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# 2024 DRAFT PREVIEW



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# WELCOME TO THE 2024 NFL DRAFT

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## The Draft Is Where You Build Your Team

Each year the NFL Draft exists as a lottery ticket. It's a get out of jail free card. Haven't had a winning season in six years? The NFL Draft can help you. Been in salary cap hell for two seasons? The NFL Draft is here to fix your problems. Haven't had a franchise quarterback since the late 90's? The NFL Draft is ready to fix all of your problems and give each and every fan the possibility of NFL rebirth each spring.



The Falcons have decided that now is the time to take advantage of the offensive picks that they have selected over the past three drafts. Signing quarterback Kirk Cousins this offseason, the Falcons are determined to maximize all three of their former top 10 picks in tight end Kyle Pitts, receiver Drake London and running back Bijan Robinson. The Falcons once again hold the eighth overall pick in this 2024 draft, and will have to consider if taking another top offensive option fits their future plans.

The Detroit Lions re-made their franchise in 2023 and secured a trip to the NFC Championship Game in large part because of their work in the draft. No team got more out of their top four picks than the Lions, who selected running back Jahmyr Gibbs, linebacker Jack Campbell, tight end Sam LaPorta and safety Brian Branch. All were huge contributors to their 2023 success.

## Building The Draft Board 2024

The top of the 2024 draft board is loaded at three key positions. Quarterback, receiver and offensive line. The quarterbacks will grab most of the headlines as five, and as many as six will be taken in the first round. The top of this draft also features various playmaking wide receivers who project as #1 options. The strongest position by far for defense in this draft comes in the secondary.

## What to Watch in This Draft:

- Southern Cal quarterback Caleb Williams will go #1 overall on the strength of his play making ability and his 2022 tape which demonstrated he was the best player in the country when he played with a solid offensive line. Where the next several quarterbacks go and in what order will be fascinating. The wildcard in this quarterback is Michigan's JJ McCarthy, who may find his way into the top 10 picks.
- If you're looking for big men that can move people this is the draft for you. I currently have 11 offensive linemen on my Top 50 Draft Board. The prototype left tackles are out there but some will need additional training time to become NFL ready. As for day one interior lineman starters, those guys will be all over the top 50 picks.



Happy NFL Draft season y'all! -los

# TOP 50 DRAFT BOARD

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11. Jared Verse – Edge – Florida State
12. Dallas Turner – Edge – Alabama
13. Olu Fashanu – LT – Penn State
14. Brian Thomas Jr. – WR – LSU
15. JC Latham – RT – Alabama
16. Taliese Fuaga – RT – Oregon State
17. Laiatu Latu – Edge – UCLA
18. Troy Fautanu – G/T – Washington
19. Byron Murphy II – DT – Texas
20. Chop Robinson – Edge – Penn State
21. Graham Barton – C – Duke
22. Amarius Mims – RT – Georgia
23. Nate Wiggins – CB – Clemson
24. Tyler Guyton – LT – Oklahoma
25. Kool-Aid McKinstry – CB – Alabama
26. Jer’Zhan Newton – DT – Illinois
27. JJ McCarthy – QB – Michigan
28. Ladd McConkey – WR – Georgia
29. Adonai Mitchell – WR – Texas
30. Michael Penix Jr. – QB – Washington
31. Edgerrin Cooper – LB – Texas A&M
32. Darius Robinson – Edge – Missouri
33. Jordan Morgan – LT – Arizona
34. Jackson Powers-Johnson – C – Oregon
35. Xavier Worthy – WR – Texas
36. T’Vondre Sweat – DT – Texas
37. Junior Colson – LB – Michigan
38. Bo Nix – QB – Oregon
39. Ennis Rakestraw Jr. – CB – Missouri
40. Renardo Green – CB – Florida State
41. Roman Wilson – WR – Michigan
42. Tyler Nubin – FS – Minnesota
43. Cooper Beebe – G – Kansas State
44. Malachi Corley – WR – Western Kentucky
45. Troy Franklin – WR – Oregon
46. Marshawn Kneeland – Edge – W. Michigan
47. Cooper DeJean – CB/S – Iowa
48. Braden Fiske – DT – Florida State
49. Ricky Pearsall – WR – Florida
50. Payton Wilson – LB – NC State



# QUARTERBACKS NFL DRAFT 2024

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## Caleb Williams - QB - Southern Cal 6'1 214 - (1st overall ranking)

**Pros:** Forces the defense to defend the entire field with his arm and his legs. Delivers the ball from various platforms depending on what the play requires. Accurate between the hashes and outside of the numbers. Solid arm strength. Escapes pressure with nimble footwork in the pocket. Extremely instinctual and creative when the play breaks down. Keeps his eyes downfield once he escapes pressure. Delivers the ball so that his receivers can pick up yards after catch. 2022 Heisman Trophy winner, appeared in 37 games during his three-season career at Oklahoma and Southern Cal.



**Cons:** Offense conducted almost exclusively from shotgun. Will not consistently reset his feet when his initial read is not open. Will depend on pure arm strength to reach his second or third option. Accuracy trails off with poor footwork. Doesn't drive the ball downfield on deep throws from the pocket. Prefers to put the ball high in the air and let his receiver beat the defender. Makes his mistakes when pressure is in his face, will not give up on the play and will throw the ball up for grabs. Ball security becomes an issue when he begins to scramble.

## Drake Maye - QB - North Carolina 6'4 223 - (5th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Big athlete who can drive the ball all over the field. Ball arrives with pace. Throws a beautiful deep ball when he's protected and able to step into the pocket. Athletic at his size, can break contain in the pocket and scramble for the first down when the opportunity arises. Does not shy away from tight-window throws. Keeps his eyes downfield when the pocket collapses and will look to buy time to hit the big play. Appeared in 28 games during his three-season career at North Carolina making 26 starts. 2022 ACC Player of the Year.



