

2014 S'FELD SCOUTING SERVICES NFL DRAFT PREVIEW

*****TRADE*** (Houston trades with Atlanta to move down from 1st to 6th^h)**

1. Atlanta (via HOU) Jadeveon Clowney DE South Carolina

The 2014 NFL Draft is going to start with some fireworks as Houston finally finds a way to compromise with Atlanta, the only serious trading partner they have been working with at this late juncture. Houston wants out of this spot very badly because the guy they want they can get at #6 so there is no point paying #1 money and not earning additional picks as well. The Texans more than likely won't be able to get as much in trading down as teams would in previous years with the #1 overall selection, but with Atlanta knowing there aren't other teams looking to trade to #1, they find themselves in the enviable position of being able to get the guy they want without having to give up the farm to get him. While Clowney has been targeted to Houston for awhile, Sfeld Services knows he is NOT going to end up a Texan, as the Falcons get the player they want to improve their porous defense and the hope that there is a lot more of the 2012 Clowney who wreaked havoc on the SEC than the 2013 version who was more like a sideshow.

THE EXTRA POINT – *S'feld Services comes out throwing a haymaker here, but let there be no doubt that this projection is not just some stunt by SSS to sell more subscriptions - this trade is very likely to happen as Houston is smart enough to know that being stubborn and holding out for more than you can likely get, doesn't make sense, and you should take what you can get while you have the opportunity. As for the Falcons, they have a history of making big splash trades into the top 5, but SSS doesn't foresee Clowney having the same impact that Julio Jones had when they traded for him in 2011.*

2. St. Louis Sammy Watkins WR Clemson

The consensus says that Greg Robinson is the play here but I just don't think so. I know the NFC West has developed into a physical, tough-minded division where you better be able to protect your QB, but you also better have someone for him to throw to as well and the Rams can still get a solid OT at #13, but there is no chance of getting Watkins there. He is a man among boys as the top of the receiver crop in this year's draft and his freakish ability and tremendous size is what is needed more than anything in St. Louis. The Rams receivers are a bunch of guys who have run the word "potential" into the ground. Watkins teamed with the explosive Tavon Austin finally gives Sam Bradford the chance to prove what he is worth.

THE EXTRA POINT – *Pretty high positioning for a wide receiver here but I think you have to look at each draft on a case-by-case basis and the combination of size and skill to go along with a deep need for the Rams at this position completely justifies the pick. Watkins feels like a pretty sure bet and a guy that could be the missing piece for getting this Rams team that is oh-so-close, to finally getting over the hump of mediocrity.*

3. Jacksonville	Khalil Mack	OLB	Buffalo
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Everyone always wants Jacksonville to select players that will fill the seats, but let's be honest – that player doesn't exist for a fan base like Jacksonville. Why didn't they take Tebow? Why don't they grab Manziel? Why you ask? Because the key to putting people in the seats is winning. Khalil Mack might not be the sexiest pick in the world, but head coach Gus Bradley is building to win on defense and he didn't come to Jacksonville to get in a PR fight over what it's going to take to get the Jacksonville fans back. Jacksonville actually played better during the second half of last season and Henne is serviceable compared to the Blaine Gabbert Project. It shouldn't be lost on anyone that Jacksonville has 7 picks in the top 150 so their strategy should be to accumulate the best guys available and let the cards fall where they may. Here is hoping for GM David Caldwell that the cards come up all aces.

****THE EXTRA POINT*** – I know people are going to say that I am crazy, but Jacksonville really isn't that far away from being a playoff contender and this draft has a pretty good chance of being one that we look back on and point to as the turning point. The Jags fell into the trap of being in the wrong marriage for too long with Blaine Gabbert and now they can finally get out from underneath that rock. It is a new day in Jacksonville and if owner Shahid Khan can just get out of the way and be patient, I think the results will follow.*

4. Cleveland	Greg Robinson	OT	Auburn
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We now get to the most anticipated selection of the 2014 draft. There has been so much talk about what Cleveland will do that I hope this picks lives up to the hype. While the Browns are desperate for a major QB upgrade, I think they will confirm the worst kept secret among GMs – that while there are numerous QBs projected in the first round, none of them may be the game-changers that warrant a pick this high. Cleveland can add yet another stellar OT to play alongside Joe Thomas and while it may be safe, you really can't go wrong taking the top offensive lineman in any draft. A player like Robinson could be a 7-to-10 year plug and play starter and he has already shown he is among the most physical linemen in this draft.

