

2013 S'FELD SCOUTING SERVICES NFL DRAFT PREVIEW

1. Kansas City Luke Joeckel OT Texas A&M

It seems the only debate about the #1 overall pick of the 2013 draft has been will it be Luke Joeckel or will it be Central Michigan OT Eric Fisher. While scouts have become enamored with Fisher's measurables and his tremendous athletic ability, new head coach Andy Reid takes Joeckel and his combination of excellence against a high level of competition and the fact that he is more technically sound than Fisher. Joeckel succeeded at an elite level against SEC foes last season and contrary to public opinion, he was even more of a factor in Texas A&M defeating Alabama last year than Johnny Manziel. With the Branden Albert situation not sorting itself out, this move helps to shore up the tackle spot for KC regardless of how Albert's situation eventually ends. The Chiefs get a player here that is ready to contribute from the moment Commissioner Goodell calls his name at the podium and suddenly there is more than enough optimism to go around in Kansas City.

THE EXTRA POINT – *I am a firm believer that what happened with the addition of Jim Harbaugh in San Francisco is going to happen with the addition of Andy Reid in Kansas City. The 49ers were brimming with unharnessed potential before Harbaugh rode into town and the same sort of script looks to play out in Kansas City. With the addition of an established QB in Alex Smith, one of the game's best running backs in Jamal Charles and new lease on life for WR Dwayne Bowe, the addition of Joeckel puts Kansas City in a situation where they could be a legitimate threat next year with their new pieces.*

2. Jacksonville Dion Jordan DE Oregon

In what can easily be described as one of the most unpredictable drafts we may ever see, at pick #2 we have already reached a spot where there are multiple players rumored to be selected. The already mentioned Eric Fisher has been predicted here by ESPN's Kiper & McShay and BYU DE Ezekiel Ansah is a popular target as well. For the second time in two picks, we have a new coach entering his first year with his new team, however, unlike Andy Reid, Jags head coach Gus Bradley will lean on his defensive background to help right the wrong which has been the pathetic Jaguar defense. Offensive tackle just isn't the play here and while Fisher is great, the Jax pass rush is on life support and Oregon DE Dion Jordan is just what the doctor ordered. Jordan's speed and versatility give Jacksonville the opportunity to use him in multiple ways in the box and this will be the first in many moves to rebuild this defense.

THE EXTRA POINT – *Defensive tackle is also a position of need for the Jaguars and I believe there is a strong possibility they will come back with the highest DT on their board for the first pick of the second round. This is a team that does have QB issues to resolve, but then again, they have a lot of positions to resolve and taking the top defensive players available to them in the initial rounds of the draft will give them more of an immediate impact than having to sort out another QB.*

3. Oakland Sharrif Floyd DT Florida

Speaking of a team with a ton of needs, we have now reached the annual dog-and-pony show that is and remains the Oakland Raiders. As a huge fan of NFL history, you have to hope beyond hope that the Raiders will start to figure it out. They have very few picks in this year's draft and will have to make the most of every single one. On top of their lack of picks is that they have looming salary cap issues. If they do remain at #3 the play is likely to be for Sharrif Floyd, who excelled at Florida once he was moved from defensive end to tackle. Floyd can wreak havoc on the interior and with the Raiders shedding several of their high-priced veterans to get out from under their contracts, the rebirth of the Raiders defense starts upfront with young, athletic go-getters like Floyd.

****THE EXTRA POINT*** – This could very well be where we see the first trade of the draft. With the potential of one of the top two OTs available here and with a few other teams coveting Alabama CB Dee Milliner or potentially even the third-best OT in Lane Johnson, Oakland could give themselves some leverage by trading down to receive much-needed additional picks to help their depth at virtually every defensive position. This would be considerably more beneficial for them.*

4. Philadelphia Eric Fisher OT Central Michigan

Let me say this – no matter how the chips fall in the first 3 picks, the Eagles are going to be ecstatic with whoever lands in their lap here. Of the three top offensive tackles in the draft (Joeckel, Fisher, Johnson), Joeckel, who we have as the #1 overall pick, may be the worst fit for the Eagles. New coach Chip Kelly wants an athletic tackle to suit his style and Fisher and Johnson are more catered to what Kelly prefers. Some have said the Eagles may look to trade out of this, but I highly doubt it. Both the Eagles OTs are coming off injuries and Todd Herremans may actually be better qualified at this point of his career to play guard than tackle. Drafting Fisher makes that possible for Herremans and there is not a possibility of getting another tackles of this quality later on in the draft. The Eagles can answer their other pressing issues later, but at #4 they will clean up by taking the ever-fluid Fisher, who is a tremendous player in motion and I think it goes without saying that Chip Kelly's offense will be predicated on all players being effective on the move and in space.

