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## 2021 TEXANS DPPONENTS

| HOME OPPONENTS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Division |  | 2020 | 2020 |
|  | Team | Record | Road Record |
| NFC South | Carolina Panthers | 5-11 | 3-5 |
| NFC West | Los Angeles Rams* | 10-6 | 4-4 |
|  | Seattle Seahawks* | 12-4 | 5-3 |
| AFC East | New England Patriots | 7-9 | 2-6 |
|  | New York Jets | 2-14 | 1-7 |
| AFC West | Los Angeles Chargers | 7-9 | 3-5 |
| AFC South | Indianapolis Colts* | 11-5 | 6-2 |
|  | Jacksonville Jaguars | 1-15 | 1-7 |
|  | Tennessee Titans* | 11-5 | 5-3 |
| ROAD OPPONENTS |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2020 | 2020 |
| Division | Team | Record | Home Record |
| NFC West | Arizona Cardinals | 8-8 | 4-4 |
|  | San Francisco 49ers | 6-10 | 1-7 |
| AFC East | Buffalo Bills* | 13-3 | 7-1 |
|  | Miami Dolphins | 10-6 | 5-3 |
| AFC North | Cleveland Browns* | 11-5 | 6-2 |
| AFC South | Indianapolis Colts* | 11-5 | 5-3 |
|  | Jacksonville Jaguars | 1-15 | 0-8 |
|  | Tennessee Titans* | 11-5 | 6-2 |

## HOUSTON TEXANS DN NFL DME

The Texans media website is www.NFLOMG.com. Please follow the link and click on the Texans logo to access the team's page. For customized access to the site, please utilize your email address as your username and "TexansMedia" as your password. For generic access, please utilize the username "HoustonTexans" and password "TexansMedia".
The Texans' NFL OMG site will contain the complete Media Guide, all weekly game releases, Texans player bios and rosters, Texans staff information and bios, weekly flip cards, a game tracker, all Texans team and individual records and statistics, Texans historical information, daily press releases and transcripts and much more.
The game releases and media guide are updated weekly during the season and available in a PDF format. On gamedays, the site will host live statistics, updated player notes, postgame quotes and more.
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## texans MILITARY FAMILY coMbine

Date: Saturday, May 1st
Start Time: 11:00 a.m.
End Time: 1:00 p.m.
Texans Celebrities: Houston Texans Cheerleaders and Texans Legends will host the event.
Where: NRG Stadium (Grassy area between the Astrodome and NRG Stadium)
Experience: The Texans and Miller Lite will host 20 military members and their families to NRG Stadium to celebrate NFL Draft Weekend. Families will be able to enjoy football drills, BBQ and meet Texans Legends and Cheerleaders.

## 2021 FIRST ROUND DRAFT DRDER

1. Jacksonville Jaguars
2. New York Jets
3. San Francisco 49ers (from HOU via MIA)
4. Atlanta Falcons
5. Cincinnati Bengals
6. Miami Dolphins (from PHI)
7. Detroit Lions
8. Carolina Panthers
9. Denver Broncos
10. Dallas Cowboys
11. New York Giants
12. Philadelphia Eagles (from SF via MIA)
13. Los Angeles Chargers
14. Minnesota Vikings
15. New England Patriots
16. Arizona Cardinals
17. Las Vegas Raiders
18. Miami Dolphins
19. Washington FT
20. Chicago Bears
21. Indianapolis Colts
22. Tennessee Titans
23. New York Jets (from SEA)
24. Pittsburgh Steelers
25. Jacksonville Jaguars (from LAR)
26. Cleveland Browns
27. Baltimore Ravens
28. New Orleans Saints
29. Green Bay Packers
30. Buffalo Bills
31. Baltimore Ravens (from KC)
32. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

## MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

The Houston Texans 2021 NFL Draft media availability schedule is listed below. If you would like to RSVP, please email Will Glenn at will.glenn@houstontexans.com with your preferred email address to be added to a distribution list where you will receive updates and information regarding availabilities.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29 (Round 1)
$\begin{array}{ll}7 \text { p.m. } & \text { The } 2021 \text { NFL Draft begins } \\ \text { Note: } & \text { There are no media availabilities scheduled }\end{array}$
following the conclusion of the first round.
FRIDAY, APRIL 30 (Rounds 2-3)
6 p.m. Round 2 begins
End of Day Nick Caserio will address the media on Zoom at the end of the day. Each draft pick will be made available via conference call.

## SATURDAY, MAY 1 (Rounds 4-7)

11 a.m.
Round 4 begins
End of Day Nick Caserio will address the media on Zoom at the end of the day. Each draft pick will be made available via conference call.

## NFL DRAFT RETURNS TD CLEVELAND

The NFL announced that the 86th annual NFL Draft will take place April 29-May 1 across iconic downtown Cleveland locations, including FirstEnergy Stadium, the Rock \& Roll Hall of Fame and the Great Lakes Science Center.

A select number of prospects will take the stage in Cleveland while fans, media, NFL Network, ESPN and ABC crews will also be on-site as the league welcomes the new rookie class. Building on the success of last year's virtual Draft, additional prospects will also participate in Draft festivities remotely from their homes around the country.
"We are thrilled to be heading to Cleveland for the NFL Draft, which has become one of the most highly anticipated events in sports" said Peter O'Reilly, NFL EVP of Club Business \& League Events. "Just months after executing a safe and successful Super Bowl LV, we look forward to bringing the excitement of our Draft traditions to fans in collaboration with the Browns, Destination Cleveland, Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, the City of Cleveland, and all of our local Cleveland partners."

Set against the backdrop of Lake Erie, the NFL Draft Main Stage will serve as the central hub for Draft activities, including where pick announcements will be made by Commissioner Goodell and other special guests. In addition to picks being made in Cleveland, the NFL and clubs will partner to make selections from across the country on Day 3. The Draft Theater will act as the viewing zone for the Main Stage and will seat invited guests, including those selected for the exclusive "Inner Circle presented by Subway."

Chosen by each of the 32 clubs to serve as their Draft ambassadors, fans selected to the "Inner Circle" will have a prime seat to the NFL Draft Main Stage to cheer on their team's picks. To further the NFL's efforts in promoting the importance of getting the COVID-19 vaccine when available, and consistent with guidance from the CDC, fans selected to sit in the "Inner Circle" must be fully vaccinated.

Finally, utilizing learnings and protocols from Super Bowl fan experiences in Tampa, the NFL Draft Experience - the NFL's interactive football theme park - will be free and open to the public around FirstEnergy Stadium during all days of the Draft.

## 2021 NFL DRAFT SPECIAL PICK5

The NFL Draft provides an exciting chance for fans to get involved with their favorite team by announcing selections from the Draft Theater in Cleveland as well as remotely. This year, the fans joining Round 1 picks with Commissioner Roger Goodell have shown an unwavering commitment to bridging the digital divide; working in the fight against food insecurity; raising awareness about mental health and working to reduce health disparities. Rounds 2-3 special guest selections will focus on the NFL's appreciation of our military, partnership with St. Jude and commitment to Inspire Change.

## DRAFT DAY 3 NFL DRAFT SPECIAL PICKS

Houston Texans - Jordan Alexander and Laron Corpening (Character Playbook): Character Playbook students Jordan Alexander and Laron Corpening, from John F. Kennedy High School located in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District will make a pick for the Houston Texans at the NFL Draft.

## 2021 NFL DRAFT-A-THON

The NFL announced that the 2021 NFL Draft will again host Draft-a-Thon, a fundraiser that drives awareness and action to close critical gaps at the intersection of pandemic recovery and our hardest hit communities. Draft-a-Thon will raise funds on behalf of four national nonprofit organizations that are supporting underserved communities in these areas: The Digital Divide in education, health disparities, food insecurity and mental health.

Similar to last year, the Draft-a-Thon will be featured across the live Draft coverage on ABC, ESPN, ESPN Deportes, ESPN Radio and NFL Network April 29-May 1 and will showcase the efforts of the four nonprofit organizations that support pandemic recovery in these areas:

Health Disparities - CDC Foundation: Communities of color, indigenous communities, older and rural Americans have long faced health disparities. This has been exacerbated by the pandemic, where COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted those already experiencing health disparities. Through Draft-a-Thon, the CDC Foundation will drive awareness of the cause of health inequities and promote vital community conditions, including meeting the basic needs for health, nutrition, safety, housing, education, and meaningful work.

The Digital Divide - The Education Trust: More than 16 million students lack the necessary Internet access at home to complete their homework, according to Future Ready Schools, a project of the Alliance for Excellent Education. This year's Draft-a-Thon will support The Education Trust in their work to close opportunity gaps that disproportionately affect students of color and students from low-income families.

Food Insecurity - Feeding America: Feeding America estimates nearly 42 million people, including 13 million children, could face food insecurity in 2021 due to the ongoing economic fallout from COVID-19. This equates to 1 in 8 people and 1 in 6 children. Draft-a-Thon will provide an opportunity to inform fans that we all have neighbors that need our help putting food on the table, especially as we work towards pandemic recovery, and we can all help by spreading the word, donating and volunteering.

Mental Health - Mental Health America: The pandemic has made it clear to everyone that there is a huge need for more mental health services and support, especially in our hardest hit communities. Mental Health America is the nation's leading community-based nonprofit dedicated to addressing the needs of those living with mental illness and to promote mental health. Draft-a-Thon will raise awareness and understanding that prioritizing our mental health is a key part of recovering from the pandemic.

Draft-a-Thon will simultaneously come to life via Draft-a-Thon LIVE, a social livestream, hosted by NFL Network's Kay Adams. During the first two days of the 2021 NFL Draft, NFL players, Legends, celebrities, and additional guests will help rally NFL fans to raise awareness and funds for the four organizations the NFL is supporting on the path to pandemic recovery. Draft-a-Thon LIVE will stream across NFL social and digital platforms including Twitter, Facebook, TikTok, Youtube, Twitch, Reddit, and nfl.com/ DraftaThon. Fans and other supporters can learn more about this year's Draft-a-Thon and donate at nfl.com/DraftaThon.

## 2021 NFL DRAFT FACTS

WHAT
86th Annual National Football League Player Selection Meeting.

## WHERE

Cleveland, Ohio.

## WHEN

8:00 PM ET, Thursday, April 29 (Round 1).
7:00 PM ET, Friday, April 30 (Rounds 2-3).
Noon ET, Saturday, May 1 (Rounds 4-7).
The first round will conclude on Thursday by approximately 11:45 PM ET. In 2020, the first round consumed three hours and 54 minutes. The second and third rounds will conclude on Friday by approximately 11:30 PM ET. The second and third rounds took a combined four hours and 49 minutes in 2020. The draft will conclude by approximately 7:00 PM ET on Saturday with the final four rounds. Rounds four through seven took six hours and 57 minutes in 2020.

## ROUNDS

Seven Rounds - Round 1 on Thursday, April 29; Rounds 2 and 3 on Friday, April 30; and Rounds 4 through 7 on Saturday, May 1.

There will be 259 selections, including 37 compensatory choices that have been awarded to 17 teams that suffered a net loss of certain quality unrestricted free agents last year.

The following 37 compensatory choices will supplement the 222 regular choices in the seven rounds -

Round 3: New England, 33; L.A. Chargers, 34; New Orleans, 35; Dallas, 36; Tennessee, 37; Detroit via L.A. Rams, 38; San Francisco, 39; L.A. Rams, 40; Baltimore, 41; New Orleans, 42. Round 4: Dallas, 33; New England, 34; Pittsburgh, 35; L.A. Rams, 36; Green Bay, 37; Minnesota, 38; Kansas City, 39. Round 5: New England, 33; Green Bay, 34; Dallas, 35; San Francisco, 36; Kansas City, 37; Atlanta, 38; Atlanta, 39; Baltimore, 40. Round 6: Tampa Bay, 33; New Orleans, 34; Atlanta, 35; Green Bay, 36; Chicago, 37; Carolina, 38; Arizona from Minnesota, 39; Philadelphia, 40; Philadelphia, 41; N.Y. Jets via Carolina, 42; Dallas, 43; Chicago, 44.

## TIME LIMITS

Round 1: 10 minutes per selection.
Round 2 : Seven minutes per selection.
Rounds 3-6, including compensatory picks: Five minutes per selection.
Round 7, including compensatory picks: Four minutes per selection.

## 2021 NFL BRDADCAST INFORMATION

The 2021 NFL Draft will be presented across ABC, ESPN and NFL Network, April 29-May 1 - the third straight year that The Walt Disney Company has worked with the National Football League to offer a multi-network presentation for all seven rounds.

ESPN and NFL Network:
Mike Greenberg will debut as host and lead ESPN's 42nd NFL Draft on Day 1 and 2 with ESPN analysts Mel Kiper Jr. (38th draft), Louis Riddick (seventh) and Booger McFarland (third). ESPN's event coverage will also feature Senior NFL Insiders Chris Mortensen (31st draft), Adam Schefter (12th) and NFL host Suzy Kolber (18th), who will interview draftees. NFL Network host Rich Eisen, draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah, Charles Davis, David Shaw, Kurt Warner and Joel Klatt will lead the coverage on Day 1. Chris Rose and Peter Schrager will also contribute to the broadcast on Days 2 and 3.

## ABC:

Rece Davis and Maria Taylor will co-host the prime-time broadcasts on Day 1 and 2. Davis will cover the event with college football analysts Kirk Herbstreit and Desmond Howard, returning for their fourth draft, and senior NFL Draft analyst Todd McShay, his 12th. From a nearby set, Taylor (fourth draft) will anchor with college football analyst and commentator Jesse Palmer (third draft). College football analyst David Pollack (fourth) will also provide insights alongside his College GameDay teammates.

On Day 3, Davis will host the 2021 NFL Draft on ESPN and ABC with Kiper, McShay, Riddick, Mortensen and Schefter.

The below ESPN reporters will cover the draft remotely for $A B C$ and ESPN, sharing the latest news from around the league:

- Jeff Darlington
- Dan Graziano
- Kimberley A. Martin
- Sal Paolantonio
- Mike Reiss
- Dianna Russini
- Ed Werder


## Digital:

The 2021 NFL Draft will also be streamed live via various NFL and ESPN digital properties across devices (Phone, PC, tablet and connected TVs). NFL Network or ESPN authentication may be required.

## NFL Digital Platforms

- NFL App
- NFL.com


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- ESPN App
- ESPN.com


## ESPN Deportes:

ESPN Deportes will also provide exclusive Spanish-language coverage of the 2021 NFL Draft. Commentators include Monday Night Football voices Eduardo Varela and Pablo Viruega.

## Radio/Audio:

Radio coverage of the 2021 NFL Draft will be provided by SiriusXM, Westwood One and ESPN Radio. Digital audio coverage of the 2021 NFL Draft will be available via the Tuneln app.

## TEXANS DRAFT NOTES



THE LAST TIME THE TEXANS DRAFTED A...

| Pos. Year | Player, College | Rd. | Overall |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | ---: |
| QB | 2017 | Deshaun Watson, Clemson | 1 | 12 |
| RB | 2017 | D'Onta Foreman, Texas | 3 | 89 |
| FB | 2019 | Cullen Gillaspia, Texas A\&M | 7 | 220 |
| WR | 2020 | Isaiah Coulter, Rhode Island | 5 | 171 |
| TE | 2019 | Kahale Warring, San Diego State | 3 | 86 |
| OL | 2020 | Charlie Heck, North Carolina | 4 | 126 |
| DB | 2020 | John Reid, Penn State | 4 | 141 |
| LB | 2020 | Jonathan Greenard, Florida | 3 | 90 |
| DL | 2020 | Ross Blacklock, TCU | 2 | 40 |
| K | 2012 | Randy Bullock, Texas A\&M | 5 | 161 |
| P | N/A |  |  |  |
| LS | 2003 | Chance Pearce, Texas A\&M | 7 | 233 |

## TEXANS ALL-RDOKIE DRAFT SELECTIDNS

The Texans have had 14 draft picks earn spots on the PFW/PFWA All-Rookie Team, with all but one of the players selected from either the first or fourth rounds.

