



2024 NFL DRAFT RECAP



LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

2024 DRAFT NOTES

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THE 2024 NFL DRAFT

The Los Angeles Chargers made nine selections in the 2024 NFL Draft, including a pair of choices from Michigan and two from Notre Dame. Eight of the picks came from major college programs.

On Day 1, the Bolts took Notre Dame tackle **Joe Alt** at No. 5 overall, the first time the team selected a member of the Fighting Irish since 2020. He was the 23rd Notre Dame player to be drafted by the Bolts in history and the fifth player ever taken by the Chargers with the No. 5 overall selection. Alt became the highest-drafted Notre Dame offensive lineman in the last 50 years.

Los Angeles kicked off Day 2 by making a trade, sending a pick in round two (No. 37 overall) and round four (No. 110) to New England for a second-round pick (No. 34) and a fifth-round choice (No. 137). The Bolts used the newly-acquired pick at No. 34 to select Georgia wide receiver **Ladd McConkey**, who was a second-team All-Southeastern Conference selection in 2022 after ranking second on the National-Champion Bulldogs win receptions and receiving yards and tying for the team lead in touchdown catches. Later on, the Chargers chose Michigan linebacker **Junior Colson** in the third round (69th overall), who was a two-time All-Big Ten selection for the Wolverines, helping the defense rank No. 1 in the nation en route to a 15-0 record and College Football Playoff National Championship in 2023.

The Bolts wrapped up the draft on Day 3 with six selections, kicking off the day by taking versatile Alabama defensive lineman **Justin Eboigbe** in the fourth round (105th overall), who was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference selection last season. In the fifth round, the Chargers made a pair of picks, in the fifth, Los Angeles selected a pair of defensive backs – **Tarheeb Still** from Maryland and **Cam Hart** from Notre Dame. Still was a second-team All-Big Ten selection in 2023, while Hart posted a team-high nine passes defensed in 2021.

In round six, the Chargers selected running back **Kimani Vidal** at No. 181 overall out of Troy. Vidal was a third-team All-American selection in 2023 and is just the second player from Troy ever drafted by the Chargers. To round off the draft, the Bolts took Southern California wide receiver **Brenden Rice** (225th overall) and Michigan wide receiver **Cornelius Johnson** (253rd overall) in the seventh round.

2024 OPPONENTS

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CHARGERS 2024 DRAFT PICKS

Round	Overall No.	Player Selected
1	5	Notre Dame T Joe Alt
2	34	Georgia WR Ladd McConkey
3	69	Michigan LB Junior Colson
4	105	Alabama DL Justin Eboigbe
5	137	Maryland DB Tarheeb Still
5	140	Notre Dame DB Cam Hart
6	181	Troy RB Kimani Vidal
7	225	Southern California WR Brenden Rice
7	253	Michigan WR Cornelius Johnson

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WHERE THE BOLTS PICKED

ON THE CLOCK AT NO. 5

The Chargers selected T **Joe Alt** in 2024 at fifth overall, the 22nd member of the Fighting Irish drafted in team history. He became the highest-drafted Notre Dame offensive lineman in the last 50 years. The team had previously made four choices at No. 5 overall — 1983, 1990, 2001 and 2002.

5th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
2024	1	T	Joe Alt	Notre Dame
2002	1	CB	Quentin Jammer	Texas
2001	1	RB	LaDainian Tomlinson**^	TCU
1990	1	LB	Junior Seau**^	So. California
1983	1a	LB	Billy Ray Smith	Arkansas

2024 selections are bolded in Powder Blue

*Pro Bowler with Chargers

†Associated Press First-Team All-Pro with Chargers

^Pro Football Hall of Famer

The No. 5 overall pick in the common draft era has produced four Hall of Famers, including two for the Bolts. 32 of the 58 players selected with the fifth pick since 1967 have made a Pro Bowl.

HALL OF FAME PLAYERS DRAFTED 5th OVERALL, SINCE 1967

Year	Team	Pos.	Player	College
1976	Patriots	CB	Mike Haynes	Arizona State
1990	Chargers	LB	Junior Seau	So. California
1989	Falcons	CB	Deion Sanders	Florida State
2001	Chargers	RB	LaDainian Tomlinson	TCU

Among the players picked at No. 5 overall over the past 10 drafts, eight have gone on to make a Pro Bowl.

Eight players — OLB Khalil Mack (Oak., 2014), G Brandon Scherff (Was., 2015), CB Jalen Ramsey (Jax., 2016), OLB Bradley Chubb (Den., 2018), LB Devin White (T.B., 2019), WR Ja'Marr Chase (Cin., 2021), OLB Kayvon Thibodeaux (NYG, 2022) and CB Devon Witherspoon (Sea., 2023) — were named to the *Professional Football Writers of America* All-Rookie team.