****THE EXTRA POINT*** – I will be the first person to eat crow if it happens, but the Geno Smith talk to Philly is ludicrous. Kelly already has mobile QBs in Michael Vick and Dennis Dixon and has reason to believe that for now he can make do with one or both of those guys. If for some reason the three offensive tackles are all off the board when we get to the Eagles pick, it won't be Smith they select, but rather DE Dion Jordan or potentially DT Star Lotulelei.*

5. Detroit Lane Johnson OT Oklahoma

It is about to get interesting now as the Lions are faced with the option of selecting the last of the three great OTs in Lane Johnson, who would fill the void left by the retired Jeff Backus, Dee Milliner, who will fill the void that has been left by inadequate Lion cornerbacks for several years, or Ezekiel Ansah, who would give Detroit the outside presence to match the fine interior they have with DTs Suh and Fairley. In analyzing the three options, Ansah is out because it would take him time to work into the Lions system. Milliner makes a ton of sense because he would finally give Detroit a fearless

matchup corner to defend the Packers' wide array of receivers, the Bears' Brandon Marshall and the newly acquired Greg Jennings of the Vikings. However, the focal point of the Lions entire team is QB Matt Stafford being able to get the ball to WR Calvin Johnson and that is best served with the selection of Oklahoma's Lane Johnson.

THE EXTRA POINT – The Lions are in a very intriguing spot as several teams will be trying to move ahead of them to select the coveted offensive tackles in this draft. They could even be part of the trading action themselves if another team is willing to throw the world at them to get into the #5 position. If that is the case the Lions could easily take additional picks and move down the ladder while still picking up Milliner or a top defensive lineman in addition to an assortment of extra picks.

6. Cleveland	Ezekial Ansah	DE	BYU
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I can hear it already. Ezekial Ansah? Seriously S'feld? What about Geno Smith? How about Dee Milliner? Are you forgetting Tyler Eifert? No one has the Browns taking Ansah!!! That may be the case but S'feld Services doesn't base its information on what everyone else is doing and we certainly don't buy into the misinformation that is being spread through the media. The Browns love Ansah and would very much like to parlay his talents with that of incoming free agent Paul Kruger. The fastest way to go from irrelevant back to the verge of contending is to build from the inside out and Ansah and his never-ending ceiling give Cleveland that opportunity.

THE EXTRA POINT – If there is any team that has kept the draft experts guessing this year it is the Cleveland Browns. I will admit that they could go in a number of different directions and have been rumored to want to trade up to #3 with the Raiders along with wanting to trade down with the Chargers at #11, so my advice on taking information that is coming out of their camp is "Buyer Beware".

7. Arizona	Chance Warmack	OG	Alabama
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The Cardinals realize that they aren't going to get the offensive tackle they were hoping for so they have to settle for the best guard in the draft – not a bad consolation. I don't see how the Cardinals can go anywhere other than offensive line because they added two pieces in free agency that will most assuredly benefit from a better offensive line – QB Carson Palmer and RB Rashard Mendenhall. Palmer is as mobile as the Statue of Liberty and Mendenhall is trying to prove himself all over again after knee surgery. This makes the addition of Warmack a double win for the Cards as they do one of the most important things possible in the draft – protect their investments.

THE EXTRA POINT – Another reason to bank on an offensive draft for the Cardinals is the addition of new head coach Bruce Arians who needs to address the ineptitude of this offense immediately. With time running out on the prime years of WR Larry Fitzgerald it is Arians job to find a way to get this offense clicking again and not waste one of the all-time talents in NFL history.

