



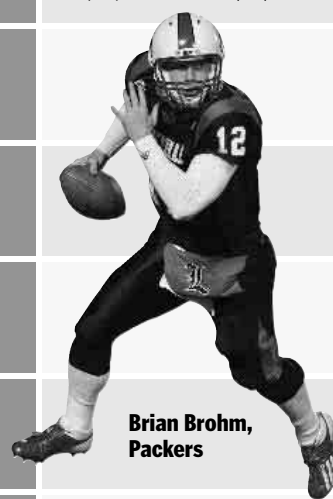
# The Hotsheet

By Mark Maske

TEAM	DRAFT SUMMARY	GRADE	PICKS
<b>Arizona Cardinals</b>	The Cardinals got three potential immediate contributors in first-round CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, second-round DE Calais Campbell and third-round WR Early Doucet.	<b>B</b>	1. (16) Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, DB, Tennessee State. 2. (50) Calais Campbell, DE, Miami 3. (81) Early Doucet, WR, LSU 4. (116) Kenny Iwebema, DE, Iowa 5. (149) T. Hightower, RB, Richmond 6. (185) C. Harrington, DE, Tex. A&M 7. (225) Brandon Keith, G, N. Iowa
<b>Atlanta Falcons</b>	Taking Matt Ryan with the third pick was the right move. The Falcons simply couldn't enter the season with Joey Harrington and Chris Redman as their main options at QB. But using the 21st choice on T Sam Baker of USC was a stretch.	<b>B+</b>	1. (3) Matt Ryan, QB, Boston College 1. (21) Sam Baker, OT, Southern Cal 2. (37) Curtis Lofton, LB, Oklahoma 3. (68) Chevis Jackson, DB, LSU 3. (84) Harry Douglas, WR, Louisville 3. (98) Thomas DeCoud, DB, Calif. 5. (138) Robert James, LB, Arizona St. 5. (154) Kroy Biermann, DE, Montana 6. (172) Thomas Brown, RB, Georgia 7. (212) Wilrey Fontenot, DB, Arizona 7. (232) Keith Zinger, TE, LSU
<b>Baltimore Ravens</b>	Trading down after not getting Matt Ryan was the right move. But trading back up to get fellow QB Joe Flacco at No. 18 wasn't necessary. The next QB, Brian Brohm, wouldn't come off the board for another 38 picks. Is Flacco really that much better?	<b>C-</b>	1. (18) Joe Flacco, QB, Delaware 2. (55) Ray Rice, RB, Rutgers 3. (71) Tavares Gooden, LB, Miami 3. (86) Tom Zbikowski, DB, N. Dame 3. (99) Oniel Cousins, OT, UTEP 4. (106) Marcus Smith, WR, N. Mexico 4. (133) David Hale, OT, Weber State 6. (206) H. Nakamura, DB, Cincinnati 7. (215) Justin Harper, WR, Va. Tech 7. (240) Allen Patrick, RB, Oklahoma
<b>Buffalo Bills</b>	First-round CB Leodis McKelvin and second-round WR James Hardy were worth the picks that the Bills used to get them, but opinion around the league seems split on third-round DE Chris Ellis.	<b>B-</b>	1. (11) Leodis McKelvin, CB, Troy 2. (41) James Hardy, WR, Indiana 3. (72) Chris Ellis, LB, Virginia Tech 4. (114) Reggie Corner, DB, Akron 4. (132) Derek Fine, TE, Kansas 5. (147) Alvin Bowen, LB, Iowa State 6. (179) X. Omon, RB, NW Missouri 7. (219) Demetrius Bell, OT, NW State 7. (224) Steve Johnson, WR, Kentucky 7. (251) Kennard Cox, DB, Pittsburgh
<b>Carolina Panthers</b>	It was a bit odd to take Jonathan Stewart at RB over Rashard Mendenhall with Stewart coming off toe surgery. But the Panthers also got T Jeff Otah in the opening round and added a very solid third-rounder in LB Dan Connor.	<b>B+</b>	1. (13) Jonathan Stewart, RB, Oregon 1. (19) Jeff Otah, OT, Pittsburgh 3. (67) Charles Godfrey, DB, Iowa 3. (74) Dan Connor, LB, Penn State 5. (141) Gary Barnidge, TE, Louisville 6. (181) Nick Hayden, DT, Wisconsin 7. (221) Hilee Taylor, DE, N. Carolina 7. (241) Geoff Schwartz, OT, Oregon 7. (250) M. Bernadeau, G, Bentley
