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Pre-Draft Press Conference
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Kevin Colbert: Good afternoon everybody. Welcome. Always an exciting time as we prepare for the draft. Just a couple of items we wanted to talk about before we got into the draft prep. As you were made aware earlier this morning, we exercised the fifth-year option on Bud Dupree. We are excited about where Bud can be in these next two years and we had no hesitation in making that move when we did it. I am sure there will be questions about Le'Veon [Bell] and his contract situation and really there is no update to provide as we said previously at the owner's meetings and other chances that we've had to talk, the combine and so forth.

Really, we are in this draft preparation in full detail and that's got our full attention. We usually do not address these types of situations until after the draft and we re-evaluate our salary cap situation and anything we want to do moving forward. With that, we are still tying up a few loose ends in the draft preparation as we always are during this press conference. I want to thank Coach Tomlin and his staff, of course, my scouts for putting together the draft information. It's a long task and we feel we put in a good amount of work and hopefully we can bring it to fruition with making some good picks.

Really when I look at the numbers, we've talked about the numbers in previous arrangements. The numbers really came out about the same when we got through the more detailed evaluations and pro days and interviews and so forth. When I look at this thing collectively, rather than going through positionally, we probably got about 90 guys that in all honesty, at some time could probably become starters for us. Now they can be selected at various levels throughout this draft. Some will be first rounders, some may be seventh rounders, but it's a deep cumulative group, I'll say it that way. Even with the depth kind of players, the kids that might be backs-ups, or practice squad guys, there's probably another 90. So, collectively we are probably looking at 180 guys. We usually pick from about 125 of those guys so I am excited about it.

I know there's seven guys available that can help this team be a better team in 2018. As you know, we have picks [in rounds] one, two, and three. We have two five's and two seventh's. Our pro scouts will be in contact with the teams around the league as we do every year to see who may be interested in trading up or trading down. Again, we are open to go either way.

Our visits, probably at the Senior Bowl we interviewed probably 60 people there at the combine. We did our 60. Ten of which we may have already touched based with at Senior Bowl. I am sure somebody is going to ask well you only had 23 in to visit and that's true but we went into this spring with really the focus of, let's make sure we don't just bring in kids to hit 30. We wanted to make sure we were diligent about selecting those because when you do those interviews it is usually during your meetings and it takes away from your meetings. So, we wanted to make sure the ones that we did were actually the most important. The kids at Pitt, and West Virginia, and kids from local residences don't count against that number. Then at the pro days, between a coach and myself, or together, we probably interviewed about 20 kids at least the night before their pro day's and got to meet them and spend more time with them. In some cases, met some

family members so that part is always very important for where we are when we are trying to make these decisions.

Mike Tomlin

I echo Kevin's excitement. It's been a process for us. He and I have been working together for a number of years now. It does not make the process an easy one but it does make it an easier one. We've had some good experiences traveling and talking about the draft prospects and gathering information. We are excited about this weekend. We intend to select guys that are going to make us a better football team in 2018.

Picking so low in the first round, is it best athlete available or is it a need pick?

KC: It's always going to be relative, best athlete availability, versus the so-called need. Again, we don't like to use the word need, we use the word want. We recognize it in any given situation. Any given year there will be players that will have a better chance contributing than others and if those players are equally graded, or graded closely, sure you'll gravitate towards those. Again, if you reach to take a player that might play quicker, even though he is not as good of quality as the one you are passing up you'll make a huge mistake that you will someday regret.

MT: We have the type of continuity that allows us to have that type of perspective. It's just the variable that you weigh. Needs versus availability and we're not afraid of those discussions. Matter of fact, we had quite a bit over the years and I think we are comfortable in term of weighing those variables.

If it is need, how close does it have to be?

MT: That's why I said we were comfortable weighing those variables because I knew where you were going.

KC: It's always a relative range. Again, when you pass up a highly rated player to take a player rated lower, significantly lower, you'll end up regretting it. I've seen it happen. I've been a part of it in the past. It happens, we're all guilty of focusing on one year. 2018 is what we are focused on but we are never going to lose sight of 2019 and beyond because when you do that you will end up in a rut that you may not get out of. Fortunately, we've only been in one of those ruts when we had that losing season. Fortunately, we have a franchise quarterback out of that. The success we've been able to have was relative to that offseason that we had but we want to be able to compete for championships every year. 2018 most important but we'll never lose focus so '19 and beyond in trying to be champions next year.

In the past few years your top picks have played right away, is that any more important now with how the NFL is, to be able to have your own guys come in and play?

KC: That's really relative to the team that you have. We never predict when a kid can play. Until we get him in here and see him working with our team in the spring and in training camp. Sometimes they get opportunities quicker than others. Troy Polamalu is probably a Hall of Fame safety that didn't play as a rookie. Ben [Roethlisberger] played because of Tommy Maddox's injury. We certainly didn't plan on him playing as early as he did so it varies by player. If they play, it's really more relative to the opportunity that's there and how ready they prepare themselves for the opportunity.

Do you see it happening around the league?

KC: I can't say that because I haven't really studied it. I don't think it's as a significant piece of information because it varies by year. I don't think there's any continuity or consistency with it. I don't see it as a trend, especially with the success teams.

You said that 90 guys in the draft could start for you, there are usually 125 that you draft from, how do those numbers break out?

KC: Well I've never really collectively just did it. Just started to look at it and say, we usually pick from a group of 125, every year is different based on where we are picking, and how many we get. Like this year we don't have a fourth round [pick]. We get two five's. there's a little separation in there and the two seven's without a six. So, when we are taking those guys available and when

and if they become starters, it might be year one as Gerry eluded to, or it might be year three or four in the succeeding years. You just know there are good players available. I know that. Coach knows that. We both believe that and when and how quickly they help us we don't know. It's something that varies year to year, injury to injury, situation to situation.

So, you're not saying this a usual deep draft?

KC: No. I would say this, I wouldn't say there are a lot of marquee players where everybody can easily identify those kids as future Hall of Famers. But I will say this, there are probably more of that solid starter capable player than maybe I've seen in recent years.

Are you guys satisfied with [Leighton] Vander Esch medical?

KC: We don't talk about any individual player.

Re: How do you evaluate the inside linebacker class as a whole?

KC: It's a good class. The inside linebackers are changing as the college game has changed. There are probably more kids available in this draft, not just unique to the inside linebacker position, but all defensive and even some of the offensive positions where they may do one thing really well. Maybe they rush the passer better than they cover. Maybe they're better zone droppers than they are man defenders. Very few of them are really what you'd say four-down type players. Some of them are two-down, some of them are three-, and some of them are one-down players. They might only be special teamers, but they'll be on your team because you have those kinds of kids making up your whole roster. So, I think the inside linebacker position has changed and there's probably more specialist type guys than unique top players.

MT: I'll add to that. I think that you could say across the board it's been a fun process to look at how the draft has evolved. I think there's more specialization within the positions. I think there are different types of inside linebackers and they have different types of tight ends. They have different types of corners. There are corners who focus specifically on inside corner play. There are corners who focus specifically on outside corner play. I really just think it really struck us this year in draft prep, the level of specialization in today's college game, and it's exciting from our prospective.

Re: What specialized skills are you looking for in inside linebackers?

MT: I think what we talked about – and I think it's the appropriate discussion – is we're going to take the best player whether it's inside linebacker or corner or safety or offensive lineman. We have enough flexibility in terms of what we do to lean on the skillsets of the player than we acquire. So, there are different linebackers in this discussion that have different skillsets – some of them are cover men, some of them are blitzers, some of them are zone droppers. Whoever we end up with whether it's linebacker or offensive lineman or otherwise, we've got enough flexibility in terms of what we do to lean on the skillsets in which they excel in.

Is this year's inside linebacker class at all similar to what you were looking at with the class of corners in 2016 where there are a lot of guys high in the first round?

KC: I think it's really modern day college football and what's available to us. It's a changed game, and you see it leaking into our level as well. We've got to be good against the run, we've got to get to third down and we've got to get off the field on third down. As an offense, we've got to create opportunities where we don't have third downs, we have a lot of first downs. So, I think football has changed. It's more horizontal than it is vertical. There are a lot of different types of athletes. When we drafted Ryan Shazier a few years back we talked about that. The game was changing and Ryan was going to be a specific player to try and meet the challenges of modern day football, and he certainly did that for us. But I think beyond those years, it's really expanded more where it's become a real four-down challenge.

If that type of specialization continues, do you see them forcing rosters to expand at all?

MT: No, I just think areas of expertise geared toward a given situation – it doesn't necessarily mean an expansion of rosters. Even though there may be a corner that's drafted that specializes in interior corner play, he still has outside corner responsibilities. He still is a kick and punt

coverage guy, etc. We're just talking about the things that guys focus on to add value to their portfolio. You see a lot more specialization in that area.

With that specialization, does it put stress on the staffs that you have to get the run guy on for the run play and the pass guy on for the pass play and so forth?

MT: That's not a negative conversation from my perspective. That's an awesome conversation. I don't view that as a negative, no.

But is it becoming more about that?

MT: Our game has been about that. I just see the college game becoming more about that, and so I don't know if it produces any more discussions on our side. It's just refreshing to see a nickel corner come to you in the draft more pro-ready, more trained, more specialized in terms of the things he needs to do. In the same way, it's more exciting to see the situational pass rusher come to you with more defined skillsets or the interior slot receiver. I just think that all of those guys globally come to you with more specialized talents, and it's good because I think that is our game.

Do you expect a lot of movement in the first round because of all of the quarterbacks expected to go early?

KC: Possibly, it depends on what teams are looking for them and what they want to pay to get up to get whatever position it is. So, I think it's all relative to the group and how much people want to pay. There are people who've traded up already, and there are probably others who want to get out. Those are the types of things that really, they evolve as the draft unfolds because of a certain player getting picked, a team that was trading up no longer is interested and vice versa.

Has the fifth-year option changed the value of first round picks at all?

KC: I haven't thought that deeply about it quite honestly. I just look at it and say, OK we're going to exercise the option because we think he has the chance to be a good player in four and five, but as far as the trades, I haven't thought that deeply about it quite honestly.

It's never entered your thinking in terms of trading out of the first round?

KC: No, absolutely not. We've traded up in the past and we've traded down. We're open to both. It really depends. Once this thing starts, one pick and one trade can change everything. Then it's just adjust and be ready. We'll have 28 guys. We'll know how we'll pick them and we'll know at what point we might want to go up and at what point we're saying let's just go down because we can still get player number 28 at the 32nd pick. Those types of things are what you always weigh and measure throughout the whole process.

Does not having a fourth-round pick hurt that if you want to move up?

KC: Yeah, you have less to trade, sure. But now we have two fives, so maybe somehow that five factors into it, and if you only had one maybe you wouldn't be able to do that. It's really all relative to what's available and how you want to take them.

Re: Is quarterback off the table in the first round?

KC: We haven't eliminated any position this year. Look, Ben [Roethlisberger] is a Hall of Fame quarterback. We're very lucky to have him. He has stated his intention to play for at least a few more years, and that's awesome. But as I said when we opened this, our job is not only to win a championship in '18, it's to secure this franchise's ability to do it in the future, and you have to have a great player at the quarterback position, in our eyes, to have the best chance to win a championship. Fortunately, we have one who's still a very highly productive, highly effective quarterback, and part of our job is to surround him with the best talent as well. So, we have to weigh that in, and we will weigh that in throughout, but we haven't eliminated any positions in this draft whatsoever.

You've had some personnel changes on defense. Can you talk a little bit about what you had last year versus what you have now?

MT: We have no idea because we haven't done anything yet. We're just starting the conditioning element of it. We'll get to know these guys as we take the field and start teaching this spring in

the OTAs and so forth. Right now, we're just in phase one, the conditioning phase of the offseason program, so we haven't legitimately started talking football and things of that nature. We'll have a better assessment of what we have from a personnel standpoint, what they're able to provide us, once we start the work.

Do you have any expectations or hopes for Morgan Burnett?

MT: I've seen him be a very versatile contributor on Green Bay tape, and that's exciting. But I'm not going to assume that. He's played both safety positions. He's played some sub-package linebacker. I would assume that he's going to be available to us in those ways, but I'll let the process take care of that.

How are you evaluating how you want to get from the edge at the passer? How are you looking at defensive ends versus outside linebackers in terms of the evolution of your defense and where it is in that regard?

MT: Nothing has changed for us from that perspective. There's not anything new going into this 2018 draft relative to the identification of outside linebackers who are capable of being edge rushers in passing situations. So, there's nothing new on the docket from our perspective as we prepare. What is interesting is to see the specialization of the edge rushers in college football – the outside linebackers who exclusively rush the passer in the ways that NFL outside linebackers do. There's more evidence of that. That's a continuation of the conversation we were having earlier about more specialization. All of that is positive and exciting from our perspective.

Do you know who is going to line up at free safety for the first team on the first OTA practice?

MT: I imagine it's going to be [Morgan] Burnett, but we haven't decided yet. He's played a lot of ball. He's started more than most, but again, it's not about how we start. Everybody will be given an opportunity to show where they're capable of contributing. Maybe Morgan ends up at strong safety and Sean Davis ends up at free. We're open to all of those things, not only in terms of the men that we've mentioned, but the men that we're going to include this weekend. So, we're going to get them all on the grass. We're going to teach them all. We're going to have a very inclusive mentality in terms of the instruction, and we'll let those guys sort themselves out in terms of what they can consistently deliver that's above the line.

What's your reaction to picking up Bud Dupree's option? Where do you think he's at in his career?

MT: We're excited about what Bud [Dupree] is going to do for us here in '18 and '19 and comfortable that he's going to meet the challenge.

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PITTSBURGH STEELERS 2018 DRAFT PICKS

Rnd.	No. In Rnd.	Overall	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
1.	28	28	Terrell Edmunds	S	6-1	217	21	Virginia Tech
2.	28	60	James Washington	WR	5-11	213	22	Oklahoma State
3a.	12	76	Mason Rudolph	QB	6-5	235	22	Oklahoma State
3b.	28	92	Chukwuma Okorafor	OL	6-6	320	20	Western Michigan
5a.	11	148	Marcus Allen	S	6-2	215	21	Penn State
5b.	28	165	Jaylen Samuels	RB	6-0	225	21	North Carolina State
7.	28	246	Joshua Frazier	DT	6-4	315	22	Alabama

First Round 28th Overall



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Virginia Tech**

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Safety
Virginia Tech
6-1, 217
Danville, Va.
Dan River High School
1st Round – 28th Overall

CAREER NOTES

Played in 37 games, making 31 starts, over a three-year span at Virginia Tech...totaled 182 tackles, including 6.5 stops for losses.

2017 SEASON

A third-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection...started all 10 games played, recording 59 tackles including 2.5 tackles for losses and 1.5 sacks, along with three pass break-ups and two interceptions...made eight tackles, one sack and one interception vs. Delaware...tallied 10 tackles against Clemson.

2016 SEASON

Honorable Mention All-ACC...played in all 14 games (13 starts)...produced 89 tackles, 2.5 stops for losses, four interceptions and recovered one fumble...earned ACC Defensive Back Player of the Week honors (Oct. 24)...posted 12 tackles and recorded a 20-yard reception in the ACC Championship against Clemson....tallied five tackles and an interception in the Belk Bowl vs. Arkansas.

2015 SEASON

Appeared in 13 games with eight starts...amassed 34 tackles with 1.5 tackles for losses, along with a fumble recovery...posted seven tackles with a stop for a loss vs. North Carolina State...had one tackle with two passes defended in the Independence Bowl vs. Tulsa.

2014 SEASON

Redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Dan River (Ringgold, Va.) High School...a Class 2A West All-Region first-team selection as a running back and the Offensive Back of the Year in the Courthouse Conference 37...an All-Conference 37 first-team selection in his senior year after logging 1,753 rushing yards on 171 carries with 25 touchdown runs while catching nine passes for 111 yards and a touchdown...added 53 tackles, two for losses, and two interceptions, scored a total of 29 touchdowns in his senior year.

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How does this moment feel?

Man, it's amazing. It's a blessing. I'm ready to go.

What do you remember from getting dinner with Mike Tomlin and the staff the night before your Pro Day?

I remember my mom questioning them to death. I didn't think they liked my parents at the time because my mom, she was asking every question honestly. My dad was on the case too, but I definitely remember that whole conversation. Everything was going great. It was fantastic.

What was she asking him about?

Well, my mom was asking could she, pretty much could she call him at any time, and he was pretty much saying that it was very family orientated there and everything would go through her. Like if I bought a new car or something like on the first day as soon as I got there, he would call her, and then she would get on my case about it. So, it was pretty much a tag team and all.