TEXANS DRAFT PICKS ON PFW/PFWA ALL-ROOKIE TEAM
Year Player Rd.
2002 David Carr, QB 1

2003 Andre Johnson, WR 1
Domanick Williams, RB 4
Dunta Robinson, CB 1
Jerome Mathis, KR 4
Owen Daniels, TE 4
DeMeco Ryans, LB 2
Amobi Okoye, DT 1
Xavier Adibi, LB 4
Brian Cushing, LB 1
J.J. Watt, DE 1

DeAndre Hopkins, WR 1
Deshaun Watson, QB 1
Tytus Howard, T 1

## TEXANS DRAFT INDEX

Below is a look at the Texans' draft selections by position and round since 2002, not including the Supplemental Draft:

| Draft Round |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Pos. | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | Total |
| QB | 2 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| RB |  | 1 | 3 | 3 |  | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| FB |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| WR | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 17 |
| TE |  | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 11 |
| OL | 2 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 25 |
| DB | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 31 |
| LB | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 |  | 4 | 3 | 19 |
| DL | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 24 |
| K |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| P |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| LS |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
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## 2020 SELERTIONS DF 2021 DRAFT SLOTS

| Rd | Pick | 2020 Player, Pos. | School | Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 3 | 67 | Julian Okwara, DL | Notre Dame | Detroit |
| 4 | 109 | John Simpson, OL | Clemson | Las Vegas |
| 5 | 147 | Khalid Kareem, DL | Notre Dame | Cincinnati |
| 5 | 158 | Bryce Hall, DB | Virginia | N.Y. Jets |
| 6 | 195 | Justin Herron, OL | Wake Forest | New England |
| 6 | 203 | Blake Brandel, OL | Oregon State | Minnesota |
| 6 | 212 | Dezmon Patmon, WR | Washington St. | Indianapolis |
| 7 | 233 | Casey Toohill, DL | Stanford | Philadelphia |



## HOME GROWN

The Texans have drafted 24 players overall and at least one player in all but the 2013, 2014 and 2016 drafts that either went to college or high school in Texas or had some connection to the state. From 2017-20 the Texans selected at least one player with Texas ties.
In 2020, DL Ross Blacklock became the first player from TCU drafted by the Texans in franchise history. In 2019, Houston took Texas DL Charles Omenihu with the 23 rd pick of the fifth round (161st overall) and Texas A\&M FB Cullen Gillaspia with the sixth pick of the seventh round (220th overall), which marked the first time in team history that the Texans drafted a player from Texas and a player from Texas A\&M in the same draft.

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\hline \& \& Player \& College \& Pos. \& Hometown \\
\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{6} \& \& \& 2002 \& \& \\
\hline \& 173 \& DeMarcus Faggins \& Kansas State \& DB \& Irving, Texas \\
\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{7} \& \& \& 2003 \& \& \\
\hline \& 233 \& Chance Pearce \& Texas A\&M \& LS B \& Brownwood, Texas \\
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7} \& \& \& 2004 \& \& \\
\hline \& 170 \& Vontez Duff \& Notre Dame \& DB C \& Copperas Cove, Texas \\
\hline \& 211 \& Sloan Thomas \& Texas \& WR \& Clarksville, Tenn. \\
\hline \& 248 \& B.J. Symons \& Texas Tech \& QB \& Houston \\
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\hline \& \& \& 2009 \& \& \\
\hline 4 \& 122 \& Anthony Hill \& N.C. State \& TE \& Houston \\
\hline 5 \& 152 \& James Casey \& Rice \& TE \& Azle, Texas \\
\hline 6 \& 188 \& Brice McCain \& Utah \& DB \& Terrell, Texas \\
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\hline \& \& \& Wake Forest \& \& \\
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Bold indicates made active roster that season.

## DEFENSIVE TREND

Historically, the Texans have drafted mostly defensive players in the first two rounds. Only nine of Houston's 29 first- or secondround picks since 2004 have been on the offensive side of the ball.
TEXANS FIRST AND SECOND ROUND DRAFT PICKS, 2004-20

| Year | Player | Pos. | Rd. | Pk | College |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 2004 | Dunta Robinson | DB | 1 | 10 | South Carolina |
| 2004 | Jason Babin | LB | 1 | 27 | Western Michigan |
| 2005 | Travis Johnson | DL | 1 | 16 | Florida State |
| 2006 | Mario Williams | DL | 1 | 1 | N.C. State |
| 2006 | DeMeco Ryans | LB | 2 | 33 | Alabama |
| 2007 | Amobi Okoye | DL | 1 | 10 | Louisville |
| 2008 | Duane Brown | OL | 1 | 26 | Virginia Tech |
| 2009 | Brian Cushing | LB | 1 | 15 | USC |
| 2009 | Connor Barwin | DL | 2 | 46 | Cincinnati |
| 2010 | Kareem Jackson | DB | 1 | 20 | Alabama |
| 2010 | Ben Tate | RB | 2 | 58 | Auburn |
| 2011 | J.J. Watt | DL | 1 | 11 | Wisconsin |
| 2011 | Brooks Reed | LB | 2 | 42 | Arizona |
| 2011 | Brandon Harris | DB | 2 | 60 | Miami |
| 2012 | Whitney Mercilus | LB | 1 | 26 | Illinois |
| 2013 | DeAndre Hopkins | WR | 1 | 27 | Clemson |
| 2013 | D.J. Swearinger | DB | 2 | 57 | South Carolina |
| 2014 | Jadeveon Clowney | LB | 1 | 1 | South Carolina |
| 2014 | Xavier Su'a-Filo | OL | 2 | 33 | UCLA |
| 2019 | Tytus Howard | OL | 1 | 23 | Alabama State |
| 2015 | Kevin Johnson | DB | 1 | 16 | Wake Forest |
| 2015 | Benardrick McKinney | LB | 2 | 43 | Mississippi State |
| 2016 | Will Fuller V | WR | 1 | 21 | Notre Dame |
| 2016 | Nick Martin | OL | 2 | 50 | Notre Dame |
| 2017 | Deshaun Watson | QB | 1 | 12 | Clemson |
| 2017 | Zach Cunningham | LB | 2 | 57 | Vanderbilt |
| 2019 | Lonnie Johnson Jr. | DB | 2 | 54 | Kentucky |
| 2019 | Max Scharping | OL | 2 | 55 | Northern Illinois |
| 2020 | Ross Blacklock | DL | 2 | 40 | TCU |

Defensive players in italics.

## TEXANS PLAYERS ACDUIRED IN TRADES

The Texans own five picks that were acquired via trade in the 2021 NFL Draft. They have chosen 15 players with a pick acquired in a trade since 2014:

|  | HOUSTON TEXANS PICKS VIA TRADE, SINCE 2014 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Year | Rd. | Pick | Player, Position | College | Partner |
| 2014 | 3 | 83 | Louis Nix III, DL | Notre Dame | PHI |
| 2014 | 6 | 181 | Alfred Blue, RB | LSU | OAK |
| 2015 | 2 | 43 | Benardrick McKinney, LB | Mississippi State CLE |  |
| 2015 | 3 | 70 | Jaelen Strong, WR | Arizona State | NYJ |
| 2016 | 1 | 21 | Will Fuller V, WR | Notre Dame | WAS |
| 2016 | 2 | 50 | Nick Martin, OL | Notre Dame | ATL |
| 2016 | 5 | 166 | D.J. Reader, DL | Clemson | NE |
| 2017 | 1 | 12 | Deshaun Watson, QB | Clemson | CLE |
| 2017 | 4 | 142 | Carlos Watkins, DL | Clemson | CLE |
| 2018 | 3 | 80 | Martinas Rankin, OL | Mississippi State SEA |  |
| 2019 | 2 | 54 | Lonnie Johnson Jr., DB Kentucky | SEA |  |
| 2019 | 7 | 220 | Cullen Gillaspia, FB | Texas A\&M | DEN |
| 2020 | 2 | 40 | Ross Blacklock, DL | TCU | ARI |
| 2020 | 4 | 126 | Charlie Heck, OL | North Carolina | LAR |
| 2020 | 4 | 141 | John Reid, DB | Penn State | MIA |

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## QUICK IMPACT

Despite a limited offseason due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Texans' 2020 draft class made an impact on offense, defense and special teams.

## DL ROSS BLACKLOCK (2ND ROUND, 40TH OVERALL)

Saw action in 15 games (one start) as a rookie and logged 14 total tackles (10 solo), one tackle for loss and two quarterback hits. Made his first career start in Week 17 vs. Tennessee (1/3/21) when he notched a season-high three solo tackles.

## DL JONATHAN GREENARD (3RD ROUND, 90TH OVERALL)

Played in 13 games (one start) and notched 18 total tackles (nine solo), two tackles for loss, 1.0 sack, three quarterback hits, one pass defensed and one special teams tackle. Broke out in Week 11 vs. New England (11/22) when he sacked Patriots QB Cam Newton for a seven-yard loss.

## OL CHARLIE HECK (4TH ROUND, 126TH OVERALL)

Appeared in three games with one start at right tackle in his debut season. Saw extended action at right tackle after OL Laremy Tunsil was injured and was part of an offensive line that helped the Texans offense average a franchise record 9.6 yards per play in Week 16 vs. Cincinnati (12/27).

## DB JOHN REID (4TH ROUND, 141ST OVERALL)

Played in 13 games as a rookie (one start) and notched nine total tackles (eight solo), one pass defensed and four special teams tackles. Totaled the most solo tackles (five) by a Texans defensive back in their NFL debut in Week 1 at Kansas City (9/10).

WR ISAIAH COULTER (54TH ROUND, 171ST OVERALL)
Appeared in one game after spending the first seven weeks of the season on the Reserve/Injured list.

## THE EIGHTH ROUND

The Texans have had success beyond the draft with college free agents, including various players on the current roster.

LS JON WEEKS (2010) - Played in every game since joining the Texans as a college free agent in 2010, holding the franchise record for the most games played and consecutive games played (176). Was also only one-of-10 players across the NFL to play in every game of the 2010s decade. Has handled 1,705 extra point, field goal and punt snaps and contributed 31 special teams tackles.

K KAIMI FAIRBAIRN (2016) - Connected on 104-of-123 field goals ( 84.6 percent) in 64 games, landing him second on the franchise's all-time scoring list with 460 career points. Set the franchise records and led the NFL in points scored (150) and field goals made (37) in 2018. Also tied for the most 50-plus yard field goals made in Texans history (14) after converting four in 2020.

DL AUZOYAH ALUFOHAI (2020) - Saw action in three games and notched one total tackle in his NFL debut in Week 15 at Indianapolis (12/20).

RB SCOTTIE PHILLIPS (2020) - Played in eight games as a rookie and notched nine rushing yards and seven receiving yards while also appearing on special teams. Returned five kickoffs for 96 yards in Week 15 at Indianapolis (12/20).


DL Jonathan Greenard contributed his first career sack in Week 11 when he took down Patriots QB Cam Newton in the fourth quarter for a seven-yard loss. The former third-round pick had his most productive game of the season in Week 17 vs. Tennessee when he logged a season-high nine total tackles (five solo) and one tackle or loss.

## BUILDINE THE TEXANS

The 2021 offseason has seen the Texans put an emphasis on gathering proven veteran talent. Of the 37 new players Houston acquired - either through trade or free-agent signing - there were two former first-round picks, two former second-round picks, eight former third-round picks, four former fourth-round picks, three former fifth-round picks, four former sixth-round picks, two former seventh-round picks and 12 former college free agents.
Among those acquisitions was former first-round pick RB Mark Ingram II who has been a three-time Pro Bowler (2014, 2017, 2019) in his career and has 51 rushing touchdowns since 2014. The team also acquired another former first-round pick in DL Shaq Lawson who comes to the Texans after consecutive seasons with 18 quarterback hits in 2019 and 2020. The Texans also added OL Marcus Cannon and DB Desmond King II, who are both former fifth-round picks that have previously been All-Pro and Pro Bowl selections, respectively. Cannon and King II are two of the six fifthround picks currently on the Texans roster.

## FIRST-ROUND FACTDRS

Houston's first-round draft picks have almost all made immediate impacts in their first season in the NFL.

| TEXANS FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICKS, ROOKIE YEAR GP/GS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Year | Pk | Player | GP | GS |
| 2002 | 1 | David Carr, QB | 16 | 16 |
| 2003 | 3 | Andre Johnson, WR | 16 | 16 |
| 2004 | 10 | Dunta Robinson, DB | 16 | 16 |
| 2004 | 27 | Jason Babin, LB | 16 | 16 |
| 2005 | 16 | Travis Johnson, DL | 15 | 3 |
| 2006 | 1 | Mario Williams, DL | 16 | 16 |
| 2007 | 10 | Amobi Okoye, DL | 16 | 14 |
| 2008 | 26 | Duane Brown, OL | 16 | 16 |
| 2009 | 15 | Brian Cushing, LB | 16 | 16 |
| 2010 | 20 | Kareem Jackson, DB | 16 | 16 |
| 2011 | 11 | J.J. Watt, DL | 16 | 16 |
| 2012 | 26 | Whitney Mercilus, LB | 16 | 4 |
| 2013 | 27 | DeAndre Hopkins, WR | 16 | 16 |
| 2014 | 1 | Jadeveon Clowney, DL/LB | 4 | 4 |
| 2015 | 16 | Kevin Johnson, DB | 16 | 10 |
| 2016 | 21 | Will Fuller V, WR | 14 | 13 |
| 2017 | 12 | Deshaun Watson, QB | 7 | 6 |
| 2019 | 23 | Tytus Howard, OL | 8 | 8 |

## BEYOND THE FIRST \& SEROND

RB JONATHAN WELLS (2002, 4TH ROUND, 99TH PICK)
Played in 60 games ( 18 starts) from 2002-05. Ran for 1,167 yards and 10 touchdowns on 374 attempts ( 3.1 avg.). Caught 44 passes for 323 yards (7.3 avg.) and two touchdowns.

DB DEMARCUS FAGGINS (2002, 6TH ROUND, 173RD PICK)
Appeared in 82 games ( 36 starts) for the Texans from 2002-08, logging 191 total tackles ( 167 solo), 38 passes defensed, five interceptions, three forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, 1.0 sack and 26 special teams tackles. Returned an interception 43 yards for a touchdown in 2004.

## RB DOMANICK WILLIAMS (2003, 4TH ROUND, 101ST PICK)

Named NFL Rookie of the Year in 2003 after rushing for 1,031 yards. Went on to post back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons. Ranks second in team history with 3,195 career rushing yards and was named to the Pro Football Weekly All-Rookie Team. Played for the Texans from 2003-05 and started 36 -of-40 games played.

## WR JEROME MATHIS (2005, 4TH ROUND, 114TH PICK)

Named to the 2006 Pro Bowl and All-Pro Team after returning 54 kickoffs for 1,542 yards and two touchdowns in 12 games. Ranked second in the NFL with a 28.6 avg. and was named to the PFWA All-Rookie Team. Played for the Texans from 2005-07.

DB C.C. BROWN (2005, 6TH ROUND, 188TH PICK)
Started 47-of-50 games he played in for the Texans from 2005-08 and tallied 251 total tackles ( 193 solo), three interceptions, 16 passes defensed, four forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries and 1.0 sack.

OL ERIC WINSTON (2006, 3RD ROUND, 66TH PICK)
Started 87 consecutive games at right tackle from 2006-11 and helped the Texans offense to three consecutive top-five finishes from 2008-10.

TE OWEN DANIELS (2006, 4TH ROUND, 98TH PICK)
Had 385 receptions for 4,617 yards (12.0 avg.) and 29 touchdowns (200613). Elected to 2009 and 2013 Pro Bowl. Named to PFWA All-Rookie Team with 34 receptions for 352 yards ( 10.4 avg.) and five touchdowns.

## WR JACOBY JONES (2007, 3RD ROUND, 73RD PICK)

Ranks first all-time in franchise history in punt return yards with 1,820 to go along with three touchdowns on 179 returns ( 10.2 avg.). Played in 75 games for the Texans, recording 127 catches for 1,741 yards (13.7 avg.) and 11 touchdowns from 2007-11.

## LB ZAC DILES (2007, 7TH ROUND, 218TH PICK)

Played in 50 games ( 30 starts) from 2007-10 with Houston, compiling 212 total tackles ( 154 solo), 1.0 sack, an interception, five quarterback hits, 14 tackles for loss, three forced fumbles, a fumble recovery, three passes defensed and 11 special teams tackles.

## RB STEVE SLATON (2008, 3RD ROUND, 89TH PICK)

Set a team record as a rookie with 1,282 yards rushing and led the AFC in total yards from scrimmage with 1,659. Ranks sixth in team history in career rushing yards with 1,832 . Played in 42 games ( 26 starts) for the Texans from 2008-2011.

## DB GLOVER QUIN (2009, 4TH ROUND, 112TH PICK)

Notched 310 total tackles ( 248 solo), 47 passes defensed, five interceptions, three forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and 14 tackles for loss in 63 games played ( 60 starts) with the Texans (2009-12). Also tarted all 16 games for three straight seasons (2010-12) for the team.

## TE JAMES CASEY (2009, 5TH ROUND, 152ND PICK)

Appeared in 61 games ( 20 starts) and caught 66 passes for 752 yards (11.4 avg.) and four touchdowns (2009-12). Also had 28 special teams tackles.

## DB BRICE MCCAIN (2009, 6TH ROUND, 152ND PICK)

Appeared in 72 games from 2009-13 and posted 105 total tackles ( 88 solo), 33 passes defensed, five interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown, and 19 special teams tackles.

## DL EARL MITCHELL (2010, 3RD ROUND, 81ST PICK)

Played in 63 games ( 17 starts) from 2010-13. Recorded 134 total tackles ( 81 solo), 3.5 sacks, six quarterback hits, six tackles for loss, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries and four passed defensed.

TE GARRETT GRAHAM (2010, 4TH ROUND, 118TH PICK)
Registered 100 receptions for 1,059 yards (10.6 avg.) and 10 touchdowns in six seasons with the Texans (2010-15). Started 31-of-60 games played and tied for the team lead in receiving touchdowns with five in 2013.

QB T.J. YATES (2011, 5TH ROUND, 152ND PICK)
Led Houston to its first playoff appearance, first division crown and first postseason win in franchise history. Became the first rookie quarterback in 43 years to lead a team to back-to-back fourth-quarter wins and was the fourth fifth-round pick since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger to win his first start. Has served three stints with the Texans (2011-13, 2015 and 2017) and appeared in 21 games ( 10 starts).