<b>Chicago Bears</b>	The Bears passed up Rashard Mendenhall in the opening round to take T Chris Williams, and second-round RB Matt Forte is thought by some to be no more than a third-down back.	<b>C-</b>	1. (14) Chris Williams, OT, Vanderbilt 2. (44) Matt Forte, RB, Tulane 3. (70) Earl Bennett, WR, Vanderbilt 3. (90) M. Harrison, DT, Arkansas 4. (120) Craig Steltz, DB, LSU 5. (142) Z. Bowman, DB, Nebraska 5. (158) Kellen Davis, TE, Mich. State 7. (208) E. Baldwin, DE, Mich. State 7. (222) Chester Adams, OT, Georgia 7. (243) J. LaRoque, LB, Oregon St. 7. (247) Kirk Barton, OT, Ohio State 7. (248) Marcus Monk, WR, Arkansas
<b>Cincinnati Bengals</b>	LB Keith Rivers probably was worth the ninth pick but the Bengals passed up higher-profile receivers to take Jerome Simpson in the second round.	<b>C-</b>	1. (9) Keith Rivers, LB, Southern Cal 2. (46) J. Simpson, WR, Coa. Carolina 3. (77) Pat Sims, DT, Auburn 3. (97) Andre Caldwell, WR, Florida 4. (112) Anthony Collins, OT, Kansas 5. (145) Jason Shirley, DT, Fresno St. 6. (177) Corey Lynch, DB, App. State 6. (207) Matt Sherry, TE, Villanova 7. (242) Angelo Craig, DE, Cincinnati 7. (246) Mario Urrutia, WR, Louisville
<b>Cleveland Browns</b>	The Browns barely participated in this draft and didn't pick until the fourth round.	<b>C-</b>	4. (104) Beau Bell, LB, UNLV 4. (111) Martin Rucker, TE, Missouri 6. (190) Ahyba Rubin, NT, Iowa State 6. (191) Paul Hubbard, WR, Wisc. 7. (231) Alex Hall, LB, St. Augustine's
<b>Dallas Cowboys</b>	The Cowboys had a superb first round, addressing two needs with players well worth the picks in RB Felix Jones and CB Mike Jenkins. Maybe they should have gotten in on the second-round run on WRs, but TE Martellus Bennett wasn't a bad choice, either.	<b>A-</b>	1. (22) Felix Jones, RB, Arkansas 1. (25) Mike Jenkins, DB, S. Florida 2. (61) M. Bennett, TE, Texas A&M 4. (122) Tashard Choice, RB, Ga. Tech 5. (143) O. Scandrick, DB, Boise State 6. (167) Erik Walden, LB, M. Tennessee
<b>Denver Broncos</b>	The Broncos got the tackle they needed by taking Ryan Clady (ahead of Branden Albert) with the 12th pick, but perhaps took Virginia Tech WR Eddie Royal too soon in the second round.	<b>C+</b>	1. (12) Ryan Clady, OT, Boise State 2. (42) Eddie Royal, WR, Virginia Tech 4. (108) K. Lichtensteiger, G, B. Green 4. (119) Jack Williams, DB, Kent State 5. (139) Ryan Torain, RB, Az. State 5. (148) Carlton Powell, DT, Va. Tech 6. (183) Spencer Larsen, LB, Arizona 7. (220) Josh Barrett, DB, Az. State 7. (227) Peyton Hillis, RB, Arkansas
<b>Detroit Lions</b>	The 17th pick was too early for T Gosder Cherilus, even with the early run on tackles, and there are questions about second-round LB Jordan Dizon. But the Lions got good third-round value in RB Kevin Smith and LB Cliff Avril.	<b>C-</b>	1. (17) Gosder Cherilus, OT, B.C. 2. (45) Jordan Dizon, LB, Colorado 3. (64) Kevin Smith, RB, UCF 3. (87) Andre Fluellen, DT, FSU 3. (92) Cliff Avril, LB, Purdue 5. (136) K. Moore, WR, Wake Forest 5. (146) Jerome Felton, RB, Furman 7. (216) Landon Cohen, DT, Ohio 7. (218) Caleb Campbell, DB, Army
<b>Green Bay Packers</b>	How'd you like to be Aaron Rodgers? You finally get the starting QB job with Brett Favre's retirement but before you even get to play a game, the Packers use a second-round pick on another QB, Brian Brohm.	<b>C</b>	2. (36) Jordy Nelson, WR, Kan. State 2. (56) Brian Brohm, QB, Louisville 2. (60) Patrick Lee, DB, Auburn 3. (91) Jermichael Finley, TE, Texas 4. (102) J. Thompson, DE, W. Forest 4. (135) Josh Sitton, G, UCF 5. (150) B. Giacomini, OT, Louisville 7. (209) Matt Flynn, QB, LSU 7. (217) Brett Swain, WR, S. Diego St.
