2018 season. New HC Ben Johnson put balance into their offense around young QB Caleb Williams. He initiated a big roster turnover with signings and trades for their interior line positions. They depend on young QB Williams to continue to direct this attack. Their ground game ranked among the best in the game behind D'Andre Swift and Kyle Monangal. Johnson looks to implement a balanced offense around a tough ground game and explosive group of wideouts in Rome Odunze and Luther Burton. TE Loveland became a key weapon here and a receiver who regularly moved the chains. The improved line made the most overall offensive success. Their defense struggled in big spots in 2025. Their changing defensive line holds the key for improvement. The young secondary added two new safeties in top pick Dillon Thieneman and veteran Coby Bryant. They made too many big mistakes last season, allowing big plays and scores. Young starting corners Gordon, Johnson and Stevenson are talented cover men who can make strides. They rely on young QB Williams to make this attack work and has improved in most areas. His second year with HC Johnson should be more natural. The defense must show further maturity for this club to advance further in the playoffs. Bears can improve in the tough NFC North, though needs to work important strides on defense to challenge for the Super Bowl.

Dallas Cowboys - 7-9-1 - Head Coach Brian Schottenheimer - 3rd Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B

Round 1, pick 11: Caleb Downs - S, Ohio State

Round 1, pick 23: Malachi Lawrence - Edge, UCF

Round 3, pick 92: Jaishawn Barham - Edge, Michigan

Round 4, pick 112: Drew Shelton - OT, Penn State

Round 4, pick 114: Devin Moore - CB, Florida

Round 4, pick 137: LT Overton - DL, Alabama

Round 7, pick 218: Anthony Smith - WR, East Carolina

The Cowboys have major issues on their defensive especially in the secondary and edge positions. They addressed those units with their first three selections. They held the 12th overall selection in the 1st round and traded up one spot to choose safety Caleb Downs. They traded two #5 picks to move up one spot, a questionable decision. Nevertheless, he is a blue-chip talent with high developed skills and rare

intangibles. He has excellent instincts with the athletic talent to adjust to situations. He can line up at several positions and be the general in the secondary. He was an excellent addition to a secondary which was in total chaos last season. He should become a fixture in this defense which will undergo many changes and probably half the starters.

They traded back into the 1st round and picked DE Malachi Lawrence, a fast edge rusher who fills a pressing need on this front. He was a surprise this early, though a defender with impact off the edge. He addressed a major need area and gets a look to win a role in passing situations. He has an excellent burst off the edge and the ability to bend, though must prove he can finish and close with power to get after the passer. He figures to push for time in their sub package and is capable of impact in that role. Selection with definite upside here. With their 3rd round pick, they addressed their defense again and choose backer Jaishawn Barham. He is a versatile backer who has played outside and off backer and figures to surprise here. He carries a starting grade and can help in the sub package after good coverage talent for the sub packages. He should settle into a starting role early in his career.

With three 4th round picks, they chose OL Drew Shelton, CB Devin Moore and DL LT Overton. Shelton is an experienced blocker who projects inside to guard in the NFL. He can win a backup role, though must improve his power and technique to have an NFL career. Moore is a long cover man with talent, though struggled with a shoulder injury in 2025 which limited him postseason participation. He has starting talent though needs to settle into this system and prove healthy. He has intriguing upside potential in time and has an excellent gamble here. DL Overton is a versatile lineman with inside/outside experience. He has the makeup of a key rotational defender and is a solid addition to their front line.

With their 7th round pick, they chose wideout Anthony Smith, sure handed pass catcher who wins 50/50 situations. He was a solid addition and can win a roster spot with a good camp. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Cowboys traded for DT Oti Ogbornia in exchange of DT Osa Odighizuwa. It was a Double O two-way trade. They also traded a late selection for edge defender Rashan Gary. They added three starters for their defense in safety Jalen Thompson, LB Dee Winters and nickel corner Cobie Durant. They lost starters, edge defenders Donte Fowler and Jad Clowney, LB Kenneth Murray, safety Donovan Wilson and WR Jalen Tolbert. They signed an average rookie UDFA class with only a few prospects with a chance to make this roster. They added Georgia Southern WR Camden Brown, TCU TE DJ Rogers, Baylor TE Michael Trigg, Tulsa RB Dominic Richardson, Virginia Tech DT Kelvin Gilliam, Baylor OT Sidney Fugar and Kentucky OT Shiyazh Pete. Receivers Brown can land on the PS and develop further. TE Trigg is a fast prospect who gives them an interesting option and is a player with the skills to surprise here and make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: Cowboys missed the playoff for the second year in a row. Their porous defense was the primary culprit. QB Dak Prescott led a potent attack which ranked in the league's top 2 teams in passing and overall. He returned from a 2024 injury to rank among the best in the game. He must prove he can beat the upper echelon clubs especially in the postseason to remain there. His supporting cast of receivers Lamb and Pickens, rank with the best in the game. Runner Javonte Williams came back with a strong 2025 performance. The young line has come together well with experience. The defense has undergone major turnover after the trade of All-Pro LB Micah Parsons in November. LB Overshown from a knee injury and hopes to play a full schedule for the first time in his career. Tackles, Quinnen Williams and Kenny Clark form a potent interior. Edge defenders, vet Sam Williams and rookie Malachi Lawrence must step up and apply outside pressure. The secondary welcomes rookie safety Caleb Downs to give this unit leadership and playmaking talent. Young corners Bland and Revel hope to prove healthy here. Veteran safety Jalen Thompson was a definite upgrade. Prescott prove he can beat top competition if this club expects to be a playoff contender. The defense hopes to improve with a solid balance of new veterans and rookies. Both units must improve to compute in key matchups to be more than an offensive show with little big plays vs top clubs. Marginal playoff team.

Detroit Lions - 9-8 - Head Coach Dan Campbell - 6th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: C+

Round 1, pick 17: Blake Miller - OT, Clemson

Round 2, pick 44: Derrick Moore - Edge, Michigan

Round 4, pick 118: Jimmy Rolder - LB, Michigan

Round 5, pick 157: Keith Abney II - CB, Arizona State

Round 5, pick 168: Kendrick Law - WR, Kentucky

Round 6, pick 205: Skyler Gill-Howard - DT, Texas Tech

Round 7, pick 222: Tyre West - Edge, Tennessee

The Lions held the #17 selection in the first round and selected OT Blake Miller. He is a physical agile blocker with very good grades at right tackle. He combines the agility, power and technique to man the outside. He combines all the skills to succeed on the outside and his addition probably moves starting RT Penei Sewell to the left tackle spot vacated by long time starter Taylor Decker. Miller graded out high vs ACC edge rushers

over his four starting seasons. He was an excellent addition here and probable rookie starter.

With their 2nd round pick, they chose edge defender Derrick Moore, a fast outside defender. He came on strong over his late career. He has the burst to win off the edge, though must improve his overall strength and technique. He has the makeup to fit a key situational pass rushing role with improvement. With their 4th round pick, they choose linebacker Jimmy Rolder, an active defender who came on strong over his final season. He moves well and shows sound instincts to fill the hole and pursue the ball to the sidelines. He shows flexible hips to open up and coverer backs or tight ends. He was a surprise this early, though compliments the existing unit. He can fill a key role in the sub packages, in additions to special team units.

With two 5th round pick, they chose corner Keith Abney and wideout Kedrick Law. Abney addresses the pressing secondary need and was a wise value selection here. He carries a starting grade and his final performance was very impressive. Starting talent and top value here. WR Law was a solid addition and brings both playmaking ability as a receiver and returner. Unfortunately, he tore an ACL in mini-camp and is lost for the 2026 season

With their final two picks, they chose DT Skyler Gill-Howard in the 6th and edge defender Tyre West in the 7th round. Gill-Howard is a tough defender who shows developed moves and quickness. He was a relentless inside force on the talented Red Raiders front seven and can press for a roster spot here. Edge West will warrant time in the line rotation. He was a good late addition. **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Lions were limited though aggressive in the FA market. They addressed their line with the signing of emerging center Cade Mays. They also added OT Larry Borom, RB Isiah Pacheco, CB Roger McCreary and LB DJ Wonnum. They lost OT Taylor Decker, OC Graham Glasgow, edge Marcus Davenport, DT DJ Reader, LB Alex Anzalone and CB Amik Robertson. They traded vet runner David Montgomery to the Texans. They signed a good group of rookie UDFAs with the talent to surprise. They added South Florida CB De'Shawn Rucker, Illinois QB Luke Altmyer, Illinois G Melvin Priestly, Morgan State LB Erick Hunter, Tennessee TE Miles Kitselman, Rutgers DE Eric O'Neill, USC DE Anthony Lucas, Cal DT Aidan Keanaaina and UNLV DB Aamaris Brown. QB Altmyer is an interesting prospect who will get a long look here. LB Hunter is a raw athlete with the talent to surprise and find a way to make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Lions failed to win the NFC North title for the 3rd consecutive season by losing three of their final four games. HC Campbell assembled tough hard-nosed players thought they fell short. Veteran QB Jared Goff had another amazing performance with over 4500 yards and a 34/8 TD/int ratio. They produced two 1000-yard receivers in Jamison Williams and Amon-Ra St. Runner Jahmyr Gibbs provided impact with over 1200 yards rushing. The line ranks among the best in the game, though parted ways with veteran LT Taylor Decker. Rookie top pick Blake Miller is counted on to win the RT job while veteran OT Penei Sewell moves to the left side. TE Sam LaPorta missed half the season and left a void in their offense. Their young defense struggled especially in key spots especially late in the season. Their porous secondary once again gave up huge yardage. Edge defender Aidan Hutchinson played the full schedule and provide impact. DT Alim McNeill struggles to return to former levels. Young backer Jack Campbell has become a steady playmaker. They will miss former starter Alex Anzalone. Safeties Brian Branch and Kirby Joseph are a top tandem. Corner DJ Reed was a fine addition. Former top pick Terrion Arnold continues to struggle in matchups and staying healthy. The Lions slipped in 2025, though injuries and some critical holes on defense left them short in the postseason. Their defense ranks at the bottom of the league and needs young starters to take a big step up. They added only an average draft class, though addressed their pressing issues at the top. Their gritty mentality looks to take a step back to the postseason behind the potent QB Jared Goff and an improved defense. They can win the competitive NFC North or make the Wild card berth, though they will be challenged in the tough balanced NFC North where every club improved this postseason.

Green Bay Packers - 9-7-1 - Head Coach Matt LaFleur - 6th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: C

Round 2, pick 52: Brandon Cisse - CB, South Carolina
Round 3, pick 77: Chris McClellan - DL, Missouri
Round 4, pick 120: Dani Dennis-Sutton - Edge, Penn St
Round 5, pick 153: Jager Burton - OL, Kentucky
Round 6, pick 201: Domani Jackson - CB, Alabama
Round 6, pick 216: Trey Smack - PK, Florida

The Packers' GM Brian Gutekunst held a small draft class after the trade for defender Micah Parsons last fall. They surrendered the next two year's #1 pick plus DT Kenny Clark. They addressed their defense with their first three selections.

In the 2nd round, they quickly selected corner Brandon Cisse when surprisingly available at the 52nd pick. He is the prototypical corner with

size, speed and toughness. He addresses a big pressing need with little depth and young talent. He is SEC battled tested and should compete for early playing time in their sub packages. He has good size, agility and instincts to be a solid addition here.

In the 3rd round, they choose DL Chris McClellan, a big body versatile lineman with developed skills. He is a powerful aggressive defender who moves well with the strength to push the middle. He figures to press for reps in their line rotation with a good camp. In the 4th round, they chose edge defender Dani Dennis-Sutton. He is a developed defender who will compete for time outside on a unit which traded veteran edge defender Rashan Gary. Dennis Sutton gained valuable experience in the Penn State system and has the skill set to compete for time here. He was good value at this point and capable of paying big dividends in time.

With their 5th round pick, they chose OL Jager Burton, a versatile blocker who improved over his final season. He has the talent to win a roster spot here and carries a marginal starting grade in time. With their two 6th round picks, they chose CB Domani Jackson and PK Trey Smack. Corner Jackson is a fast cover man who shows good ball instincts and gets a long look in a changing secondary where there are openings. Smack has the inside track on the wide-open PKing job. He has a strong leg and kicked on a big stage at Florida under top competition settings. He can win the starting job here with a good preseason. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Packers signed veteran DT Javon Hargrave and a few stop gap veterans. They traded for LB Zaire Franklin in exchange for DT Colby Woodson. They also traded Rashan Gary to the Cowboys and WR Dontayvion Wicks to the Eagles. They lost QB Malek Willis, WR Romeo Doubs, OL Elgton Jenkins and OT Rasheed Walker, DE Kingsey Enagbare, LB Quay Walker and CB Nate Hobbs. The Packers signed a solid rookie FA class, including Virginia Tech QB Kyron Drones, Louisville LB TJ Quinn, Illinois G Josh Gesky, UCF RB Jaden Nixon, Nevada S Murvin Kenion III, SMU TE RJ Maryland, Iowa State G Dylan Barrett, UCF DE Nyjalik Kelly, Florida WR J. Michael Sturdivant and Wake Forest TE Eni Falayi. QB Drones should warrant a PS spot off upside potential. WR J Michael Sturdivant can make this roster and move up the depth charts. TE Maryland is a sleeper and capable of surprising here. OG Gesky is a tough prospect with versatility and toughness and can make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Packers earned the Wild card berth despite losing their final five games. They were eliminated quickly in the opening playoff round by the Bears. QB Jordan Love had a good season, though much more was expected. He hopes the passing game steps up after average production. Former top pick Matthew Golden was a major disappointment with less than 400 yards and 0 TDs receiving. Receiver Christian Watson signed a top long term contract. They lost Romeo Doubs in FA and traded Dontayvion Wicks. TE Tucker Kraft was a huge knee injury loss at midseason and changed the passing game significantly. The offensive line will undergo changes this season with two starters gone in FA. Veteran guard Aaron Banks had a solid performance and he is counted on for leadership. They look to their young defense to improve with a healthy Micah Parsons. This unit fell significantly when Parsons went down with an ACL injury. Edge veteran Rashan Gary was adequate, then traded in the offseason. Vet Edgerrin Cooper is ready to step up and join the top backers in the game. New vet MLB Zaire Franklin will anchor this front seven. The young secondary will undergo several changes after losses of veteran corner Nate Hobb. They look to high pick Branden Cisse to step in and win a starting job. This playoff contender must prove it can win in January. The offensive line needs to step up while the defense must be better vs playoff caliber offenses. Packers should be in the middle of the postseason race, though compete in the much-improved tough NFC North which will press them to improve in key areas to make and advance in the postseason.

Los Angeles Rams - 12-5 - Head Coach Sean McVay - 10th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: C

Round 1, pick 13: Ty Simpson - QB, Alabama

Round 2, pick 61: Max Klare - TE, Ohio State

Round 3, pick 93: Keagen Trost - OL, Missouri

Round 6, pick 197: CJ Daniels - WR, Miami

Round 7, pick 232: Tim Keenan III - DT, Alabama

still selected too early and should have been available 5-10 spots in the first round. He is an efficient passer with accuracy and above average skills in key positional areas. He sits early in his career after starting only one season at Alabama.

With their 2nd round pick, they selected TE Max Klare, a talented pass catcher with highly developed receiving skills. He joins the Rams deep TE group, and is capable of being a dangerous weapon on 3rd downs and red zone situations. He can line up inline, flex or H-back with good movement skills and route running to be an excellent addition. He was a slight reach here, though one who should be a key piece in this talented passing game. With their 3rd round pick, they selected offensive lineman Keagen Trost a versatile blocker with experience at tackle and guard. He had an impressive final season grading out high vs SEC talent. He is an overage lineman though one that is developed and will push for a starting job in camp. He probably becomes a valuable backup early in his career.

On the 6th round, they selected wideout CJ Daniels, a productive receiver who is effective in the middle zones. He has good size and fairly good hands and performed well in big game situations. With their 7th round pick, they selected DL Tim Keenan, a tough interior lineman with good run stuffing skills. He will press for time on this interior rotation. He needs a good camp to earn a roster spot, though may land a PS spot. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Rams made a blockbuster post NFL Draft deal for All-Pro edge defender Myles Garrett. It was a huge deal for DE Jared Verse and a #1 pick in 2027, #2 pick in 2028 and a #3 pick in 2029. Garrett gives them a game changer with consistently big play ability. They also traded for Pro Bowl corner Trent McDuffie with the first round 2026 pick. They signed FA corner Jaylen Watson to play opposite former teammate McDuffie. They lost corners Roger McCreary and Cobie Durant and a few second-tier players. They signed an average group of rookie UDFAs in Texas QB Matthew Caldwell, Houston DE Eddie Walls, North Carolina OL Austin Blaske, Wisconsin LB Darryl Peterson, Syracuse TE Dan Villari, Arkansas TE Rohan Jones, Vanderbilt OT Bryce Henderson, Louisville OLB Wesley Bailey, Alabama LB Nikhai Hill-Green, Tennessee DL Jaxson Moi, Houston RB Dean Connors, Air Force DT Payton Zdroik, Wake Forest DB Nick Anderson, Fresno State CB Al'zillion Hamilton, Missouri CB Drey Norwood, Wisconsin CB Nyzier Fourqurean, Minnesota DL Jalen Logan-Redding, and North Carolina C Chad Linberg. TE Villari is an effective short zone receiver who can make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Rams lost two of their final three games and finished second in the NFC West to earn a Wild card berth. They won two playoff games and lost to the Seahawks in the NFC title game. It was a heartbreaking defeat. QB Matthew Stafford was brilliant during an MVP performance and returns as a 38-year-old leader. He was special in 2025 and looks to repeat that effort. They look for a talented balanced ground game with young starter Kyren Williams and tough backer Blake Corum to repeat their 2000-yard rushing performance. Wideout Puka Nacua had an amazing season and looks to repeat working with Stafford. Veteran wideout Adams was a solid possession receiver while their deep TE group played extensively. The offensive line has questions on the outside, though backups are in place. The addition of All-Pro DPOY Myles Garrett was a major addition. His pass pressure will improve the secondary immensely. They are considering pursuing former Rams premier tackle Aaron Donald out of retirement. The secondary improved tremendously with the trade for corner McDuffie and FA signing of Watson. Combined with former Pro Bowler Jalen Ramsey and solid vet Curl gives them a top flight secondary. This club will compete for the NFC West title and has the makeup to make a strong playoff run. A healthy Stafford and Garrett gives this club the favorite role for the Super Bowl. The best club in the NFL entering the 2025 with the talent to win it all.

Minnesota Vikings - 9-8 - Head Coach Kevin O'Donnell - 5th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B+

Round 1, pick 18: Caleb Banks - DL, Florida

Round 2, pick 51: Jake Golday - LB, Cincinnati

Round 3, pick 82: Domonique Orange - DL, Iowa State

Round 3, pick 97: Caleb Tiernan - OT, Northwestern

Round 3, pick 98: Jakobe Thomas - S, Miami

Round 5, pick 159: Max Bredeson - FB, Michigan

Round 5, pick 163: Charles Demmings - CB, Stephen F. Austin

Round 6, pick 198: Demond Clairborne - RB, Wake Forest

Round 7, pick 235: Gavin Gerhardt - C, Cincinnati

The Vikings held five picks in the top 98 selections and landed several talented prospects. They rebuilt their defensive front seven. In the first round, they chose DL Caleb Banks, a massive interior lineman with well rounded talent to be a strong three down starter. He struggled with foot injuries over his final season, though still participated in the Senior Bowl and NFL Combine. He is a difference maker if healthy and gives this front line a huge

interior force if right.

In the 2nd round, they added LB Jake Golday, a big rangy defender with inside/outside versatility. He plays the run very well and can excel as an off backer here with a rookie starting grade. He can also blitz and cover and is capable of being an early three down starter.