**Cons:** Operated the offense from the shotgun and pistol formations. Playing from under center will be new to him. Elongated delivery gives faster defenders a chance to get into the play. Has sloppy feet at times when he looks to get the ball out quickly to the flats and into the seams. Does not feel pressure when it comes from his blind side. Will put the ball in danger of being intercepted by trying to keep a play alive.

## Jayden Daniels - QB - LSU 6'4 210 - (8th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Spent three seasons at Arizona State before playing his final two seasons at LSU. Best dual threat QB in this draft. A weapon from the pocket, can deliver the ball with pace to his receivers and break contain to hurt the defense with his legs. Open field nightmare for the defense. Quick release, gets the ball out to his receiver once he works through his progression. Very quiet feet in the pocket, shifts and moves his weight as he makes his reads to maintain a strong throwing platform. Appeared in 55 games during his college career. 2023 Heisman Trophy winner.



**Cons:** Slight build, will have to put on weight in order to take the physical abuse at the NFL level. Chose not to be measured for height and weight at the NFL Combine. Gained 15 pounds before the 2023 season. Doesn't drive the ball downfield outside of the numbers. Fade routes leave something to be desired as they lack the necessary pace. Back-shoulder throws need improvement. Will have to protect himself when he breaks contain and looks to gain yards downfield more than he did in the college game.



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## JJ McCarthy - QB - Michigan 6'2 219 - (27th overall ranking)

**Pros:** A full-time starter over his final two seasons, appeared in 40 games total at Michigan during his career. Ran an efficient offense that relied on a power running game and his improv ability when called upon. What he lacks in highlight reel plays outside of the pocket he makes up for in taking what he's given by the defense until he can exploit a mistake. Showed more power on his throws at the NFL Combine then what showed up on tape in 2023. Ran a pro-style scheme at Michigan, with more experience working under center than every top prospect in this draft combined. Athletic enough to break the pocket and gain yards, but did look to use the opportunities as a chance to get the ball to an offensive playmaker.



**Cons:** Slight build in 2023, put on 17 pounds from his listed playing weight to show up at the NFL Combine at 219 pounds. Questionable arm strength to reach the sidelines with velocity. Would lock in on the initial read and deliver the ball into traffic. Lacks high-level accuracy when working the ball in the middle of the field. Doesn't give his receivers a consistent chance at gaining yards after the catch. Deep ball passing doesn't show up very often on tape, and looks flat when it does.

## Michael Penix Jr. - QB - Washington 6'2 212 - (30th overall ranking)

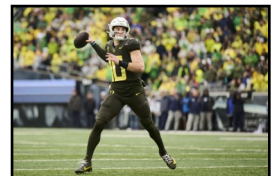
**Pros:** An accomplished passer who works both sides of the field using his eyes in order to manipulate the defense. An accurate deep ball thrower who has plenty of arm to work the ball into tight windows. Excels at the back-shoulder fade. Downfield throws feature touch and the ability to work the ball down the sidelines. Giant hands allow him to grip and rip the football and keep it secure when faced with pressure. Hands measured at 10.5 inches at the NFL Combine. Throws the ball with added pace on inside and in-breaking routes. Very difficult player to sack as he gets rid of the ball very quickly. Appeared in 48 games during his college career.



**Cons:** Has a long history of injuries at the college level. His first four seasons at Indiana had him playing in a total of just 20 games, with no season lasting more than six games due to health. Will be a 24-year-old rookie come the 2024 NFL season. Tends to lose his mechanics on simple throws by opening up his left side shoulder and dragging his arm through the pass. Throws with a three-quarter delivery that allows his passes to get knocked down at the line of scrimmage. Game is lacking when he is forced to leave the pocket and play with creativity.

## Bo Nix - QB - Oregon 6'2 214 - (38th overall ranking)

**Pros:** 61 game starter between his time at Auburn and Oregon. Grew from his time at Auburn from playing backyard football to becoming the nation's top passer for 2023 in completion percentage at 77.4%. Works the defense with his eyes and his ball handling to manipulate space. Has an idea as to how the play is going to look before the snap of the football. Big hands, measured at 10 inches at the NFL Combine, allows him to secure the ball even when making aggressive pump fakes downfield. Has the movement ability to break the pocket and make plays. Impressive velocity on his passes when he's working the ball inside the numbers, quick release apparent.



**Cons:** Much of his production in 2023 came at the line of scrimmage with pre-determined quick throws and screens. Needs to get the ball out quicker on deep passes as his natural arm talent isn't on par with the better arms in this draft. Had a tendency to overthrow downfield opportunities when he left the pocket. Will have to get comfortable taking snaps from under center and operating the offense. Turned 24 in February of 2024.

# RECEIVERS NFL DRAFT 2024

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## Malik Nabers - WR - LSU 6'0 200 - (2nd overall ranking)

**Pros:** An explosive athlete who can take the top off of the defense. Did most of his damage in 2023 from the slot where the defense was forced to defend him all over the field. Also ran routes as a wide receiver. A threat after the catch, he can turn every play into a potential open field opportunity. Dangerous to defend when working in the middle of the field. Turns simple slant patterns into potentially big gains. Features elite acceleration, reaches his top speed very quickly after securing the catch. Glides around the field when he runs. Gives the quarterback options in the red zone as he is excellent at making difficult catches while getting his feet in bounds.



**Cons:** Route running will continue to get better. Wins right now by displaying a variety of speed in his routes. Will have to avoid extending his arm at the top of the route as he uses it to push off the defender on routes closer to the line of scrimmage. Will need to evolve to win routes with his technique. Body catcher when he works back to the football.

## Marvin Harrison Jr. - WR - Ohio State 6'3 209 - (3rd overall ranking)

**Pros:** A big, physical receiver who smoothly navigates the field. Lines up all over the field and consistently creates opportunities for the quarterback to get him the football. Sets up the defender and leaves them behind in an instant once he breaks into his route. Very sudden in his route running change of direction. Throttles his speed up and down depending on the route and the position of the defender. Can make plays over the defense with his ability to leap and control his body. Fights for the football in traffic. Works with his quarterback to make plays in the scramble drill downfield. Son of the Pro Football Hall of Fame receiver Marvin Harrison.