<b>Houston Texans</b>	Yes, the offensive tackles were going quickly, but the 26th pick was too soon to take Virginia Tech T Duane Brown. Using a third-rounder on RB Steve Slaton might have been a stretch, too, but LB Xavier Adibi was a good value in the fourth round.	<b>C-</b>	1. (26) Duane Brown, OT, Va. Tech 3. (79) Antwan Molden, DB, E. Ky. 3. (89) Steve Slaton, RB, Virginia 4. (118) Xavier Adibi, LB, Va. Tech 5. (151) Frank Okam, DT, Texas 6. (173) D. Barber, DB, Minnesota 7. (223) Alex Brink, QB, Wash. State
<b>Indianapolis Colts</b>	No eye-catching picks but some potentially good behind-the-scenes contributors.	<b>C-</b>	2. (59) Mike Pollak, G, Arizona State 3. (93) Philip Wheeler, LB, Ga. Tech 4. (127) Jacob Tammie, TE, Kentucky 5. (161) Marcus Howard, DE, Georgia 6. (196) Tom Santi, TE, Virginia 6. (201) Steve Justice, C, Wake Forest 6. (202) Mike Hart, RB, Michigan 6. (205) Pierre Garcon, WR, Mt. Union 7. (236) Jamey Richard, G, Buffalo
<b>Jacksonville Jaguars</b>	Maybe the Jaguars moved up too high to take DE Derrick Harvey. But they certainly gave new defensive boss Gregg Williams some pass-rushing help with Harvey and second-round DE Quentin Groves.	<b>B-</b>	1. (8) Derrick Harvey, DE, Florida 2. (52) Quentin Groves, DE, Auburn 5. (155) Thomas Williams, LB, USC 5. (159) Trae Williams, DB, S. Florida 7. (213) Chauncey Washington, RB, USC
<b>Kansas City Chiefs</b>	The Chiefs, who traded DE Jared Allen for picks, got DT Glenn Dorsey fifth overall and G/T Branden Albert 15th. Adding CB Brandon Flowers in the second round was smart and in the third round they got RB Jamaal Charles, TE Brad Cottam and S Dajuan Morgan.	<b>A</b>	1. (5) Glenn Dorsey, DT, LSU 1. (15) Branden Albert, G, Virginia 2. (35) Brandon Flowers, DB, Va. Tech 3. (73) Jamaal Charles, RB, Texas 3. (76) Brad Cottam, TE, Tennessee 3. (82) Dajuan Morgan, S, N.C. State 4. (105) W. Franklin, WR, Missouri 5. (140) Brandon Carr, DB, G.Vall. St. 6. (170) B. Richardson, OT, Clemson 6. (182) Kevin Robinson, WR, Utah St. 7. (210) B. Johnston, DE, Gard.-Webb 7. (239) Mike Merritt, TE, UCF
<b>Miami Dolphins</b>	The Jake Long pick was fine; left tackle is a good place to begin rebuilding. The second round was truly productive with DE Phillip Merling and QB Chad Henne, who could emerge as the starter over holdover John Beck.	<b>A-</b>	1. (1) Jake Long, OT, Michigan 2. (32) Phillip Merling, DE, Clemson 2. (57) Chad Henne, QB, Michigan 3. (66) K. Langford, DE, Hampton 4. (110) Shawn Murphy, G, Utah State 6. (176) Jalen Parmele, RB, Toledo 6. (195) Donald Thomas, G, U.-Conn. 6. (204) Lex Hilliard, rb, Montana 7. (245) Lionel Dotson, NT, Arizona
<b>Minnesota Vikings</b>	The Vikings gave a big chunk of their draft to the Chiefs in the trade for Jared Allen. But they still did pretty well with what they had left, adding a second-round S with great potential in Tyrell Johnson and a QB with some possibilities in fifth-rounder John David Booty.	<b>B+</b>	2. (43) Tyrell Johnson, S, Ark. State 5. (152) Letroy Guion, DT, Florida State 6. (187) John Sullivan, C, Notre Dame 6. (193) Jaymar Johnson, WR, Jackson State
