The Mink is off to another trip to Nashville to attend the NFL draft with cousin Obey.  We annually match wits with the best NFL draft experts including Mel Kiper, Mike Mayock and Todd McShay.  Unfortunately, we do not get paid for it, but we have a pretty good track record of picking the results.

This draft is again one of the deepest drafts in recent memory due to a large number of juniors declaring for the draft with a record of 135 juniors/underclassmen declaring for the 2019 NFL draft. Each year more and more juniors/underclassmen are declaring for the NFL draft which improves the depth of the draft. As a result, you can get first round talent in rounds 2 and 3. This draft is extremely deep at most positions particularly defensive line, offensive line and tight end. Teams will receive value in all rounds of the draft this year. In some cases, teams will be able to draft some starters in rounds 2-4 due to the depth of this draft.

We do expect some movement in the first 15 picks of the draft as teams position to draft one of the top 4 quarterbacks in this draft. The quarterback position does not have high end blue chip prospects but this draft offers starting caliber quarterbacks.

The strengths of the 2019 draft include:

1. Defensive Line – The defensive line prospects in the 2019 draft is as deep as any draft in recent memory. The depth of this draft will allow teams to get great value in the first 4 rounds. Teams looking to improve their front four will be able to find quality talent in rounds 2 – 4. There are several blue chip defensive line prospects that will be selected in the top 15 in this year’s draft. This draft is loaded with athletic and dominant defensive lineman that can run and offer big time playmaking abilities, which is a premium in today’s NFL. College football displayed some of the best defensive line play we have seen in some time in Ohio State, Clemson and Alabama. The National Champion Clemson Tigers could have three defensive lineman selected in the first round. We expect up to 9 defensive linemen to be selected in the first 32 picks. We believe the best defensive lineman in this draft is Quinnen Williams, DT, Alabama. Williams (6-foot-3, 303 pounds) is coming off a stellar season and [combine](http://www.espn.com/nfl/draft2019/insider/story/_/id/26134202/2019-nfl-combine-risers-kiper-mcshay-pick-10-draft-prospects), and he'd be an impact player from Day 1 in the middle of the Oakland defense. Williams has the talent and physical traits to be a pro bowler at the next level. He will be a dominant pro bowl player for years to come in the middle of the defensive line at the next level. We also expect Nick Bosa, Ohio State, Josh Allen, Kentucky, Rashan Gary, Michigan, Montez Sweat, Mississippi, Ed Oliver, Houston, Christian Wilkins, Clemson, Dexter Lawrence Clemson and Clelin Ferrell, Clemson to go in the first round. All of these prospects will provide immediate value along the defensive line for the team drafting them. Bosa has the playmaking ability that NFL teams covet. His athleticism is similar to his brother and he has excellent instincts and pass rushing skills. Allen is another outside pass rusher with freakish athletic traits. The 6-foot-5, 262-pound Allen was extremely productive leading the Kentucky defense producing 17 sacks and five forced fumbles last season. Gary is physically gifted and had a strong combine -- he ran a 4.58 40-yard dash and tested well in every workout. However, he only had 10.5 sacks over three seasons. Sweat had a dominate 2018, as he had 11.5 sacks and was a terror off the edge for the Bulldogs. He showed off his tremendous athleticism at the combine running a 4.41 40-yard dash at 260 pounds. Oliver is the best three technique defensive tackle in this draft. He is tremendously disruptive in the interior of the defensive line. Oliver has the talent and physical traits to be in the same class as Aaron Donald. And last but not least is the big three from Clemson. Lawrence is the largest nose tackle in this draft but is tremendously athletic for his size and was the number one player in the country coming out of high school. Wilkins is another explosive three technique defensive tackle that would provide a disruptive force against both the run and pass. He had 15 tackles for loss in 2018 for the Tigers defense. Ferrell was the most productive of the three and anchored the left defensive end position providing constant pressure from the quarterback’s blind side. The 2019 defensive line class is the most talented class of defensive lineman in the past 15 years of the draft.

1. Offensive Lineman – This is an extremely deep draft of offensive lineman. There are several blue chip prospects in this year’s draft class, but the draft is deep with talent that will allow teams to bolster their offensive lines in the first three rounds of the draft. We project that 6 offensive lineman to go in the first round including: Jawaan Taylor, OT, Florida, Jonah Williams, G/OT, Alabama, Chris Lindstrom, G, Boston College, Andre Dillard, OT, Washington State, Cody Ford, G/OT, Oklahoma and Garret Bradbury, C, NC State. There may not be a Quentin Nelson in this year’s draft but this is a very deep class with a lot of talent. Taylor is considered the most talented and polished offensive lineman in this draft. Taylor dominated for Florida in 2018, showing the ability to overwhelm defensive lineman as a run blocker and pass protector. He will be a top 10 pick. Williams is an excellent run blocker and he blocks with aggression and has a temperament that is well suited for the NFL. He provides versatility as he has played guard and tackle. However, he is best suited to play guard in the NFL and will immediately upgrade an NFL offensive line. Dillard provides the size, athleticism and nastiness to play left tackle at the next level. He is the best left tackle prospect in this year’s draft and will provide great pass protection. Lindstrom is a bull dozer in the run game and routinely punishes defenders. He is very strong at the point of attack and provides the strength and power that is required for an interior offensive lineman. He was the best guard at the Senior Bowl and had an excellent combine. He has tremendous athleticism and will fit well in a zone blocking scheme. Ford is another first round lineman from Oklahoma. He provides tremendous versatility having played both guard and tackle. Ford combines both power with a nasty temperament to dominate interior defenders. He has above average athleticism and will play guard at the next level. Bradbury is another versatile interior offensive line prospect having played both guard and center at NC State. He is the best center in this draft and offers outstanding athleticism. Bradbury has been shooting up draft boards since the Senior Bowl and will provide tremendous leadership. Other interior offensive lineman expected to go in the first two rounds include: Eric McCoy, C/G, Texas A&M, Greg Little, OT, Ole Miss, Dalton Risner, G/OT, Kansas State, Tytus Howard, OT, Howard, Kaleb McGary, OT, Washington and Michael Jordon, G/C, Ohio State.
2. Tight Ends – This is an athletically gifted tight end class which continues to follow the trend from last year. Each year we are finding tight ends that offer tremendous athleticism that can stretch the field. At the combine, eight tight ends ran a sub “4.7” 40 yard dash. This fits well with the modern NFL offenses that like to run two tight end sets and stretch the middle of the field. We expect up to 7 tight ends to be drafted in the first two rounds of the 2019 NFL draft. The cream of the crop is the two tight ends from Iowa – Noah Fant and T.J. Hockenson. Hockenson is the most complete tight end in this draft with his ability to block and be a weapon in the pass game. Comparisons have been made to Gronkowski. Fant possesses a unique size speed ratio having run the 40 in 4.5 at 6-4 249 pounds. This will be a matchup nightmare for any defensive coordinator. As a receiver, Fant is a real weapon. He is naturally an extremely athletic and fast tight end that can get downfield quickly. We project Fant to go in the first round. The next blue chip prospect is Irv Smith, TE, Alabama. Smith was a dangerous receiving threat in 2018 at Alabama. Smith caught 44 balls for 710 yards and 7 touchdowns with several touchdowns over 65 yards. We expect the following tight ends to be selected in the second round of the draft: Jace Sternberger, TE, Texas A&M, Caleb Wilson, TE, UCLA, Kahale Warring, TE, San Diego State and Josh Oliver, TE, San Jose State. Each of these tight ends offers the size/speed ration expected in today’s NFL offenses and each were extremely productive at the collegiate level. Other tight ends expected to go in the first four rounds include: Alize Mack, TE, Notre Dame and CJ Konrad, TE, Kentucky. Each of these tight ends also offers the size/speed ratios that the modern day NFL offenses covet.