With three 3rd round picks, they choose DT Domonique Orange, OT Caleb Tiernan and safety Jakobe Thomas. DL Orange is a tough interior run stuffer who can be an anchor in this front. He is a physical defender who can couple with Banks to form a strong interior. OL Tiernan, a big sound well-developed blocker who started at left tackle his final two seasons. He has bulk, agility and power with the footwork to play anywhere on the line. He was outstanding value here and should press for starting time early in his career. Thomas performed very well in big games which improved his stock. He was a surprise this early, though is battle tested which should allow him to press for time in their sub packages. He should be an effective special teams' performer while he settles into the system.

With two 5th round picks, they choose FB Max Bredeson and CB Charles Demmings. FB Bredeson is a physical athlete with the versatility to line up in the backfield, inline or motion. He is a strong blocker and a sure handed receiver on the move. He gives them unique flexibility on the clock to move players to create difference matchups. He was a fine addition. CB Demmings was an excellent selection here. He is a long agile cover man with speed. His small college background forced him down the charts. He carries a starting grade once in this system and can help in the sub packages early and probably as a rookie.

With their 6th round selection, they chose RB Demond Clairborne, a compact quick runner with the talent to be a 1A type in time. He was effective as a three down back at Wake and could earn reps in this thin backfield especially as a third down back. In the 7th round, they chose OC Garvin Gerhardt, a hard-nosed blocker who can surprise here and win a roster spot. He can push for time on their line with experience and provide vital depth. **Grade: B+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Vikings signed FAs, QB Kyler Murray and WR Jauan Jennings. Murray was signed to a one-year contract and will compete with young JJ McCarthy for the starting job. Both passers have been disappointing and will compete in camp for the starting job. WR Jennings has been productive in SF and gives them a seasoned slot receiver. They lost DL Jonathan Allen, DT Javon Hargrave, edge Jonathan Greenard, WR Jalen Nailor and OT Justin Skule. Center Ryan Kelly retired. Veteran Pro Bowl safety Harrison Smith was not resigned. They added a strong UDFAs class in North Carolina CB Marcus Allen, North Texas CB Da'Veawn Armstead, Georgia WR Dillon Bell, Arizona WR Lyke Wysong, Notre Dame LB Jordan Botelho, Texas A&M CB Tyreek Chappell, South Carolina DL Monkell Goodwine, Maryland WR Shaleak Knotts, Clemson OL Tristan Leigh, Dartmouth OL Delby Lemieux, Florida International RB Kejon Owens, Virginia Tech OL Tomas Rimac, Georgia Southern WR Marcus Sanders Jr., Colorado LB Arden Walker, Texas A&M LB Scooby Williams, Temple LB Cam'Ron Stewart, UCF LB Keli Lawson, James Madison S Jacob Thomas and Georgia P Brett Thorson. WR Bell will press for a spot and can make this club and eventually earn time in multiple sets. LB Williams is a tough instinctive athlete who can help in different sets and can be a special teams ace. OL Lemieux was a solid addition though may need time on their PS for a few seasons. Thorson can win the punting job outright in training camp.

Training Camp Objectives: The Vikings missed the playoffs despite winning their final five games. Their passing game struggled with young JJ McCarthy missing seven games. McCarthy faces a training camp battle with new vet Kyler Murray who tries to resurrect his career. McCarthy is finally healthy while Murray benefits from experience. Wideouts Justin Jefferson and Jordan Addison form a major duo. TE TJ Hockenson is a productive weapon. The line struggled in protection after a few changes. The defense improved significantly in pass pressure, though lost edge defender Greenard in FA. Their top three picks were front seven defensive players. Rookie DTs Banks and Orange will have to become an interior anchor to improve their weak ground defense. They improved their pass defense with improved upfront pressure. Their defense must maintain this level to compete vs playoff teams. The offense gets new leadership with McCarthy or Murray behind an improved line. With concerns over their defense, this club could struggle to stay pace in the tough competitive NFC North. They need their young roster to step up and play well vs top clubs.

New Orleans Saints - 6-11 - Head Coach Kellen Moore - 2nd Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B

Round 1, pick 8: Jordyn Tyson - WR, Arizona State

Round 2, pick 42: Christen Miller - DL, Georgia

Round 3, pick 73: Oscar Delp - TE, Georgia

Round 4, pick 132: Jeremiah Wright - OG, Auburn

Round 4, pick 136: Bryce Lance - WR, North Dakota St

Round 5, pick 172: Lorenzo Styles Jr. - CB, Ohio St

Round 6, pick 190: Barion Brown - WR, LSU

Round 7, pick 219: TJ Hall - CB, Iowa

The Saints held another top ten first round pick and choose WR Jordyn Tyson as they continue to build their offense. Tyson was the best receiver in the class, though sustained double hamstringing injuries over his final season which hurt his grade. He was impressive at a late workout which put him on the Saints short list. He gives them a true #1 receiver opposite Chris Olave to form a strong starting duo for young talented passer Tyler Shough. His presence should improve their passing game with another impact weapon.

With their 2nd round pick, they choose DT Christen Miller, a strong run stuffer who should improve their average interior. He was a good addition here, though one dimensional at this point of his development. With their 3rd round pick, they choose TE Oscar Delp, a fast receiver with the development to help this offense immediately. He played extensively in big game situations and was productive on a deep Georgia club. He gives this offense a much-needed movement prospect and another weapon for Shough. He came on strong in the workout phase of for process and was a key piece to add to this young attack.

With two 4th round picks, they choose OG Jermiah Wright and WR Bryce Lance. Wright addresses their gaining interior and much needed new talent inside. Wright is a physical blocker with the ability to get consistent movement at the point of attack. He was an important addition who is SEC tested and can compete for reps with a strong training camp. Lance is a big agile receiver who was excellent value here. He gives them much needed depth here and can compete for time in three wideout sets early in his career.

In the 5th round, they chose defensive back Lorenzo Styles who an incredible NFL Combine sprint. He is a versatile defender with big game experience. He can earn time in the sub packages early and has the makeup of a top gunner on special teams. Fine late addition. In the 6th round, they chose receiver/returner Barion Brown, a fast playmaker with impact ability. He was the 4th receiver in this draft class, looking to give Shough an assortment of playmakers. Brown is a natural open field runner and a dangerous returner to give this offense top field position. He can fill a slot role and open up this offense. Good late gamble and capable of surprising. In the 6th round, they chose CB TJ Hall, an aggressive zone cover man who fits into their scheme. He must impress in training camp to win a roster spot. He can shine on coverage units and earn time to develop into their sub packages. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They were aggressive in the FA market and signed RB Travis Etienne, OG David Edwards, LBers Kadem Elliss and Anternee Jennings, DE Tyree Wilson, TE Noah Fant and CB Martin Emerson. They lost Alontae Taylor, center Luke Fortner and TEs Taysom Hill and Foster Moreau. They resigned veteran edge defender Cameron Jordan. Taylor leaves a big hole in this secondary, though feel veteran Emerson can do the job. They signed an average group of rookie FA in NC State TE Cody Hardy, USC DL Keeshawn Silver, Central Michigan DE Michael Heldman, Kentucky OT Alex Wollschlaeger, Southern Illinois CB Jeremiah McClendon, Maryland OL Alan Herron, Texas K Mason Shipley, Alabama CB DaShawn Jones, and Ohio State RB CJ Donaldson. Edge Heldman can win roster spot or land on the practice squad with interesting upside potential.

Training Camp Objectives: The Saints made a major turnaround in 2025 when rookie QB Tyler Shough took the reins and directed them to a 5-4 finish. They have not made the playoffs since the 2020 season. Shough combines leadership, arm power, smarts and development to challenge for the playoffs. They looked to improve their playmakers in the draft with three receivers and one tight end added. The addition of vet runner Etienne gives them a young back. They look to wideouts, Chris Olave and top pick Jordyn Tyson to form a dangerous tandem. Young tackles Banks and Fuaga are bookend blockers. The interior welcomes new vet guard David Edwards. They have pressing issues in the secondary with little depth and few big plays. HC Kellen Moore has been successful in developing QBs and directing an offense. This unit has the components to rank with the upper attacks in the NFC. Their veteran defense improved nicely with edge rushers Cameron Jordan and Chase Young putting up double digit sacks. Moore looks to get this young offense to continue to improve. Shough is a cornerstone leader to build this club around. The defense made a few key changes which faces the biggest challenges. They need to maintain their improvement and show they can stop the running game. This club has made clear improvement to challenge for a playoff berth in the balanced NFC South, though many things have to come together to realize that improvement.

New York Giants - 4 -13- Head Coach John Harbaugh - 1st Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade A

Round 1, pick 5: Arvell Reese - Edge Ohio State

Round 1, pick 10: Francis Mauigoa - OL, Miami

Round 2, pick 37: Colton Hood - CB, Tennessee

Round 3, pick 74: Malachi Fields - WR, Notre Dame

Round 6, pick 186: Bobby Jamison-Travis - DL, Auburn

Round 6, pick 192: J.C. Davis - OT, Illinois

Round 6, pick 193: Jack Kelly - LB, BYU

The Giants made wholesale changes this offseason starting with signing HC John Harbaugh. He has been one of the most successful coaches in the league for two decades and the GMen jump on the situation when he became available. He worked well with GM Joe Schoen who had a third consecutive strong draft class and an impressive FA period. With another top five selection, they also added a top ten selection with the trade of Dexter Lawrence to the

Bengals for their 1st round pick. Giants were in a position to let talent come to them. They were surprise to see edge defender Arvell Reese was available at the 5th position and quickly choose the physical versatile defender. He probably gets a first look as an off-backer role where he can fill any role including blitzing. His presence probably makes vet Kayvon Thibodeaux available for the right price with second year playmaker Abdul Carter lining up outside. The trade of Lawrence was an excellent move. He is an old 28-year-old with two recent pec surgeries. They chose OL Francis Mauigoa with the 10th overall pick. He is a versatile tackle/ guard prospect and probably wins the right guard role in camp. He is just 20 years old and a mauler and road-grader who can elevate this unit. He was an outstanding addition and has Pro Bowl talent to become a fixture on the right side.

With their 2nd round pick (#37), they drafted into the deep corner class and selected Colton Hood, an aggressive fast cover man with a first-round grade. He is a talented cover man with good man skills and the ability to tackle at the line or in space. He was an excellent addition. They also explored a trade back if Hood was not available. With no 3rd round pick, they traded with the Browns for two #4 and one #5 picks for their #74 selection. They drafted into the deep wideout class and selected wideout Malachi Fields, a big physical receiver with starting talent. He impressed the GMen brass in the postseason and were able to move up in the process to land the Irish star. He has starting talent and should contribute in multiple sets where his height creates mismatches. It was an excellent move by GM Schoen and addressed a huge need of a big receiver.

With three 6th round picks, they drafted into the deep DT class and selected Bobby Jamison-Travis along with, OL JC Davis and LB Jack Kelly. Jamison-Travis is a physical run stuffer who addresses a pressing need on the inside. He graded out well vs the run in SEC play and can earn a role in their line rotation. He was a solid addition. OL Davis is a four-year starter at the D1 level the final two seasons in the Big Ten. He is a versatile blocker who will get a look at guard and tackle. He can win a roster spot and can surprise in time once he settles into this system. Good addition. Edge defender Kelly is a hard-nosed prospect who came on strong over his final season. He has lined up mainly on the outside where his quickness and sound technique. He is developed on his reads and technique and has interesting upside off his production and triangle numbers. He has the makeup of a solid special teams' performer. Good late gamble. **Grade: A**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They added a few high-quality secondary starters in FA in TE Isaiah Likely, LB Tremaine Edmunds, WRs Darnall Moody and Calvin Austin, FB Patrick Ricard, OL Daniel Faalele, DT DJ Reader, CB Greg Newsome and punter Jordan Stout. They also added a few role players. Edmunds is a big athlete with well-rounded skills. He replaces released Bobby Okereke. TE Likely can be a major weapon here with highly developed receiving skills. WR Moody can win the slot receiver role and provide big plays. They lost WR Wan'Dale Robinson, CB Cor'Dale Flott, safety Dane Belton, TE Daniel Bellinger and OG Greg Van Roten. Vet QB Russell Wilson retired when not resigned. They signed former safety Jason Pinnock. They traded Pro Bowl DT Dexter Lawrence for the Bengals #10 selection in the first round. They signed a good rookie FA class with a few having solid chances to make the roster or PS. They signed North Carolina CB Thaddeus Dixon, Michigan K Dominic Zvada, Colorado DT Anquin Barnes, New Mexico RB Damon Bankston, Kutztown OL Ryan Scherneck, Wisconsin DT Ben Barten, Eastern Michigan OL Doudji Dahoue and Boston College LS Ben Mann. CB Dixon tore an Achilles in camp and landed on the IR. PK Zvada was impressive in mini-camp and can win the starting job in training camp. He was an excellent addition.

Training Camp Objectives: The Giants begin the John Harbaugh era after an impressive offseason. They added several quality FAs and added a few blue-chip prospects at key positions. Harbaugh gives this club direction and will build around tough athletes who want to win. Young QB Jaxson Dart is a gifted passer who performed outstanding as a rookie, though must be more under control as a scrambler. He looks to new vet TE Isaiah Likely as top flight new weapon. Talented wideout Malik Nabers is on schedule to return in training camp. The offensive line performed well especially in protection, allowing 48 sacks. LT Andrew Thomas and RT Jermaine Eluemunor performed very well. The ground game of rookie Cam Skatabo and Tyrone Tracy was impressive until the former was lost at midseason. The Giants defense made major change with the addition of LB Abdul Carter to assist edge defenders Burns and Thibodeaux. Rookie top pick Arvel Reese will lineup inside next to new vet versatile backer Tremaine Edmunds. The secondary underwent key changes with corners Greg Newsome and rookie Colton Hood upgrading coverage units. Safety

Holland gives this secondary a leader and playmaker. GMen made important roster changes and added a few impact rookies which can have a huge effect on this season. QB Dart needs to provide leadership and playmaking ability while under control in scrambling situations. This club is prime to surprise, though must overcome a difficult schedule and tough NFC East division. With a better start in September, this club can challenge for the playoffs and push for a Wild card berth. They have the talent to be a major surprise, though must stay healthy and learn how to win.

Philadelphia Eagles - 9-8- Head Coach Nick Sirianni - 5th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B

Round 1, pick 20: Makai Lemon - WR, USC

Round 2, pick 54: Eli Stowers - TE, Vanderbilt

Round 3, pick 68: Markel Bell - OT, Miami

Round 5, pick 178: Cole Payton - QB, North Dakota State

Round 6, pick 207: Micah Morris - OL, Georgia

Round 7, pick 244: Cole Wisniewski - S, Texas Tech

Round 7, pick 251: Uar Bernard - DT, Nigeria

Round 7, pick 252: Keyshawn James-Newby - Edge, New Mexico

The Eagles moved up in the first round, trading with the Cowboys for the 20th overall selection. They chose wideout Makai Lemon a versatile playmaker they hope steps in for the traded AJ Brown. Lemon plays both inside and outside, in addition to returning kicks. He was good value here and should contribute immediately in a few roles.

With their 2nd round pick, they chose TE Eli Stowers, a big athletic receiver who

gives them a new dimension for their offense. He tested out very high and is fine value here and will press for early time in multiple sets and eventually a fulltime starter. He has a big upside and runs exceptionally well with the burst to make big plays.

With their 3rd round pick, they chose OT Markel Bell, a massive blocker who came on over his late career. He lined up at left tackle at Miami, though gets a look at both outside spots. He was a reach this early, though the Eagles feel he has definite upside as a pro. With their 5th round pick, they chose QB Cole Payton, a strong raw passer with fine athleticism. He is a powerful runner with big back impact along with improving passing on the move. He needs work on all his basics in the pocket. He gives them a short yardage weapon and a versatile player for different sets. He may be limited to a role performer, though has the athleticism to be an effective one in the right sets.

With their 6th round pick, they chose OL Micah Morris, a physical lineman who gives them interior depth. He gets good movement at the point, though needs work on his protection skills to step in here. He is a prospect to develop and can win a roster spot or PS position. With their three 7th round picks, they chose safety Cole Wisniewski, DT Uar Bernard and edge defender Keyshawn James-Newby. Wisniewski is a hitter with good instincts and the range to cover the field. He will compete for a roster spot after performing well vs top competition with the agility and speed to matchup in coverage. He comes off an impressive final season and postseason. He can become a fixture on special teams, including the gunner role. DT Bernard is an athletic lineman with raw talent and fits under the International Player list. He is a prospect with talent, though needs time as a backup or on the PS. They hope he develops into a rotational lineman within a few seasons. He most likely settles into the PS early. Edge Keyshawn James-Newby is a quick defender who is an intriguing prospect. He has a quick burst off the edge and is effective in forward motion. He can fit in their sub packages and be a good role performer. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed edge Jonathan Greenard to replace Jaelan Phillips. They added a few stopgap players in QB Andy Dalton, WR Marquise Brown, edge Arnold Ebiketie and corners Riq Woolen and Jonathan Jones. They lost LB Nakobe Dean, safety Reed Blankenship, RB AJ Dillon, edge defenders, Azeez Ojulari and corner Adoree Jackson. They traded wideout AJ Brown after June 1st to the Patriots for a 2028 first round pick and 5th round 2027 choice. They traded safety Sydney Brown to the Jaguars for late round picks. They added a solid rookie UDFA class in Ole Miss TE Dae'Quan Wright, Ole Miss DB Kapena Gushiken, Alabama LB Deontae Lawson, Florida LS Rocco Underwood, Washington State S Tucker Large, Alabama G Jaelan Roberts, International Player Pathway DL Joshua Weru and Wofford S Maximus Pulley. LB Lawson is a solid addition with a definite make it grade. TE Wright has pass receiving skills to develop further and can make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Eagles limped into the postseason despite winning the NFC East title. They were eliminated in the first round by the 49ers. QB Jalen Hurts was criticized for an average performance and ordinary offensive numbers. Runner Saquan Barkley made over 1100 yards rushing, though a long way from his 2000-yard previous performance. Their offensive line slipped with injuries to RT Lane Johnson and guard Landon Dickerson.

Veteran wideout DeVonta Smith becomes the #1 receiver. New vets Dontayvton Wicks and rookie top pick Makai Lemon will get many reps opposite Smith. Their defense ranked #13 in the NFL overall and allowed the 5th fewest points. They will have to overcome key FA losses throughout and will look to a committee to maintain same level of play. They look to young interior tackles, Davis and Carter to continue to provide consistent playmaking. Their LB play gets impact from Zack Baum, though young defender Nolan Smith has been inconsistent. The secondary benefitted from young defenders, Quinyon Mitchell and Cooper DeJean who are fixtures here. Safety Mukuba was impressive

as a starter. This club continues to rely on Hurts and Barkley to provide playmaking and win close games. Their aggressive defense must prove tough vs the pass. This former SB winner will be pressed to repeat with every team in the strong NFC East contenders. Though favorites to win in the NFC East, they must improve to make a deep run in the playoffs. Their roster is not as deep as prior seasons and that can make a huge difference later in the season.

San Francisco 49ers - 12-5 - Head Coach Kyle Shanahan - 9th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: D

Round 2, pick 33: De'Zhaun Stribling - WR, Ole Miss
 Round 3, pick 70: Romello Height - Edge, Texas Tech
 Round 3, pick 90: Kaelon Black - RB, Indiana
 Round 4, pick 107: Gracen Halton - DL, Oklahoma
 Round 4, pick 127: Carver Willis - OT, Washington
 Round 4, pick 139: Ephesians Prysock - CB, Washington
 Round 5, pick 154: Jaden Dugger - LB, Louisiana
 Round 5, pick 179: Enrique Cruz Jr. - OT, Kansas

The 49ers finished 3rd in the NFC West in 2025, losing to the Seahawks in the divisional matchup. They sustained key losses which limited them vs top clubs. They traded out of the first round to gain more top 100 selections. Their 8 draft choices were split equally offense and defense. With the 33rd overall pick, they chose wideout De'Zhaun Stribling, a big athlete with a strong postseason. He addresses a need at a position with multiple changes this offseason. He will challenge for a starting job opposite Ricky Pearsall with a strong

training camp.

