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## **Los Angeles Chargers Select Joe Alt in First Round of 2024 NFL Draft**

The Los Angeles Chargers selected Notre Dame tackle **Joe Alt** with the No. 5 overall pick in the 2024 NFL Draft. He is the 22nd member of the Fighting Irish drafted by the Bolts and first since safety Alohi Gilman in 2020.

Alt finished his career in South Bend, Ind., as one of the nation's top offensive linemen, earning unanimous All-American honors in 2023 as a junior. He was a team captain for the Fighting Irish this past season, helping the offense average 39.1 points per game, which ranked No. 9 in the nation and was the best scoring average by a Notre Dame offense since 1912, ranking second in school annals. This past season, Alt was a finalist for the Lombardi Award, which annually recognizes college football's best lineman.

A native of North Oaks, Minn., Alt was a first-team All-American from *The Associated Press* as a sophomore in 2022. He started 33-of-38 career games for the Fighting Irish. He becomes the highest-drafted Notre Dame offensive lineman in over 50 years and is the first selected in the first round since 2018 (Quenton Nelson at No. 6 overall by Indianapolis and Michael McGlinchey at No. 9 overall by San Francisco). Alt's father, John, was a first-round draft selection by Kansas City in 1984 and was two-time Pro Bowl selection.

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