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**2016 NFL Draft
April 28-30**

Kevin Colbert and Coach Tomlin
Pre-Draft Press Conference
April 25, 2016



General Manager Kevin Colbert: Good afternoon everybody. Preparation for this draft, as we say every year, is just about complete at this point. We will tie up a few loose ends and fine-tune some things over the next two days. But pretty much we are prepared as we can be at this point. You always ask about the pro days. Collectively, Coach Tomlin and I attended nine select pro days. Again, we try to go to those based on quality of the player at the school and quantity. I try to get Coach in front of as many top guys as we can. Between the Senior Bowl, Combine, visits and pro days, we probably have interviewed roughly 120 guys. We said at the Combine that it was a defensive draft, and really over the last 6-8 weeks, we've really seen nothing that will change our minds. We think the whole defense is strong, especially up front, and in the secondary, it's particularly strong, as we suspected going in. The offense still has some numbers, but probably really not as many dynamic players as they have had in recent years. We go into this draft with seven picks. We have (pick in round) one, two, three and four. We traded away five for Brandon Boykin. We received a sixth back as a compensatory pick. We received a seventh pick from the Giants for Brad Wing, and of course, we have our own seventh. We've talked about Senquez Golson, as really being part of this draft class opposed to last year's, because he never got to the field due to a shoulder injury. Trading up will be unlikely. We just don't have enough picks. As far down as we are, it's always expensive. We will always leave ourselves open to trading back.

Re: Getting to as many pro days as you can:

KC: I think as many exposures as you can get is always very important to complete and enhance the evaluation process. And not only with the on-the-field events, but also our ability to spend more time with an individual player, be it the night before, be it at the pro day, be it after the pro day, and maybe also have the opportunity to spend time with the players' families and friends. It's just another exposure. We learn something about these players every time we visit with them. As many exposures as we can get, it always helps more than hurts.

Re: Evaluating cornerbacks with the thought that they can cover Antonio Brown:

KC: I think confidence is a huge part of a cornerback. They will get beat. They will make plays. The ability to have those and overcome those times when they get beat, usually in the same game, and come back and make a play, especially a key play in a key situation, is very important. When we say cover Antonio, we always talk about that in our analogies, but that's a difficult task for a lot of NFL cornerbacks. We are usually just talking amongst ourselves when we say that. If they can cover who we think is the best, he is going to have a good chance. We use that as an analogy. Whether or not they can or can't, we won't find out until we get them here. But I think beyond physical talents, mental makeup and confidence is huge.

Re: Golson's experience being around the team and what that means:

MT: I think we can sit around and speculate about what he's gained, but I don't think that will truly become evident until we start playing, and we see maybe the differences between him and the first exposure guys. He should stick out in that setting, just from the time spent. The knowing of the drills and how we go about doing business, the flow of the day, the input of information, things of that nature. He's going to have an opportunity to display what has been learned, once he gets going. I think anything prior to that is simply speculation.

All things equal, what is more valuable to your defense, a safety or cornerback?

MT: I think it depends on the guys. I don't think we could have any of those hypothetical conversations without talking about the people themselves. Obviously, we are not going to get into the details of particular guys in this setting. But I think all of those discussions involve the particular strengths and weaknesses or intangibles of each individual guy in the equation, opposed to specifically looking at positional things.

Re: Being so close on defense and still looking for scheme fits:

MT: We've had the analogy brought up in our draft room on several occasions. If you have red paint, paint your barn red. Scheme fits is an element of the discussion, but also quality players and acquiring quality players and being flexible in terms of what we do in an effort to bring the game to them, is part of the discussion as well. It has to be.

Re: Nose tackle position:

KC: We are still a base 3-4 team, and the nose tackle is still part of the defense. We've talked about it numerous times in the offseason. The nose tackle gets removed because of the matchups you have to have, schematically, when people put three or four wide receivers in the game. That occurred probably 75 percent of the time last year. The nose tackle's importance probably has diminished, probably just from a sheer numbers standpoint. He just won't see the field as often as he had in the past. But there still will be times when you have to stop the run. We might be behind in the game and the other team is going to decide to run the football, and clock us out to not get our offense back on the field. So we still have to be able to stop it. It's not like they are completely extinct. Even if some of those nose tackle types are in your defense, maybe not as starters, but as package players, subbing in and out for some of the other guys that may be starters in sub-package, they have to be able to respond to draws, because teams love to get you in 3-4 wide to get those big people off the field. They drop a draw on you, and they get 15-20 yards. You are behind the eight-ball again. There is still a spot for big people that can stop the run, probably just not as frequently as they have in the past.

Re: Nose tackles in this draft possessing multiple skills to play different roles on the line:

KC: Yes, absolutely. A lot of those kids have 4-5-6 sacks to go along with their ability to play the run, because they are doing it in college, just what we talked about. They might be rushing the passer. They can be a nose tackle in a conventional defense, but the majority of them are playing against spread offenses and have to rush the passer at some point.

Re: Drafting to build depth versus drafting to fill holes in the roster:

KC: The holes are in the eye of the beholder. I am sure you are talking about the secondary. In my eyes, we have some good players back there. They were good enough to get us one step away from the AFC Championship game. Some of those guys have moved on. So we have some good players in the secondary. We want to enhance it. We want to add more good players. Guys like William Gay and Ross Cockrell, those guys stepped up in some key situations and did some good things for us. We lost a few guys in free agency. So we want to go out and be able to add some more, quite frankly. This draft will give us that opportunity at some point.

Re: Inexperience at cornerback and possibly adding a veteran:

KC: There is some comfort. Gay is as professional as you can get, as a starter or backup, however that all shakes out, if we would add a young player. So I think you look at it, once you see how many young players you add, are there still some guys on the street? It's probably not a great market right now, but that will change, we believe, over the next couple of weeks as teams draft and they maybe release some players. Can we make it fit from a cap standpoint? Those are all things that will continue to evolve. But we won't know those types of things until we get through these next three days this weekend with the draft.

Does the inexperience at cornerback concern you heading into this season?

MT: We will put a capable secondary on the field. I am not overly concerned about that. Those guys did a nice job, some in unexpected roles for us a year ago. We have some questions in that area. Questions are a part of this thing, whether it's at that position or on the offensive line. That used to be the discussion. You are always going to have questions. We are excited about the group we are putting together, and their ability to perform.

Re: Drafting and how special teams roles play into it:

MT: If it's in the special teams like positions, it's always a part of the discussions. Primarily, the stand-up defenders, offensive skill guys, those that show capability in the return game. It's always a part of the discussions for the guys, positionally, that are capable of being contributors, particularly the ones with standout characteristics, a resume that includes punt and kick blocking, for example. Holding, etc. We are always looking for special skills in that area.

Re: On if that includes a player's ability to return punts and kicks:

MT: Oh yeah, but you know, that's a very up-front discussion. I wouldn't consider that a unique or special skill. If someone has returning capabilities, obviously it's being discussed and discussed openly.

Re: On if positions give certain weight to players and if that changes year to year:

KC: No. Not really, because we'll still rate them the same way. We understand that quarterbacks will get drafted higher, defensive linemen may get drafted higher, but we try to stack them accordingly to their abilities. There will probably be quarterbacks taken at the very top of the draft and they may or may not necessarily be at that spot. We don't necessarily grade them where they're going to be taken, we grade them as to how we see they will fit in the league. Traditionally, the quarterbacks get taken, the bigger guys get taken. But in a given year, positionally, they may get drafted higher, but we try to stay away from evaluating that way and just grade them the way we see them as players.

So, this year on your board, a cornerback is not more valuable than an outside linebacker?

KC: No. They're graded exactly the same and we'll draft them accordingly.

Re: On evaluating players who are coming off of injury:

KC: We have to evaluate them based on what they did. And we won't be able to verify certain things, like 40-yard dashes or change of direction. So, you evaluate them based on what they did and you follow that up with what our doctors will tell us, when they will be healthy. It's a projection, it's a guess and we have to take a calculated risk, and we'll try to do that. But, we can just go on the information we got from watching them play. We have no workout information and as you mentioned. We drafted a guy like Heath Miller who had a great career. But our doctors have to be part of that decision and they have to give us an idea about when and if that player can return from that injury. And there will be risk involved, but part of that falls on our evaluation and part of that will fall on the doctors' medical evaluation, as to whether or not they think they can make it back. And we just have to put those two together.

Would you ever draft somebody who you thought, or were convinced, wouldn't be ready for the start of the season because of an injury?

KC: I think we already did that with Heath. I can't remember specifically the discussion.

He started the season though, didn't he?

KC: Yeah, but I can't remember at this point in time whether we knew that when we drafted him. He was coming off of a hernia surgery. Again, the doctors will project whether he should be ready. But we don't know that until minicamp, OTA's or maybe training camp. So, a lot of times you go into it with a mindset that this player may have to start the season on the PUP List. And then, factor that into your evaluation. If he is only going to be a PUP guy, can we take him in a certain round? If he exceeds that, then it's a bonus.

Do you find yourself trusting and appreciating analytics more as you experience it? Especially, with the draft.

MT: In certain situations, it's useful. In some situations, we lean on it and it's a part of the discussion and the equation. And in some instances, it's not.

Have you gained an appreciation?

MT: I don't know that I've gained an appreciation. I know it's often asked or discussed in these settings more now than in the past, but I don't know that my attitude regarding it or the amount of which we use it has changed that much.

Re: On evaluating guys in the secondary whose stats may not reflect their ability:

MT: I don't think there's any substitute for looking at the video. The video tells you a lot, often explains a lot. It will explain the presence of statistics or the lack of statistics, the schematics and what they're asked to do. Certain things you pick up just from watching video and it might explain some of those questions you might have. That's why, obviously, the video is a significant portion of the equation for us.

KC: Just to follow up on that, just because a guy doesn't have an interception doesn't mean his receiver was the intended receiver. Maybe he just did that good of a job at covering that the quarterback looked elsewhere and chose not to throw it. Sometimes guys have reputations where teams go into a game knowing he's a pretty good cover corner and they'll look elsewhere to throw the ball. So, sometimes that can be misleading. Sometimes guys with the higher stats have been challenged more. But as Coach mentioned, you really have to just study the video and make a guess as to why the production might not have been equal for two guys.

MT: In some schemes, it may require that their backs are to the quarterback quite a bit and in underneath coverage, for example. And they may not have vision to break or have visual opportunities on the ball, for example. So, there are a lot of variables in the equation, and oftentimes, those variables can be clarified through video.

Re: On drafting cornerbacks:

KC: I really can't say we've ever gone into a draft saying, "We won't take a particular position in the first round." The numbers are what they are and where we've chosen those guys was really reflective of who was available at that point. I think we've probably averaged picking around 23rd since I've been here. A lot of times, top corners usually are in the top-15, but I can't really say we've intentionally ignored that position. It just happened to break that way. Really, even before I got here, corner was never really a position that was drafted very high. I think Chad Scott was a one and maybe between Chad and Rod Woodson. I don't know how many were taken. But, there's just not a lot – we don't intentionally go in and say, "We're not taking a corner at a particular spot." It just happens to break that way. I just think we look at the collective work of the secondary and the team and the record, and try to live within that. Again, that doesn't mean we won't take a corner high, but we never intentionally didn't take one high.

Re: On always picking the guy who is highest remaining on the board and if two players are close, picking based on need:

KC: We've always said that. You have to be true to your evaluation. That's why we spend a month putting it together. If it's close, and there's a quarterback or a safety or a corner, of course we'll take the safety or corner in our given situation, as our team is today. That, to me, is common sense. It's a common rule in our draft room. But again, if we take a second-round corner in the first round, then we should expect a second-round corner and not a first-rounder.

Re: On who is in charge on draft day:

KC: 17 straight years we've been asked that. 17 years we'll give the same answer. It's our pick. Again, you may think we agree all the time, and that's not true. We can't agree all the time. We have different opinions. But collectively, we spend literally a month and probably a month before that gathering the information and a month separating the information. We have a lot of discussions. We have disagreements, but when we talk it through, talk it through with the room, talk it through with our scouts, talk it through with our coaches, talk it through with our owners, we'll come together and that will be it. It's really a collective pick. That's as true as it can get. It's never been different than that. But we may have to come to a decision and we'll do that. We've had disagreements. Even before Coach Tomlin was here, Coach Cowher and I went through the same process, and it really hasn't changed. And it was probably like that before I was here when Coach Noll and Art Rooney Jr. put it together. It's always been a Steelers pick, and it always will be a Steelers pick.

MT: I think the nail-biting decision that you imagine and the discussion that you imagine while on the clock really doesn't occur in that manner. It occurs in a variety of forms over the course of several months in preparation, so there isn't the angst or the discussions that you would imagine when we are quote unquote on the clock. These decisions have been made, and these discussions have been in the course of transpiring over the last several months. So, it's not as climactic for us as you would imagine or as would generally be imagined.

Re: On if Kevin has shown any angst before:

MT: He's on fire right now. You guys have to understand, and you have to know Kevin. He's on fire right now [Smiles].

Some picks you guys have made at positions before, do you reassess how you evaluate them or change anything?

KC: We study every pick we've ever made. We evaluate ourselves. We have a chart and we know who we took and in what round, why they've failed and why they've been successful. We always try to track it back. We test ourselves all the time. I probably have said this before, but when we've missed on picks it's usually not a physical talent. We talk about hearts and smarts all the time and those have been the areas. If we trace ourselves back to where we've made mistakes, it's been in those two areas. And they're the two hardest areas to evaluate, because I can't put a clock to it, those two areas. But we evaluate every year in training camp with the scouts. We review every pick we've ever made and we talk about it and try to get better every year so we can avoid those mistakes. But, we'll probably make some more. I don't know if that's comforting to everybody. It's not comforting to me, but it's the truth.

Re: On when they stop tinkering with the draft board:

KC: As Coach said, we will have drafted before the draft starts. There's only 25 guys who can be picked in 25 spots. Really, the only angst is whether we want to trade up or trade down, and we'll know what it will cost us to go up, and we'll know what we can potentially gain to go down. Like I said, we know what that cost is already. In our current situation with just seven picks, one of which we can't trade this year, the chances of us going up are very unlikely.