****THE EXTRA POINT*** – With the exception of teams trading up to get him, if Manziel doesn't go to Cleveland here, it could be a long fall for the Texas A&M star. While he was a phenomenal college player, SSS wonders how you would justify taking a QB who looks like he could fall into the category of the always tantalizing Michael Vick – pretty good when he plays, it is just a matter of when or how long he will play. Manziel does have the benefit of Russell Wilson setting the table for him as a shorter QB who has had success, but Wilson seems to have it all and I am not sure the same can be said for Johnny Football.*

5. Oakland	Jake Matthews	OT	Texas A&M
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Oh Reggie McKenzie. It was only a few short years ago that you were the toast of the NFL and you were going to finally show the Davis family what a real football organization looked like. Yeah, not so much. The shine has worn off the shoe for McKenzie, the Raiders GM, and he needs to get this pick right. Too many misses have left Reggie and the Raiders back at square one and when a GM

has his feet to the fire like Reggie does, I don't see him making a reach pick. That is why Jake Matthews makes so much sense here to the Raiders at #5. Much like Greg Robinson, Matthews is a solid player who will get the job done and while not a sexy pick by the fan's standards, this should help keep the posse off McKenzie's trail for at least a little while longer. I firmly believe that Oakland is committed to Matt Schaub and believe they got a diamond in the rough taking him off of Houston's hands. QB isn't in play here.

THE EXTRA POINT – *I have to admit – I was one of the guys who was ecstatic that the Raiders were finally joining the 21st century and getting a real GM instead of Al Davis's bizarre methodology for making his selections. However, after consecutive 4-12 seasons, Al's technique isn't looking so bad comparatively, and I never thought I would say that.*

*****TRADE*** (Atlanta trades with Houston to move up from 6th to 1st)**

6. Houston (via ATL)	Blake Bortles	QB	UCF
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Houston – we have no problem. Not after trading down five spots and still getting the guy that you wanted. I don't think that I am speaking out of turn when I say that Bortles is a significantly better fit for the Texans than any other QB in this draft. With the weapons that Houston has on offense, they need a traditional pro-style slinger that can get it to Andre Johnson and DeAndre Hopkins and Bortles is just that guy.

THE EXTRA POINT – *I know the Bill Belichick coaching tree has produced quite a few misses, but if there was a guy who can buck that trend I think Bill O'Brien is that guy. The Penn State job was never going to be a long term proposition for O'Brien and his primary objective as to be an NFL head coach. And talk about landing in a bed of roses. You end up with a team as loaded as the Texans and get the #1 overall pick? Christmas has officially been moved to May 8th for O'Brien as last year's Texans team was an aberration and there is zero chance this team ends up among the worst 10 teams of the NFL next year.*

7. Tampa Bay	Mike Evans	WR	Texas A&M
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Since the day that Josh McCown signed with the Tampa Bay Bucs, I had a feeling that the only pick in the first round that seemed like a foregone conclusion was Mike Evans to the Bucs. That's because Josh McCown had success last year in Chicago with big targets like Brandon Marshall and Alshon Jeffery. So by adding Mike Evans to Vincent Jackson, the Bucs have basically replicated McCown's weapons from last year with the Bears and created Chicago South. I know there is some late steam coming in that Lovie Smith wants a defensive player like Aaron Donald, but maybe by taking Evans he can show Tampa fans what he failed to show Chicago fans – a real offense.

THE EXTRA POINT – *Lovie and Company made quite a splash in free agency signing up top targets like the Glazers had money to burn. Picking up free agents is one thing, but having a solid draft is another. If the Bucs do select an offensive player with their first pick you can bet the farm their next two picks will be on the opposite side of the ball.*

8. Minnesota	Aaron Donald	DT	Pittsburgh
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Last year Sfeld Services said that Rick Spielman would be a mover and a shaker in the draft. We were right. Last year we said that Cordarrelle Patterson would be selected by the Vikings. We were right. When it comes to Vikings insiders – look no further than SSS. I think if the right opportunity comes along the Vikings would be willing to move down this year but if Aaron Donald is available here, I just don't see how the Vikings won't take the bird in the hand and grab a guy in Donald, who has seen his stock rise considerably in the last few weeks and who teams seem to be targeting right around the 6-14 slots. While the Vikings also need to add a corner, I think they could easily trade up later on to add one but you won't match Aaron Donald's ability later on if you don't grab him at #8.