5th OVERALL SELECTIONS, LAST 10 SEASONS

Year	Team	Pos.	Player	College
2014	Oak.	OLB	Khalil Mack**†	Buffalo
2015	Was.	G	Brandon Scherff**†	Iowa
2016	Jax.	CB	Jalen Ramsey**†	Florida State
2017	Ten.	WR	Corey Davis	Western Michigan
2018	Den.	OLB	Bradley Chubb*	N.C. State
2019	T.B.	LB	Devin White*	Louisiana State
2020	Mia.	QB	Tua Tagovailoa*	Alabama
2021	Cin.	WR	Ja'Marr Chase*	Louisiana State
2022	NYG	OLB	Kayvon Thibodeaux	Oregon
2023	Sea.	CB	Devon Witherspoon*	Illinois

*Pro Bowler

†Associated Press First-Team All-Pro

HISTORICAL PICKS AT 2024 SELECTIONS

Below is a list of the all-time Chargers draft picks in the common draft era (since 1967) in 2024 draft slots from rounds two through seven (regular drafts only):

34th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
1995	2a	CB	Terrance Shaw	Stephen F. Austin
2024	2	WR	Ladd McConkey	Georgia

69th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
1985	3	CB	John Hendy	Long Beach State
1999	3	TE	Steve Heiden	South Dakota State
2008	3	FB	Jacob Hester	Louisiana State
2024	3	LB	Junior Colson	Michigan

105th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
1974	5	DT	John Teerlinck	Western Illinois
2024	4	DL	Justin Eboigbe	Alabama

137th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
1994	5a	TE	Aaron Laing	New Mexico State
2024	5a	DB	Tarheeb Still	Maryland

140th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
1992	5c	T	Eric Jonassen	Bloomsburg (Pa.)
2024	5b	DB	Cam Hart	Notre Dame

181st OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
1977	7	CB	Ron Bush	Southern California
2024	6	RB	Kimani Vidal	Troy

225th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
1967	9	E	Steve Newell	Long Beach State
2006	7a	DT	Chase Page	North Carolina
2017	7	DE	Isaac Rochell	Notre Dame
2024	7a	WR	Brenden Rice	Southern California

253rd OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
2024	7b	WR	Cornelius Johnson	Michigan

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CHARGERS ALL-TIME FIRST-ROUND PICKS (SINCE 1967)

Year	Pick	Pos.	Player	College	Year	Pick	Pos.	Player	College
1967	14	DT	Ron Billingsley	Wyoming	2001	5	RB	LaDainian Tomlinson**^	TCU
1968	4	T	Russ Washington*	Missouri	2002	5	CB	Quentin Jammer	Texas
	18	S	Jim Hill	Texas A&I	2003	30	CB	Sammy Davis	Texas A&M
1969	9	QB	Marty Domres	Columbia	2004	1	QB	Eli Manning	Mississippi
	18	LB	Bob Babich	Miami (Ohio)	2005	12	LB	Shawne Merriman**	Maryland
1970	15	WR	Walker Gillette	Richmond		28	DE	Luis Castillo	Northwestern
1971	13	RB	Leon Burns	Long Beach State	2006	19	CB	Antonio Cromartie**	Florida State
1973	25	WR	Johnny Rodgers	Nebraska	2007	30	WR	Craig Davis	Louisiana State
1974	2	RB	Bo Matthews	Colorado	2008	27	CB	Antoine Cason	Arizona
	15	LB	Don Goode	Kansas	2009	16	LB	Larry English	Northern Illinois
1975	8	DT	Gary Johnson**	Grambling State	2010	12	RB	Ryan Mathews*	Fresno State
	22	CB	Mike Williams	Louisiana State	2011	18	DT	Corey Liuget	Illinois
1976	4	RB	Joe Washington	Oklahoma	2012	18	DE	Melvin Ingram III*	South Carolina
1977	24	C	Bob Rush	Memphis	2013	11	T	D.J. Fluker	Alabama
1978	14	WR	John Jefferson**	Arizona State	2014	25	CB	Jason Verrett*	TCU
1979	13	TE	Kellen Winslow**^	Missouri	2015	15	RB	Melvin Gordon III*	Wisconsin
1981	24	RB	James Brooks	Auburn	2016	3	DE	Joey Bosa*	Ohio State
1983	5	LB	Billy Ray Smith	Arkansas	2017	7	WR	Mike Williams	Clemson
	20	RB	Gary Anderson*	Arkansas	2018	17	S	Derwin James Jr.**	Florida State
	22	CB	Gill Byrd*	San Jose State	2019	28	DT	Jerry Tillery	Notre Dame
1984	6	CB	Mossy Cade	Texas	2020	6	QB	Justin Herbert*	Oregon
1985	12	T	Jim Lachey*	Ohio State		23	LB	Kenneth Murray Jr.	Oklahoma
1986	8	DE	Leslie O'Neal*	Oklahoma State	2021	13	T	Rashawn Slater*	Northwestern
	13	T	James FitzPatrick	Southern California	2022	17	G	Zion Johnson	Boston College
1987	24	RB/TE	Rod Bernstine	Texas A&M	2023	21	WR	Quentin Johnston	TCU
1988	15	WR	Anthony Miller*	San Diego State	2024	5	T	Joe Alt	Notre Dame
1989	8	DE	Burt Grossman	Pittsburgh					
1990	5	LB	Junior Seau**^	Southern California					
1991	9	S	Stanley Richard	Texas					
1992	23	DE	Chris Mims	Tennessee					
1993	22	CB	Darrien Gordon	Stanford					
1998	2	QB	Ryan Leaf	Washington State					

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2024 DRAFT NOTES

DRAFTED PRO BOWLERS

Since the Pro Bowl was instituted in 1970, the Chargers have drafted 41 players that went on to be selected to 109 all-star games while with the team.