The areas highlighted above will provide great value in the first day of the draft including rounds, two, three and four because of the depth at these positions.  Several teams have needs at Offensive Line, Defensive Line and Tight End. We see these positions dominating the first 3 rounds of the 2019 draft. Defensive Line and Offensive Line are particularly deep in this draft. As always, the quarterbacks that go in the first 15 picks will result in blue chip talent dropping later in the first round.

We see the first round going like this (assuming no trades):

1. **Arizona,** [**Kyler Murray**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103832)**, QB, Oklahoma**

The [buzz around Murray going No. 1](http://www.espn.com/blog/arizona-cardinals/post/_/id/31501/cardinals-draft-kyler-murray-trade-josh-rosen-smokescreen-or-truth) has only heated up since the combine. And here's why it makes sense: New coach Kliff Kingsbury can start his tenure in Arizona with his guy. The 5-foot-10, 207-pound Murray can run the offense Kingsbury wants to run, with no limitations. [Josh Rosen](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/3886377/josh-rosen) is a much different quarterback than Murray, and Kingsbury was going to have to fit his [Air Raid concepts to Rosen's strengths](http://www.espn.com/nfl/insider/story/_/id/25842591/air-raid-nfl-expect-kliff-kingsbury-arizona-cardinals-offense-2019). There's a lot to like about Heisman Trophy winner Murray, even if we should expect some struggles early behind Arizona's offensive line.

1. [**San Francisco 49ers**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/sf/san-francisco-49ers)**,** [**Nick Bosa**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103504)**, DE, Ohio State**

The 49ers could be the big winners if Murray goes No. 1 because it means the top pass-rusher is still on the board here. Taking Bosa and putting him on the other side of new addition [Dee Ford](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/16707/dee-ford), and the edge-rushing group -- [a major weakness](http://www.espn.com/blog/san-francisco-49ers/post/_/id/33640/dee-ford-fills-big-need-for-49ers-who-might-not-be-done-boosting-pass-rush) in 2018 -- immediately becomes a strength. Bosa will immediately upgrade the 49ers front seven.

1. [**New York Jets**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/nyj/new-york-jets)**,** [**Quinnen Williams**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103509)**, DT, Alabama**

New defensive coordinator Gregg Williams says he's sticking with a 3-4 and he needs to add talent in the front seven. The Jets select the best defensive player in the draft in Williams to solidify their front. Williams (6-foot-3, 303 pounds) is coming off a stellar season and [combine](http://www.espn.com/nfl/draft2019/insider/story/_/id/26134202/2019-nfl-combine-risers-kiper-mcshay-pick-10-draft-prospects), and he'd be an impact player from Day 1 in the middle of the Oakland defense. Williams will be a pro bowl defensive tackle at the next level.

1. [**Oakland Raiders**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/oak/oakland-raiders)**,** [**Ed Oliver**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103505)**, DT, Houston**

Jon Gruden and company are the other big winners if Murray goes with the first pick. Instead of the top three defensive players coming off the board, at least one of them would be available at No. 4 in this scenario. With the loss of Kahlil Mack, the Raiders pass rush was abysmal last year. New GM Mike Mayock knows the Raiders need help here. Oliver could be an impact interior pass-rusher in the tough AFC West. Oliver's weight was a hot topic last season, and he weighed in at 287 at the combine, quieting concerns that he didn't have the size to play defensive tackle at the next level. Oliver is a tremendous athlete who could also move outside to rush the passer from the edge. Oliver will be a difference maker at the next level. He has the talent and physical traits to be in the same class as Aaron Donald.

1. [**Tampa Bay Buccaneers**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/tb/tampa-bay-buccaneers)**,** [**Devin White**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103507)**, ILB, LSU**

White, a sideline-to-sideline linebacker who ran a 4.42-second 40-yard dash at the combine, is one of our favorite prospects in this class. After the Bucs lost [Kwon Alexander](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/2976541/kwon-alexander) in free agency, they have a definite need here. White (6-foot, 237 pounds) can step in and fill the void at middle linebacker. White would be an immediate starter and impact player for the Bucs defense. The number 5 pick is a spot to watch for teams trying to move ahead of the Giants to draft quarterback [Dwayne Haskins](http://www.espn.com/college-football/player/_/id/4040616/dwayne-haskins).