With two 3rd round selections, they choose edge defender Romello Height and runner Kaelon Black. Height gives them much needed edge depth. He has a quick burst off the edge to be a factor in their sub packages. He carries a starting grade in time and was a solid addition here with starters coming off 2025 injuries. RB Black was a key weapon in the Indiana championship title. He is a tough runner with the ability to finish despite average size and speed. He was a reach here and a surprise over runners. Jonah Coleman, Mike Washington and Emmitt Johnson.

With their three 4th round selections, they choose DT Gracen Halton, OL Carver Willis and CB Ephesians Prysock. DT Halton is a quick interior defender with big play talent. He wins early on the down from a three-technique role and addresses a much-needed area on the 49ers front line. He was excellent value here. OL Willis is a tough mobile blocker with tackle and guard versatility. He was impressive over his late career, especially at the Senior Bowl and gives them much needed depth with starting potential. He will compete for the right tackle position vacated by veteran Colton McKivitz who retired. He was a quality addition. CB Prysock is a long cover man who is physical in coverage and uses his size well in matchups. He will compete for time immediately in their sub packages and combines the triangle numbers and experience to press for rookie playing time. He has interesting upside and eventually could start in this lineup.

With two 5th round selections, they choose edge defender Jaden Dugger and OL Enrique Cruz. Dugger is an aggressive edge defender who has an upside with technique and strength development. He should get reps in their sub packages and could earn a starting role at some point after development of this career. He was a solid addition. OL Cruz is a huge blocker who has tackle/guard versatility. He gets a huge opportunity here on a group with marginal depth throughout. Earned Big 12 honors during his late career. Skill set to surprise here.

Grade: D

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The 49ers made wholesale changes in their receiving corps and added veteran Mike Evans and Christian Kirk. They replace Jauan Jennings, Kendrick Bourne, Skyy Moore and Brandon Ayuk. They also added LB Dre Greenlaw, OL Vederian Lowe and corners Nate Hobbs and Jack Jones. They traded DT Oti Ogbornia in exchange of DT Osa Odighizuwa. It was a Double O two-way trade. They lost a few stop gap players who were inexpensive on the open market. They lost LB Dee Winters, DT Jordan Elliott, safety Jason Pinnock and RB Brian Robinson. They added a solid class of rookie UDFAs including Illinois DT James Thompson, Notre Dame WR Will Pauling, Penn State TE Khalil Dinkins, Notre Dame S Jalen Stroman, NC State WR Wesley Grimes, Indiana DL Mikail Kamara, Texas P Jack Bouwmeester and Tennessee DL Bryson Eason. DL Thompson can win a roster spot in camp. He is a tough lineman. Safety is a talented prospect with the development to surprise.

Training Camp Objectives: The 49ers look to retool and challenge for the NFC West, the toughest division in the NFL. Veteran QB Brock Purdy missed eight games, though returned to lead the 49ers to a strong finish and an opening round playoff win over the Eagles. He is highly efficient and spreads the ball around well on a balanced offense. Purdy relies on the versatile running of Christian McCaffrey to rank among the league leaders. Wideouts Mike Evans and Ricky Pearsall form a strong pair on the outside. Wideout Brandon Aiyuk will be traded for a late pick while Jauan Jennings left in FA. TE George Kittle returns from an Achilles injury. They have little depth in the receiving corps. The line performed well and returns vet LT Trent Williams for maybe his final season. Their defense added veterans, LB Greenlaw and corners Hobbs and Jones hoping they provide impact. Pro Bowler Nick Bosa makes a third comeback from ACL injury. The front line returns veterans, Mykel Williams and Alfred Collins from injuries. Mike man Fred Warner returns from a fractured ankle after missing most of the season. The secondary will look for new vets, Hobbs and Jones to press starters. Their long list of returning injured players will have to prove healthy to compete with the top two in the division. Purdy continues to improve and utilizes his weapons well, though only marginal depth throughout. Their defense struggled with Bosa and Warner out and need their impact. Their secondary needs to improve after allowing too

many big plays, huge yardage and few turnovers. 49ers will have a difficult challenge in the very tough NFC West which produces at least two playoff clubs. Their rookie class will have to play key roles to compete vs the top clubs.

Seattle Seahawks - 14-3 - Head Coach Mike MacDonald - 3rd Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: C

Round 1, pick 32: Jadarian Price - RB, Notre Dame

Round 2, pick 64: Bud Clark - S, TCU

Round 3, pick 99: Julian Neal - CB, Arkansas

Round 5, pick 148: Beau Stephens - OL, Iowa

Round 6, pick 199: Emmanuel Henderson Jr. - WR, Kansas

Round 7, pick 236: Andre Fuller - CB, Toledo

Round 7, pick 242: Deven Eastern - DT, Minnesota

Round 7, pick 255: Michael Dansby - CB, Arizona

The Super Bowl champions came into the draft with clear needs at key positions and addressed them early in the process. They lost SB MVP runner Kenneth Walker in FA despite a strong bid. They held the 32nd overall selection and addressed running back with the pick of Jadarian Price. He is a talented back with size, speed and cutting skills to win the feature back role in training camp. He must show he can run the full route tree to win the role, though a solid selection here.

With their #2 pick, they chose safety Bud Clark, an aggressive defender with good ball skills. He figures to press for time in the sub packages with good coverage skills helping his cause. He was a slight reach this early, though gives the Hawks defense three quality safeties for all their packages. With their #3 pick, they chose corner Julian Neal, a long athlete who fits the type Seattle likes on the outside. He has good ball skills and can play press coverage, though only average speed. He will compete for time in the nickel package and was a solid addition here.

With their 5th round pick, they choose OL Beau Stephens, a sound technician and experience on the interior. He performed vs 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 early. Excellent fit here and probably challenges for the right guard job in camp. With their 6th round pick, they choose wideout Emmanuel Henderson, a fast versatile player who impresses on special teams. He will have to win a role in the return game to win a roster spot. Capable of helping in multiple sets in time with route refinement.

With their three 7th round picks, they choose CB Andre Fuller, DT Deven Eastern and CB Michael Dansby. Fuller and Dansby are two more cover men for this talented secondary. Fuller is a physical defender who plays the run well and is strong tackler. He could excel on special teams. Dansby is a quick cover man with nice size and speed and has the makeup to win a roster spot. DT Eastern is a big physical interior lineman who anchors well. He can push for time in their tackle rotation and was a good late addition. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Seahawks signed one top vet FA in edge defender Dante Fowler. They added a few strop gap vets in TE Harrison Bryant, and Noah Igbinoghene. They lost RB Kenneth Walker, edge defender Boye Mafe, CB Riq Woolen and safety Colby Bryant. They were huge losses which were not replaced in FA or the NFL Draft. They signed an average group of rookie UDFAs in TCU LB Devean Deal, Kansas State DT Uso Seumalo, Wisconsin TE Lance Mason, Cal Poly WR Michael Briscoe, Northwestern DE Aidan Hubbard and Kansas WR Levi Wentz. DE Hubbard has talent to warrant a long look and is a good PS candidate. TE Mason is a versatile piece who can fill a few roles and is the ideal PS candidate.

Training Camp Objectives: The Seahawks won the Super Bowl on an outstanding performance by QB Sam Darnold. Their balanced offense of runners, Walker and Charbonnet and receivers, Jason Smith-Njigba, Cooper Kupp and Rashid Shaheed ranked among the top teams in scoring. Jason Smith-Njigba had an incredible performance which earned a long-term contract. Talented tackles Cross and Lucas protected the edges well. Rookie guard Zabell was outstanding. Their defense was one of the best in the game and relied on their deep front four. Veterans DT Leonard Williams, Murphy and Nwosu were consistent playmakers. The back seven lacked consistent big play ability and look to corner Witherspoon and safety Emmanworio to stabilize this unit. They did draft four defensive backs looking to improve their depth and land future starters. This club tried to reload on offense with top pick runner, Jadarian Price expected to start here. This club looks to QB Darnold to continue to take command of this attack. In the tough NFC West, they will compete again for a playoff spot with an improved offensive line and secondary critical to repeat. This club is among the favorites for the SB, with their own division the most demanding part of their schedule.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers - 8-9 - Head Coach Todd Bowles - 5th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B+

Round 1, pick 15: Rueben Bain Jr. - Edge, Miami

Round 2, pick 46: Josiah Trotter - LB, Missouri

Round 3, pick 84: Ted Hurst - WR, Georgia State

Round 4, pick 116: Keionte Scott - CB, Miami

Round 5, pick 155: DeMonte Capehart - DL, Clemson

Round 5, pick 160: Billy Schrauth - G, Notre Dame

Round 6, pick 185: Bauer Sharp - TE, LSU

The Bucs had another strong draft class under the direction of GM Jason Licht. He ranks with the premier talent evaluators in the game. It is reflected in numerous NFC South titles. With their first-round pick, they choose edge defender Rueben Bain. He is a strong defender who fell out of the top ten off length concerns, though the Bucs feel he can shine in their scheme. He is a relentless two-way starter who can elevate this defense a level. He was a fine addition here and could start as a rookie.

On the 2nd round, they jumped on LB Josiah Trotter, a fast off backer who fits this defense very well. He gets a chance to win a starting job vacated by the retirement of Lavonte David. He has good range and tackling skills to become a three-down defender with developed coverage skills. On the 3rd round, they jumped on sure handed receiver Ted Hurst, who runs crisp routes and has good run after the catch ability. He joins a group here that lost Michael Evans to FA and returns starters Chris Godwin and Emeka Egbuka. Hurst gets a chance to fill a #3 role in this scheme and shows the development to be a factor in this passing game. He combines a good combination of size, speed, hands and quickness to give this attack a boost. He was an excellent addition here.

On the 4th round, they jumped on talented corner Keionte Scott. He fits in this zone coverage scheme and is a hitter and sure tackler with the development to play early in the sub packages. He gives them many options moving forward and his high level of development and big game experience are key areas of development. He carries a starting job and has played several secondary positions which enhances his value.

four wideout sets. He was a sound addition and early contributor in this offense.

With two 5th round picks, they choose DT DeMonte Capehart and guard Billy Schrauth. Capehart gives them a big interior body for their rotation. He has good size, speed, instincts and production. He is the type that HC Bowles can turn into a quality starter. He was good value here. OL Schrauth is a tough strong blocker with sound technique. He has been injured too often and must prove durable to compete for a starting role. He was excellent value here and had top 100 talent until injuries dropped him down the charts.

On the 7th round, they traded up and selected TE Bauer Sharp. They liked his adjustment to the position after converting from QB. He runs good routes and shows soft hands to make plays. He has improved his blocking quickly over his short conversion. **Grade: B+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bucs signed off backer Alex Anzalone, RB Kenny Gainwell, LN Christian Rozeboom, DT A'Shawn Robinson and safety Miles Killebrew. They parted ways with Pro Bowl receiver Mike Evans. They lost stop gap players, corner Jamel Dean, RB Rachad White, QB Teddy Bridgewater, OL Charlie Heck and Michael Jordan, DL Logan Hall, edge defender Haason Riddick, CB Kindle Vidor and LB Anthony Walker. Veteran LB Lavonte David retired after an outstanding career. They added an average group of rookie FA in Kansas QB Jalon Daniels, Georgia Tech WR Eric Rivers, Rutgers TE Kenny Fletcher, Arizona DT Deshaun McKnight, LSU DE Jack Pyburn, Arizona CB Ayden Garnes, Charlotte S Ja'Quirious Conley, Kentucky P Aidan Laros, Nebraska LB Javin Wright, NC State LB Caden Fordham and Fresno State LS Wesley Brown. Rivers was an excellent signing. He can win a roster spot here and could surprise and warrant reps from the slot where he is a playmaker.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bucs' failed to repeat to make the playoffs after four consecutive NFC South titles. QB Baker Mayfield had another impressive performance, though it fell short of his incredible 2024 effort. Their ground game slipped noticeably with starter Bucky Irving missing seven games. The addition of runner Kenneth Gainwell will balance the carries to share to return to their former levels. Vet wideout Mike Evans leaves a hole in the corps. Rookie wideout Emeka Egbuka had an impressive season and becomes the #1 weapon here. Vet wideout Chris Goodwin attempts to return from major ankle injury. Rookie wideout Hurst may play a bigger role than expected. He is developed to be a factor in three wideout sets. HC Todd Bowles will push their changing defense to step up especially in pass defense. DT Kancey played only 3 games last season and needs to provide big plays as a rusher. The defense will miss veteran LB Lavonte David and will look to rookie LB Trotter to fill in effectively. The secondary will have to improve after a weak 2025 performance with much yardage and points allowed. Bucs starter Mayfield has a solid group of skill position players and a top line to direct this show. The Bucs will be competitive in the balanced NFC South, though needs young players to step up and fill key roles. They might prove to be the team to beat in the NFC South if healthy.

Washington Commanders - 5-12 - Head Coach Dan Quinn - 2nd Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B

Round 1, pick 7: Sonny Styles - LB, Ohio State
Round 3, pick 71: Antonio Williams - WR, Clemson
Round 5, pick 147: Joshua Josephs - Edge, Tennessee
Round 6, pick 187: Kaytron Allen - RB, Penn State
Round 6, pick 209: Matt Gulbin - C, Michigan State
Round 7, pick 223: Athan Kaliakmanis - QB, Rutgers

The Commanders addressed their front seven in the first round with the addition of LB Sonny Styles. He was very coveted by the Commanders brass and is expected to be a leader on this changing unit. He is highly developed and has shown to be a three down defender with good coverage skills. He was an excellent addition.

In the 3rd round, they selected wideout Antonio Williams, a talented receiver with the

versatility to line up outside and the slot. He is a quick sure handed playmaker who addresses a strong need in their multiple sets. He is sudden to get open and provide a consistent target for Jayden Daniels. He was a good addition and a developed prospect to become a strong piece in the passing game.

With their 5th round selection, they chose edge defender Joshua Josephs, a quality athlete with good burst off the edge to get after the passer. He needs work on his technique and ability to separate from blockers, though he finds a way to make plays. He was a quality addition at this point of the draft and with refinement, he can be a total steal with development. He can win a role as a situational rusher and was a steal at this point.

With two 6th round selections, they chose runner Kaytron Allen and center Matt Gulbin. Allen is a big tough runner with the upside to surprise here. He can win a roster spot and a situational role as a short yardage and tough inside runner. He has a big upside and can become a starter with receiving and blocking improvement. Excellent late addition. OC Gulbin made fast progress in 2025 and graded out high vs big defenders. He can win a roster spot and settles into their system. He can surprise in time with further refinement and could earn a starting role within a few seasons. With their 7th round selection, they chose QB Athan Kaliakmanis, an improved passer with better technique and arm strength. He will compete for the #3 role with a good training camp. **Grade: B**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They were aggressive in the veteran market and moved quickly to sign FA, edge defender Odafe Oweh, RB Rachad White, LB Leo Chenel, edge defender K'Lavon Chaisson, DT Tim Settle, CB Amik Robertson, safety Nick Cross and TE Chiq Okonkwo. They released center Tyler Biadasz. They parted ways with LB Bobby Wagner and Von Miller, WRs Deebo Samuel, Noah Brown and Chris Moore, TE Zach Ertz, DE Jacob Martin and corners, Marshon Latimore, Jonathan Jones and CB Noah Igbinoghene. They signed a small rookie UDFA class in Northwestern DB Fred Davis, Michigan State S Malik Spencer, Washington TE Quentin Moore, SMU DT Jeffrey M'ba, LSU WR Chris Hilton Jr., UNLV WR Jaden Bradley, UTSA RB Robert Henry Jr. and Utah G Tanoa Togiai. RB Henry can surprise here and make this club. DT M'ba is a fine addition. He can earn reps in their tackle rotation. WR Hilton wants it and can surprise here.

Training Camp Objectives: The Commanders lost QB Jayden Daniels after seven games for the season. They went 2-8 in his absence. He is fully healthy for the start of the season. Daniels looks to an improved offensive line to direct this attack. LT Tunsil and young RT Josh Conerly protect the edges well. to improve the passing game even further. They look to the healthy return of talented receiver Terry McLaurin. Rookie WR Antonio Williams will play a key role as a slot while new TE Chiq Okonkwo is expected to play a key role in this passing game. They are expected to offer a late pick for wideout Brandon Aiyuk. Their ground game improved significantly with rookie Jacory Croskey-Merritt and will benefit from the addition of Rachad White. The defense added multiple veterans in FA, especially edge Oweh, LB Chenel and safety Cross. This unit ranked dead last in the NFL in 2025. Edge rusher Armstrong remains a starter on the outside. DT Newton faces a critical year three. DT Payne enters contract season after a disappointing campaign. This club hopes to get into the playoff hunt, though only if their key injured players prove healthy. Daniels holds the key and with better talent on the line and skill positions this offense could rank in the better attacks in 2026. Their defense may determine how far they go to challenge for the postseason.

American Conference

Baltimore Ravens - 8-9 - Head Coach Jesse Minter - 1st Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B+

Round 1, pick 14: Olaivavega Ioane - OL, Penn State
 Round 2, pick 45: Zion Young - Edge, Missouri
 Round 3, pick 80: Ja'Kobi Lane - WR, USC
 Round 4, pick 115: Elijah Sarratt - WR, Indiana
 Round 5, pick 133: Matthew Hibner - TE, SMU
 Round 5, pick 162: Chandler Rivers - CB, Duke
 Round 5, pick 173: Josh Cuevas - TE, Alabama
 Round 5, pick 174: Adam Randall - RB, Clemson
 Round 6, pick 211: Ryan Eckley - P, Michigan State
 Round 7, pick 250: Rayshaun Benny - DT, Michigan
 Round 7, pick 253: Evan Beerntsen - G, Northwestern

The Ravens had a large draft class and addressed their offensive line with the addition of guard Olaivavega Ioane. He gives them a blue-chip starter with the development to become a fixture on this front line. He was an excellent addition to provide power and leadership.

With their 2nd round pick, they choose edge defender Zion Young, a physical defender who holds the edge and stuffs the run well. He figures to play a key role in their rotation and was a solid addition here and good fit for their front line.

With their 3rd round pick, they chose wideout Ja'Kobi Lane, a big possession receiver with fast developing skills. He compliments their receiving corps well and should claim a key role in their passing

game. They came right back and choose wideout Elijah Sarratt, a sure handed possession receiver with big game experience. The two receivers give them key depth at the position with expected free agents next March.

With four 5th round picks, they choose TEs Matthew Hibner and Josh Cuevas, CB Chandler Rivers and RB Adam Randall. TE Hibner is counted on to provide a quality compliment to starter Mark Andrews. Hibner has natural receiving skills and shows good movement skills. Cuevas is a hybrid tight end/fullback. He is a tough blocker and a sure handed short zone receiver. CB Rivers is a steal at the #162 pick. He is quick in coverage and can win the nickel corner role where he shows the man coverage to matchup with quick receivers. He was a solid addition here. RB Randall is a big back who is tough between the tackles. He was chosen by owner Steve Bisciotti who is a long time Draftnik. Randall gives them a quality big back behind Derrick Henry.