How many guys do you covet, that if the opportunity were there, you would go after?

KC: No. Coach said this probably about two weeks into the pro day process, and it's rang true and it's stayed with me. We're going to get a good player at 25. They all will have a different trait that we're really going to like and that's just not one position. There will be several players who we'll be very satisfied with at 25.

Re: On Bruce Gradkowski:

KC: We'll wait until after the draft to make that decision, as to whether we put another veteran into the mix. But, Bruce came in and worked out and looks to be satisfactory from a health standpoint. So, that will remain an option.

So, he can throw the football?

KC: Yeah. Like I said, he worked out satisfactorily to our expectations.

Re: On how much a player can improve his stock at a combine or a pro day:

KC: Again, the video, the evaluations from summer until the all-star games are over are the most important. The Combine, the pro day, it's icing on the cake. It will verify what you believe. If you put too much weight on it, you'll make a mistake. If a good player works out well, great. If a bad player works out well, be careful. If a good player works out bad, don't kill him, because what they can do on the field will always be most important.

Re: On Jarvis Jones:

KC: Again, we won't talk about specific contract-type issues. But, I think it's safe to say that once we get through the draft, it will affect how we do business with our veteran players from that point forward. There are always times when we talk about contracts up until training camp, but usually not before that unless we re-deal with unrestricted free agents. Again, we avoid talking about individual contracts and that fifth-year option. But I think the dates are May 2 or 3.

Re: On evaluating players you already have in-house from January to April:

KC: You can't, because there are rules forbidding that.

MT: You can evaluate what they've done on video form the seasons past, but in terms of what they're capable of, there isn't an evaluation process.

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PITTSBURGH STEELERS 2016 DRAFT PICKS

Rnd.	No. In Rnd.	Overall	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
1.	25	25	Artie Burns	CB	6-0	197	20	Miami (Fla.)
2.	27	58	Sean Davis	S	6-1	202	22	Maryland
3.	26	89	Javon Hargrave	DT	6-2	305	23	S. Carolina State
4.	25	123	Jerald Hawkins	OT	6-6	305	22	LSU
6.*	45	220	Travis Feeney	LB	6-4	226	23	Washington
7a.	8	229	Demarcus Ayers	WR	5-11	190	21	Houston
7b.	25	246	Tyler Matakevich	LB	6-1	235	23	Temple

*Compensatory selection

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Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
Johnny Maxey	DL	6-5	283	Mars Hill
Tyriq McCord	LB	6-3	241	Miami (Fla.)
Will Monday	P	6-4	210	Duke
Giorgio Newberry	DL	6-6	295	Florida State
Christian Powell	RB	6-0	235	Colorado
David Reeves	TE	6-5	255	Duke
Jay Rome	TE	6-6	250	Georgia
Quinton Schooley	OL	6-4	298	NC State
Canaan Severin	WR	6-2	205	Virginia
Devaunte Sigler	DL	6-3	290	Jacksonville State

First Round 25th Overall



**Artie Burns - CB
Miami (FL)**

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Artie Burns
Cornerback
Miami (Fla.)
6-0, 197
Miami, Fla.
Northwestern High School
1st Round – 25th Overall

CAREER NOTES

Started 23-of-36 games for the Miami Hurricanes, recording 93 tackles, to go along with seven interceptions, 14 pass breakups, 2.0 sacks, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery...majored in liberal arts.

2015 SEASON

Earned All-ACC second-team honors...led the ACC with six interceptions, the most by a Hurricane since 2003 (Sean Taylor, 10)...started all 12 games in which he played finishing with 36 tackles, five pass breakups, one fumble recovery and six interceptions...his six interceptions tied as the 10th-most in a single-season in school history...opened the year with an interception in three consecutive games...became first Hurricane since Sean Taylor to record at least one interception in three straight games...recorded his first multi-interception game of career 10/17 vs. Virginia Tech.

2014 SEASON

Amassed a career-best 40 tackles, appearing in 13 games (11 starts)...set a career high with six tackles 9/20 vs. Nebraska...recorded his first career sack, and he was credited with a game-high three pass breakups 10/11 vs. Cincinnati.

2013 SEASON

Played in 11-of-13 games, splitting time on defense and special teams...recorded 17 tackles with three pass breakups...averaged 26.1 yards on 10 kickoff returns...hauled in his first career interception 11/29 at Pittsburgh...added two solo tackles and one forced fumble in the Russell Athletic Bowl vs. Louisville.

HIGH SCHOOL

Registered 72 tackles, 4.0 sacks, six pass breakups, two interceptions, and he had two kickoff returns for touchdowns at Northwestern High School (Miami, Fla.)...was also one of the nation's top hurdlers, as he earned All-USA high school track and field honors from the *USA Today* in 2011 and 2012.

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Is this a birthday present?

Yes, it's a big birthday present.

Were you surprised Artie?

That's the team I wanted to go to, actually.

Why is that?

After meeting with Mike Tomlin, he was one of the coolest coaches I've met. The players really relate to him. They want to play for him. It has always been a great organization. They play zone defense.

Who would you compare yourself to?

I try to model some things after Patrick Peterson.

Can you talk about your emotions going through this year?

It definitely was a roller coaster. With my mom passing, that was definitely unexpected. That kind of motivated me more to keep on going and that is definitely going to motivate me now to step into the league and win a Super Bowl.

How difficult did the trying circumstances make it to play?

It was difficult at first. The first couple of days and first couple of practices were hard. It hurt, but it's just something you have to deal with. It's something that makes you stronger.

Re: Raising your brothers and your child:

My dad went to jail when I was in the fourth grade. I had to step up and be that male role model to them. We depended on each other. It was a tough transition but also a smooth transition.

Have you still had contact with your father?

Yes. We have a good relationship.

Is he going to get out of jail soon?

They gave him 25 years, and he's done 10 years so far.

Any hope of parole?

He has no parole.

How old are your brothers?

One is 15 and one is 13.

How old is your son?

He's one.

How has what you've dealt with off the field helped you on the field? Has it made you a better player or helped you to deal with all that stuff?

It's definitely helped me through different situations that I've had to deal with. Tough situations that forced me to stop. I was just facing diversity. You know it helped me a lot, going through all of that and it helped on the field.

What's your son's name?

A.J.

Why does your skill set translate to the Steelers' defense?

They're known as a tough defense. I'm that kind of guy. I've been watching the Steelers defense since I was young. That's always been my team since I was young. I always idolized them, year in and year out.

Are you a track athlete who plays football? Or a football player who decided to take up track?

Everybody always asks me that. I'm just a pure athlete. I never put one sport in front of the other. I always treated them the same. I just dedicated my time to both of them.

You're not the first person to say they really like Mike Tomlin. What stood out to you that made him the "cool" coach?

Just the way he carried himself and the way he approached people. When he talked to me, I could tell that everything he was saying was legit. He seemed like a genuine person. The way he carries himself, he just has so much swag. Swag that's so natural for a head coach.

When did you know that they were going to pick you?

I didn't know until I got picked.

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Kevin Colbert and Coach Tomlin Re: Artie Burns

Kevin Colbert: Good evening, everybody. We're proud and excited to get the cornerback from the University of Miami, Artie Burns. He's a solid young man. He had a little bit of a tragedy issue with his mother passing during the season, but he fought his way through that, came out the other side and put together a solid year. He ended up with six interceptions and put himself as one of the top corners in this draft class. We're really starting to see this draft class with the corners coming together. I think back in November when we went to Florida, some scouts and myself, started to get a feel that this would be a strong corner class. We said that the other day and it turned out to be just that. We're very, very fortunate that he was available to us and we're excited to have him.

Mike Tomlin Opening Statement: There's a lot to be excited about Artie. He's a third year player. He has a lot of growth potential. We're excited about the upsides. He's a master at bump corner, it appears to be something that's a natural element of his game. He's good at the ball, he's good with the ball down the field. He's right at six feet [tall] or just under. He has elite speed. He's a track man also down there at Miami. We're just really excited about him in general. Good player to work with and motivated. He can get things going for us in 2016.

Re: If the rainy weather affected Miami's pro day:

KC: It didn't start out that way. At the beginning of the program, during the indoor portion, it was beautiful and sunny. University of Miami doesn't have an indoor facility so we went outside and it started to pour. Those kids went through the drill work regardless and we watched them. They did what they could but it really wasn't indicative of what you wanted to see, but it was the best we could do. I give the kids credit, all the kids that worked out that day for putting up with some miserable conditions.

Re: Gleaning anything from that day:

MT: We went out to dinner with Artie the night before to get an opportunity to visit with him and his teammates in an informal way because there's a lot of information gathered at Pro Days other than the workouts. Obviously he was a participant in Indianapolis as well. We gained a lot of information, maybe not the drill work information that you're looking for because of the weather.

How would you describe Burns' character?

KC: Artie is a special kid. As I mentioned, his mother passed away right in the middle of the season. He has a child. He's in a relationship with the mother of the child. It's solid. He has three younger brothers that really have fallen under his care after his mother's passing. It will be a challenge for him, but I give the kid a lot of credit for doing what he's doing and really putting his career aside because he's going to take care of his family first and foremost. I think that says a lot about his character. It will be a challenge for him. It's a lot to undertake. It will be part of our duties to help him succeed in that venture. I really think it speaks volumes about his character.

Did you see him play at the University of Pittsburgh vs. University of Miami game this year?

KC: Yes, I was at that game. It was good. He had the interception early. Then he tweaked his knee a little bit. Then he was able to get back in and finish the game. We did see that game among others. Of course we saw all the video. I agree with coach. This is one kid that when you really started to study him, he was as natural in bump-and-run coverage as any of the corners in this draft. Again, this was as good a group of corners as I've seen since I've been doing this. Collectively, it was strong. You could see that, as I said, in November when you started to hear about some of the underclassmen that were going to be added to the senior group. This kid was certainly amongst that group. Like I said, we were fortunate. The strength of this draft was in the secondary. It just matched up with where we were picking.

What was it about Burns that made you choose him over another corner?

KC: We'll never talk about another kid other than to say that we're extremely happy to have this one. I think there's a premium. In the NFL right now, there are big receivers. When you look for the corner and you can find someone with that kind of length and that kind of speed, that kind of athleticism and you couple that with the six interceptions – that was very, very impressive. And he's still young. I mean he needs work. He'll need work on his off-coverage. He'll need work on his zone coverage. He's a third-year junior. He's only played three years. He's only started two. There is a ton up of upside with him. As we always say with the junior kids, we'll get him for his senior year. We'll work with him. I know Coach is excited. He likes to get those young guys and take them and mold them into what we need.

Does he compare to Bryant McFadden?

KC: No, I don't athletically they were comparable. They were different types of athletes. It's just a different description – body, size, and all of that type of thing. I never really made that comparison. I don't really know who to compare him to. Again, he's a six-foot corner that can run and has produced.

How easy was it to make this pick?

KC: It was really easy. It was breaking pretty tight quite honestly. We really felt that we had a good chance to get a corner. Again, it was quality from top to bottom. There is still quality left at that position. There are several players on that board at the corner position that still could be starters in the league. We were just fortunate that he made it to us.

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Artie Burns Introductory Press Conference

President Art Rooney II: Good afternoon. Thanks for being here. We are excited to welcome Artie Burns to Pittsburgh today. As many of you know, Artie has already played two games at Heinz Field, so he is familiar with Pittsburgh and competing here. He was one of the leading defensive backs in the ACC. We are excited to have him here. Artie, we would like to have you say a few words. Welcome.

Artie Burns: It's a great feeling to be a part of this organization. There's no better feeling. There are no words I can put in place to explain my emotions that I have right now. All I can really say is that I am aiming for that seventh trophy, to play for this city, to play for this club and to be a big factor in whatever the team needs me to do.

Re: The past 12 hours:

It has been crazy. I am really ready to get down to business and get into this playbook, get on the field and get ready to go.

Re: Having to take care of your two brothers and your own son:

It's a challenge. But it's a chance for me to be there through their whole journey, to give them tips to make it to this level that I am at right now, and to just build a better bond with them, and be there for every moment of their lives.

Re: Playing big brother to them while also being their guardian:

I try to mold both of them together.

Is it hard?

It's challenging, but once you just get into the role of doing in, and not worry too much about it, just doing it, it comes easy.

Re: What it means for them to be here:

It means a lot. Just seeing them happy motivates me to do better. To see someone else happy, my little brothers, that gives me more inspiration to do better. For them to be up here and go through the whole process along with me, it means a whole lot.

Re: Not having to run track in the NFL and what that means for your development:

It's a big deal. [Running track during] the offseason in college, I don't want to say it backtracked me, but it kind of delayed me from growing. To be able to focus all of my attention on football, I feel that the sky is the limit. I feel great about it. I am just ready to go.

Re: The Steelers being the team you wanted to go to:

First off, it's the Black and Yellow. When I walked into the airport, I saw black and yellow everywhere. I was going crazy. The tradition they have, their great players, the family bond the team has, the city's support. You go into any stadium, you will see that black and yellow and the Terrible Towels flying. The swag of the players and the coaching staff, it's something I really wanted to be a part of.

Re: Your birthday is on Sunday:

Twirling my Terrible Towel somewhere [Laughs].

Re: Pro day and dinner with the Steelers:

It went great. That was my first time to sit around and meet all the coaches. I got a feel for them. I suppose they got a good feel for me. That's why I am here right now. It was a great dinner.

What does your skill set offer this defense?

I'm a long corner with speed. I try to be the most physical I can be, and that's something I take pride in. Because, for most corners, the stereotype is they're soft and I don't like the word "soft." I try to be physical.

Re: On Bob Hayes being his idol:

Actually, my mom turned my head toward him, because he won a Super Bowl, but he also won an Olympic medal. A lot of people say that's hard to accomplish, and I feel like that was a great task that he accomplished. For somebody to win two notable awards in two different sports, it's really special.

Is that something you dreamed of doing?

Oh yeah, that's a dream.

Re: On which one he wants to win first:

The Super Bowl [Smiles].