Hall of Fame **LB Junior Seau's** 12 Pro Bowl selections are tied for the fourth-most in history by a defensive player. Eight Chargers draft classes ('75, '83, '85, '01, '04, '05, '06, '10) have produced multiple Pro Bowl players for the Bolts, including the 1975, 1983 and 2004 draft classes each producing three Pro Bowlers.

CHARGERS DRAFT PICKS TO MAKE PRO BOWL FOR BOLTS

Player	Drafted	College	No.
LB Junior Seau	1-5 ('90)	Southern California	12
WR Keenan Allen	3-76 ('13)	California	6
QB Dan Fouts	3-64 ('73)	Oregon	6
DE Leslie O'Neal	1-8 ('86)	Oklahoma State	6
RB LaDainian Tomlinson	1-5 ('01)	TCU	5
T Russ Washington	1-4 ('68)	Missouri	5
TE Kellen Winslow	1-13 ('79)	Missouri	5
DE/OLB Joey Bosa	1-3 ('16)	Ohio State	4
DT Gary Johnson	1-8 ('75)	Grambling State	4
WR Anthony Miller	1-15 ('88)	San Diego State	4
DE Fred Dean	2-33 ('75)	Louisiana Tech	3
DE Melvin Ingram III	1-18 ('12)	South Carolina	3
S Derwin James Jr.	1-17 ('18)	Florida State	3
WR John Jefferson	1-14 ('78)	Arizona State	3
DT Louie Kelcher	2-30 ('75)	Southern Methodist	3
LB Shawne Merriman	1-12 ('05)	Maryland	3
G Walt Sweeney	1-2 ('63)	Syracuse	3
S Eric Weddle	2-37 ('07)	Utah	3
RB Marion Butts	7-183 ('89)	Florida State	2
CB Gill Byrd	1-22 ('83)	San Jose State	2
RB Melvin Gordon III	1-15 ('15)	Wisconsin	2
S Rodney Harrison	5-145 ('94)	Western Illinois	2
WR Vincent Jackson	2-61 ('05)	Northern Colorado	2
K Nate Kaeding	3-65 ('04)	Iowa	2
T Marcus McNeill	2-50 ('06)	Auburn	2
RB Gary Anderson	1-20 ('83)	Arkansas	1
QB Drew Brees	2-32 ('01)	Purdue	1
CB Antonio Cromartie	1-19 ('06)	Florida State	1
QB John Hadl	3-24 ('62)	Kansas	1
C Nick Hardwick	3-66 ('04)	Purdue	1
QB Justin Herbert	1-6 ('20)	Oregon	1
RB Earnest Jackson	8-202 ('83)	Texas A&M	1
T Jim Lachey	1-12 ('85)	Ohio State	1
RB Ryan Mathews	1-12 ('10)	Fresno State	1
RB Natrone Means	2-41 ('93)	North Carolina	1
S Hanik Milligan	6-188 ('03)	Houston	1
P/K Ralf Mojsiejenko	4-96 ('85)	Michigan State	1
DE Shaun Phillips	4-98 ('04)	Purdue	1
T Rashawn Slater	1-13 ('21)	Northwestern	1
S Darrell Stuckey	4-110 ('10)	Kansas	1
CB Jason Verrett	1-25 ('14)	TCU	1

41 Drafted Players

110 Pro Bowl Selections

Current Chargers are in bold

CHARGERS COMPENSATORY PICK HISTORY



The Chargers selected Michigan **WR Cornelius Johnson** with a compensatory selection in the 2024 NFL Draft. In 2022, the team picked **DB Ja'Sir Taylor** from Wake Forest with the 214th overall selection. Johnson was the first Michigan player taken by the Bolts with a compensatory pick since 2010, while Taylor was the first Demon Deacon selected by the Bolts since 1981.

The Chargers have made 24 compensatory selections since they began in 1994. Below is a look at all of the compensatory selections in team history:

ALL-TIME CHARGERS COMPENSATORY SELECTIONS

Year	Rd.	Pick	Player	College
1994	2b	63	T Vaughn Parker	UCLA
1994	3b	82	CB Willie Clark	Notre Dame
1994	5d	160	RB Tony Vinson	Towson
1997	7b	237	QB Tony Corbin	Sacramento State
1998	7b	234	WR Kio Sanford	Kentucky
2000	6b	203	CB Damen Wheeler	Colorado
2000	6c	205	QB JaJuan Seider	Florida A&M
2001	7b	244	S Robert Carswell*	Clemson
2004	7c	254	T Carlos Joseph*	Miami
2007	3	96	LB Anthony Waters	Clemson
2007	5	172	WR Legedu Naanee	Boise State
2008	5	166	RB Marcus Thomas	UTEP
2009	4b	133	G Tyronne Green	Auburn
2009	4c	134	RB Gartrell Johnson	Colorado State
2010	5b	168	QB Jonathan Crompton	Tennessee
2011	6b	201	T Stephen Shilling	Michigan
2011	7	234	LB Andrew Gachkar	Missouri
2012	7b	250	RB Edwin Baker	Michigan State
2016	5	175	LB Jatavis Brown^	Akron
2018	7	251	RB Justin Jackson	Northwestern
2021	3b	97	TE Tre' McKitty	Georgia
2022	6b	214	DB Ja'Sir Taylor	Wake Forest
2022	7b	260	FB Zander Horvath	Purdue
2024	7b	253	WR Cornelius Johnson	Michigan

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*Supplemental Compensatory Pick