With their 6th round pick, they chose punter Ryan Eckley, a strong legged kicker with good production and reliability. He punted on a big stage and performed well. He replaces departed veteran Pro Bowler Jordan Stout. With two 7th round picks, they chose DT Rayshaun Benny and OG Evan Beerntsen. DT Benny shows pass rushing skills to fit in their sub packages. He may be one dimensional, though could be an effective role player. Beerntsen is a scrappy tough blocker who needs a good camp to make this roster. He is also a PS candidate. **Grade: B+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Ravens added impact playmaker edge defender Trey Hendrickson. He can be a difference maker here. They added OL John Simpson and Danny Pinter, DE Calais Campbell, safety Jaylin Hawkins and TE Durham Smythe. OG Simpson is a quality blocker who will start. They lost a number of starters in FA center Tyler Linderbaum and OG Daniel Faalele, FB Patrick Ricard, TEs Isaiah Likely and Charlie Kolar, safeties Alohi Gilman and Ar'Darius Washington and punter Jordan Stout. They signed an average group of UDFAs in Charlotte LB Reid Williford. Cincinnati CB Matthew McDoom, Penn State C Nick Dawkins, Maryland WR Octavian Smith Jr, Memphis WR Cortez Braham, UConn QB Joey Fagnano, Ole Miss OT Diego Pounds, Iowa DL Aaron Graves, Auburn S Jahquez Robinson, Miami (Ohio) S Silas Walters, Louisville OT Trevonte Sylvester, Syracuse DL Dion Wilson Jr. and Texas DE Ethan Burke.

Training Camp Objectives: The Ravens missed the playoffs last season and made major changes in leadership when they fired HC John Harbaugh. They hired former Ravens coach Jesse Minter to the head position. QB Lamar Jackson missed four games and for the first time in his career had a losing record in games he started. Runner Derrick Henry had another outstanding performance with over 1500 yards rushing. Their passing game fell significantly and ranked among the worst in the game. They relied on the ground game to control games, though struggled scoring points. Jackson threw for over 2500 yards and rushed for only 349 yards. Their line features LT Ronnie Stanley and will get a new interior including top pick guard Vega Ioane and FA guard John Simpson. Vet OL Danny Pinter can surprise and win the starting center job. TE Andrews needs a backup and one of their two drafted Matthew Hibner could claim the role. Wideout Zay Flowers went over 1200 receiving despite QB inconsistency. The defense fell to the bottom of the league in pass defense and sacks. They added DE Trey Hendrickson in FA after the Maxx Crosby trade fell through on medical issues. Hendrickson is a key addition and a defender they need to bring consistent heat off the edge. Mike backer Roquan Smith faces an important season. He makes tackles, though few big plays. The secondary features impact safety Kyle Hamilton who couples with young Malaki Starks who is coming off an impressive rookie performance. Vet corner Marlon Humphrey was healthy again, though struggled with some inconsistencies. Lamar Jackson directs this balanced potent offense and his rare RPO talent opens up the entire playbook. Offensive line allowed 45 sacks and welcomes three new starters. This club is always in the playoff hunt, though the AFC North teams have all improved. They combine a fine balance of veterans and young talent to compete for the postseason. Their defense may decide key situations and must improve especially on the edges and corners.

Buffalo Bills - 12-5 - Head Coach Joe Brady - 1st Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: C

Round 2, pick 35: T.J. Parker - Edge, Clemson

Round 2, pick 62: Davison Igbinosun - CB, Ohio State

Round 4, pick 102: Jude Bowry - OT, Boston College

Round 4, pick 125: Skyler Bell - WR, UConn

Round 4, pick 126: Kaleb Elarms-Orr - LB, TCU

Round 5, pick 167: Jalon Kilgore - S, South Carolina

Round 5, pick 181: Zane Durant - DT, Penn State

Round 7, pick 220: Toriano Pride Jr. - CB, Missouri

Round 7, pick 239: Tommy Doman - P, Florida

Round 7, pick 241: Ar'Maj Reed-Adams - G, Texas A&M

role in their sub packages with a good training camp.

With three 4th round picks, they chose OT Jude Bowry, WR Skyler Bell and LB Kaleb Elarms-Orr. OL Bowry is a sound technician with a starting NFL grade at guard/tackle. He can surprise in camp, though most likely makes the club though needs to develop before challenging for a starting role. WR Bell is a sure handed playmaker with the quickness to get open and the open field running skills to be dangerous. He was a quality addition and is capable of rookie playing time. His inside/outside versatility might gain him an early starting grade. Elarms-Orr is a lightning-fast defender who graded out high over his final season. He is a playmaker who can make up for his mistakes with speed. He is a great fit here and should press for a starting job in within a few seasons.

With their two 5th round picks, they chose safety Jalon Kilgore and DT Zane Durant. Safety Kilgore is fast developing cover man with both safety and corner experience. He matches up well in coverage with the length to battle tight ends and big receivers. He is a tough tackler with the raw skills to develop into a starting safety. DT Durant is an athletic interior lineman with quickness and power. He is a savvy defender with good instincts and tackling skills and graded out high in the Big Ten. He should earn a place in their line rotation with a good camp. Developed defender with well-rounded talent.

With three 7th round picks, they chose CB Toriano Pride, punter Tommy Doman and OG Ar'Mai Reed-Adams. Pride is a quick cover man with an aggressive style. He can challenge for the nickel corner role. Punter Doman has a strong leg and will challenge for the starting job in camp. OG Reed-Adams is a stocky athlete with SEC experience inside. He is a physical blocker with good technique to overcome limited mobility. He could surprise here, though may have to sit on the PS for a season. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bills addressed their defensive front in FA with the signings of edge defenders Bradley Chubb and Mike Dana, OL Austin Corbert, OC Lloyd Cushenbery and safeties CJK Garner-Johnson and Geno Stone. Chubb is counted on to step in and provide big plays. Offensive linemen and defensive backs must step in and claim starting jobs in camp. They lost OG David Edwards, edge defenders, Joey Bosa and AJ Epenesa, DTs DaQuan Jones and Larry Ogunjobi, LBers Matt Milano and Shaq Thompson, corners Tre'Davious White and Dane Jackson, safeties Jordan Pryer, Taylor Rap and Darnell Savage, wideouts Brandin Cook and Curtis Samuel and QB Mitchell Trubisky. They added an average rookie UDFAs class including Pitt RB Desmond Reid, Youngstown State WR Max Tomczak Kentucky WR Ja'Mori Maclin, Tennessee Tech LB Theron Gaines, Wisconsin FB Jackson Acker, Syracuse OT Da'Metrius Weatherspoon, Duke OL Bruno Fina and Indiana LS Mark Langston. RB/RS Reid was an excellent addition. He is a playmaker as a third down and is an impact returner who can be a factor here.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bills finished second in the AFC East after winning five consecutive AFC East titles. They won one playoff game vs the Jaguars only to lose to the Broncos the next week. HC Sean McDermott was fired after the playoff loss after an excellent long stay in Buffalo. QB Josh Allen had another excellent season, though his supporting cast in not up to other playoff contenders. Veteran back James Cook is the exception and hit the 1600-yard mark and 12 TDs. The receiving corps is very ordinary. though Shakir is a solid #2 or #3. They traded for DJ Moore who gives them a quality #1 playmaker for Allen. He looks to his TE duo of Knox and Kincaid stayed healthy and became consistent weapons. Their talented offensive line ranks with the better groups in the league.

Their veteran defense ranks in the middle of the league and has failed in big spots too often. They surrender too much rushing yardage and their front seven is still too small. New vet edge Bradley Chubb is counted on to apply outside pressure. They highly ranked pass defense is an anomaly due to their weak run defense. DE Greg Rousseau is a good defender with further upside. Their secondary needs former #1 pick, corner Maxwell Hairston to step up and claim starting job. Vet Christian Benford has developed nicely into one of the top cover men. New HC Joe Brady hopes to get this club back to the top of the AFC East. They need to be more effective in important games vs the several highly rated AFC opponents. Allen makes the Bills a strong SB contender and many pieces in place on offense. The inconsistent defense will determine if they can win the elusive SB title.

Cincinnati Bengals - 6-11 - Head Coach Zac Taylor - 7th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: C+

Round 2, pick 41: Cashius Howell - Edge, Texas A&M

Round 3, pick 72: Tacario Davis - CB, Washington

Round 4, pick 128: Connor Lew - C, Auburn

Round 4, pick 140: Colbie Young - WR, Georgia

Round 6, pick 189: Brian Parker II - G/C, Duke

Round 7, pick 221: Jack Endries - TE, Texas

Round 7, pick 226: Landon Robinson - DT, Navy

The Bengals focused on defense with their first two selections. They traded their first-round pick (#10) to the Giants for DT Dexter Lawrence. They see him as the interior anchor for their struggling defense. He has been a Pro Bowl performer, though injured in recent seasons.

With their 2nd-round pick, they selected edge defender Cashius Howell, a quick pass rusher

with big play potential. He excelled in the SEC and had an outstanding final season. He has early starting talent and looks to provide impact off the edge. With their 3rd-round pick, they selected CB Tacario Davis, a long athlete coming off a shortened injury final season. He is tough in matchups and has the cover skills to blanket receivers. He figures to compete for time in the nickel package, though best on the outside.

With two 4th-round picks, they selected center Connor Lew and WR Colbie Young. OL Lew is coming off an ACL injury at midseason. Though he may not be ready for the early season, he carries a starting grade and was excellent value here. WR Young is a huge receiver with speed and big play ability. He was limited over his late career due to injuries and a suspension. He has enormous potential in the right setting.

With their 6th-round pick, they selected OL Brian Parker, a versatile lineman with nice experience and development. He projects inside to guard/center and gives them a potential starter with development. With two 7th-round picks, they selected TE Jack Endries and DT Landon Robinson. TE Endries is an effective receiver with good movement skills and the versatility to lineup inline or at the H-back role. He can win the #3 role and play a role here. Robinson is a tough active lineman who can win a roster spot with an impressive camp. He flows to the ball quickly and is a striker who finishes with big hits. He can surprise and fill a role in their line rotation. **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Bengals were surprisingly aggressive in the FA and trade markets. They spent most of their FA money on defensive players after a horrible 2025 performance. They signed edge Boye Mafe, DT Jonathan Allen, safeties Bryan Cook and Kyle Dugger and CB Ja'Sir Taylor. They also made a huge trade for DT Dexter Lawrence for their top pick. They lost edge defender Trey Hendrickson to rival the Ravens. They also lost edge Joseph Ossai, corner Cam Taylor-Britt and safety Geno Stone. They added rookie free agents who can surprise here and make this roster. They added Georgia Tech RB Jamal Haynes, Cincinnati LB Jack Dingle, USC LB Eric Gentry, Kentucky TE Josh Kattus, Nebraska CB Ceyair Wright, Georgia WR Noah Thomas, Arkansas OT Corey Robinson II, Texas OL Christian Jones and SMU S Isaiah Nwokobia. RB Haynes can surprise here and provide a solid backup. WR Thomas has promise and gets a long look here either on the roster or the PS.

Training Camp Objectives: The Bengals missed the postseason for the third consecutive season with QB Joe Burrow missing nine games. They made a few big changes this offseason on defense with a turnover of half the starters. They hope the addition of Dexter Lawrence sets a new defensive standard. New defenders, DT Allen, edge Mafe, safeties Cook and Dugger will upgrade the unit. With an expected improved offensive line this season, Burrow hopes to revive his amazing career. Pro Bowl receiver Ja'Marr Chase is still at the top of his game while talented Tee Higgins is the best #2 receiver in the league. The Bengals ground game was weak last season despite Chase Brown rushing for a 1000-yard performance. The defense ranked 31st overall last season and will present a new look with half the starters new here. The defense allowed huge yardage on the ground. Lawrence will change that statistic. They still allow too many big plays and surrendered big point totals weekly. They will have new starters in the secondary with safeties Bryan Cook joining Dax Hill and Jordan Battle to form a solid rotation. They have one of the premier passers in the game and elite weapons to continue to compete for the playoffs if healthy. They need to improve significantly on defense to stay competitive in the talented and deep AFC. A soft schedule and a healthy Burrow give this club the edge to win the balance AFC North.

Cleveland Browns - 5-12 - Head Coach Todd Monken - 1st Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: A

Round 1, pick 9: Spencer Fano - OT, Utah

Round 1, pick 24: KC Concepcion - WR, Texas A&M

Round 2, pick 39: Denzel Boston - WR, Washington

Round 2, pick 58: Emmanuel McNeil-Warren - S, Toledo

Round 3, pick 86: Austin Barber - OT, Florida

Round 5, pick 146: Parker Brailsford - OL, Alabama

Round 5, pick 149: Justin Jefferson - LB, Alabama

Round 5, pick 170: Joe Royer - TE, Cincinnati

Round 6, pick 182: Taylen Green - QB, Arkansas

Round 7, pick 248: Carsen Ryan - TE, BYU

The Browns held two #1 picks as a result of a trade back with the Jaguars last April. They drafted two #1 picks, OT Spencer Fano and WR KC Concepcion. Fano is a talented lineman with the skills to lineup at a few positions. He is part of huge roster changes along the line. Fano was the first of three OL drafted and probably gets a look first at either tackle position. He was an excellent addition who should starter as a rookie. WR Concepcion is a playmaker who gives this offense a dangerous weapon. His speed makes him a threat every time he touches the ball. He was an excellent addition with

impact ability as a receiver and returner.

With two 2nd round picks, they chose WR Denzel Boston and safety Emmanuel McNeil-Warren. WR Boston is a physical receiver with length and strength to win contested balls. He can fill a possession role here early and possibly as a rookie. He gives them a talented corps with versatility, size and speed. McNeil-Warren dropped in the draft mainly due to average speed numbers. He is a hitter and sure tackler at the line or in coverage. The Browns moved up from the early 3rd round to land the aggressive defender. He has developed nicely in coverage and was a quality addition for this secondary. He probably earns reps in the dime defense if he doesn't win the starting role outright.

With their 3rd round pick, they chose OT Austin Barber, a long tackle prospect with extensive experience on the outside. He was a reach this early, though a prospect the Browns feel they can elevate his game with technique and strength improvement. With three 5th round picks, they chose OL Parker Brailsford, LB Justin Jefferson and TE Joe Royer. OC Brailsford is a smaller pivot man with good technique and quickness. He will be tested by big nose tackles especially within the division. LB Jefferson is a fast weakside defender with good coverage skills. He will compete for time as the nickel backer in addition to special teams' performer. TE Royer is a physical sure handed receiver who gives this attack another weapon. He can block, though is inconsistent and needs technique and strength work. He was a quality addition.

With their 6th round pick, they chose QB Taylen Green, a big raw passer with top athleticism. He needs work on his footwork and delivery, though he shows a strong arm and top running skills. He can win the #3 role in a QB room with many questions. With their 7th round pick, they chose TE Carsen Ryan, a tough inline blocker with the makeup to win the backup role. He displays reliable hands and good body control with a sense of coverage and openings. He has only average type speed and could be a factor in this passing game. **Grade: A**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Browns signed a heavy group of offensive linemen in FA. They added OL Elgton Jenkins and guard Zion Johnson after trading for OT Tytus Howard. They added off backer Quincy Williams. They lost TE David Njoku, LB Devin Bush, OTs Jack Conklin and Cam Robinson, OL Ethan Pocic, OL Wyatt Teller, CB Martin Emerson and safety Rayshawn Jenkins. Veteran Pro Bowl guard Joel Bitonio retired. They added a few rookies from the open market in Utah DL Logan Fano, LSU DL Bernard Gooden, Florida DE Tyreek Sapp, SMU RB T.J. Harden, LSU WR Aaron Anderson, Mississippi State RB Davon Booth, West Virginia CB Michael Coats Jr., Delaware CB Nate Evans, Auburn OL Izavion Miller, USC CB DeCarlos Nicholson, Oklahoma State P Wes Pahl, Boise State DB Zion Washington and Baylor WR Kole Wilson. LB Fano joins his brother, though has a fine skill set of his own and can make this roster.

Training Camp Objectives: The Browns made a major trade post June 1st with All-Pro edge defender Myles Garrett going to the Rams for Jared Verse, #1 pick in 2027, #2 pick in 2028 and a #3 pick in 2029. It may help them jumpstart a rebuilding process. They had their best draft class in a decade and have some building blocks in place to begin the process. They look for veteran Deshaun Watson and young Shedeur Sanders to battle for the starting job in camp. This may be Watson's last chance to reclaim his career with the Browns. They made major changes on their OL with three draft choices and three FA additions. New HC Todd Monken will rely on a strong ground game with starter Quinshon Judkins the linchpin. They will look to new skill position players, receivers, Concepcion and Boston to give them playmakers in addition to TE Fannin. The receiving corps also counts on vets Jerry Jeudy and Cedric Tillman to play roles in this passing game. Their defense ranked in the top 5 of the league in many categories. They will build around new veteran, edge Verse, and young DT Graham and LB Carson Schwesinger to be core performers. Their highly regarded secondary was solid again with corners, Denzel Ward and Tyson Campbell, one of the better pairs in the league. The Browns added a few new building blocks to compete in the tough AFC North. This club needs leadership on offense where they finished near the bottom of the league in points and sacks allowed. This team will be hard pressed to avoid the AFC North basement again, though may have turned the corner with new personnel.

Denver Broncos - 14-3 - Head Coach Sean Payton - 4th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: C

Round 3, pick 66: Tyler Onyedim - DT, Texas A&M
 Round 4, pick 108: Jonah Coleman - RB, Washington
 Round 4, pick 111: Kage Casey - OL, Boise State
 Round 5, pick 152: Justin Joly - TE, NC State
 Round 7, pick 246: Miles Scott - S, Illinois
 Round 7, pick 256: Dallen Bentley - TE, Utah
 Round 7, pick 257: Red Murdock - LB, Buffalo

The Broncos traded their #1 pick this year to the Dolphins for receiver Jaylen Waddle. He is a top playmaker and gives QB Bo Nix another impact weapon for their offense. He lines up at both the outside and slot and gives them a versatile piece to create different matchups. He should flourish in this passing game.

With the 3rd round pick, they choose DT Tyler Onyedim, a mobile versatile lineman with quickness as a pass rusher. He can fill a situational

pass rushing role here and can apply pressure from both inside and outside. He was a surprise this early, though a defender they wanted to fill an immediate role.

With two 4th round picks, they chose runner Jonah Coleman and OL Kage Casey. Coleman is a powerful compact runner who is quick to the hole. He was very productive in college and the Broncos need him to play a similar role to run between the tackles and move the chains. He gives them one of the deepest backfields in the league if JK Dobbins is healthy. OL Casey played left tackle in college, though moves inside here. He provides much needed depth and has the talent to step up here though only on the inside. With their 5th round pick, they chose TE Justin Joly, a mobile pass catcher with developed skills. He is quick into his routes and displays excellent hands to be an early factor in their multiple sets. He can provide impact in those sets and a weapon HC Sean Payton will utilize often.

With three 7th round picks, they chose safety Miles Scott, TE Dallen Bentley and LB Red Murdock. DB Scott is a good athlete who converted from receiver late in his career. He will have to impress of special teams' units to earn a roster spot and time in the base defense. TE Bentley is former JC player who came on late in his career. He has excellent hands and provides a big target to give this attack another developed weapon. LB Murdock was selected with the final pick, "Mr Irrelevant". He is a well-rounded defender with strong sure tackling both at the line and in the secondary. He is quick and physical to match runners quickly and can mirror both quick smaller and big athletes in coverage. He was a good addition. Probable PS player with a good camp.

Grade: C

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed only safety Tycen Anderson in FA. They lost LB Dre Greenlaw, S PJ Locke and DL John Franklin-Myers. They did pull off a big trade prior to the NFL Draft when they acquired wideout Jayden Waddle for their #1 pick (#30). Waddle gives this passing game a versatile speedster with inside/outside experience. They added a big group of rookie UDFA's, Nebraska WR Dane Key, Virginia WR Cam Ross, Cal CB Brent Austin, Nebraska LB Dasan McCullough, Georgia Tech CB Ahmari Harvey, TCU WR Joseph Manjack IV, Texas A&M LB Taurean York, Iowa State OT Tyler Miller, Weber State OL Gavin Ortega, Northern Arizona WR Kolbe Katsis, Oregon LS Luke Basso, Tennessee CB Will Wright, Oklahoma State S Parker Robertson and Charlotte WR Sean Brown. LB York was a major addition. He can make this squad and in time could find a way to start. OL Ortega is a quality athlete and a prospect to develop, most likely on the PS.