****THE EXTRA POINT*** – Whenever I see a new coach take over and he enters his first draft, I typically slant the pick toward the side of the ball that he coaches as he wants to establish what he knows. There are exceptions to every rule as all we have to do is look at our projecting Mike Evans (a receiver) to Lovie Smith (a defensive coach), but that situation is a little different. Lovie has been a coach before and I think he realizes the glaring need at wideout. For Coach Zimmer, building a base of great players upfront seems like it will be a major focus and as we saw with several teams last year, you can never have enough depth with your front four.*

9. Buffalo	Eric Ebron	TE	UNC
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The Bills need a right tackle about as badly as any position right now, especially after finishing among the bottom five teams in the league in sacks allowed, but as we have seen throughout this draft already, need vs. talent can be quite a conundrum. I think the Bills will fall on the side of talent and take the best tight end available in the draft in Ebron, who has proven he is a one-man James Gang. This move should help speed up the maturation process of EJ Manuel and give him another outlet to focus on.

****THE EXTRA POINT*** – Ebron is a beast and is the new age type of tight end who can make plays whether on the line or split out. He will own the seam and is a playmaker after the catch and doesn't shy away from contact. The evolution of the tight end position has taken us from people being aghast at seeing a tight end selected at #9 overall to now just calling it Thursday.*

10. Detroit	Darqueze Dennard	CB	Michigan State
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SSS feels very confident that if the Lions were looking at the Sfeld Services board through 9 picks, they would be choosing between Justin Gilbert and Darqueze Dennard. Gilbert is thought to be the better of the two, but my gut tells me that the Lions like that Dennard is more physical and excels in press coverage. After watching him play last year, I don't know how anyone could say that he would play second fiddle to anyone. The kid plays like any pass completed against him is a major offense. Here is hoping that the Lions take the hometown kid who looks like not only a pretty good player but a pretty safe bet at #10.

THE EXTRA POINT – I would never want to jinx the Lions as everyone knows they have been jinxed for 50 straight years, but it appears that the Lions can't screw up this pick. The players that are on their short list such as the aforementioned Gilbert and Dennard and other potential needs like Ebron, Aaron Donald and Ha Ha Clinton Dix would all be great fits for Detroit. That being said – they're still the Lions.

11. Tennessee	Justin Gilbert	CB	Oklahoma State
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Quarterback could be in play here but I think the Titans brass lets it ride with Jake Locker for one more year and shores up the secondary instead with Gilbert. The Titans would be happy with Gilbert or Dennard. As you can see it appears to be a draft at this point that features teams that need a QB, but just aren't sold on committing to one in this class when they can build in other areas and have a better chance of getting a quicker return on their investment.

THE EXTRA POINT – Part of the reason I don't see a QB as a high priority for the Titans is that they realize how hard it is to play the waiting game on a guy just like they are doing with Locker right now. His window is rapidly closing and if there is not a QB you are really sold on, it is better to take a pass than to be stuck in a bad situation with your most important position.

12. New York Giants	Odell Beckham Jr.	WR	LSU
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The Giants have quite a few needs to address especially on defense, but with the loss of Hakeem Nicks and the frequent drops of Victor Cruz, they won't want to wait too long in this draft to try to fill that gap at wideout. While SSS thinks this is too high for a player like Beckham, beggars can't be choosers and the Giants need to keep the arsenal stocked with weapons for Eli. If Ebron happens to fall this far, you can bet your bottom dollar that he won't get past the Giants as they are salivating over his services.

THE EXTRA POINT – No pick in this draft can help the Giants turn around their franchise overnight as the Giants are starting to slip closer to mediocrity than excellence and we may be entering the swan song for Tom Coughlin as it is hard to imagine that he has many more bullets in the chamber. The Giants have had some amazing Super Bowl runs in the past decade but their window looked like it closed last year with too many veterans and not enough playmakers. It may be a longer road back to the top than most realize.