8. Buffalo Jonathan Cooper OG North Carolina

For the sixth time in the first eight picks we have a new head coach making his first selection with his new team. That can make it difficult to gauge since there is no track record to base selections off and it also makes it difficult to tell if a new coach will try to make a big splash right out of the gate. Head coach Doug Marrone could do just that in taking his QB at Syracuse Ryan Nassib, but I don't think he could possibly make that big of a splash or should I say that big of a reach. With the loss of talented guard Adam Levitre the need is there for the Bills to pick up a guard in the draft to give new QB Kevin Kolb a comfort zone. I think that is exactly what the Bills do in selecting UNC OG Jonathan Cooper. The Bills offensive line actually isn't that bad and the addition of Cooper will prevent there from being any excuses this year about the Bills poor play coming from the offensive line.

THE EXTRA POINT – *There has been some speculation about the dynamic, multi-purpose WR Tavon Austin being a target here and while the Bills have pretty much been Stevie Johnson or bust when it comes to their receiving corps, Austin is too comparable to CJ Spiller and what he provides to take him here. Buffalo will likely look receiver in the second round since the position is so deep, but they can't pass up a top OG like Cooper here.*

9. New York Jets Barkevious Mingo DE/OLB LSU

There are some spots where the team and the player just seem to be a perfect fit and this is one of those places. The Jets are so good on the interior of their defensive line but they are struggling on the edge. Mingo is a superb athlete and will be putty in Rex Ryan's hands. While the Jets possess one of the worst offenses in the NFL, defense is still Ryan's bread and butter and more importantly, his pride and joy, and Mingo will be a big factor in the Jets getting both their pride and their swagger back.

THE EXTRA POINT – *After trading CB Darrelle Revis to Tampa Bay it will be very enticing for the Jets to want to select CB Dee Milliner here and hope they can get their cake and eat it too by picking up Mingo with their second pick at #13. However, there is no other player who seems as custom made for a team's needs as Mingo is to the Jets and they realize that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. Passing on Mingo here to hopefully pick him up at #13 could leave them completely empty handed as Tennessee would love to select Mingo themselves with the very next pick.*

10. Tennessee Star Lotulelei DT Utah

The Titans need to find someone who can help take pressure off defensive ends Kamerion Wimbley and Derrick Morgan and Lotulelei is the best player available to do that. At one point Lotulelei was being talked about as a top five pick and potentially even the #1 overall pick in the draft. However, a heart irregularity scare hurt his draft stock and moved him down the board into the teens. If Lotulelei is good to go than the Titans are getting tremendous value here as he is among the best in the business at shedding blockers.

THE EXTRA POINT – Tennessee would definitely be open to an offensive lineman in this spot but it would have to be one of the top three offensive tackles or offensive guards Warmack or Cooper. If any of those players are available than Lotulelei may be left out in the cold but by all appearances, the chances of one of those guys slipping to the Titans is not great.

11. San Diego	DJ Fluker	OT	Alabama
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The Chargers are devastated that neither OGs Warmack or Cooper fall to them here and because of that they are left with really no other choice than to select DJ Fluker. Their offensive line is an absolute mess and despite the fact they have other needs and some good players at other positions are available to them here, they can't take the best player available. They have to draft for need because no need is greater than the lack of playmakers on their offensive line. This isn't a bad pick for San Diego, it just doesn't end up being who they really wanted in this spot.

THE EXTRA POINT – I have seen several projections that suggest that the Chargers will trade up with the Browns to get the #6 pick so that they can get one of the top flight offensive linemen. That is great in fantasy world, but the Chargers don't have any resources with which to make that trade. Has any team fallen as hard and as fast as these San Diego "Not So Super" Chargers? The Chargers hands are tied and while they would love to be able to move up, they have so many holes to fill that they are forced to keep their resources and simply take whomever the top offensive lineman is on their board when their pick comes up.

12. Miami	Dee Milliner	CB	Alabama
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This could best be described as the best of both worlds for the Dolphins. Outside of the offensive tackle position, the biggest need facing the Dolphins is cornerback. Conversely, at this position, Milliner could be considered the best player on the board so the Dolphins get a 2-for-1 of need and talent. Milliner has had to deal with multiple surgeries throughout his career and that has put a mild damper on his stock. S'feld Services doesn't buy for a second the knock on Milliner and he is easily the top overall cornerback on our board. We believe the Dolphins feel this way as well. His fall is the Dolphins gain and Miami has just added a player that a month ago would not have been considered a possibility here.

