

1) Cleveland Browns - **Saquon Barkley, RB, Penn State**

**Barkley is a true 3-down back with power to break tackles and speed to get to the next level. The Browns invested in their O-line last year and if you give Kizer a reliable option in the back field, I see him having a much more relaxed 2nd year to show what he's capable of.**

2) New York Giants - **Sam Darnold, QB, USC**

**Darnold struggled a bit this past year but there's no denying he's the best QB prospect in this draft. He's got the size, mobility, arm, and IQ to handle the New York lights. It's time to start planning for a future without Eli.**

3) Indianapolis Colts - **Bradley Chubb, DE, NC State**

**The Colts have not had a dynamic pass rusher since Dwight Freeney was in his prime 5 years ago. Chubb not only fits a need for the Colts but he is clearly the best pass rusher in this class. He's not a once in a generation guy like Jadeveon Clowney was hyped as, but his hands, power, and unrelenting motor will be a huge get for a Colts pass rush that needs it.**

4) Cleveland Browns (via Houston) - **Minkah Fitzpatrick, DB, Alabama**

**The Cleveland Browns should not overthink this draft. You got the best overall player with the first pick. Now get the best defensive player in this draft with your second. His physical traits are off the charts but if his mental attributes carryover into the NFL, the Browns would have a leader on the defense that would be hard-pressed to find in the NFL today.**

5) Denver Broncos - **Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming**

**The Trevor Semian/Paxton Lynch experiment needs to end. Allen did not have the year that everyone expected, however his physical traits alone are enough to be the best QB that came out of this class. Elway knows he's a franchise QB away from getting back to the level they previously were and while I don't think Allen is ready for playing time, he needs to take his shot.**

6) New York Jets - **Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA**

**If you're Todd Bowles and you know have a locker room that commands your respect already, it might be worth the gamble to bring in someone who'd immediately be the most talented QB on your roster. The Jets need alot of help on their offense which I think they will take care of in the rest of the draft, but this is a gamble that needs to be taken.**

7) Tampa Bay Buccaneers - **Quenton Nelson, OG, Notre Dame**

**The Bucs strike gold and get the best offensive lineman in the draft. If there's one reliable weapon that can help a QB from getting hit, it's a strong running game. Doug Martin is still a solid back for them and adding a plug and play starter in Nelson to break open the holes along that O-line for Martin will not only help the run game, but will definitely take pressure off Winston.**

8) Chicago Bears - **Denzel Ward, DB, Ohio State**

**Ryan Pace did a great job rebuilding the front-seven, but the secondary still needs a lot of work. I like Kyle Fuller, but adding another top flight corner to the mix could take off some pressure on him. Ward is not the biggest guy at only 5'9, but he is an aggressive man-coverage type of DB that knows how to play against any type of receiver.**

9) San Francisco 49ers - **Connor Williams, OT, Texas**

**After officially signing Jimmy Garoppolo as their franchise QB, the next question that should come is how to protect him? Joe Staley has been a consistent presence on their offensive line for years but is definitely starting to show signs of age. Connor Williams is the best Tackle prospect in this draft and while he may not have dominated the competition like a lot had hoped, he still has every attribute you want in an NFL left tackle.**

10) Oakland Raiders - **Tremaine Edmunds, LB, Virginia Tech**

**There are a number of different options I can see the Raiders going but one that somewhat catches my eye is the middle of their LB corps. Edmunds strikes me as a very darkhorse type of prospect in this draft. He didn't necessarily put up the numbers you'd like to see in college, but his physical traits are something that has scouts drooling with excitement for what you can do with him.**

11) Miami Dolphins - **Josh Jackson, DB, Iowa**

**A former Jim Thorpe winner, Jackson returned for his senior year and definitely improved his stock as an all around cover corner. He's got the size and length to be a physical nightmare for some of the best receivers in the league. His speed may be a question, but he more than makes up for it with his coverage skills.**

12) Cincinnati Bengals - **Roquan Smith, LB, Georgia**

**Vontaze Burfict has been nothing more than a headache in the middle of that front seven for Cincinnati and if Marvin Lewis wants to stay, he needs leadership. Smith has the alpha-dog mentality you want in a middle linebacker. He's aggressive, smart, and has underrated speed. Do not underestimate the difference he could make in the Bengals linebacker corps.**

13) Washington Redskins - **Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama**