13. St. Louis	Taylor Lewan	OT	Michigan
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St Louis sits in very good shape with their second pick of the first round and stays on the offensive side of the ball by selecting Lewan. Lewan has been projected in the top 10 by several services and St Louis would be happy to solidify their tackle position with Lewan. The Rams would prefer to have Dennard or Gilbert fall to them here but settling for Lewan is not a bad consolation prize.

THE EXTRA POINT – I could see St. Louis trading out of the spot as well if their 2 corners are gone and trying to stockpile a few more of their needs later on instead of taking best available at #13.

14. Chicago	Calvin Pryor	FS	Louisville
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This feels like a pretty straightforward pick for the Bears. If Aaron Donald is around, the Bears take him, if he isn't available, they take the 2 top corners, if they are off the board than they grab Pryor. Pryor is an immediate improvement over Chris Conte, who has left a bad taste in the mouths of all Bears fans after his busted coverage on Randall Cobb sent the Packers to the playoffs and the Bears into hibernation. The Bears have been missing that backend presence since they had Mike Brown. They hoped to find a solution at safety when they drafted Major Wright and Daniel Manning with high picks in the past few years but those picks were met with mixed results. The Bears hope the third time's the charm with Pryor.

THE EXTRA POINT – The Bears defense was a mess last year after being decimated by injuries and while they addressed some needs on the defensive line through free agency, there are still multiple holes to fill. The Bears can stockpile defensive picks from front to back in this year's draft as the only offensive piece they are in need of is a backup running back to Matt Forte.

15. Pittsburgh	Kyle Fuller	CB	Virginia Tech
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In the history of the NFL Draft it doesn't matter who the GM is or where he picks, or who he selects in the draft, you will always hear at the press conference how the GM "Got the guy he wanted". It is a lot like college football recruiting when coaches claim they got the guys they wanted. This is a complete fabrication and while Steeler GM Kevin Colbert will come to the podium and tell everyone how excited the Steelers are to have Kyle Fuller, the real truth is that with the SSS mock, the pieces didn't fall Pittsburgh's way and while they get a good player they didn't end up with one of the 2 elite corners.

THE EXTRA POINT – To my point above, it's not Pittsburgh's fault they ended up with Kyle Fuller, the board just didn't fall the way they will have hoped it would and when that happens you simply have to take the best guy remaining and Colbert will do that with Fuller.

16. Dallas	Timmy Jernigan	DT	Florida State
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Manziel right? That's what you have been hearing. Jerry Jones loves the kid! He is at the top of the Cowboys board! They will do whatever they can to sprint to the podium with his name on the card if the Good Lord allows him to fall to #16! C'mon people. Wake up! You do know this is THEE Jerry Jones we are talking about. He graduated from Smokescreen Central Academy. Don't get blinded by all the hype surrounding what a team's PR machine says. Like scouts always say – "Tape Don't Lie". The tape tells me that an awful Dallas defense just got a lot worse losing DeMarcus Ware and Jason Hatcher and I hope you don't think "One Knee" Henry Melton is going to answer the bell. Nope, Jernigan has been kept hidden in the weeds by JJ for a long time now and Manziel or any other offensive player won't help prevent the Cowboys from giving up gobs of points each week. It starts with defense for Dallas.

THE EXTRA POINT – We have to be getting to the point where Jerry realizes he can't wild card these drafts and free wheel and hope that it is all going to pan out for him. His track record has been awful and I am going out on a limb by saying that I think he will figure out this year that substance over style is what is needed in Dallas.

17. Baltimore	Ha Ha Clinton Dix	FS	Alabama
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It's going to be defense. It's just a matter of which defensive position the Ravens want to address. Free safety is a major area of need and they could pair Pryor or Clinton-Dix with strong safety Matt Elam to form a nice duo, or a team that has seen pretty good linebacker play in the past could select CJ Mosley as well to fill that area although it isn't a major need. We will go with Dix because I have heard zero buzz about him to the Ravens and I sense smokescreen.