**Cons:** Did not test at the NFL Combine or at Ohio State Pro Day. Not a burner when it comes to speed. Not going to be able to run by opposing NFL cornerbacks. Gets disrupted in his route by cornerbacks who get their hands on him early. Will have to get better at his line of scrimmage release.

## Rome Odunze - WR - Washington 6'3 212 - (9th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Lined up all over the field for Washington. Hands catcher. Tough. Prolific in handling the back-shoulder throw and going over the defender to make the catch. Excellent body control in the air. Believes that he is going to make every contested catch. Separates from opposing cornerbacks by giving them a variety of releases and speeds off the line of scrimmage. Plays with strength, looks to bully opponents on deep pass plays. Tested very well at the NFL Combine, running a 4.45 forty and posting top times in the agility drills.



**Cons:** Thrived in an offense that allowed him to run many double-move routes. Was able to create some room to operate by catching many screen passes near the line of scrimmage. Doesn't win on the deep throws by using his speed. Will have to improve at sinking his hips and working back to the football on comeback and in-breaking routes.

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## Brian Thomas Jr. - WR - LSU 6'3 209 - (14th overall rating)

**Pros:** The "other" receiver for the 2023 LSU offense. Has all the traits of a top 20 draft pick. Best combination of size and elite speed in this draft. Posted a 4.33 forty time at the NFL Combine. Lined up all over the field and ran everything from deep routes to screen passes at the line of scrimmage. Is a run after the catch threat when he gets the ball near the line of scrimmage. Can run by the defense and make the deep catch as well. Once he's behind the cornerback it's going to be a touchdown if the ball is well thrown. Will probably begin his career as the home run hitter for an NFL offense. Creates constant separation with his speed and agility. Led the nation with 17 touchdown catches in 2023.



**Cons:** Route running will need improve if he's going to be a #1 receiver in the NFL. Will have to play tougher. Defenders pry the ball loose from him on contested catches in traffic. Needs to play stronger when working back to the football on comeback routes.

## Ladd McConkey - WR - Georgia 6'0 186 - (28th overall rating)

**Pros:** A former high school quarterback who converted to receiver. Excellent route runner who gets open all over the field. Sets up defenders with a variety of releases and will show leverage from one look to the next. Is precise in and out of his breaks and displays quality hands. Catches the ball cleanly away from his body without breaking stride on his routes. Runs by defenders once he gets the ball in his hands. Posted a 4.39 forty time at the NFL Combine, validating the speed he shows on tape. Punt return option.



**Cons:** Back and ankle injuries limited his production in 2023 after a breakout year in 2022. Finally appeared healthy for Georgia's bowl game against Florida State. Will have to prove he has the strength to handle press coverage when lined out wide in the NFL.

## Adonai Mitchell - WR - Texas 6'2 205 - (29th overall rating)

**Pros:** Big receiver who has made plays in the biggest games. Won two national championships at Georgia before transferring home to Texas and starring in their playoff run. Ridiculous leaping ability, had a combine best 11'4" broad jump to go along with his 4.34 forty time. Features a burst in his route running that creates space for him to catch the football. Has the ability to run past the defense or jump over it. Provides the quarterback with a big catch radius. Showed the ability at Texas to be a go-to option each week in the offense catching 55 passes and 11 touchdowns in 2023.



**Cons:** Not yet a good route runner. Does not pluck the ball out of the air on deep passes. Looks to basket catch, bringing the defender back into the play. Had trouble dealing with smaller cornerbacks who looked to get physical with him at the line of scrimmage. Best football is probably still to come.



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## Xavier Worthy - WR - Texas 5'11 165 - (35th overall rating)

**Pros:** The fastest man in NFL Combine history. Ran a 4.21 forty during testing. Played all over the field including the backfield where Texas would try and isolate him against safeties and linebackers on short yardage plays. A nightmare to deal with when he isolates safeties on deep routes. The defense must always know where he is on the field. Opens up space for other receivers to operate. Does a quality job of tracking the deep ball once he runs away from the defense. His speed limits defensive coverages as he takes apart cover two looks.



**Cons:** Very slightly built. Lacks strength despite his willingness to take on tacklers. Questionable hands when it comes to making contested catches. Will drop passes that require him to extend for the football. Susceptible to cornerbacks who get physical with him.

## Roman Wilson - WR - Michigan 5'11 185 - (41st overall rating)

**Pros:** Was the explosive receiving option for the 2023 national champion Michigan offense. Sudden athlete who features the acceleration to create space against the defense. Excelled as a zone busting option who did most of his damage from the slot. Posted a 4.39 forty time at the NFL Combine. Can get behind the defense and uses his quality hands to keep from breaking stride when he makes the catch. Doesn't mind being crowded and can make the contested catch on deep throws and red zone opportunities. Caught 12 touchdown passes during the 2023 season.



**Cons:** Size and strength is an issue when jammed by better NFL cornerbacks. Will have to work on his route running to setup defenders at the next level. Needs to add some diverse looks to his breaks in order to create space.

## Malachi Corley - WR - Western Kentucky 5'11 215 - (44th overall rating)

**Pros:** The big slot that teams like the 49ers have made popular. Built like a running back working at slot receiver. Runs through defenders once he breaks into the open field. Makes one cut after the catch and runs away from the defense. Shows his hands late, giving the defender little indication that the football is coming. Caught 79 passes for 984 yards and 11 touchdowns.



**Cons:** Will have to become an actual receiver rather than a gadget player, a player that gets opportunities in the screen game. Drops show up on tape. Cornerbacks that lock onto him makes the catch questionable. Would expect him to play tougher given the size. Route running will need to evolve into a strength rather than just being average.