OL DEREK NEWTON (2011, 7TH ROUND, 214TH PICK)
Started in 68 -of- 82 games he played in from 2011-16, including a 56 game start streak from 2012-16, which marked the fifth-longest active streak in the league at the time. Blocked for four 1,000-yard rushers and played every position besides center along the offensive line.

OL BRANDON BROOKS (2012, 3RD ROUND, 76TH PICK)
Started 44-of-50 games played for the Texans at guard from 2012-15 and blocked for two 1,000-yard rushers.

## OL BEN JONES (2012, 4TH ROUND, 99TH PICK)

Named Texans Rookie of the Year in 2012 after starting 10 games and playing in 16. Became a mainstay for the Texans on the offensive line and played in 64 consecutive games, including starting all 16 games in 2014 and 2015. Blocked for two 1,000-yard rushers. Spent the 2012-15 seasons with the Texans.

TE RYAN GRIFFIN (2013, 6TH ROUND, 201ST PICK)
Has appeared in 77 games ( 36 starts) since 2013, logging 136 catches for 1,491 yards (11.0 avg.) and seven touchdowns.

RB ALFRED BLUE (2014, 6TH ROUND, 181ST PICK)
Set the franchise record for carries in a game (36) and tied a rookie rushing record with 156 yards at Cleveland (11/16/14). Became the first player in franchise history with a rushing, receiving and return touchdown in the same season in 2014. Had 2,407 rushing yards and 10 total touchdowns for Houston from 2014-18.

FB JAY PROSCH (2014, 6TH ROUND, 211TH PICK)
Played in 63-of-64 possible games since getting drafted in 2014, including 13 starts. Blocked for two 1,000-yard rushers in four seasons. Also had 16 special teams tackles from 2014-17.

## DB ANDRE HAL (2014, 7TH ROUND, 216TH PICK)

Played in 69 games ( 40 starts) and posted 180 total tackles (124 solo), 12 interceptions, 31 passes defensed, six tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, two quarterback hits and 1.0 sack. Led the Texans with 12 interceptions from 2014-18.

## DL CHRISTIAN COVINGTON (2015, 6TH ROUND, 216TH PICK)

Appeared in 50 games, including nine starts, after getting drafted in 2015. Registered 65 total tackles ( 39 solo), 7.5 sacks, 16 quarterback hits, 11 tackles for loss, one forced fumble and one pass defensed from 2015-18.

## DL D.J. READER (2016, 5TH ROUND, 166TH PICK)

Started 52-of-61 games from 2016-19 and compiled 154 total tackles, 6.5 sacks, 24 quarterback hits, 16 tackles for loss and one pass defensed. Became the third rookie in franchise history to record a sack in the postseason in the 2016 Wild Card, joining LB Brooks Reed and DL J.J. Watt.

DB JUSTIN REID (2018, 3RD ROUND, 68TH PICK)
Played in 44 games ( 40 starts) and accumulated 240 total tackles ( 181 solo), 19 passes defensed, nine tackles for loss, five interceptions, 2.0 sacks and six quarterback hits. Owns the second most total tackles by a defensive back in their first three seasons in franchise history and the seventh-most total tackles by a defensive back.

## DL CHARLES OMENIHU (2019, 5TH ROUND, 161ST PICK)

Appeared in 29 games (seven starts) in his first two seasons and logged 30 total tackles ( 19 solo), 7.0 sacks, 21 quarterback hits, two forced fumbles and four passes defensed. Also became the fifth player in franchise history to record at least 3.0 sacks in each of their first two seasons.

Below is a look at who has been drafted with the selections the Texans have in the 2021 NFL Draft since 2010.
\#67 OVERALL

| Year Player | Pos College | Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2010 Myron Lewis | DB Vanderbilt | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| 2011 Nate Irving | LB North Carolina State Denver Broncos |  |
| 2012 Ronnie Hillman | RB San Diego State | Denver Broncos |
| 2013 Bennie Logan | DL LSU | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 2014 Billy Turner | OL North Dakota State | Miami Dolphins |
| 2015 A.J. Cann | OL South Carolina | Jacksonville Jaguars |
| 2016 Maliek Collins | DL Nebraska | Dallas Cowboys |
| 2017 Alvin Kamara | RB Tennessee | New Orleans Saints |
| 2018 Chad Thomas | DL Miami (Fla.) | Cleveland Browns |
| 2019 Jalen Hurd | WR Baylor | San Francisco 49ers |
| 2020 Julian Okwara | DL Notre Dame | Detroit Lions |

\#109 OVERALL

| Year Player | Pos College | Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2010 Corey Wootton | DL Northwestern | Chicago Bears |
| 2011 Colin McCarthy | LB Miami (Fla.) | Tennessee Titans |
| 2012 Alameda Ta'amu | DL Washington | Pittsburgh Steelers |
| 2013 David Bakhtiari | OL Colorado | Green Bay Packers |
| 2014 Ross Cockrell | DB Duke | Buffalo Bills |
| 2015 Clayton Geathers | DB UCF | Indianapolis Colts |
| 2016 B.J. Goodson | LB Clemson | New York Giants |
| 2017 Jaleel Johnson | DL Iowa | Minnesota Vikings |
| 2018 Troy Apke | DB Penn State | Washington FT |
| 2019 Khari Willis | DB Michigan State | Indianapolis Colts |
| 2020 John Simpson | OL Clemson | Las Vegas Raiders |

\#147 OVERALL

| Year Player | Pos College | Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2010 Mitch Petrus | OL Arkansas | New York Giants |
| 2011 Rod Issac | DB Middle Tennessee State Jacksonville Jaguars |  |
| 2012 Tank Carder | LB TCU | Buffalo Bills |
| 2013 Steven Means | DL | Buffalo |

\#158 OVERALL

| Year Player | Pos College | Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2010 Matt Tennant | OL Boston College | New Orleans Saints |
| 2011 Jermale Hines | DB Ohio State | St. Louis Rams |
| 2012 Jack Crawford | DL Penn State | Oakland Raiders |
| 2013 Luke Willson | TE Rice | Seattle Seahawks |
| 2014 Caraun Reid | DL Princeton | Detroit Lions |
| 2015 Shaquille Riddick | DL West Virginia | Arizona Cardinals |
| 2016 Brandon Shell | OL South Carolina | New York Jets |
| 2017 Nate Hairston | DB Temple | Indianapolis Colts |
| 2018 Andrew Brown | DL Virginia | Cincinnati Bengals |
| 2019 Michael Jackson | DB Miami (Fla.) | Dallas Cowboys |
| 2020 Bryce Hall | DB Virginia | New York Jets |

\#195 OVERALL
Year Player 2010 Antonio Brown 2011 J.T. Thomas
2012 Nick Mondek
2013 Alan Bonner
2014 Brandon Dixon
2015 Malcolm Johnson
2016 Wes Schweitzer
2017 Tanner Vallejo

Pos College $\qquad$ Team WR Central Michigan Pittsburgh Steelers
LB West Virginia Chicago Bears
OL Purdue Houston Texans
WR Jacksonville State Houston Texans
DB NW Missouri State New York Jets
TE Mississippi State Cleveland Browns
OL San Jose State Atlanta Falcons
LB Boise State Buffalo Bills

2018 Sebastian Joseph 2019 Xavier Crawford 2020 Justin Herron

DL Rutgers
DB Central Michigan
OL Wake Forest

Los Angeles Rams Houston Texans New England Patriots
\#203 OVERALL

Year Player

2010 Scotty McGee
2011 Zachary Williams
2012 Robert Griffin
2013 Ryan Jensen
2014 Andrew Jackson
2015 Darius Kilgo
2016 Dadi Nicolas
2017 De'Angelo Henderson
2018 Tanner Lee
2019 Marcus Green
2020 Blake Brandel

Pos College
DB James Madison
OL Washington State
OL Baylor
OL Colorado State-Pueblo Baltimore Ravens
LB Western Kentucky Indianapolis Colts
DL Maryland Denver Broncos
DL Virginia Tech Kansas City Chiefs
RB Coastal Carolina Denver Broncos
QB Nebraska Jacksonville Jaguars
WR Louisiana Monroe Atlanta Falcons
OL Oregon State Minnesota Vikings
\#212 OVERALL
Year Player
2010 Chris McCoy
2011 Zach Clayton
2012 Michael Smith
2013 Joe Kruger
2014 Marquis Flowers
2015 Anthony Chickillo
2016 Kavon Frazier
2017 Kofi Amichia
2018 Greg Senat
2019 Dennis Daley
2020 Dezmon Patmon

Pos College
DL Middle Tennessee State Miami Dolphins
Team
DL Auburn Tennessee Titans
RB Utah State Tampa Bay Buccaneers
DL Utah Philadelphia Eagles
LB Arizona
DL Miami (Fla.)
DB Central Michigan
OL South Florida
OL Wagner
OL South Carolina Carolina Panthers
WR Washington State Indianapolis Colts
\#233 OVERALL

| Year Player | Pos | College | Team |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2010 Jim Dray | TE | Stanford | Arizona Cardinals |
| 2011 Lawrence Guy | DL | Arizona State | Green Bay Packers |
| 2012 Drake Dunsmore | TE | Northwestern | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| 2013 David Bass | DL | Missouri Western State | Oakland Raiders |
| 2014 Trevor Reilly | LB | Utah | New York Jets |
| 2015 Da'Ron Brown | WR | Northern Illinois | Kansas City Chiefs |
| 2016 Jalen Mills | DB | LSU | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 2017 Harrison Butker | K | Georgia Tech | Carolina Panthers |
| 2018 Jordan Mailata | OL |  | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 2019 Chandler Cox | RB | Auburn | Miami Dolphins |
| 2020 Casey Toohill | DL | Stanford | Philadelphia Eagles |



The Texans have executed 26 draft day trades. Below is a look at those trades and who was selected with the acquired picks:

| Year | Partner | Gave Up | Received |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2020 | New Orleans | 7th round (240) | 2021 sixth-round pick |
| 2020 | L.A. Rams | 4th round (136) | 4th round (126-Charlie Heck) |
|  |  | 7 th round (248) |  |
|  |  | 7 th round (250) |  |
| 2020 | Miami | 4th round (111) | 4th round (136-traded) |
|  |  |  | 4th round (141- John Reid) |
| 2017 | Cleveland | 1st round (25) | 1st round (12-Deshaun Watson) |
|  |  | 1st round in 2018 |  |
| 2016 | Atlanta | 2nd round (52) | 2nd round (50-Nick Martin) |
|  |  | 6th round (195) |  |
| 2016 | Washington | 1st round (22) | 1st round (21-Will Fuller V) |
|  |  | 6th round in 2017 |  |
| 2015 | N.Y. Jets | WR DeVier Posey | 3rd round (70- Jaelen Strong) |
|  |  | 3 rd round (82) |  |
|  |  | 5th round (152) |  |
|  |  | 7 th round (229) |  |
| 2015 | Cleveland | 2nd round (51) | 2nd round (43-Benardrick McKinney) |
|  |  | 4th round (116) | 7th round (229 - traded) |
|  |  | 6 th round (195) |  |
| 2014 | Philadelphia | 4th round (101) | 3 rd round (83-Louis Nix III) |
|  |  | 5th round (141) |  |
| 2013 | Oakland | 6th round (184) | 6th round (176- David Quessenberry) |
|  |  | 7 th round (233) |  |
| 2013 | St. Louis | 5th round (160) | 6th round (184-traded) |
|  |  |  | 6th round (198-Chris Jones) |
| 2012 | Tampa Bay | 2nd round (58) | 3rd round (68- DeVier Posey) |
|  |  | 7 th round (233) | 4th round (126- Jared Crick) |
| 2011 | Washington | 4th round (105) | 4th round (127-Roc Carmichael) |
|  |  | 6 th round (178) | 5th round (144-Shiloh Keo) |
|  |  |  | 5th round (152-T.J. Yates) |
| 2011 | New England | 3 rd round (73) | 2nd round (60-Brandon Harris) |
|  |  | 5th round (138) |  |
| 2010 | Kansas City | 3 rd round (93) | 4th round (102- Darryl Sharpton) |
|  |  |  | 5th round (144-Sherrick McManis) |
| 2010 | New England | 2nd round (62) | 2nd round (58-Ben Tate) |
|  |  | 5 th round (150) |  |
| 2010 | Minnesota | 2nd round (51) | 2nd round (62-traded) |
|  |  |  | 3 rd round (93-traded) |
| 2008 | Baltimore | 1st round (18) | 1st round (26- Duane Brown) |
|  |  |  | 3 rd round (89 - Steve Slaton) |
|  |  |  | 6 th round (173- Dominique Barber) |
| 2007 | New Orleans | 4th round (107) | 4th round (123-Fred Bennett) |
|  |  |  | 5th round (163-Brandon Frye) |
| 2005 | New Orleans | 1st round (13) | 1st round (16-Travis Johnson) |
|  |  |  | 2006 3rd round (66-Eric Winston) |
| 2004 | Jacksonville | 5th round (159) | 6 th round (175 - Jammal Lord) |
|  |  |  | 7th round (210-Raheem Orr) |
| 2004 | Tennessee | 2nd round (40) | 1st round (27-Jason Babin) |
|  |  | 3 rd round (71) | 5th round (159 - traded) |
|  |  | 4 th round (103) |  |
|  |  | 5th round (138) |  |
| 2003 | Indianapolis | 5th round (138) | 2004 4th round (122-Glenn Earl) |
| 2003 | Oakland | 3 rd round (83) | 2004 2nd round (supplemental - |
|  |  | 7 th round (262) | Tony Hollings) |
| 2003 | New England | 2nd round (36) | 2nd round (41-Bennie Joppru) |
|  |  | 4 th round (117) | 3rd round ( 75 - Seth Wand) |
| 2002 | Atlanta | 4 th round (116) | 2003 3rd (88-Dave Ragone) |

April 21, 2002: Traded fourth-round pick in 2002 to Atlanta in exchange for 2003 third-round pick (88th overall-Dave Ragone).
April 26, 2003: Traded second-round pick (36th overall) and fourthround pick (117th) to New England for second-round pick (41st-Bennie Joppru) and third-round pick (75th overall-Seth Wand).

Traded third-round pick (83rd overall) and seventh-round pick (262nd overall) to Oakland in exchange for 2004 second-round pick (supplemental draft pick-Tony Hollings).
April 27, 2003: Traded fifth-round pick (138th overall) to Indianapolis for 2004 fourth-round pick (122nd overall-Glenn Earl).
April 24, 2004: Traded second-round pick (40th overall), third-round pick (71st overall), fourth-round pick (103rd overall) to Tennessee
in exchange for first-round pick (27th overall-Jason Babin); also exchanged fifth-round picks (138th to 159th overall) with Tennessee.
April 25, 2004: Traded fifth-round pick (159th overall) to Jacksonville in exchange for sixth-round pick (175th overall-Jammal Lord) and seventh-round pick (210th overall-Raheem Orr).
April 23, 2005: Traded first-round pick (13th overall) to New Orleans in exchange for first round pick (16th overall-Travis Johnson) in 2005 draft and third-round selection in 2006 draft (66th overall-Eric Winston).
April 29, 2007: Traded fourth-round draft pick (107th overall) to the New Orleans Saints in exchange for the Saints 2007 fourth-round pick (123rd overall-Fred Bennett) and a 2007 fifth-round pick (163rd overall-Brandon Frye).
April 26, 2008: Traded first-round pick (No. 18 overall) to the Baltimore Ravens for first-round pick (No. 26 overall-Duane Brown) a third-round pick (89th overall-Steve Slaton) and a sixth-round pick (173rd overall-Dominique Barber).
April 23, 2010: Traded second-round pick (51st overall) to the Minnesota Vikings in exchange for Minnesota's second- and third-round picks (62nd and 93rd, respectively).

Traded the 62nd overall pick and a fifth-round pick (150th overall) to New England in exchange for the 58th overall pick in Round 2 (RB Ben Tate).

Traded the 93rd pick to Kansas City in exchange for fourthround pick (102nd overall-LB Darryl Sharpton) and a fifth-rounder (144th overall-DB Sherrick McManis) from the Chiefs.
April 29, 2011: Traded a third- (73rd overall) and fifth-round (138th overall) pick with New England for a second-round (60th overall) pick. Houston selected Miami DB Brandon Harris with its new pick.
April 30, 2011: Acquired a fourth-round pick (127th overall) and two fifth-round picks (144th and 152nd) from the Washington Redskins in exchange for the Texans' original fourth-round pick (105th overall) and sixth-round pick (178th). With their picks, Houston selected Virginia Tech DB Roc Carmichael (127th overall), Idaho DB Shiloh Keo (144th) and North Carolina QB T.J. Yates (152nd) with those acquired picks.
April 27, 2012: Traded second- and seventh-round picks (58th and 233rd overall to Tampa Bay for picks in the third and fourth rounds. The Texans selected WR DeVier Posey with the 68th overall pick and DE Jared Crick with the 126th overall pick.
April 27, 2013: Traded fifth-round pick (160th overall) to St. Louis for two picks in the sixth round (184th and 198th overall). The Texans included the 184th pick in a subsequent trade and selected DL Chris Jones with the 198th overall pick.