THE EXTRA POINT – Baltimore has been about as effective as any team in the league at drafting playmaking defensive players at any position and I think they would get pretty good value with Dix here. Dix hasn't heard his name swirl around with much buzz recently but I would be willing to bet his play will change all that.

18. New York Jets	Brandin Cooks	WR	Oregon St.
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I think the play here has to be the best WR available and for the Jets that is Cooks. We believe they are on either him or Beckham and Beckham is long gone by pick #18. The addition of Eric Decker is all well and good for the Jets, but I think it will be proven that the Jets have overpaid for Decker if they expect him to carry the load. Denver was an ideal situation for him and I think he is going to learn rather quickly that Geno Smith comes up a tad short of Peyton Manning's skill level. Cooks will stretch the field and help give Decker a better chance to be what he truly is and the Jets days of reloading on defense are over since their offense is so dismal.

THE EXTRA POINT – Much like Reggie McKenzie may be drafting for his life in Oakland, Rex Ryan needs players that can help him immediately as well. There may be no tomorrow for Rex and he knows it. He needs immediate impact and he needs it yesterday.

19. Miami	Zach Martin	OT	Notre Dame
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Miami was looking at a grouping of offensive tackles that ranged from Cyrus Kouandjio to Morgan Moses to Joel Bitonio. There is no way they projected that Martin would fall here but when he does they are making it rain in the war room in South Beach! Bring Lebron, bring D Wade, bring all your friends and your friends' friends because this is a best-case scenario for Miami and Martin will be ready to rock and roll Week 1. I think Miami would have been looking at contingency plans leading up to this point and potentially trading out, but not when a kid of this caliber falls in their lap.

THE EXTRA POINT – Of all the teams in the draft, Miami feels like the team that could be the most nervous, because they have needs in a year when there really isn't value for where their selection is. That is why I think they will be working the phones like crazy and hoping that something like a Martin comes to them otherwise they can get the same value at a much lower selection for some of the guys I mentioned above.

20. Arizona	Anthony Barr	OLB	UCLA
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In my heart I want to believe that QB guru Bruce Arians has a QB in mind that he thinks he could develop here while Carson Palmer gives it one or two more years in Arizona. Unfortunately, I think the QB Arians wants is the only one that is gone (Bortles) and with a team that overachieved like the Cards did last year, I think there is hope the team is closer to the postseason then even they thought going into last year and so they address a need without having to reach to do it. Barr is very athletic and can get to the QB in a division that has two of the most mobile guys the NFL has ever seen and that trumps reaching for a QB that you would have to develop when Barr can help ASAP.

THE EXTRA POINT – I have to give it up for Bruce Arians in Year 1. Are you kidding me? Your QB is older than my grandfather, you are in the toughest division in football and in Year 1 you lead a franchise known for poor decisions to 10-6? That is only the second time in the last 37 years the Cardinals have won 10 games. This guy is goooooood.

21. Green Bay	Ryan Shazier	OLB	Ohio State
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Green Bay proved last year that just because they were weak at a position (RB) they didn't have to panic and take that position with their first pick. And let me say this – I was one of the guys that couldn't believe they passed up on Eddie Lacy in the first round last year and I was even more surprised when they ended up with him in the second round!!! Patience and knowing what the other teams will do and where the talent is at each position is how the great GMs separate themselves from the average ones. That is why I think that while the Pack lost James Jones and Greg Jennings in the past two years and they need to restock the cabinet with a receiver, they feel they can still get a good one in round 2, while they won't be able to get an OLB like Ryan Shazier there. Green Bay has become pretty good at doubling down and I think there is a chance their hit card is a face that gets them to 21 again with Shazier in this spot and a quality WR in round 2.

THE EXTRA POINT – He isn't likely to go in the first round but a guy that SSS feels is one of the top 3 most underrated players in the draft is WR Jordan Matthews of Vanderbilt. This guy is rated around #6-8 among receivers in this draft but SSS believes he may be the receiver you remember in 5 years from this draft. A disciplined receiver who runs great routes and makes plays anywhere on the field, he is NFL-ready and Sfeld Services thinks a team like Green Bay or New England will gobble up this diamond in the rough and leave everyone else wondering how they missed the boat on this kid.