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## Troy Franklin - WR - Oregon 6'2 176 - (45th overall rating)

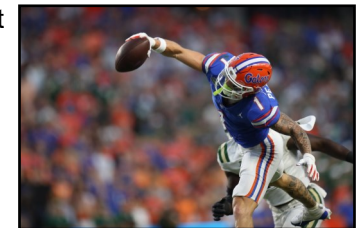
**Pros:** Noticeable height and length. Difficult player to cover in the slot. Lines up all over the offense, but stars when he gets into situations to run slants and crossing patterns. Demands a cushion due to his speed off the line of scrimmage. Typically maintains his speed through the catch. Will run away from the defense for scores. Can win in the air, shows off the ability to twist in the air and make the back-shoulder catch. Caught 81 passes for 1,383 yards and 14 touchdowns.



**Cons:** Good enough hands. Not great. Surprising dropped catches are part of his tape. Will get sloppy in his route running, NFL cornerbacks will be able to make up ground when he rounds-off routes. Playing strength will be a question considering his overall size. Did not strength test at the NFL Combine.

## Ricky Pearsall - WR - Florida 6'1 189 - (49th overall rating)

**Pros:** A slot receiver who can also play out wide. Versatile, can take part in the screen game near the line of scrimmage or beat opposing players down the field. Terrific hands. Will elevate and rebound the football away from the defender down the field. Solid route runner. Sets up his opponent and uses his technique to break into space and make himself available for the quarterback. Tracks the ball well on over-the-shoulder catches. Can run the gadget plays including end-arounds and can throw the football. Recorded a 4.41 forty time at the NFL Combine. Caught 65 passes for 965 yards and four touchdowns in 2023.



**Cons:** Not as quick as other slot receivers in this draft. Will have to prove he can handle physical press coverage. Will have to prove he can consistently run away from the defense.

# TIGHT ENDS NFL DRAFT 2024

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## **Brock Bowers - TE - Georgia 6'3 243 - (4th overall ranking)**

**Pros:** Two-time winner of the John Mackey Award for the best tight end in college football. A touchdown machine at the college level, caught 26 over his three seasons at Georgia. Averaged over 15 yards per catch in 2021 and 2022. Features breakaway speed for the position along with hands that can make all of the tough catches. Hands catcher. A matchup problem, he runs past defenders in man coverage and is adept at sitting down in zones and making himself available for the quarterback. Regularly surprises defenders with his acceleration and ability to separate. A versatile weapon who was used in the screen game at Georgia and also took end-around plays for touchdowns. A willing blocker when called upon to do so.



**Cons:** Enough size for the position, but is shorter in comparison to other tight ends drafted with first round picks in recent history. Does not have the height and length that other top tight ends have featured in recent years. Has not been able to test at the NFL Combine or at Georgia Pro Day due to a hamstring injury. Will not be able to bully his way to yards at the NFL level.



# OFFENSIVE LINEMEN NFL DRAFT 2024

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## Joe Alt - LT - Notre Dame 6'9 321 - (6th overall ranking)

**Pros:** A big, long-limbed prototype NFL left tackle. Measured with 34.1 inch arms at the NFL Combine, which show up on tape as he gets to pass rushers with his hands before they get to him. Pass rushers are constantly ending plays with one hand on his chest and nothing else. A technician at the position, he plays with his eyes up and adjusts to stunts and games played up front by the defense. Quickly locates the pass rush and uses his quickness to get into his pass set. Creates a moving wall of protection for his quarterback. Uses his size in the run game to move defenders out of the running lanes. Can work up to the second level of the defense and secure additional blocks. Son of a former Pro Bowl offensive tackle.



**Cons:** Has a tendency to get his head out over his feet when he looks to be more aggressive in the run game. His height creates a situation where he reaches for blocks and loses leverage. Negates his size and strength when speed rushers beat him early.

## Olumuyiwa Fashanu - LT - Penn State 6'6 312 - (13th overall ranking)

**Pros:** A two-year starter at left tackle for Penn State, starting 30 games at the position. Has the prerequisite height and length for the position, measured with 34-inch arms. Movement skills show up on tape as he demonstrates the ability to pull and locate targets in space and secure blocks. Has the feet to mirror pass rushers. Is able to use his athletic ability to cover himself when he makes a mistake in technique. Can probably develop into a starting quality left tackle with more time and development.



**Cons:** His game is a bit mechanical, lack of fluidity in his play. Tends to lunge at the pass rusher when his outside shoulder is threatened with a speed rush. Plays over his feet when he's on the move and negates his power with average technique. Has to do a better job of recognizing when the defense is playing movement games in front of him and adjust accordingly.

## JC Latham - RT - Alabama 6'6 342 - (15th overall ranking)

**Pros:** A two-year starter at right tackle for Alabama. Looks to maul opponents by overwhelming them with his size and strength. Long arms, measured at over 35 inches at the NFL Combine. Uses his length to keep pass rushers away from his chest. Maintains his pass protection with length and power. Finishes blocks with power. Once he latches on, he makes it very difficult to get away from his strength and movement. Allowed just two sacks in his college career.



**Cons:** Plays heavy-footed, can be beaten to his outside shoulder by a speed rush. Takes long strides into his pass set. Has to beat his opponent to the spot to make up for when he short sets too quickly. Lunges into blocks in the run game. Not much movement skills in the run game. An anchor on the right side that shouldn't be expected to move much.

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## Taliese Fuaga - RT - Oregon State 6'6 324 - (16th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Played right tackle at Oregon State, starting for his final two seasons after signing as a three-star recruit. Did not allow a sack during his playing career in college. Mirrors his opponents and features really good feet that are constantly preparing to take on pass rushers. Walls-off pass rushers who look to threaten his outside shoulder and run the arc. Moves smoothly into his pass sets, and loads his hands in sync with his feet so that he's ready to deliver a punch. Can work to the second level in the running game. Has enough movement skills to play guard in the NFL if warranted.