1. [**New York Giants**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/nyg/new-york-giants)**,** [**Dwayne Haskins**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103560)**, QB, Ohio State**

The Giants need a long term replacement for Eli Manning and they are in position to address this need at pick number 6.The Giants have spent the most time evaluating Haskins and he grew up being a Giants fan. Pairing Haskins with last year’s number 1 pick Saquan Barkley will position the Giants for future offensive success and explosiveness. Haskins has a big arm and was extremely accurate with the football last year. He led the nation with over 50 touchdown passes leading the Buckeyes to challenge for the national championship.

The team also has the No. 17 overall pick from [the Odell Beckham Jr. trade](http://www.espn.com/nfl/story/_/id/26242951/browns-acquiring-obj-giants), which could be used in another deal. It's no certainty that the Giants take a quarterback with this pick, however; they are clearly rebuilding, have several needs (offensive tackle and edge rusher stand out) and could instead use the 17th pick for a QB, such as Daniel Jones.

1. [**Jacksonville Jaguars**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/jax/jacksonville-jaguars)**,** [**Jawaan Taylor**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103515)**, OT, Florida**

The Jaguars have significant needs across the offensive line. The 6-foot-5, 312-pound Taylor is likely to be the top tackle off the board, ahead of Alabama's [Jonah Williams](http://www.espn.com/college-football/player/_/id/4040726/jonah-williams). With [Nick Foles](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/14877/nick-foles) taking over, he's going to need protection on the right side. That's where Taylor has experience, as he started 33 games there at Florida.

1. [**Detroit Lions**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/det/detroit-lions)**,** [**T.J. Hockenson**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103545)**, TE, Iowa**

The Lions have been drafting tight ends in the first round with limited results. They still have a significant need. As a result, the Lions select the top tight end in the class in Hockenson, a complete player who will be able to start immediately. The 6-foot-5, 250-pound Hockenson has been compared to [Rob Gronkowski](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/13229/rob-gronkowski), and you can see the similarities on film. Hockenson will also help the offensive line with his blocking.

1. [**Buffalo Bills**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/buf/buffalo-bills)**,** [**Josh Allen**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103524)**, OLB, Kentucky**

The Bills need pass rushers to fit their 3-4 scheme and the Bills are excited that Allen falls to them. Allen is the best pass-rushing outside linebacker in the class. The 6-foot-5, 262-pound Allen had 17 sacks and five forced fumbles last season in the tough SEC conference. The Bills added receivers [John Brown](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/16804/john-brown) and [Cole Beasley](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/15349/cole-beasley) in free agency, but don't rule out a tight end for second-year quarterback [Josh Allen](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/3918298/josh-allen) here.

1. [**Denver Broncos**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/den/denver-broncos)**,** [**Drew Lock**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103589)**, QB, Missouri**

The Broncos have not drafted well at the quarterback position since Elway retired. As a result, they still have a need for a long-term answer at quarterback. Lock (6-foot-4, 228 pounds) is inconsistent, but he has a strong arm and can make every throw. He could learn under Joe Flacco in 2019 and compete for the starting quarterback in 2020. There have been some rumblings that Lock [could be the second quarterback off the board](http://www.espn.com/nfl/draft2019/insider/story/_/id/26322249/pro-day-takeaways-why-drew-lock-getting-top-10-nfl-draft-buzz), before Ohio State's [Dwayne Haskins](http://www.espn.com/college-football/player/_/id/4040616/dwayne-haskins).

1. [**Cincinnati Bengals**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/cin/cincinnati-bengals)**,** [**Devin Bush**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103522)**, ILB, Michigan**

The Bengals need to address their front seven in this draft and improve their overall athleticism. Bush is one of the best players in this draft who is a sideline to sideline linebacker with tremendous instincts. If you watch the film, he is always around the ball. The Bengals just brought back [Preston Brown](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/16762/preston-brown) in free agency, but Bush could play any of the linebacker spots at the next level. He's a three-down player.

1. [**Green Bay Packers**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/gb/green-bay-packers)**,** [**Jonah Williams**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103513)**, OT/G, Alabama**

GM Brian Gutenkunst was aggressive in free agency, addressing holes at edge rusher, safety and guard. But the Packers didn't add talent at wide receiver or offensive line, and we expect them to use their two first-round picks on offense. The Packers would be thrilled with Williams, a tackle in college -- he made 43 consecutive starts for the Crimson Tide -- who could play guard at the next level or tackle providing position flexibility for the Packers. Improving the offensive line will allow the Packers to reap the benefits of Aaron Rodger’s talent.

1. [**Miami Dolphins**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/mia/miami-dolphins)**, Daniel Jones, QB, Duke**

The Dolphins need to find a long-term answer at quarterback to replace Ryan Tannehill and they are in a position to do that in this draft. Jones is a highly accurate passer who has been compared to Peyton Manning. To start with, he looks the part at 6”5” and 221 pounds. In his collegiate career, Jones was highly productive completing 59.9 percent of his passes for 8,201 yards with 52 touchdowns and 29 interceptions over 36 games. This pick allows the Dolphins to start over at quarterback and begin the rebuilding process.

1. [**Atlanta Falcons**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/atl/atlanta-falcons)**,** [**Christian Wilkins**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103516)**, DT, Clemson**

The Falcons were devastated by injuries on defense last season, but this is still a talented roster. They're not far away from being back in the playoffs. Adding another interior disruptor next to [Grady Jarrett](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/2576492/grady-jarrett) makes sense here. Wilkins (6-foot-3, 315 pounds) is a different kind of defensive lineman who could play tackle in a 4-3 or end in a 3-4. He provides position flexibility for the Giant’s defense. He has been underrated on a loaded Clemson defense, but he had 15 tackles for loss last season.