THE EXTRA POINT – Milliner is extremely talented and intelligent and proved throughout the year his extreme versatility. While some corners excel at man and others are better versed in zone, Milliner gives you a significant advantage in both. His effectiveness was evident against Tennessee when he held speedy superstar WR Cordarrelle Patterson to one catch (his lowest total of the year) and his versatility was proven when he was asked to neutralize a much bigger player in Notre Dame TE Tyler Eifert in the National Championship Game.

13. New York Jets (TB)	Tyler Eifert	TE	Notre Dame
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Speaking of Eifert, let me go on record as saying that this is a great pick by the Jets. While Tavon Austin will be tempting in this spot for New York, Eifert is in a class of his own. The Jets lost Dustin Keller in free agency and they more than make up for his loss here. One of the best ways to get QB Mark Sanchez feeling comfortable again is to give him a big, athletic target who is too fast for a linebacker and too physical and tall for safeties. Eifert will become Sanchez's best friend in no time and will give him that outlet he so desperately needs since the Jets lack quality receivers or a running game.

THE EXTRA POINT – *In all reality, I have to applaud the Jets for being able to get what they were able to receive for Revis. Teams knew that the Jets were hamstrung and wanted badly to get out from under Revis' attitude and ability to hold the team hostage. Now the team can move forward and eliminate a portion of the drama that always seems to follow them, Sanchez, Rex, Revis and Tebow.*

14. Carolina	Sheldon Richardson	DT	Missouri
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Much like the fit that Barkevious Mingo was to the Jets at #9, Sheldon Richardson fits the same bill here with the Panthers. While they need to upgrade the receiver position, they can't look past the fact that they lack a devastating presence on the interior who can disrupt the opponent's run game and get into the backfield. Richardson is the type of player who answers the bell on every play and has a motor that doesn't quit. He will bring an intensity to the Panthers that has been missing for quite some time. While the secondary will still be porous, the Panthers at least have plugged the hole they had at DT.

THE EXTRA POINT – *I must admit that the thought of Tavon Austin here gave me pause and I will be kicking myself if they end up selecting him. My deciding factor in sticking with Richardson is that while the combination of Cam Newton and Austin would be beyond exciting, the Panthers defense will continue to put the offense in a position where they have to score 30 points a game to win until they add better players. I also have to think head coach Ron Rivera is getting sick of watching his defense get gashed especially since he is a defensive-minded coach.*

15. New Orleans	Kenny Vaccaro	S	Texas
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The Rams are somewhat disappointed as Vaccaro is their target at #16 and they have to watch the Saints scoop him up one pick before they can select him. This is another situation of the Saints taking the best player available and still being able to solve a need, but not necessarily the primary need. While Roman Harper has been a very good player for the Saints for a number of years, Father Time has caught up to him and his coverage skills have significantly diminished. Enter Kenny Vaccaro who can pick up the slack and be a key cog in the Saints defense for years to come.

THE EXTRA POINT – While some will argue that Florida safety Matt Elam is on Vaccaro's level, S'feld Services would counter that there is only one player in Tier 1 for safeties and that player is Vaccaro. He is another player who proves his work on film and not necessarily at Pro Day or in an individual workout. His instincts make up for any speed issues that scouts have been concerned with and this is a player that can help you win in multiple ways.

16. St. Louis	Tavon Austin	WR	West Virginia
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While they don't end up with Vaccaro, I have a hard time believing there are going to be a lot of tears shed over taking Tavon Austin. The Rams will be thrilled that this offensive dynamo is still available and believe me when I say that it won't take long for them to get the card up to the podium. Austin will be able to make a smooth transition into St. Louis where he will find himself operating in the backfield, in the slot, out wide and in the return game. St Louis will utilize him in any and every situation possible and playing indoors on the turf will make Austin even more dangerous.