Re: On last season being a turbulent one for him and how it's helped him:

It was a change, especially after the firing of Coach Golden. But, our bond was so strong. We bent a little bit, but we didn't break, and that's why we were able to finish our season off strong, even though we lost our bowl game. I feel like we succeeded as a team, because usually at that point of the season we would break. We bent a little bit, but we didn't break this past season. That's a big step for the University of Miami as a program itself. With the hiring of Coach Mark Richt, I feel like they are going to do a lot of big things this year.

Re: On Deon Bush's visit to Pittsburgh:

I didn't really talk about the visit. But if he come up here too, that would be something nice. Two Miami guys in the secondary, that would be something nice.

Re: On growing up liking the Steelers:

When I played football, I played for a team called the Steelers, my pee-wee team. So, that's when I started off wearing that black and yellow and watching the greats play. I was playing running back, actually, and Jerome Bettis is the one who really caught my eye. When I watched him play, how aggressive he was, that kind of stuck with me. So, I always followed the black and yellow no matter losing or winning.

Re: On him never being satisfied with what he does on the field:

Even watching film, some people said I had a great or good season this year. I feel like there were a lot of things I could have done better. I just always find a way to improve my game, because if I can't find room for improvement, that means my career is over. So, I have to keep on building and finding ways to improve.

Re: On where he can get better:

Sharpen up my technique, tackling. Just clean up, just polish everything, just polish up my whole game and be that athlete and team player that this organization needs me to be.

Re: On the weather in Pittsburgh compared to Miami:

As soon as I landed, I didn't see the sun anymore. That was crazy.

Second Round 58th Overall



**Sean Davis - S
Maryland**

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Sean Davis
Safety
Maryland
6-1, 202
Washington, D.C.
Maret School
2nd Round – 58th Overall

CAREER NOTES

Appeared in 50 games (40 starts) and finished with 305 total tackles during his Maryland tenure.

2015 SEASON

Started all 12 games, leading the defense with 70 solo tackles and second in combined stops (88)...ranked second in the nation with five forced fumbles, the second-most in school history in a single season...tied for the team lead with three interceptions...had at least four tackles in every game.

2014 SEASON

Started all 13 games, including a pair at cornerback...finished second on the team with 115 tackles, ranking fourth in the nation and first in the Big Ten among defensive backs...added eight pass breakups, 4.0 TFLs, one sack and one forced fumble...tied for fifth in the Big Ten averaging 9.0 tackles per game...set a career-high with 17 tackles 10/25 vs. Wisconsin.

2013 SEASON

Started all 13 games at safety...totaled a team-high 102 total tackles, averaging 7.8 per game to rank ninth in the ACC.

2012 SEASON

Appeared in all 12 games, making two starts at safety...also saw action on special teams.

HIGH SCHOOL

Was a three-year starter at cornerback at Maret School (Washington, D.C.)...totaled 87 tackles, three forced fumbles and three interceptions as a senior, while rushing for 823 yards with seven rushing touchdowns, to go along with 601 receiving yards with five receiving touchdowns...also returned three kickoffs and two punts for scores.

PERSONAL

Born in Washington, D.C....son of Sean and Lisa Davis...is trilingual, speaking English, Chinese and French...majored in communications.

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Sean Davis
Safety
Maryland
2nd Round – 58th Overall

Why did they move you to corner last year?

We switched defenses, as we went from a 3-4 to a 4-3. That was also because of our conference changed from the ACC to the BIG 10.

How did one help you with the other?

Just knowing the ins-and-outs of what both spots have to do, what they're in charge of, where the certain stretches are of the defense and just seeing the game at a whole different angle – just literally watching it sideways as a corner, rather than being the center fielder of the defense. I think it's definitely going to help me know the ins-and-outs of the defense, know the different formations, see different things from different views and just help my football IQ.

Re: On what it's like to be a Steeler:

My dad loves the Steelers. It's awesome, I couldn't hope for anything better. It's the perfect situation.

You did grow up near Baltimore, correct?

I grew up closer to Washington D.C.

Why was your dad a Steelers' fan?

He just loves Coach Tomlin, and he loves that black and yellow. There's something about that black and yellow. He has always stayed a Steelers' fan.

Re: If his dad was excited and if he saw him tonight:

Oh yeah, I'm looking right at him. He might be happier than me. He got his cool face on though, his poker face. I know deep inside, he's going crazy.

What's your dad's name?

His name is Sean, too. I'm a Jr., and he's a Sr.

Re: On how he can help cover tight ends:

That's where I feel like my skill set is very handy. I'm big as a safety, strong as a linebacker, but I'm quick as a corner. I feel like the game is changing with these crazy athletic tight ends, so I feel like me being out there, I can cover those guys as well as fit into the run game. I'm just happy to be a part of it.

Re: On how familiar he is with Carnell Lake:

A great player. I got a chance to sit down and talk with him when I went on my visit. I just can't wait to get coached by one of the best defensive backs coaches out there.

Anybody currently you model your game after?

Currently, no. I love Sean Taylor. Nobody currently.

Re: On being able to speak Chinese:

Chinese is a very hard language. For me to be able to take that for three years as my high school language, I feel like that definitely helps me out. Just learning different things and staying on top of the game, that's one of the most challenging things I've ever done in my life, to stick with that for three years.

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Carnell Lake Re: Sean Davis

We selected Sean Davis in the second round. He is a defensive back from Maryland. He is a really productive player at two positions: safety and corner. He has been really productive in the tackling department. He has a good eye for playing the ball in the passing game. We really look forward to having him in the building. He is going to provide us with a lot of versatility and depth at a needed position, which is a safety for us. That's where we plan to play him. I think he will do an outstanding job there.

Based on some quick reading on him, they didn't really designate strong safety and free safety at Maryland. How would you classify him in the way he played there and how you want him to play here?

Well I think in our system he will be required to play both strong safety and free safety. Right now, primarily we will try and plug him in strong safety. Mike Mitchell is primarily our free safety. That is where we will start. I'm assuming he will wind up playing both positions at some point

Re: Coverage skills:

His coverage skills, in my opinion, are very good. He has a lot of experience covering slots and tight ends at safety, but he also played a year at corner which gives him even more experience. You take a player like that who last year played corner who is going to come in and play safety. The game will slow down quite a bit for him inside. It will be lot easier for him to cover. It's an added bonus for him to have experience in playing both positions in college.

Why is he translated into a safety?

Our needs require us for him to play safety. He was a defensive back in college. He has 300 tackles. That puts him atop all of the guys we looked at the position. He's got very good experience at tackling. He's a good tackler. He provides good coverage skills. He can make good plays at the ball. That is one area that we had to adjust. He's the guy that is going to fit the deal for us.

Re: Similar to Mike Mitchell:

Mike Mitchell coming out was a very good athlete. Sean Davis as well, a very good athlete. From the Combine standpoint, he was a really fast defensive back. He was number two overall for all defensive backs in the three columns. He was third in the 20-yard shuttles for all defensive backs in the Combine. He had a 37-½ vertical, 21 on the bench, which was second of all defensive backs in the draft. This guy is an exceptional guy. We are excited to have him. He is a 6-1, 200 pounder. He is kind of everything you are looking for when you are talking about versatility for defensive backs. His measures will matchup with just about anybody on the board.

Re: Shamarko Thomas:

You want to have someone with exceptional skills if you can get them. Especially when it all comes together it is very easy for those guys to make plays, the physical tools to get it done. Not only that, Sean is a very intelligent individual. He made calls at the safety position at Maryland. For him, not only corner, but also safety at Maryland, says a lot about his intelligence. Not only that, as a footnote, he speaks three languages. So I am not worried about his ability to adapt to our playbook.

What languages does he speak?

He speaks Chinese, French and English.

Do you envision coverage with these very athletic safeties?

When you have offenses that spread you out, a lot of offenses do that, 70-percent of the snaps now are passing plays on the league. When they spread you, offenses are spreading you out to create mismatches. They will put a player like (Rob) Gronkowski out wide and force you to matchup with either a linebacker or a safety on Gronkowski. Well you have to have a guy that has the size and can cover. He provides that coverage for us. That's one of the exciting parts of Sean Davis that we like.

What is your expectation with the secondary players you have acquired over the last two years?

I'm excited. I've been coaching here for six years. It's been a long time as you know since we've had a first rounder [from the secondary] for the Steelers. Now in back-to-back years we've had two second round players. It's coming together. It feels good.

Re: Evaluating communication on film:

It's hard to say exactly what they're doing. Through the interview process, from the Senior Bowl to the Combine, to bringing them in the building, sitting down and talking with them and watching film with them, you get an idea of what they know, how they communicate and their responsibilities within their defense in college. That gives you some understanding of what they're capable of.

Do you watch your own film with them?

No. We watch their film. We want to get an idea of what defenses they played, what their responsibilities were within the defense. From that we can determine their football intelligence and get some comfort level with their base understanding of football.

Did you rank him as your first choice for safeties?

For me personally, yes I did.

Was he first on the Steelers' draft board?

I'm not going to talk about the Steelers' board. I can tell you about my board. I had him rated very high. I think the game has progressed where you need a cover safety. It's absolutely essential in my opinion. Speaking not only as a coach, but also as a former player, you want to have versatility in your secondary to be able to matchup when necessary. Otherwise you're going to be trying to substitute and offenses might not give you the opportunity to do that from snap to snap.

Is he the closest to Carnell Lake that you've had?

I like what he's brought to the table. I think he has some exceptional qualities. Versatility is one of them. I think he and Mike Mitchell will work well together in the secondary.

What is the area where Sean needs to improve the most?

I think because of Maryland's needs, they had to move him around to try to plug holes for their defense. He was willing and capable of doing that. I think just for him to settle down in one position will give him a chance to really hone in and develop skills at a particular position. For us, that will be safety.

In an emergency, would you play Davis at corner?

I would not hesitate. Playing corner at Maryland, he knows the position. It will just be a matter for him of dialing it down. He will get a chance to work on his man-to-man skills when he gets here.

Are you worried about having a few players with little experience?

That's just a process I believe. That's just a part of bringing younger players in. They have to develop. You have to give them time. You have to be patient sometimes to let them get a foothold and get some confidence within themselves in the scheme. I know the NFL now is a "get it done, be productive now or move on" mentality. For a younger player coming in, there's no better place, no better city and no better team to play for than the Steelers. That's one of the reasons the Steelers have been successful for a long time. It's because they have an understanding of football, they're patient with their players and they make good selections.

Will you change what you do to fit Burns' skill set?

Sure. I think it's a must to have multiple tools in your toolbox. Artie (Burns) is going to learn that over time, but we're going to let Artie be Artie, too. Ike Taylor was successful for 12 years in the league, primarily as a bump-and-run corner, who could matchup against the best receiver on the field week-in and week-out. If need be, we'll play him like that. Hopefully we can develop Artie's tools in other areas as well.

Re: Davis' quality in run support:

One of the things that was impressive to me about Sean Davis was when the ball broke loose, he made a lot of tackles. Three hundred tackles in college is a lot of tackles. There are maybe only a few more people that had more tackles than he did. Two of them were safeties. When you think about that, there is no other DB coming out of college football right now that has had as many tackles as Sean Davis has had.

Third Round 89th Overall



**Javon Hargrave - DT
S. Carolina State**

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Javon Hargrave
Defensive Tackle
South Carolina State
6-2, 305
Salisbury, N.C.
North Rowan High School
3rd Round – 89th Overall

CAREER NOTES

Was a two-time SBN Sports Mel Blount Defensive Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in 2014 and 2015...amassed 37.0 sacks, including 10.0 or more in each of his last two seasons.

2015 SEASON

Earned SBN Sports Mel Blount Defensive Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the MEAC honors for the second consecutive year...recorded 59 tackles, 22.0 TFLs with 13.5 sacks in 11 games...his 22.0 TFLs ranked fifth in the FCS.

2014 SEASON

Named Defensive Player of the Year in the MEAC and tabbed the SBC Sports Mel Blount Defensive Player of the Year after leading the conference and finishing third in the nation with 16.0 sacks...added 55 tackles, 23.5 TFLs, eight quarterback hurries, three forced fumbles and two pass breakups.

2013 SEASON

Started all 13 games, earning All-MEAC second-team honors...finished with 51 tackles to go along with 12.5 TFLs, 5.5 sacks, five quarterback hits, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

2012 SEASON

Started all 11 games as a true freshman...tallied 45 tackles with 4.5 TFLs and 2.0 sacks.

HIGH SCHOOL

Earned four letters in football and basketball, and one in track...garnered all-state and all-county accolades in football and he was named Defensive Player of the Year twice...was all-state in basketball and Player of the Year as a Junior, and he was a member of the 2011 basketball state championship team.

PERSONAL

Son of Yvette and Tim Bates....majored in sports communication...born Feb. 7, 1993.

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Defensive Tackle
South Carolina State
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Have you ever heard of Donnie Shell?

Oh yeah. Of course. That's crazy. Oh yeah, I know Donnie.

Are you as enthusiastic about coming to Pittsburgh as coach Mitchell is about having you?

I about crying when coach called me. I can't believe it. I grew up a Pittsburgh fan. I can't believe it, man. That's crazy. It's a crazy feeling, for real. I can't really speak, I can't believe it. It's just a blessing, it's just a real blessing.

Re: On if he was a big fan of Casey Hampton growing up:

Oh yeah, of course. I was a fan of that whole defense growing up. Especially in those days when we were No. 1—2008—the No. 1 defense. That's what I pride myself on, looking at guys like that.

Re: On what it was like dealing with coach Mitchell through all of this:

You just knew he was a good dude, just talking to him. I mean he told me from the get-go that he liked how I played. And he encouraged me just to keep working. It was just a blessing. Knowing his legacy, it was just a moment to be able to hear everything from him, learn from him in the seconds I was with him.

What is his legacy?

He coached for 20 or more years, and he made some of the best defensive linemen. So of course me growing up as a Steelers fan and seeing a coach be there for 20 years in a league where you're not at one spot all the time. It's just a blessing. And everybody just talked about him—my whole family is Pittsburgh fans, so they told me about him.

Re: On how he ended up at South Carolina State:

Coming out of high school, I didn't qualify straight out of high school, so I had to take a different route. And South Carolina State was the one that was kind of working with me through it all. I just never complained. I just did what was made for me and just dominated and I'm blessed to be in the spot I am now.