1. [**Washington Redskins**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/wsh/washington-redskins)**,** [**Brian Burns**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103525)**, OLB, Florida State**

The Redskins lost [Preston Smith](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/2577446/preston-smith) who signed with the Packers in free agency leaving a significant void at edge rusher. The Redskins go with the best edge rusher on the board in Burns (6-foot-5, 249 pounds), who is rising after the combine. He can bend the edge as well as any pass-rusher in this class.

1. [**Carolina Panthers**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/car/carolina-panthers)**,** [**Clelin Ferrell**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103514)**, DE, Clemson**

The Panthers signed pass-rusher [Bruce Irvin](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/stats/_/id/14946/bruce-irvin) to a one-year deal to help replace the retired [Julius Peppers](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/3530/julius-peppers), but they need some more help now and for the long term. Ferrell is a fit as a classic 4-3 defensive end with a big frame (6-foot-4, 264 pounds). He's not flashy on film, but he gets to quarterbacks and is strong against the run. He produced great results as the left defensive end for the Tigers national championship defense.

1. [**New York Giants**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/nyg/new-york-giants) **(**[**from CLE**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/story/_/id/26242951/browns-acquiring-obj-giants-source-says)**),** [**Rashan Gary**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103508)**, DE, Michigan**

The Giants have many needs in this draft on both offense and defense so they pick the best player available at pick 17. In last year’s draft, they invested in their offensive and this pick improves the front seven. Gary had a strong combine -- he ran a 4.58 40-yard dash and tested well in every workout -- but we already knew he was gifted physically. The interviews were more important for him there. He was undoubtedly asked about why he had just 10.5 sacks over three seasons. This pick is a bet for his ceiling, which is extremely high, and coaches will try to get the best out of him consistently.

1. [**Minnesota Vikings**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/min/minnesota-vikings)**,** [**Garrett Bradbury**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103726)**, C, NC State**

The Vikings biggest weakness last year was the offensive line particularly the interior of the line. They need to make this a priority and Bradbury is one of best available at pick 18 and fills a need. Bradbury's body control, core strength, movement skills and intelligence are his strengths. His pass-pro tape against Clemson proves he can hold his own against a variety of pass-rush flavors while his strength and athleticism make him scheme flexible. Bradbury had a fantastic week at the Senior Bowl in January, and he followed it up with a strong combine workout . Bradbury (6-foot-3, 306 pounds) could step in and start on Day 1 at center. Bradbury is extremely athletic and fits best in the Vikings zone blocking scheme that will be implemented by Kubiak/Dennison. This move will allow the Vikings to move Pat Elflein to left guard and the interior of the offensive line is immediately improved.

Do not be surprised if the Vikings select a three technique defensive tackle particularly if someone like Ed Oliver falls to the Vikings at pick 18 or a tight end if T.J. Hockenson falls to them at 18.

1. [**Tennessee Titans**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/ten/tennessee-titans)**,** [**Dexter Lawrence**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103510)**, DT, Clemson**

Lawrence is the best true nose tackle in this class, a massive 6-foot-4, 342-pound rock who would be an ideal complement next to [Jurrell Casey](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/14047/jurrell-casey), one of the most underrated defenders in the league. The Titans have upgraded at guard and wide receiver in free agency, so this pick should be to help improve their defense, which lost a few pieces this offseason.

1. [**Pittsburgh Steelers**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/pit/pittsburgh-steelers)**,** [**Greedy Williams**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103506)**, CB, LSU**

Pittsburgh signed former Chiefs corner [Steven Nelson](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/3045287/steven-nelson) in free agency, but the team could still target a defensive back in the first round. Over the last several seasons, the Steelers secondary has been a weakness and former first-round pick [Artie Burns](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/3051921) had a rough 2018 season, and the Steelers need more depth at cornerback. Williams is one of the best cover corners in this draft and has ideal size for the corner position (6-foot-2, 185 pounds). Williams dropped a bit in this draft due to questions about his willingness to tackle and his fluidity in coverage.

1. [**Seattle Seahawks**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/sea/seattle-seahawks)**,** [**Montez Sweat**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103523)**, DE, Mississippi State**

With [Dee Ford](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/16707/dee-ford), [Justin Houston](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/14048/justin-houston), Eric Berry and [Steven Nelson](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/3045287/steven-nelson) all gone, the Chiefs' defense will look different in 2019 under new coordinator Steve Spagnuolo. And Kansas City still has questions at linebacker and the other safety spot next to [Tyrann Mathieu](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/15851/tyrann-mathieu). They have needs across the board on defense and take the best defensive player available in Sweat. Sweat had a dominate 2018, as he had 11.5 sacks and was a terror off the edge for the Bulldogs. And after running a 4.41 40-yard dash at 260 pounds [at the combine](http://www.espn.com/nfl/draft2019/insider/story/_/id/26134202/2019-nfl-combine-risers-kiper-mcshay-pick-10-draft-prospects), he has likely locked in a spot in the top 10. Sweat can be a dominant player at the next level and replace Frank Clark’s production.

1. [**Baltimore Ravens**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/bal/baltimore-ravens)**,** [**Erik McCoy**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103735)**, C/G, Texas A&M**

The Ravens need to get younger and upgrade the talent along their offensive line. Another [post-combine riser](http://www.espn.com/nfl/draft2019/insider/story/_/id/26134202/2019-nfl-combine-risers-kiper-mcshay-pick-10-draft-prospects), McCoy ran the fastest 40-yard dash of any offensive lineman (4.89 seconds) in Indianapolis. And when you turn on the tape, you see a consistent player with great feet. The 6-foot-4, 303-pound McCoy started all 38 games of his Texas A&M career, including a few at guard. The versatility is a plus, and the Ravens could play him at left guard or center.

1. [**Houston Texans**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/hou/houston-texans)**,** [**Andre Dillard**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103569)**, OT, Washington State**

The Texans' biggest weakness in 2018 was their offensive line, as they gave up a league-high 62 sacks. They need to upgrade the talent and provide better protection for Deshaun Watson. Dillard (6-foot-5, 315 pounds) is one of the best pass-protectors in this class and a true left tackle. This pick could solidify the left tackle position for years to come.