THE EXTRA POINT – Sometimes the beauty of the draft is that you end up with guys that you may not have even wanted, anticipated or even considered. Case in point, I remember the 2000 NFL Draft when the Chicago Bears were desperately trying to trade up to get Plaxico Burress before the Steelers could take him. They weren't able to do it and had to settle for a player out of New Mexico named Brian Urlacher. How did that work out for them?

17. Pittsburgh	Jarvis Jones	OLB	Georgia
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Pittsburgh has a need to replace Mike Wallace and while WR Cordarrelle Patterson is basically a younger version of Wallace, Pittsburgh's identity has and always will be defense, and right now they have some major holes to fill on that side. Fortunately, Jones is a natural fit for their scheme and should have tremendous freedom to do what he does best – seek and destroy. Plus, Pittsburgh doesn't typically invest early round picks on receivers and we don't believe they will start that trend this year.

THE EXTRA POINT – Pittsburgh has been on an amazing run for quite some time now but you have to start wondering if maybe they are due for a fall. They have lost considerable talent on both sides of the ball and instead of reloading, it feels more like they are rebuilding heading into the 2013 season.

18. Dallas	Sylvester Williams	DT	North Carolina
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If the board were to play out as we have laid it out above, then pick #18 for Dallas should be among the easiest. Sylvester Williams is everything the Cowboys are not. He is young, athletic and he hit the daily double of performing well not only during the season but also at the Senior Bowl. The Cowboys current starting DTs are both on the wrong side of 30 and as we have seen in today's game, you need a solid rotation of guys at DT, and heading into the draft, the Cowboys don't have that.

THE EXTRA POINT – There is no doubt in my mind that in bringing Monte Kiffin in to run the defense, the Cowboys are going to do everything they can to give him the tools to make his 4-3 work. That means they will more than likely make this more of a defensive draft than they have in the past and look for them to try to stockpile defensive weapons that can help then accommodate the switch to the 4-3 and help return Monte Kiffin to the Monte we knew from the Tampa Bay years and not USC years.

19. New York Giants	Desmond Trufant	CB	Washington
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The Giants are in need of linebacker help but they have a track record of getting it in later rounds. And while there are several decent defensive linemen still on the board, the value at cornerback predicates that they select Desmond Trufant, who will compete with DJ Hayden for this spot. Trufant is more game ready than Hayden at this point and I believe that while Hayden may have more overall potential, Tom Coughlin would prefer a player he can go to war with right away.

THE EXTRA POINT – They wouldn't trade up to do it but keep an eye on the Giants taking TE Tyler Eifert if for some reason he would happen to fall to this point. The Giants could also hone in on Zach Ertz from Stanford. With wideouts Hakeem Nicks, Victor Cruz and Rueben Randle all in the fold, an elite TE would be a difference maker for Eli and Co. and would be a significant piece that was missing from last year's team.

20. Chicago	Manti Te'o	ILB	Notre Dame
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With Marc Trestman coming to Chicago as an offensive guru, it causes you to look at the offensive options the Bears could jump on in Round 1, but there seems to be a hole in every theory. With Brandon Marshall and Alshon Jeffery in tow would you draft a WR here? No. While having another TE would give Cutler more of a cushion, do you really want to select a tight end not named Tyler Eifert here? No. The depth at corner isn't great but with Charles Tillman and Tim Jennings both making the Pro Bowl last year would you want to draft another corner here? No. Hey, Brian Urlacher wasn't resigned and there is a gaping hole at middle linebacker. Should the Bears draft one? YES!

THE EXTRA POINT – While Te'o has seen his reputation devolve into more of a punch line than anything else, the Bears are hoping that he picks up the torch from Urlacher, who received it from Singletary, and reverts back to the way he played in the regular season and not how he finished his Irish career in forgettable fashion against Alabama.

21. Cincinnati	Eddie Lacy	RB	Alabama
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In all reality, Cincinnati is really not that far away from getting over the hump. They have become a regular playoff team but have been a one-and-done the past two years at the hands of the Texans. With AJ Green proving that he is among the best of the best at WR, the Bengals need to solidify the running game as they can't rely on the Law Firm of BenJarvus Green-Ellis to carry the load any more. We have also seen that you need two running backs to be effective in the NFL and Lacy would excel at getting 10-15 touches a game much like he did in a shared role at Alabama. Plus he would be among the best goal line backs in the NFL from the word go with his bruising style.