<b>New England Patriots</b>	The Patriots missed out on Vernon Gholston and waited until the second round to address their huge need at CB. They probably could have gotten LB Jerod Mayo later than 10th. But they did get the volume of LBs and CBs they needed.	<b>B-</b>	1. (10) Jerod Mayo, LB, Tennessee 2. (62) T. Wheatley, DB, Colorado 3. (78) Shawn Crable, LB, Michigan 3. (94) K. O'Connell, QB, S. Diego St. 4. (129) Jonathan Wilhite, DB, Auburn 5. (153) Matt Slater, WR, UCLA 6. (197) Bo Rudd, LB, Nebraska
<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	The Saints made a good move to trade up and get DT Sedrick Ellis with the seventh pick, but didn't have a large draft class.	<b>C+</b>	1. (7) Sedrick Ellis, DT, USC 2. (40) Tracy Porter, DB, Indiana 5. (144) DeMario Pressley, DT, N.C. St. 5. (164) Carl Nicks, OT, Nebraska 6. (178) Taylor Mehlhaff, K, Wisc. 7. (237) A. Arrington, WR, Michigan
<b>New York Giants</b>	GM Jerry Reese helped win a Super Bowl with last year's draft class, and he's done well again. He was lucky to get S Kenny Phillips in the first round, and second-round CB Terrell Thomas brings help at another position of need. He perhaps should have gotten a LB earlier.	<b>B</b>	1. (31) Kenny Phillips, S, Miami 2. (63) Terrell Thomas, CB, USC 3. (95) M. Manningham, WR, Michigan 4. (123) Bryan Kehl, LB, BYU 5. (165) Jonathan Goff, LB, Vanderbilt 6. (198) A. Woodson, QB, Kentucky 6. (199) R. Henderson, DE, S. Miss
<b>New York Jets</b>	They made the obvious but right move by taking DE Vernon Gholston sixth. Taking TE Dustin Keller 30th wasn't a big hit with the Jets fans in attendance at Radio City Music Hall, but fifth-round QB Erik Ainge might have some down-the-road possibilities.	<b>C</b>	1. (6) V. Gholston, LB, Ohio State 1. (30) Dustin Keller, TE, Purdue 4. (113) Dwight Lowery, DB, S. Jose St 5. (162) Erik Ainge, QB, Tennessee 6. (171) Marcus Henry, WR, Kansas 7. (211) Nate Garner, OT, Arkansas
<b>Oakland Raiders</b>	Taking Darren McFadden fourth overall was the right move, but they didn't pick again until the fourth round.	<b>B-</b>	1. (4) D. McFadden, RB, Arkansas 4. (100) T. Branch, DB, Connecticut 4. (125) A. Shields, WR, Richmond 6. (169) Trevor Scott, DE, Buffalo 7. (226) C. Schilens, WR, San Diego St.
<b>Philadelphia Eagles</b>	The Eagles traded out of the first round and got a DT who should help but probably won't be a difference-maker in Trevor Laws. Second-round WR DeSean Jackson could help in spots but probably isn't big enough to be more than a No. 3 receiver.	<b>C-</b>	2. (47) Trevor Laws, DT, Notre Dame 2. (49) D. Jackson, WR, California 3. (80) B. Smith, DE, McNeese State 4. (109) Michael McGlynn, G, Pitt 4. (117) Quintin Demps, DB, UTEP 4. (131) J. Ikegwuonu, DB, Wisconsin 6. (184) Mike Gibson, G, California 6. (200) J. Mays, LB, N. Dakota State 6. (203) A. Studebaker, DE, Wheaton 7. (230) King Dunlap, OT, Auburn
<b>Pittsburgh Steelers</b>	First-round RB Rashard Mendenhall and second-round WR Limas Sweed could help immediately, and fifth-round QB Dennis Dixon is an interesting pick for the long term.	<b>A-</b>	1. (23) R. Mendenhall, RB, Illinois 2. (53) Limas Sweed, WR, Texas 3. (88) Bruce Davis, LB, UCLA 4. (130) Tony Hills, OT, Texas 5. (156) Dennis Dixon, QB, Oregon 6. (188) Mike Humpal, LB, Iowa 6. (194) Ryan Mundy, DB, W. Virginia