22. Philadelphia	Marqise Lee	WR	USC
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Am I jumping the gun here thinking that Marqise Lee is going to make people forget about Desean Jackson. Maybe. But I know this much – Lee is already going to be more of locker room favorite than the divisive Jackson ever was. There is so much more that goes into Chip Kelly's decision to let Jackson go and I think he knew there were many ways he could go here with a group of receivers who could all fit Jackson's bill. Cooks would be another consideration if he was available, but I think Kelly is more than happy to add an old nemesis in Lee and have him playing for him in Philly instead of against him when he was at USC.

THE EXTRA POINT – *Had Nick Foles not opened his shirt to show the 'S' on his chest last year, I would have penciled Manziel in here without hesitation. Manziel would keep Chip up all night long finding new ways to use the multi-faceted QB to exploit defenses, but because Foles became a showstopper last year, I think it is safe to say the Eagles have their QB for the future and now they just want to get him additional firepower.*

23. Kansas City	Xavier Su'a-Filo	OG	UCLA
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Remember how I just referenced Jordan Matthews? There is a real possibility that he could end up here but I think Andy Reid rolls the dice he may be able to get equal value or trade up for him in the second round and instead takes the best OG on the board. When your QB is Alex Smith you need to give him time in the pocket and that means always looking to upgrade the offensive line. The Chiefs need a receiver, yes, but in a Deal or No Deal situation with the best OG staring you in the face you don't challenge the banker. DEAL!!!

THE EXTRA POINT – *Is there a team that can't wait to get to the regular season to wash the taste of an unbelievable playoff loss out of their mouths any more than the Chiefs? These guys had to be ready to kick off the 2014 campaign the moment they got out of the locker room after that horrifying loss in Indy. The draft for them is just another checkpoint in getting closer to righting a wrong in 2014.*

24. Cincinnati	Johnny Manziel	QB	Texas A&M
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You know that pick in the first round where that buffoon Chris Berman screams out "Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! What just happened here?!?" Well, welcome to that pick. Cincinnati is a team that for too long has had the talent to win in the postseason but just always finds a way to come up short. Marvin Lewis shakes things up a bit and finds a way to send a message to Andy Dalton which isn't a veiled threat – it is an actual one. Manziel would have a chance to thrive in Cincy and SSS thinks this could be a great fit. Even if he was only a part-time player in 2014, Manziel as a part-time player could give Cincy the X-factor it has needed at that position for quite some time.

THE EXTRA POINT – *Does Marvin Lewis have a lifetime contract? Seriously, I don't know many coaches that would have survived as long as he has with his track record and I am not saying that as a knock, I am just saying that ownership has the patience of Job.*

25. San Diego	Bradley Roby	CB	Ohio State
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Pretty straightforward, no nonsense pick here. The Chargers need help in the secondary and they grab the best CB remaining in Roby. Way too many big plays given up by the Superchargers last year and a big reason for those big plays against them was a faulty secondary. The play of Keenan Allen last year allows for San Diego to avoid having to take a receiver here although they will need one in subsequent rounds.

THE EXTRA POINT – *This pick could also go the way of a bigger option at corner in Stan Jean-Baptiste but I don't think his size outweighs Roby's overall ability.*

26. Cleveland	Teddy Bridgewater	QB	Louisville
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Leave it to the other team in the state to ruin Cleveland's hope of getting Greg Robinson at pick #4 and Manziel at pick #26. That would have been an amazing coup for the Browns but they settle for a guy who prior to his Pro-Day was a consensus top 10 pick in Teddy Ballgame. Now they get him at 26 and his escapability may more than make up for all the negative talk on him the past few weeks. I would still say Cleveland came out pretty good in this round overall and it does set up two great games each year within the state of Manziel vs. Bridgewater.

THE EXTRA POINT – *I am very interested to see Bridgewater play for Cleveland. I think he will have a very good chance to prove the doubters wrong and show them that the guy who dominated Florida in the Sugar Bowl a few years ago is the real Teddy Bridgewater.*

27. New Orleans	Kyle Van Noy	OLB	BYU
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I think it goes without saying that Drew Brees is pretty good and can find a way to make about any wideout look better than what he really is. That is why I see the Saints passing on a WR here and taking another undervalued player in Kyle Van Noy. You don't see a lot of BYU football games on national TV, but Van Noy has a motor that won't stop and won't quit. He is dialed up and ready to bring the pain in his sleep. The Saints defense is the issue and the prescription is Kyle Van Noy.