**Cons:** Will need to develop into a better run blocker as he has trouble sustaining his blocks. Not much intimidation to his game as a run blocker. Overall quickness will be challenged in the league by more dynamic edge rushers than he played against in college.

## Troy Fauta - LT/LG - Washington 6'4 317 - (18th overall ranking)

**Pros:** A three-year starter at left tackle for Washington. Has also played guard during his college career. He gets off the bus looking to hit everyone. What he lacks in athleticism he makes up for in technique and tenacity. Constantly works with his hands to maintain the proper leverage for his block. Moves very well for the position, has the skill set to be an asset in a zone running scheme. Mirrors pass rushers in the passing game. Projects as an athletic guard at the NFL level.



**Cons:** Lack of height shows up when he matches up against bigger opponents. His tenacity can also be his enemy, as his technique slips when he looks to bully his opponent, gives up his inside shoulder at times.

## Graham Barton - C - Duke 6'5 313 - (21st overall ranking)

**Pros:** Was a high school guard before moving out to left tackle where he started for three years at Duke. Projects back to the interior of the offensive line as a center. Has the look of a tenacious guard playing left tackle when you view his tape. Looks to stymie with his powerful lower body. Regularly see opposing players get stood up and walked back once he establishes his base for power. Always seems to be moving his feet to drive opponents backwards and finish off the block. Has strong hands, looks to grip and control his opponent. Once that happens he tends to take control of the rest of the play.



**Cons:** Will lose his eyes by dropping his head when an opposing pass rusher attempts a rip move on him. Needs to do a better job of keeping his powerful hands inside his opponent, as he will draw flags in the NFL by latching onto the outside of their shoulders. Short arms show up on tape when he faced bigger and stronger competition.

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## Amarius Mims - LT/RT - Georgia 6'8 340 - (42nd overall ranking)

**Pros:** A former five-star high school prospect who started six games for Georgia at right tackle. Appeared in 21 games total from 2021-2022 as a reserve lineman. A high-ankle sprain limited his availability in 2023. Overwhelming size and short-area quickness. 36-inch arms, and has been well-coached in terms of how to get his hands on pass rushers. Constantly has smaller players trying to reach him without success. Size allows him to get away with mistakes at times. Capable of getting downfield and securing blocks.



**Cons:** A lack of playing experience is going to be the main issue for him moving forward. Waited his turn at Georgia but was not himself for most of 2023 due to injury. Will have to improve his technique across the board in pass protection and working to the second level in the run game.

## Tyler Guyton - LT/RT - Oklahoma 6'8 322 - (24th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Entered college as an H-back and offensive lineman in 2020 at TCU. Transferred to Oklahoma in 2022 where he shifted to tackle and played one game at left before moving to right. 14-game starter for Oklahoma at right tackle. Athleticism as a former pass catcher and runner shows up on tape. Has very good feet and can match any move the pass rusher attempts to use on him. Has the balance to shift his weight and move quickly without looking awkward or mechanical. Has the prototype height and length to be a left tackle in the NFL.



**Cons:** Hands will drift outside and he will "catch" opposing pass rushers at times for clear holding penalties at the NFL level. Needs to learn how to play without standing straight up and exposing his chest to his opponent. Is mostly a blocker who looks to get in the way in the run game rather than maul an opponent. Will need to get stronger to deal with the grown men he will get matched up against. Perhaps the biggest project in this draft in terms of work to be done but an elite skill set.

## Jordan Morgan - LT - Arizona 6'5 311 - (33rd overall ranking)

**Pros:** A 37-game starter at left tackle during his college career. Does a quality job of mirroring the pass rusher and secures the block. Once he's got his hands on his opponent the play is over. Moves fluidly, can make adjustments to stunts up front and quickly secure the block. Experience in the offense allows him to feel where his quarterback is and force the pass rush around him. Can get out in space in the screen game and locate targets downfield.



**Cons:** Has a habit of dropping out of his kick-step too early when his outside shoulder is threatened. Will drop his technique and short-set the pass rusher and hopes to wash him away from the quarterback. Needs to keep from getting his weight over his feet, especially his outside foot which causes him to lunge in pass protection. Longer players can give him trouble. Does not have the prototype height and length for the position.



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## Jackson Powers-Johnson - C - Oregon 6'3 328 - (34th overall ranking)

**Pros:** The only true center at the top of this draft. Won the Rimington Trophy in 2023 as the nation's best center in college football. Played right guard and center in 2022 before moving to center full-time in 2023. What he lacks in ideal body size for the position he makes up for in strength at the point of attack. Constantly looks to get to the second level of the defense and blow someone up downfield. Does a good job of identifying where the pressure is coming from and adjusted pass protection accordingly. Uses his punch to end his opponent's momentum and continue the fight on his terms. Anchors in and is difficult to move for the pass rusher. Surrendered zero sacks during his career at Oregon.



**Cons:** Still developing as a full-time center, a position he starred at in high school but didn't play again regularly until 2023. Bull rushers with agility can be an issue for him as lateral quickness is an area that needs refinement.

## Cooper Beebe - G - Kansas State 6'3 322 - (43rd overall ranking)

**Pros:** Has the look of a soda machine that has grown arms and legs. Very large man who you can't miss when he is the pulling guard on a play. Pushes interior defensive lineman around in the run game. Takes time to get around him because of his size. Specializes in making the double-team block that open large holes in the defense. His success will come from playing in a downhill running attack that allows him to maul the opponents he lines up directly against.



**Cons:** Not a nimble athlete. Does not have short-area quickness. Takes him a moment to get rolling in the open field. Will not be a downfield factor in the screen game.

# EDGE NFL DRAFT 2024

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BY LOS MEDINA

## Jared Verse - EDGE - Florida State 6'4 254 - (11th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Just keeps coming on every snap of the football. Explodes off the snap and can gain the edge with speed or setup a quality bull rush. Has a wrecking ball mentality when it comes to disrupting the backfield. Rushes as a stand-up edge or as a down lineman. Uses his hands to create space for his pass rush and gain leverage in the run game. Negates his opponent's size by getting his hands on them quickly. Proven ability to run the arc and threaten the outside shoulder of the opposing offensive tackle. The most polished pass rusher in this draft with quality production and tape. Recorded nine sacks in 2023. Posted a 1.6 10-yard split at the NFL Combine.