THE EXTRA POINT – *If it isn't Lacy, and I am really hoping that it is because I think he is exactly what Cincy needs, Eric Reid would be a great addition for the Bengals at safety as well. The longshot is potentially selecting a receiver but the Bengals can easily get one in the next round, but a player like Lacy won't be as readily available if they pass on him here.*

22. St. Louis (WASH)	Eric Reid	S	LSU
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The Rams missed out on Vaccaro early, but they are able to snag Eric Reid with their second pick of the first round to help soothe the loss of both of their safeties from last season. Reid is not to be slighted. He doesn't get the hype, but he has good size and recognition skills and definitely has a first-round grade despite being overlooked by other services.

THE EXTRA POINT – *With the addition of Austin and Reid, St. Louis is another team that is very, very close to taking their team to the next level and being a playoff team. How they address the running back situation will be their most dire objective as the loss of Steven Jackson will force them to address the position somewhere within the first three rounds of the draft if they don't select one with one of their first two picks.*

23. Minnesota	Alec Ogletree	ILB	Georgia
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I know. I know. I know. The Vikings need a receiver. They lost Percy Harvin, S'feld! This is all true, but there are a ton of receivers still out there and the Vikings need an inside linebacker and they need him yesterday. Ogletree may have some off the field issues, but I don't think it is anything close to scaring off Rick Spielman from selecting him. If it wasn't for the red flags, the Vikings wouldn't even be in a position to take him because he would have been drafted in the teens. Ogletree can make plays all over the field and attacks the ball with reckless abandon. If harnessed by the right coaching staff, this guy can be a huge playmaker.

THE EXTRA POINT – *I have the utmost confidence that Spielman will put the Vikings in the best possible position with his two first-round picks whether he uses them both or trades one of them. He knows the positions he has to come away from the draft addressing and with the extra picks I think he will be a mover and shaker throughout the draft.*

24. Indianapolis Xavier Rhodes CB Florida State

The Colts still have some offensive line concerns that they need to address but with what is available to them at this spot, Xavier Rhodes makes the most sense. It is a need for the Colts and while I could see them adding more receiving weapons for Andrew Luck, that would be more of a candy addition than meat and potatoes. If the Colts can improve their defense they are going to make life a whole heck of a lot easier for Luck.

THE EXTRA POINT – *Much like some of the other teams in the draft, I think the second round is going to develop into a free-for-all for wide receivers and while several teams pass on them in the first round, they will flock to them in the second.*

25. Minnesota (SEA) Cordarrelle Patterson WR Tennessee

I must admit that I went back and forth on Patterson or Keenan Allen or even Robert Woods here for the Vikings, but in the end the fact that Patterson gives you a 2-for-1 as a deep threat who isn't afraid to go across the middle, and as a return man made more sense than anyone else, especially when you consider that Percy Harvin held the same dual roles. Patterson is beyond explosive and is Devin Hester-like with the ball in open space. His ability to learn NFL offenses has been questioned, but that is simply a gross overstatement. With a veteran like Greg Jennings to take him under his wing, the sky could be the limit with Cordarrelle.

THE EXTRA POINT – *You have to give credit where credit is due and that starts with Rick Spielman. How he was able to fleece the Seahawks for the bounty he received for Percy Harvin is beyond me. There was no way that Harvin was going to play another down for the Vikings, yet he is able to unload him to Seattle for way more than anyone could have expected. If Spielman handles the draft the way he abused the Seahawks, then good things will be awaiting Vikings fans in upcoming years.*

26. Green Bay Menelik Watson OT Florida State

There is a significant falloff between Watson and the previous OT selected in the draft, but the Packers drafted heavy on defense last year and need to upgrade the offensive line so that Aaron Rodgers can do his thing.

THE EXTRA POINT – *This isn't a sexy pick at all but unless Eddie Lacy slips to them here or they decide to go with a safety, the best thing they can do is rework the offensive line.*

27. Houston DeAndre Hopkins WR Clemson

I love this pick. Andre Johnson needs some help as he is near the end of his prime days, but the addition of Hopkins may give him a new lease on life. Hopkins could be the perfect complement to Johnson. He has incredible hands and the thought of Arian Foster in the backfield and Hopkins and Johnson out wide sounds like Lethal Weapon 3 to me.