^Professional Football Writers of America All-Rookie

CURRENT AND UNDRAFTED CHARGERS

CURRENT CHARGERS ROUND-BY-ROUND

Below is a breakdown of how Los Angeles' current drafted players came into the NFL:

First Round (8)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
OLB	Joey Bosa	2016	3	Chargers
OLB	Khalil Mack	2014	5	Raiders
QB	Justin Herbert	2020	6	Chargers
T	Rashawn Slater	2021	13	Chargers
S	Derwin James Jr.	2018	17	Chargers
G	Zion Johnson	2022	17	Chargers
WR	Quentin Johnston	2023	21	Chargers
TE	Hayden Hurst	2018	25	Ravens

Second Round (4)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
CB	Asante Samuel Jr.	2021	47	Chargers
LB	Denzel Perryman	2015	48	Chargers
OLB	Tuli Tuipulotu	2023	54	Chargers
CB	Kristian Fulton	2020	61	Titans

Third Round (4)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
WR	Joshua Palmer	2021	77	Chargers
S	JT Woods	2022	79	Chargers
LB	Daiyan Henley	2023	85	Chargers
T	Trey Pipkins III	2019	91	Chargers

Fourth Round (5)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
OLB	Chris Rumph II	2021	118	Chargers
TE	Will Dissly	2018	120	Seahawks
RB	Isaiah Spiller	2022	123	Chargers
WR	Derius Davis	2023	125	Chargers
LB	Troy Dye	2020	132	Vikings

Fifth Round (8)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
OL	Jordan McFadden	2023	156	Chargers
OL	Brenden Jaimes	2021	159	Chargers
DL	Otito Ogbornia	2022	160	Chargers
C	Corey Linsley	2014	161	Packers
QB	Easton Stick	2019	166	Chargers
P	JK Scott	2018	172	Packers
WR	Simi Fehoko	2021	179	Cowboys
TE/FB	Ben Mason	2021	184	Ravens

Sixth Round (6)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
LB	Nick Niemann	2021	185	Chargers
S	Alohi Gilman	2020	186	Chargers
OL	Jamaree Salyer	2022	195	Chargers
DL	Scott Matlock	2023	200	Chargers
DB	Ja'Sir Taylor	2022	214	Chargers
C	Bradley Bozeman	2018	215	Ravens

Seventh Round (3)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
DB	Deane Leonard	2022	236	Chargers
QB	Max Duggan	2023	239	Chargers
CB	Chris Wilcox	2021	251	Buccaneers

BOLTS UNDRAFTED PLAYERS HISTORY

Seven undrafted players signed by the Bolts have ended up making a Pro Bowl with the club, led by **TE Antonio Gates**, who's eight Pro Bowls are tied for the second-most by any Charger in history.

Gates also was recognized by *The Associated Press* as a first-team All-Pro three times. **P Darren Bennett**, **K John Carney**, **CB Dick Harris**, **RB Paul Lowe**, **S Charlie McNeil** and **S Adrian Phillips** are the other undrafted players signed by the Bolts to earn *AP* first-team All-Pro or All-AFL honors.

CHARGERS UDFA SIGNINGS TO MAKE PRO BOWL FOR BOLTS

Pos.	Player	Year	College	PB	AP [†]
TE	Antonio Gates	2003	Kent State	8	3
G	Kris Dielman	2003	Indiana	4	0
WR	Kassim Osgood	2003	San Diego State	3	0
P	Darren Bennett	1995	—	2	1
K	John Carney	1990	Notre Dame	1	1
LS	David Binn	1994	California	1	0
S	Adrian Phillips	2014	Texas	1	1
CB	Dick Harris	1960	McNeese St. (La.)	0	2
RB	Paul Lowe	1960	Oregon State	0	2
S	Charlie McNeil	1960	Compton JC	0	1

[†]Associated Press First-Team All-Pro or All-AFL with Chargers

CURRENT CHARGERS UNDRAFTED PLAYERS

Undrafted (19)

Year	Pos.	Player	Team
2012	LS	Josh Harris	Falcons
2016	DL	Morgan Fox	Rams
2018	RB	Gus Edwards	Ravens
2018	DL	Poona Ford	Seahawks
2019	TE	Donald Parham Jr.	Lions
2021	RB	Jaret Patterson	Football Team
2021	T	Foster Sarell	Ravens
2022	K	Cameron Dicker	Rams
2022	CB	Matt Hankins	Falcons
2022	DL	Christopher Hinton	Giants
2022	OLB	Ty Shelby	Chargers
2022	TE	Stone Smartt	Chargers
2023	OLB	Brevin Allen	Chargers
2023	DL	Jerrod Clark	Chargers
2023	RB	Elijah Dotson	Chargers
2023	OLB	Andrew Farmer II	Chargers
2023	S	AJ Finley	Chargers
2023	C	Brent Laing	Jets
2023	DL	CJ Okoye	Chargers

LAST TIME TAKEN

QUARTERBACK

Round	Year	Pick	Player	College
1a	2020	6	Justin Herbert*	Oregon
2	2001	32	Drew Brees*	Purdue
3	2006	81	Charlie Whitehurst	Clemson
4	1987	88	Mark Vlasic	Iowa
5	2019	166	Easton Stick	North Dakota State
6c	2000	205	JaJuan Seider	Florida A&M
7	2023	239	Max Duggan	TCU