Traded sixth-round pick (184th overall) and seventh-round pick (233rd overall) to Oakland for a sixth-round pick (176th overall). The Texans selected OL David Quessenberry with that pick.
May 9, 2014: Traded fourth- and fifth-round picks (101st and 141st overall) to Philadelphia for a third-round pick (83rd overall). The Texans selected DL Louis Nix III with that pick.
May 1, 2015: Traded second-, fourth-, and sixth-round picks (51st, 116th and 195th overall) to Cleveland for a second- and seventhround pick (43rd and 229th overall). The Texans selected LB Benardrick McKinney with the second-round pick and traded the seventhround pick.

Traded WR DeVier Posey and third-, fifth- and seventh-round picks (82nd, 152nd and 229th overall) for a third-round pick (70th overall). The Texans selected WR Jaelen Strong with the pick.
April 28, 2016: Traded first-round pick (22nd overall) in 2016 and sixth-round pick in 2017 to Washington for a first-round pick (21st overall). The Texans selected WR Will Fuller V with the pick.
April 29, 2016: Traded second-round (52nd overall) and sixth-round (195th overall) picks in 2016 to Atlanta for a second-round pick (50th overall). The Texans selected OL Nick Martin with the pick.
April 27, 2017: Traded first-round pick (25th overall) and first-round pick in 2018 to Cleveland for the 12th overall pick. The Texans selected QB Deshaun Watson with the pick.
April 25, 2020: Traded fourth-round pick (111th overall) to Miami for two fourth-round picks (136th and 141st overall). The Texans then traded the 136th pick and selected John Reid at No. 141.

Traded fourth-round pick (136th overall) and two seventhround picks (248th and 250th overall) to the L.A. Rams for a fourthround pick (126th). Houston selected OL Charlie Heck with the pick.

Traded seventh-round pick (240th overall) to New Orleans for a 2021 sixth-round pick.


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| Rd | Pk | Pos. Player | College |
| 1 | 16 | DL Travis Johnson | Florida State |
| 3 | 73 | RB Vernand Morency | Oklahoma State |
| 4 | 114 | WR Jerome Mathis | Hampton |
| 5 | 151 | OL Drew Hodgdon | Arizona State |
| 6 | 188 | DB C.C. Brown | Louisiana-Lafayette |
| 7 | 227 | LB Kenneth Pettway | Grambling State |


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| Rd | 2006 |  |  |
| 1 | Pk | Pos. Player | College |
| 2 | 13 | LB DeMerio Williams | North Carolina St. |
| 3 | 65 | OL Charles Ryans | Alabama |
| 3 | 66 | OL Eric Winstoncer | Pittsburgh |
| 4 | 98 | TE Owen Daniels | Miami |
| 6 | 170 | WB Wali Lundy | Virginia |
| 7 | 251 | WR David Anderson | Colorado State |


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| Rd | 2007 | Ck | Pos. Player |


| 2008 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rd Pk | Pos. Player | College |
| 126 | OL Duane Brown | Virginia Tech |
| 379 | DB Antwaun Molden | Eastern Kentucky |
| 389 | RB Steve Slaton | West Virginia |
| 4118 | LB Xavier Adibi | Virginia Tech |
| 5151 | DL Frank Okam | Texas |
| 6173 | DB Dominique Barber | Minnesota |
| 7223 | QB Alex Brink | Washington St. |
| 2009 |  |  |
| Rd Pk | Pos. Player | College |
| 115 | LB Brian Cushing | USC |
| 246 | DL Connor Barwin | Cincinnati |
| 377 | OL Antoine Caldwell | Alabama |
| 4112 | DB Glover Quin | New Mexico |
| 4122 | TE Anthony Hill | North Carolina St. |
| 5152 | TE James Casey | Rice |
| 6188 | DB Brice McCain | Utah |
| 7223 | *DB Troy Nolan | Arizona State |
| 2010 |  |  |


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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rd 2010 | Pk | Pos. Player | College |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0}$ | DB Kareem Jackson | Alabama |
| 2 | 58 | *RB Ben Tate | Auburn |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 81 | DL Earl Mitchell | Arizona |
| 4 | 102 | LB Darryl Sharpton | Miami |
| 4 | 118 | TE Garrett Graham | Wisconsin |
| 5 | 144 | DB Sherrick McManis | Northwestern |
| 6 | 187 | OL Shelley Smith | Colorado State |
| 6 | 197 | *WR Trindon Holliday | LSU |
| 7 | 227 | TE Dorin Dickerson | Pittsburgh |


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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 2011 |  |  |
| Rd | Pk | Pos. Player | College |
| 1 | 11 | DL J.J. Watt | Wisconsin |
| 2 | 42 | LB Brooks Reed | Arizona |
| 2 | 60 | DB Brandon Harris | Miami |
| 4 | 127 | ADB Roc Carmichael | Virginia Tech |
| 5 | 144 | DB Shiloh Keo | Idaho |
| 5 | 152 | QB T.J. Yates | North Carolina |
| 7 | 214 | OL Derek Newton | Arkansas State |
| 7 | 254 | LB Cheta Ozougwu | Rice |



## 2013

|  | Rd | Pk | Pos. Player |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |$\quad$ College



| DEFENSIVE BACKS (31) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Player | Round | Overall |
| 2002 | DeMarcus Faggins | 6 | 173 |
| 2002 | Ramon Walker | 5 | 153 |
| 2003 | Curry Burns | 7 | 217 |
| 2004 | Dunta Robinson | 1 | 10 |
| 2004 | Glenn Earl | 4 | 122 |
| 2004 | Vontez Duff | 6 | 170 |
| 2004 | Jammal Lord | 6 | 175 |
| 2005 | C.C. Brown | 6 | 188 |
| 2007 | Fred Bennett | 4 | 123 |
| 2007 | Brandon Harrison | 5 | 144 |
| 2008 | Antwaun Molden | 3 | 79 |
| 2008 | Dominique Barber | 6 | 173 |
| 2009 | Glover Quin | 4 | 112 |
| 2009 | Brice McCain | 6 | 188 |
| 2009 | Troy Nolan | 7 | 223 |
| 2010 | Kareem Jackson | 1 | 20 |
| 2010 | Sherrick McManis | 5 | 144 |
| 2011 | Brandon Harris | 2 | 60 |
| 2011 | Roc Carmichael | 4 | 127 |
| 2011 | Shiloh Keo | 5 | 144 |
| 2013 | D.J. Swearinger | 2 | 57 |
| 2014 | Andre Hal | 7 | 216 |
| 2014 | Lonnie Ballentine | 7 | 256 |
| 2015 | Kevin Johnson | 1 | 16 |
| 2016 | K.J. Dillon | 5 | 159 |
| 2017 | Treston Decoud | 5 | 169 |
| 2018 | Justin Reid | 3 | 68 |
| 2018 | Jermaine Kelly Jr. | 7 | 222 |
| 2019 | Lonnie Johnson Jr. | 2 | 54 |
| 2019 | Xavier Crawford | 6 | 195 |
| 2020 | John Reid | 4 | 141 |

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN (25)

| Year Player | Round | Overall |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| 2002 Chester Pitts | 2 | 50 |
| 2002 Fred Weary | 3 | 66 |
| 2003 Seth Wand | 3 | 75 |
| 2005 Drew Hodgdon | 5 | 151 |
| 2006 Charles Spencer | 3 | 65 |
| 2006 Eric Winston | 3 | 66 |
| 2007 Brandon Frye | 5 | 163 |
| 2007 Kasey Studdard | 6 | 183 |
| 2008 Duane Brown | 1 | 26 |
| 2009 Antoine Caldwell | 3 | 77 |
| 2010 Shelley Smith | 6 | 187 |
| 2011 Derek Newton | 7 | 214 |
| 2012 Brandon Brooks | 3 | 76 |
| 2012 Ben Jones | 4 | 99 |
| 2012 Nick Mondek | 6 | 195 |
| 2013 Brennan Williams | 3 | 89 |
| 2013 David Quessenberry | 6 | 176 |
| 2014 Xavier Su'a-Filo | 2 | 33 |
| 2016 Nick Martin | 2 | 50 |
| 2017 Julién Davenport | 4 | 130 |
| 2017 Kyle Fuller | 7 | 243 |
| 2018 Martinas Rankin | 3 | 80 |
| 2019 Tytus Howard | 1 | 23 |
| 2019 Max Scharping | 2 | 55 |
| 2020 Charlie Heck | 4 | 126 |


| DEFENSIVE LINEMEN (24) |  |  |  | 2016 Braxton Miller | 3 | 85 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Player R | Round | Overall | 2018 Keke Coutee | 4 | 103 |
| 2002 | Charles Hill | 3 | 83 | 2020 Isaiah Coulter | 5 | 171 |
| 2002 | Howard Green | 6 | 190 |  |  |  |
| 2002 | Stylez G White | A7 | 229 | TIGHT ENDS (11) |  |  |
| 2002 | Ahmad Miller | 7 | 261 | Year Player | Round | Overall |
| 2003 | Antwan Peek | 3 | 67 | 2003 Bennie Joppru | 2 | 41 |
| 2003 | Keith Wright | 6 | 214 | 2006 Owen Daniels | 4 | 98 |
| 2004 | Jason Babin | 1 | 27 | 2009 Anthony Hill | 4 | 122 |
| 2004 | Raheem Orr | 7 | 210 | 2009 James Casey | 5 | 152 |
| 2005 | Travis Johnson | 1 | 16 | 2010 Garrett Graham | 4 | 118 |
| 2006 | Mario Williams | 1 | 1 | 2010 Dorin Dickerson | 7 | 227 |
| 2007 | Amobi Okoye | 1 | 10 | 2013 Ryan Griffin | 6 | 201 |
| 2008 | Frank Okam | 5 | 151 | 2014 C.J. Fiedorowicz | 3 | 65 |
| 2009 | Connor Barwin | 2 | 46 | 2018 Jordan Akins | 3 | 98 |
| 2010 | Earl Mitchell | 3 | 81 | 2018 Jordan Thomas | 6 | 211 |
| 2011 | J.J. Watt | 1 | 11 | 2019 Kahale Warring | 3 | 86 |
| 2012 | Jared Crick | 4 | 126 |  |  |  |
| 2013 | Chris Jones | 6 | 198 |  |  |  |
| 2014 | Louis Nix III | 3 | 83 | RUNNING BACKS (10) |  |  |
| 2014 | Jeoffrey Pagan | 6 | 177 | Year Player | Round | Overall |
| 2015 | Christian Covington | 6 | 216 | 2002 Jonathan Wells | 4 | 99 |
| 2016 | D.J. Reader | 5 | 166 | 2003 Domanick Williams | 4 | 101 |
| 2017 | Carlos Watkins | 4 | 142 | 2005 Vernand Morency | 3 | 73 |
| 2019 | Charles Omenihu | 5 | 161 | 2006 Wali Lundy | 6 | 170 |
| 2020 | Ross Blacklock | 2 | 40 | 2008 Steve Slaton | 3 | 89 |
|  |  |  |  | 2010 Ben Tate | 2 | 58 |
| LINEBACKERS (19) |  |  |  | 2014 Alfred Blue | 6 | 181 |
| Year | Player R | Round | Overall | 2015 Kenny Hilliard | 7 | 235 |
| 2004 | Charlie Anderson | 6 | 200 | 2016 Tyler Ervin | 4 | 119 |
| 2005 | Kenneth Pettway | 7 | 227 | 2017 D'Onta Foreman | 3 | 89 |
| 2006 | DeMeco Ryans | 2 | 33 | QUARTERBACKS (8) |  |  |
| 2007 | Zac Diles | 7 | 218 |  |  |  |
| 2008 | Xavier Adibi | 4 | 118 | Year Player | Round | Overall |
| 2009 | Brian Cushing | 1 | 15 | 2002 David Carr | 1 | 1 |
| 2010 | Darryl Sharpton | 4 | 102 | 2003 Dave Ragone | 3 | 88 |
| 2011 | Brooks Reed | 2 | 42 | 2004 Drew Henson | 6 | 192 |
| 2011 | Cheta Ozougwu | 7 | 254 | 2004 B.J. Symons | 7 | 248 |
| 2012 | Whitney Mercilus | 1 | 26 | 2008 Alex Brink | 7 | 223 |
| 2013 | Sam Montgomery | 3 | 95 | 2011 T.J. Yates | 5 | 152 |
| 2013 | Trevardo Williams | 4 | 124 | 2014 Tom Savage | 4 | 135 |
| 2014 | Jadeveon Clowney | 1 | 1 | 2017 Deshaun Watson | 1 | 12 |
| 2015 | Benardrick McKinney | - 2 | 43 |  |  |  |
| 2015 | Reshard Cliett | 6 | 211 | FULLBACKS (3) |  |  |
| 2017 | Zach Cunningham | 2 | 57 | Year Player | Round | Overall |
| 2018 | Duke Ejiofor | 6 | 177 | 2002 Jarrod Baxter | 5 | 136 |
| 2018 | Peter Kalambayi | 6 | 214 | 2014 Jay Prosch | 6 | 211 |
| 2020 | Jonathan Greenard | 3 | 90 | 2019 Cullen Gillaspia | 7 | 220 |
| WIDE RECEIVERS (17) |  |  |  | KICKERS (1) |  |  |
| Year | Player R | Round | Overall | Year Player | Round | Overall |
| 2002 | Jabar Gaffney | 2 | 33 | 2012 Randy Bullock | 5 | 161 |
| 2003 | Andre Johnson | 1 | 3 | LONG SNAPPERS (1) |  |  |
| 2004 | Sloan Thomas | 7 | 211 |  |  |  |
| 2005 | Jerome Mathis | 4 | 114 | Year Player | Round | Overall |
| 2006 | David Anderson | 7 | 251 | 2003 Chance Pearce | 7 | 233 |
| 2007 | Jacoby Jones | 3 | 73 | PUNTERS (0) |  |  |
| 2010 | Trindon Holliday | 6 | 197 |  |  |  |
| 2012 | DeVier Posey | 3 | 68 | Year Player | Round | Overall |
| 2012 | Keshawn Martin | 4 | 121 | N/A |  |  |
| 2013 | DeAndre Hopkins | 1 | 27 |  |  |  |
| 2013 | Alan Bonner | 6 | 195 |  |  |  |
| 2015 | Jaelen Strong | 3 | 70 | NOTE: Some players played different positions after being drafted. |  |  |
| 2015 | Keith Mumphery | 5 | 175 |  |  |  |
| 2016 | Will Fuller V | 1 | 21 |  |  |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LSU |  |  | LOUISVILLE |  |  |
| DL | Howard Green | 2002 | QB | Dave Ragone | 2003 |
| RB | Domanick Davis | 2003 | DB | Curry Burns | 2003 |
| WR | Trindon Holliday | 2010 | DL | Amobi Okoye | 2007 |
| LB | Sam Montgomery | 2013 |  | MISSISSIPPI STATE |  |
| RB | Alfred Blue | 2014 | LB | Benardrick McKinney | 2015 |
| RB | Kenny Hilliard | 2015 | OL | Martinas Rankin | 2018 |
| 5 |  |  | TE | Jordan Thomas | 2018 |
| TEXAS |  |  | QB | T.J. Yates | 2011 |
| WR | Sloan Thomas | 004 | OL | Brennan Willi | 2013 |
| OL | Kasey Studdard | 2007 | OL | Charlie Heck | 2020 |
| DL | Frank Okam | 2008 | ohio State |  |  |
| RB | D'Onta Foreman | 2017 | RB | Jonathan Wells | 202 |
| DL | Charles Omenihu | 2019 | WR | DeVier Posey | 2012 |
|  | Notre dame |  | WR | Braxton Miller | 2016 |
| DB | Glenn Earl | 2004 | RICE |  |  |
| DB | Vontez Duff | 004 | TE | James Casey | 2009 |
| DL | Louis Nix III | 2014 | LB | Cheta Ozougwu | 2011 |
| WR | Will Fuller V | 2016 | DL | Christian Covington | 2015 |
| OL | Nick Martin | 2016 | SAN JOSE STATE |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | RB | Tyler Ervin | 2016 |
| ALABAMA |  |  | DB | maine Kelly | 018 |
| LB | DeMeco Ryans | 2006 | STANFORD |  |  |
| OL | Antoine Caldwe | 009 | DB | andon Harris | 007 |
| DB | Kareem Jackson | 2010 | DB | Justin Reid | 2018 |
| DL | Jeoffrey Pagan CLEMSON | 2014 | LB | Peter Kalambayi TEXAS A\&M | 2018 |
| WR | DeAndre Hopkins | 2013 | LS | Chance Pearce | 2003 |
| DL | D.J. Reader | 2016 | K | Randy Bullock | 2012 |
| DL | Carlos Watkins | 2017 | FB | Cullen Gillaspia | 2019 |
| QB | Deshaun Watson | 2017 | WISCONSIN |  |  |
|  | MIAMI |  | TE | Owen Daniels | 2006 |
| WR | Andre Johnson | 003 | TE | Garrett Grahan | 010 |
| OL | Eric Winston | 006 | DL | J.J. Watt | 2011 |
| LB | Darryl Sharpton | 2010 | - |  |  |
| DB | Brandon Harris | 2011 |  |  |  |
|  | PITTSBURGH |  | ARIZONA |  |  |
| DB | Ramon Walker | 2002 | DL | Earl Mitchell | 2010 |
| OL | Charles Spencer | 2006 | LB | Brooks Reed | 2011 |
| WR | Dorin Dickerson | 2010 |  | AUBURN |  |
| QB | Tom Savage | 2014 | RB | Ben Tate | 2010 |
|  | SOUTH CAROLINA |  | FB | Jay Prosch | 2014 |
| DB | Dunta Robinson | 2004 |  | CINCINNATI |  |
| DB | Fred Bennett | 2007 | LB | Antwan Peek | 2003 |
| DB | D.J. Swearinger | 2013 | DL | Connor Barwin | 2009 |
| LB | Jadeveon Clowney | 2014 |  | COLORADO STATE |  |
|  | VIRGINIA TECH |  | WR | David Anderson | 2006 |
| OL | Brandon Frye | 2007 | OL | Shelley Smith | 2010 |
| OL | Duane Brown | 2008 |  | CONNECTICUT |  |
| LB | Xavier Adibi | 2008 | LB | Trevardo Williams | 2013 |
| DB | Roc Carmichael | 2011 | TE | Ryan Griffin | 20 |
| 3 |  |  | FLORIDA |  |  |
|  |  |  | WR | Jabar Gaffney | 2002 |
| ARIZONA STATE |  |  | LB | Jonathan Greenard | 2020 |
| OL | Drew Hodgdon | 2005 |  | KANSAS STATE |  |
| DB | Troy Nolan | 2009 | DB | DeMarcus Faggins | 2002 |
| WR | Jaelen Strong | 2015 | LB | Zac Diles | 2007 |