THE EXTRA POINT – Houston could go with a different wide receiver but the thought of Hopkins and Johnson is comparable to that of Anquan Boldin and Torrey Smith last year in Baltimore and we all know how well that combo fared. Big, physical receiving duos are becoming the latest NFL trend.

28. Denver Bjoern Werner DE Florida State

Denver has turned into one of the teams that will be able to get to this position and truly select the best player on the board for them. Their needs are not as prevalent as most teams and Werner makes sense for them. The Broncos have to make up for the loss of Elvis Dumervil, and Werner showed great improvement last year at FSU which is how he found his way into the first round.

THE EXTRA POINT – DJ Hayden would also make sense here for the Broncos as you can never have too many good cover men and if not for a major injury setback late in 2012 he would have been a much higher pick.

29. New England DJ Hayden CB Houston

Bill Belichick couldn't be happier to be able to get Hayden here. After wheeling and dealing to pick up Aqib Talib from Tampa Bay last year, the Patriots could find themselves selecting Hayden and turning a position that was a weakness heading into 2012 into a strength heading into 2013.

THE EXTRA POINT – Hayden is the pick but Belichick has been known to have a trick or two up his sleeve and I can't stop thinking about the fact that WR Keenan Allen would be a tremendous weapon on this team. Allen would help to restack the deck with fresh receivers after the Pats said goodbye to Wes Welker and Brandon Lloyd.

30. Atlanta Zach Ertz TE Stanford

There is more than likely only going to be one more season of Tony Gonzalez in Atlanta so why not take the second best TE in the draft and let him learn from the best in his first year and then take the torch from Gonzo when he rides off into the sunset. Ertz is a major talent and would be an important cog in the Atlanta machine that employs a heavy utilization of the tight end position. On top of that, the Falcons would have a tremendous advantage in double-tight formations and could create even more mismatches. For a team that was so close to going to the Super Bowl, Ertz could be an addition that helps the Flacons take the next step.

THE EXTRA POINT – It has become more obvious over the last few years that the TE position has become a major focus of teams and that to have a good one gives you a major advantage. A tight end in the first round used to be frowned upon unless he was thought to be ultra elite, but you get the feeling that tight ends in the first round isn't going away any time soon with the production we have seen from them in recent years.

31. San Francisco	Matt Elam	S	LSU
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San Francisco is another team that falls within the category of fewest needs, but the one main area in which they could draft a player to be a starter and not just provide depth is at the safety position. There are mixed reviews on where Matt Elam will go, but it would be hard to imagine him not getting a sniff in the first round. Elam would be a tremendous player in the 49ers system as he is aggressive and a sure tackler who can excel in blitz situations along with moving up in the box to address the run.

THE EXTRA POINT – *There have been suggestions that the Seahawks and 49ers are in a clear battle of one-upsmanship and that the 49ers may look at additional receiver options to match Seattle, but I think they are content with the addition of Boldin to play alongside Crabtree and they don't need to try to match Seattle weapon for weapon. Defense has carved the identity for this team under Harbaugh and they will continue to address the things it takes to keep that defense at the elite level.*

32. Baltimore	Jonathan Cyprien	S	Florida International
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In losing LB Ray Lewis and safety Ed Reed the Ravens are put in a conundrum at #32 of which need to address with their first round pick. The call here is about as close as a coin flip and while I would love to see them take ILB Kevin Minter of LSU or even potentially Arthur Brown of Kansas State, I believe they will select the safety remaining who most emulates what Ed Reed brought to the table. Cyprien is as physical of a player as you will find at this position and that will go a long way in helping replace a legend in Ravens history.

THE EXTRA POINT *It is interesting that of the two teams that made the Super Bowl last year, one (San Francisco) has very few needs and the other (Baltimore) has multiple after being hit extremely hard in free agency. While there is nothing like winning a Super Bowl, losing as many key players as Baltimore did has made it very difficult to see them being able to pull off a similar playoff run in upcoming years.*