RUNNING BACK

Round	Year	Pick	Player	College
1	2015	15	Melvin Gordon III*	Wisconsin
2	1999	60	Jermaine Fazande	Oklahoma
3	2008	69	Jacob Hester	Louisiana State
4	2022	123	Isaiah Spiller	Texas A&M
5	2008	166	Marcus Thomas	Texas-El Paso
6	2024	181	Kimani Vidal	Troy
7b	2022	260	Zander Horvath	Purdue

WIDE RECEIVER

Round	Year	Pick	Player	College
1	2023	21	Quentin Johnston	TCU
2	2024	34	Ladd McConkey	Georgia
3a	2021	77	Joshua Palmer	Tennessee
4	2023	125	Derius Davis	TCU
5	2020	151	Joe Reed	Virginia
6	2018	191	Dylan Cantrell	Texas Tech
7b	2024	253	Cornelius Johnson	Michigan

TIGHT END

Round	Year	Pick	Player	College
1	1979	13	Kellen Winslow**^	Missouri
2	2016	35	Hunter Henry	Arkansas
3b	2021	97	Tre' McKitty	Georgia
4	2012	110	Ladarius Green	Louisiana-Lafayette
5a	1994	137	Aaron Laing	New Mexico State
6	2004	169	Ryan Krause	Nebraska-Omaha
7	2010	235	Dedrick Epps	Miami

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Round	Year	Pick	Player	College
1	2024	5	Joe Alt	Notre Dame
2	2017	38	Forrest Lamp	Western Kentucky
3	2019	91	Trey Pipkins III	Sioux Falls
4b	2009	133	Tyrone Green	Auburn
5	2023	156	Jordan McFadden	Clemson
6a	2022	195	Jamaree Salyer	Georgia
7	2016	224	Donavon Clark	Michigan State

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

Round	Year	Pick	Player	College
1	2019	28	Jerry Tillery	Notre Dame
2	2012	49	Kendall Reyes	Connecticut
3	2018	84	Justin Jones	North Carolina State
4	2024	105	Justin Eboigbe	Alabama
5	2022	160	Otito Ogbonna	UCLA
6	2023	200	Scott Matlock	Boise State
7	2019	242	Cortez Broughton	Cincinnati

LINEBACKER

Round	Year	Pick	Player	College
1b	2020	23	Kenneth Murray Jr.	Oklahoma
2	2023	54	Tuli Tuipulotu	Southern California
3	2024	69	Junior Colson	Michigan
4	2021	118	Chris Rumph II	Duke
5	2016	175	Jatavis Brown	Akron
6a	2021	185	Nick Niemann	Iowa
7	2011	234	Andrew Gachkar	Missouri

DEFENSIVE BACK

Round	Year	Pick	Player	College
1	2018	17	Derwin James Jr.**	Florida State
2	2021	47	Asante Samuel Jr.	Florida State
3	2022	79	JT Woods	Baylor
4	2017	113	Rayshawn Jenkins	Miami
5b	2024	140	Cam Hart	Notre Dame
6b	2022	214	Ja'Sir Taylor	Wake Forest
7a	2022	236	Deane Leonard	Mississippi

KICKER

Round	Year	Pick	Player	College
3a	2004	65	Nate Kaeding*	Iowa
6b	2006	188	Kurt Smith	Virginia
7	1967	173	Dave Conway	Texas

PUNTER

Round	Year	Pick	Player	College
4	1985	96	Ralf Mojsiejenko*	Michigan State
5	2003	149	Mike Scifres	Western Illinois
6a	2016	179	Drew Kaser	Texas A&M
7	1980	191	Stuart Dodds	Montana State