Re: On how important it is for him to be versatile:

Of course that's a plus, being able to stay on the field that long and play every down, that's a big thing. Being versatile like that, I'm 300-plus pounds but I just feel like I have a high motor. I can be on the field for 30-50 plays, because that's all I did my whole life, just played every down, that's a big thing.

Re: On where his high motor comes from:

I think it's just me playing basketball as a kid, having to guard all these guards and being able to move around like that.

They had you playing on the perimeter?

They made me play everything, I was just an athlete. I could guard guards and all of that. And my brother was a point guard, so we used to go at it every day. He just kind of made me quicker, my feet quicker and just made me faster and quicker at the same time.

Weren't you a point guard on two state championship teams?

I wasn't point, I was a forward. I had a big part to do with that too. I was Player of the Year my junior year in basketball. I wasn't just getting rebounds, I was actually playing.

How much did you weigh?

I was about 250 pounds then.

Did many people take charges against you?

Yeah, I was a straight Charles Barkley, just put my shoulder into them.

Re: On where he was supposed to go to school:

I'm not going to say. I think everybody came in and just talked to me, told me to go junior college, like in Tennessee or North Carolina. South Carolina State was the plan for me and it worked out tremendously.

Re: On how he ended up being a Steelers' fan:

I grew up and my pop liked the Steelers, my uncle liked the Steelers. It's divided in the family between the Cowboys and the Steelers fans, and I guess I was just on the side with the Steelers. And that's how it happened.

Re: On what he remembers from his pre-draft visit:

The trophies. Growing up and seeing the championships. I tried not to show how happy I was to be there, but it was just like, "I'm really here?" It was crazy, just the whole thing. I kept telling everybody Pittsburgh was probably my best trip, but they all thought it was because it was my favorite team growing up. It was just because they made you feel welcome and at home, so that was great for me.

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John Mitchell Re: Javon Hargrave

The first thing I'd liked to say is, if Mr. Nunn was alive today, he would really like this pick. Javon Hargrave is a self-made man. When he graduated, he didn't have the grades to go to school. He set out, worked real, worked his way in, got there and played very well. If you look at his stats, out of anyone coming out this year, defensive linemen or defensive tackle, this guy is pretty impressive. I think a lot of people passed on this guy because they were afraid of the competition that he played. The thing I liked about him was every week that I watched him on tape he didn't play down to the talent he played against. He played up to his ability. This kid got better, better, better every week. The things that he does extremely well are some things you can't teach. He has a great first step off the ball. He plays with power. The things that he is going to have to learn when he comes here is that he is going to have to learn how to play with his hands better and he is going to have to be more consistent running for the ball. That is not going to be a problem. I'm going to teach him how to use his hands in the room with Cam Heyward, Stephon Tuitt and Dan McCullers. I don't think we will have a problem with him running with the ball. This kid plays very hard every down. I'm excited about it. He is one of the few big men that I have seen that you can leave on the field on third-down. This guy had 37.0 sacks in his four years. I don't care what the competition is you get 37.0 sacks. He had 211 tackles, assists and solos. This guy is very productive. I hope he comes here with the same attitude. He is willing to work hard and he can take hard coaching. I'll tell you how we came about this guy. I was watching tape. I watched him. We went to the Combine. He had a good workout at the Combine. I came back and told Mike Tomlin, I would like to go to South Carolina State to work this guy out myself and sit down and visit with him. He had a great workout on campus. I liked what I heard from him. I talked to the people at South Carolina State. He is a high quality man. He is a member of the FCA. They feel like his is one of the best football players to go there. If you go back, there have been some great football players that came out of South Carolina State. Three of them are National Hall of Fame and we have one here with the Steelers, Donnie Shell. I'm not afraid of the competition he played at. I think this guy is going to help us, give us added dimensions when we go to our Nickel package. I like him and I'm eager to work with him. I'm extremely happy that we have him.

Is he more of a third-down player than a first-down player?

No. This guy is a first-, second- and third-down player. Where we put him, he can help us with the things that we do. When we put him in our base defense, when we put him in the three technique, we can control that. He's not going to be over the big 6-8 tackle. He's going to be over the 6-4, 6-5 guard. The speed that he has and the quickness he has getting off the ball, he's going to be a big addition for us.

Re: How he will be used in our schemes:

Yes, he'll be a nose. We can do that. I'm looking for some guys that can come in and help us where Heyward and Tuitt don't have to play 65 to 70 plays a game. I want to find someone with McCullers right in there where those guys can play 55 plays a game. I think if this guy comes in with the attitude he's had in college and works really hard to pick up our scheme, I think he can help us. I'll tell you this, he will give us a new dimension for a big man in our sub-package.

Re: Adding depth:

When you have to take a guy off the field that really hampers you. Here's a guy right now that can play all three downs. I think when you put him over a guard in our scheme, the guard's going to have a little trouble with this guy because he has such a good first step and he has great quickness off the ball.

Re: Playing at a smaller school against less competitive teams:

He played well. The thing that I liked about this kid, was again, he played up to his ability. He didn't play down to the talent that he faced. That's the problem that you have with a lot of guys that come from small schools. If they don't dominate the league that they're in, you're worried about if they are really competitive. This guy was competitive week-in and week-out. I'm not concerned about the level of competition he played against. He could not control that and neither can I. I liked the way he played year in and year out.

Re: Giving Tuitt and Heyward support:

No question. A guy can struggle in this league in the fourth quarter. A two minute deal is 10 minutes. If a guys is in there for the last two or three minutes and he's got to play 25 or 30 plays, that takes a lot out of him. We need a guy that can help Tuitt and Heyward. I think this guy can help us. I'm also very pleased with where McCullers is. We are going to have some guys that play their role on the inside. It's going to help us do some things with some of the outside guys. It's going to give us a few more guys when we get in our Nickel package where we can have guys that go out and rush the passer.

Were you lobbying for him in the second round?

I thought we got him where he should go. I'm really happy. I told Mike Tomlin that if this guy was around in the third round or fourth round, if there was any way we could pick him, let's take him. I'm really happy. I think we got the best bargain getting him in the third round.

Fourth Round 123rd Overall



**Jerald Hawkins - OT
LSU**

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Jerald Hawkins
Offensive Tackle
Louisiana State
6-6, 305
Baldwin, La.
West St. Mary High School
4th Round – 123rd Overall

CAREER NOTES

A three-year starter on the offensive line, playing and starting 37 games (25 at right tackle and 12 at left tackle).

2015 SEASON

Played and started 11 games at left tackle...saw action on every snap in seven games, including the Bowl Win vs. Texas Tech, helping the Tigers generate a school bowl-record 638 yards of total offense in the 56-27 win...was a key member of the offensive line that paved the way for the SEC leading rushing offense (256.8 yards per game).

2014 SEASON

Started all 13 games at right tackle, helping pave the way for 1,000-yard rusher Leonard Fournette...ranked second among all LSU offensive linemen in total snaps with 834...totaled 43 knockdowns for the year...had his best overall game in win over No. 3 ranked Ole Miss with 12 knockdowns on 71 plays from scrimmage...against Ole Miss, LSU racked up 264 rushing yards against a Rebels team that was allowing just 97 yards rushing a game.

2013 SEASON

Won starting job at right tackle during fall camp...played and started all 13 games (12 at RT and one at LT) for the Tigers...his best outing came in win over Texas A&M with nine knockdowns on 74 snaps in the 34-10 win over the Aggies.

2012 SEASON

Redshirted as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL

Was a three-year starter for West St. Mary High School at both offensive and defensive tackle...helped West St. Mary reach the postseason for the first time in several years, finishing with a 6-5 record in 2011...didn't allow a sack as a senior in 2011 as he recorded over 20 pancake blocks...on defense as a senior, he recorded 70 total tackles, 35.0 TFLs, six forced fumbles, one safety and one fumble recovery...as a junior in 2010, he registered 61 tackles and 18.0 TFLs at defensive end...earned 2011 LSWA 2A All-State Honorable Mention honors for his play on both offense and defense...tabbed a *New Orleans Times-Picayune* Blue Chip recruit...also participated in basketball, baseball and track and field throughout his high school career...won the Louisiana 2A state title in the shot put in 2011 with a toss of 52-9 ½ and followed that with a third place showing at the state meet in 2012 with a throw of 55-04.

PERSONAL

Parents are Theresa and the late Warren Hawkins...born Oct. 16, 1993...majoring in sports administration.

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Jerald Hawkins
Offensive Tackle
Louisiana State University
4th Round – 123rd Overall

Do you have a preference between right and left side?

Honestly, no, sir. As long as I'm on the field, it doesn't really matter. I feel comfortable on both sides.

What do you know about Mike Munchak?

He's a great coach, one of the best. He's a Hall of Famer and that means he knows what he's doing. He's been in the game a long time.

Re: On if the draft advisory board gave him an approximate round where he might be selected:

They told me to stay in school.

Why did you come out?

I felt I was mature enough, especially with the help of Coach Grimes. He came two years ago, and I felt like I learned a lot more from him. I had some more technique things to work on and he pretty much helped me out these last two years. I felt comfortable with my decision, felt more mature and felt it was the right thing to do.

Re: On if he has questioned that decision:

No, sir. I just prayed on it and let God handle his business. He has a reason for everything. I felt it was the right decision when I made it the first time, to declare. I felt I was alright with it, so that's what I did.

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Mike Munchak Re: Jerald Hawkins

I'm just real excited to be in the room here to talk about an offensive lineman that we just drafted, Jerald Hawkins from LSU. I think he's a left tackle. He played there young. He is a junior coming out. We see that he has a lot of talent, a lot of growth ahead of him, and he can play both sides, left and right tackle. He can come in here and help right away by competing and pushing the guys and making them better. It just makes the group better when you can bring in a good athlete and a good player that has the ability to compete and help us become better. It's hard to find that in the draft especially as the draft goes on. To find players who you feel can play the left tack or right tackle spot and to have that versatility, a lot of times tackles, as you get later in the rounds, can play right tackle or go inside. We feel this guy can come in and learn from the guys we have, push the guys that we have and now it's just a matter of how quickly we feel he can contribute as we get him in here for OTA's. So we are excited. I'm excited, obviously, to have him and to work with him and to get to know him as he comes in next week.

Re: Blocking rule changes affecting play:

For us, he won't. I don't think we run a lot of inside-outside zone. We could but not the level that changes in the rules is going to affect what we do, what the players do and how we teach. It shouldn't affect us anyway. You just have to be more aware when you have two hands on a defender. When two guys are working together to guard a tackle, especially the center guard, that one is not high and one is not low like it's similar in the past games. I think the way we teach it won't affect the guys. We just have to be more aware of the rule change and what the officials are looking for.

Will you start him at right tackle then?

I don't think there is any plan that way. I think when you bring a young guy in to see where he's most comfortable. For me, it's to find out where's he's most comfortable. The biggest thing with linemen coming in is to build their confidence up. They are coming to a new experience. The Steelers, they'll start hearing the Steelers tradition and what goes on here over the years. So I think he is a guy that comes in comfortable at left. That doesn't mean anything, just to start him at left to see how his reps go. Then you see what he can handle. Then you start moving him to both sides, instead of mixing them right away. I'm assuming left is what he is most comfortable at to begin with, then we will start him there and then just go from there. But he wouldn't be tagged as a left or right tackle. We think he has the ability to play both. That was the excitement about picking him.

Is it nice to get someone in the fourth round who may not play right away but has a higher ceiling than most?

We think so because being a junior coming out, could have stayed in college another season, young, yes. He has a lot of football ahead of him. I like that at LSU, they run the ball quite a bit. They do a lot of things that pro offenses do. They're not just a spread offense so he's been involved with a lot of different aspects where they'll be in a two-back offense, two-tight-end offense, a spread offense. So as an offensive lineman, he understands those concepts. He's been asked to do some of the things we'll ask him to do. He's way ahead of a lot of the linemen that come out of college and aren't exposed to a lot of the things. A lot of college linemen haven't even put their hand on the ground yet. There are a lot of things when you get these guys that you're not quite sure of sometimes until you get them here – at what level they've been taught, what they know, how long it takes them to learn. Those are the things you get excited about as a coach, that this guy has done a lot of things on the tape that we do on our offense. They run the ball quite a bit there. They've had a lot of success doing that. He's been part of that. There's nothing that he hasn't been exposed to. He's been exposed to a lot of things that would be very comfortable to him here.

Re: Competition at tackle:

I think that's the nice thing. You've got competition there with those two. Alejandro Villanueva came in and did a nice job. We brought Ryan Harris in so you have some good competition there. And now you have another guy coming in that has the ability to play left or right. You have Mike Adams who is coming off an injury, that we feel has the ability to play both sides. That's a good problem to have. For me, I'm excited because I have a lot of options on what we can do. We're just going to get better having the type of guys that we have. There's no plan right now on who is playing where. It's more or less just bringing them in, letting them compete, getting them reps and kind of see who rises to the top, who pushes the envelope. I think when you have good players, you get better. I think the fact that we have the guys we have and bringing a guy like this in, will help that room. It adds to what we have at tackle. Most of the guys we have can play right and left. We're not one position guys. Villanueva can play left or right. Adams can play left or right. This guy can play left or right, so we have some good options there. If there are problems or there are injuries, we have a lot of ways to fill the roster.

Do you have a starting point right now for who will play?

No. I don't think we've even discussed that yet. Obviously Villanueva is the one that's most familiar with the position coming in. That won't mean a whole lot. Harris is new to the offense. He just got a Super Bowl ring so he brings a lot of experience to the room also. We have a lot of good problems to have. We're going to have some good competition. Ultimately that will make our offensive line even better. Right now, no we haven't discussed any of those things as far as who's going to be where. It's just a matter of getting him in here, starting OTA's and seeing where it goes.

How is Adams physically?

He's working with the players. We'll see how he develops. Any time with injuries, there's always uncertainty, but we missed him last year. Hopefully he will be contributing this year.