Training Camp Objectives: The Broncos won the AFC West title for the first time since the 2015 season. HC Sean Payton has done a remarkable job rebuilding a club void of talent and salary cap problems. He continues to mold young QB Bo Nix into a top flight NFL starter. He returns from a broken ankle which ended his season in the postseason. They traded their #1 pick for wideout Jaylen Waddle who joins veteran receivers, Courtland Sutton and Marvin Mims. Waddle gives them an impact weapon. Runners, JK Dobbins and RJ Harvey form a tough pair. Their offensive line protects the passer very well and opens holes for runners. Their talented young defense ranked among the leaders in every vital category. Veteran defenders, Zach Allen and Nic Bonitto are difference makers. They were equally tough vs the run and the pass with few points and the most sacks in the league. Corner Patrick Surtain is one of the premier defenders in the game. Edge defender Jonathan Cooper had a strong season, though currently faces serious off the field issues. This club is the slim favorite to win the AFC West where every club improved this offseason. They will be hard pressed to holdoff the Chiefs and Chargers though their balanced offense and hard-nosed defense give them the inside track to repeat in the tough AFC West.

Houston Texans - 12-5 - Head Coach DeMeco Ryans - 4th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: C

Round 1, pick 26: Keylan Rutledge - OL, Georgia Tech
Round 2, pick 36: Kayden McDonald - DL, Ohio State
Round 2, pick 59: Marlin Klein - TE, Michigan
Round 4, pick 106: Febechi Nwaiwu - OL, Oklahoma
Round 4, pick 123: Wade Woodaz - LB, Clemson
Round 5, pick 141: Kamari Ramsey - S, USC
Round 6, pick 204: Lewis Bond - WR, Boston College
Round 7, pick 243: Aiden Fisher - LB, Indiana

The Texans addressed their lines with their top two draft picks. In the first round, they chose guard Keylan Rutledge, a rugged aggressive blocker who graded out high in 2025. He was a surprise this early despite a high level of development. He is expected to win a starting job in training camp.

With their two 2nd round picks, they selected DT Kayden McDonald and TE Marlin Klein. McDonald is a wide body athlete who anchors very well and stuffs the run consistently. He is a force inside and should earn time on early downs as a run

stuffer. He is raw as a pass rusher and needs time to develop his technique and additional moves. He is a young blue-chip prospect who is expected to improve with coaching and reps. TE Klein is a big raw prospect who flashed impact ability in the middle. He has a big frame to get movement as a blocker and shows a big wingspan to catch the ball and the power and speed to run after the catch. He can lineup in two TE sets and give this club sound blocking for their ground game.

With their two 4th round picks, they selected OL Febechi Nwaiwu and LB Wade Woodaz. OL Nwaiwu is a versatile interior blocker who addresses a need area. He is a sound technician with big frame to continue to develop. He needs strength work and better use of his AA to get a more consistent push at the POA. LB Woodaz is an active backer who goes sideline to sideline and is a strong finisher. He needs work in coverage to challenge for a starting job. He has the special teams' makeup to be a factor in coverage units.

With their 5th round pick, they selected safety Kamari Ramsey, a savvy defender with good tackling and coverage skills. He is best suited for a zone setting which allows him to run to the ball and finish. He can be a special teams' standout. He was a solid addition if he proves healthy. In the 6th round, they chose wideout Lewis Bond, a well-developed and multiple skill receiver who continued to improve over his career. He carries a make it grade and a could fill a backup role at an injury prone position. With their 7th round pick, they selected LB Aidan Fisher, a tough savvy defender who was a key piece in the Indiana defense. He picks up plays quickly with the burst to take good angles and the technique to finish. He can impress here and possible earn a roster or PS spot. He has the makeup to become a top flight special teams' performer.

Grade: C

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Texans continued their house cleaning with multiple moves throughout. They traded for RB David Montgomery looking to him to claim the starting feature back role. He is a hard-nosed runner who may be the ideal fit here. They surprisingly traded RT Tytus Howard to the Browns. They signed OL, RT Braden Smith, guards Evan Brown and Wyatt Teller, DE Logan Hall and safeties Reed Blankenship and Marte Mapu. They parted ways with long time starting runner Nick Chubb, wideout Christian Kirk, TE Harrison Bryant, DEs Derel Barnett, Denico Autry and Mario Edwards, LBers Chrisitan Harris and Damone Clark and DT Tim Settles. The rookie FA class added Incarnate Word WR Jalen Walthall, Colgate WR Treyvhon Saunders, Iowa State OL James Neal III, Missouri CB Stephen Hall, South Dakota State OL Sam Hagen, Oregon RB Noah Whittington, Illinois State WR Daniel Sobkowicz, NC State DE Sabastian Hars, Tennessee DL Dominic Bailey, Stanford CB Collin Wright and Syracuse P Jack Stonehouse. CB Wrigth can surprise here and has the makeup to challenge for a roster spot. P Stonehouse has a powerful leg and will compete in camp for the starting job. He could land on the PS as a backup.

Training Camp Objectives: The Texans failed to win a third consecutive AFC South title, though made the playoffs. They won their opening game vs the Steelers before losing to the Patriots. QB Stroud continues to struggle in big spots with suspect accuracy and few big plays. His protection improved, though the ground game slipped to the bottom third in the league. They traded for vet runner David Montgomery who is a good fit here. He is a tough inside runner who takes no prisoners. HC Ryans directs this young club, though they come up short in big games. Wideout Nico Collins is a top #1 receiver who looks for help from young Higgins and Hutchinson. TE Dalton Schultz had a strong performance and moved the chains consistently. The line went through an overhaul with two new rookie guards and a few FA additions. The defense ranked #1 in the league under Ryans' direction. Edge playmakers, Danielle Hunter and Will Anderson were lethal from the outside. The secondary has been built around young starters in corners Stingley and Lassiter and safeties Pitre and Bullock. This unit may be the best in the game. The Texans have established themselves as the team to beat in the much-improved AFC South. This is an annual playoff club with young talent in key positions. They must prove up to the challenge vs the top clubs in the AFC in the postseason. QB Stroud and the offensive line may determine how far this club goes in the postseason.

Indianapolis Colts - 8-9 - Head Coach Shane Steichen - 4th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: C+

Round 2, pick 53: CJ Allen - LB, Georgia

Round 3, pick 78: A.J. Haulcy - S, LSU

Round 4, pick 113: Jalen Farmer - OL, Kentucky

Round 4, pick 135: Bryce Boettcher - LB, Oregon

Round 5, pick 156: George Gumbs Jr. - Edge, Florida

Round 6, pick 214: Caden Curry - Edge, Ohio State

Round 7, pick 237: Seth McGowan - RB, Kentucky

Round 7, pick 254: Deion Burks - WR, Oklahoma

The Colts spent most of their 8 selections on the defensive side of the ball. They did not have their #1 pick with the final payment from the trade for corner Sauce Gardner.

With their 2nd round pick, they choose LB CJ Allen, an active off backer who performed well in the SEC. He will fill a role from the trade of LB Zaire Franklin. Allen is a well-developed athlete with three down talent and level of development. He is expected to win a starting job in camp and become a leader

here. He was an excellent addition here.

With their 3rd round pick, they chose safety AJ Haulcy, an instinctive defender with top ball skills and sure tackling ability. He addresses a major need in this secondary and a defender with fast developing coverage skills, in addition to sound tackling. He can win a starting job in camp and solidify a quality secondary.

With two 4th round picks, they selected OL Jalen Farmer and LB Bryce Boettcher. OL Farmer is a fast developing prospect coming off a strong final performance. He will claim a roster spot and compete for a guard position with the skill set to press for starting time within a few seasons. He is a quality prospect to step in here and be a fixture. LB Boettcher is a mobile instinctive defender with good speed, agility, COD and tackling ability. He gives them another prospect in the LBer mix where a few openings will be contested.

With their 5th and 6th round picks, they selected edge defenders George Gumbs and Caden Curry. Gumbs has a quick burst which coaches think they can improve along with technique. He could land a situational role in this front. Curry holds the edge well and could see time on the early downs. He came up big in 2025 and could earn time in their line rotational especially vs the run. With two 7th round picks, they selected runner Seth McGowan and wideout Deion Burks. RB McGowan is a shifty runner with the ability to make tacklers miss and also run through. He has reliable hands and could win the 1A role early in his career. He has a definite make it grade. WR Burks is a smallish burner with elite speed and playmaking ability. It is hard to believe he fell this far in the process, though a great value for the Colts which need depth at the position. He fits the slot role ideally and can also return punts where he is dangerous. Talent to become a valuable role performer here. **Grade: C+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: They signed defensive players exclusively. They added edge defender Arden Key and Michael Clemons, LB Akeem Davis-Gaither, DT Derrick Nnadi and corner Cam Taylor-Britt. They traded LB Zaire Franklin for DT Colby Wooden. They lost RT Braden Smith, OL Danny Pinter, edge defender Kwity Paye, DT Neville Gallimore, LB Germaine Pratt, safety Nick Cross and corner Kenny Moore. They traded for wideout Michael Pittman for a late selection. They added an average rookie UDFA class in Wisconsin S Austin Brown, LSU LB West Weeks, Ole Miss LB Tahj Chambers, Texas State RB Lincoln Pare, Abilene Christian RB Jordan Vaughn, Arkansas WR Raylen Sharp, Purdue WR EJ Horton, Arkansas DL Cam Bell, Penn State OL Nolan Rucci and Virginia Tech DE Mitchell Melton.

Training Camp Objectives: The Colts missed the playoffs for the 5th consecutive season despite starting with a 7-1 record. Veteran QB Daniel Jones started strong, but went down with a torn Achilles tendon and missed the final 4 games. The club went into a tailspin then. RB Jonathan Taylor ran for over 1500 yards and 18 TDs and was again their top flight workhorse. Their strong offensive line still featured guard Quenton Nelson and RT Braden Smith. The receiving corps relies on vet, Alec Pierce and young TE Warren can make a huge difference here and opened up this struggling passing game. Their defense struggled especially in pass defense. Veteran corners Gardner and Ward missed too much time and replacements gave up too much yardage. Rookie safety Haulcy is counted on to step into a starting job and make plays. HC Steichen looks to rebuild on basic fundamentals and will look to a healthy Jones to control field position behind Taylor's power running. Warren looks to settle into this attack as a core weapon. Their defense needs young players to step up and become playmakers. Edge Latu had a strong performance and is a three-down starter. This club is closer than many think, but only if their key performers stay healthy on both sides of the ball. They should be in the hunt with the Texans and Jaguars for the AFC South leadership.

Jacksonville Jaguars - 13-4 - Head Coach Liam Coen - 2nd Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade C

Round 2, pick 56: Nate Boerkircher - TE, Texas A&M
 Round 3, pick 81: Albert Regis - DL, Texas A&M
 Round 3, pick 88: Emmanuel Pregon - OG, Oregon
 Round 3, pick 100: Jalen Huskey - S, Maryland
 Round 4, pick 119: Wesley Williams - Edge, Duke
 Round 5, pick 164: Tanner Koziol - TE, Houston
 Round 6, pick 191: Josh Cameron - WR, Baylor
 Round 6, pick 203: CJ Williams - WR, Stanford
 Round 7, pick 233: Zach Durfee - Edge, Washington
 Round 7, pick 240: Parker Hughes - LB, Middle Tennessee

The Jaguars had no first round pick this year as a result of the trade to move up last April to select WR/CB Travis Hunter with the 2nd overall selection. He was our highest rated prospect last year, though they paid too much to move up a few spots for a #1 pick.

With their 2nd round selection, they chose TE Nate Boerkircher, a big athlete with strong blocking skills. He has reliable hands, though needs reps in that vital role. He was a major surprise this early and a prospect was one of the reaches of the top 100 selections. He has upside potential off his skill set,

though he was the 2nd TE chosen and one of eight prospects chosen on the 2nd day of the draft.

With three 3rd round selections, they chose DT Albert Regis, OG Emmanuel Pregon and S Jalen Huskey. DT Regis is a tough nose tackle who anchors well and holds the point consistently. He is good vs the run, though struggles to separate to apply pass pressure. He was a surprise in the top 100 picks, though fills a need in their front line. He should get reps on the early downs in their tackle rotation. OG Pregon is a fine athlete and well developed in protection. He recovered from a knee injury and is capable of winning the starting role with a good camp. Excellent late addition. Safety Huskey is a ball hawk and will press for time in their dime package. He will also play on the special teams' units.

With their 4th round selection, they chose edge defender Wesley Williams, a quick young defender who provides depth on the outside. He could challenge for a situational rushing role early in his career and was a good addition here. With their 5th round selection, they chose TE Tanner Koziol, a long pass catcher with excellent hands. He provides an excellent target in the middle zones and will compete for the H-back/Flex role.

With two 6th round selections, they chose wideouts, Josh Cameron and CJ Williams. Cameron is a physical receiver with inside/outside versatility and is a well-developed prospect. He is tough in the red zone and has the inside track on making this roster off his versatility. Williams was a surprise this early and carried a FA grade. He was productive at three schools and has size and athleticism to surprise with refinement. With two 7th round selections, they chose edge Zach Durfee and LB Parker Hughes. Edge Durfee fell through the cracks in a deep defensive class. He combines quickness and power with the ability to finish. He made 18 sacks his final two seasons which impressed the Jax brass. He can make this squad with a strong training camp and a major sleeper. LB Hughes is a mobile defender who must impress on special teams' units to make the roster. He has the talent to sign as a PS performer.

Grade: C

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Jaguars signed only a few veterans in runners, Ameer Abdullah and Chris Rodriguez. They lost runner Travis Etienne, WRs Dyami Brown and Tim Patrick, LB Devin Lloyd, CB Greg Newsome and safety Andrew Wingard. RB Etienne will be difficult to replace. Lloyd was the anchor of their defense and leaves a major loss in the middle of this unit. They signed a solid rookie UDFA class in Tennessee QB Joey Aguilar, Virginia RB J'Mari Taylor, Penn State WR Trebor Pena, Texas-Permian Basin WR Ben Patterson, South Dakota State WR Alex Bullock, South Carolina DE Bryan Thomas Jr., Cincinnati DT Jalen Hunt, NC State CB Devon Marshall, Colorado CB Preston Hodge and North Texas OL Jimto Obidegwu. CB Marshall is an experienced cover man who can make this roster. RB Taylor can find a way to make a roster and earn reps here.

Training Camp Objectives: The Jaguars won the AFC South title after a two-year absence. They lost to the Bills in the opening round of playoffs, 27-24. They rode the strong young arm of QB Trevor Lawrence to the playoffs, though they came up short vs the Bills. Lawrence threw for over 4000 yards and a 29/17 TD/int ratio. His supporting cast has improved annually, though they took heavy FA losses this offseason. HC Liam Coen was the catalyst for Lawrence's outstanding season. Coen will direct this offense with wideouts Thomas and Meyers forming a solid pair of playmakers. Their ground game will be a committee after the loss of Etienne in FA. Travis Hunter returns from an ACL injury and will mainly lineup at the corner position with some spot duty in the secondary. He is a huge playmaker and can give this club a boost in a few roles. Their young defense was tough weekly and ranks among the best in the league in key vital statistics. They look to edge defenders, Javon Walker and Josh Allen to make more big plays especially pass pressure. They can be competitive in the balanced AFC South. They have the nucleus to challenge for the playoffs, though Lawrence must stay healthy and repeat his strong 2025 performance. Key FA losses were big and could be fatal in the replacements don't step in and produce quickly.

Kansas City Chiefs - 6-11 - Head Coach Andy Reid - 14th Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B+
Round 1, pick 6: Mansoor Delane - CB, LSU
Round 1, pick 29: Peter Woods - DL, Clemson
Round 2, pick 40: R Mason Thomas - Edge, Oklahoma
Round 5, pick 109: Jadon Canady - CB, Oregon
Round 5, pick 161: Emmett Johnson - RB, Nebraska
Round 5, pick 176: Cyrus Allen - WR, Cincinnati
Round 7, pick 249: Garrett Nussmeier - QB, LSU

The Chiefs missed the playoffs for the first time in Patrick Mahomes' career and the first time since the 2014 season. QB Patrick Mahomes is recover from torn ligaments which ended his 2025 six weeks early. The Chiefs defense failed in too many big spots and led to a focus on that side of the ball in the draft. They choose defenders with their first four selections. They moved up in the first round to draft corner Mansoor Delane. He is a highly developed prospect

who the Chiefs coveted and expect him to start with a solid training camp. He is tough in man coverage and has developed nicely in zone schemes to be an NFL ready cover man. He was a solid addition.

With their extra 1st round pick, they drafted DT Peter Woods, a quick compact interior lineman with big play talent. He fell off an inconsistent final performance which pushed him down the charts. He is a fine compliment next to Chris Jones. He is best in the three-technique spot where he can shoot the opening and pressure the passer. He is tough in run defense from that scheme where he dominates in the tackle box. Excellent late gamble with impact talent.

With their 2nd round selection, they picked edge defender R Mason Thomas, a quick aggressive outside force with big play abilities. He has a powerful burst off the edge with the technique to separate and counter blockers to pressure the pocket. He can start early or fill a key pass rushing role where DC Steve Spagnuolo places him in maximum situations to affect the game. Very good selection with big upside.

With three 5th round picks, they choose CB Jadon Canady, RB Emmett Johnson and WR Cyrus Allen. CB Canady graded out high as a nickel corner at Oregon and impressed the Chiefs to add him on the third day. He should lineup in the multiple packages over the slot and play on special teams. RB Johnson is a tough quick runner who surprisingly fell to the #161 selection. He can be the 1A back to new FA Kenneth Walker. He was an outstanding addition here. WR Allen was a receiver who fell through the cracks. The Chiefs were impressed with his workout and think he can win a roster spot and surprise and get reps in their multiple sets. With their 7th round selection, they picked QB Garrett Nussmeier, a highly rated passer who fell due to a final season injury. He recovered nicely and won the MVP of the Senior Bowl. He is in the ideal system working with HC Andy Reid and carries a starting grade after settling into this system for a few seasons.

Grade: B+

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Chiefs' traded Pro Bowl corner Trent McDuffie for the Rams first round pick (#29). They quickly signed veteran runner Kenneth Walker in FA to boost their poor ground game. He was their only big signing. They signed FAs, safety Alohi Gilman, corners Kader Kohou and Kalir Elam, DT Khyiris Tonga and QB Justin Fields. They lost vets, QB Gardner Minshew, WRs Marquise Brown and JuJu Smith-Schuster, runners Isiah Pacheco and Kareem Hunt, OT Jawaan Taylor, LB Leo Chenel, corners Jaylen Watson and Joshua Williams, DEs Mike Danna and Charles Omenihu, DTs Derrick Nnadi, Mike Pennel and Jerry Tilley, safeties Bryan Cook and Deon Bush. They added a good rookie UDFA class in Oklahoma RB Jaydn Ott, Louisville C Pete Nygra, Iowa S Xavier Nwankpa, Wyoming TE Michael Gyllenborg, LSU OL Josh Thompson, San Diego State DB Bryce Phillips, Miami LB Wesley Bissainthe, Texas A&M RB E.J. Smith, Cincinnati WR Jeff Caldwell, Houston CB Zelmar Vedder, Duke DE Vincent Anthony Jr., Louisiana-Monroe CB D'Arco Perkins-McCallister and Toledo DE Anthony Dunn. RB Ott can surprise here and has performed well vs top talent. WR Caldwell has talent and can impress in training camp and make this roster. TE Gyllenborg is a prospect with good receiving skills and can make this roster and play in multiple sets.