Were you surprised to go this high?

Surprised? Honestly, I was surprised, honestly. I'm ready though. I'm telling you I'm ready. I was praying. I was hoping, and now it's that time. Time to work.

Where in your mind did you think you would go then?

Honestly, I thought day two.

Terrell, I was watching a Virginia Tech game and I believe it was a game that you left early with an injury this past season. The announcer said "I was talking to the coach last night at dinner, and he said Terrell Edmunds is the best player on our team." Was that an announcer's hyperbole or do you know something to that affect with your coach saying that?

Knowing Coach [Justin] Fuente, he would probably say something similar. I wouldn't say he would say anybody is the best because he never takes it as it's just one person that controls the whole team, but he'll definitely say I'm one of the guys that never gets tired. I'm a leader on the field, so I think that is what he was pushing the most is that I was a leader on the field and my leadership skills were up there. So I think that is what he was really mentioning right there.

Re: Mike Tomlin was saying he likes your communication skills. What can you tell us about your communication skills.

Well, I'm a leader on the field, like I said. I made all the calls in the back half of the defense, so I had to make the call to our rover, our strong safety, and then our two corners. I had to make the checks and everything from all the different formations the offenses gave us. And then just a leader in the classroom with the coach. Like sometimes if the coach isn't there to run the meetings – like on Mondays we ran our own meetings – so the other starting corner and I, we ran

the meetings for the corners and safeties. Then we all got together and watched like the first half of three games, so that's something I'd say.

Last year we talked to T.J. Watt who had about 100 brothers in the NFL, so we know all the questions to ask you. What were the pickup games like in your back yard? What was it like growing up in a football family?

Very competitive. We stayed in like a cul-de-sac with my cousins as well, so, we were all out there playing pickup. We called it pick-up and dive. So like, you pick up the ball and then you run. It is a never-ending game. So, you pick up the ball, you run until you get tackled. If you get tackled you got to throw the ball in the air. So outside people were losing teeth, coming in with cuts all over and everything, but we just kept on playing so, it's definitely competitive. And in any sport – basketball too because we were basketball players too, so competitive all the time.

Pick-up and dive?

Pick-up and dive. Pick-up and dive sounds kind of ruthless, but it's kind of like that because you're getting tackled by everybody. So, it's you against everybody once you grab the ball.

That's the game you play against the Baltimore Ravens. You'll see.

Okay, I am ready for that then. That's my game.

Who would win those pick-up and dive matches?

There's really no winner. Like you can score your touchdown, but after you score your touchdown you have to run to the opposite touchdown so you're just running back and forth and try not to get tackled. So it's just, it's trying to see who's tough and who's not tough. You get weeded out real fast if you get tackled and then you want to go in the house.

How much did the shoulder injury hamper you last season?

Honestly, I don't like to say that it took any toll on my body because I'm not that type of guy to say that just because I was injured it took a toll on my game. Because I would've never been out there if I was going to make that excuse every game, but I'll definitely say that I just went out there, I played my game every day I could. I put all I could on the field and that's just what I had to put on film.

Do you feel you're going to be ready to go with everybody else when you get here?

Yes sir. One hundred percent.

Did you talk to your brother [Tramaine Edmunds] yet?

Yeah, I just recently saw him. He came downstairs. He came downstairs and talked to me. We took a few pictures, and now I'm about to go upstairs and do the other media stuff.

He's your younger brother and he went ahead of you in the draft. How does that make you feel?

It's a blessing for my family overall. I love my brother to death, so it really didn't even matter where he went or where I went because at the end of the day we're going to get up there and we're going to compete. So I love him. I love that he went...he went 16th. I love it that he went 16th. And I'm ready, he's ready, so that's my mindset into this NFL leap.

But if you were drafting for pick up and dive you would've been the first pick of the draft, right?

Oh, definitely. Definitely would've been the first pick because I'm a tough guy, so I don't like to...I definitely, I hate to lose. So I'm out there, I'm trying to do everything. I might try to spin-move. I might try to jump over you. I'm trying to throw the ball over your head and catch it and keep on going to the touchdown, so I'm trying to do all my tricks and tacks.

You mentioned your cousins. Are they playing anywhere?

No, when we were growing up, everyone was around the same size, but now, one of our cousins, he played basketball for a little bit, but then he stopped playing basketball. So no, none of our other cousins play.

What was the name of the spot where you all got dinner before your Pro Day?

Macado's.

Free safety, strong safety, dime backer – what is your best of the three safety positions?

Honestly, I don't know. I feel as if wherever you put me, I'll be able to make a play for you because I played strong safety my sophomore year at [Virginia] Tech and then this past year I played free safety. So really, honestly, wherever you put me, I can learn the position and then I'll just go out there and put my 100 into every play. So that's my mindset of things.

What was your favorite team growing up, you and your brother?

Growing up I liked my dad's teams – the Miami Dolphins and the Seattle Seahawks. You could say I was bias just because he played. And then last year, my favorite team was the Saints because my older brother is there. So it's really whatever team my family is on because we're really proud of the family. So that's how it went.

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Kevin Colbert: Two things happened within the last hour, so we want to try to address a few things before we get to Terrell Edmunds. Obviously, we made the trade of Martavis Bryant to the Oakland Raiders. Again, as we've stated throughout the winter, we weren't interested in trading Martavis. We weren't making calls in that regard. Teams were calling us. Really, when they'd call, they weren't offering anything that would interest us in trading a player of his caliber. But then when it got to the third round, we thought that was something that was very interesting to us, and we pulled the trigger on that deal. We wish Martavis nothing but the best. We're happy to have an extra pick tomorrow. Now we've got three picks tomorrow. Since we don't have that fourth-round pick, that actually makes up for that vacancy in the fourth. We're excited about what we'll be able to do tomorrow. Obviously, you saw Ryan Shazier take some very inspirational steps. That's a huge lift, for not only him, but for us. To see where he's come from to where he is and knowing where he might be able to go, it's beyond inspirational. It's just exciting. It's really exciting for him. Coach, do you want to touch on Ryan?

Mike Tomlin: Yes. I share Kevin's admiration for the efforts that Ryan [Shazier] has put forth in his recovery – not only him, but also his loved ones, his fiancée, Michelle, they've been the inspiration to us. I'm really proud of those two and what they were able to do tonight in terms of representing us.

KC: Are there any questions in regards to those two issues because we don't want to take anything away from our first round pick?

How did that come about with Ryan and the draft? Did he contact them?

KC: No. Ryan has been setting goals. He was ready to walk when he was ready to walk. He was going to make that determination. I think we're going to have an opportunity for him to address it. In all honesty, I'd like to have him explain it. It was a goal of his. Since he's been working with us in the draft preparation, we thought that would be a good opportunity. It was up to him. He did great. Again, it's amazing.

How does the trade effect your draft board or does it?

KC: It just gives us that extra pick. Going in, we just had one, two and three. We didn't have the four because of the Vance McDonald trade. To be able to get a pick back and pick up a higher pick than the four we gave up, it was intriguing to us. Again, it was something they pursued and continued to pursue. When it got to that point, we said let's go.

When you made the trade to get to third, was it originally with the intent to try to have more collateral to move up?

KC: When you get an extra pick, that's always an opportunity. But we said if we get the third, we'll do it. But then at worst, we're going to have a two and two three's tomorrow like we did last year. I know there are plenty of good players available tomorrow, so having that third in our pocket tomorrow is very valuable. When you have extra picks, sure, you can always look to trade up. But we're extremely happy to get a young man like Terrell Edmunds because he does fill that void of a nice young defender in the back-end. Again, we can get into Terrell, which I'd like to do at

this point. Terrell Edmunds is a very gifted, athletic, physical safety that has played free safety. He's played strong safety. He may rotate from one to the other within the same play. He not only has the physical ability to do that but what really impressed us was his mental ability to be able to move and make the adjustments and really be the quarterback on the back-end of a really good defense. He hurt his shoulder in training camp, and he played the whole season with a shoulder wrap on. He went as far as he could. He got through their first 10 games, and then he had to give in and have the surgery done because it just became an unbearable thing for him. We really admired his ability to play as good as he did really with only one shoulder. He's an exceptional kid. He comes from a great family. I was actually with the Miami Dolphins when we drafted his father, Ferrell Edmunds. His mother, Felecia and his father are great folks. Coach and I had dinner with Tremaine, Terrell, Felecia and Ferrell the night before Virginia Tech's Pro Day. We had 10 people out and to watch that family interact, it was truly encouraging to see two great players coming from such a great family. It was a neat moment. Having him come in and Coach can address some of the things he will be able to do for us, but he's played free. He's played strong. He can play in the box. He can play some nickel linebacker. He can match up on slots here and there. There's a lot that he can do. He's a four-down player in our opinion.

MT: He was a really fun evaluation for me personally. Anything that you can imagine him doing, you saw him do at Virginia Tech's defensive tape within Coach Bud Foster's scheme. You saw him play free. You saw him play strong. You saw him play deep middle. You saw him play half field. You saw him play sub-package linebacker in there alongside his brother. That versatility was exciting. We were just talking here the other day about the specialization of ball and things that you're able to do with sub-packages. You're not speculating in that evaluation. You saw him do a number of things that will be on the menu for him. We got a sharp, young, versatile guy who's a very good communicator that plays with physicality. Quite simply, he checked all the boxes for us.

Does he fit nicely with sub-package football?

MT: Without question. There's no speculation there. You saw him handle that job for Coach Foster within the schematics of their defense.

Will these shoulder injuries put him behind?

MT: We're not anticipating that at all. No.

KC: He had a full participation. He didn't do the drill work at the Combine at the doctor's recommendation. They did want him to take a chance and fall and possibly injure it. But on his Pro Day on March 14, he fully participated. He had already run and done that type of testing, but he did all the drill work, so our doctors are very comfortable with where he is. For him to play as good as he did last year with an injured shoulder was truly impressive for us. The previous year, I believe he had four interceptions. Last year, he had two in 10 games, but last year, minus the shoulder, he was an important part of a really good defense.

MT: He played more on the back-end in 2016 as well in some of the sub-package stuff. He played more in the box in 2017 and some of the sub-package things.

Re: Already having a lot of box safeties:

MT: We have a lot of versatile guys and versatility is good. We need that.

Re: What does this mean for Sean Davis?

MT: I think we're going to sort all of those things out. The big thing is that we have viable, competent guys and that's a good thing. There are more than two safety positions when you're talking about sub-package football, so we've got some viable guys. We'll sort them out and put them in the best positions to help us play the brand of ball that we want to play, whether it's Sean Davis or Morgan Burnett or Edmunds.

Would you like to get an inside linebacker in tomorrow?

KC: Yeah, if there's a good player available at that position then sure, we'll look at it. That's something that, again every draft has different depth. We talked about that position. There's a lot of specialization and that's okay because as coach alluded to, really has alluded to since the end of the season and even after the 2016 season, we're sub-package football team 70 percent of the

time. Those kids that are left all have different abilities. They're better at some things than others. And again, where we are when we're picking, whoever's available, we'll try to make those decisions.

Re: When you were looking to trade up, was the price too high?

KC: That's speculation, I'm assuming, on your part that we were trying to...

I thought you were alluding earlier that the third round pick allowed you to move up:

KC: I said that of course that would allow you to do that, but whether or not we were trying to do trade up that's speculation. Trust me, we are good having this player at pick 28.

Any reaction to that, Mike [Ravens selecting Lamar Jackson]?

MT: No, I'm just not paying attention. The draft is going on.

Re: Becoming more aggressive in the defensive backfield:

MT: We've always got a desire to be more aggressive. Whether its secondary level, linebacker level, we want to apply pressure as opposed to feel it. That's just the nature of the brand of ball that we desire to play.

Re: What do you want or need in the next two days?

KC: More good players. And again, just like last year having a two and two threes, I think we got some good guys last year and I know there are good players available. We talked about it the other day. The numbers are good. Having that extra pick back is good and we will see what's available when we're picking.

Re: Edmunds' leadership qualities:

MT: From a tangible standpoint, we like his size and athleticism. From an intangible standpoint, he's a sharp young man, he's a good communicator, he embodies the mental makeup that you desire.

KC: His dad was his high school coach – and again I go all the way back to the late '80's with his father – he was a good player for us in Miami. And football is important to them, but the family values of faith and family are more important to that family. And that is something that Ferrell lived and Felicia lived and you can tell that these kids, they're special players and they're special kids, and that's really nice to see.

What did you learn about Terrell during dinner that you didn't already know?

KC: Just his personality. He's a smart, mature guy. His brother is a little quieter, he's younger, but Terrell was more the out front, verbal guy, so that was fun to see. But the way they interacted together and then to watch them the next day on the field and again just to see their parents involved with the football aspect of it, it was nice to see.

Re: Why pick a safety over a corner with the pick?

KC: We just felt that this was the best player. It was playing for us.

A little thin at WR now?

KC: What do we have left? We have seven picks, so there are plenty of good players left. I'm hoping we can add more good players. And who knows? We're not going to commit to a position because there might be someone available who we didn't think was going to be available and we'll take him.

Re: Theme of bringing in quality communicators on the field:

MT: I don't know if it is something that we are stressing now, I just think it's something that is becoming increasingly more important in today's NFL with pace and no-huddle and so forth. The ability to communicate under less than ideal circumstances really is going to kind of define you defensively, so it's been important and will continue to be important and I think some of the things that you mentioned reflect that.

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Terrell Edmunds Introductory Press Conference

Steelers President Art Rooney II: Good afternoon. First, I want to start publicly saying thanks to Ryan Shazier for representing the franchise last night. [We] continue to be proud of that young man. He's been an inspiration to us, so just want to say thanks to Ryan and Michelle for representing us last night and for welcoming Terrell [Edmunds] to the family. We are excited to have Terrell and his maiden voyage here in the city, and the trivia question of course is that Terrell and his brother are the first two brothers ever to be drafted in the first round. But the truth of matter is that one of the real reasons that we've been attracted to Terrell is really that pedigree. He comes from a football family, comes from a family that is dedicated to the game and you can see that in his brothers, and his father. So, we are excited to have someone like Terrell join our team. So, without further ado Terrell, welcome to Pittsburgh and the floor is yours.

Terrell Edmunds:

Well first I just want to say that I am excited to be here. I'm ready to be a Steeler. I'm ready to get things started. I'd like to thank Mr. Rooney for having me. Thanks to Coach Tomin, and thanks to Mr. [Kevin] Colbert just for giving me an opportunity to be a Steeler.

What do you know about Pittsburgh?

Well I know that a lot of my friends, they're die hard Pittsburgh fans, so I always grew up hearing them talk about the Steelers, talking about the tradition and everything, and I just know that the fan base is amazing. Just from after last night when my name was called, all the fans that congratulated me. When I was at the airport everyone came up and shook my hand. All the smiles, hugs, and love that I had right there, that was amazing.

Re: The night you went out to dinner with Coach Tomlin and Kevin, did you feel nervous? Did you feel like you were on display or that you had to perform?

No sir. I had my parents there with me. They were my backbone of the whole process of everything. I just thought I had to be myself and show the coaches the person that I really am. I didn't want to sugar coat anything and then when I get here they see a whole different Terrell Edmunds. So, I was just trying to be myself. Tried to give them a good impression of myself, of who I really am, and that is what happened.

Were you more talkative than your brother that night?

I believe we talked a little bit around the same. Tremaine, he doesn't really talk as much as me. So, I probably said a few more words than Tremaine, but we talked about the same. My mom, she asked a lot of questions. She's the talker of the family.

How special was last night was being selected in the first round with your brother, adding to your other brother, and you father?

Honestly, it's a blessing. Last night when we got back to the hotel and all the family was there together eating, we really were like, "Did this really just happen?" It was a blessing for my family, a blessing for community, a blessing for my school. It was just an amazing moment. We were all

excited, and now it is time to get back to the board work and time to start everything over because now we are here and now we have to make a statement for ourselves.

What did you learn about football from your dad?

My dad always told me nothing comes easy. We always had to work for whatever we had. We're coming in with the mindset that nothing is a given. Regardless what round you go, once you get here, it's time to start everything over. You're starting from scratch pretty much. So we're just coming in ready to work hard, get around a great group of guys and just become that pro.

Re: Ryan Shazier stealing the spotlight a little bit last night.

Honestly, I wouldn't say he stole my time because it was a great moment for me, just actually see him up there smiling and seeing him up there walking and giving me the jersey. That was a special moment for everybody. I think that was probably the best moment of the draft, not hearing my name called, but just seeing after the tragic incident he had last year, seeing him up there walking and smiling and handing out the jersey – that was big for everyone.

Re: Have you started thinking about your role in the defense yet?