Sixth Round 220th Overall



**Travis Feeney - LB
Washington**

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Travis Feeney
Linebacker
Washington
6-4, 226
Richmond, Calif.
Pinole Valley
6th Round – 220th Overall

2015 SEASON

Voted a team captain and an All-Pac-12 second-team selection...finished third in the Pac-12 in sacks (8.0) and tackles for loss (17.5)...started 12 of 13 games, compiling 56 tackles (40 solo)...totaled seven stops, including three behind the line of scrimmage and 2.5 sacks vs. USC earning Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week accolades...tabbed Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week for 11 tackle, 2.0 sack, two forced fumbles and a pass breakup performance vs. Arizona...had three stops in the Apple Cup victory over Washington State, and made three tackles, including a sack, in the team's Heart of Dallas Bowl game win vs. Southern Miss...named the Most Outstanding Defensive Player at the school's postseason awards ceremony.

2014 SEASON

Played in all 14 games, making nine starts, registering 60 tackles (43 solo) and 4.5 tackles for loss...recorded a sack and three stops vs. Arizona State...returned an interception 30 yards for a touchdown at Colorado, to go along with five tackles...made two tackles in the Apple Cup win at Washington State, and three vs. Oklahoma State in the Cactus Bowl...tabbed the school's Most Outstanding Special Teams Player at the postseason banquet.

2013 SEASON

Appeared in 13 games, making two starts...had four tackles in the season-opening win vs. No. 19 Boise State...led the team with six stops, and a fumble recovery, vs. Idaho State...recorded six tackles, including a five-yard sack, in the Apple Cup win vs. Washington State and two stops in the Fight Hunger Bowl victory vs. BYU.

2012 SEASON

Earned honorable mention All-Pac-12 as well as honorable mention Academic All-Pac-12...started nine-of-13 games played...recorded a sack, two tackles for loss and five stops along with a forced fumble vs. San Diego State...amassed a season-high 12 tackles at Oregon...led the defense with 10 tackles in victory at Colorado, along with a sack...totaled nine tackles, including a stop for a loss vs. Boise State in MAACO Bowl game.

2011 SEASON

Redshirted as a true freshman...won the Mark Drennan Defensive Scout MVP award at the program's postseason awards banquet.

HIGH SCHOOL

Earned first-team All-East Bay and first-team All-Metro (Bay Area) as a senior...MVP of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League...led the Spartans to an 11-1-1, 6-0 in league action, and to the CIF North Coast Section Division II semifinals in senior campaign...member of the 2010 ACCAL championship squad.

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Travis Feeney
Linebacker
Washington
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Re: On being drafted by the Steelers:

Freaking awesome. I don't know what say, just sitting at home thinking nothing was going to come. My dad is from Pennsylvania, family lives out there, and I know they're all excited out there. I'll get to see my family while I am there, and they can watch me play. I'm ready to go. I'm ready to get up there and help the team out any way I can. I'm just ready to go, I'm hyped.

Where in Pennsylvania is your dad from?

Brownsville, Pa.

How's your party going so far?

It's good, no party yet. Just a couple people at the house right now, and they're all excited.

Have you ever been to Brownsville?

Yeah, I have. We went there when I was about 13 years old. My dad showed me where he used to live.

When did you move and why?

I'm from California. My dad and mom met in the Air Force and my dad has been in California since.

Re: On why he went in the sixth round:

I don't know. I can't answer that question. I can only be the guy waiting and waiting on a team to call me. I'm glad it was the Steelers.

Re: On if he played in a 3-4 defense last year:

Yes, sir. I played a rush-outside backer, and drop back. I played everywhere in the defense. I played Will, I played Sam, I can cover guys, I played all the positions and did all the kind of stuff they wanted me to do. I'm an all-round player.

Re: On what he was doing when he got the call:

I don't know what to tell you guys. I was just like, "Hey, it's looking like free agency right now, I'm hoping my other guys get drafted. And I'm just ready to go. Whoever wants to give me a chance in free agency, I'm going to play with them." When coach Tomlin called me on the phone, I didn't think it was serious. I thought somebody was messing with me.

What do you know about Joey Porter?

What do I know about Joey Porter? Playing in the Super Bowl and all the playoffs, how conditioned he was in the game, how mean he was and how he played with all the passion. No. 55. That defense was stacked, nasty.

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Joey Porter Re: Travis Feeney

We picked Travis Feeney up from Washington. I think he is a good linebacker. He definitely adds depth to the position. He is a smaller guy but he runs really fast, he's an easy runner. He really strikes you when he puts a hit on you. I think he adds to our special team's depth and hopefully our pass rush. He is a good pickup for us and I'm happy to work with him.

Re: Feeney's speed:

Yes, he can run. That's one of the things that jump out at you on tape is how easy he runs. You can never have enough speed on defense.

Re: Feeney's slower shuttle time:

No, he is actually really athletic. I got out of comparing shuttle time to 40-times. I just have to look at his body movement and how he moves on the football field and what kind of demeanor he plays with. He checked off all the boxes on how he plays, the speed he brings and how he plays the game. He plays passionately. I try to stay away from that comparison. I'm not going to ask him to do shuttles on the football field. I'm just happy to have him. Hopefully he comes in and picks up the defense and figures out what it is. I'm going to ask him and hopefully this will be the beginning of something special.

What does he need to work on the most?

He has good body control, really good body lean in the pass rush. It's not new to him. He has had success at rushing the passer. That's always a good sign when you have someone who comes in and adds a little bit of that in their game. You can always add more. But what he has right now, I think is good enough. We will add to it.

What's an ideal weight for Feeney?

I don't know what his walking around weight is. I know what I like to play with, but at the same time, you have different players play at different weights. He'll play at the weight suggested to him from the coaching staff and try to meet what makes him play at his best. I don't want a guy that feels like he has to come in and pick up so much weight to play effectively. That's not always the case. The way the game is spread out, speed is everything. I don't want to do anything to hurt his wheels. I want him to be ready to play the way he knows how to play and the way he played at the University of Washington. If he can make that transition and give us the same type of intensity that he played with, he'll be just fine with his weight.

When you pick a guy in the sixth-round, do you also have to evaluate them as a special teams player?

He runs too well to not be a special teams player. Special teams is all want, too. It's not like you go to college and say I want to be the best special teams player. You become a star in college, make it to the NFL and realize that you're just a special teams player. You don't say you want to be an NFL special teams player. You want to be the star of whatever college team you play on. You just become humbled. When you get to the NFL, there are a lot of guys on the team already to where you have to earn your keep on special teams. He runs too well for him to not be willing to do what we ask of him on special teams. Special teams is really nothing but a personality. It's part of the job. It's part of the game. It helps us win. I think the guys that love to play football will do whatever it takes to get on the football field.

Do you see Feeney as a 3-4 standup edge guy or some kind of piece you can use in a four-man front?

We look at him and try to do everything that we do with our other outside linebackers. He'll be asked to do the same thing that everyone at the same position is asked to do. If we found out that he does something special, we'll find a special position to put him in. Right now, we like him as an outside linebacker. He'll have his preference to play right or left. Whatever he does best, we'll put him at that position and go from there.

How does a guy like this drop to the sixth round?

The draft is crazy. You never know what's going to happen. There are a lot of guys sitting there right now thinking they should have went yesterday but haven't. You never know what's going to happen in the draft. You will have good guys get passed over and you're going to have some guys that you don't think are good go early. That's part of it. The thing about the draft is you just need one person to like you. It doesn't matter what team that comes from. You just need one person to fall in love with you at the right position. Some guys get that early. Some of those guys get looked over. We're happy to have him. We're happy that they did pass on him so we can have something special with him.

How does the defensive staff feel about the draft so far?

It's looking very defensively. It's been a while since the offense carried us. This is Pittsburgh, but they did last year. They were a strong part of our team. That's always a good thing, but in Steeler Nation we still have pride in our defense. We always want to have pride in our defense. We were happy where we finished last year, but it wasn't enough. If we get our defense back to where it used to be, I think we'll have the pieces to do something special.

Do you think these guys can be immediate contributors?

That's what we're hoping when we take a guy no matter what round, especially on defense. You don't look to redshirt anyone on defense. You look for them to come in and contribute in some type of way. They know that when we get them. Competition is always going to be the key that drives them. We're going to have some guys in positions at home looking at the draft now. It's going to make it competitive. We're looking for this guy Travis to come in and help us right away and we hope he accepts the challenge. We hope he's happy to be here and we are happy to have him.

When you made this pick was it with the expectation that James Harrison won't be coming back?

I'm not up there on that decision making, you're asking some questions that are above me. I coach them, if they are there I'll work with them to make them better. Who's going to be here and who's not going to be here that's above my paygrade. I have nothing to do with those decisions so save that one for the boss.

Seventh Round 229th Overall



**Demarcus Ayers - WR
Houston**

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Demarcus Ayers
Wide Receiver
Houston
5-11, 190
Lancaster, Texas
Lancaster High School
7th Round – 229th Overall

CAREER NOTES

Finished his Houston career third on the program's chart for career kickoff return yards with 1,613.

2015 SEASON

Named to The American's first-team as a receiver and return specialists...started all 14 games, leading The American and finishing sixth in the nation with 98 catches for 1,222 receiving yards (18th-most)...his 98 catches were eight-best on the school's single-season list and his 1,222 receiving yards were ninth-most...added 28 punt returns for 290 yards (10.4 average) and a touchdown...led all receiver with nine catches for 82 yards vs. Florida State in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, and threw for a 20-yard touchdown pass...had a career-best 161 receiving yards on eight catches and one score in win vs. Navy...hauled in a career-high 13 catches for 127 receiving yards in win vs. Memphis...rushed for his first career touchdown and returned a punt 73 yards for a touchdown, finishing with six catches for 93 yards in win at Tulane.

2014 SEASON

Saw action in all 13 games, making eight starts...tallied 33 catches for 335 yards and two touchdowns, while adding 34 kickoff returns for 592 yards...had two grabs for 29 yards and returned four kickoffs for 50 yards in the Armed Forces Bowl victory...caught 10 passes for 95 yards at Cincinnati...generated 90 receiving yards on seven catches to go along with three kickoff returns for 81 yards vs. UCF.

2013 SEASON

Served as the primary kick returner and started the final three games at receiver...earned The American Co-Special Teams Player of the Year honors, and was a first-team selection as a kick returner...led the conference (12th in the nation) with a 27.6 kickoff return average (37-1,021)...his 1,021 kickoff return yards set a program freshman record and were second-most in team history...posted 100 kickoff return yards or more in five games, and his 12 kickoff returns of 30 or more yards were second-most.

HIGH SCHOOL

Generated 1,337 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns on 184 carries as a senior, along with six catches for 180 yards and three touchdowns, leading Lancaster High School to a state title game...threw for 1,823 yards and 22 touchdowns (10 interceptions) in senior campaign...named MVP of the 2012 IFAF U-19 World Championship, as he led Team USA with seven catches for 155 yards and a score in title game victory vs. American Samoa...totaled 445 rushing yards (44 carries) and five touchdowns, along with 21 catches for 364 yards and six scores as a junior...was the school's starting point guard in basketball.

PERSONAL

Son of Mark Ayers and Bernice Edwards.

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Danny Smith Re: Demarcus Ayers

This is a dynamic kid, Demarcus Ayers. I'm excited about it, very excited about it. He is an excellent punt returner. We had him rated number one on our list as far as returners were concerned. Not taking into play, wide receiver skills in this setting, he is outstanding and he does a great job. He has a lot of special skills. We are excited about it.

Was he ranked number one as a punt returner on your list?

Yes, I did as a punt returner. We have a list that is consisted of combination guys, that's what we call them. It consists of kick (return) guys, punt (return) guys; we got kick returners and punt returners. We had him listed as a number one punt returner. I know you get into these meetings and you don't know what to believe, what to say, who's telling the truth, that's my list, there he is.

Re: Punt returner:

I'm not concerned about that to be honest. We have a lot work to do. He is a punt returner for us and we will have to see what he can and can't do.

Re: Punt returner:

Punt returners much more so.

Re: Antonio Brown as a punt returner:

You asked the wrong guy that question. I'm coaching that position. I am a team guy and this is a team organization if there ever was one. I have experience in that being that I haven't been in five organizations. In direct answer to your question, you want to put the best player there. I can tell you that last year we went with the Jacoby Jones experiment. At that particular time, we made that decision to make that change. After that meeting, Antonio Brown came to my office very distinctly and said, "Danny, I don't like it."

My honest comment was, "Antonio Brown, I don't like it either but that's what we are going to do."

That's what we did. It didn't work and we went back to Antonio Brown. You can never have enough of these kinds of guys. You can never have enough of punt returners. We are not ready to give this kid the position by no means. He is a seventh-round draft choice but I think he has an excellent skill level. He will be competitive at the position. I'm not a guy that's a part-time guy either. You put a guy back there with the capabilities and just put him in critical situations and you expect miracles. I don't think that happens really often. I think special skill you have to use, you have to work it, you have to commit, you have to develop guys and they have to practice. That's a roundabout way to answer your question. You asked the wrong guy as far as. I'd love Antonio Brown back there. What we will do with it is we will see as the season progresses.

Is wide receiver an option?

We have him as a wide receiver/punt returner. But you would have to talk to the office of coaches in particular for his wide receiver skills. I learned a long time ago when they talk about special teams, I talk. But when they talk about wide receivers, I don't.

Is Eli Rodgers in contention?

Eli Rodgers is in the mix. Eli Rodgers is in the building, Eli Rodgers has a pair of Steelers shorts so he thinks he is a Steeler but I have yet to see him in a game. He's a suspect at this time. We'll see.

Re: Decorating a player:

You keep using this term decorated but who decorated these guys? You read something in the media and they are all decorated. None of them are decorated in this league. They haven't run down on a kick yet so they haven't done a thing. We'll decorate him after he makes a tackle against the Washington Redskins on Monday night. I like him a lot. The kid is a physical kid. He is a tough kid, he has good size. He runs well and he will hit. We have to develop his special team skill. It puzzles me a lot of the time when we take different guys, and I don't mean this particular kid, I gave you my response for this kid. But as soon as we draft a linebacker, not just a Pittsburgh Steelers, but as soon as a linebacker is drafted at the National Football League, automatically they are special team guys. There are a lot of guys who cannot do that. Then the next step is if he is a two-down linebacker, we take him out on third-down. Okay, then he is a good special teams player. He can't cover a hook of pass coverage, so let's give him more distance on a kickoff or a punt and he will get that. In a way it is a special skill. This kid runs. He's physical, he's big, he's strong, he hits. There are great qualities coming in. I'll decorate him once he makes a couple tackles.