Training Camp Objectives: The Chiefs missed the playoffs after winning 9 consecutive AFC West titles. HC Andy Reid guided this club exceptionally well with three SB titles before their 2025 collapse. QB Patrick Mahomes suffered a late ACL injury which ended his season. He is expected to be ready for the 2026 opening game. TE Jason Kelce resigned for one more season. They focused mainly on their key needs in both FA and the NFL Draft. They addressed their weak ground game and signed FA back Kenneth Walker. The young offensive line can take a huge step up this season with starters in place. They must improve in pass protection for Mahomes to return to former levels. They look to the return of young receiver Rashee Rice who has the components to be a huge playmaker in this attack. Receivers, Worthy, Thornton and Royals must prove healthy and need to step up and play bigger roles. The defense added several players in the draft and FA. DC Spagnuolo looks to three top rookies to win starting roles. Corner Delane gets the starting job day one. Whether they have the secondary depth remains to be seen. Rookie DT Peter Woods can help DT Chris Jones on the inside. Edge defender R Mason Thomas can provide impact from the outside and claim a starting job at some point early in his career. The Chiefs look to return to dominant in the talented AFC West, though new players must step up. Chiefs are still dangerous especially on offense. A healthy Mahomes is mandatory. The new backfield of Walker and rookie Johnson gives this attack a new dimension. An improved defense can help this club return to the postseason where Mahomes can work his magic which is capable of running until the Super Bowl.

Las Vegas Raiders - 3-14 - Head Coach Klint Kubiak - 1st Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B+

Round 1, pick 1: Fernando Mendoza - QB, Indiana

Round 2, pick 38: Treydan Stukes - S, Arizona

Round 3, pick 67: Keyron Crawford - Edge, Auburn

Round 3, pick 91: Trey Zuhn III - OL, Texas A&M

Round 4, pick 101: Jermod McCoy - CB, Tennessee

Round 4, pick 122: Mike Washington Jr - RB, Arkansas

Round 5, pick 150: Dalton Johnson - S, Arizona

Round 5, pick 175: Hezekiah Masses - CB, California

Round 6, pick 195: Malik Benson - WR, Oregon

Round 7, pick 229: Brandon Cleveland - DT, NC State

The Raiders changed leadership again at HC. They signed Klint Kubiak as the new HC to work with current GM John Spytek. They had a very strong draft class and made some quality FA moves.

With their 1st overall pick, they choose QB Fernando Mendoza. He is a talented strong-armed passer with top accuracy and excellent intangibles. He is a deceptive athlete with developed skills for the position. He is dangerous as a scrambler with the ability to make key plays and move the chains in critical situations. The Raiders also added veteran Kirk Cousins who is a perfect complement and teacher for Mendoza. Cousins probably starts in September while Mendoza learns the

system and finer points of the position. Mendoza has the package to become a top flight starter in time. He is an excellent face of the franchise and the talent to led an offense.

With their 2nd round pick, they selected defensive back Treydan Stukes, a versatile defender with extensive experience at all positions. He is an excellent nickel corner and probably wins that role in training camp. He should like up in all their sub packages and was a solid addition. With their two 3rd round picks, they choose edge defender Keyron Crawford and OL Trey Zuhn. Crawford is a strong edge rusher with length and quickness. He needs technique work, though grades out well in the SEC. He is a complete defender in time and gives them sound defender to hold the edge. OL Zuhn moves inside in the NFL and will get looks at center and guard where he carries a starting grade. He combines many assets to convert inside and has the bulk to handle nose tackles. He was a rising prospect.

With their two 4th round picks, they choose corner Jermod McCoy and runner Mike Washington. CB McCoy fell dramatically off knee concerns about another procedure. He ranked at the top half of the first round, though the knee concerns pushed him to the first player on the 3rd day. He may need time to rehab his knee, though when right he has all the components of a top flight cover man. RB Washington is a big back with speed and power. He was a fine addition here and gives them a tough 1A compliment to Ashton Jeanty. Washington is a tough short yardage red zone runner who also catches the ball well. He was a steal at #122 selection.

With their two 5th round picks, they choose safety Dalton Johnson and CB Hezekiah Masses. They were two more defensive backs to total four new prospects in this class. Johnson is a smart safety with good ball skills and sure tackling. He can push for time in the sub packages and eventually start. CB Masses fits into their secondary and can make this roster. He shows the ability to matchup in coverage and could surprise in time. He was an excellent addition.

With their 6th round pick, they selected wideout Malik Benson, a fast rangy athlete with playmaking talent. He is a sleeper here and gets an opportunity to surprise with a good training camp. He has the talent to play in three or four wideout sets and was an excellent late gamble. With their 7th round pick, they choose DT Brandon Cleveland, a wide body interior defender with a chance to make this roster. He will have to earn a roster spot with a strong camp. Makeup to be earn a place on the PS while he settles into their scheme. **Grade: B+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Raiders were aggressive from the start of the offseason with the quick major trade of Maxx Crosby to the Ravens for two #1 picks. He failed his medical and the trade was rescinded. They were quick to sign Pro Bowl center Tyler Linderbaum, who is a top technician and a good leader for this club. In FA, they also signed QB Kirk Cousins, OL Spencer Burford, FB Alec Ingold, WR Jalen Nailor, edge Kwity Paye and LBers Nakobe Dean and Quay Walker. They traded for nickel corner Taron Johnson with the Bills. They also traded QB Geno Smith to the Jets. They lost OL Dylan Parham, Stone Forsyth and Alex Cappa, LBers Devin White, Elandon Roberts and Jamal Adams, corners Darnay Holmes and Kyu Blu Kelly and QB Kenny Pickett. They traded former 1st round bust pick, edge defender Tyree Wilson to the Saints for a late selection. They signed an average rookie UDFA class, Baylor QB Sawyer Robertson, Missouri State QB Jacob Clark, Indiana RB Roman Hemby, Indiana WR EJ Williams, BYU WR Chase Roberts, BYU OT Isaiah Jatta, Kennesaw St CB Caleb Offord, NC State LB Cian Slone, Boise St TE Matt Lauter, Duke OL Justin Pickett, Troy S Devin Lafayette, UCLA DT Gary Smith III, BYU S Tanner Wall and Hawaii K Kansei Matsuzawa. QB Robertson can win the #3 role here. RB Hemby is a tough honest runner with the well-rounded skills to make this roster. K Matsuzawa the "Tokyo Toe" has performed well and can win the starting job outright.

Training Camp Objectives: The Raiders fell even further last season to just three wins which precipitated the huge offseason turnover. They fired HC Pete Carroll and traded starting QB Geno Smith to the Jets. Holding the first overall pick, they focused on Fernando Mendoza to begin the rebuild. Adding vet QB Kirk Cousins was a smart addition. GM John Sputeck made sound decisions in FA and the NFL Draft. They hope to put these players in key roles this season

to begin the rebuilding process. Developing Mendoza is a prime focus, though he may not start to open the season. The vet Cousins is the perfect mentor to bring Mendoza along in an organized plan. Mendoza should start at some point, most likely midseason. Several other rookies from this deep class will claim starting jobs this season. TE Brock Bowers will stay a favorite in this offense. Their offensive line allowed the most sacks (64) and need to step up for this club to make a turnaround. OC Linderbaum will anchor this unit which looks to young blockers, Grant, Rogers and Powers-Johnson to make fast progress this fall. The league's worst offense and ground game must improve if they expect to step up. Runner Ashton Jeanty can improve and will welcome rookie Mike Washington. Their mediocre defense made few big plays other than Maxx Crosby. Their secondary looks to vets, corner Starks and safety Chinn to improve here with young other starters. They gave up huge passing yardage and few turnovers. Edge rusher Crosby returns and is determine to have an impact performance. The Raiders hope to compete in the very tough 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 most likely struggle to get to .500 mark.

Los Angeles Chargers - 11-6 - Head Coach Jim Harbaugh - 3rd Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B

Round 1, pick 22: Akheem Mesidor - Edge, Miami

Round 2, pick 63: Jake Slaughter - C, Florida

Round 4, pick 105: Brenen Thompson - WR, Miss St

Round 4, pick 117: Travis Burke - OT, Memphis

Round 4, pick 131: Genesis Smith - S, Arizona

Round 5, pick 145: Nick Barrett - DL, South Carolina

Round 6, pick 202: Logan Taylor - G, Boston College

Round 6, pick 206: Alex Harkey - G/T, Oregon

The Chargers made the playoffs again under HC Jim Harbaugh, though failed to win in the postseason. They were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs with a weak performance vs the Patriots. They continue to make improvement despite key injuries along the line. They did address the OL in the draft with four selections.

They held the 22nd overall selection and chose edge defender Akheem Mesidor. He had a

dominant final season and was instrumental in the Hurricanes run at the national title. The Chargers were surprised he was available quickly added the impact defender. He is now in place to replace the veteran Khalil Mack who returns for his 13th season. Mesidor will most likely be part of the situational rush packages and an early starter.

In the 2nd round, they added center Jake Slaughter, a polished blocker with good grades vs SEC talent. He was part of a run on pivotmen after numerous retirements this offseason. He was the 2nd center chosen in the 2nd round and gives them much needed interior depth. He has center/guard versatility and will press for starting time early in his career.

With three 4th round picks, they chose wideout Brenen Thompson, OT Travis Burke and safety Genesis Smith. Thompson is a diminutive burner with elite speed. He is difficult to cover in man situations and dangerous in the open field to break any play the distance. He was an excellent addition. OT Burke addressed the outside position which sustained a few key injuries in recent seasons. He tested out high and move up the charts after a solid 2025 season. He gives them much needed outside depth at both positions. DB Smith is a developed cover man and could see time in the sub packages. His tackling must improve to warrant steady playing time.

In the 5th round, they added DT Nick Barrett, a wide body tackle who can anchor on the inside. He was a sleeper here and could challenge for reps early in either situation. He can push the pocket and stack the double team and was a very good addition here. With two 6th round picks, they chose OL Logan Taylor and Alex Harkey. OG Taylor will compete for a roster spot and if he shows talent in training camp, he will earn a PS spot if not the roster. OL Harkey is a tackle/guard prospect which helps him earn a roster spot. He may wind up on the PS while he develops further.

Grade: B

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Chargers made a key move in FA, signing center Tyler Biadasz when he was released. They also added free agents, OL Trevor Penning and Cole Strange along with TEs David Njoku and Charlie Kolar, and runner Keaton Mitchell. They lost WR Keenan Allen, RB Najee Harris, along with OL Jamaree Salyer, guard Mekhi Becton, center Andre James, TEs Tyler Conklin and Will Dissly, corner Benjamin St-Juste and DE DeShawn Hand. OL Salyer was a versatile blocker who leaves a hole. They resigned edge Kahlil Mack to a one-year contract. OL Bradley Bozeman retired. The Chargers added rookie FAs, Wyoming TE Evan Svoboda, Kansas State TE Jerand Bradley, Oregon OT Isaiah World, Memphis RB Greg Desrosiers, Colorado WR Sincere Brown, Utah LB Lander Barton, Utah State S Noah Avinger, Virginia DL Jahmeer Carter, Syracuse S Devin Grant, Louisiana State DL Jacobian Guillory, San Diego State OLB Niles King, Penn State WR Devonte Ross, Georgia Tech CB Rodney Shelley, Fresno State C Jacob Spomer, Western Michigan OLB Nadame Tucker, Southern Methodist DL Terry Webb, Florida State CB Jeremiah Wilson and Toledo CB Avery Smith. TE Svoboda can press for a roster spot. OT Isaiah World is a big mobile tackle recovering from an ACL injury. He carried a starting grade prior to the injury and was an excellent addition.

Training Camp Objectives: The Chargers showed some true grit and made the playoffs again despite a few key injuries.

HC Jim Harbaugh worked around losing both starting tackles, Slater and Alt to keep this club together. GM Joe Hortiz and assistant GM Chad Alexander have done an excellent job rebuilding this roster. Their FA signees and draft choices continue to address immediate pressing needs. They rely on strong- armed QB Justin Herbert who will work with OC Mike McDaniel. Herbert is primed for a huge season with a healthy line and developing receivers in key areas. Herbert put up amazing numbers with over 3700 yards passing and a 26/13 TD/int ratio despite 60 sacks. They come up flat in the playoffs and with health look to change that. They will look to develop a stronger ground game with healthy runners Hampton and Vidal forming a solid pair. Young receivers, Quentin Johnston, Ladd McConkey and Tre' Harris form a potent trio which should improve. The defense ranked with the best in the game in every statistic. They made sacks and turnovers with among the fewest points allowed in the league. Vet edge defender Kahlil Mack returns on a one-year contract. Edge defender Tui Tuipululu was a breast off the edge. Vet LB Daiyan Henley and safety Derwin James are top playmakers and annual Pro Bowl performers. Herbert remains the difference maker here, though a strong ground game will improve this offense. The defense can take this club far in the postseason. Chargers make the playoffs, but must be healthy to win key games. Harbaugh is a strong leader and winner and capable of getting this taking this club to the next level in the very tough AFC West. Sleeper Super Bowl contender.

Miami Dolphins - 7-10- Head Coach Jeff Hafley - 1st Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B+

Round 1, pick 12: Kadyn Proctor - OT, Alabama
Round 1, pick 27: Chris Johnson - CB, San Diego St
Round 2, pick 43: Jacob Rodriguez - LB, Texas Tech
Round 3, pick 75: Caleb Douglas - WR, Texas Tech
Round 3, pick 87: Will Kacmarek - TE, Ohio State
Round 3, pick 94: Chris Bell - WR, Louisville
Round 4, pick 130: Trey Moore - Edge, Texas
Round 4, pick 138: Kyle Louis - LB, Pittsburgh
Round 5, pick 158: Michael Taaffe - S, Texas
Round 5, pick 177: Kevin Coleman Jr. - WR, Missouri
Round 5, pick 180: Seydou Traore - TE, Mississippi St
Round 6, pick 200: DJ Campbell - OG, Texas
Round 7, pick 238: Max Llewellyn - Edge, Iowa

The Dolphins held the most draft picks after trades with 13 overall selections. They addressed key positions early and added a few additions at several positions. With two first round picks, they chose talented lineman Kadyn Proctor and CB Chris Johnson. Proctor is a massive blocker who fits are either tackle or guard positions. He graded out high over his final two seasons and probably projects best at RT or guard. CB Johnson is a very developed cover man with agility, flexible hips, quickness and speed to matchup in man situations. He is savvy in zone schemes and has the makeup of a rookie starter here. He was an excellent addition.

In the 2nd round, they drafted LB Jacon Rodriguez, smart instinctive defender with good athletic

skill set. He is an intense leader who gives this battered unit a coach on the field. He is a playmaker who can blitz or drop in coverage and should earn a starting role day one.

With their three 3rd round choices, they selected wideout Caleb Douglas, TE Will Kacmarek and wideout Chris Bell. Douglas was a surprise this early. He is a big receiver with the ability to get deep and hit home runs. He does struggle catching the ball at times. He needs to prove he can catch the ball consistently to justify this selection. TE Kacmarek is a big physical athlete with strong blocking skills and the mobility to get into the middle zones. He was a surprise this early and not considered a top 100 prospect. He is an underused prospect who played a role in the OSU deep attack. He can be a solid starter or a top flight #2 TE for this offense. WR Chris Bell is a talented receiver who unfortunately sustained an ACL injury at midseason. He was a top 40 prosect at that point and possible a first-round pick. He is a strong sure handed receiver with deceptive speed to get deep. When he gets healthy, he can be the #1 receiver in the Dolphins offense.

In the 4th round, they drafted edge Trey Moore and LB Kyle Louis. Moore has quickness on the snap to pressure the edge and gets an opportunity to play a role in this scheme. LB Louis is a fast small backer with safety experience. He moves easy and can matchup in coverage to become a three-down defender. He is best suited for the Will position, though he can play in a three-safety set. He was a solid selection here.

With their three 5th round choices, they selected safety Michael Taaffe, WR Kevin Coleman and TE Seydou Traore. Safety Taaffe is a savvy defender with good fundamentals and range. He is a good zone defender with sure tackling. WR Coleman is a quick receiver who gets into this his routes easily and provides a sure target. He has the makeup of a good slot receiver with early playing time. TE Traore is an underrated prospect with the speed to get into the deep seam and stretch the defense. He gives this passing game a good target and a prospect with run after the catch ability.

With their 6th round choice, they selected guard DJ Campbell, a hard-nosed blocker with good technique. He is battle tested and graded out above average with the ability to make this roster. With their 7th round choice, they selected edge defender Max Llewellyn, a sound technician with the ability to separate and pursue. He has a make it grade here and is a smart experienced leader who completes the best Miami draft class in a decade. ***Grade: B+***

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Dolphins created much salary cap money through trades and veteran releases. This

made them active in the open market. They went after QB Malik Willis early and signed the young veteran. He was a fine addition to begin their rebuilding process. They added OL Jamaree Salyer and Charlie Heck, wideouts Jalen Tolbert and Tutu Atwell, LBers David Ojabo and Joshua Uche, and safeties Ronnie Harrison and Lonnie Johnson. They released starting QB Tua Tagovailoa after another injury prone season. They lost guards James Daniels and Cole Strange, OL Liam Eichenberg and OT Larry Bloom, wideouts Tyreek Hill, Cedrick Wilson and D'Wayne Eskridge, QB Zach Wilson, TE Darren Waller, edge Bradley Chubb, corners Jack Jones, Artie Burns, Rasul Douglas, and Kader Kohu, safeties Ashtyn Davis and Ifeatu Melifonwu. They traded safety Minkah Fitzpatrick to the Jets. They signed a good rookie UDFA class in Iowa QB Mark Gronowski, Oregon State RB Anthony Hankerson, Louisville DL Rene Konga, Wisconsin LB Mason Reiger, Texas A&M RB Le'Veon Moss, SMU WR Romello Brinson, Michigan WR Donaven McCulley, Iowa State OL Jim Bonifas and Indiana DB Louis Moore. LB Reiger is a tough edge defender who can make this roster. RB Moss was a top signing, but retired in mini-camp due to ongoing knee problems.

Training Camp Objectives: Dolphins made a complete overhaul this offseason from the front office, coaching staff and player's roster. They missed the playoffs for the third time. They released many top players, traded valuable veterans and let FA move on in the open market. GM Jon-Eric Sullivan made tough decisions and they may be the best to start a complete rebuild now. Releasing QB Tua Tagovailoa turned the page of several disappointing seasons. Young WB Malik Willis was an excellent addition and maybe the leader to direct this rebuild. HC Jeff Hafley will build on basics and looks to build around young receivers and OL prospects. Receivers Douglas and Bell and OL Proctor, Paul and Salaminae will form a young nucleus around Willis. Their ground game relies on De'Von Achane who is very productive. The Dolphins defense will build around young prospects, DL Grant and edge Robinson and rookies, LB Rodriguez and CB Johnson. That is a good start for a weak unit after released veterans. They must make more sacks and interceptions after a poor showing in key areas. They are not ready to compete for the AFC East or playoffs. They look to establish new leadership on both sides of the ball to establish new direction. They need to build around additional strong draft classes and now have reduced their salary cap to participate further in the free agency market. They may be two years away from compete, though has begun the most difficult part of it.

New England Patriots – 14-3 - Head Coach Mike Vrabel - 2nd Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: C

Round 1, pick 28: Caleb Lomu - OT, Utah

Round 2, pick 55: Gabe Jacas - Edge, Illinois

Round 3, pick 95: Eli Raridon - TE, Notre Dame

Round 5, pick 171: Karon Prunty - CB, Wake Forest

Round 6, pick 196: Dametrious Crownover - OT, Texas A&M

Round 6, pick 212: Namdi Obiazor - LB, TCU

Round 7, pick 234: Behren Morton - QB, Texas Tech

Round 7, pick 245: Jam Miller - RB, Alabama

Round 7, pick 247: Quintavious Hutchins - Edge, B.C.