Well, I always think of my role of things. Wherever the coaches put me, I just told myself I'd go out there and give it 100 percent. I feel as if I can make a play at [multiple] positions, so wherever they put me, I'm going to go out there and give them all that I have and be that team player that they need.

Re: What was it like going to the draft mainly to support his brother, and being surprised by getting drafted yourself.

We went there to definitely support Tremaine [Edmunds] all the way. I love my brother to death. So we were there 100 percent for Tremaine. We were excited for Tremaine. After he got his name called, we were excited, but then we went back into the green room. So even though Tremaine's name was called, the hope was not gone. So my family and I, we were in the green room waiting for Tremaine, hoping that my name might be called, but then when my name was called, the excitement went from a level 10 to a level 12 you can say. It was out of the roof. Everybody was excited – my agents were excited, my mom and my dad, and it was a great night for the family.

Were you aware that you were the first brothers to be selected in the first round?

I wasn't. Honestly, if you would have told me this last night, I probably would have said OK and it would've gone in one ear and out the other because I was so excited that I probably would've never really comprehended what you were saying until this morning. It's definitely a blessing, honestly.

Re: Did any of your new Steelers teammates reach out to you?

A few of them texted me. A few guys texted me. [Ryan] Shazier, he actually called me last night after everything died down, and he just had a nice little word with me. He told me that if I ever needed anything, I can call on him for help. He's just being that role model that every team needs. He's being that leader on the team, so I'm definitely coming to a great organization.

Re: Skipping a grade in school.

We came from a private school, so we went from a private school to a public school, and then we had to take like a placement test. And then that placement test just bumped us up a grade.

It had nothing to do with trying to get ahead in recruiting?

No, sir.

Was your older brother Trey there last night?

Yes, sir.

When you guys were growing up, was it a dream growing up for you and your brothers to all be in the NFL?

We always had talks about it. Like I said, my dad always told us that just because he went to the NFL, doesn't mean that it's the plan for us. He told us that we could do anything that we want. If we wanted to play a sport, we had to put our all into it to get there. That's been our mindset

through it all. Of course we all talked about it. We all dreamt about it. We wanted to do it, and now that it's happening, these next years are going to be amazing. Hopefully I get to play against...well, I get to play against Trey next year. I'm going to play against Trey next year. I just...if he lines up against me, you know, I have to get on him a little bit.

Re: Did you guys play any other sports in high school?

In high school, we all played basketball. We all ran track as well, so we were three sport athletes. We all did big things in each sport. Football was the best route for us, so that's the route that we took.

Re: You mentioned you live on a cul-de-sac with a bunch of your cousins. Is your dad responsible for settling the family all together in Virginia?

I would definitely say he's a big piece, but you know I've got to put mom and dad [there]. They're even I'd say. They're even. Our household is very strong. Nobody has a bigger voice than my dad ultimately, but my mom, she plays a huge part in everything, too.

Re: How did the family end up there?

My dad, he stayed there. That's where my dad grew up in Danville, Virginia, so we just ended up going back there with my dad.

Re: What kind of questions did your mother ask the guys at dinner during your Pro Day?

What kind of questions did my mom ask? What kind of questions did she not ask is the real question. She finally asked every question in the book from if she could come down here any time she wanted just to check in and make sure everything was OK, and then just being that mom just asking the coach are you going to watch out for her baby pretty much. She's not trying to baby me, but she just wants to make sure everything goes OK, so I love her and I'm thankful for her support.

How tough is it to wrap your head around the idea of coming to such a successful program – walking past the Lombardi trophies, going into a position Troy Polamalu once held, etc.? How tough is it to grasp the history you're going to be a part of?

I wouldn't say it's so tough as much as it's just a blessing. I'm just very blessed for this opportunity. I'm thankful to be here, and we're trying to get seven. That's my mindset. I came here to win football games, and that's the whole mindset going into next season – just get familiar with all the teammates, with the playbook and just get ready for this upcoming season.

Re: Sounds like there was a funny story when you got the call. What was the sequence of events?

They kind of twisted it a little bit. I was in the restroom though. I was in the restroom. Let me tell you, my brother told me right before because – I forgot who picked before the Steelers, honestly – but as soon as their pick was in, I was like, "I'm going to go to the restroom real quick." Then my older brother was like, "No, you should just stay right here and wait it out." I was like "OK, I'm going to be right back before. No worries." So I was in the restroom. I was using the bathroom. I was washing my hands, and then I had my phone sitting on the sink. Then Coach [Mike Tomlin] called me. I was so excited. I just grabbed a paper towel real quick, dried off my hands, threw it away. I had my pants unbuckled still just running out there talking to my parents, so excited. I was just excited. I ended up getting myself together, talking to Coach. Then I ended up walking on stage, and then just seeing Shazier out there handing me the jersey, that just made it even more crazy for me. So it was like such an unreal moment.

Re: How fast did you run from the bathroom to the stage?

I promise you if you would've clocked me probably a 4.20.

Did you see Shazier on the stage before you got out there?

I didn't. So when I was over there, I was waiting in the back, and then they told me to just wait a little bit longer. I was watching on the TV and then I saw him actually walking on stage and I was just like, oh man! I was excited even on a whole other level then, so it was a blessing.

Re: What did your dad tell you about Kevin [Colbert]. They knew each other back in Miami.

My dad, actually he didn't bring it up as much. They talked about it some I believe, but my dad, he didn't bring it up as much. He didn't really say too much about it because my dad, he was very focused on this whole process. He didn't want us to get off track about anything. He wanted us to stay on the right track. He didn't want us to think about anything else besides football.

What did you order for dinner?

What did I order for dinner? Well I know for sure I had the mozzarella sticks for an appetizer and wings for appetizer. I'm pretty sure I had the Philly steak and cheese sub. I'm pretty sure. I don't want to tell you a lie, but I'm pretty sure. We were at Macado's – a nice little spot in Blacksburg [Virginia].

Re: Do you and your brothers all have names that start with F-E like your parents?

Yes, we all do.

Why is that? Doesn't that stand for iron?

No that's just what my parents wanted to do. My mom's name is Felicia. My dad's name is Ferrell. My older brother's name is Ferrell. My name is FeDerius, and Tremaine's name is Fe'Zahn. It was just something my parents wanted to do, and then we all had the T names after that.

Re: Will you be limited at all by your shoulder injury this offseason?

No sir, I was actually cleared maybe about a month ago you could say, and everything is 100 percent. They said I'm good for full contact and everything, so I'm ready to go.

Tomorrow is Fan Blitz. There are going to be a lot of Steelers fans at Heinz Field. What do you expect?

It's going to be amazing. Just from seeing all the fans that tweeted at me, seeing all the fans at the airport, seeing all the fans that I just saw in Dallas when I was there when I was going back to my hotel, it's going to be amazing. I'm ready for it. I'm glad to be a part of this organization, and I'm ready.

Second Round 60th Overall



**James Washington – WR
Oklahoma State**

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James Washington
Wide Receiver
Oklahoma State
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Stamford, Texas
Stamford High School
2nd Round – 60th Overall

CAREER NOTES

Set an Oklahoma State record with 4,472 receiving yards – second-most in Big 12 history...his career totals of 4,472 receiving yards and 39 touchdown receptions both led all FBS players active in 2017...career average of 85.9 receiving yards per game was the best among all receivers from Power Five conferences (minimum 2,000 career receiving yards)...is one of two players in school history with three seasons of at least 1,000 receiving yards and three seasons with at least 10 touchdown catches, joining Rashaun Woods.

2017 SEASON

Biletnikoff Award – nation's top receiver – recipient...unanimous All-America and All-Big 12 selection...led the nation with 1,549 receiving yards and 119.2 receiving yards per game...had nine 100-yard games, highlighted by six catches, 235 yards and one touchdown vs. Baylor...had three multi-touchdown games...his 1,549 receiving yards ranked as the third-best total in school history...voted a team captain.

2016 SEASON

Earned first-team All-Big 12 honors for the first time after totaling a second-best mark in the conference with 1,380 receiving yards...earned national Offensive Player of the Week honors from Walter Camp Football Foundation following a 296-receiving yard performance on nine catches and two touchdowns vs. Pittsburgh...led all FBS players with a 19.44 yards per catch average (minimum 70 receptions)...voted a team captain.

2015 SEASON

Second-team All-Big 12 selection...led the nation with four 70-plus yard receptions and ranked 10th nationally with a 20.5 yards per catch average...totaled 1,087 receiving yards and 10 touchdown catches...had five 100-yard games and finished second on the team with 53 catches...scored touchdowns on four consecutive touches (75, 73, 48 and 50 yards) in wins over Texas Tech and TCU...named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week after posting a then career-high 200 receiving yards vs. Texas Tech.

2014 SEASON

Led the team with six touchdown catches, a total that ranked fourth nationally among freshmen...finished eighth in the Big-12 with a 16.3 yards per catch average...tallied with 28 catches for 456 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Stamford (Stamford, Texas) High School...finished his senior year as a 2013 Class 1A state champion in Texas, registering 73 catches for 1,331 yards and 24 touchdowns...also recorded 42 tackles and seven interceptions on defense...helped lead Stamford to the state title, earning first-team all-district and first-team all-state honors as a junior, with 78 catches for 1,172 yards and 22 scores...district MVP in basketball and was a first-team all-district and first-team all-region tennis player.

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James Washington
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Re: Playing against the University of Pittsburgh there was a heavy Steelers presence at the game. Did you think you would get drafted by the Steelers?

No sir. Just coming to that game, we all felt good and we all just stepped on the field and did what we had to do. Ultimately, it opened my eyes up to the Steelers. I am glad that they decided to choose me and I am going to give them everything I got.

What was dinner with the Steelers like, and did it get you excited about this team?

For sure, Coach [Mike] Tomlin is a great guy. I love his personality. Everyone that ate dinner with us, it was just a good feeling to put a name with the face and just being around those guys just brightened up the whole day.

What do you think you bring to the Steelers?

I think hard work and dedication. No matter winning or losing, I'm going to give my all and I know that with AB [Antonio Brown] and JuJu [Smith-Schuster] and all the other guys on the team, we can take it as far as we want too.

How much have you watched the Steelers? Do you have an idea of what they do?

A little bit. I'm a big AB fan, so I watch a lot of him and try to take a feel of his corners and things that he does in his game.

What is your degree in?

Agriculture Business.

Coach Randy Fichtner said you wanted to be a farmer?

Yes sir. That's right.

What kind of farming?

The kind that does a little ranching with the cattle and the horses. My dad is a big farmer so I kind of grew up around him and wanted to follow in his footsteps.

What's your role on the farm?

I'm just kind of like the workhorse. You know, my dad he's the guy that just drives and if anything needs to be heavy lifted or anything needs worked on then I'm the guy.

During the season you looked like a first round pick, then you ran a 4.5 and didn't measure at 6'0. Do you think those are the reasons you went in the second round?

Honestly, I couldn't tell you why. But I just feel like the Steelers, they make good choices. I can say that for sure.

Are you aware of their reputation for drafting receivers?

Oh yes. Yes, sir. They've got the best in the league. I can't wait to work with those guys and learn from them.

Re: Why do you think you've been so effective at getting open deep?

Just because of my strength, strength and just being physical with the DBs when the ball is in the air. It all comes down to who wants it more, and nine times out of 10, I guarantee you I want it more.

I saw a game one time where the analyst talked to your coach and your coach called you a future Hall of Famer. Do you have that good of a relationship with him?

Yes, sir. I feel like I can be that role if, you know, I'm going to work hard all the way until it's over for me. That's something I hang my hat on, and that's something I'm always going to work [toward].

Has he said that to you directly?

Yes, sir. He has.

Re: Did you realize that the Steelers share a facility with the University of Pittsburgh?

You know, it's just a game man. We just show up and do what we're supposed to do.

What was your relationship with Mason Rudolph like? What's he thinking right now? Have you guys stayed in touch over the course of this week?

Yes, sir. We talked a lot. We were both just kind of in the air with all this training and things that are going on. We've said this is a big defensive draft. There are a bunch of defensive guys being taken, and I mean, there's a place for everyone. Like we both said, wherever we go, we're going to play to the best of our ability and give it our all.

Did you get the impression the Steelers liked him too?

Yes, sir.

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Offensive Coordinator Randy Fichtner Re: James Washington

Opening Statement.

Okay, James Washington, wide receiver, Oklahoma State. We got a chance to get to know this young man. We took him out to dinner when we were at his Pro Day. We also got to meet with him at the combine – a very interesting young man. He has his degree in what I believe is agriculture, he's a farmer – tough guy, runs fast, scores touchdowns. I believe he start 43 games, maybe scored 39 touchdowns. If you look, you see a lot of long catches. He played the Z spot for them and likes to go down the yard. That's kind of a need we were looking for, so we are pretty excited about having him.

Did losing Martavis [Bryant] create the need for this type of guy?

Well yeah. Martavis [Bryant] could run, that's well documented, but that's what this guy [James Washington] can do, too. He's powerful – runs through arm bars. He has just a knack for getting down the yard. What I see here are longs of 88, 75, 91 and 86.

Do you think he plays faster than his 40-time?

I think he's well-conditioned. I think he's strong. I think he plays 4.54 every play.

Is he the kind of guy who will come on quickly like JuJu Smith-Schuster?

Well that would be the hope. The hope would be that he's not one of those maintenance guys. He's no maintenance really. You talk to their coaches and you see the games that he's started and the positions he's been in. Obviously, he's intelligent, he's held down his position for a long time there. We would expect to have that ability to come in, learn and hold down a position pretty quickly.

Do tougher receivers like James Washington and JuJu Smith-Schuster acclimate quicker to the NFL?

I don't know. They're strong and it's a physical game. When you're playing you need to be able to mix the physicality with the mental physicality, the toughness there. The physical toughness, you can lessen the importance of it and he's a strong kid. He's strong willed, but he's also strong in his physique.

Re: Did he drop to you because of his 40-time?

Yeah, he's that guy also who ran at the combine, and he also wanted to run at his pro day, and to me, he's a competitor. So often you find guys who get a time and they just rest on that time. He looked at an opportunity in his pro day to go ahead and compete again.

Wouldn't you want to run again if you're a deep threat who ran a 4.54?

Well sure, but the time isn't what it is. We've had fast guys in the past and count how many times they've gotten open deep. There's a lot of ways to do that: one by strength. one by technique and one by willingness and conditioning. He's that kind of guy and you can't deny what he's done in college.

Re: Intangibles.

Well, I think those intangibles are going to be important in any system, any offense that you are going to fit into. It's not just the ability to play one spot; it's maybe to have the ability to be able to play two spots, maybe a third. It gets you on the field quicker, gets you in position to play more football, but it also gives you a chance that you are playing, say the Z-spot, let's just pick a spot. If he's a Z and he is playing at three wide receivers, he has to be able to block on the Z-side, he's got to be able to run deep routes on the Z-side, but he's also got to be able to run individual type routes and win. Those guys are hard to find. We've, in the past and over the years here, we've had guys from Mike Wallace to Nate Washington, fast guys that play one spot and they can do one thing, and hopefully in their time and their growth, might be able to do more than one thing and be more than potentially a one-trick opponent. This guy comes in with several tricks.

Re: Playing "taller" than what he is.

Well I think, I'll have to look here. What's his vertical jump? He's over 36 in his vertical jump, wingspan 77, he's got big hands – he's nine and a half. I think there were four quarterbacks, five quarterbacks in the draft that had nine and a half or above hands. So he's got a big hand. JuJu's got big hands. Very similar in physique.

Re: Having a few carries in college.

"Yeah, well if you put him in situations to maybe do that, there's ways to use those guys from a knack that can handle those kind of runs. From a ball security standpoint, from a wiggle standpoint, from a creative standpoint, yeah. They probably didn't ask him to do that very often.

You said several tricks, what does that do for you as a play caller?

It allows you to put him in a lot of different positions. You can ask him to potentially run underneath routes, over the top routes, intermediate routes. You can potentially even use him in protection type situations. We've done lots of those things in the past with Hines [Ward]. We've done it with guys like JuJu [Smith-Schuster]. That's kind of the position that he's in.

With having a passing game where you want to get the ball out quick, is it still important to have a guy that can go deep to keep teams honest?

I think speed is obviously always going to be important. The ability to at least press and show the ability to run by someone or at least get to where they're in a position to run by someone is very important because that helps open up everything that you're talking about underneath. But the first thing, and I can remember a long time, years and years ago, talking about receiver play, and a guy said you have to be able to put the word receive into receiver. This is a guy that catches the football. When you're talking about playing AFC North football, and the weather and the wind and the environment you're going to play in, this is a tough, big, strong, hands catcher and a guy who is going to actually fight for the ball and secure it. So those are things that you value.