1. [**Oakland Raiders**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/oak/oakland-raiders) **(**[**from CHI**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/story/_/id/24543080/chicago-bears-reach-agreement-trade-khalil-mack-oakland-raiders)**),** [**Josh Jacobs**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103839)**, RB, Alabama**

[Marshawn Lynch](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/stats/_/id/10456/marshawn-lynch) and [Doug Martin](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/14885/doug-martin), the Raiders' top two backs last season, are both unsigned free agents, and the position is a huge question mark for Jon Gruden's team in 2019. They need to upgrade this position and identify a starter in this draft. Jacobs has limited tread on his tires -- just 300 career touches for the Crimson Tide -- and is a receiving threat out of the backfield. Oakland has had a nice offseason, and with three first round picks, these are important decisions to get the franchise back on track. Mayock knows he needs to add a starting running back in this draft.

1. [**Philadelphia Eagles**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/phi/philadelphia-eagles)**,** [**Johnathan Abram**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103531)**, S, Mississippi State**

Philadelphia has done a nice job filling holes this offseason. [DeSean Jackson](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/11283/desean-jackson) can replace [Golden Tate](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/13217/golden-tate). [Malik Jackson](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/15047/malik-jackson) is an upgrade on Haloti Ngata at defensive tackle. [Vinny Curry](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/14959/vinny-curry) will help with [Michael Bennett](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/12762/michael-bennett) moving on in free agency. GM Howie Roseman hasn't addressed the secondary, however, outside of bringing back [Ronald Darby](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/2969920/ronald-darby) on a one-year deal, which means Philly could target a safety or corner in the first round or with one of its two second-round picks. Abram (5-foot-11, 205 pounds) is the top-ranked safety, a physical tackler who showed off 4.45 40-yard dash speed at the combine. This pick continues a great offseason for the Eagles.

1. [**Indianapolis Colts**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/ind/indianapolis-colts)**, Marquise Brown, WR, Oklahoma**

[Andrew Luck](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/14874/andrew-luck) needs better weapons at wideout, even after Indy added [Devin Funchess](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/2977609/devin-funchess) in free agency. The Colts will look to draft a receiver in round one – the question is which one? There are several wide receivers extremely close in this draft with all having late Day 1 or early Day 2 grades. That includes Oklahoma's [Marquise Brown](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103527/marquise-brown), who hasn't been able to work out for teams because of [a foot injury](http://www.espn.com/nfl/draft2019/story/_/id/26025248/oklahoma-wr-marquise-brown-miss-combine-pro-day-foot-surgery), Ole Miss' [A.J. Brown](http://www.espn.com/college-football/player/_/id/4047646/aj-brown) and Ohio State’s Terry McLaurin. Brown is the best playmaker of the three and provides a true speed threat for Andrew Luck. Brown would be a great complement to TY Hilton and provide Luck more explosive playmakers.

1. [**Oakland Raiders**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/oak/oakland-raiders) **(**[**from DAL**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/story/_/id/25055195/dallas-cowboys-trade-first-round-pick-oakland-raiders-amari-cooper)**),** [**Rock Ya-Sin**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103745)**, CB, Temple**

Rock Ya-Sin in his lone season at Temple broke up 12 passes and had two interceptions. He looked great on film with fluid movement and outstanding athletic traits. Many consider Ya Sin the top corner in this draft. Plug in Ya-Sin (6-foot, 192 pounds) on the other side of [Gareon Conley](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/3051391/gareon-conley) and the Raiders have a nice pair of cornerbacks for the future.

The Raiders' continue a great offseason and fill top needs in the first round, with an interior game-wrecker at No. 4, a top running back at No. 24, and a starting-caliber corner here.

1. [**Los Angeles Chargers**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/lac/los-angeles-chargers)**,** [**Cody Ford**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103713)**, G/OT, Oklahoma**

The Chargers most pressing need in this draft is to improve the offensive line. The 6-foot-4, 329-pound Ford, provides the Chargers with a versatile offensive linemen who has started multiple games at both guard and tackle for the Sooners. He could step in at either position in L.A. Ford's strength is in the run game -- he's a mauler.

1. [**Seattle Seahawks, (from Kansas City – Frank Clark Trade),**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/kc/kansas-city-chiefs)[**Deandre Baker**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103518)**, CB, Georgia**

The Seahawks continue to bolster their defense as the “Legion of Boom” no longer has the Boom. Baker (5-foot-11, 193 pounds) had a [solid combine workout](http://www.espn.com/nfl/draft2019/insider/story/_/id/26134138/2019-nfl-combine-top-draft-prospects-risers-best-day-4-workouts), although he's not an elite athlete. Baker is one of the best cornerbacks in this draft and would help alleviate a weakness for the Seahawks.

1. [**Green Bay Packers**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/gb/green-bay-packers) **(**[**from NO**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/draft2018/story/_/id/23329753/new-orleans-saints-move-13-spots-draft-de-marcus-davenport-trade-2019-first-round-pick-green-bay-packers)**),** [**Noah Fant**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103528)**, TE, Iowa**

Let's go all-in on helping [Aaron Rodgers](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/8439/aaron-rodgers). After giving the Packers a receiver at No. 12, lets draft the best pure pass-catching tight end in this class with the pick they got from the Saints in last year's draft. Fant (6-foot-4, 249 pounds) is supremely athletic and naturally gifted as a receiver running a 4.5 40 at the combine. At the next level, he will be a matchup nightmare for opposing defenses. He is not on the same level as a blocker as his former teammate [T.J. Hockenson](http://www.espn.com/college-football/player/_/id/4036133/tj-hockenson), but Green Bay could use Fant as more of a slot receiver in the same lineup as [Jimmy Graham](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/13232/jimmy-graham) until Fant improves as a blocker.