**While it's debatable if Alex Smith is truly an upgrade over Kirk Cousins, the situation of not having a true #1 receiver remains a problem for him. Ridley is by far the best wide receiver in this class. He's not an elite athlete, but route running ability along with his more than capable catching ability will make him a favorite for Smith these next few years in DC.**

14) Green Bay Packers - **Derrius Guice, RB, LSU**

**Aaron Rodgers desperately needs a running back. Luckily for him, the most underappreciated player in this draft is available. Guice underachieved at LSU this year but make no mistake, he is a Day 1 starter in the NFL. He has great speed, solid pass blocking ability, and he runs angry. He'll add a dynamic that Rodgers hasn't had behind him in a long time and could be the biggest steal of this draft.**

15) Arizona Cardinals - **Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma**

**This is the wild card of this entire draft. Mayfield is under-sized but there is no denying that his play making ability and leadership traits are special. He does have some off the field concerns, which may give pause to a rookie head coach. However, the roster is capable of making a playoff run and they don't have a QB yet. He's not a Week 1 starter, but he's worth the mid 1st pick.**

**16) Baltimore Ravens - Ronald Jones II, RB, USC**

**Guice would've been a perfect fit for the Ravens here but instead, they find themselves with a different type of runner. Jones has the play making ability and speed that would have Harbaugh very intrigued as an offensive weapon. Joe Flacco needs more playmakers on offense and Jones fits that category perfectly.**

**17) Los Angeles Chargers - Derwin James, DB, Florida State**

**Derwin James is the biggest mystery in the whole draft. He is quite possibly the best overall athlete in this entire class and having him fall to a big playoff darkhorse this season is shocking. However, his tape shows someone who didn't make highlight reel plays or was someone that quarterbacks were afraid to go near. If he learns to use his god given gifts to pair with the core of Bosa and Ingram, this Chargers defense could be elite.**

**18) Seattle Seahawks - Mike McGlinchy, OT, Notre Dame**

**The Seahawks have desperately needed offensive line help for the longest time and they did solve that problem last season trading for Duane Brown. Brown is a Pro-Bowl lineman however it should be in the Seahawks best interest to continue and build depth on the line so this problem doesn't occur again. McGlinchy was considered a top tackle prospect this year but underachieved a bit. He can start off a right tackle and lean behind a pro bowler before supplanting him in a few years.**

**19) Dallas Cowboys - Maurice Hurst, DL, Michigan**

**DeMarcus Lawrence is coming off an All-Pro season and is due for a big new contract in free agency. While it would be surprising to see them not meet his demands, it wouldn't hurt to take the best interior lineman in the draft to either replace or pair with Lawrence. Hurst is a powerful 4-3 DT who would add alot of versatility to pass rush that started to turn the corner last year.**

**20) Detroit Lions - Harold Landry, DE, Boston College**

**Landry is someone that alot of scouts were expecting to be the top 4-3 DE coming out this year. However for some reason he didn't put up the numbers alot were expecting. His motor alone is still worthy of a 1st round pick, but his stock has significantly dropped since the beginning of the year. The Lions could potentially be losing Ziggy Ansah in free agency this year and with Matt Patricia looking to revitalize the defense in the Motor City, Landry could be a great first step.**

**21) Buffalo Bills - Rashaan Evans, LB, Alabama**

**The Bills finally made the playoffs this past year and while alot of attention will be on who's under center, it shouldn't change the philosophy of taking best player available. Evans is a tackling machine that Sean McDermott will want to have in the middle of his**

defense similar to the role that Thomas Davis played for year. Evans has the quickness, football IQ, and physicality to be a long time presence for the Bills and would be a smart pick.

**22) Buffalo Bills (via Kansas City) - Isaiah Oliver, DB, Colorado State**

The Bills receive Kansas City's selection this year and I still continue with the best player available debate for them. Tre'Davious White had a hell of a rookie season and adding a similar corner to the opposite end of the field could do wonders for this secondary. Oliver rose up boards this year thanks to his speed and ball skills that jumped off the tape. He may not have played against stiff competition, but his traits will translate to the NFL with the right coaching.

**23) Los Angeles Rams - Billy Price, C, Ohio State**

This is somewhat of a luxury pick but in retrospect it makes sense. The Rams rebuilt their O-line this past year with the headliner being Andrew Whitworth at Left Tackle but John Sullivan was another key pick up to be the center for Jared Goff. Sullivan is 32 and will definitely begin to show signs of decline. It's imperative for a young QB like Goff to maintain consistent protection along his o-line. Price is easily the best center in this class and could not only be a reliable backup for Sullivan, but will be a worthy heir apparent to step in when the time is right.