Oklahoma State is a big RPO [Run-Pass Option] team, aren't they?

No, they would be a lot less than you would find like maybe a lot of the other type teams. They're more of a drop back type team. You look at Mason Rudolph and some of the things they've done there, they're pretty much a throw it up type team. I think everyone has their own degree of RPO whether they're running the ball and potentially running a pattern in behind it and the quarterback has the option to hand it or throw it. I think there probably isn't a team in any league that isn't doing some version of that. But no, they're pretty much down the field, throw it around. You get great looks to be able to see what you're looking at in this player.

Was part of the reason you traded Martavis Bryant because you felt that there would be quality receivers at this point in the draft?

I would always hope that we have a shot at a guy like James Washington, but no I wasn't involved with that as far as making those type of decisions or at least be in the situation where we were talking about it like that. It just so happened that we got a chance to draft James and it was good for the Steelers.

Third Round 76th Overall



**Mason Rudolph – QB
Oklahoma State**

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Mason Rudolph
Quarterback
Oklahoma State
6-5, 235
Rock Hill, S.C.
Northwestern High School
3rd Round – 76th Overall

CAREER NOTES

Winningest quarterback in school history, leading the Cowboys to a 32-9 record as a starter, including 10 games in which Oklahoma State trailed during the second half...finished his career holding no fewer than 54 school records, including single-season and career marks for passing yards, passing touchdowns and pass efficiency...ranked fourth in Big-12 history with 13,618 career passing yards and third with a 324.2 passing yards per game average.

2017 SEASON

Second-team All-America selection by the American Football Coaches Association and a third-team All-American by the *Associated Press*...winner of the 2017 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' Bobby Bowden Award and the Sammy Baugh Award...second-team All-Big 12 honoree as selected by the coaches...led the FBS with 4,904 passing yards and 377.2 passing yards per game...broke Barry Sanders' school record with 47 touchdowns responsible for...teamed with receivers James Washington and Marcell Ateman and running back Justice Hill to make Oklahoma State the first Big 12 school in history with a 4,000-yard passer, two 1,000-yard receivers and a 1,000-yard running back in the same season...earned conference Offensive Player of the Week honors after completing 23-of-32 passes for 497 yards and five touchdowns in win vs. Pittsburgh...eclipsed 400 passing yards in three other contests.

2016 SEASON

Named program's Offensive MVP by the coaches...the only player in the country to throw for at least 4,000 passing yards while throwing less than five interceptions...ranked eighth in the nation with 4,091 passing yards – third-most in a season in school history...his 284 completions and 448 attempts were second-most in Oklahoma State history...placed seventh in the country with an average of 314.7 passing yards per game and fourth with 36 completions of at least 30 yards...surpassed 350 passing yards in five games...set a single-game school record with 540 passing yards against Pittsburgh.

2015 SEASON

Second-team Academic All-Big 12 honoree...totaled 264 completions, 3,770 passing yards, 21 touchdown strikes and 290.0 passing yards per game...surpassed 300 passing yards in six games and 400 yards on three occasions...three five touchdowns in a win vs. No. 5 TCU, earning several awards...threw for 437 passing yards vs. Kansas State, the most ever in a game for a school sophomore.

2014 SEASON

Entered the starting lineup in Week 11, turning in the most passing yards every for an Okalahoma State player in his first game with 281...quarterbacked the Cowboys to the second-largest fourth-quarter come-from-behind win in a 38-35 overtime win vs. Oklahoma...threw for 299 passing yards along with two touchdowns in the Cactus Bowl against Washington – the most passing yards by a Cowboy freshman in a bowl game.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Northwestern (Rock Hill, S.C.) High School...led school to a 62-35 win over Stratford in the South Carolina Class 4A Division II Championship, completing 40-of-57 passes for 488 yards with eight touchdown passes and only one interception as a senior...totaled 350 completions for 4,377 passing yards with 64 touchdown throws and eight interceptions in his senior campaign, while rushing for 543 yards (129 carries) and 16 touchdowns..."Mr. Football" award finalist in South Carolina...named Most Valuable Player of the Shrine Brown of the Carolinas.

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Mason Rudolph
Quarterback
Oklahoma State
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Did anyone ever tell you that you sound like Ben Roethlisberger?

No, I have not heard that. No, sir.

When they took James Washington before they picked you, did you have a sense they would get you next?

Not at all. No sir. I always thought that there had been a connection kind of since the beginning. You go back to when we played there back in September but I had no clue this was in the works.

In the few moments since your selection have you thought this is a tandem that can move forward in the future?

No doubt. I don't know the last time this has happened in the history of the draft but to go on the next level, the next chapter with one of your brothers with your best receiver that you've spent your whole college day with that you can potentially spend another 15 years with, that's going to be one heck of a ride and I can't wait to get it going.

How much pre-draft interaction did you have with the Steelers?

So, we didn't meet at the Senior Bowl. We met at the Combine. Combine, then an interview. Then it would have been Coach [Mike] Tomlin at my Pro Day, Mr. [Kevin] Colbert, a lot of personnel there. After that it would have been workouts and so after that it was pretty quiet. I texted Coach [Randy] Fichtner a couple days ago and let him know I had always wanted to be a Steeler, so I felt like there was always a pretty solid connection. Just shot him a quick text to make sure he is thinking about me, which who knows if that did anything or not but that was it.

What makes you a good deep ball thrower?

I think that we did a lot of that at Oklahoma State. We were known for taking shots or stretching the ball down the field. I think I throw the ball with a lot of touch and a lot accuracy. I can do other things. I'm a pretty complete player. I believe I was a good player in college and I will be a great player in the NFL and just one of strong points of my game.

How do you view the situation you are coming into?

I'd say I'm a complete person. I'm competitive to the bone. I'm going to come in and work my butt off to learn the system as quick as I can, have a great rookie minicamp. I look forward to getting whatever reps I can, throws as OTAs and try to take strides and obviously. It's not Ben [Roethlisberger]'s job to teach me anything. It's my job to learn and that is the way I am going to look at it. Obviously, you're sitting behind an unbelievable player and a good dude, so we'll just kind of take it day by day and try to learn what I can each and every day.

Re: Your hometown in Rock Hill, South Carolina is becoming an NFL factory.

I wanted to continue the streak in first round picks here, obviously that didn't happen but I grew up in this town and knowing what it's produced and just proud to be another statistic in this town and try to represent the best way I can.

Re: Ben Roethlisberger has said he wants to play at least three more years, maybe even five. Would you be willing to sit behind him that long?

Listen, I'm just going to do whatever the coaching staff wants me to do. Like I said, I'm going to prepare like I'm the starter whether that's the case or not every single week, every single day, and put myself in the best position I can and let the chips fall where they may.

Re: You mentioned keeping that first round streak alive. Were you surprised you weren't included in that first group and is that something that might stick with you going forward?

It'll stick with me every minute of every hour from here going forward until the day I die. But yeah, it's definitely like a burning fire. It began Thursday night and it will keep going, like I said, for a long time. But yeah, I definitely think I'm a great quarterback. I'm a little done with the comparison questions, but I definitely am confident in where I stacked up and felt that, you know, for whatever reason, I fell. God had a plan. I'm in a good situation now, and that's the biggest thing. That's what I'm taking away from it.

Re: One of the knocks on you is that you have small hands. That's something they said about Dan Marino.

I didn't know that.

Have you heard that and what are some of the other knocks that you've heard?

I think that was never really a knock. That was just really kind of a Combine statistic that...I think I was 9 1/8th or something like that which is pretty average, maybe a hair under average. But I know I can throw the football. I've done it for 10 years. I don't think that will change.

Here's another one. People say Oklahoma State just throws out system quarterbacks. When you hear that, what do you think?

I think people refer to the offense we run and maybe even some quarterbacks in the past that may not have reached their potential. But no, I think our offense is a whole lot different than it was with Brandon Weeden. There's a lot more on my plate, and there's a lot more on my plate from my freshman to my senior year. I had a lot of control. Just because we were four wide most of the time and 10 or 11 personnel didn't mean that I didn't have a whole lot on my plate and a whole lot of control pre-snap. It's just the system I was given. I'm a smart guy. I can learn quick, and that's what I plan on doing as soon as I get the playbook, hopefully tomorrow.

The quarterback from the other school in your state is going to be in your division. Have you thought about that?

I knew it as soon as I got selected. I was like, I can't wait. It'll be fun. Whenever my time comes to play those guys twice a year, it'll be a joy.

What do you remember about September at Heinz Field?

It was a great day. We scored a lot of points. It's obviously an unbelievable venue. I just remember the night before going through walkthroughs and just looking up and thinking that, not necessarily thinking this could ever be my home, but just kind of, it was the first NFL stadium we played in so it was an unbelievable field, unbelievable venue, atmosphere, and gameday was great too so that's what I felt.

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Offensive Coordinator Randy Fichtner Re: Mason Rudolph

Offensive Coordinator Quarterbacks Coach Randy Fichtner Opening Statement.

Mason Rudolph, big, strong and athletic. He threw a lot of touchdown passes. He scored touchdowns running. A pretty accomplished player, at his school I want to say he's 33-8 as a starter. Obviously, there's a lot of value in wins and he's a winner. We just joked a little about what James [Washington] did in this stadium that Mason did also. The folks in Pittsburgh are used to seeing Mason and probably not having good feelings, so now hopefully they will good feelings. He's very talented. Obviously, he throws the deep ball extremely well. It's a value here. It's something that we like to do, and it's something we've done very effectively. I think statistics, you probably already know a lot about the statistics. He's very high in passer ratings, touchdowns and yards so I won't speak much of that.

Re: Mason Rudolph being Ben Roethlisberger's heir apparent over Josh Dobbs.

I don't know. He's a little more accomplished in the pocket. It may give him a little bit better of a starting spot when he comes in. The transition to this professional game probably isn't going to be as big of an extreme. He's been exposed to a lot of the concepts in the passes and the type of things he's going to have to do. Where he'll have to catch up will have to be the complexity of defenses and those types of things.

Why wasn't he a first-round pick?

I think he could've been. Beauty is always in the eye of the beholder, and you know that some systems might fit better for certain people. I've liked him since the beginning, since we started evaluating him. We got to visit with him again at his Pro Day. I think that maybe if there's any negative to his game, it might just be the ability to escape and extend, but boy you sure see him do it a lot. He gets outside the pocket and make big plays down the field, so it's not like he can't do it. The ability to stand in and make big plays on third down, be effective in situational football, the way he's been, is very exciting.

Did you plan on taking James Washington and Mason Rudolph as a tandem?

I don't think you ever think about that, because in the draft you just never know what is going to happen. When you sit back and look at all the guys you may be able to get, it's an exciting thought, but boy that would be a long way down the road. I'm hopeful that Ben [Roethlisberger] would commit and maybe play four, five or six more years down the road.

Re: Rudolph fitting Bill Parcells' criterion of picking quarterbacks.

Yeah like I said, there's a lot to love about him and you know, I think from a competition standpoint, now you are looking at our room being very exciting. It's awful hard and probably the last time it's been like that and I'm not talking about Ben Roethlisberger who's a Hall of Fame quarterback. We're excluding Ben, but he's in the room. He's our quarterback. But, I can remember a day where we had Byron Leftwich and Charlie Batch and Dennis Dixon and Ben Roethlisberger and there's four quarterbacks in there that were all at their own right, pretty well accomplished and that was exciting and that felt great as a coach. I know you can't keep four, but

any coach is going to say 'give me as much talent as you possibly can.' I am going to be excited as hell about this.

Re: Drafting quarterbacks in back to back years.

Well, I think you're always going to take the best prospect at that given time, and it just so happened that this occurred at the quarterback position. I can remember thinking a handful of years back when we drafted Landry [Jones], I'm not even sure. I think it was the fourth round, maybe 4B. We might have had two picks in the fourth round that year and it was exciting to know you were going to have Landry in the building and in the mix and in the competition mix. You know, we grow as a group through competition. It's no different at the quarterback spot, we are just thankful and lucky that we have a Hall of Fame quarterback.

Re: Ben evaluating to play year-to-year and if there has been any update.

Not necessarily, no. I keep my fingers crossed that he will play as long as lord willing he's healthy and that he wants to play. That'd be awesome and that'd be great for us. It would be great for obviously me because he's a guy that will be awful hard to replace and if it takes three guys in competition to replace him some day, then so be it, and what a better position to be in right now and to keep developing quarterbacks.

Re: What makes him stand apart from some of the other guys from the program and makes you think it's transferrable that he will be successful?

I think he shows anticipation. I think obviously the well-documented ability to throw the deep ball, the ability to push the ball down the field. His system isn't necessarily what you might consider a short system of a lot of quick, small, short throws and catch and run type situations. He actually has to sit in the pocket. They asked him to sit in the pocket and throw seven-step type passes and attack intermediate zones and make plays off of shotgun-play action pass.

Third Round 92th Overall



**Chukwuma Okorafor – OL
Western Michigan**

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Chukwuma “Chuks” Okorafor
Offensive Lineman
Western Michigan
6-6, 320
Southfield, Mich.
Southfield High School
3rd Round – 92nd Overall

CAREER NOTES

Started each of his final 39 games over his last three seasons.

2017 SEASON

First-Team All-American selection by FWAA and Phil Steele...second-team All-American by *Sports Illustrated*...one of six semifinalists for the Outland Trophy...first-team All-Mid-American Conference honoree....started all 12 games at left tackles...helped pave the way for seven different players to record 26 total rushing touchdowns...invited to play in the Reese’s Senior Bowl.

2016 SEASON

Started all 14 games at left tackles...first-team All-MAC selection...part of an offensive line that allowed just 16 sacks on the year, the 13th-fewest total in the country...helped pave the way for the team to rush for over 300 yards in three games...part of a unit that created lanes for Jarvion Franklin to rush for a program-record 281 rushing yards at Akron.

2015 SEASON

Started all 13 games at right tackle...helped pave the way for 401 rushing yards vs. Ohio in the second half...blocked for MAC Freshman of the Year and Popeyes Bahama Bowl MVP Jamauri Bogan who finished with 1,051 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns on the year.

2014 SEASON

Appeared in 12 games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Southfield (Southfield, Mich.) High School...ranked as the 11th best recruit in the state of Michigan...named an All-American in 2013.

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Chukwuma Okorafor
Offensive Line
Western Michigan
3rd Round – 92th Overall

Can you pronounce your name for us?

Chukwuma Okorafor.

What do you like to be called?

Chukes

How much did you know about Mike Munchak before he became your coach?

I am not really sure. I only met with the Steelers at the (NFL) Combine.

They had you rated 12th overall in the draft, what's your reaction to being in the bottom of the third round?

It doesn't really matter if it is first, second, or third round pick to be honest. They show that they do care for me and they want to take a chance on me so that is all I really care about.

What country are you from or your parents?

They are from Nigeria.

Where were you born?

Nigeria.

What and when made you start playing football?

My sophomore year of high school and then started playing my junior year. So not too long ago.

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Offensive Coordinator Mike Munchak Re: Chukwuma Okorafor

Opening Statement.

I didn't think I'd be sitting here today, but I'm excited. As position coaches, you're always thrilled to add to the group and add to the competition. We lost one of our tackles this year this year, so Chuks [Chukwuma Okorafor] I think is a guy who will fit kind of what we are looking for. A guy that can play left and right tackle. He's had that experience in college. He has great size, great strength. He played against great college competition, watching him play at Western Michigan. So, I'm just really excited about the opportunity to work with him. I'm just really excited about the opportunity to work with him. We have a chance to bring him in tomorrow and spend some time with him and get rolling. Just real excited to add someone of his caliber. A guy with a chance to improve like most young guys do out of college in a lot of ways. He's a Steeler now and we are really excited to have him.

Is he more of a right tackle?

No, he's played both. He's comfortable at left, we'll find out when he gets here. The goal would be that he can play both sides and compete that way for us and with us. Once you get him in you find out how quickly he will improve. Any college lineman, when you draft them, you don't know what [you're getting] especially with the systems they run these days. So many of these guys haven't done what we are going to ask them to do. Again, he's very strong. When you have a big man like him, it's hard to just run around him. He's got nice long arms, good size and has a lot of growth ahead as far as growth and strength and technique. He's capable of doing everything we want him to do and we ask our tackles to do. We are excited at the fact that he can come in and isn't limited in any way. He can help us right away competing at those spots.

Re: On not playing football his whole life and seeing "newness" in his playing.