1. [**Los Angeles Rams**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/lar/los-angeles-rams)**, Dalton Risner, T, Kansas State**

The Rams have very few weaknesses but replacing talent on the offensive line is one of them due to losses in free agency and the Ram’s moving on from John Sullivan.

Risner is the same player on every snap with core strength, body control, and strong hands, allowing him to succeed on a relatively consistent basis. He brings leadership and nastiness to the offensive line which is something the Vikings were missing last year. His position flexibility (started at right tackle and center) and play traits mirror those of former KSU standout Cody Whitehair. Risner will need to prove he can handle NFL edge speed, but a move inside at the next level could take maximum advantage of his skillset.

1. [**New England Patriots**](http://www.espn.com/nfl/team/_/name/ne/new-england-patriots)**,** [**Irv Smith Jr.**](http://insider.espn.com/nfl/draft/player/_/id/103530)**, TE, Alabama**

[Rob Gronkowski](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/13229/rob-gronkowski) is retiring, and the Patriots also lost several big contributors in free agency, including [Trent Brown](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/3043109/trent-brown), [Trey Flowers](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/2574519/trey-flowers), [Cordarrelle Patterson](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/15807/cordarrelle-patterson), [Dwayne Allen](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/14901/dwayne-allen) and [Malcom Brown](http://www.espn.com/nfl/player/_/id/2971698/malcom-brown). They already have replacements for a few of these players, but tight end is another story. Smith is a notch below [T.J. Hockenson](http://www.espn.com/college-football/player/_/id/4036133/tj-hockenson), but he's a solid, all-around player who can hold his own as a blocker. Smith would alleviate the loss of Gronkowski and provide Brady with another weapon. This pairing makes sense.

**Minnesota Vikings Draft**

The Vikings needs going into the 2019 draft include in priority order:

* Offensive Line
* Defensive Tackle
* Tight End
* Running Back
* Wide Receiver

The Vikings had the number one defense in the NFL last year but need to add playmakers to the offense and improve the line play to both run and protect.

In terms of the Vikings, they will be able to take the best player in the draft due to the fact they have a very good returning team and have very few holes to fill. We see three alternatives that could unfold in the first round:

1. Take the best Guard/Tackle – Continuing to build the youth and depth on the offensive line will be a priority for the Vikings in Round 1. The Vikings made great strides in improving the offensive line last year in the draft but need to do more. They had one of the worst offensive lines in football last year, particularly the interior of the line. Options in Round 1 could include: Jonah Williams, G/OT, Alabama, Chris Lindstrom, G, Boston College, Andre Dillard, OT, Washington State, Cody Ford, G/OT, Oklahoma and Garret Bradbury, C, NC State. If Williams is there at pick 18, the Vikings will take him. He is one of the best offensive linemen in this draft and provides tremendous flexibility as he has played both guard and tackle. They could immediately insert him at left guard and leave Reiff at left tackle. However, we do not think he will be available. Ford offers tremendous versatility and is a tenacious blocker. He would fit in nicely next to former Ohio State lineman Pat Elflein. Lindstrom and Bradbury are extremely athletic and fit best in the Vikings zone blocking scheme that will be implemented by Kubiak/Dennison. Dillard is the best pass protecting left tackle in this class. The goal should be to add a starter in round 1. We think it is likely for the Vikings to look to add a starter in round 1 or 2 in the interior of the offensive line.
2. Take the best Defensive Tackle – One of the strongest units on the defense was the defensive line last year. However, the loss of Sheldon Richardson leaves a void at the three technique defensive tackle, which is critical in Mike Zimmer’s defense. If there is a run on quarterbacks in the first 15 picks and some of these defensive tackles fall to the Vikings at pick 18, we could definitely see the Vikings taking a defensive tackle and addressing the offensive line in round 2 due to the depth of the offensive line this year. They did add Shamar Stephen in free agency but he is more of a run stuffing defensive tackle that will play on early downs. The Vikings will add interior defensive line depth in the first four rounds of this year’s draft. Options in round 1 include: Ed Oliver, DT, Houston, Christian Wilkins, DT, Clemson, Rashan Gary, DL, Michigan and Dexter Lawrence, DT, Clemson. It is likely that both Oliver and Gary will be off the board at pick 18. However, if these players fall to the Vikings they will have an interesting decision to make. The depth at this position may allow them to wait until later rounds but if one of these blue chip talents fall in the draft the Vikings could surprise everyone and select a defensive tackle.
3. Take the Best Tight End - This is an athletically gifted tight end class which continues to follow the trend from last year. Each year we are finding tight ends that offer tremendous athleticism that can stretch the field. At the combine, eight tight ends ran a sub “4.7” 40 yard dash. This fits well with the modern NFL offenses that like to run two tight end sets and stretch the middle of the field. We expect up to 7 tight ends to be drafted in the first two rounds of the 2019 NFL draft. The options in the first round include: T.J. Hockenson, Iowa, Noah Fant, Iowa and Irv Smith, Alabama. In the last several drafts the Vikings have attempted to add talent at the tight end position with limited success. Kyle Rudolph is a productive tight end but he is in the last year of his contract. In addition, the Kubiak/Stefanski offensive playbook will deploy a lot of 12 personnel sets which requires two athletic tight ends. Both of these factors make tight end a priority for the Vikings. If either or both of the Iowa tight ends are available at pick 18, the Vikings again will have an interesting decision to make. If they do not address tight end in round one, they will definitely draft a tight end in round 2 or 3.

The Vikings will stay at pick 18 and either address offensive line, defensive tackle or tight end. We think the choices will come down to the following: Jonah Williams, OT/G, Alabama, Andre Dillard, OT, Washington State, Chris Lindstrom, G. Boston College, Garrett Bradbury, C, NC State, Ed Oliver, DT, Houston, Rashan Gary, DL, Michigan, Christian Wilkins, DT, Clemson, Noah Fant, TE, Iowa and T.J. Hockenson, TE, Iowa.