The Patriots held 9 draft picks and all of their prime selections. With their first-round selection, they chose tough LT Caleb Lomu, a long agile blocker with extensive experience. He has the makeup of a solid starter with development. He has powerful hands which he uses well and often. He combines with good footwork to slide in protection or get out to the 2nd level. He is another OL chosen this early in an attempt to protect QB Drake Maye. Lomu brings a high level of development to start day one, though where will be decided in camp.

With their #2 pick, they selected edge defender Gabe Jacas, a tough versatile defender with big play talent. He has lined up at a few roles, both up and down outside and also inside in the three-technique role. HC Mike Vrabel coveted this defender and is planning to use him in a few roles and move him around the front seven. He is a key piece here going forward and a top selection here.

With their 3rd round pick, they selected TE Eli Raridon, a long receiver with improving skills. He gives them a much-needed big play weapon off the line or from the move role. He has an injury history, though is an effective receiver who provides a big target and sure hands. He is a willing blocker, though needs technique and strength development. With their 5th round pick, they selected CB Karon Prunty, a talented big cover man with a much-traveled career. He has intriguing skills - size, quickness, speed and instincts to be a hidden gem in this class. He should win a roster spot and possibly see time in their sub packages as the season progresses.

With their two 6th round picks, they selected OT Dametrious Crownover and LB Namdi Obiazor. Crownover is a huge raw tackle who improved with SEC experience. He has the makeup to play the outside, though needs to refine his skill set before getting reps on the outside. He was a good late game. LB Obiazor is an active defender who runs well and is a reliable tackler. He has the makeup to impress on special teams and claim a roster spot. With their three 7th round picks, they selected QB Behren Morton, RB Jam Miller and edge Quintavious Hutchins. QB Morton is a developmental prospect who needs to impress in training camp to win a roster spot. He also is a good fit for the PS if they carry only 2 QBs on the active roster. RB Miller is a physical back with limited cutting skills and raw receiving skills. He needs to impress on special teams to make this roster. Edge Hutchins is a long edge rusher with developing skills. He is still evolving and may need time on the PS initially to refine his skills. **Grade: C**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Pats were aggressive in FA again with a huge turnover of players leaving. They signed wideout Romeo Doubs, OG Alijah Vera-Tucker, edge Dre'Mont Jones and safety Kevin Byard. They parted ways with wideout Stefon Diggs, center Garrett Bradberry, RB Antonio Gibson, TE Austin Hooper, LBers Anfernee Jennings and Jahlani Tavai, edge defender K'Lavon Chaisson, DT Khyiris Tonga, and safety Jaylin Hawkins. They traded LB Marte Mapu to the Raiders. Diggs provided a true #1 receiver and leaves a void in their receiving corps. The Pats signed an average group of UDFA in Florida State OL Jacob Rizzy, Culver-Stockton WR Kyle Dixon, TCU CB Channing Canada, James Madison WR Nick DeGennaro, UCF RB Myles Montgomery, North Texas WR Cameron Dorner, Illinois TE Tanner Arkin, Georgetown WR Jimmy Kibble, UAB G JonDarius Morgan, Miami DT David Blay and Oklahoma State CB Kenneth Harris.

Training Camp Objectives: The Pats rode the new regime of HC Mike Vrabel and the development of young QB Drake Maye to the Super Bowl. Though they failed to win the SB they did a few playoff games and the AFC East. Maye was outstanding and is a franchise type QB to build around. They used both strong FA and draft classes to make the fast turnaround. This year they gave young QB Drake Maye, an improved supporting cast, both on the line and the skill positions. They look to rookie OT Lomu to step up and claim a starting job. The addition of vet wideout Romeo Doubs to give this passing game a boost. Their ground game was very productive with Henderson and Stevenson moving the chains and getting into the end zone. Their veteran defense improved in key areas and looks to build further with safety Byard and edge Jones. DT Christian Barmore became the anchor on this front. Their secondary benefitted from new vet corner Davis, opposite shutdown cover man Gonzalez. This club looks to repeat in the AFC East, though face another challenge from the bills. They have the roster to challenge for the SB again, though only if young players continue to improve and stay healthy.

New York Jets - 3-14 - Head Coach Aaron Glenn - 2nd Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: A

Round 1, pick 2: David Bailey - Edge, Texas Tech

Round 1, pick 16: Kenyon Sadiq - TE, Oregon

Round 1, pick 30: Omar Cooper Jr. - WR, Indiana

Round 2, pick 50: D'Angelo Ponds - CB, Indiana

Round 4, pick 103: Darrell Jackson Jr. - DL, Florida State

Round 4, pick 110: Cade Klubnik - QB, Clemson

Round 6, pick 188: Anez Cooper - G, Miami

Round 7, pick 228: VJ Payne - S, Kansas State

The Jets had their best draft class in over a decade. They started with two #picks, as a result of the Sauce Gardner deal. They added a third #1 pick trading up from the 2nd round. With their three #1 picks, they choose edge David Bailey, TE Kenyon Sadiq and wideout Omar Cooper.

Bailey has an elite burst off the edge and gives them an impact defender for their front seven. He has a developed rushing technique to provide big play talent now. He runs well and can pursue backs across the field, though needs work at holding the

point on the edge. He gives them a top bookend opposite Will McDonald to form a big play tandem.

They added TE Kenyon Sadiq in the first round and were surprised he was available in the mid round. He is a playmaker who can stretch the field and give them a weapon in the deep seam. He is an excellent movement player with elite speed and shows excellent run after the catch ability to provide instant impact. They moved up in the first round to select wideout Omar Cooper, a smart savvy receiver with big play ability. He shows excellent hands and body control to become a top inside/outside compliment for Garrett Wilson. He runs sound routes and adjusts quickly to the ball to win most contested throws. He was a good late addition and a rookie starter here.

With their 2nd round picks, they selected CB D'Angelo Ponds, a small smart cover man with top man skills. He is an aggressive cover man with hitting power. He can line up in the slot which may be his most ideal position as a pro. He has the inside track at the nickel role and is a favorite of HC Aaron Glenn.

With two 4th round picks, they choose DT Darrell Jackson and QB Cade Klubnik. DT Jackson is a massive interior defender with quickness and power. His inconsistencies forced down the charts, though he shows big time talent at times and is a good gamble here. He can start early and play in their tackle rotation initially. QB Klubnik was a quality prospect who fell off an inconsistent final performance. He can settle in here and win the #3 role while he develops further and works out the kinks. He was a solid addition here.

With their 6th round pick, they selected guard Anez Cooper, a wide body blocker who finished with a solid 2025 effort. He is a road grader with limited footspeed, though a physical inside prospect. He could surprise here with further work. With their 7th round pick, they selected safety VJ Payne, an athletic defender who can matchup with tight ends. He has length, speed and toughness and was an excellent value here. He has the development to surprise here and possibly start in time. Good addition for this secondary and early contributor. **Grade: A**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Jets were aggressive in FA especially on the defensive side of the ball. They traded for veteran passer Geno Smith who returns to the Jets. He is a different leader then he was a decade ago. They also traded for vet safety Minkah Fitzpatrick, a ball hawk centerfielder this defense needed desperately. They swapped vets, DE Jermaine Johnson for DT T'Vondre Sweat. They signed LB Demario Davis, guard Dylan Parham,

edge defenders Kingsley Enaglare and Joseph Ossai, DT David Onyemata, CB Nahshon Wirght and safety Dane Belton. Their defense could have six new starters. Edge Ossai could be a big surprise here with the ability to line up or down. OG Parham is a tough athlete with good technique and should stabilize the interior. They traded QB Justin Fields to the Chiefs for a late draft pick. They lost guards Alijah Vera-Tucker and John Simpson, wideouts John Metchie, Josh Reynolds and Tyler Johnson, QBs Hendon Hooker and Tyrod Taylor, safety Tony Adams, DE Michael Clemons, DT Jay Tufele, LB Quincy Williams and PK Nick Folk. They signed an average UDFA class in Toledo RB Chip Trayanum, Louisville WR Caullin Lacy, Rutgers WR Sherffield, Wyoming Sam Scott, BYU LS Garrison Grimes, BYU K Will Ferrin, UTSA LB Kendrick Blackshire, BYU CB Mory Bamba, Colorado OL Xavier Hill, Ball State DE Nathan Voorhis and TCU TE Chase Curtis. RB Trayanum is a tough inside runner who can make this roster. WR/RS Lacy was a solid addition and can win the return role in camp.

Training Camp Objectives: The Jets missed the playoffs for the 15th consecutive season, the longest streak in professional sports. They struggled in HC Aaron Glenn's first season. Veteran QB Justin Fields was traded this offseason. GM Darren Mougey made wholesale personnel changes, looking to continue his major rebuild. The trade for QB Geno Smith could be a stabilizing force especially working around their young talented line. Vet runner Breece Hall had a 1000-yard rushing season, though only 4TDs. Their receiving corps looks to playmaker Garrett Wilson and rookie Omar Cooper to provide impact. TE Mason Taylor is a quality performer and will couple with 1st round pick Kenyon Sadiq to form a potent two TE set. Their defense was terrible overall. They made zero interceptions and just 26 sacks which explains why they surrendered the 2nd most points in the league. They look to young tackle T'Vondre Sweat to anchor the middle. They hope top pick, edge defender David Bailey coupled with Will McDonald to form a strong outside pass rush. New veterans, MLB Davis, safety Fitzpatrick, corner Wirght and tackles Sweat and Onyemata create a much-needed huge turnover on this unit. Jets are capable of a turn-around, though must see the ground game step up and control the ball and field position. The defense must improve significantly to approach the .500 mark. The Jets may be improved, though they will have to learn to win. GM Mougey needs to continue to build their roster before they can press for the playoffs.

Pittsburgh Steelers - 10-7 - Head Coach Mike McCarthy - 1st Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B

Round 1, pick 21: Max Iheanachor - OT, Arizona St
Round 2, pick 47: Germie Bernard - WR, Alabama
Round 3, pick 76: Drew Allar - QB, Penn State
Round 3, pick 85: Daylen Everette - CB, Georgia
Round 3, pick 96: Gennings Dunker - OL, Iowa
Round 4, pick 121: Kaden Wetjen - WR, Iowa
Round 5, pick 169: Riley Nowakowski - TE, Indiana
Round 6, pick 210: Gabriel Rubio - DT, Notre Dame
Round 7, pick 224: Robert Spears-Jennings - S, Okla
Round 7, pick 230: Eli Heidenreich - RB/WR, Navy

The Steelers addressed their top needs with most of their 10 selections. In the 1st round, they wanted a top offensive tackle and selected Max Iheanachor. He is a big, agile tackle with bulk, agility and length. He came on fast in 2025 after a strong performance at right tackle. With experience, he improved his quick footwork and used his hands better for the outside. He is a good fit here with the versatility to also play guard.

With their #2 pick they selected wideout Germie Bernard, a sure handed possession receiver with size and run after the catch ability. He is a big playmaker and

a good fit opposite #1 receiver DK Metcalf.

With three 3rd round picks, they choose QB Drew Allar, CB Daylen Everette, and OL Gennings Dunker. Allar is a strong-armed pocket passer with NFL starting talent. He was a good addition here with Aaron Rodgers in his final season of a great career. He most likely sits while he refines his skills and learns the system. CB Everette is a smart corner with length and technique. He could compete for the nickel role with a strong preseason. OL Dunker was an excellent selection and a surprise this late in the process. He combines power, bulk, agility and hands to press for an early starting job. He projects to RT and guard and fits the Steelers makeup of tough and rugged. He was good value here.

With their 4th round pick, they choose WR/RS Kaden Wetjen, a quick elusive runner with big play talent. He will compete for the slot position where he can play in a gimmick package of bubble screens, reverses and quick slants. He is dangerous in the return game with the suddenness to make tacklers miss and the speed to hit a seam. He should fill a critical role in this offense and can dictate field position when right. With their 5th round pick, they picked TE Riley Nowakowski, a versatile performer with experience inline, H-back and FB. He is a sure handed receiver who gets open and make plays. He is a tough blocker who allows them to change the formation on the play clock. He gives them a key piece in this attack. With their 6th round pick, they selected DT Gabriel Rubio, a long wide body who probably fits best in the five-technique role. He will have to impress in camp on a deep line, though could land on the PS if he shows skills in training camp.

With two 7th round picks, they added safety Robert Spears-Jennings and RB Eli Heidenreich. Spears-Jennings

is a tough durable downhill defender who can surprise here. He has quickness to the hole and the power and balance to finish with strong tackles. He has the makeup to become a top flight gunner on coverage units. RB Heidenreich is a versatile playmaker who can lineup in the slot or running back. He has sure hands and run after the catch ability to get this offense a key piece for certain sets. He is a leader and also a kick returner and will be a difficult prospect to cut due to his versatility.

Grade: B

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Steelers finally signed QB Aaron Rodgers prior to their mandatory mini-camp practices. He signed a one-year deal and hopes to direct this club deeper into the playoffs this season. He had a good season here last year with only an average supporting cast. The Steelers improved their offense at several positions this offseason. Rodgers welcomed a new vet receiver in Michael Pittman for a late round pick. They signed runner Rico Dowdle, CB Jamel Dean, safety Jaquan Brisker, center Brock Hoffman and DT Sebastian Joseph-Day. Dowdle gives them much needed speed out of the backfield. Dean and Brisker will upgrade this secondary. They lost RB Kenneth Gainwell, wideouts Calvin Austin and Marquez Valdes-Scantling, TE Jonnu Smith, guards Isacc Seumalo and Max Scharping, corner James Pierre and safeties Chuck Clark, Jabrill Peppers and Kyle Dugger. They added rookie free agents USC TE Lake McRee, Indiana DB Devan Boykin, Syracuse DL Kevin Jobity Jr., Kansas K Laith Marjan and Arizona State TE Chamon Metayer. TE McRee is a well-rounded prospect who will press for time and should warrant a PS spot.

Training Camp Objectives: The Steelers made the playoffs, winning four of their final five games of the season. They lost to the Texans in the opening round. It was another first round elimination. Veteran QB Aaron Rodgers did a lot with a marginal supporting cast including a shaky offensive line. Rodgers provided sound leadership and steady production. Wideout Metcalf. Their ground game looks for a boost from vet Rico Dowdle, to join Jaylen Warren and Kaleb Johnson. Their young offensive line added two potential rookie starters to press young tackles Broderick Jones and Troy Fautanu. This unit hold the key to improvement especially in protection. WR Roman Wilson must make the roster after the addition of veteran Michael Pittman and rookie Germie Bernard. TE Pat Freiermuth was a consistent weapon. Their defense slipped significantly especially in pass defense. The secondary will undergo a big turnover All-Pro backer TJ Watt and edge defender Alex Highsmith were still productive. They look to vet backer Herbig to build on his top 2025 performance. The secondary could produce two new starters in CB Dean and safety Brisker plus possible package starters. Their improvement on their offensive line may hold the key with Rodgers limited mobility. The Steelers won the AFC North last season and look to be competitive in this tough division, though their veteran defense must return to prior levels. Another return to the playoffs is possible with Rodgers in house in what is his grand finale. They must show more firepower for this club to compete with the top AFC teams.

Tennessee Titans - 3-14 - Head Coach Robert Saleh - 1st Year

2026 Rookie Draft Class - Grade: B+

Round 1, pick 4: Carnell Tate - WR, Ohio State
Round 1, pick 31: Keldic Faulk - Edge, Auburn
Round 2, pick 60: Anthony Hill Jr. - LB, Texas
Round 5, pick 142: Fernando Carmona - OL, Arkansas
Round 5, pick 165: Nicholas Singleton - RB, Penn State
Round 6, pick 184: Jackie Marshall - DL, Baylor
Round 6, pick 194: Pat Coogan - C, Indiana
Round 7, pick 225: Jaren Kanak - TE, Oklahoma

The Titans held a top 4 overall pick in the first round and selected WR Carnell Tate, a sure handed playmaker for QB Cam Ward. They entertained a few inquiries, though trading the selection never got serious. Tate is a highly receiver with extensive experience at a high level. He is battle tested and NFL ready with the call to win the starting job in camp. He looked sharp in mini-camp and has adjusted nicely to the new system. He was a solid addition, though a

slight surprise this early. With their second #1 pick, they chose edge defender Keldic Faulk, a young long prospect with huge upside potential. He must improve his technique to become a better edge rusher where he has the prototypical skill set. He can hold the point well while he learns. He was good value here with an intriguing upside.

With their 2nd round pick, they selected linebacker Anthony Hill, a big versatile backer with both inside/outside versatility. He is a quick athlete who has come on strong over his late career to warrant this early selection. He played both the inside and also the skill set to fit the edge very well. He shows a burst of the snap with the flexibility to bend and flatten out to get after the passer. He was a rising prospect and good fit here. Probably needs some reps, though could land in a situational rush role this fall with a good preseason.

With two 5th round picks, they selected OL Fernando Carmona and RB Nic Singleton. OL Carmona will probably line up at guard after time at tackle in college. He is a tenacious blocker who gets movement and uses his wide frame to shield defenders. He could surprise here with development. RB Singleton is a tough slasher with high production. He struggled with some late injuries which hurt his final grade. He can be a factor in this ground game where he has the power to run inside and quickness to make the edge. He was excellent value here and capable of being a huge surprise.

With their two 6th round picks, they drafted DL Jackie Marshall and OC Pat Coogan. DL Marshall is a quick smaller lineman who can pressure the passer. He hopes to impress in the preseason and earns a roster spot or a PS role. OC Coogan is a massive pivotman who was instrumental in the Indiana offense. He anchors well and gets a strong push at the point. His experience in a pro-style offense will help his cause and he can win a roster spot. He was a fine late addition. With their 7th round pick, they selected TE Jaren Kanak, a sure handed receiver with the versatility to line up at a few positions. He is an adequate blocker whether inline, on the move or from the fullback position. He shows reliable hands and is effective in the short zones. He can be a piece in this offense, as well as special teams. Nice late addition. **Grade: B+**

Rookie & Veteran Free Agency: The Titans added many veterans who had prior experience with new HC Robert Saleh. They added DTs John Franklin-Meyers and Solomon Thomas, safety Tony Adams and RB Michael Carter, in addition for trading for edge defender Jermaine Johnson. They also signed wideout Wan'Dale Robinson, DE Jacob Martin, DT Jordan Elliott, LB Mohamoud Diabate, corners Alontae Taylor and Cordale Flott, TE Daniel Bellinger, QB Mitchell Trubisky and center Austin Schlottmann. Franklin-Meyers and Johnson are major frontline improvements. Corners Taylor and Flott are big coverage improvement. WR Robinson will boost their passing game out of the slot. They lost TE Chiq Okonkwo, OL Lloyd Cushenberry and Kevin Zeitler, edge defenders, Arden Key, Ali Gaye and Jihad Ward, corners Jalyn Armour-Davis, Kalor Elam and L'Jarius Snead and safety Xavier Woods. Titans signed a very good group of rookie UDFAs in John Carroll WR Tyren Montgomery, Houston CB Latrell McCutchin, Tennessee CB Jalen McMurray, UTSA LB Shad Banks Jr., Notre Dame OT Aamil Wagner, Clemson CB Jeadyn Lukus, Illinois WR Hank Beatty, USC S Bishop Fitzgerald, Clemson OT Tristan Leigh, Purdue LB Mani Powell, Arkansas State CB Trenton Alan Yowe, NC State LB Sean Brown and Jacksonville State WR Brock Rechsteiner. Montgomery is a prospect to keep at least on the PS. LB Banks can earn a roster spot on his special teams' skills. OT Wagner is a raw prospect with the ability to win a backup role. CB McCutchin has a chance to make this roster and move up in time.