Yeah you do, and like I said, I see that in a lot of players that I watch. So he's had, I guess three or four years of playing offensive line, so they've done a nice job with him and he's developed nicely. And you see him get better each year, each time out there playing because it is new to him and that's kind of exciting for me because you get a guy that doesn't have a whole lot of bad habits, doesn't ask to do a lot of things. He got away with things because of his size, his arms, his strength, those type of things which you know he's not even close to being developed the way he can be. So, just real excited about all the upside that he has and looking forward to work with him and teaching him our technique, teaching him how we do things for myself and for the guys and the group we have in that room will be great for him. They will teach him the game in a lot of ways, how to prepare, how to work, the work ethic. We have great leaders in our room with [Maurkice] Pouncey and those guys, David [DeCastro], Ramon [Foster], that will be great for a young guy like this. I think they are going to really like him, and I think he will just add another element to our room with competition.

Re: Having an unfinished product versus a finished product.

Well I think it's depending on what guy you get. A lot of times I think watching all the guys, when you watch them on tape and you're trying to figure out who's going to fit when you get them here, they all have so much to learn. Some of these guys when you draft a lineman have never been in a three-point stance. There are centers that haven't snapped to a quarterback with their hands underneath, it's all gun. So no matter who you draft, I think there's a lot of newness, so he's done enough. But he's worked pass sets, he's done the run game, he's done the basics, so when he gets here he obviously has a good feel for what he's done, but he will be exposed to things obviously that he never has, to see the game on this level that they all have. There will be a lot of newness to him, so for me, it's like I said, exciting, so I can expose him to a lot of things that he hasn't had a chance to deal with, and it will be fun to see how fast, like when you draft any lineman, how quickly they can do the things that we ask them to do in our system and so we will find out once we start working in the OTAs and things like that. Just real excited, I know he is real excited talking to him on the phone. It's always exciting to add someone to the roster that can help us win.

Re: Ben Roethlisberger playing year-to-year and if there has been any update.

Not necessarily, no. I keep my fingers crossed that he will play as long as, lord willing, he's healthy and that he wants to play. That'd be awesome and that'd be great for us. It would be great for obviously me because he's a guy that will be awful hard to replace and if it takes three guys in competition to replace him some day, then so be it, and what a better position to be in right now and to keep developing quarterbacks.

Re: What makes him stand apart from some of the other guys from the program and makes you think it's transferrable that he will be successful?

I think he shows anticipation. I think obviously the well-documented ability to throw the deep ball, the ability to push the ball down the field. His system isn't necessarily what you might consider a short system of a lot of quick, small, short throws and catch and run type situations. He actually has to sit in the pocket. They asked him to sit in the pocket and throw seven-step type passes and attack intermediate zones and make plays off of shotgun-play action pass.

Re: When you found out the team might take an offensive lineman today.

I think you never know as an assistant. We all want a new guy to add to our room and add to the competition. I think you hope that will happen during a draft but with the way a draft falls, you just never know because a lot of it depends on who's available, how your board is working, what's happening, what's out there. You never know what to expect on drafts. To get someone, like I said, excited to do that. So, I'm glad it fell this way where we were able to do that where we could add to our room because any time you have good competition it makes us all better.

Did you get a chance to meet with him at all?

No, I have not. He's one of the guys I have not talked to yet. I just watched his tape, evaluated him and obviously spoke to our group about him throughout the process but didn't ever get the chance to actually spend any time with him. So, just speaking on the phone was the first chance we got to talk and obviously he is real excited right now. There's a lot happening, a lot of people are calling him so he's real excited to be part of this. It will sink in tomorrow during the time we get him in here.

Re: The Steelers not taking any offensive lineman in the first three rounds the last few years.

That's what I said, line coaches usually figure you never know when you're going to get one or not. I think it just happened to fall right this year. Maybe getting the third pick helped but I don't care how it happened, I'm just thrilled to have someone. And like I said, it's nice to add guys to your group and no matter how they get here, whether it be a draft pick or a free agent, I think for me and for the group I think it's exciting to get someone new in that we drafted. And maybe we'll get another one tomorrow. Who knows? They add to the room so we'll take as many as we can get. Each position coach I think feels the same way because you can't have enough good players in this league and developing guys and trying to go through a long season you want guys who you can develop. He should be a great opportunity to do all that.

Fifth Round 148th Overall



**Marcus Allen – S
Penn State**

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Marcus Allen
Safety
Penn State
6-2, 215
Upper Marlboro, Md.
Dr. Henry Wise High School
5th Round – 148th Overall

CAREER NOTES

Became the sixth player in Penn State history to reach the 300-tackle mark in a career, finishing fifth in school history with 321 stops...produced double-digit tackles in nine games.

2017 SEASON

First-team All-Big Ten accolades from the coaches and second-team honors from the media...*Associated Press* first-team All-Big Ten selection...earned the Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week after recording 13 tackles vs. Pittsburgh...started all 13 games, totaling 72 tackles (46 solo) with one interception and two forced fumbles...selected as a team captain...one of 21 Penn State players to enter the Fiesta Bowl having already earned a degree.

2016 SEASON

All-Big Ten third-team selection by the coaches and honorable mention by the media panel...selected Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Week for a 22-tackle game vs. Minnesota...started all 14 games...posted 10 tackles or more in three games...recorded a career-high 110 tackles en route to becoming the first safety to lead Penn State in tackles since 2002 (Shawn Mayer).

2015 SEASON

Named All-Big Ten honorable mention by the coaches and media...started all 12 games...finished second on the Nittany Lions defense with 81 tackles.

2014 SEASON

Appeared in 13 games with seven starts...started the final seven games of the season...tied for third on the squad with 58 tackles (35 solo), along with adding three pass breakups and one sack...part of a defense that held 11 of 13 opponents to under 300 yards of total offense and limited nine teams to 20 or fewer points in regulation.

HIGH SCHOOL

A three-year letterman at Dr. Henry Wise (Upper Marlboro, Md.) High School...posted 15 tackles and two fumble recoveries in three games as a senior before suffering an ankle injury...as a junior, helped advance the Pumas to a perfect 14-0 record and the Maryland 4A State Championship...produced 70 tackles, three interceptions and 10 pass breakups in junior year...was invited to participate in the Big 33 Classic and Maryland Crab Bowl following his senior year.

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Marcus Allen
Safety
Penn State
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What are you so happy about?

I'm coming home, I'm coming home! That's why I'm happy.

Has your godfather [Curtis Martin] contacted you yet?

I haven't spoken to him yet, but I'm with my father right now. It's all tears of joy right now. Everyone has been anxious, anxious wondering where I was going to go, but it's a perfect situation. This is my home man. It's my hometown. My grandmother is from there. My grandfather is from there - my whole family. I'm just so excited.

Your dad is from Homewood, right?

Yes, he's from Homewood.

Did you spend any time in Pittsburgh as a youth?

Yeah, I know the area pretty well. I've been around there for all of the summers. It's just amazing, amazing feeling.

Re: Being part of new wave of in-box safeties.

This is definitely the new wave! Whatever Kevin Colbert wants to do. Whatever Mike Tomlin wants to do. I'm going to do it. That's the plan. I'm definitely the new wave. Pittsburgh we up.

Marcus, a bunch of the Penn State players came down, were you apart of that bunch?

It was me, Saquon [Barkley], Troy Apke and Trace [McSorley]. We came down to see the Steelers game.

How did that come about, why did you guys come down for that game?

[Michael] Shuster on our team. He's a walk on quarterback and his grandfather was getting inducted into the hall of fame. So, he invited all of us to come.

That happened in November or December, did you ever think you would be in this position a few months later?

That was the plan. That was definitely the plan. Everybody is static right now. Everybody is going crazy so I am just out of breath right now.

The kids are happy on social media that you are able to team up with JuJu Smith Schuster

Right, right, definitely. We are going to be turned up. I am just so happy right now.

What do you need to do better as a pro?

I am definitely going to work on every aspect of my game, whether that is form tackling, creating more turnovers, coverage, everything. So, I am just going to literally be working my butt off. Just is my job now so everything I do is strictly for me and my body so I am just very excited right now.

What is your dad's name and what year did he graduate from Westinghouse?

82. My dad's name is Shawn Allen.

How do you spell that?

S-h-a-w-n.

Can you talk about what you learned at Penn State that allowed you to advance to the next level?

Just being way more mature and everyone being in a brotherhood. If everyone buys into the coaches' method and the plan, everything is going to click and work itself out. So that is what I learned at Penn State. I just grew into a man.

Did you grow up a Steelers fan or Ravens?

Steelers fan. I got all this Steelers gear in my room. I just walked in my room and grabbed the hat off my stand and just put it on because I had so much Steelers gear.

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Defensive Backs Coach Tom Bradley Re: Marcus Allen

Opening Statement.

We selected Marcus Allen from Penn State in the fifth round. Marcus is a big safety; he is 6'2, 215. He has local ties – his father is from Westinghouse, and he played at Maryland. Marcus started 45 games at Penn State. Gives us another opportunity to bring another safety in. Marcus is a big hitter, a good special team player, and gives us some versatility in the secondary. We are awful excited to get him. We know a lot about this young man. Some local people here Coach Terry Smith, from Gateway High School, coached him, he coached him. So, we have gotten to know this young man through the process of the draft.

Coach, he is known as a solid tackler, how important is that to you?

To me, he is a big-time tackler. He will strike you, that's one thing, he is a very physical tackle. He is real physical person around the ball. Probably the best part of his game is how physical he is. When we watched and followed him strike people at different times, he gets after you pretty good.

I guess since you're here, he has no plans at playing dime back or anything?

That hasn't come up yet with Coach [Mike] Tomlin, but I'm sure it will come up as we get through the process.

Three safeties, with two drafted and one free agent, are there enough room for all of these guys?

I don't get into that right now. Right now, it's Marcus Allen's day let's talk about Marcus. You guys know we brought in Terrell Edmonds the other day, I really like both of them, and heck Terrell got me a free dinner the other night. He's not too bad, I wish he would have tipped but he didn't tip though.

What can he do in pass coverage?

At Penn State he plays some two-deep, he plays some invert, he plays free. They move him around a lot. When he's around the ball, it's what he does best. I think that's the thing that we took notice on. I think his physicality is something. He's a big kid, room for growth. We're excited about him.

Does Penn State still use the hero position that you employed and did he play that position?

No, I don't think they call that the hero position anymore. He plays in their nickel packages into the boundary and low. They don't play him to the field a lot like the old hero position.

This guy is a real striker. Are you concerned about the new rules coming in?

Would someone explain the rule to me? Because I don't know it. I know we've all talked about the new rule but I'm waiting to get clarification Maybe we'll get some pictures and some videos so we can show him exactly what everyone is talking about here. You know, obviously, if you tackle fundamentally sound and you do the right things and get you get your head up and you get your feet going and don't lead then you shouldn't have any problems.

For the most part Allen is pretty fundamental.

Yeah, he's a very fundamental football player. I have a little background because of Coach Smith. You know my relationship with Terry all these years having recruited him out of high school and then was with him at Penn State those years, I know a little bit about the way he's [Allen] been coached.

So you've tracked this kid for a while, he's been on your radar?

Not really. Not until I came to the Steelers. I wasn't really worried about him when I was at UCLA, but when I got down here, when they hand you the packet of players, he got on our radar pretty fast.

He ranks fifth in Penn State history in tackles, probably first for a DB. What does that say about him?

He's got 45 starts. He started, I think, seven games as a true freshmen I believe, and he's started every game since. I think he missed one game because of an injury factor but he started a lot of games. He's played a lot of football. I have not watched him a lot on special teams, but I would imagine he is a heck of a special teams player.

Re: Allen's versatility.

Yeah, I think he can do a lot of things for us. It hasn't been discussed yet but I think he can move inside if we need him to do it, if he needs to play dime or do some other things in our scheme. He should be able to do it. He certainly has the physical tools to get it done.

Re: On new components in the secondary.

Aside from me, guys are doing pretty well. I mean, I'm the odd component in that group. It's a really good group of players. And I don't want to get into all that right now because we've only had one week of meetings for the past couple weeks.

**Fifth Round
171th Overall**



**Jaylen Samuels – RB
North Carolina State**

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Jaylen Samuels
Running Back
North Carolina State
6'0, 225
Charlotte, N.C.
Mallard Creek High School
5th Round – 165th Overall

CAREER NOTES

Set the North Carolina State record for receptions in a career (202) and ranked second in school history in total touchdowns (47), fourth in touchdown catches (19) and sixth in touchdown runs (28)...his 47 touchdowns were third-most in the Atlantic Coast Conference...was the only active player in the nation with at least 15 career rushing and 15 career receiving touchdowns, and the first to boast those numbers since at least 2004...caught at least one reception in 41 straight games – the fifth-best active streak in the FBS and a program record.

2017 SEASON

Invited to play in the 2018 Reese Senior Bowl...started all 13 games...first-team All-Atlantic Coast choice as an all-purpose player...third-team selection by the *Associated Press* as a tight end...hailed in 76 receptions – the third-best mark in school history...tied Torry Holt's school record with 15 receptions in the season opener...his 12 rushing touchdowns stand seventh in a single-season in school history.

2016 SEASON

Honored with jersey No. 1...a third-team All-ACC choice by the league's coaches and an honorable mention by media...started 10-of-13 games played...led the team with 55 catches - ninth-best mark in school history...named the MVP in the Indolence Bowl win vs. Vanderbilt, scoring three touchdowns...

2015 SEASON

A first-team All-ACC performer and a third-team All-American...started 10-of-13 games played...had more receptions (65) than any tight end in the nation...his 65 catches were the fifth-best mark in North Carolina State history...scored 16 total touchdowns (nine rushing / 7 receiving), tying Torry Holt (1998) as the third-best mark in a single-season in school history...earned the Torry Holt Award as the team's most valuable offensive player...scored three touchdowns on four carries in the season opener.

2014 SEASON

Appeared in 13 games (two starts)...gained 143 rushing yards on 15 carries and added six catches for 96 yards and a touchdown.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played running back and h-back at Mallard Creek (Charlotte, N.C) High School...helped lead the team to a 16-0 record and the NC 4AA state title, scoring five total touchdowns (three rushing and two receiving) in the title game...rushed for 1,404 yards on 109 carries and 39 touchdowns as a senior, adding 49 catches for 932 yards and 16 touchdown catches as a senior...a 2013 *Associated Press* all-state selection and the Charlotte Mecklenburg I-Meck Offensive Player of the Year.

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Jaylen Samuels
Running Back
North Carolina State
5th Round – 171 Overall

Re: What do you do best?

My versatility. Being able to catch the ball, run the ball, make guys miss in open space. I feel like that's my specialty.

Are you going to try to be a little bit of everything or just one position?

I mean, I'll do whatever Coach Mike Tomlin will ask me to do. If that's playing running back, let's play running back. If that's split out wide to catch balls, I'll do that. whatever they want me to do when I get there, I am willing to do.

Re: What's the most carries you had in a game?

The most carries, probably about eight, eight carries.

Re: Tell me about you running style.

I'm more of a power-style running back. A guy that's going to get North to South. Our team at NC State, we ran a lot of outside zone, so once we ran outside zone, I just tried to hit it downhill, make guys miss. I'm a stiff-arm type guy. That's my specialty, the stiff arm. Just try to get around guys and make guys miss so that's the kind of runner I am. Smart runner, got a lot of good football IQ so just got a little knack for the end zone. That's just what I do.

Re: What do you know about Roosevelt Nix?

I know a little bit about him. My dad, he's a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan so it's kind of crazy right now. I know a little bit about him. I haven't really studied his game as much but I know he's a good football player. He makes a lot of plays for you guys.

How did your role evolve during your time at NC State?

It was fun. They asked me to do a lot of different things for all four years. After having two different coordinators my freshman and sophomore year and switching to a different coordinator with a spread-style offense, they asked me to do a lot of things. The last two years I was there, they wanted me to be more of a true receiver split out in the slot-type guy, so I was able to do anything they wanted me to do.

How much in-line blocking did you do?

Not that much. They put me into block sometimes on the backside of runs, or on the front side of runs just to switch it up a little bit. They really didn't ask me to block too much because usually I was getting the ball or I'm going to the ball.

Re: His big play against Pitt.

I did. I did have one. We were playing against Pitt at Heinz Field and there was maybe one minute left. We ran an outside zone play and I took about 40-something yards to seal the game, so It was kind of fun.

Re: How did your dad become a Steelers fan?

Oh man, I don't know. He just always liked them growing up I guess. He's excited right now and so am I, so it's a good time right now.

Re: Were you also a Steelers fan?

No, I wasn't. I was a Dallas Cowboys fan, but hey, I got the opportunity, so I'm a Steelers fan now.

What's your dad's name?