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CHARGERS DRAFTEES BY SCHOOL

College	No. of Picks	College	No. of Picks	College	No. of Picks	College	No. of Picks
Abilene Christian	2	Georgia Tech	6	North Carolina Central ⁷	1	Texas Southern	3
Adams State (Colo.)	1	Grambling State ⁴	8	North Carolina State	5	Texas State	1
Air Force	1	Hampton (Va.)	2	North Dakota State	3	Texas Tech.	8
Akron	1	Hardin-Simmons	1	North Texas ⁸	1	The Citadel	4
Alabama	10	Hawai'i	3	Northern Colorado	1	Toledo	1
Alabama State	1	Houston	5	Northern Illinois	3	Towson ¹¹	1
Alcorn State ¹	5	Howard Payne	2	Northwestern	7	Troy¹²	2
Angelo State (Texas)	1	Idaho	5	Northwestern State (La.)	1	Tulane	1
Appalachian State	1	Idaho State	1	Notre Dame	24	Tulsa	6
Arizona	4	Illinois	3	Ohio State	13	Tuskegee (Ala.)	2
Arizona State	10	Indiana	5	Oklahoma	10	U.S. International (Calif.)	1
Arkansas	13	Indiana State	1	Oklahoma State	6	UCLA	13
Arkansas-Pine Bluff ²	2	Iowa	9	Oregon	8	UC Davis	2
Arkansas State	1	Iowa State	3	Oregon State	4	Utah	3
Arkansas Tech	1	Jackson State	2	Oregon Tech.	2	Utah State	5
Army	1	Jacksonville State (Ala.)	1	Pacific	4	Villanova	3
Auburn	13	Johnson C. Smith (N.C.)	2	Pasadena Community College	1	Virginia	7
Baylor	4	Kansas	4	Penn State	8	Virginia Tech.	3
Bethune-Cookman	2	Kansas State	7	Pennsylvania	1	Virginia Union	2
Bloomsburg (Pa.)	1	Kent State	1	Pittsburgh	7	Wake Forest	2
Boise State	2	Kentucky	5	Portland State	3	Washington	6
Boston College	4	Lamar (Texas)	1	Prairie View A&M	1	Washington State	10
Boston University	3	LaVerne (Calif.)	1	Presbyterian (S.C.)	1	Weber State	2
Bowling Green State	2	Lincoln (Mo.)	1	Purdue	8	West Texas State	3
Bradley	1	Long Beach State	8	Rice	2	West Virginia	7
Brigham Young	3	Louisiana State	13	Richmond	4	Western Illinois	3
Brown	1	Louisiana Tech	3	Sacramento State	1	Western Kentucky	1
Cal Poly	1	Louisiana-Lafayette	1	San Diego State	14	Western Michigan	2
Cal State LA ³	4	Louisiana-Monroe ⁵	2	San Francisco State	1	Western Ontario (Canada)	1
California	5	Louisville	2	San Jose State	10	Whitworth (Wash.)	1
Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	1	Marquette	1	Santa Clara	1	Wichita State	2
Central Michigan	1	Marshall	2	Souix Falls	1	Winston-Salem State	1
Cincinnati	6	Maryland	6	Slippery Rock (Pa.)	1	Wisconsin	6
Clemson	11	Massachusetts	2	Sonoma State (Calif.)	1	Wisconsin-Whitewater	1
Colorado	9	McMurray (Texas)	1	South Carolina	6	Wyoming	1
Colorado State	6	McNeese State (La.)	2	South Carolina State	5	Xavier	1
Columbia	1	Memphis ⁶	8	South Dakota State	3	Yale	1
Concordia (Canada)	1	Miami	8	Southern (La.)	6	Yankton (S.D.)	1
Connecticut	2	Miami (Ohio)	3	Southern California	26	Youngstown State	1
Dartmouth	1	Michigan	10	Southern Illinois	1		
Dayton	3	Michigan State	9	Southern Methodist	2		
Delaware	1	Middle Tennessee State	1	Southern Mississippi	1		
Delaware State	1	Minnesota	3	Southern Utah	1		
Duke	2	Mississippi	14	Southwest Texas State	1		
East Carolina	2	Mississippi State	1	St. Norbert (Wis.)	1		
East Central Oklahoma State	1	Missouri	7	Stanford	5		
East Tennessee State	1	Montana	3	Stephen F. Austin	2		
East Texas State	1	Montana State	2	Syracuse	10		
Eastern Michigan	1	Morgan State (Md.)	1	Tampa	1		
Eastern Montana	1	Muskingum (Ohio)	1	TCU	7		
Elon (N.C.)	1	Nebraska	11	Temple	1		
Florida	8	Nebraska-Omaha	2	Tennessee	13		
Florida A&M	3	New Mexico	1	Tennessee State ⁹	7		
Florida International	1	New Mexico State	8	Tennessee Tech	3		
Florida State	16	Norfolk State	3	Texas	8		
Fresno State	8	North Alabama	3	Texas A&M	12		
George Washington	1	North Carolina	7	Texas A&M-Kingsville ¹⁰	1		
Georgia	10	North Carolina A&T	5	UTEP	6		

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MOST CHARGERS DRAFTEES BY SCHOOL