**Cons:** Measured with 33.5 in arms, lacks the ideal length for every down defensive line play. Opposing teams ran directly at him to negate his abilities. Has to commit to the run game and drop anchor quickly in order to hold the point of attack. Will miss tackles, runs himself out of the play by continuing his pass rush when the team is running the football. Bigger tackles can be an issue for his pass rush.

## Dallas Turner - EDGE - Alabama 6'3 247 - (12th overall ranking)

**Pros:** The most athletic of the pass rushers in this draft. Timed a 1.54 10-yard split at the NFL Combine, demonstrating elite explosion off the snap. Big, smooth athlete who can run and track quarterbacks down in space. Well-coached, reads the play in front of him and can feel when the play is coming his way. Easily transitions to a space defender when his flat responsibilities are threatened. Keeps offensive players off his body with his long arms and playing strength. Has a spin move in his game, along with a bullrush that can put smaller players into the lap of the quarterback. Recorded 11 sacks in 2023.



**Cons:** Not yet a technician, wins with athletic ability. Does not always show his explosive ability off the snap of the football. Bigger opponents can negate his pass rush if he doesn't win early. Does not use his hands to create pass rush space for himself. Has not shown the technical ability to hand fight and dip and rip around the opposing tackle. Needs time to learn how to setup opponents.

## Laiatu Latu - EDGE - UCLA 6'5 259 - (17th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Plays as a standup linebacker and as a down defensive lineman. Gap shooter, uses his quickness to knife through the offense and cause issues in the backfield. Can move inside and beats guards with his quickness. Features a swim move that allows him to free himself from his opponent. Tenacious, will continue his pass rush when his initial move is defeated. Has a motor that keeps him in the play, will work to track down the ball carrier downfield. Does a solid job of using his hands to create pass rush lanes while on the move towards the quarterback. Constantly pressuring opposing tackles. Requires extra attention on passing downs. Polished. 1.62 10-yard split during testing at the NFL Combine.



**Cons:** Was medically retired during his time at the University of Washington due to neck injury suffered in spring camp. Was not asked to anchor much in the run game during his time at UCLA, will have plays where he has trouble holding the point of attack. Opposing players look to take away his leverage by standing him up in his pass rush and forcing him to re-establish his base. Projects as a pure pass rusher rather than an every down linebacker who has to play in space.

# EDGE NFL DRAFT 2024

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## Chop Robinson - EDGE - Penn State 6'3 254 - (20th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Explosive speed off the edge, posted a 1.54 10-yard split at the NFL Combine. Excels as a wide-nine pass rusher, using his speed and quickness to threaten opposing tackles. Elite testing numbers. Rushes as a stand-up linebacker as well as a traditional defensive end. Explodes into his opponent and looks to take away their leverage. Features a rip move that he uses to create space for his pass rush. Disrupts the running game when he shoots gaps. Can run the arc and beat opposing tackles with his speed and flexibility. Converts speed to bull to give tackles a counter to deal with.



**Cons:** Wins with athleticism, has yet to refine his technique to keep opponents from getting hands on him. Will have to work on his ability to hand fight while rushing up the field. Tends to run out of his pass rush, loses his feet and goes to the ground. Will need developmental time. Projects as a specialty pass rusher until his game becomes more complete.

## Darius Robinson - EDGE - Missouri 6'5 285 - (32nd overall ranking)

**Pros:** Has prototype defensive end size for the NFL. Features a strong punch that takes the steam out of opposing tackles, creating space for him to operate. Works up the field once his opponent is on his heels. Can hold up at the point of attack. Does not shy away from taking on blocks as he blows up pulling guards. Good stack-and-shed defender in the running game. Can move inside to provide an interior pass rush on passing downs. Displays his athleticism when he tracks down quarterbacks who break the pocket.



**Cons:** Limited moves in his pass rush bag as of now. His pass rush is over if his opponent handles his initial punch and maintains balance. Needs to add a counter to his power. Does not consistently threaten the outside shoulder of opposing tackles.

## Marshawn Kneeland - EDGE - Western Michigan 6'3 267 - (46th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Features power off the snap of the football. Looks to strike his opponents with his hands and create leverage for himself. Plays with a motor that doesn't quit. Can rush as a traditional defensive end and as a standup linebacker on occasion. Projects as a 4-3 defensive end. Can change directions when the quarterback leaves the pocket and continue the pursuit. Noticeable power when he decides to bull rush his opponent.



**Cons:** Better in the run game when playing as a standup edge player. Has some trouble in the run game when he plays as a traditional defensive end. Gets his shoulders turned by bigger opponents and opens up running lanes for ball carriers. Opposing teams ran directly at him in order to negate him.

# DEFENSIVE TACKLES NFL DRAFT 2024

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BY LOS MEDINA

## Byron Murphy II - DT - Texas 6'0 297 - (19th overall ranking)

**Pros:** A slashing defensive tackle who projects as a three-technique in the NFL. Features quick feet with the ability to dance around opposing guards. A regular disruption in the backfield. Quickness to shoot gaps. Uses his hands to keep longer players from getting their hands into his chest. Capable of getting back into a play from the back side. Recorded five sacks in 2023.

**Cons:** Not a big player. Gets swallowed up by bigger opponents if he isn't on the attack. Questionable ability to hold the point of attack in the run game. Is smaller by NFL defensive tackle prototype. Does not have the length to reach the play when blocked.