Training Camp Objectives: The Titans decline continued and they may have hit bottom with another 3-14 performance. They earned a high overall pick and added wideout Camall Tate. They made wholesale changes again this offseason in both the front office and coaching staff. New HC Robert Saleh looks to build off an improving roster and key players on both units. Young QB Cam Ward will work with a newly constructed receiving corps including Tate, and FA Wan'Dale Robinson. RB Pollard hit the 1000-yard mark again despite weak OL play. Their young and talented offensive line adds two veteran tackles, Moore and Latham to step up this season. Their defense is built around stud DT Jeffery Simmons and added new veterans DT John Franklin-Meyers and Jermaine Johnson both who played under Saleh in their careers. They need their front seven to be more productive in all areas of play. The secondary made changes after another poor performance with few big plays and huge air yardage allowed. New veteran corners, Flott and Taylor hope to stabilize this unit. This club will be competitive in the improving AFC South. Young players will have to produce for them to play up to their talent and reverse recent seasons. They have begun a huge rebuilding process, though are probably another draft and FA classes away from competing for the postseason.

NFL Draft 2026 Selection Order - Seven Rounds

***The 2026 NFL draft took place April 23-25 in Pittsburgh at The NFL Draft aired on NFL Network, ABC & ESPN.
C - Compensatory Picks***

First Round

Pick	Team	Player	Position	School
1	Las Vegas	Fernando Mendoza	QB	Indiana
2	NY Jets	David Bailey	Edge	Texas Tech
3	Arizona	Jeremiyah Love	RB	Notre Dame
4	Tennessee	Carnell Tate	WR	Ohio State
5	NY Giants	Arvell Reese	LB	Ohio State
6	Kansas City (Cleve)	Mansoor Delane	CB	LSU
7	Washington	Sonny Styles	LB	Ohio State
8	New Orleans	Jordyn Tyson	WR	Arizona State
9	Cleveland (Kans City)	Spencer Fano	OT	Utah
10	NY Giants (Cincinnati)	Francis Mauigoa	G/T	Miami
11	Dallas (Miami)	Caleb Downs	FS	Ohio State
12	Miami (Dallas)	Kadyn Proctor	G/T	Alabama
13	LA Rams (Atlanta)	Ty Simpson	QB	Alabama
14	Baltimore	Vega Ioane	OG	Penn State
15	Tampa Bay	Rueben Bain	Edge	Miami

16	NY Jets (Indianapolis)	Kenyon Sadiq	TE	Oregon
17	Detroit	Blake Miller	OT	Clemson
18	Minnesota	Caleb Banks	DT	Florida
19	Carolina	Monroe Freeling	OT	Georgia
20	Phil (Green Bay-Dallas)	Makai Lemon	WR	Southern Cal
21	Pittsburgh	Max Iheanachor	OT	Arizona State
22	LA Chargers	Ahkeem Mesidor	Edge	Miami
23	Dallas (Phil)	Malachi Lawrence	Edge	UCF
24	Cleve (Jacksonville)	KC Concepcion	WR	Texas A&M
25	Chicago	Dillon Thieneman	FS	Oregon
26	Houston (Buff)	Keylan Rutledge	OG	Georgia Tech
27	Miami (San Fran)	Chris Johnson	CB	San Diego State
28	New Eng (Hou-Buff)	Caleb Lomu	OT	Utah
29	Kan City (LA Rams)	Peter Woods	DT	Clemson
30	NY Jets (Den-Mia-Buff)	Omar Cooper	WR	Indiana
31	Tennessee (New Eng)	Kelvin Faulk	Edge	Auburn
32	Seattle	Jadarian Price	RB	Notre Dame

Second Round

33	San Fran (NY Jets)	De'Zhaun Stribling	WR	Mississippi
34	Arizona	Chase Bisontis	OG	Texas A&M
35	Buffalo (Tenn)	TJ Parker	Edge	Clemson
36	Houston (Las Vegas)	Kayden McDonald	DT	Ohio State
37	NY Giants	Colton Hood	CB	Tennessee
38	Las Vegas (Wash-Hou)	Treydan Stukes	FS	Arizona
39	Cleveland	Denzel Boston	WR	Washington
40	Kansas City	R Mason Thomas	Edge	Oklahoma
41	Cincinnati	Cashius Howell	Edge	Texas A&M
42	New Orleans	Christen Miller	DT	Georgia
43	Miami	Jake Rodriguez	LB	Texas Tech
44	Detroit (Dall-NY Jets)	Derrick Moore	Edge	Michigan
45	Baltimore	Zion Young	Edge	Missouri
46	Tampa Bay	Josiah Trotter	LB	Missouri
47	Pittsburgh (Indy)	Germie Bernard	WR	Alabama
48	Atlanta	Aveion Terrell	CB	Clemson
49	Carolina (Minn)	Lee Hunter	DT	Texas Tech
50	NY Jets (Detroit)	D'angelo Ponds	CB	Indiana
51	Minnesota (Carolina)	Jake Golday	LB	Cincinnati
52	Green Bay	Brandon Cisse	CB	South Carolina
53	Indianapolis (Pitt)	CJ Allen	LB	Georgia
54	Philadelphia	Eli Stowers	TE	Vanderbilt
55	New Eng (LA Chargers)	Gabe Jacas	Edge	Illinois
56	Jacksonville	Nate Boerkircher	TE	Texas A&M
57	Chicago	Logan Jones	C	Iowa
58	Cleveland (San Fran)	Emmanuel McNeil-Warren	S	Toledo
59	Houston	Marlin Klein	TE	Michigan
60	Tenn (Buffalo-Chic)	Anthony Hill	LB	Texas
61	LA Rams	Max Klare	TE	Ohio State
62	Buffalo (Denver)	Davison Igbinosun	CB	Ohio State
63	LA Chargers (New Eng)	Jake Slaughter	C	Florida
64	Seattle	Bud Clark	S	TCU

Third Round

65	Arizona	Carson Beck	QB	Miami
66	Denver (Tenn)	Tyler Onyedim	DT	Texas A&M
67	Las Vegas	Keyron Crawford	Edge	Auburn
68	Phil (NY Jets)	Markel Bell	OT	Miami
69	Chic (NY Giants-Hou)	Sam Roush	TE	Stanford
70	San Francisco (Cleve)	Romello Height	Edge	Texas Tech
71	Washington	Antonio Williams	WR	Clemson

72	Cincinnati	Tacario Davis	CB	Washington
73	New Orleans	Oscar Delp	TE	Georgia
74	NY Giants (KC)	Malachi Fields	WR	Notre Dame
75	Miami	Caleb Douglas	WR	Texas Tech
76	Pittsburgh (Dallas)	Drew Allar	QB	Penn State
77	Green Bay (Tampa Bay)	Chris McClellan	DT	Missouri
78	Indianapolis	AJ Haulcy	S	LSU
79	Atlanta	Zachariah Branch	WR	Georgia
80	Baltimore	Ja'Kobi Lane	WR	Southern Cal
81	Jacksonville (Detroit)	Albert Regis	DT	Texas A&M
82	Minnesota	Domonique Orange	DT	Iowa State
83	Carolina	Chris Brazzell	WR	Tennessee
84	Tampa Bay (Green Bay)	Ted Hurst	WR	Georgia State
85	Pittsburgh	Daylen Everette	CB	Georgia
86	Cleve (LA Chargers)	Austin Barber	OT	Florida
87	Miami (Phil)	Will Kacmarek	TE	Ohio State
88	Jacksonville	Emanuel Pregnon	OG	Oregon
89	Chicago	Zavion Thomas	WR	LSU
90	San Fran (Hou-Miami)	Kaelon Black	RB	Indiana
91	Las Vegas (Buffalo)	Trey Zuhn	C/G	Texas A&M
92	Dallas (San Fran)	Jaishawn Barham	Edge	Michigan
93	LA Rams	Keagan Trost	OG	Missouri
94	Miami (Denver)	Chris Bell	WR	Louisville
95	New England	Eli Raridon	TE	Notre Dame
96	Pittsburgh (Seattle)	Gennings Dunker	G/T	Iowa
97c	Minnesota	Caleb Tiernan	OT	Northwestern
98c	Minnesota (Pitt)	Jakobe Thomas	S	Miami
99c	Seattle	Julian Neal	CB	Arkansas
100c	Jacksonville (Detroit)	Jalen Huskey	S	Maryland

Fourth Round

101	Las Vegas (Tenn)	Jermod McCoy	CB	Tennessee
102	Buffalo (Las Vegas)	Jude Bowry	OT	Boston College
103	NY Jets	Darrell Jackson	DT	Florida State
104	Arizona	Kaleb Proctor	DL	Southeastern Louisiana
105	LA Chargers (NY Giants)	Brenen Thompson	WR	Mississippi State
106	Houston (Wash)	Febechi Nwaiwu	OG	Oklahoma
107	San Francisco (Cleve)	Gracen Halton	DT	Oklahoma
108	Denver (New Orleans)	Jonah Coleman	RB	Washington
109	Kansas City	Jadon Canady	CB	Oregon
110	NY Jets (Cini)	Cade Klubnik	QB	Clemson
111	Denver (Miami)	Kage Casey	OT	Boise State
112	Dallas	Drew Shelton	OT	Penn State
113	Indianapolis	Jalen Farmer	OG	Kentucky
114	Dallas (Atlanta-Phi)	Devin Moore	CB	Florida
115	Baltimore	Elijah Sarratt	WR	Indiana
116	Tampa Bay	Keionte Scott	CB	Miami
117	LA Chargers (Minn-Jax-Las Veg)	Travis Burke	OT	Memphis
118	Detroit	Jimmy Rolder	LB	Michigan
119	Jax (Carolina)	Wes Williams	Edge	Duke
120	Green Bay	Dani Dennis-Sutton	Edge	Penn State
121	Pittsburgh	Kaden Wetjen	WR	Iowa
122	Las Vegas (Phil-Atl)	Mike Washington	RB	Arkansas
123	Houston (LA Chargers)	Wade Woodaz	LB	Clemson
124	Chicago (Jax)	Malik Muhammad	CB	Texas
125	Buffalo (Chic-KC-New Eng)	Skyler Bell	WR	UConn
126	Buffalo	Kaleb Elams-Orr	LB	TCU
127	San Francisco	Carver Willis	OT	Washington
128	Cincinnati (Hou-Det)	Connor Lew	C	Auburn
129	Carolina (LA Rams-Chi)	Will Lee	CB	Texas

130	Miami (Denver)	Trey Moore	LB	Texas
131	LA Chargers (New Eng)	Genesis Smith	S	Arizona
132	New Orleans (Seattle)	Jeremiah Wright	OG	Auburn
133c	Baltimore (San Fran)	Matt Hibner	TE	SMU
134c	Atlanta (Las Vegas)	Kendall Daniels	LB	Oklahoma
135c	Indianapolis (Pitt)	Bryce Boettcher	LB	Oregon
136c	New Orleans	Bryce Lance	WR	North Dakota State
137c	Dallas (Phil)	LT Overton	DE	Alabama
138c	Miami (San Fran)	Kyle Louis	LB	Pittsburgh
139c	San Francisco	Ephesians Prysock	CB	Washington
140c	Cincinnati (NY Jets)	Colbie Young	WR	Georgia

Fifth Round

141	Houston (Las Veg-Cleve)	Kamari Ramsey	S	Southern California
142	Tennessee (NY Jets-Balt)	Fernando Carmona	OG	Arkansas
143	Arizona	Reggie Virgil	WR	Texas Tech
144	Carolina (Tenn)	Sam Hecht	C	Kansas State
145	LA Chargers (NY Giants)	Nick Barrett	DT	South Carolina
146	Cleveland	Parker Brailsford	C	Alabama
147	Washington	Josh Josephs	Edge	Tennessee
148	Seattle (from KC)	Beau Stephens	OG	Iowa
149	Cleveland (Cini)	Justin Jefferson	LB	Alabama
150	Las Vegas (New Orleans)	Dalton Johnson	S	Arizona
151	Carolina (Miami)	Zakee Wheatley	S	Penn State
152	Denver (Dallas)	Justin Joly	TE	North Carolina State
153	Green Bay (Atlanta-Phil)	Jager Burton	C	Kentucky
154	San Francisco (Balt)	Jaden Dugger	LB	Louisiana
155	Tampa Bay	Demonte Capehart	DT	Clemson
156	Indianapolis	George Cumbs	Edge	Florida
157	Detroit	Keith Abney	CB	Penn State
158	Miami (Minn-Car)	Michael Taaffe	S	Texas
159	Minnesota (Carolina)	Max Bredeson	FB	Michigan
160	Tampa Bay (Green Bay)	Billy Schrauth	OG	Notre Dame
161	Kansas City (Pitt)	Emmitt Johnson	RB	Nebraska
162	Baltimore (LA Chargers)	Chandler Rivers	CB	Duke
163	Minnesota (Phil)	Charles Demmings	CB	Stephen F Austin
164	Jacksonville	Tanner Koziol	TE	Houston
165	Tennessee (Chic-Buff)	Nicholas Singleton	RB	Penn State
166	Chicago (San Fran-Phil-Jax)	Keyshaun Elliott	LB	Arizona State
167	Buffalo (Houston)	Jalon Kilgore	S	South Carolina
168	Detroit (Buffalo)	Kendrick Law	WR	Kentucky
169	Pittsburgh (LA Rams)	Riley Nowakowski	TE	Indiana
170	Cleveland (Denver)	Joe Royer	TE	Cincinnati
171	New England	Karon Prunty	CB	Wake Forest
172	New Orleans (Seat)	Lorenzo Styles	S	Ohio State
173c	Baltimore	Josh Cuevas	TE	Alabama
174c	Baltimore	Adam Randall	RB	Clemson
175c	Las Vegas	Hezekiah Masses	CB	California
176c	Kansas City	Cyrus Allen	WR	Cincinnati
177c	Miami (from Dallas)	Kevin Coleman	WR	Missouri
178c	Philadelphia	Cole Payton	QB	North Dakota State
179c	San Fran (NY Jets)	Enrique Cruz	OT	Kansas
180c	Miami (Dallas)	Seydou Traore	LB	Mississippi State
181c	Buffalo (Detroit)	Zane Durant	DT	Penn State

Sixth Round

182	Cleve (NY Jets-L.Vegas-Jax)	Taylen Green	QB	Arkansas
183	Arizona	Karson Sharar	LB	Iowa
184	Tennessee	Jack Marshall	DT	Baylor
185	Tampa Bay (Las Vegas)	Bauer Sharp	TE	LSU

186	NY Giants	Bobby Jamison-Travis	DT	Auburn
187	Washington	Kaytron Allen	RB	Penn State
188	NY Jets (Cleve-Seat)	Anez Cooper	OG	Miami
189	Cincinnati	Brian Parker	G/C	Duke
190	New Orleans	Barion Brown	WR	LSU
191	Jax (KC-New Eng)	Josh Cameron	WR	Baylor
192	NY Giants (Miami)	JC Davis	G/T	Illinois
193	NY Giants (Dallas)	Jack Kelly	LB	BYU
194	Tenn (Balt-NY Jets)	Pat Coogan	C	Indiana
195	Las Vegas (Tampa Bay)	Malik Benson	WR	Oregon
196	New Eng(Indy-Minn)	Dametrious Crownover	OT	Texas A&M
197	LA Rams (Atlanta-Phil)	CJ Daniels	WR	Miami
198	Minnesota	Demond Claiborne	RB	Wake Forest
199	Seattle (Det-Cleve-Cin)	Emmanuel Henderson	WR	Kansas
200	Miami (Carolina)	DJ Campbell	OG	Texas
201	Green Bay	Domani Jackson	CB	Alabama
202	LA Chargers (Pitt-New Eng)	Logan Taylor	OG	Boston College
203	Jacksonville (Phil-Hou)	CJ Williams	WR	Stanford
204	Houston (LA Chargers)	Lewis Bond	WR	Boston College
205	Detroit (Jax)	Skyler Gill-Howard	DT	Texas Tech
206	LA Chargers (Chic-Cleve)	Alex Harkey	G/T	Oregon
207	Phil (Hou-Tenn-LA Rams)	Micah Morris	OG	Georgia
208	Atlanta (Buff-NY Jets)	Anterio Thompson	DT	Washington
209	Washington (San Fran)	Matt Gulbin	C	Michigan State
210	Pittsburgh (LA Rams-KC)	Gabe Rubio	DE	Notre Dame
211	Balt (Den-NY Jets-Minn-Phil)	Ryan Eckley	P	Michigan State
212	New England	Namdi Obiazor	LB	TCU
213	Chicago (Seat-Jax-Det)	Jordan Van den berg	DT	Georgia Tech
214c	Indianapolis (Pitt)	Caden Curry	DE	Ohio State
215c	Atlanta Phil)	Harold Perkins	LB	LSU
216c	Green Bay (Pitt)	Trey Smack	PK	Florida

Seventh Round

217	Arizona	Jayden Williams	OT	Mississippi
218	Dallas (Tenn)	Anthony Smith	WR	East Carolina
219	New Orleans (Las Vegas)	TJ Hall	CB	Iowa
220	Buffalo (NY Jets)	Toriano Pride	CB	Missouri
221	Cinn (NY Giants-Dallas)	Jack Endries	TE	Texas
222	Detroit (Cleve)	Tyre West	DT	Tennessee
223	Washington	Athan Kaliakmanis	QB	Rutgers
224	Pitt (New Orleans-New Eng)	Robert Spears-Jennings	S	Oklahoma
225	Tenn (Kan City-Dall)	Jaren Kanak	TE	Oklahoma
226	Cincinnati	Landon Robinson	DT	Navy
227	Carolina (Miami)	Jackson Kuwatch	LB	Miami (O)
228	NY Jets (Dallas-Buff)	VJ Payne	S	Kansas State
229	Las Vegas (Tampa Bay)	Brandon Cleveland	DT	North Carolina State
230	Pittsburgh (Indy)	Eli Heidenreich	RB/WR	Navy
231	Atlanta	Ethan Onianwa	G/T	Ohio State
232	LA Rams (Balt)	Tim Keenan	DT	Alabama
233	Jacksonville (Det)	Zach Dufree	DE	Washington
234	New England (Minn)	Behren Morton	QB	Texas Tech
235	Minnesota (Carolina)	Gavin Gerhardt	C	Cincinnati
236	Seattle (Green Bay)	Andre Fuller	CB	Toledo
237	Indianapolis (Pitt)	Seth McGowan	RB	Kentucky
238	Miami (Chargers-Tenn-NY Jets)	Max Llewellyn	DE	Iowa
239	Buffalo (Phil-Jax-Clev-Chic)	Tommy Doman	P	Florida
240	Jacksonville	Parker Hughes	LB	Middle Tennessee
241	Buffalo (Chic)	Ar'maj Reed-Adams	OG	Texas A&M
242	Seattle (Buff-Cleve-NY Jets)	Deven Eastern	DT	Minnesota

243	Houston (San Fran)	Aiden Fisher	LB	Indiana
244	Philadelphia (Hou-Minn)	Cole Wisniewski	S	Texas Tech
245	New Eng (LA Rams-Hou-Jax)	Jam Miller	RB	Alabama
246	Denver	Miles Scott	S	Illinois
247	New England	Quint Hutchins	Edge	Boston College
248	Cleveland (Seat)	Carson Ryan	TE	BYU
249c	Kansas City (Indy)	Garrett Nussmeier	QB	LSU
250c	Baltimore	Rayshaun Benny	DT	Michigan
251c	Philadelphia (LA Rams)	Uar Bernard	DT	No school
252c	Phil (LA Rams)	Keyshawn James-Newby	Edge	New Mexico
253c	Baltimore	Evan Beerntsen	C	Northwestern
254c	Indianapolis	Deion Burks	WR	Oklahoma
255c	Seattle (Green Bay)	Michael Dansby	CB	Arizona
256c	Denver	Dallen Bentley	TE	Utah
257c	Denver	Red Murdock	LB	Buffalo

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