College	No. of Picks	College	No. of Picks	College	No. of Picks	College	No. of Picks
Southern California	26	California.....	5	Massachusetts	2	Muskingum (Ohio).....	1
Notre Dame	24	Houston.....	5	McNeese State (La.)	2	New Mexico	1
Florida State.....	16	Idaho.....	5	Montana State	2	North Carolina Central ⁷	1
Mississippi.....	14	Indiana.....	5	Nebraska-Omaha.....	2	North Texas ⁸	1
San Diego State.....	14	Kentucky.....	5	Oregon Tech.....	2	Northern Colorado	1
Arkansas.....	13	North Carolina A&T	5	Rice	2	Northwestern State (La.)	1
Auburn.....	13	North Carolina State.....	5	Southern Methodist.....	2	Pasadena C.C.	1
Louisiana State.....	13	South Carolina State.....	5	Stephen F. Austin.....	2	Pennsylvania.....	1
Ohio State.....	13	Stanford	5	Troy¹¹	2	Prairie View A&M.....	1
Tennessee.....	13	Utah State.....	5	Tuskegee (Ala.)	2	Presbyterian (S.C.).....	1
UCLA.....	13	Arizona.....	4	UC Davis	2	Sacramento State.....	1
Texas A&M.....	12	Baylor	4	Virginia Union.....	2	San Francisco State.....	1
Clemson	11	Boston College.....	4	Wake Forest	2	Santa Clara	1
Nebraska.....	11	Cal State LA ³	4	Weber State	2	Souix Falls.....	1
Alabama	10	Kansas	4	Western Michigan	2	Slippery Rock (Pa.).....	1
Arizona State	10	Oregon State	4	Wichita State	2	Sonoma State (Calif.)	1
Georgia	10	Pacific	4	Adams State (Colo.)	1	Southern Illinois.....	1
Michigan	10	Richmond	4	Air Force.....	1	Southern Mississippi	1
Oklahoma	10	The Citadel	4	Akron.....	1	Southern Utah	1
San Jose State	10	Boston University	3	Alabama State	1	Southwest Texas State	1
Syracuse	10	Brigham Young	3	Angelo State (Texas).....	1	St. Norbert (Wis.)	1
Washington State	10	Dayton.....	3	Appalachian State.....	1	Tampa	1
Colorado.....	9	Florida A&M	3	Arkansas State.....	1	Temple.....	1
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Michigan State.....	9	Illinois	3	Army	1	Texas State	1
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Fresno State	8	Louisiana Tech.....	3	Bradley	1	Towson State (Md.).....	1
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Purdue.....	8	Portland State	3	Delaware.....	1	Wyoming.....	1
Texas.....	8	South Dakota State.....	3	Delaware State.....	1	Xavier	1
Texas Tech.....	8	Tennessee Tech.....	3	East Central Oklahoma State ..	1	Yale	1
Kansas State.....	7	Texas Southern.....	3	East Tennessee State	1	Yankton (S.D.)	1
Missouri.....	7	Utah.....	3	East Texas State.....	1	Youngstown State	1
North Carolina.....	7	Villanova.....	3	Eastern Michigan	1		
Northwestern.....	7	Virginia Tech.....	3	Eastern Montana	1		
Pittsburgh.....	7	West Texas State	3	Elon (N.C.)	1		
TCU	7	Western Illinois	3	Florida International	1		
Tennessee State ⁹	7	Abilene Christian	2	George Washington	1		
Virginia	7	Arkansas-Pine Bluff ²	2	Hardin-Simmons	1		
West Virginia	7	Bethune-Cookman.....	2	Idaho State	1		
Cincinnati	6	Boise State	2	Indiana State	1		
Colorado State.....	6	Bowling Green State	2	Jacksonville State (Ala.).....	1		
Georgia Tech	6	Connecticut	2	Kent State.....	1		
Maryland	6	Duke.....	2	Lamar (Texas).....	1		
Oklahoma State.....	6	East Carolina	2	LaVerne (Calif.)	1		
South Carolina.....	6	Hampton (Va.).....	2	Lincoln (Mo.)	1		
Southern (La.).....	6	Howard Payne	2	Louisiana-Lafayette.....	1		
UTEP	6	Jackson State.....	2	Marquette	1		
Tulsa.....	6	Johnson C. Smith (N.C.).....	2	McMurray (Texas).....	1		
Washington	6	Louisiana-Monroe ⁵	2	Middle Tennessee State	1		
Wisconsin.....	6	Louisville.....	2	Mississippi State.....	1		
Alcorn State ¹	5	Marshall.....	2	Morgan State (Md.).....	1		

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JOE ALT

TACKLE | NOTRE DAME

6-8 | 321 lbs | NORTH OAKS, MINN.

ROUND: 1 ⚡ OVERALL: 5

CAREER ACCOLADES

- ▶ 2023 Consensus First-Team All-America
- ▶ 2022 First-Team All-America

2023: Team captain, starting all 13 games at left tackle... Unanimous first team All-American...Anchored one of the most prolific offenses in Notre Dame history, ranking second in school history with 39.1 points per game...The Irish's offensive unit ranked eighth all-time averaging 5.3 yards per rush...Notre Dame's offense finished the season third all-time in passing yards per attempt (9.13), second in yards per play (6.954), seventh in total yards (5,619), and first in fourth quarter points (135)...**Accolades:** Consensus First-Team All-America.

2022: Started all 13 games in 2022 and has been in the starting lineup at left tackle for 21 consecutive games on the Irish offensive line...Helped the Irish average 4.6 yards per carry during the 2022 season, racking up 2,457 total rushing yards which is the sixth-best total at Notre Dame since 1996. Finished the season with 25 total rushing touchdowns as the Irish offense averaged 31.77 points per game...Helped clear the way for seven games of 220+ yards rushing, with four games of 260-plus... Irish ranked 16th nationally in least TFLs allowed per game...Was honored, along with entire Notre Dame offensive line, as part of the Joe Moore Award Midseason Honor Roll...**Accolades:** First-Team All-America.

2021: Saw action in all 13 games, appearing along the offensive front...Started each of the final eight games at left tackle for the Irish, including the 2022 Playstation Fiesta Bowl against Oklahoma State

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Attended Totino-Grace High School in Fridley, Minn., where he was a finalist for Minnesota's Mr. Football following his senior season, logging time both as a quarterback and tight end during his prep career...Earned first-team all-state honors following his senior season...Also played basketball...Father, John, was a two-time Pro Bowl offensive lineman for the Kansas City Chiefs, later being inducted into the franchise's Hall of Honor...Brother, Mark, was a second-round selection by the Philadelphia Flyers in the 2010 NHL Draft, having spent time on the rosters of Colorado Avalanche and Los Angeles Kings, as well as the Flyers...Soster, Jordan, played basketball at Denver University.

JOE ALT COLLEGE GAMES

Year	College	GP	GS
2021	Notre Dame	13	8
2022	Notre Dame	13	13
2023	Notre Dame	12	12
College Totals		38	33





LADD McCONKEY

WIDE RECEIVER | GEORGIA

5-11 | 186 lbs | CHATSWORTH, GA.