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|  | MICHIG |  |  | IDAHO |  |
| TE | Bennie Joppru | 2003 | DB | Shiloh Keo | 2011 |
| QB | Drew Henson | 2003 |  | ILLINOIS |  |
|  | MICHIGAN STATE |  | LB | Whitney Mercilus | 2012 |
| WR | Keshawn Martin | 2012 |  | IOWA |  |
| WR | MINNESOTA |  | JACKSONVILLE STATE |  |  |
|  | Greg White | 2002 | WR | Alan Bon | 01 |
| DB | Dominique Barber 2008 NEBRASKA |  | DB | KENTUCKY |  |
|  |  |  | Lonnie Johnson Jr. | 201 |
| DB | Jammal Lord | 2004 |  | WR | Jacoby Jo | 2007 |
| DL | Jared Crick NEW MEXICO |  | LOUISIANA-LAFA |  |  |
|  |  |  | DB | C.C. Brown | 2005 |
| FB | Jarrod Baxter | 2002 |  | MARYLAND |  |
| DB | Glover Quin | 2009 | DL | Charles Hill | 2002 |
| NORTH CAROLINA STATE |  |  |  | MEMPHIS |  |
| DL | Mario Williams | 2006 | DB | Lonnie Ballenti | 2014 |
| TE | Anthony Hill 20 SAN DIEGO STATE |  |  | MIAMI (OHIO) |  |
|  |  |  | OL | Brandon Brooks MISSISSIPPI | 2012 |
| OL | Chester Pitts | 2002 |  |  |  |
| TE | Kahale Warring TEXAS TECH | 2019 | LB | Charlie Anderson | 2004 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| QB | B.J. Symons | 2004 | DL | Keith Wright | 2003 |
| RR | Keke Coutee 2018VANDERBILT |  | OL Max Scharping 2019 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DB | Andre Hal | 2014 | OL | Seth Wand | 2003 |
| LB | Zach Cunningham 2017WAKE FOREST |  |  | HWESTERN |  |
|  |  |  | DB | Sherrick McManis | 201 |
| DB | Kevin Johnson | 2015 |  | OKLAHOMA STATE |  |
| LB | Duke Ejiofor WEST VIRGINIA |  | RB | Vernand Morency OREGON STATE | 2005 |
| RB | Steve Slaton | 2008 | DB | Treston Decoud | 2017 |
| DB | K.J. Dillon | 2016 |  | PENN STATE |  |
|  | 1 |  | DB | nn Reid | 20 |
|  |  |  | PURDUE |  |  |
|  | ALABAMA STATE |  |  | OL | k Mondek | 2012 |
| OL | Tytus Howard | 2019 |  | RHODE ISLAN |  |
|  | ARKANSAS STATE |  | WR | saiah Coulter | 2020 |
| OL | Derek Newton | 2011 |  | RUTGERS |  |
|  | BAYLOR |  | LB | Raheem Orr | 2004 |
| OL | Kyle Fuller | 2017 |  | SOUTH FLORIDA |  |
|  | BOWLING GREEN |  | LB | Reshard Cliett | 201 |
| DL | Chris Jones BUCKNELL | 2013 |  | TCU |  |
|  |  |  | DL | oss Blacklock | 2020 |
| OL | Julién Davenport 2017 |  | tennessee |  |  |
|  |  |  | OL | red Weary | 2002 |
| TE | Jordan Akins | 2018 | UCLA |  |  |
|  | CENTRAL MICHIGAN |  | OL | Xavier Su'a-Filo | 2014 |
| DB | Xavier Crawford <br> EASTERN KENTUCKY |  | UNLV |  |  |
|  |  |  | DL | Ahmad Miller | 2002 |
| DB | Antwaun Molden FLORIDA STATE | 2008 | USC |  |  |
|  |  |  | LB | Brian Cushing | 2009 |
| DL | Travis Johnson FRESNO STATE | 200 | UTAH |  |  |
|  |  |  | DB | Brice McCain | 200 |
| QB | David Carr | 2002 | VIRGINIA |  |  |
|  | GEORGIA |  | RB | Wali Lundy | 2006 |
| OL | Ben Jones | 2012 | WASHINGTON STATE |  |  |
|  | GRAMBLING STATE |  | QB | Alex Brink | 2008 |
| LB | neth Pettway | 2005 | WESTERN MICHIGAN |  |  |
|  | HAMPTON |  | LB | Jason Babin | 2004 |
| WR | Jerome Mathis | 2005 |  |  |  |

## TEXANS DRAFT HISTDRY :Y RDUND



The Texans have 54 players on their active roster who were drafted, including nine former first-round picks, seven from the second round, 13 from the third round, nine former fourth-round picks, six former fifth-round picks, seven former sixth-round picks and three former seventh-round picks. There are also 24 undrafted players on the Texans' 78-man active roster.

FIRST ROUND (9)

| Pos. | Player | Year | Pick | Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| RB | Mark Ingram II | 2011 | 28 | New Orleans |
| DL | Whitney Mercilus | 2012 | 26 | Houston |
| WR | Brandin Cooks | 2014 | 20 | New Orleans |
| DB | Bradley Roby | 2014 | 31 | Denver |
| DB | Vernon Hargreaves III | 2016 | 11 | Tampa Bay |
| OL | Laremy Tunsil | 2016 | 13 | Miami |
| DL | Shaq Lawson | 2016 | 19 | Buffalo |
| QB | Deshaun Watson | 2017 | 12 | Houston |
| OL | Tytus Howard | 2019 | 23 | Houston |

SECOND ROUND (7)

| Pos. | Player | Year | Pick | Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| WR | Randall Cobb | 2011 | 64 | Green Bay |
| OL | Justin Britt | 2014 | 64 | Seattle |
| DL | DeMarcus Walker | 2017 | 51 | Denver |
| LB | Zach Cunningham | 2017 | 57 | Houston |
| DB | Lonnie Johnson Jr. | 2019 | 54 | Houston |
| OL | Max Scharping | 2019 | 55 | Houston |
| DL | Ross Blacklock | 2020 | 40 | Houston |

THIRD ROUND (13)

| Pos. | Player | Year | Pick | Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| WR | Andre Roberts | 2010 | 88 | Arizona |
| LB | Christian Kirksey | 2014 | 71 | Green Bay |
| DB | Terrence Brooks | 2014 | 79 | Baltimore |
| WR | Donte Moncrief | 2014 | 90 | Indianapolis |
| WR | Chris Conley | 2015 | 76 | Kansas City |
| RB | David Johnson | 2015 | 86 | Arizona |
| DL | Maliek Collins | 2016 | 67 | Dallas |
| DL | Jordan Jenkins | 2016 | 83 | N.Y. Jets |
| DL | Derek Rivers | 2017 | 83 | New England |
| DB | Justin Reid | 2018 | 68 | Houston |
| TE | Jordan Akins | 2018 | 98 | Houston |
| TE | Kahale Warring | 2019 | 86 | Houston |
| DL | Jonathan Greenard | 2020 | 90 | Houston |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | FOURTH ROUND (9) |  |  |
| Pos. | Player | Year | Pick | Team |
| LB | Kevin Pierre-Louis | 2014 | 132 | Seattle |
| DB | Eric Murray | 2016 | 106 | Kansas City |
| WR | Chris Moore | 2016 | 107 | Baltimore |
| DL | Jaleel Johnson | 2017 | 109 | Minnesota |
| WR | Keke Coutee | 2018 | 103 | Houston |
| QB | Ryan Finley | 2019 | 104 | Cincinnati |
| OL | Hjalte Froholdt | 2019 | 118 | New England |
| OL | Charlie Heck | 2020 | 124 | Houston |
| DB | John Reid | 2020 | 141 | Houston |

FIFTH ROUND (6)

| Pos. | Player | Year | Pick | Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| OL | Marcus Cannon | 2011 | 138 | New England |
| OL | Cole Toner | 2016 | 170 | Arizona |
| DB | Desmond King II | 2017 | 151 | L.A. Chargers |
| OL | Roderick Johnson | 2018 | 160 | Cleveland |
| DL | Charles Omenihu | 2019 | 161 | Houston |
| WR | Isaiah Coulter | 2020 | 171 | Houston |

## SIXTH ROUND (7)

| Pos. | Player | Year | Pick | Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| QB | Tyrod Taylor | 2011 | 180 | Baltimore |
| LB | Kamu Grugier-Hill | 2016 | 208 | New England |
| DL | Vincent Taylor | 2017 | 194 | Miami |
| DL | Duke Ejiofor | 2018 | 177 | Houston |
| DL | Jacob Martin | 2018 | 186 | Seattle |
| DB | Tremon Smith | 2018 | 196 | Kansas City |
| DB | Cornell Armstrong | 2018 | 209 | Miami |

SEVENTH ROUND (3)

| Pos. | Player | Year | Pick | Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| DB | Terrance Mitchell | 2014 | 254 | Dallas |
| DB | Keion Crossen | 2018 | 243 | New England |
| TE | Ryan Izzo | 2018 | 250 | New England |

COLLEGE FREE AGENTS (24)

| Pos. | Player | Year | Team |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LS | Jon Weeks | 2010 | Houston |
| OL | Lane Taylor | 2013 | Green Bay |
| DL | Brandon Dunn | 2014 | Chicago |
| OL | Justin McCray | 2014 | Tennessee |
| LB | Joe Thomas | 2014 | Green Bay |
| WR | Alex Erickson | 2016 | Cincinnati |
| K | Ka'imi Fairbairn | 2016 | Houston |
| TE | Antony Auclair | 2017 | Tampa Bay |
| TE | Pharaoh Brown | 2017 | Oakland |
| P | Cameron Johnston | 2017 | Philadelphia |
| LB | Hardy Nickerson | 2017 | Cincinnati |
| LB | Tae Davis | 2018 | N.Y. Giants |
| RB | Dontrell Hilliard | 2018 | Cleveland |
| RB | Buddy Howell | 2018 | Miami |
| RB | Phillip Lindsay | 2018 | Denver |
| DB | A.J. Moore Jr. | 2018 | New England |
| DB | Jonathan Owens | 2018 | Arizona |
| DB | Tavierre Thomas | 2018 | Arizona |
| LB | Nate Hall | 2019 | Dallas |
| DL | Auzoyah Alufohai | 2020 | Houston |
| OL | Cohl Cabral | 2020 | L.A. Rams |
| RB | Scottie Phillips | 2020 | Houston |
| TE | Paul Quessenberry | 2020 | New England |
| OL | Jordan Steckler | 2020 | New Orleans |

## TEXANS ALPHABETICAL RDSTER

|  | NO | NAME | POS | HT | WT | AGE | EXP | COLLEGE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |


| NO. | NAME | POS | HT | WT | AGE | EXP | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | ACQUIRED |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| , | Deshaun Watson | QB | 6-2 | 215 | 25 | 5 | Clemson | Gainesville, Ga. | D1-17 |
| 7 | Ka'imi Fairbairn | K | 6-0 | 183 | 27 | 6 | UCLA | Kailua, Hawaii | CFA-'16 |
| 13 | Brandin Cooks | WR | 5-10 | 183 | 27 | 8 | Oregon State | Stockton, Calif. | T-'20 (LAR) |
| 16 | Keke Coutee | WR | 5-11 | 187 | 24 | 4 | Texas Tech | Lufkin, Texas | D4-18 |
| 18 | Randall Cobb | WR | 5-10 | 195 | 30 | 11 | Kentucky | Maryville, Tenn. | UFA-'20 (DAL) |
| 20 | Justin Reid | DB | 6-1 | 203 | 24 | 4 | Stanford | Prairieville, La. | D3a-'18 |
| 21 | Bradley Roby | DB | 5-11 | 194 | 28 | 8 | Ohio State | Fort Worth, Texas | UFA-'19 (DEN) |
| 23 | Eric Murray | DB | 5-11 | 199 | 27 | 6 | Minnesota | Milwaukee, Wis. | UFA-'20 (CLE) |
| 26 | Vernon Hargreaves III | DB | 5-10 | 204 | 25 | 6 | Florida | Tampa, Fla. | W-'19 (TB) |
| 27 | Dontrell Hilliard | RB | 5-11 | 202 | 26 | 4 | Tulane | Baton Rouge, La. | W-20 (CLE) |
| 30 | Cornell Armstrong | DB | 6-0 | 185 | 25 | 4 | Southern Miss | Bassfield, Miss. | FA-'19 |
| 31 | David Johnson | RB | 6-1 | 224 | 29 | 7 | Northern lowa | Clinton, Iowa | T-'20 (ARI) |
| 32 | Lonnie Johnson Jr. | DB | 6-2 | 213 | 25 | 3 | Kentucky | Gary, Ind. | D2a-'19 |
| 33 | A.J. Moore Jr. | DB | 5-11 | 200 | 25 | 4 | Mississippi | Bassfield, Miss. | W-'18 (NE) |
| 34 | John Reid | DB | 5-10 | 187 | 24 | 2 | Penn State | Mount Laurel, N.J. | D4b-'20 |
| 35 | Keion Crossen | DB | 5-10 | 185 | 24 | 4 | Western Carolina | Garysburg, N.C. | T-'19 (NE) |
| 36 | Jonathan Owens | DB | 5-11 | 210 | 25 | 3 | Missouri Western State | St. Louis, Mo. | FA-'19 |
| 38 | Buddy Howell | RB | 6-1 | 218 | 25 | 4 | Florida Atlantic | Coconut Grove, Fla. | W-'18 (MIA) |
| 40 | Scottie Phillips | RB | 5-8 | 209 | 23 | 2 | Mississippi | Ellisville, Miss. | CFA-'20 |
| 41 | Zach Cunningham | LB | 6-3 | 238 | 26 | 5 | Vanderbilt | Pinson, Ala. | D2-'17 |
| 46 | Jon Weeks | LS | 5-10 | 242 | 35 | 12 | Baylor | Bethpage, N.Y. | FA-'10 |
| 48 | Nate Hall | LB | 6-2 | 235 | 25 | 2 | Northwestern | Toledo, Ohio | FA-'19 |
| 52 | Jonathan Greenard | DL | 6-3 | 263 | 23 | 2 | Florida | Hiram, Ga. | D3-'20 |
| 53 | Duke Ejiofor | DL | 6-4 | 255 | 25 | 4 | Wake Forest | Houston, Texas | D6a-'18 |
| 54 | Jacob Martin | DL | 6-2 | 242 | 25 | 4 | Temple | Katy, Texas | T-'19 (SEA) |
| 59 | Whitney Mercilus | DL | 6-4 | 258 | 30 | 10 | Illinois | Akron, Ohio | D1-12 |
| 63 | Roderick Johnson | OL | 6-6 | 306 | 25 | 5 | Florida State | Florissant, Mo. | W-'18 (CLE) |
| 67 | Charlie Heck | OL | 6-8 | 311 | 24 | 2 | North Carolina | Kansas City, Mo. | D4a-'20 |
| 71 | Tytus Howard | OL | 6-5 | 322 | 24 | 3 | Alabama State | Monroeville, Ala. | D1-'19 |
| 72 | Cohl Cabral | OL | 6-5 | 304 | 23 | 1 | Arizona State | Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. | FA-'20 |
| 74 | Max Scharping | OL | 6-6 | 327 | 24 | 3 | Northern Illinois | Green Bay, Wis. | D2b-'19 |
| 77 | Hjalte Froholdt | OL | 6-5 | 310 | 24 | 3 | Arkansas | Svendborg, Denmark | W-'20 (NE) |
| 78 | Laremy Tunsil | OL | 6-5 | 313 | 26 | 6 | Mississippi | Lake City, Fla. | T-'19 (MIA) |
| 81 | Kahale Warring | TE | 6-5 | 252 | 24 | 3 | San Diego State | Sonora, Calif. | D3-'19 |
| 82 | Isaiah Coulter | WR | 6-2 | 198 | 22 | 2 | Rhode Island | Brandywine, Md. | D5-'20 |
| 85 | Pharaoh Brown | TE | 6-6 | 258 | 26 | 4 | Oregon | Cleveland, Ohio | FA-'20 |
| 88 | Jordan Akins | TE | 6-4 | 243 | 28 | 4 | Central Florida | Locust Grove, Ga. | D3c-18 |
| 90 | Ross Blacklock | DL | 6-3 | 290 | 22 | 2 | TCU | Missouri City, Texas | D2-'20 |
| 92 | Brandon Dunn | DL | 6-2 | 310 | 28 | 6 | Louisville | Louisville, Ky. | FA-'15 |
| 94 | Charles Omenihu | DL | 6-5 | 280 | 23 | 3 | Texas | Houston, Texas | D5-'19 |
| 98 | Auzoyah Alufohai | DL | 6-4 | 320 | 24 | 1 | West Georgia | Houston, Texas | CFA-'20 |
|  | Antony Auclair | TE | 6-6 | 256 | 27 | 5 | Laval | Notre-Dame-des-Pins, Quebec, C | da UFA-'21 (TB) |
|  | Justin Britt | OL | 6-6 | 315 | 29 | 7 | Missouri | Lebanon, Mo. | FA-21 |
|  | Terrence Brooks | DB | 5-11 | 205 | 29 | 8 | Florida State | Dunnellon, Fla. | UFA-'21 (NE) |
|  | Marcus Cannon | OL | 6-6 | 335 | 32 | 10 | TCU | Odessa, Texas | T-'21 (NE) |
|  | Maliek Collins | DL | 6-2 | 310 | 26 | 6 | Nebraska | Kansas City, Mo. | UFA-'21 (LV) |
|  | Chris Conley | WR | 6-3 | 205 | 28 | 7 | Georgia | Dallas, Ga. | UFA-'21 (JAX) |
|  | Tae Davis | LB | 6-1 | 224 | 24 | 4 | Chattanooga | Oxford, Ala. | FA-'21 |
|  | Alex Erickson | WR | 6-0 | 195 | 28 | 6 | Wisconsin | Darlington, Wis. | UFA-'21 (CIN) |
|  | Ryan Finley | QB | 6-4 | 207 | 26 | 3 | North Carolina State | Phoenix, Ariz. | T-'21 (CIN) |
|  | Kamu Grugier-Hill | LB | 6-2 | 230 | 26 | 6 | Eastern Illinois | Papakolea, Hawaii | UFA-'21 (MIA) |
|  | Mark Ingram II | RB | 5-9 | 215 | 31 | 11 | Alabama | Flint, Mich. | FA-'21 |
|  | Ryan Izzo | TE | 6-5 | 255 | 25 | 4 | Florida State | Sparta, N.J. | T-'21 (NE) |
|  | Jordan Jenkins | DL | 6-3 | 260 | 26 | 6 | Georgia | Hamilton, Ga. | UFA-'21 (NYJ) |
|  | Jaleel Johnson | DL | 6-3 | 316 | 26 | 5 | Iowa | Brooklyn, N.Y. | UFA-'21 (MIN) |
|  | Cameron Johnston | P | 5-11 | 194 | 29 | 4 | Ohio State | Geelong, Australia | FA-'21 |
|  | Desmond King II | DB | 5-10 | 200 | 26 | 5 | lowa | Detroit, Mich. | UFA-'21 (TEN) |
|  | Christian Kirksey | LB | 6-2 | 235 | 28 | 8 | lowa | St. Louis, Mo. | FA-' 21 |
|  | Shaq Lawson | DL | 6-3 | 267 | 26 | 6 | Clemson | Central, S.C. | T-'21 (MIA) |
|  | Phillip Lindsay | RB | 5-8 | 190 | 26 | 4 | Colorado | Denver, Colo. | FA-'21 |
|  | Justin McCray | OL | 6-3 | 315 | 28 | 5 | Central Florida | Miami, Fla. | UFA-'21 (ATL) |
|  | Terrance Mitchell | DB | 5-11 | 191 | 28 | 8 | Oregon | Sacramento, Calif. | UFA-'21 (CLE) |
|  | Donte Moncrief | WR | 6-2 | 216 | 27 | 8 | Mississippi | Raleigh, Miss. | UFA-'21 (NE) |
|  | Chris Moore | WR | 6-1 | 200 | 27 | 6 | Cincinnati | Tampa, Fla. | UFA-'21 (BAL) |
|  | Hardy Nickerson | LB | 6-0 | 235 | 27 | 5 | Illinois | Oakland, Calif. | UFA-'21 (MIN) |
|  | Kevin Pierre-Louis | LB | 6-0 | 231 | 29 | 8 | Boston College | Norwalk, Conn. | UFA-'21 (WAS) |
|  | Paul Quessenberry | TE | 6-2 | 250 | 29 | 1 | Navy | Carlsbad, Calif. | FA-'21 |
|  | Derek Rivers | DL | 6-5 | 250 | 26 | 5 | Youngstown State | Kinston, N.C. | UFA-'21 (LAR) |
|  | Andre Roberts | WR | 5-11 | 195 | 33 | 12 | Citadel | Columbia, S.C. | UFA-'21 (BUF) |
|  | Tremon Smith | DB | 5-11 | 190 | 24 | 4 | Central Arkansas | Anniston, Ala. | FA-' 21 |
|  | Jordan Steckler | OL | 6-5 | 305 | 24 | 1 | Northern Illinois | Two Rivers, Wis. | FA-'21 |
|  | Lane Taylor | OL | 6-3 | 324 | 31 | 9 | Oklahoma State | Arlington, Texas | UFA-'21 (GB) |
|  | Tyrod Taylor | QB | 6-1 | 217 | 31 | 11 | Virginia Tech | Hampton, Va. | UFA- 21 (LAC) |
|  | Vincent Taylor | DL | 6-3 | 311 | 27 | 5 | Oklahoma State | New Orleans, La. | UFA-'21 (CLE) |
|  | Joe Thomas | LB | 6-1 | 233 | 29 | 6 | South Carolina State | Blackville, S.C. | UFA-'21 (DAL) |
|  | Tavierre Thomas | DB | 5-10 | 205 | 25 | 4 | Ferris State | Detroit, Mich. | FA-'21 |
|  | Cole Toner | OL | 6-5 | 310 | 27 | 4 | Harvard | Greenwood, Ind. | FA-'21 |
|  | DeMarcus Walker | DL | 6-4 | 280 | 26 | 5 | Florida State | Jacksonville, Fla. | UFA-'21 (DEN) |

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## DFFENSE (37)

QUARTERBACKS (3)
4 Deshaun Watson Ryan Finley

6-2
6-4 207263 North Carolina State Tyrod Taylor $\quad 6-1 \quad 217 \quad 31 \quad 11$ Virginia Tech

## WIDE RECEIVERS (9)

| 13 | Brandin Cooks | $5-10$ | 183 | 27 | 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Oregon State |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | Keke Coutee | $5-11$ | 187 | 24 | 4 | Texas Tech

## RUNNING BACKS \& FULLBACKS (6)

| 27 | Dontrell Hilliard | $5-11$ | 202 | 26 | 4 | Tulane |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 31 | David Johnson | $6-1$ | 224 | 29 | 7 | Northern lowa |
| 38 | Buddy Howell | $6-1$ | 218 | 25 | 4 | Florida Atlantic |
| 40 | Scottie Phillips | $5-8$ | 209 | 23 | 2 | Mississippi |
|  | Mark Ingram II | $5-9$ | 215 | 31 | 11 | Alabama |
|  | Phillip Lindsay | $5-8$ | 190 | 26 | 4 | Colorado |

## TIGHT ENDS (6)

| 81 | Kahale Warring | $6-5$ | 252 | 24 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| San Diego State |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85 | Pharaoh Brown | $6-6$ | 25826 | 4 | Oregon |
| 88 | Jordan Akins | $6-4$ | 24328 | 4 | Central Florida |
|  | Antony Auclair | $6-6$ | 256 | 27 | 5 | Laval

## OFFENSIVE LINE (13)

| 63 | Roderick Johnson | $6-6$ | 306 | 25 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Florida State |  |  |  |  |  |
| 67 | Charlie Heck | $6-8$ | 311 | 24 | 2 | North Carolina

DEFENSE (38)
DEFENSIVE LINE (15)
52 Jonathan Greenard
53 Duke Ejiofor
54 Jacob Martin
59 Whitney Mercilus
90 Ross Blacklock
92 Brandon Dunn
94 Charles Omenihu
98 Auzoyah Alufohai Maliek Collins Jordan Jenkins Jaleel Johnson
Shaq Lawson
Derek Rivers
Vincent Taylor DeMarcus Walker

| 6-3 | 263 | 23 | 2 | Florida |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $6-4$ | 255 | 26 | 4 | Wake Forest |
| $6-2$ | 242 | 25 | 4 | Temple |
| $6-4$ | 258 | 30 | 10 | Illinois |
| $6-3$ | 290 | 22 | 2 | TCU |
| $6-2$ | 310 | 28 | 6 | Louisville |
| $6-5$ | 280 | 23 | 3 | Texas |
| $6-4$ | 320 | 24 | 1 | West Georgia |
| $6-2$ | 310 | 26 | 6 | Nebraska |
| $6-3$ | 260 | 26 | 6 | Georgia |
| $6-3$ | 316 | 26 | 5 | lowa |
| $6-3$ | 267 | 26 | 6 | Clemson |
| $6-5$ | 250 | 26 | 5 | Youngstown State |
| $6-3$ | 311 | 27 | 5 | Oklahoma State |
| $6-4$ | 280 | 26 | 5 | Florida State |

## LINEBACKERS (8)

41 Zach Cunningham
48 Nate Hall
Tae Davis
Kamu Grugier-Hill
Christian Kirksey
Hardy Nickerson
Kevin Pierre-Louis Joe Thomas

## SECONDARY (15)

20 Justin Reid
21 Bradley Roby
23 Eric Murray
26 Vernon Hargreaves III
30 Cornell Armstrong
32 Lonnie Johnson Jr.
33 A.J. Moore Jr.
34 John Reid
35 Keion Crossen
36 Jonathan Owens
Terrence Brooks
Desmond King II
Terrance Mitchell
Tremon Smith
Tavierre Thomas

6-3 $238 \quad 26$
6-2 $235 \quad 25$
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6-2 $235 \quad 28 \quad 8$ low
6-0 $\quad 235 \quad 27 \quad 5$ Illinois
6-0 $\quad 231 \quad 29 \quad 8$ Boston College
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { 6-1 } & 233 & 29 & 6 & \text { South Carolina State }\end{array}$

Vanderbilt
Northwestern
Chattanooga
Eastern Illinois
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## HOW THE TEXANS WERE BUILT

| Season | NFL Draft (17) | Trades (9) | Free Agents (52) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2010 |  |  | LS Jon Weeks (CFA) |
| 6-10 |  |  | LS Jon Weeks (CFA) |
| 3rd, AFC South |  |  |  |
| 2011 |  |  |  |
| 10-6 |  |  |  |
| AFC South Champions |  |  |  |
| 2012 | DL Whitney Mercilus (1) |  |  |
| 12-4 |  |  |  |
| AFC South Champions |  |  |  |
| 2013 |  |  |  |
| 2-14 |  |  |  |
| 4th, AFC South |  |  |  |
| 2014 |  |  |  |
| 9-7 |  |  |  |
| 2nd, AFC South |  |  |  |
| 2015 |  |  | DL Brandon Dunn (FA) |
| 9-7 |  |  |  |
| AFC South Champions |  |  |  |
| 2016 |  |  | K Ka'imi Fairbairn (CFA) |
| 9-7 |  |  |  |
| AFC South Champions |  |  |  |
| 2017 | QB Deshaun Watson (1) |  |  |
| 4-12 | LB Zach Cunningham (2) |  |  |
| 4th, AFC South |  |  |  |
| 2018 | DB Justin Reid (3a) |  | RB Buddy Howell (W-MIA) |
| 11-5 | TE Jordan Akins (3c) |  | OL Roderick Johnson (W-CLE) |
| AFC South | WR Keke Coutee (4) |  | DB A.J. Moore Jr. (W-NE) |
| Champions | DL Duke Ejiofor (6a) |  |  |
| 2019 | OL Tytus Howard (1) | DB Keion Crossen (T-NE) | DB Cornell Armstrong (FA) |
| AFC South | DB Lonnie Johnson Jr. (2a) | DL Jacob Martin (T-SEA) | LB Nate Hall (FA) |
|  | OL Max Scharping (2b) | OL Laremy Tunsil (T-MIA) | DB Vernon Hargreaves III (W-TB) |
|  | TE Kahale Warring (3) DL Charles Omenihu (5) |  | DB Jonathan Owens (FA) <br> DB Bradley Roby (UFA-DEN) |
| 2020 | DL Ross Blacklock (2) | WR Brandin Cooks (T-LAR) | DL Auzoyah Alufohai (CFA) |
|  | DL Jonathan Greenard (3) | RB David Johnson (T-ARI) | TE Pharaoh Brown (FA) |
| 3rd, AFC South | OL Charlie Heck (4a) |  | OL Cohl Cabral (FA) |
|  | DB John Reid (4b) |  | WR Randall Cobb (UFA-DAL) |
|  | WR Isaiah Coulter (5) |  | OL Hjalte Froholdt (W-NE) |
|  |  |  | RB Dontrell Hilliard (W-CLE) |
|  |  |  | DB Eric Murray (UFA-CLE) |
|  |  |  | RB Scottie Phillips (CFA) |
| 2021 |  | OL Marcus Cannon (T-NE) | TE Antony Auclair (UFA-TB) |
|  |  | QB Ryan Finley (T-CIN) | OL Justin Britt (FA) |
|  |  | TE Ryan Izzo (T-NE) | DB Terrence Brooks (UFA-NE) |
|  |  | DL Shaq Lawson (T-MIA) | DL Maliek Collins (UFA-LV) |
|  |  |  | WR Chris Conley (UFA-JAX) |
|  |  |  | LB Tae Davis (FA) WR Alex Erickson (UFA-CIN) |
|  |  |  | LB Kamu Grugier-Hill (UFA-MIA) |
|  |  |  | RB Mark Ingram II (FA) |
|  |  |  | DL Jordan Jenkins (UFA-NYJ) |
|  |  |  | DL Jaleel Johnson (UFA-MIN) |
|  |  |  | DB Desmond King II (UFA-TEN) |
|  |  |  | RB Phillip Lindsay (FA) |
|  |  |  | LB Christian Kirksey (FA) |
|  |  |  | OL Justin McCray (UFA-ATL) |
|  |  |  | DB Terrance Mitchell (UFA-CLE) |
|  |  |  | WR Donte Moncrief (UFA-NE) |
|  |  |  | WR Chris Moore (UFA-BAL) |
|  |  |  | LB Hardy Nickerson (UFA-MIN) |
|  |  |  | LB Kevin Pierre-Louis (UFA-WAS) |
|  |  |  | TE Paul Quessenberry (FA) DL Derek Rivers (UFA-LAR) |
|  |  |  | WR Andre Roberts (UFA-BUF) |
|  |  |  | DB Tremon Smith (FA) |
|  |  |  | OL Jordan Steckler (FA) |
|  |  |  | OL Lane Taylor (UFA-GB) |
|  |  |  | QB Tyrod Taylor (UFA-LAC) |
|  |  |  | DL Vincent Taylor (UFA-CLE) |
|  |  |  | LB Joe Thomas (UFA-DAL) |
|  |  |  | DB Tavierre Thomas (FA) |
|  |  |  | OL Cole Toner (FA) |
|  |  |  | DL DeMarcus Walker (UFA-DEN) |

## general manager nick caserio

## Opening statement

"Good morning. I appreciate everyone being here today. It's probably been a while since we've all been together. Exciting time of year for the organization, for the respective staffs. Our scouting staff in particular. We're excited about the opportunity that's in front of us here in a couple weeks with the draft. That staff has worked extremely hard, Matt Bazirgan James Liipfert on the college side. Even going back to what's happened here over the past few weeks and months in free agency. The staffs have done a great job. Everybody's put a lot of time, lot of effort, lot of energy and I certainly appreciate it. Excited about the start of the off-season program here to kind of kickoff football season. We'll see what that brings here starting Monday, but we're excited about where we're headed, and I appreciate everybody taking a few minutes this morning to get together. So I think we'll go ahead and get it started."

Can you give us any update on the situation regarding $Q B$ Deshaun Watson?
"I would say I really don't have any comment. I know Cal (McNair) and ownership put a letter out a few weeks ago just relative to the organizational stance relative to where we are, so I don't have anything to add other than it's a legal process. We're respectful of the legal process and where that is. We're focused on today and we're focused on getting ready for the offseason program and getting ready for the draft, so that's where our focus is."

Have the allegations against QB Deshaun Watson affected how teams have approached you regarding his availability?
"Right now, the focus is on the offseason program and getting ready for the draft. I think that situation is in the legal process and we are respectful of where that is, so we'll leave it there and focus on the things that we can control, which is getting our team for the start of the offseason program and getting our group ready for the draft and the opportunities that will be in front of us here in a couple weeks. So that's where our focus is."