Robert Golden is number one on the depth chart at safety. Is he still going to be a big part of the special teams?

Honestly I haven't looked at that depth chart. I really haven't. Where we stand there, again, I'm not trying to be a wise guy or be evasive. I can talk to you about my depth chart. I can't talk to you about the defensive depth chart because I don't know. I don't study it. I have other things to do with my time. It won't affect his play on special teams wherever he's at.

Re: Evaluating whether a player can be a good kick returner:

It really is. I brought a list. When I evaluate a returner, I'm not going to bore you with a bunch of things. We're not just talking about the whole education of all of this thing for all of us. I look at their hands, their quickness. Do they muff? Are there fumbles? What's their decision making? What's their vision? What's their ability to avoid? Do they break tackles? Are they fearless? Are they tough? Will they outrun coverage? Do they have TD speed? Are they sideline returners? Are they middle returners? Can they make cuts at full speed? Are they a must gather guy? Can they make the first guy miss? Do they only get what's blocked? Do they have the ability to create? And I plus and minus all of those qualities. Then after I plus and minus those qualities, I reach a conclusion. That's how I come up the list and rate. This kid had more of those qualities as a punt returner than anyone else I evaluated.

Is straight line speed overrated in a returner?

It matters honestly. It really does. Forty times matter, but maybe they matter too much. There's a play speed in this league. This kid plays fast. If I showed you the tape I put together on this kid, you wouldn't think that that's a matchup of the time he does. To be honest with you, and I'm a little bit old fashioned in a lot of ways, I don't know where when we started in one of the most crazy things in all of football, whether it be in high school or college or professional football, we wear about 15-pounds of pads with helmets, shoulder pads and pads and girdles and thighs and knees and then we time these guys in track shoes and their underwear. I don't know where we went wrong with that. If I had to do it, I'd time them in full pads. I'm just trying to translate. That's what I mean by play speed. This kid plays faster than his 40-time. Maybe that's his vision. Maybe that's quicker decisions. I think if we took a lot of guys at 7/11, they would run fast, but if the cop is chasing them they would be a little faster. I think some of our players are like that. Don't make the insinuation that they're all getting chased by the cops. I didn't say that. I'm just saying in that environment when you have a defensive guy or punt team chasing these guys, they're pretty quick. This guy falls in that category.

How long did it take you to come up with your evaluation list?

I've used it for years to be honest with you. I put it together years ago as a tool to evaluate guys. You look at guys and say he can do this and he can do that. A few years back, I said what are the important qualities in the offseason? Let me come up with traits that we're looking for, that I'm looking for, that I think make good returners. Like I say, there is a number scale on it that I use and plus minus scale that I use. So when we arrive at those conclusions, they're documented conclusions. It's not I like this kid or this kid had a good return. It's documented. Hopefully that will turn out to be effective in his particular case. Some work. Some don't.

For those traits, is it just up and down or checks a box?

It could be a number scale or a plus and minus. I do it both ways.

How will the kickoff rule change affect the kick return game?

You ask can guys coach that stuff? Is it important to me? People say it's not as important and there are a lot more touchbacks. I'm not going to bore you with the facts and the figures. We're going to get into a situation at some point next year. And I'll use the illustration that the Cincinnati Bengals were in when we beat them in the playoffs. You have an 18-16 game. You have 30-seconds left on the clock. You're defending a field goal. That kick coverage is pretty important. That return by them and the field position that they get is going to determine the outcome of that game and whether they go to the next round or not. That's a pretty important kick whether it's the only one we had that year or whether it's the fiftieth one we had that year. There are going to be times where they are very, very relative. And then there are issues that are not. My opinion of it? I don't have one. I'll be honest with you. I wasn't in the meeting when they changed the rule. They didn't ask me my vote. I don't spend a lot of time forming an opinion. That's the rule. That's what we're going to do. That's just the way I go. Mr. Rooney didn't come to me and say, "What do you think?" So I don't give a lot of time thinking about it.

Are you excited for the beginning of the season?

I can't wait to play. I love when the players are here. I'm not a good office guy. I'm not a good offseason guy. I don't have any hobbies. I love football. I love coaching players. I tell them that. It's a little corny when I'm around them sometimes like that. But when they're in here, I get goosebumps and I love being around them. I love coaching. I love teaching. I love the team we have. I can't wait to get started.

Seventh Round 246th Overall



**Tyler Matakevich - LB
Temple**

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Tyler Matakevich
Linebacker
Temple
6-1, 235
Stratford, Ct.
St. Joseph's High School
7th Round – 246th Overall

CAREER NOTES

A four-year letter winner (2012, '13, '14, '15) and the Temple program all-time leading tackler with 493 stops...became the first Temple defensive player to earn first-team All-America honors and the first Owl at any position since 1986 (Paul Palmer)...recipient of the Chuck Bednarik Award and Bronko Nagurski Trophy, given to the nation's most outstanding defensive player in 2015.

2015 SEASON

The only player in FBS to lead his team in tackles in every game, eclipsing the 100-tackle plateau for the fourth season, just the seventh player in NCAA history to accomplish the feat...was only one of two players be a three-time captain in Temple history...had a career-high 3.0 sacks vs. Penn State...hailed in a personal-best two interceptions and was part of a senior class that defeated Cincinnati for the first time in four tries.

2014 SEASON

Served as a team captain, leading the American Athletic Conference with 88 solo tackles...tied a school record with 16 solo tackles vs. East Carolina.

2013 SEASON

Led the NCAA with 8.8 solo tackles per game, and his 11.4 total stops trailed one San Jose State's Keith Smith (13.3)...had 10 or more stops in seven of 12 games, surpassing the 100-tackle mark in Week 8...his 137 tackles were seventh-most in Temple record books, setting a school and conference record with 24 stops at Idaho.

2012 SEASON

One of 14 true freshmen to see game action, and one of four to earn a starting role...played in every game, one of three freshman to do so...became the first freshman in program history to record 100 tackles, finishing second on the defense with 101 tackles (67 solo), three tackles for loss, three pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble...ranked fourth in the Big East in tackles (9.2 per game).

PREP SCHOOL

Played linebacker at Milford Academy for one year, earning 2011 All-State honors.

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended St. Joseph's High School...a 2011 All-State honoree at linebacker, helping the Cadets to a 10-2 record in his senior season while capturing back-to-back state championship titles...2010 Connecticut Post Male Athlete of the Year...set the school record for touchdowns in a game with five vs. Trumbull as a junior...also played baseball, leading the team as a junior with a .372 batting average, 32 RBI and five homeruns.

PERSONAL

Born on Dec. 22, 1992...son of Kim and David Matakevich...majored in adult and organizational development.

Kevin Colbert and Coach Tomlin
Post-Draft Press Conference
April 30, 2016



Kevin Colbert: Alright guys and ladies, the 2016 draft has come to a conclusion for us. We ended up with seven guys and hopefully we got seven guys that are going to help us be a championship football team. That's what we set out to do and we are happy with the way that it unfolded. We talked about Artie (Burns) after the first round and the coaches have been in to talk about the other individuals. Coach and I will touch on some here. Sean Davis is a corner/safety, he's played both at a high level. I don't know if the coaches mentioned this but he has 36 career special teams tackles. You like his ability to play both. I know that coach has talked to him and he will line up at safety but he will also be able to matchup on some of the bigger receivers and tight ends in some packages, so we're excited about that. Javon Hargrave, he played at the lower level, I-AA at South Carolina State but he did what he was supposed to do at the I-AA level to be considered an NFL Prospect and he dominated that level. He was highly productive at the I-AA level. That was impressive enough but when he had his opportunity to step up and play with better competition at the East-West game, and then as a late addition at the Senior Bowl, it came more intriguing to us because he showed that he could play at a higher level. It was an interesting discussion with Javon. Joe Greene happened to be in our meetings when we were doing defensive linemen this year. We asked Joe, "You talk about a small college guy and what did guys like Ernie Holmes and L.C. Greenwood, what did they have that gave them the opportunity to make it in the NFL?" Joe said it wasn't their physical because they had it, but they also had the confidence that they could compete with guys from other schools. We think Javon had that confidence. We had him in here for a pre-draft visit and he was not shaken by the challenge. He knows it will be tough but he was ready for it and we are excited about that. Jerald Hawkins, young left tackle from LSU, still a work in progress. In all honesty he probably came out ahead of schedule. We understand that that is his decision, we understand where he is, but we also see that he has tremendous upside and the ability to play left tackle. He played left tackle at the SEC level and that was impressive. He is not complete by any stretch. Travis Feeney, he's played inside, he's played outside. He runs a 4.52. He's a very ferocious type of hitter. He's a run-and-hit guy. He can give you some pass rush off the edge and he had 22 special teams tackles in his career. Demarcus Ayers is more of a slot receiver and we like him as a punt return candidate in this draft. That is an area that we wanted to make an addition to. Of course when Antonio (Brown) does it, he is the best. However Demarcus Ayers has the ability to compete and maybe contribute as a punt returner. Then we got to the last pick Tyler M. He was the highest player left on our board. When we graded Tyler, he's not the biggest, he's not the fastest but he's a heck of a football player and highly productive. I think he has 493 tackles and three-and-a-half years of starting. He gets his hands on passes and fumbles. He makes interceptions he gets PBU's. He can be a special teams contributor, his numbers were not great at Temple but he played three downs of football consistently for them since the middle of his freshman year. Highly productive and we like to use the term, he's a football player and we would like to see what he can do in the mix. We started before the draft with 75 guys. We got seven that takes us to 82, of course we can have 90. The scouts and coaches will be working on signing free agents. We may sign more than the eight spots we have left. It depends on what kind of feedback we are getting from the players and maybe judge some of the current free agents to guys on our roster already. We will also sign some guys and make some changes. We will also have tryouts and rookie camp and maybe we will find a player or two there. So with that, coach.

Mike Tomlin: Really nothing to add regarding the guys. I will be happy to answer questions that you might have regarding them.

Re: Multiple positions:

MT: You know once we work with guys we value position flexibility. It gives us flexibility in terms of who we can use and how. We have a pretty good understanding of where these guys are going to play from, for us even though they flexibility. Sean Davis, for instance, is going to be a safety, even though he has played multiple positions in college. Travis Feeney is going to play outside linebacker for us even though he played multiple positions in college. We like versatility but we have an eye on where we want to start these guys positionally.

What made Sean Davis stick out?

MT: Quite simply, he's been highly productive over the course of his time at Maryland. When he played safety, you saw the type of production we want to see from that position. I think in '14, as a junior, he was a 110-plus tackle guy. You also saw a guy that put some coverage skills on display in '15 when he had an opportunity to play corner. In today's NFL, you know offenses challenge in a lot of ways. They work to put safeties in man-to-man situations. This is a guy who has the physicality in the tackle to play the safety position but also has a background in the corner position that is going to allow him to cover receivers in the slot, to potentially man-up on the vertical threat tight ends. His skillset lends itself to a lot of things that are very significant in today's NFL position.

Re: Tyler Matakevich:

MT: He is easy to track. You watch Temple play, he makes all of the tackles. I think he won the Chuck Bednarik Award this year. They don't hand that out to anyone particularly, a guy who comes from a smaller program like Temple. I have a lot of respect for the tape he put out, the quality of his play and his football justice from a guy like him when gets an opportunity.

Re: Antonio Brown on punt return:

MT: I'm not concerned preserving Antonio Brown. He is up for the challenge.

Re: Sean Davis:

MT: He is capable of doing all of those things. It is less about him when we are talking about those things. It's more about the tackle ball we choose to play globally speaking. We are not going to make those decisions based on him. We play some half field, we play some single half safety, we play some man-to-man. All of those things are going to be required for us to have a well-balanced attack.

Re: Vision for the defense; flexibility for whatever needs to be done:

MT: We got to have versatility. I don't know where you get the Cover 2 lines. We want to do all things well.

Re: Rookie starters on defense, is there a reason top three guys wouldn't start:

MT: If they are the best and they prove it, they'll be given an opportunity to do that. That's how it's always been.

Re: Hargrave's style of play:

MT: He just has unique bursts. He does. It kind of goes beyond the body type. There are a lot of guys that play like that. The interiors, single gap, defensive tackle, who are vertical penetrators. He could be characterized in that family of player.

What was the competition like for Hargrave? Do other teams get scared off by smaller guys? How do you evaluate them?

KC: I can't speak for the other teams. However, like coach said, his burst at the 1-AA or Division 1 level, his ability to play with leverage, he has power through his lower body. The leverage and power I think would translate anywhere. That was what was interesting. When he did get that opportunity at the East-West and then when he showed up at the Senior Bowl Thursday morning he came in, his equipment hadn't arrived yet and he was in a white helmet. He comes in with fresh legs. He was really having a productive practice. We didn't even know who he was at that point because he hadn't been officially added to the roster. From that point forward, this kid is a little different. He's better than a 1-AA player. I think the things that he does naturally would translate anywhere else. He didn't play the best competition every week. So now he gets his chance and we hope it works.

Re: Taking juniors over seniors:

KC: I think there's youth. They're moldable probably a little more than a guy that's four years into a program. I don't even know how many juniors we took. We only took three.

MT: Generally they're the guys with the highest pedigree. That's why they're in the draft.

Re: Juniors being ready for the NFL:

KC: They have been the higher rated players of late. There are still some more to go. That's what I said about Jerald Hawkins. He's probably not ready for this. Had he stayed another year, he probably would have been drafted higher. That's a decision he made. It's a decision we made. We take him knowing that he wouldn't be as far along as he would next year, but we're ready to go right now.

How many quarterbacks do you need for this rookie camp?

KC: Yes, you can bring tryouts in. You can have veteran guys be tryouts for the rookie camp as well. Yes. So I'm sure we'll have two quarterbacks at the rookie camp. You can actually have a veteran player as a tryout at a rookie camp.

How about Bruce Gradkowski?

KC: Any veteran. Yes.

Are you excited about the speed you've added on your defense?