**24) Carolina Panthers - Courtland Sutton, WR, SMU**

Carolina needs to add pass catchers for Cam. Greg Olsen is a top 3 TE in the NFL and Christian McCaffery has star potential. However, Devin Funchess is not at the #1 receiver level and Curtis Samuel was never able to show what he's truly capable of. Sutton is somewhat of an enigma in this class. His size and speed are NFL ready but his route running does need work and his hands aren't the best. The Panthers don't have to rely on him to be a contributor right away, which I think should help his development better.

**25) Tennessee Titans - Marcus Davenport, DE, UTSA**

Davenport was the small school darling that everyone wanted to see at the Senior Bowl this past month. He dominated small school competition at UTSA and showed the pass rushing abilities that teams dream of. Unfortunately, the hype was quieted somewhat after not necessarily blowing away the competition in Mobile. Make no mistake, he is still 1st round worthy, and he'd be a perfect fit for a Titans defense looking for a go-to pass rusher.

**26) Atlanta Falcons - Arden Key, DE, LSU**

Key was at one point considered a Top-5 talent in this year's class before the season. He then took a leave of absence in the Spring for undisclosed reasons and returned in the Fall to a somewhat lukewarm production. His talent is there to be a potential str pass rusher in the NFL, but teams are going to want to know his full story. He will drop and when he does, Atlanta would be hard pressed to not look at potential dream tandem of Key and Vic Beasley at the bookends of their unit.

**27) New Orleans Saints - Sam Hubbard, DE, Ohio State**

**The New Orleans had possibly the greatest defensive turnaround that we have ever seen. It was thanks to newcomers like Marshon Lattimore and Marcus Williams to go with a solid core in Cameron Jordan, Sheldon Rankins, and Kenny Vaccaro to finally begin to show the potential of this Saints defense. Adding yet another piece to this unit will only make the Saints even more dangerous. Hubbard may not have lived up to the sky high expectations when he first enrolled at Ohio State, he is still a solid 4-3 end prospect that would fit perfectly as an opposite end to Jordan.**

**28) Pittsburgh Steelers - Ronnie Harrison, DB, Alabama**

**I cannot stress how much I want Harrison to be a Steeler. Mike Mitchell has officially overstayed his welcome in the Steeler secondary and needs to be let go. Harrison is almost a carbon copy of Mitchell except better. Harrison has the physicality to land jarring hits in the open field but he also has the instincts to break into coverage and be a difference maker in the pass game. Like Mitchell, he can be over aggressive at times. However, he's young enough that he can learn from his tendencies and become a better all around player.**

**29) Jacksonville Jaguars - Da'Ron Payne, DL, Alabama**

**The rich get richer. Jacksonville showed this season what solid free agency pick ups and drafting elite talent will do to a defense that was once considered a laughing stock. To be honest there are a lot of players selected earlier that will probably fall to the Jags but playing to who's left, Da'Ron Payne would be a fantastic addition to this defensive line rotation. I don't really expect Marcel Dareus to stay long so adding the size and power of Payne will make Jacksonville even more of an unwelcomed destination for others.**

**30) Minnesota Vikings - Malik Jefferson, LB, Texas**

**The Vikings defense is one of the most elite units in the NFL. Which made it even more shocking to see how the Eagles offense embarrassed them in the NFC title game. Adding more athleticism should be a priority for a still elite defense. Jefferson doesn't have the football IQ that a lot of Middle Linebackers should possess, but his speed and coverage skills should not be overlooked.**

**31) New England Patriots - Dallas Goedert, TE, South Dakota State**

**I'd be shocked if Gronkowski does officially retire. This pick however, is more so based on the idea of what the Patriots were missing this year. Brady was always at his best using a 2 TE rotation and Goedert is the best TE in this class. Adding another mismatch to pair with Gronk would give defenders headaches and if worse comes to pass, he's a solid contingency for Gronk's hollywood dreams.**

**32) Philadelphia Eagles - Sony Michel, RB, Georgia**

**This is the definition of a luxury pick. The 3 headed backfield rotation worked wonders for the Eagles this year and I see the trend continuing next year, especially to ease the pressure on a recovering Wentz. Jay Ajayi can take over the bruising role that Blount originally played but for a change of pace type of game-breaker, it'd be pretty tough to pass up Michel.**