## Jer'Zhan Newton - DT - Illinois 6'2 304 - (26th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Has evident quickness at the snap of the football despite not looking very sudden in open space. Has quality footwork, puts pressure on opposing guards on passing downs. Unathletic guards didn't give him many problems in 2023. Converts speed to bull, gets underneath the pads of his opponent and walks them back into the quarterback's lap. Uses his hands to create rushing lanes. Anticipates the snap very well and can get into the backfield on short yardage run plays. Moves well for his size, carrying 300 pounds. Projects as a three-technique defensive tackle. Gutted through a partial foot fracture injury that had him looking like a shell of himself by the end of the season. Recorded 7.5 sacks in 2023.

**Cons:** Was not able to workout at the NFL Combine due to a foot injury during the season that required surgery in January 2024. Doesn't get a ton of push with interior pass rushes despite his ability. Becomes a plodding defensive tackle once his pad level gets too high, loses leverage. Tends to stay on blocks too long in the run game and will just miss the opportunity to take down the ball carrier.



## T'Vondre Sweat - DT - Texas 6'4 366 - (36th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Classic space-eater who looks to occupy as many offensive linemen as possible. Anchors in and holds the point of attack in the run game. Linebackers will love having him play in front of them as they will be free to run and hit without worrying about opposing guards. Capable of shedding his blocker and swallowing up the ball carrier. Surprisingly nimble, can work down the line of scrimmage when the flow of the play moves away from him.

**Cons:** A two-down player in the NFL. Not a quick starter once the ball is snapped. Doesn't blow up plays with penetration. Not going to be a huge factor as a pass rusher. Has the skill set to rip his way to the quarterback but it's not a regular part of his game. Recorded five sacks over five college seasons.





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## Braden Fiske - DT - Florida State 6'4 292 - (48th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Was part of a talented defensive front for Florida State. A tall defensive tackle that has demonstrated the ability to rush off the edge when need be. Displays quickness in his pass rush and a motor that is in the red the entire game. Skillful at hand fighting for position. Just keeps working up the field as he works for the opportunity to get after the quarterback. Demands that his opponent match his energy to deal with him. Recorded six sacks in 2023.



**Cons:** Smaller player bulk wise for the position, as he weighed in at nearly 20 pounds lighter than the NFL average at the defensive tackle position. Longer, athletic tackles can control him once they deal with his initial punch off the snap and counter his energy. Mauling guards can put him into the linebacker's lap, double-teams are also an issue on tape. Will have to be used in the appropriate scheme to utilize his strengths and hide his weaknesses in the power game.

# LINEBACKERS NFL DRAFT 2024

NFL Draft Top 50

BY LOS MEDINA

## Edgerrin Cooper - LB - Texas A&M 6'2 230 - (31st overall ranking)

**Pros:** A run-and-hit linebacker who has speed to burn and violence to share. Plays like his hair is on fire. Covers the field as an interior linebacker on early downs before moving to the edge of the defense. Has a knack for timing the snap count and getting after the quarterback. Excelled as a pass rusher recording 10 sacks in 2023 which easily led the team. Was also used as a spy against the most mobile quarterbacks in the SEC. Recorded an elite 1.54 10-yard split at the NFL Combine. Can find his way around blockers with his athleticism.



**Cons:** Will use his speed and aggression to run himself right out of a play in the run game. For every five amazing plays he makes he's going to leave the defense exposed at some point. Will miss tackles at times by looking to blow someone up or not coming under control when he gets to the play. Has to be kept clean by the defensive linemen as he gives up yards while working his way around blockers in between the hashes.

## Junior Colson - LB - Michigan 6'2 238 - (37th overall ranking)

**Pros:** A 36-game starter at Michigan over his three seasons. Recognized by his teammates with the Toughest Player award. Broke his left hand during the 2023 Purdue game and continued to play with it for two more series before finally having it casted. Returned to the field and played the second half with the cast. An inside linebacker with the ability to get off blocks and find the ball carrier. Finishes tackles by seemingly running through the ball carrier. Quality tackler, doesn't miss very many. Has the awareness to drop in zone and takeaway space in the passing game. Does a good job of reading his keys and following the running back when he attempts to get into the passing pattern.



**Cons:** Not an elite instinctual player, takes a count to diagnose what's happening in front of him. Takes a moment to get into attack mode. Gets caught up in the wash of guard play despite having protection from the defensive line. Makes up for his mistakes by getting to the football quickly. Was 15<sup>th</sup> on his defense in the tackles for loss statistics in 2023, finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the category in 2022.

## Payton Wilson - LB - North Carolina State 6'4 233 - (50th overall ranking)

**Pros:** A pursuit linebacker who tested at an elite level at the NFL Combine. The former four-star high school prospect posted the fastest 40 time at his position with a 4.43. Was offered by all of the top programs in the region. Can run ball carriers down from behind and take away passing windows when playing in zone coverage. Excels when covering backs and tight ends in man coverage. Projects as an off-the-ball linebacker who is permitted to run freely around the field.



**Cons:** Suffered a torn ACL in high school along with shoulder and hamstring injuries early in his college career. Has been healthy over the past two seasons which he attributes to extra weight and better nutrition. Tackles opposing ball carriers, just doesn't seem to like hitting them. Tends to take down the ball carrier as if it was a rodeo rather than a football game. A linebacker who avoids unnecessary contact. Not a fan of taking on blockers.

# CORNERBACKS NFL DRAFT 2024

NFL Draft Top 50

BY LOS MEDINA

## Quinyon Mitchell - Toledo 6'0 195 - (7th overall ranking)

**Pros:** A three-star athlete recruit from Florida who was recruited by Illinois but opted for smaller school Toledo. Senior Bowl participant, showed all week he could play with anyone in the country. Has the ideal size, speed and quickness for the NFL level. Posted a 4.33 forty time at the NFL Combine, second fastest overall for his position. Explodes to the football once he identifies the route and sees the football. Plays a physical brand of football at the top of the route. Willing to tackle in the run game. Strongly built. All-American honors in 2023.