MT: I'm really excited about it. It's playmaking as well. Speed is just an element of it. I like the production of all the guys. We talked about Burns' production with the six interceptions in 2015. Sean Davis has been highly productive, not only over the course of 2015, but also just his career at Maryland. Matakevich's production is well-documented. Speed is an element of it – something that we covet. But speed without production is less attractive than these guys who have done it.

How much do you expect the defensive players to contribute right away?

MT: I believe it's realistic. That's why we chose them where we chose them. But they have to earn it and we'll be giving them an opportunity to do that.

What is your level of trust in John Mitchell's instincts with guys like Hargrave?

MT: I have a lot of trust in Mitch, but it even goes back prior to the Combine. Kevin mentioned we watched him when he showed up a few days late for the Senior Bowl practices. He got our attention right away. We were standing shoulder-to-shoulder in the defensive individual drills. We gather information in a variety of places. All of us have our hand in the pile. Obviously Mitch is an integral part of that when it comes to defensive linemen evaluation.

Why was Feeney available in the sixth round?

KC: I can't answer that. We had him graded higher than that. We were just happy he was there for us. It was a long time between the fourth round pick and the sixth round pick. A lot of good players went. Had we had the opportunity or picks, we probably would have taken him higher. We were very fortunate that he was there. He's exciting because he flies around. He puts his body in some reckless places and does it without concern. That's very impressive. We interviewed him at the Combine. He's kind of a happy go lucky smiler, talker and then when you watch him play, he a little bit of a different person.

MT: In a positive way.

Re: On the draft class:

KC: We hope so. You never know. I mean, if these guys help us win a championship, it worked out. That's the only way we can evaluate any class. We'll see come February if it worked out. On paper, yes. In reality, I think Ryan Clark said this is the best reality TV going. There's no grey area, we either win or we lose. If we win a championship with these guys, great.

Continued:

KC: Pretty much. There was a long time coming between that four and that six. We actually tried to trade back into the draft if we could, just because we felt there were some good players available to us. Did we get everybody at every position? No. But, did we get seven good players? We think so.

Re: On if he drafted players with James Harrison not coming back in mind:

KC: As far as I know. Unless there's been some tweets from the dessert that I haven't gotten yet.

MT: He's working out awful hard for a retired guy, isn't he?

Re: On the participation at offseason workouts:

MT: It's been great.

Has a high percentage of the roster been here?

MT: It has, yes.

Re: On a possibility of trading in the draft:

KC: No. We never talked about going down. When I was talking about trying to get another pick in this draft, we would have traded a pick from next year's draft because we anticipate getting two or three compensatory picks. If you're pretty sure you're going to get those, why not trade one to help us this year. If there's a player available and they were. We set out today with that mindset because when we looked at it before the fourth round we thought there was at least 50 guys who could make this team. With those kind of numbers we wanted as many picks as we could get. We didn't get it and that's fine. We just hope we got the right guys with what we had.

Re: On why the team wasn't able to get into the fifth round:

KC: No. No. I think everybody was hesitant to trade out of it. We talked to numerous teams and they just didn't want to get out. So I think they probably viewed it the same way we did.

Re: On if the team was offered a chance to trade down in the first round:

KC: No. Even if we were, we weren't going to do it because we were going to take Artie Burns right then and there. Trading away from Artie Burns was never even an issue.

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ROUND 1

START OF ROUND: 7:05PM

#	1-1.	LOS ANGELES from TENNESSEE	Goff, Jared	QB	California
	2-2.	PHILADELPHIA from CLEVELAND	Wentz, Carson	QB	North Dakota State
#	3-3.	SAN DIEGO	Bosa, Joey	DE	Ohio State
#	4-4.	DALLAS	Elliott, Ezekiel	RB	Ohio State
#	5-5.	JACKSONVILLE	Ramsey, Jalen	DB	Florida State
#	6-6.	BALTIMORE	Stanley, Ronnie	T	Notre Dame
	7-7.	SAN FRANCISCO	Buckner, DeForest	DE	Oregon
#	8-8.	TENNESSEE from MIAMI through PHILADELPHIA and CLEVELAND	Conklin, Jack	T	Michigan State
#	9-9.	CHICAGO from TAMPA BAY	Floyd, Leonard	LB	Georgia
#	10-10.	NEW YORK GIANTS	Apple, Eli	DB	Ohio State
#	11-11.	TAMPA BAY from CHICAGO	Hargreaves, Vernon	DB	Florida
	12-12.	NEW ORLEANS	Rankins, Sheldon	DT	Louisville
#	13-13.	MIAMI from PHILADELPHIA	Tunsil, Laremy	T	Mississippi
	14-14.	OAKLAND	Joseph, Karl	DB	West Virginia
#	15-15.	CLEVELAND from LOS ANGELES through TENNESSEE	Coleman, Corey	WR	Baylor
	16-16.	DETROIT	Decker, Taylor	T	Ohio State
#	17-17.	ATLANTA	Neal, Keanu	DB	Florida
	18-18.	INDIANAPOLIS	Kelly, Ryan	C	Alabama
#	19-19.	BUFFALO	Lawson, Shaq	DE	Clemson
#	20-20.	NEW YORK JETS	Lee, Darron	LB	Ohio State
#	21-21.	HOUSTON from WASHINGTON	Fuller, Will	WR	Notre Dame
	22-22.	WASHINGTON from HOUSTON	Doctson, Josh	WR	Texas Christian
#	23-23.	MINNESOTA	Treadwell, Laquon	WR	Mississippi
	24-24.	CINCINNATI	Jackson, William	DB	Houston
#	25-25.	PITTSBURGH	Burns, Artie	DB	Miami

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#	26-26.	DENVER	Lynch, Paxton	QB	Memphis
		from SEATTLE			
#	27-27.	GREEN BAY	Clark, Kenny	DT	UCLA
	28-28.	SAN FRANCISCO	Garnett, Joshua	G	Stanford
		from KANSAS CITY			
	29.	NEW ENGLAND	Choice Forfeited		
#	30-29.	ARIZONA	Nkemdiche, Robert	DT	Mississippi
	31-30.	CAROLINA	Butler, Vernon	DT	Louisiana Tech
#	32-31.	SEATTLE	Ifedi, Germain	T	Texas A&M
		from DENVER			

END OF ROUND:	10:34PM
TIME OF ROUND:	3 HOURS, 29 MINUTES
TOTAL TIME	3 HOURS, 29 MINUTES

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ROUND 2

START OF ROUND: 6:06PM

#	1-32.	CLEVELAND	Ogbah, Emmanuel	DE	Oklahoma State
#	2-33.	TENNESSEE	Dodd, Kevin	LB	Clemson
#	3-34.	DALLAS	Smith, Jaylon	LB	Notre Dame
#	4-35.	SAN DIEGO	Henry, Hunter	TE	Arkansas
#	5-36.	JACKSONVILLE	Jack, Myles	LB	UCLA
		from BALTIMORE			
#	6-37.	KANSAS CITY	Jones, Chris	DT	Mississippi State
		from SAN FRANCISCO			
#	7-38.	MIAMI	Howard, Xavien	DB	Baylor
		from JACKSONVILLE through BALTIMORE			
#	8-39.	TAMPA BAY	Spence, Noah	DE	Eastern Kentucky
	9-40.	NEW YORK GIANTS	Shepard, Sterling	WR	Oklahoma
	10-41.	BUFFALO	Ragland, Reggie	LB	Alabama
		from CHICAGO			
#	11-42.	BALTIMORE	Correa, Kamalei	LB	Boise State
		from MIAMI			
#	12-43.	TENNESSEE	Johnson, Austin	DT	Penn State
		from PHILADELPHIA through LOS ANGELES			
	13-44.	OAKLAND	Ward, Jihad	DE	Illinois
#	14-45.	TENNESSEE	Henry, Derrick	RB	Alabama
		from LOS ANGELES			
#	15-46.	DETROIT	Robinson, A'Shawn	DT	Alabama
#	16-47.	NEW ORLEANS	Thomas, Michael	WR	Ohio State
	17-48.	GREEN BAY	Spriggs, Jason	T	Indiana
		from INDIANAPOLIS			
	18-49.	SEATTLE	Reed, Jarran	DT	Alabama
		from BUFFALO through CHICAGO			
	19-50.	HOUSTON	Martin, Nick	C	Notre Dame
		from ATLANTA			
#	20-51.	NEW YORK JETS	Hackenberg, Christian	QB	Penn State
	21-52.	ATLANTA	Jones, Deion	LB	Louisiana State
		from HOUSTON			
#	22-53.	WASHINGTON	Cravens, Su'a	LB	Southern California
#	23-54.	MINNESOTA	Alexander, Mackensie	DB	Clemson

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#	24-55.	CINCINNATI	Boyd, Tyler	WR	Pittsburgh
	25-56.	CHICAGO	Whitehair, Cody	G	Kansas State
		from SEATTLE			
#	26-57.	INDIANAPOLIS	Green, T.J.	DB	Clemson
		from GREEN BAY			
	27-58.	PITTSBURGH	Davis, Sean	DB	Maryland
#	28-59.	TAMPA BAY	Aguayo, Roberto	K	Florida State
		from KANSAS CITY			
	29-60.	NEW ENGLAND	Jones, Cyrus	DB	Alabama
#	30-61.	NEW ORLEANS	Bell, Vonn	DB	Ohio State
		from ARIZONA through NEW ENGLAND			
	31-62.	CAROLINA	Bradberry, James	DB	Samford
	32-63.	DENVER	Gotsis, Adam	DT	Georgia Tech

END OF ROUND:

8:28PM

TIME OF ROUND:

2 HOURS, 22 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME

5 HOURS, 51 MINUTES

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ROUND 3

START OF ROUND: 8:28PM

	1-64.	TENNESSEE	Byard, Kevin	DB	Middle Tennessee
	2-65.	CLEVELAND	Nassib, Carl	DE	Penn State
	3-66.	SAN DIEGO	Tuerk, Max	C	Southern California
#	4-67.	DALLAS	Collins, Maliek	DT	Nebraska
	5-68.	SAN FRANCISCO	Redmond, Will	DB	Mississippi State
#	6-69.	JACKSONVILLE	Ngakoue, Yannick	DE	Maryland
	7-70.	BALTIMORE	Kaufusi, Bronson	DE	Brigham Young
	8-71.	NEW YORK GIANTS	Thompson, Darian	DB	Boise State
	9-72.	CHICAGO	Bullard, Jonathan	DE	Florida
	10-73.	MIAMI	Drake, Kenyan	RB	Alabama
	11-74.	KANSAS CITY	Russell, KeiVarae	DB	Notre Dame
		from TAMPA BAY			
	12-75.	OAKLAND	Calhoun, Shilique	LB	Michigan State
	13-76.	CLEVELAND	Coleman, Shon	T	Auburn
		from LOS ANGELES through TENNESSEE			
#	14-77.	CAROLINA	Worley, Daryl	DB	West Virginia
		from DETROIT through PHILADELPHIA and CLEVELAND			
	15-78.	NEW ENGLAND	Thuney, Joe	T	North Carolina State
		from NEW ORLEANS			
#	16-79.	PHILADELPHIA	Seumalo, Isaac	C	Oregon State
	17-80.	BUFFALO	Washington, Adolphus	DT	Ohio State
#	18-81.	ATLANTA	Hooper, Austin	TE	Stanford
	19-82.	INDIANAPOLIS	Clark, Le'Raven	T	Texas Tech
	20-83.	NEW YORK JETS	Jenkins, Jordan	LB	Georgia
#	21-84.	WASHINGTON	Fuller, Kendall	DB	Virginia Tech
	22-85.	HOUSTON	Miller, Braxton	WR	Ohio State
	23-86.	MIAMI	Carroo, Leonte	WR	Rutgers
		from MINNESOTA			
#	24-87.	CINCINNATI	Vigil, Nick	LB	Utah State
	25-88.	GREEN BAY	Fackrell, Kyler	LB	Utah State
	26-89.	PITTSBURGH	Hargrave, Javon	DT	South Carolina State
#	27-90.	SEATTLE	Prosise, C.J.	RB	Notre Dame
	28.	KANSAS CITY	Choice Forfeited		
	29-91.	NEW ENGLAND	Brissett, Jacoby	QB	North Carolina State

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	30-92.	ARIZONA	Williams, Brandon	DB	Texas A&M
	31-93.	CLEVELAND	Kessler, Cody	QB	Southern California
		from CAROLINA			
	32-94.	SEATTLE	Vannett, Nick	TE	Ohio State
		from DENVER			
+	33-95.	DETROIT	Glasgow, Graham	C	Michigan
+	#	34-96.	NEW ENGLAND	DT	Nebraska
+		35-97.	SEATTLE	T	Boise State
+		36-98.	DENVER	DB	Boston College

END OF ROUND:

10:07PM

TIME OF ROUND:

1 HOUR, 39 MINUTES

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7 HOURS, 30 MINUTES

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ROUND 4

START OF ROUND: 11:04AM

	1-99.	CLEVELAND	Schobert, Joe	LB	Wisconsin
	2-100.	OAKLAND	Cook, Connor	QB	Michigan State
		from TENNESSEE through PHILADELPHIA and CLEVELAND			
	3-101.	DALLAS	Tapper, Charles	DE	Oklahoma
	4-102.	SAN DIEGO	Perry, Joshua	LB	Ohio State
	5-103.	JACKSONVILLE	Day, Sheldon	DT	Notre Dame
	6-104.	BALTIMORE	Young, Tavon	DB	Temple
	7-105.	KANSAS CITY	Ehinger, Parker	G	Cincinnati
		from SAN FRANCISCO			
	8-106.	KANSAS CITY	Murray, Eric	DB	Minnesota
		from CHICAGO through TAMPA BAY			
	9-107.	BALTIMORE	Moore, Chris	WR	Cincinnati
		from MIAMI			
	10-108.	TAMPA BAY	Smith, Ryan	DB	North Carolina Central
	11-109.	NEW YORK GIANTS	Goodson, B.J.	LB	Clemson
	12-110.	LOS ANGELES	Higbee, Tyler	TE	Western Kentucky
	13-111.	DETROIT	Killebrew, Miles	DB	Southern Utah
	14-112.	NEW ENGLAND	Mitchell, Malcolm	WR	Georgia
		from NEW ORLEANS			
	15-113.	CHICAGO	Kwiatkoski, Nick	LB	West Virginia
		from PHILADELPHIA through TENNESSEE and LOS ANGELES			
	16-114.	CLEVELAND	Louis, Ricardo	WR	Auburn
		from OAKLAND			
	17-115.	ATLANTA	Campbell, De'Vondre	LB	Minnesota
#	18-116.	INDIANAPOLIS	Ridgeway, Hassan	DT	Texas
#	19-117.	LOS ANGELES	Cooper, Pharoh	WR	South Carolina
		from BUFFALO through CHICAGO			
	20-118.	NEW YORK JETS	Burris, Juston	DB	North Carolina State
	21-119.	HOUSTON	Ervin, Tyler	RB	San Jose State
	22-120.	NEW ORLEANS	Onyemata, David	DE	Manitoba, Can.
		from WASHINGTON			
	23-121.	MINNESOTA	Beavers, Willie	G	Western Michigan
#	24-122.	CINCINNATI	Billings, Andrew	DT	Baylor
#	25-123.	PITTSBURGH	Hawkins, Jerald	T	Louisiana State