***If Ed Oliver, Jonah Williams or T.J. Hockenson drop to pick 18 due to the number of quarterbacks taken early, the Vikings will have an interesting decision to make. However, we do not think those players make it to pick 18. As a result, our pick in the first round is Garrett Bradbury, C, North Carolina State. Bradbury is the best interior offensive lineman in this draft. Bradbury is extremely athletic and fits best in the Vikings zone blocking scheme that will be implemented by Kubiak/Dennison. This move will allow the Vikings to move Pat Elflein to left guard and the interior of the offensive line is immediately improved.***

They will then target defensive tackle, tight end and running back in round 2 and beyond.

This draft will continue to infuse young talent on both sides of the ball for the Vikings. They have one of the youngest teams in the NFL and they will continue to build young talent. This is a pick that fills a need while at the same time fits into the best-athlete-available mantra the Vikings have maintained. Based on the Vikings choice of Bradbury with their first round pick, the Vikings will then look to add a defensive tackle or tight end in the second round of the draft.

**ROUND TWO - Options in round 2 that the Vikings could draft:**

They will look to add a playmaking tight end, offensive line, running back and defensive line in subsequent rounds:

1. **Chris Lindstrom, Guard, Boston College –** Lindstrom (6-foot-4, 308 pounds) is rising after his combine workout -- he ran a 4.91 40-yard dash and tested well athletically -- and he's getting some first-round buzz. Lindstrom also provides scheme fit as he would excel in a zone blocking scheme that will be implemented by Coach Kubiak and offensive line coach Rick Dennison.
2. **Connor McGovern, G, Penn State –** Reliable run blocker with NFL-ready size and strength but exploitable holes in his pass sets that need to be addressed as quickly as possible. His starting experience at both center and guard could bring additional interest in McGovern, who would be a bigger, stronger option at center for teams facing odd-front power in their division. He is a good fit in gap and inside-zone run schemes, but his tendency to over-set in pass protection could be challenging to correct. He's an early starter as a Day 2 pick, but Year 1 could have ups and downs.
3. **Jace Sternberger, TE, Texas A&M –** Sternberger was a former quarterback that brings tremendous athleticism and intelligence. Despite his experience in-line and willingness to block in Jimbo Fisher's offense, he has neither the size nor strength to handle those duties as a pro. Sternberger is athletic with above-average ball skills, catch radius and route breaks that help him undercover on the second and third level. His paychecks will be tied to his pass-catching so he'll need to play stronger through route contact and with better focus when contested. He has eventual starter potential as a move tight-end who can function as a big WR3/4 from the slot.
4. **Jerry Tillery, DT, Notre Dame -** Tillery is a projection-based prospect with first-round traits and dominant potential, but he's still searching for more consistency from game to game. While his frame is suited for a role as an end in a classic 3-4 scheme, he has plenty of tape showing he shouldn't be scheme dependent on the next level. We would like to see more dominant tape considering his size and power, but if he takes coaching and learns to unleash his hands, he could become an unruly interior force and good three-down starter at the three technique defensive tackle position in a 4-3.
5. **Dremont Jones, DT, Ohio State** - Jones continues the trend of Buckeye defensive lineman. He is an extremely athletic one-gapping three-technique with the ability to play a disruptive brand of football on all three downs. His potential has never been in doubt, but in 2018 the production finally matched the talent. His body type and playing style will open him up to more feast-or-famine snaps than some of the other defensive tackles in this draft, but in the right scheme, he can become part of a swarm unit that plays on the other side of the ball.
6. **Deebo Samuel, WR, South Carolina** - Tyshun "Deebo" Samuel lives up to his nickname (it comes from a tough guy in the movie "Friday") and plays each game like he's stepping into an alley fight. While Samuel is tough and competitive, he lacks suddenness and might need scheme help with motion and bunch formations to help free him against NFL man coverage. He is a gamer who thrives once the ball is in his hands, and he might be able to help a team from the slot if he can stay healthy. Deebo would be an excellent complement to Diggs and Thielen.
7. **Greg Little, OT, Ole Miss** - Little possesses the important combination of size, length and quickness as a prototypical left tackle prospect. While he wasn't asked to do it much in 2018, he has the athletic ability to handle zone-blocking duties, which could suit his skill-set more than a physical rush attack. Little is a natural bender with good feet and pepper in his punch as blind-side protector, but his average anchor and inconsistent body control create some concern. He will be an early starter at left tackle, but needs to improve his strength and eliminate his tendency to lean in order to reach the potential his physical and athletic traits offer.
8. **Miles Sanders, RB, Penn State** – Sanders was an extremely productive running back averaging over 6 yards per carry and picked up where Saquan Barkley left off from the year before. Well-built glider with the instincts, footwork and agility to shake tacklers but the frame and pad level to finish with some authority. He can clearly create yardage for himself, but he has average acceleration and might need to expedite his downhill process as a pro. Sanders is more skilled than explosive, but he has the size and talent to develop into a future starter with every-down potential. Sanders would be an excellent complement to Dalvin Cook.

***The Vikings dream scenario will play out if both Chris Lindstrom and Dremont Jones are available. In this scenario the Vikings select Dremont Jones, DT, Ohio State in the second round. This pick provides Zimmer with the athletic three technique defensive tackle that Zimmer covets.***