Gregory Samuels.

Why do you think you had a knack for making big plays?

That's just what I have been doing all my life – just scoring touchdowns, making plays for my team, for my teammates and coaches. That's just what I do. I have a knack for the end zone and I look forward to doing that at the next level as well.

Do you consider yourself a new-age hybrid or a running back?

At the next level, I'd say running back, but whatever the OC wants me to do, I'm willing to do. I'm going to give it 100-percent. I'm ready to get there. I'm ready to work – just excited to be a Steeler.

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Running Backs Coach James Saxon Re: Jaylen Samuels

Opening statement.

Currently, I guess you already know, that we selected Jaylen Samuels, running back from North Carolina State. Kid is a very talented, multi-purpose kid that has done a lot of different jobs. He's going to get every opportunity once he comes here to do a lot different jobs. I am looking forward to getting this kid on the grass.

Has he ever had a full chance as a tailback all the way or really concentrate on that?

I think the value in a kid like him, for a coach, is you can use him in a lot of different areas like NC State did. In terms if whether or not he got an opportunity purely just a running back, that doesn't really matter at this point to me or what we saw when we were evaluating him in the draft.

Are you going to give him that opportunity early?

Absolutely. That's why he got drafted. He is going to get an opportunity to do everything we do in our room in terms of being a running back.

What all did he do well at NC State?

He caught the ball well, obviously when, I think, he had a 15-catch game he had this year. The kid answers the bell in a lot of different ways. You can also see him run the ball in different situations. I believe he had a big run against Pitt towards the end of the game, when they came to play Pitt last year.

Can you talk about his running style a little bit? How many carries a game do you think he can handle and what style?

Well, you know all those things will be answered once we get him here. The kid has been in those situations where he's had opportunities to be the featured runner. You can just tell as you watch games and you evaluate tape that certain situations where they need a big play, they stick him back there and hand him the ball.

Power guy? Shake guy?

Two-hundred twenty-five pounds. Good sized kid. Obviously, he's got decent speed and he's going to be able to function at this level.

When you say multi-purpose, how would you define that in today's NFL?

He'll be able to play on third down. He'll be able to catch the ball and create some matchup problems for linebackers. In this game today, you know, third downs, a lot of teams are using a sixth DB to come in the box to cover an athlete and that's what he is.

So, at rookie minicamp he'll be with you, not with the tight ends?

Absolutely.

Special teams as well?

I hope so because Danny [Smith] needs as many as he can get and as soon as a lot of these young guys realize the value of special teams play, that can earn them jobs. I'm hoping that he will see that and he will be taught that and given that opportunity.

Did he do that in college at all?

Not sure.

Are you going to put him at fullback at all or do you just want him to learn one position?

Well, he's going to come in here and do what he was drafted to do and that's going to be finding different ways to get him the ball. That's where we'll start from.

You sure he's not going to play safety?

[Laughs] He's probably going to write some articles, too.

Seventh Round

246th Overall



Joshua Frazier – DL

Alabama

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Joshua Frazier
Defensive Tackle
Alabama
6'3, 321
Springdale, Ark.
Har-Ber High School
7th Round – 246th Overall

CAREER NOTES

Played in 40 career games at Alabama, totaling 28 tackles (11 solo), 4.5 tackles for losses, 2.0 sacks, one forced fumble and three passes defended.

2017 SEASON

Played in all 14 games, recording 15 tackles (8 solo) with 2.5 stops for loss...added a forced fumble, one quarterback hurry and three passes defended.

2016 SEASON

Saw action in 14-of-15 possible games...posted 8 tackles, one sack and a tackle for a loss.

2015 SEASON

Appeared in six games as a reserve defensive tackle...tallied 4 tackles (1 solo).

2014 SEASON

Part of Alabama's rotation along the defensive line, playing in six games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Har-Ber (Springdale, Ark.) High School...selected to participate in the U.S. Army All-American Brown...an Arkansas All-State selection as a junior, making 65 tackles with seven stops for loss and 3.5 sacks.

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Joshua Frazier
Defensive Lineman
Alabama
7th Round – 246 Overall

How much were the Steelers in contact with you prior to you being selected?

I had [been in contact] a pretty good amount. They came to my Pro Day. Obviously, I had that coaching connection with Coach [Karl] Dunbar. He helped coach me. I'm just super blessed to be here. I'm in shock right now. I'm at a loss for words.

What's your relationship with Coach Dunbar?

He's a really good guy. He coached me up so well. He taught me about the pass rush game and really just how to be a better pass rusher. Then I also obviously had Coach Bo [Davis] who's with the Detroit Lions. He was trying to get me too, and I'm just super blessed that it worked out and one of my former coaches got me.

Did you dine with the Steelers before your Pro Day?

Yes sir. Me and a couple other of my teammates went out and we just got to talking with all the coaches. Me and my teammates, basically the whole defense, we all just went out and dined with the Steelers. It was just talking football and they were congratulating us on the National Championship Game and the season we played.

Re: Looking back on his college career and not being a starter.

I have no regrets. Things turned out the way they did. [Da'Ron] Payne is Payne in his own right, but I feel like I have some of the same traits that he brings to the table. Once I got out there I took advantage of my opportunities and it helped me get to this point right now, and I'm just ready for this new chapter in my life.

I'm guessing that you didn't let it get to you, kept working and that's why your coach wanted to bring you to the next level?

Yes sir. Again, he taught me so much and that's why he trusted me in games. When I went out there to do my thing, he trusted me to do my job and that's what I did.

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Defensive Line Coach Karl Dunbar Re: Joshua Frazier

Opening statement.

Carl Dunbar here. We just took Josh Frazier in the seventh round – a big bodied, 6'3", 320-pound guy. I think he's strong at the point. He can push the pocket, and the good thing about it, I coached him the last two years.

What did he do well for you last year that made you guys take him?

We won the national championship. So, it wasn't bad. It wasn't bad at all.

What were his attributes that you liked about him?

Like I said, I think he's a big, strong kid. He can demand two blockers. He had a sack for us in the first playoff game against Clemson. He had a sack last year against Washington. So he's a big, athletic kid who you can't find a lot of and when you do, you've got to take advantage of it.

He's an under the radar guy who didn't start many games for you at Alabama.

No, he didn't start many games because you know, Jonathan Allen, Da'Ron Payne, [Jarran] Reed, [Cam] Robinson, Da'Shawn Hand, Isaiah Buggs. They've got a couple more kids who are still at Alabama. So, I think it worked out and hopefully his best football is in front of him.

You're a big key to this draft pick. You knew what makes this guy tick.

Yeah, I just think the key to the draft was [Kevin] Colbert and [Mike] Tomlin. They do everything. We just give them our little input on the players that we have to look at. I think they did a great job, and he was still on the table so we got him.

How different was your evaluation process for Frazier considering you coached him for two years?

I tried to watch the film and the good thing about it, I had already seen the film for the last two years, so I got to know the kid intimately, know what he can do and know what I think he is capable of doing.

Like a lot of the Alabama kids, he was highly touted coming out high school, right?

Yeah, I think he was a five-star kid out of Arkansas, and he played a lot his freshman year until he got hurt his second year and that's when Da'Ron Payne came in and took over that job. It's the luck of the draw sometimes when you go to a team that has a lot of talent. It's almost like, some people say, that Wally Pipp story – he took a day off and never got his job back. Hopefully this kid can do some things that we think he can and it will be fun coaching him again.

What does Frazier need to work on?

I just think most kids, I would say, just being a pro. Coming to work every day, he doesn't have to worry about school anymore and getting along with the kids – the men—in the locker room. I think those kinds of things because, I think, anything else I say about the kid, you're basically talking

about me because I coached him for the last two years. I just think the things that we're going to teach him and going to emphasize to him is going to help him be a better football player.

What does it mean to you to get your hands on a draft pick in your first year with the Steelers?

It's awesome. Just to have kids, I mean, you've got six, seven kids here that are doing their thing, but now you have a kid that you're bringing in as a rookie that you'll be able to mold in the Pittsburgh Steelers system. So I think that's the great thing about it.

You're going to call Cameron Heyward a kid to his face?

Yes, because I'm 50 years old.

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Kevin Colbert Opening Statement:

Good evening everybody, thanks for sticking around. I know our assistant coaches or coordinators came in and spoke about everyone besides Terrell [Edmunds] who we addressed on the first night of the draft but just to add a few comments and we'll open it up to some questions. James Washington, our second round pick, excited to get James, very mature, senior wide receiver. He dedicated himself to going back to school, finishing his degree and putting up another big season. We like James a lot. He's not the biggest, he's probably not the fastest, but he's as good as deep receiver as played college football this year. I believe it was 38 career touchdowns. We think James can play outside and we also think he can play inside. He may have the chance to even work as a return guy, which he did some at the senior bowl. Of course, he didn't do it at Oklahoma State because they had some others to handle those duties. We took Mason Rudolph in the third round. The other day, when we talked in our pre-draft press conference, we talked about adding another quarterback into the mix at some point. It got to a point where it got pretty easy decision for us to add such a quality quarterback to our team. You know, this draft had a really good, unique quarterback class that we haven't had that much depth at the top of this position, or at the top of the draft at that position, in a long time. Mason was certainly a part of that group in our opinion. When he was available to us at that point in the third round, it was a very easy decision to choose him. 'Chuks' from Western Michigan, Chukwuma Okorafor, I believe is how we pronounce it for sure. Chuks is a very, very talented tackle. Coach [Mike Tomlin] and I were just talking before; we've been seeing a lot of these kids really for the last two years. Chuks was a kid last year when we went into Western Michigan to look at Corey Davis and Moat and their right tackle, Chuks kind of stood out on film. We followed up and continued to scout him throughout this season. He's got a very good upside, probably the most unique upside of this whole group. He's got left tackle abilities. I think we get him with a guy like Coach [Mike] Munchak, you think where Alejandro [Villanueva] was when he came in, free agent, practice squad, tackle that turned into a Pro Bowler. You have Chris Hubbard who came in as a free agent, worked with Coach Munchak and left this season as a priority free agent for another squad. Real excited to see how much Chuks can approve under Coach Munchak's tutelage. Marcus Allen, Marcus Allen was kind of like Mason. We had taken Terrell, obviously in the first round. We liked Marcus Allen a lot. The safety group was a nice group. When Marcus was still available in the fifth round, we felt that we really liked his physicality. Marcus is a guy that knocks people backwards when he hits them and he does it very often. So to add a kid like him in the fifth round, even though we had taken one in the first, it was a pretty easy pick because he was rated guy that we had left in that point. Jaylen Samuels has a little bit of a do everything kind of running back. I believe he caught 76 balls this year. He was more productive as a receiver than he was a runner because that had another little runner, I shouldn't say little, and they had another runner, Heinz that was drafted previously to Jaylen. They both played really multiple roles within their scheme. Jaylen lined up as a fullback, a running back, an h-back, a slot, and a tight end. At the senior bowl, he really got to concentrate on working as a runner. He did a nice job in the senior bowl practices and in the game so; his versatility was very attractive at that point. Then Joshua Frazier, you know Joshua played in a rotation down at Alabama. Alabama defensive line, you know, Da'Shawn Hand got drafted and then Da'Ron Payne got drafted as well. They have some underclassmen that are very good players. Joshua played in a rotation and did a nice job when he played. Of course he worked with Coach Dunbar down there, so we have an extra

familiarity. But as a defensive lineman, he can come in and compete and push the people we have. So, at this point we are at 77. I think we started the process at 70 players, we added seven draft picks. Of course we are in the process of signing our college free agents that will come up 13 or 16 or so if we end up liking some of these available college free agents more than some of the kids that are already on the squad. We may exchange some folks. So, that's where we are. Excited, I think we added some good depth, some good competition. If you look at it, some people may question the mediacy of these kids being able to help us but as I said our job is to win a championship in 2018. The other part of our job is to make sure this organization can compete year in and year out. Hopefully these young men will help us do that.

Do you recall drafting someone like a quarterback and receiver duo from the same school? And how much does it help them?

KC: Without really of doing a bunch of research, I really can't in my own experience. I'd have to look through it. I think they mentioned there was eight combinations that have been drafted previously but really one had nothing to do with the other. Other than us being at their Pro Day, and they had a heck of a pro day, and of course when you saw one play, you saw the other play. So, the familiarity was there when you saw Oklahoma State play but really James [Washington], and Mason [Rudolph] drafting, had they appeared when they did their availability for us so it's good that they can come in together. It always helps to have a familiar face. Especially a successful a pair of those two have been but right now they are Steelers and they are brand new Steelers and they are going to have to re-prove themselves individually. Who knows how many times they'll actually work together so it's a new beginning for the both of them but I'm sure the familiarity won't hurt.

Did you have a grade on Mason [Rudolph]?

KC: I'll say this: he was with the group of the top quarterbacks. That was a really good position. Again, that's very unique to the draft that usually doesn't come through a nice group like that and to be able to get one of those guys in our situation. As we mentioned before and it's nothing against Landry [Jones] or Josh Dobbs, it's just this kid was available at a very easy selection point and that's a critical position. Where he fits, how quick he fits, coach can address that. We just know it's nice to have good options at the critical position.

Re: The inside linebacker position:

KC: We go into wanting to add to every position that we can. In the offseason when we signed Jon Bostic, Jon started 14 games and was highly productive last season. We're excited about him being with us. Tyler Matakevich, he got hurt in the same quarter that Ryan [Shazier] did. Had he not got injured we may have had a whole different discussion going on because Tyler is a very highly productive special teams guy that really hasn't gotten to play [defensively]. So, between Jon and Tyler we don't know what we have at those two quite honestly because Jon is new to us and Tyler will be in the rotation and competition as well. If there are positions that are available to us when we are picking, and they fit and they are at the right spot, great. If they are not, we're not going to reach. Coach was awesome throughout this process and saying no let's respect the board and let's see who's the best players available and then we'll adjust from there.

You added three safeties. Can they help pick-up that inside linebacker slack?

MT: I think they can help our football team in a number of ways and it's probably something indicative of the safety position in today's NFL. Not only are they capable safeties but in sub-package defense when you start putting DB's down in the box. Several of these guys have had that in their past and we are excited about looking at that as a potential component of our play. Also, special teams is a significant element of special teams play in the National Football League so to be able to add some guys that, not only play the safety, but are physical tacklers that can help us as potential second level defenders in sub-package defenses or in terms of covering kicks. It has been a good weekend for us from that perspective.

Re: Inside backer versus what's a safety. Is that out the window?

MT: It's just whether you are talking about base or sub. There is a significant difference between a base linebacker, and a base safety, but when you start getting into sub-packing and situational football, those lines bleed together in terms of the positions that those guys play. It's not only something that's revealed through our play but it's revealed through everyone's play. I just mentioned the other day when we were talking about [Terrell] Edmunds. When you watch Virginia Tech tape within Bud Foster's scheme you saw them do a lot of things. You saw him play free, you

saw him play strong, you saw him play sub-package linebacker and I just really think that is an indication of where football is the

Re: Comparing Terrell Edmunds and Marcus Allen.

MT: Both very physical tacklers at the safety position that has to be something that you covet. Both psychical tacklers. There was some more versatility on Edmunds tape, but really it was a function of what he was asked to do within their scheme. I'm excited about both men. Like both men, obviously, like Edmunds at a different level, but to what Kevin [Colbert] said, to have Allen available at the time, which he was available, it was an easy decision for us just because we respect the player that he is – position discussions aside.

Re: Did you consider Mason Rudolph at the second-round pick?

KC: It looked like he was going to be available at that point, of course he was, but then we had James [Washington] available to us as well. So, to be able to get the receiver, we took the precedent of taking the receiver, because the receiver can help now. Then when it gets past that point of helping now, and then looking again, down the road, it was too easy. It was an easy decision to take Mason Rudolph where we did, but at that point, yes, we did consider it. But the receiver was, you know, he was more the present whereas, Mason was more for the future.

Re: Which selection had the highest value for the seven picks, biggest disparity?

KC: I couldn't recall that. Because when you're doing that, of course you're referencing the whole board. Chukwuma was visibly a highly regarded player at a position where we wanted to add competition. What I am saying, he was above some other folks. There might have been somebody equal too or close but those positions, we weren't really considering at that point. So, it wasn't like he was three rounds above someone. That may be a difference of when you get into the points, a one-hundredth of a point, or five-hundredths of a point or maybe a half of a round. It was just like, wait a minute, this kid is potentially a left tackle, right tackle combination and he's really new to football. So it was like he was an easy, easy decision when he was. None of these kids were a hard discussion. Where they were available to us, sometimes we were considering them early, sometimes we were like maybe we should take this kid because maybe he might not make it, or maybe he won't sign as a free agent. So, when we take them, they are clearly better than the competition at other positions. The disparity in the grades varies at each pick.