**Cons:** Tends to raise his pad level during his back pedal. Hips get opened up a bit too quickly. Has a reliance on his speed to make up ground when a receiver gets behind him. Will have to become better at anticipating the route options for the receiver when he plays in off coverage. Still evolving at the position as he played receiver and some corner in high school.

## Terrion Arnold - CB - Alabama 6'0 189 - (10th overall rating)

**Pros:** Played Alabama's typical press coverage but doesn't press much at the line of scrimmage. Looks to crowd the receiver and take away some of his options. Drives on the football smoothly. Fights the receiver at the top of the route. Competes for the football every opportunity he gets. Uses solid technique to deal with the back-shoulder throw. Naturally quick. Has a natural feel for zone coverage, quickly recognizing who is entering his area and adjusting his coverage to meet the threat. Does not shy away from tackling.



**Cons:** Does not demonstrate the extra gear to make up for mistakes in coverage. Plays off-coverage in the slot and gives the receiver plenty of room and time to operate. Allows easy pass completions when isolated in the slot. Does not drive on the ball the same way as he does when he's playing outside. Will miss a tackle when a ball is completed quickly in front of him and the receiver has time to move up the field.

## Nate Wiggins - CB - Clemson 6'1 173 - (23rd overall ranking)

**Pros:** Played predominantly in off-coverage and mirrored receivers down the field with his smooth feet and quickness. Plays like he's floating around the field and rarely looks as if the receiver has challenged his athleticism. Can quickly change direction with a flip of his hips and the burst he displays. Has another gear that he can reach when need be. Fastest cornerback at the 2024 NFL Combine. Posted a 4.28 forty time. Can get back into a play when he's beaten.



**Cons:** Slightly built. Tends to grab at arms and shoulders when he feels threatened by the deep pass. Gives receivers a lot of space to operate when playing in off-coverage. Tends to play surprised when a receiver runs by him and is late to turn on his great speed. Not much of a factor in the run game, offers little in physical support on the edge of the defense.

# CORNERBACKS NFL DRAFT 2024

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BY LOS MEDINA

## Kool-Aid Mckinstry - CB - Alabama 5'11 199 - (25th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Former five-star recruit, three-year starter at Alabama. Attaches to the receiver and rides them all over the field. Doesn't panic when the ball is in the air and coming his direction. Waits for the receiver to show him the route before attacking, plays with confidence and patience. Uses his hands to disrupt the route, removes the momentum from the receiver. Displays a burst when he decides it's time to attack the play. Always prepared.



**Cons:** Not sure how fast he really is, might be lacking in long-speed. Will need to use less of his hands at the NFL level as he's constantly searching for and grabbing at the receivers during their breaks. Will have to get better with his footwork in order to gain the position he uses his hands for.

## Ennis Rakestraw Jr. - CB - Missouri 5'11 183 - (39th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Plays with a frenetic energy. Every ball is HIS ball. Drives through the receiver making contested catches difficult for the receiver. Attaches to his opponent and tracks them all over the field. Looks to frustrate his opponent in press coverage. Played on the outside for Missouri but projects as a slot in the NFL. Has the short-area quickness for the position despite not being amongst the fastest players at his position. Posted a 4.51 forty time at the NFL Combine. Plays with noticeable toughness despite his size.



**Cons:** Not big or fast despite being a good football player. Has to win early because he doesn't have the speed to catch the play late. Will have to stop the grabbing once he becomes a pro. Tore his ACL in October of 2021. Suffered a groin injury in 2023.

## Renardo Green - CB - Florida State 6'0 186 - (40th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Has quick feet, can mirror and adjust to changes of direction and fakes by receivers down the field. Has the quickness to stay right with his opponent even when a double-move is attempted. Stays in his opponent's face. A cover corner through and through. Does his best work when he knows where his help is and limits his opponent's options. His 2023 LSU tape might as well be his resume on what he is capable of doing against NFL competition. Plays with toughness despite not having the playing strength of other corners in this draft.



**Cons:** Can be had with the deep ball. Will lose his feel for where the receiver is as he gets further down the field. Offenses went after him looking for deep and fade pass opportunities. Will have to keep his hands off the receiver next season.



# CORNERBACKS NFL DRAFT 2024

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BY LOS MEDINA

## Cooper DeJean - CB - Iowa 6'0 203 - (47th overall ranking)

**Pros:** Versatile athlete who played all over the defense for Iowa during his career. In 2021 made starts at strong safety, in 2022 moved to cornerback for 10 games and started three more games at Iowa's hybrid linebacker position. Played 10 games in 2023 at cornerback before suffering an injury in practice. Recorded seven interceptions during his three seasons at Iowa, displaying the ability to track and take the football away from the offense. Excels in zone coverage where he reads the quarterback and attacks the play. Does not have any issues bringing the physicality from his time playing strong safety. Special teams answer. Could find a role as a versatile safety who covers tight ends and backs.



**Cons:** Tight in his hips and not a very fluid athlete for the cornerback position. Does not accelerate quickly on plays. Will need a creative defensive mind to take advantage of his Swiss army-type capabilities. Late season injury in 2023 kept him from testing at the 2024 NFL Combine.

# SAFTIES NFL DRAFT 2024

NFL Draft Top 50

BY LOS MEDINA

## Tyler Nubin - FS - Minnesota 6'1 199 - (42nd overall ranking)

**Pros:** A deep safety who has displayed some ball hawking capabilities. Intercepted five passes in 2023, and a total of 13 during his college career. Reads patterns and potential routes in front of him very well. Breaks on the football and will often times under cut the receiver's route. Gives himself takeaway opportunities because of his anticipation. Fluidly attacks the football once it's in the air. Disciplined in when to take his chances and when to be a solid safety keeping the ball in front of him.



**Cons:** His strengths come from his abilities in zone. Not a man coverage option. Does not appear to have high-end running speed. Not going to be a thumper in the run game. Tackling is of the "wrap up and fall down" variety. Will miss his run-fit on occasion and end up allowing the offense to get a few extra yards.