What went into the decision to sign QB Tyrod Taylor and why do you think he is a fit for the team?
"I'd say generally speaking when you look at the whole roster construction and the offseason program what we try to do at all positions with the entire team is try to identify players that we thought we liked that may have had some experience with our staff and that were looking for opportunity to compete, to be in a good situation and that wanted to be in Houston. He certainly fell into that category like a lot of other players. We're excited to start the work with this group, whenever that is, and how it's all going to unfold, like nobody has a crystal ball, but we just try to do what we thought was best for the organization and for the team, so that's why we signed the players that we did."


There are obviously a lot of scenarios that can happen from QB Deshaun Watson sitting out to getting suspended; there could be a trial. How are you planning for those different scenarios and what are your kind of contingency plans as you look ahead? "We're not really going into a lot of hypotheticals and a lot of speculation. I'm not really good at that. Maybe somebody else is better than at that than me. If you want to speculate, you should probably go buy Bitcoin, focus on that. We're just going to focus on the things that we can control which is kind of getting ready for draft and trying to take advantage of the opportunities to continue to add to our team and build our roster. We'll just take it one day at a time and focus on the things that we can control."

## What is the potential of you trading up or moving back to add

 picks in the draft?"Yeah, it's a great question. I think when you just look at the draft in general, there's a multitude of strategies that you can employ. A lot of that is based on resource allocation and a lot of it is really player-driven. So when you talk about, a, moving up for a player or moving up in the draft, who are you moving up for and what's the cost associated with doing that? So in order to move $X$ number of spots, OK, it's going to cost you this, right? So part of our draft, I would say preparation is to look at different scenarios, how far could we actually move relative to the resources that we currently have in place? So I think the most important thing is always being prepared to pick whenever you're scheduled to pick, and if there's an opportunity to move up or down, we'll be flexible, we'll be open-minded and we'll just try to make best use of the resources that we have. I would say there's no set formula of going up or going down, and it's very player-specific and very player-driven. If you feel you might be at risk of potentially losing a player and there's a player that you really like, OK, maybe it's worth moving five or six spots and then what's the cost associated with doing that? So again, we are going to have to look at our picks, what we have, what gives us the opportunity to move up. If we want to move down and we think we can move back and acquire the same player, there's some risk involved in that. You try to weigh everything and just try to make a good decision whenever you have to pick."

Did you say six weeks ago that you believe that QB Deshaun Watson could have been traded before the draft? If so, has that changed at all?
"I've never said that. I mean, if that was something that someone said I said, I don't believe I said that. I think the most important thing for us is to do what we think is best for the Houston Texans, and that's what we're going to do."

How difficult is it to prepare for a draft when you don't pick until the third round unless you make significant trades?
"Good question. Quite frankly, not difficult at all. I mean, we've had experience, I've had experience. We haven't had first and second round picks before. That was the case in New England. I think one year we were picking, like, 70th or something like that. We didn't have a first or second round pick. We ended up picking four players. Again, I think the most important thing is to evaluate the players, have an understanding on the board top to bottom, and whatever opportunity you have to pick, whenever that is, just be ready to pick the player that you feel most comfortable with. To answer your question, quite frankly, it's not that difficult. I think we have done a lot of work and we have done a lot of research. Look, we have evaluated the board top to bottom. It's not, well, we don't have a first or second round pick, we're not going to evaluate this group of players. That's kind of irresponsible. But our staff, James Liipfert and his staff and our area scouts, we have done a lot of work. We have done a lot of information. Again, when you're watching a team, you might think, 'OK, this player is going to get picked in the first however many picks.' But when you're watching that team and evaluating that school, it's not like you're going to go through your evaluation process and say, 'well, we don't have a first or second round pick, this player is not going to be there, so we are not going to worry about him.' It's kind of negligent or irresponsible. Quite frankly, it's not that big of a deal. I think it gets made into the bigger deal than the reality of what it is. So whatever our opportunities are, whatever picks that we have, we are just going to try to maximize those opportunities."

How do you perceive or go forward with the uncertainty that you're dealing with at the quarterback? Also, do you think QB Tyrod Taylor would still be a good fit for the team if there was not any uncertainty with QB Deshaun Watson?
"A couple good questions we'll kind of work back to front on that. I would say when you look at our team, so we went through the offseason, we went back and evaluated our team, we went through the roster and I would say specific to the quarterback position, there was only one player that was under contract or on the team, right? So we were evaluating that position, in addition to a multitude of other positions, as well. We went through our process. We tried to earmark or identify some players that we thought we liked. I would say in his particular case, he has some experience with coaches on our staff or has some experience, you know, in this type of offense or system. So regardless, like, that was a position where quite frankly we didn't have very many numbers. AJ (McCarron) was a free agent. Josh (McCown) retired. So when you have one player at any one position on the team, you
need more than one person You're going to need more than one person. So I think that's kind of how we approached it and just kind of went through our process and evaluated it accordingly."

## How big of a role did QB Deshaun Watson play in your decision to come to Houston?

"Look, any time you make a decision, a professional decision, you're going to evaluate every piece of information. So there's a lot of things that go into it, and again, whenever you start, whenever you accept the position or start something new, you have no idea what's going to be in front of you or what that entails, right? You just take the information that you have, make a decision and make a choice. I was blessed to have the opportunity to come here to Houston. I'm excited to be here and we're just going to take it one day at a time. So again, like are there challenges? Everybody faces challenges. We all have challenges. I would just say generally speaking, there's a lot bigger challenges in society that are taking place right now than anything really going on from our football team. So I think it's important to kind of keep everything in perspective. Again, you look at everything, you assess the information, and you make a decision, and you just move forward, right? Look, you're going to face difficult situations and there's going to be circumstances that come up and how you deal with those situations ultimately is the most important thing. That's kind of how our approach has been philosophically. I know that's David's (Culley) mindset, that's our coaching staff's mindset. Like the past, I would say, three or four months have been, quite frankly, like pretty refreshing and invigorating. We've tried to do what we feel is best for our team, try to build the team and try to put together as competitive a team as possible and try to get ready for the upcoming season. That's all we can really control. To answer your question, I think those are the things that are relevant. Not necessarily, like, here are the challenges and here are the things that, like, it looks like it's a real difficult situation. Again, life's full of challenges and how you handle it ultimately determine the outcome."

What was the thought process behind keeping a majority of the personnel department and all the free agency moves that the team made?
"We've actually made a lot of changes in that area, as well. There is some carryover. There's some carryover that's been in place or some people that are still in place. So again, you evaluate everything, you try to assess the information, try to make a good decision across the entire football operation and that's what we did. I have a lot of confidence in that group. I have experience working specifically with James (Liipfert) going back to our background together in New England. So again, there's a lot of factors. It's never one particular thing that goes into making those decisions. It's a good group, good, hard-working group. They're smart and there's been a lot of communication back and forth, and we're trying to put some systems in place. Maybe some things are a little bit different than what they have done previously. But again, what we are trying to do is just try to merge it all together and ultimately arrive at the same point. Try to make good decisions
for the Houston Texans organization, and really, it's our decision. It's not my decisions. It's not David's (Culley) decisions. It's not James' decisions. It's our decision organizationally, and once we make a decision we are going to move forward - understanding, and I would say specific to the draft, when we look at that, I mean, we are talking about really a 50-50 proposition, so it's a coin flip. So there are some players that are going to come in here and that are going to work and there are some other players for whatever reason that are not going to work. That's just the nature of what we do. I would say there's a lot of players that we signed of the however many 35, 40 players, some of them might not be here in September, right? So where the roster is currently, it might look a little bit different in September, as well. That's just part of the arc and the ebb and flow of the NFL and the overall roster building. We're excited about the group of people that are here. The attitude's been great. The energy has been great and we're just trying to make as much progress as we can one day at a time and just see where that takes us."

Is there a particular position that the team is prioritizing in the draft in order to improve the roster?
"Yeah, it's a great question. I think there's always the discussion of, OK, quote unquote, need versus, maybe picking best player, right? What we've tried to do successfully or unsuccessfully - what we've tried to do is just create as much competition on the roster as we possibly could. So some positions, I don't know, we have like 15 defensive linemen on a team between defensive tackles and the defensive ends. There's eight, nine linebackers, we have nine corners, so does that prohibit us from maybe taking a player at maybe one of those positions? Not necessarily, right? So you have to assess who that player is that you're evaluating that you're making the decision on relative to maybe what you have currently in place and see how that matches up. Maybe there's another position where it may not have as many numbers or you feel, you know what, this player definitively is an upgrade from what we have, or at least we think he is, so we are going to go ahead and select that particular person. I wouldn't say it's necessarily position-specific. I think our focus is just trying to find good football players that are good people that have the right mindset that want to come here and they want to work hard and aren't afraid of competition that are going to embrace the opportunity in front of them. Ultimately, it's not going to be about what I think. The players are going to ultimately determine how big of a role or who plays. So just try to bring as many good players, as many good people into the building, and let the competition sort itself out. I think that's the mindset and the approach that we are taking, as opposed to we need to draft this specific position because of this, or we want to take this particular player because of this, right? Because if you do that, it might lead you astray and I think you just want to try to be true to your evaluations of specific - we're talking about the draft - be true to those evaluations and you've graded the players a certain way. So what you don't want to do is, 'well, this player at this position, you know, is graded a little bit higher but we have so many of those players on our team already. Maybe this player is graded a little bit lower, but we don't
have as many players. OK, so you're going to take the player down here.' You've got to be careful about doing that because then it goes against all the work that you put into it. So again, it's about just picking the right people for the Texans, the right players, not necessarily a specific position of quote, unquote need."

Am I correct that you start the offseason program next week?
"The start of the offseason program is scheduled for Monday, that's correct."

Do you expect QB Deshaun Watson to participate in the offseason program on Monday?
"Well, this year is no different. It's a voluntary program. So players have the option to participate in the program. So it's a case-bycase basis and each player will make the choice that they feel is best. What we're going to do is we are going to do what we have done actually the past couple months, like the building's been open. We've had a multitude of players that have been in here. They come in the building, they test, they go in the weight room, they work out, they go through their process. So again, whatever players are here that choose to participate, like that's their choice and we are going to create as good of a working environment for the players as possible. So when they come here, they feel comfortable, and they feel like they are improving as a Houston Texan football player, so that's what our focus is going to be on."

With so many new players and a defensive scheme change, how difficult would it be for the offseason program to be virtual and not on the field?
"Look, there's only so much that we control, so we'll take advantage of whatever opportunities that we have, whether that's virtual meetings, and then if we do have the opportunity to work with them on the practice field at some point, then we'll embrace that opportunity when it presents itself. So we can only control what we can control. We don't make the rules. We just comply with the rules, and that's what we'll do. So whatever opportunities that we have with the players, just try to help them to try to give them the opportunity so that come training camp, they are in the best position to compete. That's what we'll do."

## Do you place more value on coverage or pass rush?

"It's all combined. It all works together. Defense is about team defense. It's not about one particular player, about one particular position. It all works in conjunction with one another, so the better front you have, then it's going to help the coverage. The better coverage is going to help the front, right? Again, it's not about, like, is one more important than the other? It's about team defense. There's 11 players on the field and they have to work in conjunction and in unison with one another. That's the best way to play defense is to have good team defense. You've got to be able to do certain things. There are certain areas that hopefully we can improve relative to where we were last year as a team with the Houston Texans, and that's what we're going to try to do."

What are some of the specific qualities that you look for in a player that you bring to the Texans?
"Great question. There are certain physical attributes that are going to be important. Those are going to be specific to the position, like their speed, their explosiveness. Again, there are certain things that may be a little bit more relevant physically to whatever position that they are playing. I would say some of the non-tangible components, which are a little bit higher to measure, right? I would say their mindset, their mindset relative to the team. Do they put the team first? Are they willing to be coached? Are they willing to improve? Can they make corrections? Can they make adjustments? Can they handle a large volume of information? OK, can they transition from one opponent to the next opponent and can they reduplicate that on a week-to-week basis? I think being able to perform consistently over the course of a long period of time and sustain that level of performance, and improve and make adjustments and corrections, those are some of the non-tangible things that are harder to measure that you don't really get the opportunity to see until you actually have them in the building. So there's physical attributes that are important, physical components that are important and there are some non-tangible, I would say, more football trait-related things that are just as important that we can't look past because ultimately some of those things are going to determine how good or not the player is going to be. Not to speak on any particular player in New England, but just on the heels of (Julian) Edelman's retirement, there's a good example of a player who had to cut some physical characteristics. But then he also had some nonfootball traits relative to his work ethic, relative to his mindset, relative to his willingness to improve on a day-to-day base that made himself into the player that he ultimately became. Again, I would say we have a lot of people on our roster, in our locker room that have that same sort of mindset and mentality. So those are the things that we are going to try to bring to the floor and see if we can identify players in the draft that have some of those qualities, so that when they come in here, we can actually evaluate those and see those."


What was your mindset as you made changes to the offensive line this offseason?
"Again, like just evaluate the team, do what we feel is best for our organization. We have some players that were here last year that are returning. We have some players that played last year that are no longer here. Again, just try to look at everything and just trying to make smart decisions or what we think is best for our team. So that's why, there's a lot of factors, I wouldn't say it's one particular factor that goes that. There's a multitude of factors that go into those types of things, right? You have to factor those in and then you make a decision and then you just move forward with it."

With the way the COVID protocols have impacted pro days and the Combine, has it been harder for you to evaluate this year's class?
"It's a great question. I wouldn't say it's been harder. I would say it's probably been just more different, right? Because each team with the pro day specifically, you're allowed three representatives from your organization, and you couldn't have, I would say, one-on-one interaction. I would say normal protocol and course of action would be going to the school the night before, meet with the player, spend some time in the classroom, be able to go through some things, right, and watch the player work out the next day and you put together a comprehensive report of what you saw or what that interaction was like, right? This year was OK, show up, watch the player work out and leave, right? Again, it was just different, so you just have to come up with maybe some alternative ways to gather information, and I think our staff has done as a good a job of that as possible, scouting staff and coaching staff, because we do have an opportunity to interface with these players on a one-on-one basis, kind of like we are doing here right now, right? Like we could have that call. You could get on a call with a player for an hour and go through some of the same things that you would do at the school, right? So you just have to sort of shift your mindset and shift gears a little bit and be flexible with your thinking. And again, you're still trying to arrive at the same endpoint. I would say in addition to the pro day process, when you go back and look at the fall, some teams played more games than others, so you have a bigger sample on some players relative to others, right? So I wouldn't say it's necessarily made it harder. Has it been a little bit different? Yeah. But again, you just have to trust your process, trust what you're doing and try to figure out a way to arrive at the end point so you make a good decision ultimately at the end."

When you are evaluating a quarterback that might be available in the mid rounds, are you evaluating that quarterback differently than you would a quarterback that would be available at the top of the draft?
"Any position, you have certain criteria that you're going to evaluate that player. So regardless of their level of performance or their level of play or who they are, you're evaluating them on the same criteria and then you're assigning a numerical grade based on a particular skillset or attribute, right? So then when you compile all that together, the end result might be: OK, this player
grades out at this level, this player grades out at a different level. You don't necessarily - you're not evaluating them on different metrics. You just maybe have a different endpoint of what you think of the player, right? So what goes into playing one position doesn't necessarily change regardless of where they're picked, right? You're still looking at those same attributes. And then maybe one player, one level, maybe doesn't have quite all the qualities that you like, but he's got these things that he does pretty well and you feel comfortable, and, OK, so we're going to assign a numerical grade because we think it's commensurate with the role we are projecting, right? It doesn't necessarily change the way you evaluate it but each player has their own skill set and some are more equipped or better in some areas than others, and that's what you have to weigh out. So hopefully that answers your question."

I just wanted to clarify my question from earlier, because I think it came off differently from how I intended. It wasn't that did you say that you would trade QB Deshaun Watson, but I was asking, did you believe that he could be traded before the draft and if so, has that belief changed at all?
"Again, I would go back to what I said earlier. I'm really not going to get into lot of hypotheticals or kind of speculation. I think the most important thing on all of this, on any particular situation, what we are doing organizationally, we are going to do what ultimately we feel is best for our team."

You used free agency extensively to overhaul your roster. How much work could be done between now and the draft that could affect what you're thinking in the draft, or is it apples and oranges?
"Not necessarily. Look, it's all tied together. I think when you look at the team right now, we're at 78, 79 players, so, OK, you can get to 90 . So that leaves, call it 10 to 12 spots or 10 to 12 areas, right? If you go beyond that 10 to 12 then it's going to come at the expense of maybe some other player or another position, right? So what you try to do is put the team in place before the draft and you evaluate where you are, make an assessment, OK, and then go through your draft process and look at potentially the players that might be available, let's say we're picking at 67, or let's say nothing changes, right? Who is going to be available, and is that necessarily impacted by these 78 over here? It might be, but it might not be. Again, you just want to try to pick good football players. Again, l'll use an example of just going back to what we did in New England. So whatever, two, three years ago, we drafted Damien Harris, I think it was in the third round, because we had a certain grade. When you look at that position, we had James White, we had (Rex) Burkhead, we had Sony Michel and I think we had Brandon Bolden on the team. So to your question, looking at that position, going, all right, looks like they are in a decent shape at that position, right? But when you're looking at the board, you're looking at Damien and going, all right, that's a good football player, we've graded him a certain way, OK. Like do we not draft that player because we have these four players over here? Like, not necessarily. Well, we drafted Damien. He basically
was inactive as a rookie, right, and then this past year he played, and he was New England's leading rusher. So, again, you don't want to be dissuaded by doing something just because like you have these X number of players over here. Just try to pick good players with the right traits that fit your program, what you're trying to do, and if it's at the same position where you think you have some duplication, you have to make that call. Like, that's a choice that you have to make."