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	26-124. CHICAGO	Bush, Deon	DB	Miami
	from SEATTLE			
	27-125. INDIANAPOLIS	Morrison, Antonio	LB	Florida
	from GREEN BAY			
#	28-126. KANSAS CITY	Robinson, Demarcus	WR	Florida
	29-127. CHICAGO	Hall, Deiondre'	DB	Northern Iowa
	from NEW ENGLAND			
	30-128. ARIZONA	Boehm, Evan	C	Missouri
	31-129. CLEVELAND	Kindred, Derrick	DB	Texas Christian
	from CAROLINA			
	32-130. BALTIMORE	Lewis, Alex	T	Nebraska
	from DENVER			
+	33-131. GREEN BAY	Martinez, Blake	LB	Stanford
+	# 34-132. BALTIMORE	Henry, Willie	DT	Michigan
+	# 35-133. SAN FRANCISCO	Robinson, Rashard	DB	Louisiana State
+	36-134. BALTIMORE	Dixon, Kenneth	RB	Louisiana Tech
+	37-135. DALLAS	Prescott, Dak	QB	Mississippi State
+	38-136. DENVER	Booker, Devontae	RB	Utah
+	39-137. GREEN BAY	Lowry, Dean	DE	Northwestern
+	40-138. CLEVELAND	DeValve, Seth	TE	Princeton
+	# 41-139. BUFFALO	Jones, Cardale	QB	Ohio State

END OF ROUND:

12:55PM

TIME OF ROUND:

1 HOUR, 51 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME

9 HOURS, 21 MINUTES

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ROUND 5

START OF ROUND: 12:55PM

	1-140.	TENNESSEE	Sharpe, Tajae	WR	Massachusetts
#	2-141.	CAROLINA from CLEVELAND	Sanchez, Zack	DB	Oklahoma
	3-142.	SAN FRANCISCO from SAN DIEGO	Blair, Ronald	DE	Appalachian State
	4-143.	OAKLAND from DALLAS	Washington, DeAndre	RB	Texas Tech
	5-144.	DENVER from BALTIMORE	McGovern, Connor	G	Missouri
	6-145.	SAN FRANCISCO	Theus, John	T	Georgia
	7-146.	BALTIMORE from JACKSONVILLE	Judon, Matt	LB	Grand Valley State
	8-147.	SEATTLE from MIAMI through NEW ENGLAND	Jefferson, Quinton	DT	Maryland
#	9-148.	TAMPA BAY	Benenoch, Caleb	T	UCLA
#	10-149.	NEW YORK GIANTS	Perkins, Paul	RB	UCLA
#	11-150.	CHICAGO	Howard, Jordan	RB	Indiana
	12-151.	DETROIT	Dahl, Joe	T	Washington State
	13-152.	WASHINGTON from NEW ORLEANS	Ioannidis, Matt	DE	Temple
#	14-153.	PHILADELPHIA	Smallwood, Wendell	RB	West Virginia
	15-154.	CLEVELAND from OAKLAND	Payton, Jordan	WR	UCLA
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	16.	LOS ANGELES	Choice Exercised in 2015 Supplemental Draft for Isaiah Battle, T, Clemson		
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	17-155.	INDIANAPOLIS	Haeg, Joe	T	North Dakota State
	18-156.	BUFFALO	Williams, Jonathan	RB	Arkansas
	19.	ATLANTA	Choice Forfeited		
	20-157.	TENNESSEE from NEW YORK JETS through DENVER	Sims, LeShaun	DB	Southern Utah
	21-158.	NEW YORK JETS from WASHINGTON	Shell, Brandon	T	South Carolina
	22-159.	HOUSTON	Dillon, K.J.	DB	West Virginia
	23-160.	MINNESOTA	Brothers, Kentrell	LB	Missouri

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24-161.	CINCINNATI	Westerman, Christian	G	Arizona State		
25-162.	KANSAS CITY	Hogan, Kevin	QB	Stanford		
	from SEATTLE					
26-163.	GREEN BAY	Davis, Trevor	WR	California		
27-164.	PHILADELPHIA	Vaitai, Halapoulivaati	T	Texas Christian		
	from PITTSBURGH					
28-165.	KANSAS CITY	Hill, Tyreek	WR	West Alabama		
29-166.	HOUSTON	Reader, D.J.	DT	Clemson		
	from NEW ENGLAND					
30-167.	ARIZONA	Christian, Marqui	DB	Midwestern State		
31-168.	CLEVELAND	Drango, Spencer	T	Baylor		
	from CAROLINA					
32-169.	DETROIT	Williams, Antwione	LB	Georgia Southern		
	from DENVER					
+	33-170.	ARIZONA	Toner, Cole	T	Harvard	
+	#	34-171.	SEATTLE	Collins, Alex	RB	Arkansas
+	#	35-172.	CLEVELAND	Higgins, Rashard	WR	Colorado State
+		36-173.	CLEVELAND	Caldwell, Trey	DB	Louisiana-Monroe
+		37-174.	SAN FRANCISCO	Cooper, Fahn	T	Mississippi
+		38-175.	SAN DIEGO	Brown, Jatavis	LB	Akron

END OF ROUND:

2:32PM

TIME OF ROUND:

1 HOUR, 37 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME

10 HOURS, 58 MINUTES

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ROUND 6

START OF ROUND: 2:32PM

1-176.	DENVER	Janovich, Andy	RB	Nebraska
	from CLEVELAND through TENNESSEE			
2-177.	LOS ANGELES	Hemingway, Temarrick	TE	South Carolina State
	from TENNESSEE			
3-178.	KANSAS CITY	White, D.J.	DB	Georgia Tech
	from DALLAS through SAN FRANCISCO			
4-179.	SAN DIEGO	Kaser, Drew	P	Texas A&M
5-180.	MINNESOTA	Boehringer, Moritz	WR	No College
	from SAN FRANCISCO			
6-181.	JACKSONVILLE	Holmes, Tyrone	DE	Montana
7-182.	BALTIMORE	Reynolds, Keenan	WR	Navy
8-183.	TAMPA BAY	Bond, Devante	LB	Oklahoma
9-184.	NEW YORK GIANTS	Adams, Jerell	TE	South Carolina
10-185.	CHICAGO	Houston-Carson, DeAndre	DB	William & Mary
11-186.	MIAMI	Grant, Jakeem	WR	Texas Tech
	Reacquired through MINNESOTA			
12-187.	WASHINGTON	Sudfeld, Nate	QB	Indiana
	from NEW ORLEANS			
13-188.	MINNESOTA	Morgan, David	TE	Texas-San Antonio
	from PHILADELPHIA			
14-189.	DALLAS	Brown, Anthony	DB	Purdue
	from OAKLAND			
15-190.	LOS ANGELES	Forrest, Josh	LB	Kentucky
16-191.	DETROIT	Rudock, Jake	QB	Michigan
17-192.	BUFFALO	Listenbee, Kolby	WR	Texas Christian
18-193.	TENNESSEE	Tretola, Sebastian	G	Arkansas
	from ATLANTA			
19-194.	OAKLAND	James, Cory	LB	Colorado State
	from INDIANAPOLIS			
20-195.	ATLANTA	Schweitzer, Wes	G	San Jose State
	from NEW YORK JETS through HOUSTON			
21-196.	PHILADELPHIA	Countess, Blake	DB	Auburn
	from HOUSTON through NEW ENGLAND, MIAMI and MINNESOTA			

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	22-197. TAMPA BAY	Vitale, Dan	RB	Northwestern
	from WASHINGTON			
	23-198. SAN DIEGO	Watt, Derek	RB	Wisconsin
	from MINNESOTA			
	24-199. CINCINNATI	Core, Cody	WR	Mississippi
	25-200. GREEN BAY	Murphy, Kyle	T	Stanford
	26-201. JACKSONVILLE	Allen, Brandon	QB	Arkansas
	from PITTSBURGH			
	27-202. DETROIT	Zettel, Anthony	DT	Penn State
	from SEATTLE			
	28-203. KANSAS CITY	Nicolas, Dadi	LB	Virginia Tech
	29-204. MIAMI	Lucas, Jordan	DB	Penn State
	from NEW ENGLAND reacquired through CHICAGO			
	30-205. ARIZONA	Miller, Harlan	DB	Southeastern Louisiana
	31-206. LOS ANGELES	Thomas, Mike	WR	Southern Mississippi
	from CAROLINA through CHICAGO			
	32-207. SAN FRANCISCO	Driskel, Jeff	QB	Louisiana Tech
	from DENVER			
+	33-208. NEW ENGLAND	Grugier-Hill, Kamu	DB	Eastern Illinois
+	34-209. BALTIMORE	Canady, Maurice	DB	Virginia
+	35-210. DETROIT	Landes, Jimmy	LS	Baylor
+	# 36-211. SAN FRANCISCO	Taylor, Kelvin	RB	Florida
+	37-212. DALLAS	Frazier, Kavon	DB	Central Michigan
+	38-213. SAN FRANCISCO	Burbridge, Aaron	WR	Michigan State
+	39-214. NEW ENGLAND	Roberts, Elandon	LB	Houston
+	40-215. SEATTLE	Hunt, Joey	C	Texas Christian
+	41-216. DALLAS	Jackson, Darius	RB	Eastern Michigan
+	42-217. DALLAS	Gathers, Rico	TE	Baylor
+	43-218. BUFFALO	Seymour, Kevon	DB	Southern California
+	44-219. DENVER	Parks, Will	DB	Arizona
+	45-220. PITTSBURGH	Feeney, Travis	LB	Washington
+	46-221. NEW ENGLAND	Karras, Ted	G	Illinois

END OF ROUND:	4:25PM
TIME OF ROUND:	1 HOUR, 53 MINUTES
TOTAL TIME	12 HOURS, 51 MINUTES

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START OF ROUND: 4:25PM

	1-222.	TENNESSEE	Wallace, Aaron	LB	UCLA
	2-223.	MIAMI	Doughty, Brandon	QB	Western Kentucky
		from CLEVELAND			
	3-224.	SAN DIEGO	Clark, Donavon	G	Michigan State
	4-225.	NEW ENGLAND	Lucien, Devin	WR	Arizona State
		from DALLAS through SEATTLE			
	5-226.	JACKSONVILLE	Woodard, Jonathan	DE	Central Arkansas
#	6-227.	MINNESOTA	Weatherly, Stephen	DE	Vanderbilt
		from BALTIMORE through MIAMI			
	7-228.	DENVER	Dixon, Riley	P	Syracuse
		from SAN FRANCISCO			
#	8-229.	PITTSBURGH	Ayers, Demarcus	WR	Houston
		from NEW YORK GIANTS			
#	9-230.	CHICAGO	Braverman, Daniel	WR	Western Michigan
#	10-231.	MIAMI	Duarte, Thomas	TE	UCLA
	11-232.	WASHINGTON	Daniels, Steven	LB	Boston College
		from TAMPA BAY			
	12-233.	PHILADELPHIA	Mills, Jalen	DB	Louisiana State
	13-234.	OAKLAND	Alexander, Vadal	G	Louisiana State
	14-235.	NEW YORK JETS	Edwards, Lachlan	P	Sam Houston State
		from LOS ANGELES through HOUSTON and DENVER			
#	15-236.	DETROIT	Washington, Dwayne	RB	Washington
	16-237.	NEW ORLEANS	Lasco, Daniel	RB	California
	17-238.	ATLANTA	Fuller, Devin	WR	UCLA
	18-239.	INDIANAPOLIS	Bates, Trevor	LB	Maine
#	19-240.	PHILADELPHIA	McCalister, Alex	DE	Florida
		from BUFFALO through MINNESOTA			
	20-241.	NEW YORK JETS	Peake, Charone	WR	Clemson
#	21-242.	WASHINGTON	Marshall, Keith	RB	Georgia
#	22-243.	SEATTLE	Lawler, Kenny	WR	California
		from HOUSTON through NEW ENGLAND			
#	23-244.	MINNESOTA	Kearse, Jayron	DB	Clemson
	24-245.	CINCINNATI	Fejedelem, Clayton	DB	Illinois
	25-246.	PITTSBURGH	Matakevich, Tyler	LB	Temple

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#	26-247. SEATTLE	Brooks, Zac	RB	Clemson
	27-248. INDIANAPOLIS	Blythe, Austin	C	Iowa
	from GREEN BAY			
	28-249. SAN FRANCISCO	Iworah, Prince Charles	DB	Western Kentucky
	from KANSAS CITY			
#	29-250. CLEVELAND	Wright, Scooby	LB	Arizona
	from NEW ENGLAND through MIAMI			
	30-251. PHILADELPHIA	Walker, Joe	LB	Oregon
	from ARIZONA			
	31-252. CAROLINA	Sandland, Beau	TE	Montana State
	32-253. TENNESSEE	Reed, Kalan	DB	Southern Mississippi
	from DENVER			

END OF ROUND:

5:39PM

TIME OF ROUND:

1 HOUR, 14 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME

14 HOURS, 5 MINUTES

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