How do you see Jaylen Samuels fitting in to your offense and what did he do at NC State?

MT: You know I think that's to be determined, and I don't say that in a negative sense. Boy, he was a versatile guy for them. Kevin [Colbert] spoke to some of 70 plus receptions this year, over 200 catches on his career. I think it's worth noting also, that he had 12 touchdowns rushing this year. Some of it as a Wildcat runner or so forth. So, we are excited about him and his skill set and maybe the matchup issues that he could create. He'll be given the opportunity to be a running back, but obviously, as a running back who excels and has excelled in the passing game. Whether it's out of the backfield, aligned or out of the backfield in terms of when the ball is snapped. We are excited about him displaying those skills and others. I'm also interested to see what type of versatility he can display in the [special] teams game. I'd imagine that a guy who has done as much for his college football team as he did, is capable of showing a wide variety of skills as well.

Re: Ben Roethlisberger's year-to-year status.

MT: He's on our team in 2018 and we're excited about it. I don't over analyze it.

What options does James Washington give your offense?

MT: He's a very, very accomplished receiver. I have a very similar feel about him as I did about JuJu [Smith-Schuster] a year ago. His resume speaks for itself. He's got a well-rounded game; he's not a specialist in that he only excels in one aspect of receiver play. He's good short. He's good long. He's a good combat catch guy. He's a hand catcher. He's got physicality to his game whether he has the ball or not. There's a lot of things that are attractive about him. A guy with that type of skill set can help us in a variety of ways, whether we are throwing him the ball or not, and I felt similarity about JuJu a year ago.

Re: Not adding linebackers and outside rushers in the draft and potentially adding them through free agency.

KC: Again, we'd love to be able to draft 20 guys, but we can't, we get seven. And when we look at the outside linebacker, Keion Adams was a kid we took last year in the seventh round. He had a real early start in the training camp and we were real excited about where he was going to be able to go, but unfortunately, he had a shoulder injury that required surgery and he didn't get to play. But you always had him in the bank. And we know, he's really another seventh-round pick in our eyes for this season. So we'll see where he goes. Of course, we've got the two starters. Anthony Chickillo we think took a step last year and then we'll see where Keion goes. And we're going to add some free agent type people into it and see where it goes, but really, we consider Keion like a seventh round pick this year.

Was it a coincidence where you're addressing 2019/20 instead of 2018 or is that just how it goes some years?

KC: I think we go into this and we talked and some positions you're helping right now. We think James Washington, and I'm not making a decision for the coach, but he's probably going to help more immediately than, obviously, Mason Rudolph will. So yes, he'll help more in '18, but you have to protect the future as well because not all these guys will play, especially because we've got a pretty good team. So to add some young folks into it, this roster will change. On average, NFL teams will change 16 to 20 players per year, so we don't know who will be available, who will be healthy, who will retire as we go down the line. So we just got to keep adding guys to create competition and some day they may be starters, some of them more quickly than others, but you're always balancing that out. Every draft is similar that way, especially when you have, I wouldn't say we have an old team, I think we have a team with a lot of players in their prime. And there's some young ones and I think these guys will push them, and that's good. And how quick they contribute, that's up to them. The coaches will give them the opportunities, the players will force their way into the lineups because I'm sure if the coaches think they can help us win, they'll play.

Why not go all in this year?

KC: We go all in every year. But every year we want to win the thing. We want to win it every year. So I'll never support mortgaging the future to sell out and win because one critical injury can change that. And what have you done to your organization? Since I've been a part of this thing we've had one losing season. And, you know, that's one too many. Fortunately, we got a franchise, Hall of Fame quarterback that year. But if that wasn't...you know, of those quarterbacks, there's probably three Hall of Famers that came out of that class. That was a unique class. But if that wasn't the case, who knows what would have happened because, obviously, without Ben [Roethlisberger], we're probably not winning as many Super Bowls as we've been able to. Every year it's a different challenge. This is the challenge, 2018, to win the Super Bowl. But again, we're never going to lose sight of making sure we can compete each and every year.

MT: I think that it's worth noting also, we believe that these guys not only can help us in the future, but these guys are also capable of helping us this year, if they earn it. We don't discount any contributions or make any assumptions regarding division of labor or roles. These guys will be given an opportunity to carve out roles for themselves this year. And if they do and it's significant, great. If they don't, we've got quality people that are working and they're in an environment that's conducive to them growing. We sat in here a year ago last year and speculated that maybe JuJu [Smith-Schuster] was a luxury pick and maybe it wasn't necessarily a driving need there. That guy made a lot of plays for us in 2017. So I just didn't want to miss that statement or miss that point. We like these men. We believe these guys are capable of helping us win in '18 and beyond.

If you didn't trade up from 79 to 76, did you think that Mason wouldn't be available for you?

KC: We didn't want to take that risk. The move was minimal. We had two sevens. To use one of those, we felt it was worth the risk because, again, Mason Rudolph was someone that we valued as much as the rest of those quarterbacks that were drafted. And when he available to us, OK, let's give up that seventh and make sure we get him.

Re: Players on the team approaching the age of 30.

KC: I'm sure there are. Of course, Ben is. Beyond that, the rest of them are in their primes. I mean, I don't know what our average age is. I think we are right in the middle of that group if we study those types of things. Look, the quarterback is and that's fine because it is what it is and what ever time we've got left with Ben, great. We'll try to make the most of it. But as we move forward, I don't think that we have an old team. I think we have a lot of guys that are in their prime. We always talk about progression rather than regression. I'm confident in saying we don't have a lot of players in regression. I think we've got a lot of players in their prime. I know we've got a lot of players that are progressing and I'm excited to see where they can go next year and what this group can do to not only push them, but maybe compete with them and help us win.

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ROUND 1

START OF ROUND: 7:07PM

	1-1.	CLEVELAND	Mayfield, Baker	QB	Oklahoma
#	2-2.	NEW YORK GIANTS	Barkley, Saquon	RB	Penn State
#	3-3.	NEW YORK JETS	Darnold, Sam	QB	Southern California
		from INDIANAPOLIS			
#	4-4.	CLEVELAND	Ward, Denzel	DB	Ohio State
		from HOUSTON			
	5-5.	DENVER	Chubb, Bradley	DE	North Carolina State
	6-6.	INDIANAPOLIS	Nelson, Quenton	G	Notre Dame
		from NEW YORK JETS			
	7-7.	BUFFALO	Allen, Josh	QB	Wyoming
		from TAMPA BAY			
#	8-8.	CHICAGO	Smith, Roquan	LB	Georgia
	9-9.	SAN FRANCISCO	McGlinchey, Mike	T	Notre Dame
#	10-10.	ARIZONA	Rosen, Josh	QB	UCLA
		from OAKLAND			
#	11-11.	MIAMI	Fitzpatrick, Minkah	DB	Alabama
#	12-12.	TAMPA BAY	Vea, Vita	DT	Washington
		from CINCINNATI through BUFFALO			
#	13-13.	WASHINGTON	Payne, Da'Ron	NT	Alabama
	14-14.	NEW ORLEANS	Davenport, Marcus	DE	Texas-San Antonio
		from GREEN BAY			
#	15-15.	OAKLAND	Miller, Kolton	T	UCLA
		from ARIZONA			
#	16-16.	BUFFALO	Edmunds, Tremaine	LB	Virginia Tech
		from BALTIMORE			
#	17-17.	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	James, Derwin	DB	Florida State
#	18-18.	GREEN BAY	Alexander, Jaire	DB	Louisville
		from SEATTLE			
#	19-19.	DALLAS	Vander Esch, Leighton	LB	Boise State
	20-20.	DETROIT	Ragnow, Frank	C	Arkansas
	21-21.	CINCINNATI	Price, Billy	C	Ohio State
		from BUFFALO			
	22-22.	TENNESSEE	Evans, Rashaan	LB	Alabama
		from KANSAS CITY through BUFFALO and BALTIMORE			

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	23-23.	NEW ENGLAND	Wynn, Isaiah	T	Georgia
		from LOS ANGELES RAMS			
#	24-24.	CAROLINA	Moore, D.J.	WR	Maryland
#	25-25.	BALTIMORE	Hurst, Hayden	TE	South Carolina
		from TENNESSEE			
#	26-26.	ATLANTA	Ridley, Calvin	WR	Alabama
	27-27.	SEATTLE	Penny, Rashaad	RB	San Diego State
		from NEW ORLEANS through GREEN BAY			
	28-28.	PITTSBURGH	Edmunds, Terrell	DB	Virginia Tech
#	29-29.	JACKSONVILLE	Bryan, Taven	DT	Florida
#	30-30.	MINNESOTA	Hughes, Mike	DB	Central Florida
	31-31.	NEW ENGLAND	Michel, Sony	RB	Georgia
#	32-32.	BALTIMORE	Jackson, Lamar	QB	Louisville
		from PHILADELPHIA			

END OF ROUND: 10:32PM
TIME OF ROUND: 3 HOURS, 25 MINUTES
TOTAL TIME 3 HOURS, 25 MINUTES

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ROUND 2

START OF ROUND: 6:06PM

	1-33.	CLEVELAND	Corbett, Austin	T	Nevada
	2-34.	NEW YORK GIANTS	Hernandez, Will	G	Texas-El Paso
	3-35.	CLEVELAND	Chubb, Nick	RB	Georgia
		from HOUSTON			
	4-36.	INDIANAPOLIS	Leonard, Darius	LB	South Carolina State
	5-37.	INDIANAPOLIS	Smith, Braden	G	Auburn
		from NEW YORK JETS			
#	6-38.	TAMPA BAY	Jones, Ronald	RB	Southern California
#	7-39.	CHICAGO	Daniels, James	C	Iowa
	8-40.	DENVER	Sutton, Courtland	WR	Southern Methodist
	9-41.	TENNESSEE	Landry, Harold	LB	Boston College
		from OAKLAND			
	10-42.	MIAMI	Gesicki, Mike	TE	Penn State
#	11-43.	DETROIT	Johnson, Kerryon	RB	Auburn
		from SAN FRANCISCO through NEW ENGLAND			
	12-44.	SAN FRANCISCO	Pettis, Dante	WR	Washington
		from WASHINGTON			
#	13-45.	GREEN BAY	Jackson, Josh	DB	Iowa
#	14-46.	KANSAS CITY	Speaks, Breeland	LB	Mississippi
		from CINCINNATI			
#	15-47.	ARIZONA	Kirk, Christian	WR	Texas A&M
	16-48.	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	Nwosu, Uchenna	LB	Southern California
	17-49.	PHILADELPHIA	Goedert, Dallas	TE	South Dakota State
		from SEATTLE through NEW YORK JETS and INDIANAPOLIS			
#	18-50.	DALLAS	Williams, Connor	G	Texas
	19-51.	CHICAGO	Miller, Anthony	WR	Memphis
		from DETROIT through NEW ENGLAND			
	20-52.	INDIANAPOLIS	Turay, Kemoko	DE	Rutgers
		from BALTIMORE through PHILADELPHIA			
	21-53.	TAMPA BAY	Stewart, M.J.	DB	North Carolina
		from BUFFALO			
#	22-54.	CINCINNATI	Bates, Jessie	DB	Wake Forest
		from KANSAS CITY			
#	23-55.	CAROLINA	Jackson, Donte	DB	Louisiana State

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	24-56.	NEW ENGLAND	Dawson, Duke	DB	Florida
		from LOS ANGELES RAMS through BUFFALO and TAMPA BAY			
	25-57.	OAKLAND	Hall, P.J.	DT	Sam Houston State
		from TENNESSEE			
#	26-58.	ATLANTA	Oliver, Isaiah	DB	Colorado
#	27-59.	WASHINGTON	Guice, Derrius	RB	Louisiana State
		from NEW ORLEANS through SAN FRANCISCO			
	28-60.	PITTSBURGH	Washington, James	WR	Oklahoma State
	29-61.	JACKSONVILLE	Chark, D.J.	WR	Louisiana State
	30-62.	MINNESOTA	O'Neill, Brian	T	Pittsburgh
#	31-63.	TAMPA BAY	Davis, Carlton	DB	Auburn
		from NEW ENGLAND			
	32-64.	INDIANAPOLIS	Lewis, Tyquan	DE	Ohio State
		from PHILADELPHIA through CLEVELAND			

END OF ROUND:	8:10PM
TIME OF ROUND:	2 HOURS, 4 MINUTES
TOTAL TIME	5 HOURS, 29 MINUTES

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ROUND 3

START OF ROUND: 8:10PM

	1-65.	OAKLAND	Parker, Brandon	T	North Carolina A&T
		from CLEVELAND through BUFFALO and BALTIMORE			
	2-66.	NEW YORK GIANTS	Carter, Lorenzo	LB	Georgia
	3-67.	CLEVELAND	Thomas, Chad	DE	Miami
		from INDIANAPOLIS			
#	4-68.	HOUSTON	Reid, Justin	DB	Stanford
	5-69.	NEW YORK GIANTS	Hill, B.J.	DT	North Carolina State
		from TAMPA BAY			
	6-70.	SAN FRANCISCO	Warner, Fred	LB	Brigham Young
		from CHICAGO			
	7-71.	DENVER	Freeman, Royce	RB	Oregon
	8-72.	NEW YORK JETS	Shepherd, Nathan	DT	Fort Hays State
#	9-73.	MIAMI	Baker, Jerome	LB	Ohio State
#	10-74.	WASHINGTON	Christian, Geron	T	Louisville
		from SAN FRANCISCO			
	11-75.	KANSAS CITY	Nnadi, Derrick	NT	Florida State
		from OAKLAND through BALTIMORE			
	12-76.	PITTSBURGH	Rudolph, Mason	QB	Oklahoma State
		from GREEN BAY through SEATTLE			
	13-77.	CINCINNATI	Hubbard, Sam	DE	Ohio State
#	14-78.	CINCINNATI	Jefferson, Malik	LB	Texas
		from WASHINGTON through KANSAS CITY			
#	15-79.	SEATTLE	Green, Rasheem	DE	Southern California
		from ARIZONA through OAKLAND and PITTSBURGH			
	16-80.	HOUSTON	Rankin, Martin	T	Mississippi State
		from SEATTLE			
	17-81.	DALLAS	Gallup, Michael	WR	Colorado State
	18-82.	DETROIT	Walker, Tracy	DB	Louisiana-Lafayette
#	19-83.	BALTIMORE	Brown, Orlando	T	Oklahoma
	20-84.	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	Jones, Justin	DT	North Carolina State
#	21-85.	CAROLINA	Gaulden, Rashaan	DB	Tennessee
		from BUFFALO			
#	22-86.	BALTIMORE	Andrews, Mark	TE	Oklahoma
		from KANSAS CITY			

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#	23-87.	OAKLAND	Key, Arden	DE	Louisiana State
		from LOS ANGELES RAMS			
	24-88.	GREEN BAY	Burks, Oren	LB	Vanderbilt
		from CAROLINA			
	25-89.	LOS ANGELES RAMS	Noteboom, Joseph	T	Texas Christian
		from TENNESSEE through OAKLAND			
	26-90.	ATLANTA	Senat, Deadrin	NT	South Florida
	27-91.	NEW ORLEANS	Smith, Tre'Quan	WR	Central Florida
	28-92.	PITTSBURGH	Okorafor, Chukwuma	T	Western Michigan
#	29-93.	JACKSONVILLE	Harrison, Ronnie	DB	Alabama
	30-94.	TAMPA BAY	Cappa, Alex	G	Humboldt State
		from MINNESOTA			
	31-95.	SAN FRANCISCO	Moore, Tarvarius	DB	Southern Mississippi
		from NEW ENGLAND			
	32-96.	BUFFALO	Phillips, Harrison	DT	Stanford
		from PHILADELPHIA			
+	33-97.	ARIZONA	Cole, Mason	C	Michigan
+	34-98.	HOUSTON	Akins, Jordan	TE	Central Florida
+	35-99.	DENVER	Yiadam, Isaac	DB	Boston College
+	36-100.	KANSAS CITY	O'Daniel, Dorian	LB	Clemson
		from CINCINNATI			