You've had about 70 moves you've made during the offseason. With all the movement, who do you view as your cornerstone players? Who do you view, if there are any, that you have?
"I don't think you look at it that way, right? You start to put labels on players. I don't think that's really fair to any particular player. Like again, our thought process and mindset was to look at our roster, look at our team and when you look at the players that we've added, most of them, not all, a majority of them, they have four, three, seven years of experience. So they have some level of experience in the league and some level of success at the program they have been. So try to create as much competition, present an opportunity in front of them and again it's not putting labels on anybody that he's this, he's that. Like that's not what we are going to be about. So what we are trying to do is build as good a comprehensive team as possible. Whatever that's going to look like, I don't really know at this point. We know where we are at this point in time. We'll see how the rest of it transpires here kind of once we get started."

What do you see as three or four positions of strength in this draft? Do you agree that it's unusual in terms of the number of quarterbacks who are worthy of being selected in the first round, especially high in the first round?
"It's a good question. You've obviously been doing this a long time, as well. Each draft is very cyclical in its nature, right? So each year certain positions maybe have more numbers and more volume than others. I mean, that's the way it is every year, right? Sometimes positions seem like they are the same each year and sometimes they're different. Again, you just have to evaluate the player and put whatever grade that you think is on it. I would just say, not to like oversimplify this, but again, when you look at the draft history and the draft arc, even in the first round, you're hoping that it's more certain than it's not. But there's still uncertainty in the first round and the reality is, like, it's 50-50, right? So if there's five of this, two of them are going to work and probably two or three of them aren't, right? Like, which ones are those? Look, I'm not smart enough to figure it out. Maybe you are, but I'm not, but that's going to happen. When you look around the league, and I'd say what's taken place here over the last few months, it's kind of representative of that. So again, there's no, like, set formula. There's no, like, OK, this is going to work and here's why. Like, again, I'm not that smart to be able to tell you who those players are going to be that that works with, right? You just try to identify the players, make good decisions, hopefully you've evaluated them properly and hopefully you're on the positive side of the ledger more than you are on the negative side of the ledger. Look,

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every player that you draft is not going to work. Like, for someone to sit here and tell you that it is, it's less than truthful. It's just not reality. So that's just the reality of what we deal with. So try to take advantage of your opportunities, and there might be some circumstances once the player gets into your program why he does or doesn't work, right? Oh, man, there's no way this player is not going to work but something happens, he has an injury issue or just it's a bad fit. OK, then you go back and say all right what did we miss, did we miss something, OK, and try not to make the same mistake next time. I mean, I can't tell you which ones are going to work but the percentages tell you some of them aren't And even at the top end of the draft, right, I'm sure if you do the research - I'm sure ESPN has got research everywhere, right, or whomever, like it will manifest that, will bear itself out, right? I'm not like making anything up here. Again, the draft is a fun process. I think honestly it's probably one of the more overhyped processes that's out there. So again, we've spent a lot of time on it. Like everybody is on TV talking about it, what everybody should do. That's great. That's awesome. We can't get caught up in that We just have got to say, all right, look, we're going to evaluate the players, do what we feel is the best for us, try to find the right people that we think are going to fit the Houston Texans, and hopefully it works out and we can coach them and develop them and they make improvement."

## 2OE1 MFL DRAFT DRDER

|  | ROUND 1 |  |
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| Pick Overall | Team |  |
| 1 | 1 | Jacksonville Jaguars |
| 2 | 2 | New York Jets |
| 3 | 3 | San Francisco 49ers from Houston via Miami |
| 4 | 4 | Atlanta Falcons |
| 5 | 5 | Cincinnati Bengals |
| 6 | 6 | Miami Dolphins from Philadelphia |
| 7 | 7 | Detroit Lions |
| 8 | 8 | Carolina Panthers |
| 9 | 9 | Denver Broncos |
| 10 | 10 | Dallas Cowboys |
| 11 | 11 | New York Giants |
| 12 | 12 | Philadelphia Eagles from San Francisco via Miami |
| 13 | 13 | Los Angeles Chargers |
| 14 | 14 | Minnesota Vikings |
| 15 | 15 | New England Patriots |
| 16 | 16 | Arizona Cardinals |
| 17 | 17 | Las Vegas Raiders |
| 18 | 18 | Miami Dolphins |
| 19 | 19 | Washington Football Team |
| 20 | 20 | Chicago Bears |
| 21 | 21 | Indianapolis Colts |
| 22 | 22 | Tennessee Titans |
| 23 | 23 | New York Jets from Seattle |
| 24 | 24 | Pittsburgh Steelers |
| 25 | 25 | Jacksonville Jaguars from L.A. Rams |
| 26 | 26 | Cleveland Browns |
| 27 | 27 | Baltimore Ravens |
| 28 | 28 | New Orleans Saints |
| 29 | 29 | Green Bay Packers |
| 30 | 30 | Buffalo Bills |
| 31 | 31 | Baltimore Ravens from Kansas City |
| 32 | 32 | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
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## ROUND E

Pick Overall Team
133 Jacksonville Jaguars
234 New York Jets
335 Atlanta Falcons
436 Miami Dolphins from Houston
537 Philadelphia Eagles
638 Cincinnati Bengals
739 Carolina Panthers
840 Denver Broncos
941 Detroit Lions
1042 New York Giants
1143 San Francisco 49ers
1244 Dallas Cowboys
1345 Jacksonville Jaguars from Minnesota
1446 New England Patriots
1547 Los Angeles Chargers
1648 Las Vegas Raiders
1749 Arizona Cardinals
1850 Miami Dolphins
19
20
21

51 Washington Football Team
52 Chicago Bears
53 Tennessee Titans
54 Indianapolis Colts
55 Pittsburgh Steelers
56 Seattle Seahawks
57 Los Angeles Rams
58 Kansas City Chiefs from Baltimore
59 Cleveland Browns
60 New Orleans Saints
61 Buffalo Bills
62 Green Bay Packers
63 Kansas City Chiefs
64 Tampa Bay Buccaneers

## 2021 NFL DRAFT DRDER

| ROUND 3 |  |  |
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| Pick Overall |  | Team |
| 1 | 65 | Jacksonville Jaguars |
| 2 | 66 | New York Jets |
| 3 | 67 | Houston Texans |
| 4 | 68 | Atlanta Falcons |
| 5 | 69 | Cincinnati Bengals |
| 6 | 70 | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 7 | 71 | Denver Broncos |
| 8 | 72 | Detroit Lions |
| 9 | 73 | Carolina Panthers |
| 10 | 74 | Washington Football Team from San Francisco |
| 11 | 75 | Dallas Cowboys |
| 12 | 76 | New York Giants |
| 13 |  | New England Patriots (Choice Forfeited) |
| 14 | 77 | Los Angeles Chargers |
| 15 | 78 | Minnesota Vikings |
| 16 | 79 | Las Vegas Raiders from Arizona |
| 17 | 80 | Las Vegas Raiders |
| 18 | 81 | Miami Dolphins |
| 19 | 82 | Washington Football Team |
| 20 | 83 | Chicago Bears |
| 21 | 84 | Philadelphia Eagles from Indianapolis |
| 22 | 85 | Tennessee Titans |
| 23 | 86 | New York Jets from Seattle |
| 24 | 87 | Pittsburgh Steelers |
| 25 | 88 | Los Angeles Rams |
| 26 | 89 | Cleveland Browns |
| 27 | 90 | Minnesota Vikings from Baltimore |
| 28 | 91 | Cleveland Browns from New Orleans |
| 29 | 92 | Green Bay Packers |
| 30 | 93 | Buffalo Bills |
| 31 | 94 | Baltimore Ravens from Kansas City |
| 32 | 95 | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| 33 | 96 | New England Patriots |
| 34 | 97 | Los Angeles Chargers |
| 35 | 98 | New Orleans Saints |
| 36 | 99 | Dallas Cowboys |
| 37 | 100 | Tennessee Titans |
| 38 | 101 | Detroit Lions from L.A. Rams |
| 39 | 102 | San Francisco 49ers |
| 40 | 103 | Los Angeles Rams |
| 41 | 104 | Baltimore Ravens |
| 42 | 105 | New Orleans Saints |

## ROUND 4

| Pick Overall | Team |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- |
| 1 | 106 | Jacksonville Jaguars |
| 2 | 107 | New York Jets |
| 3 | 108 | Atlanta Falcons |
| 4 | 109 | Houston Texans |
| 5 | 110 | Cleveland Browns from Philadelphia |
| 6 | 111 | Cincinnati Bengals |
| 7 | 112 | Detroit Lions |
| 8 | 113 | Carolina Panthers |
| 9 | 114 | Denver Broncos |
| 10 | 115 | Dallas Cowboys |
| 11 | 116 | New York Giants |
| 12 | 117 | San Francisco 49ers |
| 13 | 118 | Los Angeles Chargers |
| 14 | 119 | Minnesota Vikings |
| 15 | 120 | New England Patriots |
| 16 | 121 | Las Vegas Raiders |
| 17 | 122 | New England Patriots from Arizona via Houston |
| 18 | 123 | Philadelphia Eagles from Miami |
| 19 | 124 | Washington Football Team |
| 20 | 125 | Minnesota Vikings from Chicago |
| 21 | 126 | Tennessee Titans |
| 22 | 127 | Indianapolis Colts |
| 23 | 128 | Pittsburgh Steelers |
| 24 | 129 | Seattle Seahawks |
| 25 | 130 | Jacksonville Jaguars from L.A. Rams |
| 26 | 131 | Baltimore Ravens |
| 27 | 132 | Cleveland Browns |
| 28 | 133 | New Orleans Saints |
| 29 | 134 | Minnesota Vikings from Buffalo |
| 30 | 135 | Green Bay Packers |
| 31 | 136 | Baltimore Ravens from Kansas City |
| 32 | 137 | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| 33 | 138 | Dallas Cowboys |
| 34 | 139 | New England Patriots |
| 35 | 140 | Pittsburgh Steelers |
| 36 | 141 | Los Angeles Rams |
| 37 | 142 | Green Bay Packers |
| 38 | 143 | Minnesota Vikings |
| 39 | 144 | Kansas City Chiefs |
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| Pick | Overall | Team |
| 1 | 145 | Jacksonville Jaguars |
| 2 | 146 | New York Jets |
| 3 | 147 | Houston Texans |
| 4 | 148 | Atlanta Falcons |
| 5 | 149 | Cincinnati Bengals |
| 6 | 150 | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 7 | 151 | Carolina Panthers |
| 8 | 152 | Denver Broncos |
| 9 | 153 | Detroit Lions |
| 10 | 154 | New York Jets from N.Y. Giants |
| 11 | 155 | San Francisco 49ers |
| 12 | 156 | Miami Dolphins from Dallas via Philadelphia |
| 13 | 157 | Minnesota Vikings |
| 14 | 158 | Houston Texans from New England |
| 15 | 159 | Los Angeles Chargers |
| 16 | 160 | Arizona Cardinals |
| 17 | 161 | Buffalo Bills from Las Vegas |
| 18 | 162 | Las Vegas Raiders from Miami |
| 19 | 163 | Washington Football Team |
| 20 | 164 | Chicago Bears |
| 21 | 165 | Indianapolis Colts |
| 22 | 166 | Tennessee Titans |
| 23 | 167 | Las Vegas Raiders from Seattle |
| 24 | 168 | Minnesota Vikings from Pittsburgh via Baltimore |
| 25 | 169 | Cleveland Browns from L.A. Rams |
| 26 | 170 | Jacksonville Jaguars from Cleveland |
| 27 | 171 | Baltimore Ravens |
| 28 | 172 | San Francisco 49ers from New Orleans |
| 29 | 173 | Green Bay Packers |
| 30 | 174 | Buffalo Bills |
| 31 | 175 | Kansas City Chiefs |
| 32 | 176 | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| 33 | 177 | New England Patriots |
| 34 | 178 | Green Bay Packers |
| 35 | 179 | Dallas Cowboys |
| 36 | 180 | San Francisco 49ers |
| 37 | 181 | Kansas City Chiefs |
| 38 | 182 | Atlanta Falcons |
| 39 | 183 | Atlanta Falcons |
| 40 | 184 | Baltimore Ravens |
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|  |  | ROUND E |
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| Pick | Overall | Team |
| 1 | 185 | Los Angeles Chargers from Jacksonville |
|  |  | via Tennessee |
| 2 | 186 | New York Jets |
| 3 | 187 | Atlanta Falcons |
| 4 | 188 | New England Patriots from Houston |
| 5 | 189 | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 6 | 190 | Cincinnati Bengals |
| 7 | 191 | Denver Broncos |
| 8 | 192 | Dallas Cowboys from Detroit |
| 9 | 193 | Carolina Panthers |
| 10 | 194 | San Francisco 49ers |
| 11 | 195 | Houston Texans from Dallas via New England |
| 12 | 196 | New York Giants |
| 13 | 197 | New England Patriots |
| 14 | 198 | Los Angeles Chargers |
| 15 | 199 | Minnesota Vikings |
| 16 | 200 | Las Vegas Raiders |
| 17 | 201 | New York Giants from Arizona |
| 18 | 202 | Cincinnati Bengals from Miami via Houston |
| 19 | 203 | Houston Texans from Washington via |
|  |  | Las Vegas and Miami |
| 20 | 204 | Chicago Bears |
| 21 | 205 | Tennessee Titans |
| 22 | 206 | Indianapolis Colts |
| 23 | 207 | Kansas City Chiefs from Pittsburgh via Miami |
| 24 | 208 | Chicago Bears from Seattle via Miami |
| 25 | 209 | Los Angeles Rams |
| 26 | 210 | Baltimore Ravens |
| 27 | 211 | Cleveland Browns |
| 28 | 212 | Houston Texans from New Orleans |
| 29 | 213 | Buffalo Bills |
| 30 | 214 | Green Bay Packers |
| 31 | 215 | Tennessee Titans from Kansas City |
| 32 | 216 | Pittsburgh Steelers from Tampa Bay |
| 33 | 217 | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| 34 | 218 | New Orleans Saints |
| 35 | 219 | Atlanta Falcons |
| 36 | 220 | Green Bay Packers |
| 37 | 221 | Chicago Bears |
| 38 | 222 | Carolina Panthers |
| 39 | 223 | Arizona Cardinals from Minnesota |
| 40 | 224 | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 41 | 225 | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 42 | 226 | New York Jets from Carolina |
| 43 | 227 | Dallas Cowboys |
| 44 | 228 | Chicago Bears |
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|  | ROUND 7 |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Pick | Overall | Team |
| 1 | 229 | New Orleans Saints from Jacksonville |
| 2 | 230 | San Francisco from N.Y. Jets |
| 3 | 231 | Miami Dolphins from Houston |
| 4 | 232 | Tennessee Titans from Atlanta via Miami |
| 5 | 233 | Houston Texans from Cincinnati |
| 6 | 234 | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 7 | 235 | Cincinnati Bengals from Detroit via Seattle |
| 8 | 236 | Buffalo Bills from Carolina |
| 9 | 237 | Denver Broncos |
| 10 | 238 | Dallas Cowboys |
| 11 | 239 | Denver Broncos from NY. Giants |
| 12 | 240 | Philadelphia Eagles from San Francisco |
| 13 | 241 | Los Angeles Chargers |
| 14 |  | Minnesota Vikings (Choice Forfeited) |
| 15 | 242 | New England Patriots |
| 16 | 243 | Arizona Cardinals |
| 17 | 244 | Miami from Washington via Las Vegas |
| 18 | 245 | Pittsburgh Steelers from Miami |
| 19 | 246 | Washington Football Team |
| 20 | 247 | Arizona Cardinals from Chicago via Las Vegas |
| 21 | 248 | Indianapolis Colts |
| 22 | 249 | Jacksonville Jaguars from Tennessee |
| 23 | 250 | Seattle Seahawks |
| 24 | 251 | Tampa Bay Buccaneers from Pittsburgh |
| 25 | 252 | Los Angeles Rams |
| 26 | 253 | Denver Broncos from Cleveland |
| 27 | 254 | Pittsburgh Steelers from Baltimore |
| 28 | 255 | New Orleans Saints |
| 29 | 256 | Green Bay Packers |
| 30 | 257 | Cleveland Browns from Buffalo |
| 31 | 258 | Washington from Miami via Kansas City |
| 32 | 259 | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
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Texans DB Keion Crossen was selected by the New England Patriots with the 243rd overall pick in the seventh round of the 2018 NFL Draft. He was acquired by the Texans prior to the 2019 season and has played in every game over the past two seasons. Crossen leads all Houston players in special teams tackles (17) since he came to the franchise.


[^0]:    Bold indicates made active roster that season.