<b>St. Louis Rams</b>	Taking DE Chris Long second gives them a good pass rusher, but they might regret passing on DT Glenn Dorsey. Making Donnie Avery the first WR taken was odd, but fourth-round CB Justin King and fifth-round G Roy Schuening were very good values.	<b>C+</b>	1. (2) Chris Long, DE, Virginia 2. (33) Donnie Avery, WR, Houston 3. (65) John Greco, OT, Toledo 4. (101) Justin King, CB, Penn State 4. (128) K. Burton, WR, Kentucky 7. (228) Chris Chamberlain, LB, Tulsa 7. (252) David Vobora, DB, Idaho
<b>San Diego Chargers</b>	The Chargers didn't have many picks and it's debatable if CB Antoine Cason was worth a first-rounder, although San Diego did need to fortify the position.	<b>C-</b>	1. (27) Antoine Cason, CB, Arizona 3. (69) Jacob Hester, RB, LSU 5. (166) Marcus Thomas, rb, UTEP 6. (192) DeJuan Tribble, DB, B.C. 7. (234) Corey Clark, ot, Texas A&M
<b>San Francisco 49ers</b>	First-round DT Kentwan Balmer and second-round G Chilo Rachal should help, but this wasn't a fortune-changing draft.	<b>C+</b>	1. (29) K. Balmer, DT, UNC 2. (39) C. Rachal, G, USC 3. (75) Reggie Smith, DB, Oklahoma 4. (107) Cody Wallace, C, Texas A&M 6. (174) Josh Morgan, WR, Va. Tech 7. (214) Larry Grant, lb, Ohio State
<b>Seattle Seahawks</b>	The 28th pick was too soon for DE Lawrence Jackson.	<b>C-</b>	1. (28) Lawrence Jackson, DE, USC 2. (38) John Carlson, te, Notre Dame 4. (121) Red Bryant, dt, Texas A&M 5. (163) Owen Schmitt, RB, W. Va. 6. (189) Tyler Schmitt, C, S. Diego St. 7. (233) Justin Forsett, RB, California 7. (235) Brandon Coutu, K, Georgia
<b>Tampa Bay Buccaneers</b>	Taking Aqib Talib over Mike Jenkins at CB with the 20th pick was a curious move. The Buccaneers passed over the hometown favorite to take a player, in Talib, who reportedly failed three marijuana tests at Kansas. Maryland DT Dre Moore was a good fourth-round move.	<b>C+</b>	1. (20) Aqib Talib, CB, Kansas 2. (58) D. Jackson, WR, App. State 3. (83) Jeremy Zuttah, G, Rutgers 4. (115) Dre Moore, DT, Maryland 5. (160) Josh Johnson, QB, San Diego 6. (175) Geno Hayes, LB, Florida State 7. (238) Cory Boyd, RB, S. Carolina
<b>Tennessee Titans</b>	The Titans simply refuse to get anyone for Vince Young to throw the ball to; they had their choice of WRs in the opening round and went for RB Chris Johnson. It's a passing league and the Titans aren't giving their young franchise QB enough help.	<b>D+</b>	1. (24) C. Johnson, RB, East Carolina 2. (54) J. Jones, DT, Eastern Michigan 3. (85) Craig Stevens, TE, California 4. (103) W. Hayes, DE, Winston-S. 4. (126) Lavelle Hawkins, WR, Cal 4. (134) Staford Keglal, LB, Purdue 7. (229) Cary Williams, DB, Washburn
<b>Washington Redskins</b>	It was nice to see the Redskins actually participate fully in a draft. They got the WR they needed in the second round (Devin Thomas). And then they got him again (Malcolm Kelly). One fewer receiver and one more DE in the early going might have been the way to go.	<b>B-</b>	2. (34) Devin Thomas, WR, Mich. St. 2. (48) Fred Davis, TE, Southern Cal 2. (51) Malcolm Kelly, WR, Oklahoma 3. (96) C. Rinehart, OT, Northern Iowa 4. (124) Justin Tryon, DB, Az. State 6. (168) Durant Brooks, P, Ga. Tech 6. (180) K. Moore, DB, Nicholls St. 6. (186) Colt Brennan, QB, Hawaii 7. (242) Rob Jackson, DE, Kan. State 7. (249) Chris Horton, DB, UCLA



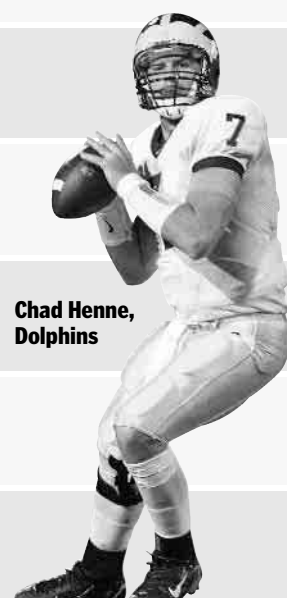
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