END OF ROUND: 9:50PM
TIME OF ROUND: 1 HOUR, 40 MINUTES
TOTAL TIME 7 HOURS, 9 MINUTES

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ROUND 4

START OF ROUND: 11:04AM

	1-101.	CAROLINA	Thomas, Ian	TE	Indiana
		from CLEVELAND through GREEN BAY			
	2-102.	MINNESOTA	Holmes, Jalyn	DE	Ohio State
		from NEW YORK GIANTS through TAMPA BAY			
#	3-103.	HOUSTON	Coutee, Keke	WR	Texas Tech
#	4-104.	INDIANAPOLIS	Hines, Nyheim	RB	North Carolina State
#	5-105.	CLEVELAND	Callaway, Antonio	WR	Florida
		from CHICAGO through NEW ENGLAND			
	6-106.	DENVER	Jewell, Josey	LB	Iowa
	7-107.	NEW YORK JETS	Herndon, Christopher	TE	Miami
	8-108.	NEW YORK GIANTS	Lauletta, Kyle	QB	Richmond
		from TAMPA BAY			
	9-109.	WASHINGTON	Apke, Troy	DB	Penn State
		from SAN FRANCISCO through DENVER			
#	10-110.	OAKLAND	Nelson, Nick	DB	Wisconsin
	11-111.	LOS ANGELES RAMS	Allen, Brian	C	Michigan State
		from MIAMI			
#	12-112.	CINCINNATI	Walton, Mark	RB	Miami
	13-113.	DENVER	Hamilton, DaeSean	WR	Penn State
		from WASHINGTON			
	14-114.	DETROIT	Hand, Da'Shawn	DE	Alabama
		from GREEN BAY through CLEVELAND and NEW ENGLAND			
#	15-115.	CHICAGO	Iyiegbuniwe, Joel	LB	Western Kentucky
		from ARIZONA			
#	16-116.	DALLAS	Armstrong, Dorance	DE	Kansas
#	17-117.	TAMPA BAY	Whitehead, Jordan	DB	Pittsburgh
		from DETROIT through NEW ENGLAND			
	18-118.	BALTIMORE	Averett, Anthony	DB	Alabama
	19-119.	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	White, Kyzir	LB	West Virginia
	20-120.	SEATTLE	Dissly, Will	TE	Washington
	21-121.	BUFFALO	Johnson, Taron	DB	Weber State
	22-122.	BALTIMORE	Young, Kenny	LB	UCLA
		from KANSAS CITY			

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	23-123. MIAMI	Smythe, Durham	TE	Notre Dame
	from CAROLINA through CLEVELAND			
	24-124. KANSAS CITY	Watts, Armani	DB	Texas A&M
	from LOS ANGELES RAMS			
	25-125. PHILADELPHIA	Maddox, Avonte	DB	Pittsburgh
	from TENNESSEE through BALTIMORE			
	26-126. ATLANTA	Smith, Ito	RB	Southern Mississippi
	27-127. NEW ORLEANS	Leonard, Rick	T	Florida State
	28-128. SAN FRANCISCO	Street, Kentavious	DE	North Carolina State
	from PITTSBURGH			
#	29-129. JACKSONVILLE	Richardson, Will	T	North Carolina State
#	30-130. PHILADELPHIA	Sweat, Josh	DE	Florida State
	from MINNESOTA			
	31-131. MIAMI	Ballage, Kalen	RB	Arizona State
	from NEW ENGLAND through PHILADELPHIA			
	32-132. BALTIMORE	Scott, Jaleel	WR	New Mexico State
	from PHILADELPHIA			
+	33-133. GREEN BAY	Moore, J'Mon	WR	Missouri
+	34-134. ARIZONA	Edmonds, Chase	RB	Fordham
+	35-135. LOS ANGELES RAMS	Franklin, John	DE	Stephen F. Austin
	from NEW YORK GIANTS			
+	36-136. CAROLINA	Haynes, Marquis	LB	Mississippi
	from NEW ENGLAND through LOS ANGELES RAMS			
+	# 37-137. DALLAS	Schultz, Dalton	TE	Stanford

END OF ROUND: 12:48PM
TIME OF ROUND: 1 HOUR, 44 MINUTES
TOTAL TIME 8 HOURS, 53 MINUTES

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ROUND 5

START OF ROUND: 12:48PM

	1-138.	GREEN BAY	Madison, Cole	G	Washington State
		from CLEVELAND			
#	2-139.	NEW YORK GIANTS	McIntosh, R.J.	DT	Miami
	3-140.	OAKLAND	Hurst, Maurice	DT	Michigan
		from INDIANAPOLIS			
	4-141.	SEATTLE	Griffin, Shaquem	LB	Central Florida
		from HOUSTON			
#	5-142.	SAN FRANCISCO	Reed, D.J.	DB	Kansas State
		from DENVER through WASHINGTON			
	6-143.	NEW ENGLAND	Bentley, Ja'Whaun	LB	Purdue
		from NEW YORK JETS through SAN FRANCISCO			
	7-144.	TAMPA BAY	Watson, Justin	WR	Pennsylvania
	8-145.	CHICAGO	Nichols, Bilal	DE	Delaware
	9-146.	SEATTLE	Flowers, Tre	DB	Oklahoma State
		from OAKLAND			
	10-147.	LOS ANGELES RAMS	Kiser, Micah	LB	Virginia
		from MIAMI through NEW ORLEANS, GREEN BAY and CAROLINA			
	11-148.	PITTSBURGH	Allen, Marcus	DB	Penn State
		from SAN FRANCISCO			
#	12-149.	SEATTLE	Dickson, Michael	P	Texas
		from WASHINGTON through DENVER			
	13-150.	CLEVELAND	Avery, Genard	LB	Memphis
		from GREEN BAY			
	14-151.	CINCINNATI	Harris, Davontae	DB	Illinois State
	15-152.	TENNESSEE	Cruikshank, Dane	DB	Arizona
		from ARIZONA through OAKLAND and BALTIMORE			
	16-153.	DETROIT	Crosby, Tyrell	T	Oregon
	17-154.	BUFFALO	Neal, Siran	DB	Jacksonville State
		from BALTIMORE			
	18-155.	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	Quessenberry, Scott	C	UCLA
	19-156.	DENVER	Fumagalli, Troy	TE	Wisconsin
		from SEATTLE through PHILADELPHIA and SEATTLE			
	20-157.	MINNESOTA	Conklin, Tyler	TE	Central Michigan
		from DALLAS through NEW YORK JETS			

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	21-158. CINCINNATI	Brown, Andrew	DT	Virginia
	from BUFFALO			
	22-159. INDIANAPOLIS	Fountain, Daurice	WR	Northern Iowa
	from KANSAS CITY through CLEVELAND, NEW ENGLAND and OAKLAND			
	23-160. LOS ANGELES RAMS	Okoronkwo, Ogbonnia	LB	Oklahoma
	reacquired through DENVER			
	24-161. CAROLINA	Carter, Jermaine	LB	Maryland
#	25-162. BALTIMORE	Lasley, Jordan	WR	UCLA
	from TENNESSEE			
#	26-163. WASHINGTON	Settle, Tim	NT	Virginia Tech
	from ATLANTA through DENVER			
	27-164. NEW ORLEANS	Jamerson, Natrell	DB	Wisconsin
	28-165. PITTSBURGH	Samuels, Jaylen	RB	North Carolina State
	29-166. BUFFALO	Teller, Wyatt	G	Virginia Tech
	from JACKSONVILLE			
	30-167. MINNESOTA	Carlson, Daniel	K	Auburn
	reacquired through NEW YORK JETS			
	31-168. SEATTLE	Jones, Jamarco	T	Ohio State
	from NEW ENGLAND			
	32-169. INDIANAPOLIS	Wilkins, Jordan	RB	Mississippi
	from PHILADELPHIA			
+	33-170. CINCINNATI	Phillips, Darius	DB	Western Michigan
+	34-171. DALLAS	White, Mike	QB	Western Kentucky
+	35-172. GREEN BAY	Scott, J.K.	P	Alabama
+	36-173. OAKLAND	Townsend, Johnny	P	Florida
	from DALLAS			
+	37-174. GREEN BAY	Valdes-Scantling, Marquez	WR	South Florida

END OF ROUND:

2:27PM

TIME OF ROUND:

1 HOUR, 39 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME

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ROUND 6

START OF ROUND: 2:27PM

	1-175.	CLEVELAND	Ratley, Damion	WR	Texas A&M
#	2-176.	LOS ANGELES RAMS	Kelly, John	RB	Tennessee
		from NEW YORK GIANTS			
	3-177.	HOUSTON	Ejiofor, Duke	LB	Wake Forest
	4-178.	NEW ENGLAND	Sam, Christian	LB	Arizona State
		from INDIANAPOLIS through CLEVELAND			
	5-179.	NEW YORK JETS	Nickerson, Parry	DB	Tulane
	6-180.	NEW YORK JETS	Fatukasi, Folorunso	DT	Connecticut
		from TAMPA BAY through MINNESOTA			
	7-181.	CHICAGO	Fitts, Kylie	LB	Utah
	8-182.	ARIZONA	Campbell, Christian	DB	Penn State
		from DENVER			
	9-183.	DENVER	Jones, Sam	G	Arizona State
		from MIAMI through LOS ANGELES RAMS			
	10-184.	SAN FRANCISCO	Harris, Marcell	DB	Florida
#	11-185.	INDIANAPOLIS	Cain, Deon	WR	Clemson
		from OAKLAND			
	12-186.	SEATTLE	Martin, Jacob	DE	Temple
		from GREEN BAY			
#	13-187.	BUFFALO	McCloud, Ray-Ray	WR	Clemson
		from CINCINNATI			
	14-188.	CLEVELAND	Thomas, Simeon	DB	Louisiana-Lafayette
		from WASHINGTON			
	15-189.	NEW ORLEANS	Moore, Kamrin	DB	Boston College
		from ARIZONA			
#	16-190.	BALTIMORE	Elliott, DeShon	DB	Texas
	17-191.	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	Cantrell, Dylan	WR	Texas Tech
	18-192.	LOS ANGELES RAMS	Demby, Jamil	G	Maine
		from SEATTLE through OAKLAND and DALLAS			
	19-193.	DALLAS	Covington, Chris	LB	Indiana
	20-194.	ATLANTA	Gage, Russell	WR	Louisiana State
		from DETROIT through LOS ANGELES RAMS			
	21-195.	LOS ANGELES RAMS	Joseph, Sebastian	NT	Rutgers
		from BUFFALO			

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	22-196.	KANSAS CITY	Smith, Tremon	DB	Central Arkansas
	23-197.	WASHINGTON	Hamilton, Shaun Dion	LB	Alabama
		from CAROLINA through LOS ANGELES RAMS			
#	24-198.	KANSAS CITY	McKenzie, Reginald	G	Tennessee
		from LOS ANGELES RAMS through NEW ENGLAND			
	25-199.	TENNESSEE	Falk, Luke	QB	Washington State
	26-200.	ATLANTA	Oluokun, Foyesade	LB	Yale
	27-201.	NEW ORLEANS	Scott, Boston	RB	Louisiana Tech
	28-202.	TAMPA BAY	Cichy, Jack	LB	Wisconsin
		from PITTSBURGH through CLEVELAND and PITTSBURGH			
	29-203.	JACKSONVILLE	Lee, Tanner	QB	Nebraska
	30-204.	NEW YORK JETS	Cannon, Trenton	RB	Virginia State
		from MINNESOTA			
	31-205.	LOS ANGELES RAMS	Young, Trevon	LB	Louisville
		from NEW ENGLAND through CLEVELAND and WASHINGTON			
	32-206.	PHILADELPHIA	Pryor, Matt	T	Texas Christian
+	#	33-207.	GREEN BAY	WR	Notre Dame
+		34-208.	DALLAS	WR	Boise State
+		35-209.	MIAMI	DB	Southern Mississippi
		from KANSAS CITY through LOS ANGELES RAMS			
+	36-210.	NEW ENGLAND	Berrios, Braxton	WR	Miami
		from OAKLAND			
+	37-211.	HOUSTON	Thomas, Jordan	TE	Mississippi State
+	38-212.	BALTIMORE	Senat, Greg	T	Wagner
		from OAKLAND			
+	39-213.	MINNESOTA	Gossett, Colby	G	Appalachian State
+	40-214.	HOUSTON	Kalambayi, Peter	LB	Stanford
+	41-215.	BALTIMORE	Bozeman, Bradley	C	Alabama
		reacquired through TENNESSEE			
+	42-216.	OAKLAND	Victor, Azeem	LB	Washington
+	43-217.	DENVER	Bierria, Keishawn	LB	Washington
		from OAKLAND through LOS ANGELES RAMS			
+	44-218.	MINNESOTA	Aruna, Ade	DE	Tulane

END OF ROUND: 4:23PM
TIME OF ROUND: 1 HOUR, 56 MINUTES
TOTAL TIME 12 HOURS, 28 MINUTES

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START OF ROUND: 4:23PM

	1-219.	NEW ENGLAND	Etling, Danny	QB	Louisiana State
		from CLEVELAND			
	2-220.	SEATTLE	McGough, Alex	QB	Florida International
		from NEW YORK GIANTS through PITTSBURGH			
	3-221.	INDIANAPOLIS	Adams, Matthew	LB	Houston
	4-222.	HOUSTON	Kelly, Jermaine	DB	San Jose State
	5-223.	SAN FRANCISCO	Taylor, Jullian	DT	Temple
		from TAMPA BAY through MIAMI			
	6-224.	CHICAGO	Wims, Javon	WR	Georgia
	7-225.	MINNESOTA	Downs, Devante	LB	California
		from DENVER through MINNESOTA and NEW YORK JETS			
	8-226.	DENVER	Williams, David	RB	Arkansas
		from NEW YORK JETS through SEATTLE			
	9-227.	MIAMI	Poling, Quentin	LB	Ohio
		from SAN FRANCISCO			
	10-228.	OAKLAND	Ateman, Marcell	WR	Oklahoma State
	11-229.	MIAMI	Sanders, Jason	K	New Mexico
	12-230.	JACKSONVILLE	Jacobs, Leon	LB	Wisconsin
		from CINCINNATI			
	13-231.	LOS ANGELES RAMS	Howard, Travin	LB	Texas Christian
		from WASHINGTON			
	14-232.	GREEN BAY	Looney, James	DT	California
	15-233.	PHILADELPHIA	Mailata, Jordan	T	No College
		from ARIZONA through KANSAS CITY and NEW ENGLAND			
#	16-234.	CAROLINA	Smith, Andre	LB	North Carolina
		from LOS ANGELES CHARGERS through BUFFALO			
	17-235.	INDIANAPOLIS	Franklin, Zaire	LB	Syracuse
		from SEATTLE through NEW YORK JETS			
#	18-236.	DALLAS	Scarborough, Bo	RB	Alabama
	19-237.	DETROIT	Bawden, Nick	RB	San Diego State
	20-238.	BALTIMORE	Sieler, Zach	DE	Ferris State
	21-239.	GREEN BAY	Bradley, Hunter	LS	Mississippi State
		from BUFFALO			

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#	22-240. SAN FRANCISCO	James, Richie	WR	Middle Tennessee
	from KANSAS CITY			
	23-241. WASHINGTON	Stroman, Greg	DB	Virginia Tech
	from LOS ANGELES RAMS			
#	24-242. CAROLINA	Norton, Kendrick	DT	Miami
	25-243. NEW ENGLAND	Crossen, Keion	DB	Western Carolina
	from TENNESSEE through KANSAS CITY			
	26-244. LOS ANGELES RAMS	Lawler, Justin	DE	Southern Methodist
	from ATLANTA			
	27-245. NEW ORLEANS	Clapp, Will	C	Louisiana State
	28-246. PITTSBURGH	Frazier, Joshua	DT	Alabama
	29-247. JACKSONVILLE	Cooke, Logan	P	Mississippi State
	30-248. GREEN BAY	Donnerson, Kendall	LB	Southeast Missouri
	from MINNESOTA through SEATTLE			
	31-249. CINCINNATI	Woodside, Logan	QB	Toledo
	from NEW ENGLAND			
#	32-250. NEW ENGLAND	Izzo, Ryan	TE	Florida State
	from PHILADELPHIA through SEATTLE, NEW ENGLAND, SEATTLE and PHILADELPHIA			
+	33-251. LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	Jackson, Justin	RB	Northwestern
+	34-252. CINCINNATI	Taylor, Rod	G	Mississippi
+	# 35-253. CINCINNATI	Tate, Auden	WR	Florida State
+	36-254. ARIZONA	Cunningham, Korey	T	Cincinnati
+	37-255. BUFFALO	Proehl, Austin	WR	North Carolina
	from TAMPA BAY			
+	# 38-256. WASHINGTON	Quinn, Trey	WR	Southern Methodist
	from ATLANTA through LOS ANGELES RAMS			

END OF ROUND: 5:43PM
TIME OF ROUND: 1 HOUR, 20 MINUTES
TOTAL TIME 13 HOURS, 48 MINUTES

+ Compensatory Pick
Underclassman