**ROUND THREE - Options in round 3 that the Vikings could draft – this is where you start to build your team:**

1. **Charles Omenihu, DE, Texas -** Omenihu steps off the bus with a physique that says NFL defensive end, but his skill-set and football acumen are still very raw. He looks like a 5-technique and lines up there, but he simply doesn't have the grit or anchor needed for that line of work. As a 4-3 end, Omenihu sets a stronger edge and has shown some potential to mix power with get-off as a rusher. His game lacks instincts and consistency, but he's got the traits and potential to become an eventual starter if he can continue his development. His length and athleticism are attractive to the Vikings and fits the mold of Patterson coached defensive line prospects.
2. **Blake Cashman, LB, Minnesota** – Local Eden Prairie and University of Minnesota athlete. Cashman had an excellent combine finishing in the top 5 for all linebacker drills which turned heads. Cashman isn't big, but plays fast with determination and a nose for the ball. Former walk-ons usually have chips on their shoulders that are permanent fixtures and Cashman is no different. He's made the most out of every opportunity he's created for himself, but his lack of athletic traits and length create a small margin for error in his play. If he can improve in taking on blocks and play more instinctively, he could have a chance as a back-end backup and core special-teamer. His heart and determination will pave a successful NFL future.
3. **Dru Samia, G, Oklahoma** - Vocal leader who has cut his teeth with an Oklahoma offensive line that has dripped with aggression and attitude during his four years as a starter. Samia is a loose-limbed, athletic guard whose foot quickness and second-level agility make him much more attractive as a move guard rather than a base-blocking option. His length and movement skills are a big plus, but issues with core strength and body control at the point of attack must be improved in order to survive against NFL power. His skillset fits well in a zone blocking scheme that the Vikings will implement under Kubiak/Dennison.
4. **Michael Deiter, G, Wisconsin** – Deiter continues the trend of Wisconsin offensive linemen that are ready made for the NFL. He is a durable, capable guard/center prospect who knows how to play the game but might lack the athletic elements needed to become a full-time starter at the next level. Dieter's experience in a variety of pro-style rushing schemes and his overall technique work are in his favor while his experience across the line offer flexibility that could lock him into an NFL roster as an early backup with the potential to step in and start if needed.
5. **Kahale Warring. TE, San Diego State** - Exciting and ascending prospect, Warring is still a relative newcomer to the game, but he has the size, speed and athleticism to become a versatile, high-impact player on the pro level. He has the competitiveness to handle run-blocking duties and the talent to line up in the slot. While his production won't catch your eye, his tape does with quickness and ball skills that should make him a more productive target in the NFL than he was in college. He could be the fourth tight end off the board.
6. **Dawson Knox, TE, Mississippi State** - Outstanding combination of measurables and athletic traits, but he's a much more moldable clay than game-ready prospect at this point. Knox lacks early speed and short-area quickness which could limit his ability to uncover underneath but he's much more dangerous when allowed to roam the middle of the field as a more linear route-worker. His pass-catching production may never matchup with the testing numbers, but his aggressiveness and talent as a run-blocker could provide him work as a combo tight end for years to come.
7. **Jalen Hurd, WR, Baylor** – Hurd was a former running back at Tennessee that shared carries with Alvin Kamara of the Saints. Hurd transitioned to receiver at Baylor and was used as big slot but he might need to transition into a role outside to take advantage of his potential to stretch the field as a downfield ball-winner. He's still learning the nuances of the wide receiver position, but he has outstanding athletic traits, a great work ethic and an ability to get much better very quickly. While Hurd will be an NFL receiver, he offers a unique option of becoming a short-yardage banger near the goal line. His best days are in front of him. He will provide tremendous versatility for an NFL offense.
8. **Tytus Howard, OT, Alabama State** – An ascending tackle prospect who will require additional work with technique and in the weight room to fully realize his potential. Howard is a gifted athlete with rare quickness and fluidity as both a run and pass blocker and his play issues are correctable with more work. While he will be dinged for level of competition, his upside was on full display with his play against Auburn in 2018. He needs development, but he's much more than a developmental prospect and could find a starter's spot within his first two years.
9. **Amani Hooker, S, Iowa** – Hooker was the leader of the Hawkeyes secondary in 2018. He is a hybrid safety with an advanced feel for play design and recognition of where the ball is going and how to play it. He could thrive in a "robber" role or as a big nickel where he can match up against pass-catching tight ends. He's not twitchy, fast or fluid and has some limitations in man coverage; however, he has the size, instincts and ball skills to become a starter at the next level, but needs to find his perfect scheme fit.

***We predict the Vikings will select Kahale Warring, TE, San Diego State in the third round for the Vikings. He would provide an athletic tight end that will allow Kubiak/Stefanski to execute 12 personnel with two tight ends that can stretch the field.***

**ROUND FOUR – Options in Round 4 that the Vikings could draft**

1. Devine Ozigbo, RB, Nebraska
2. Ben Burr-Kirven, LB, Washington
3. Josh Oliver, TE, San Jose State
4. Nate Davis, G, Charlotte
5. Kaleb McGary, OT, Washington
6. Terrill Hanks, LB, New Mexico State
7. Isaiah Johnson, CB, Houston
8. Caleb Wilson, TE, UCLA
9. Rodney Anderson, RB, Oklahoma
10. Bryce Love, RB, Stanford

We think the Vikings will add to their running back depth in round 4 and the pick will come down to Rodney Anderson, Devine Ozigbo or Bryce Love.

***We predict the Vikings will select Devine Ozigbo, RB, Nebraska in Round 4. Ozigbo would be an excellent complement to Dalvin Cook.***

**ROUND 5 - The Vikings do not have a fifth round pick.**

**ROUNDS 6 and 7: Options for Vikings in Rounds 6-7:**

The following players are options for the Vikings in rounds 6-7:

1. Max Sharping. OT, Northern Illinois
2. Nick Fitzgerald, QB, Mississippi State
3. Jeff Smith, WR, Boston College
4. Andrew Beck, TE, Texas
5. Ryan Connelly, LB, Wisconsin
6. Andrew Van Ginkel, LB Wisconsin
7. Donnell Greene, OL, Minnesota

Sleepers:

1. Donald Parham, TE, Stetson
2. Trey Pipkins, OT, Sioux Falls
3. Jamell Garcia-Williams, DT, UAB
4. Robbie Grimsley, S, North Dakota State
5. John Baron, K, San Diego State

The Vikings have picks in every round this year except for the fifth round and have 8 total picks. They can fill depth needs in several areas in this draft and obtain a starting offensive lineman. Most notably, the Vikings needs are:

* Offensive Line
* Defensive Tackle
* Tight End
* Running Back
* Wide Receiver

We will update our readers with a post-draft report after the draft.

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