THE EXTRA POINT – *Even if Van Noy isn't the pick here, it will be a different defensive player. I can see visions of Saints DC Rob Ryan pounding on the table in the war room and demanding more playmakers and I don't think GM Mickey Loomis wants to mess with Rob Ryan.*

28. Carolina	Morgan Moses	OT	Virginia
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Carolina would like to move out of this spot but I have a feeling they will be stuck here and address an OT to replace the retiring Jordan Gross. Not an ideal spot for Carolina and they are the victim of table scraps for what they need at this point of the draft. Carolina is another team in need of a wide receiver and as you can tell by these write-ups there are a lot of teams banking on getting a quality WR in round 2. That should make for some interesting trades for teams wanting to move in front of others as supply will not meet demand.

THE EXTRA POINT – Cam Newton is now without his security blanket in Steve Smith and his secondary option of Brandon LaFell who signed with the Patriots. It will be interesting to see what this year has in store for him and his role as the leader of the team will be tested this year as he will have to find a new way with new players to get the Panthers to the postseason.

29. New England	Jace Amaro	TE	Texas Tech
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It's amazing how Carolina can be one pick away from New England and their options are awful and one pick later New England's options are ideal. Jordan Matthews? Yep, he's available. A plethora of defensive linemen? Check. Tons of them right here. A playmaking TE who can replicate the days of Gronk-Hernandez? BINGO!!! That's the ticket alright. From the moment I saw Jace Amaro play last season my first thought was "Can you imagine this guy on New England?" The Pats are at their best with two TEs running rampant across the field causing all sorts of matchup problems and with as many TE issues as the Pats have had of late, this is a no-brainer. Tom Brady high fives Giselle after this pick is turned in.

THE EXTRA POINT – The Pats are going to have a good draft. I don't mock up every round, but I am telling you this year their needs fit perfectly with their positioning and who they can get. The rich get richer this year as SSS projects the Pats get 3-4 solid players.

30. San Francisco	Kony Ealy	DE	Missouri
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Lot of speculation on what the 49ers will do and many voices say they are looking to trade up. I have them taking all or nothing DE Kony Ealy. When he shows up he is as good as anybody in the business. But will he show up? That is why he falls to #30 and Jim Harbaugh knows he can weave his magic and get the best out of Ealy. With Justin Smith joining the over the hill gang and Aldon Smith inventing new ways to get in trouble, the 49ers do what they do best – stay relevant on defense.

THE EXTRA POINT – There is talk of Indiana WR Cody Latimer here but that seems like a major reach to SSS. Needless to say though, that the 49ers are one of only a few teams that has the stockpile of picks to do some damage and basically get exactly who they want if they feel there is someone on their board worth going up and getting.

31. Denver	Jason Verrett	CB	TCU
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No need to get crazy here for the Broncos. Aqib Talib is great but he is even better with a suitable counterpart on the other side of the ball. Verrett can provide that. He is reliable and isn't a one-trick pony. Want a guy to cover in space. Verrett's your man. Need a corner who isn't afraid to make a tackle in the run game. Verrett won't let you down. Just a sound, solid pick here for the Broncos.

THE EXTRA POINT – With Eric Decker gone and both Demaryius Thomas and Wes Welker set to hit free agency after 2014, we have another team that is looking for a wide receiver as a security blanket. If Verrett isn't the play, a wideout just might be because there are only so many passes left in Peyton Manning's arm.

32. Seattle

Stephon Tuitt

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Notre Dame

Never bad news when you are drafting in the 32nd slot and the Seahawks decide to address an area on the defensive line that was hit hard in free agency. Depth up front for the Seahawks is just as valuable as the skill they possess on the back end with the secondary and this is a guy that is a pretty good fit as the last pick of the first round.

****THE EXTRA POINT*** Going to be interesting to see what the Seahawks do after spending a boatload of money on Earl Thomas and Richard Sherman. That's a lot of money to throw towards secondary positions but then again, these guys are obviously a major reason why the Hawks are world champions.*