ROUND: 2 ⚡ OVERALL: 34

CAREER ACCOLADES

- ▶ 2023 Wuerffel Trophy Winner
- ▶ 2022 Second-Team All-SEC
- ▶ 2021 Freshman All-SEC

2023: Wuerffel Trophy winner, honoring player "who best combines exemplary community service with athletic and academic achievement"...Named to Allstate AFCA Good Works Team...Named National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete...Finalist for William V. Campbell Trophy and Wuerffel Trophy...Played in nine contests, starting vs. Missouri...Totaled 30 receptions for 478 yards and two receiving touchdowns while adding one TD on the ground...Caught four passes for 58 yards, including a 31-yard reception, at Vanderbilt...Named SEC Offensive Player of the Week and Senior Bowl Co-Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against Florida, making six catches for 135 yards and adding a 41-yard touchdown reception in win over the Gators...Caught seven passes for 95 yards, including a team-long 33-yard reception in win over Missouri...Caught four passes for 81 yards and a 29-yard touchdown vs. Ole Miss, also recording a 41-yard reception...Posted a 27-yard rushing touchdown and made one catch for 22 yards in Capital One Orange Bowl vs. Florida State...**Accolades:** Wuerffel Trophy Winner.

2022: Started at WR in 14 of 15 games...Second on team in receptions with 58 on the season for 762 yards and seven TDs...Totaled 17 punt returns for a 12.31 average...Also rushed twice for 16 yards, including a 9-yard TD run vs. Oregon...had a 37-yard catch, as well as two punt returns for 32 yards, in win over Samford...Had four catches for 52 yards in win at South Carolina...Career-high six receptions in win over Kent State...Five catches for 47 yards and a career-long 38-yard punt return in win over Auburn...Team-high five catches for 94 yards, including a 37-yarder for a TD, in win over Tennessee...Five catches for 71 yards and a TD in win at Mississippi State...Also scored on a 70-yard run vs. the Bulldogs...Had two catches in win over Ohio State in the CFP Semifinal Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl...Had one carry for 14 yards and five receptions for combined 88 yards with two touchdowns in CFP National Championship Game win over TCU...**Accolades:** Second-Team All-SEC.

2021: Played in all 15 games, starting seven...Finished the season with 31 catches (second-best on team) for 447 yards and five TDs...Team-high five receptions for 135 yards in win at #18 Auburn, including a 60-yard TD catch, earning SEC Freshman of the Week for his efforts...Team-high three catches in win over #8 Arkansas...Had receiving and rushing TDs on successive drives in win at Vandy...had four catches for 62 yards vs. the Commodores...Had a 32-yard TD catch and run vs. Alabama in SEC Championship Game...Had two catches for 24 yards, as well as punt returns of 34 and 28 yards, in win over Charleston Southern...Had one 12-yard grab in win over South Carolina...**Accolades:** Freshman All-SEC.

2020: Redshirted, contributing to the scout team...named to the J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Honor Roll for Fall 2020.

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Attended North Murray High School in Chatsworth, Ga., where he was named First-Team All-State Class 3A as a senior quarterback in 2019 after leading the Mountaineers to the Class 3A quarterfinals with an 8-0 and title in Region 6-3A...Racked up 3,051 all-purpose yards while playing quarterback, running back, receiver and return specialist, adding four interceptions as a defensive back, as a senior in 2019...Also played basketball, where he helped lead the Mountaineers to an undefeated 16-0 Region 6-3A title and a 20-5 overall record as a senior, and competed in track & field.



LADD McCONKEY COLLEGE STATISTICS

Year	College	GP	— Receiving —					— Rushing —					— Scrimmage —	
			No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards	
2021	Georgia	15	31	447	14.4	60	5	4	44	11.0	2t	1	491	
2022	Georgia	15	58	762	13.1	37	7	7	134	19.1	8	2	896	
2023	Georgia	9	30	478	15.9	54	2	2	38	19.0	2	1	516	
Collegiate Totals		39	119	1,687	14.2	60	14	13	216	16.6	8	4	1,903	



JUNIOR COLSON

LINEBACKER | MICHIGAN

6-2 | 238 lbs | BRENTWOOD, TENN.

ROUND: 3 ⚡ OVERALL: 69

CAREER ACCOLADES

- ▶ 2023 Lott IMPACT Trophy
- ▶ 2023 Second-Team All-Big Ten
- ▶ 2022 Second-Team All-Big Ten
- ▶ 2021 Freshman All-America

2023: Started all 15 games at linebacker; led the team with 95 tackles, including 2.0 for loss, two quarterback hurries, and two pass breakups to earn his third varsity letter...All-Big Ten selection (second team, coaches; second team, media)... Five times shared Defensive Player of the Week honors for his performance against ECU, Indiana, Purdue, at Michigan State, against Iowa in the Big Ten Championship...Led the defense with seven tackles and started against Bowling Green (Sept. 16)...Led the team with six tackles including two solos against Rutgers (Sept. 23)...Against Indiana (Oct. 14), led the defense with six stops...At Michigan State (Oct. 21), led the team with 11 tackles from his linebacker spot...At Maryland (Nov. 18), totaled eight tackles to lead the team...Led the team with 11 tackles including seven solo stops against Ohio State (Nov. 25)...Tied for the team lead with eight stops and broke up two passes against Iowa in the Big Ten Championship (Dec. 2)...Delivered a team-high 10 tackles against Alabama in the Rose Bowl/CFP Semifinal (Jan. 1)...Made six total tackles starting at linebacker against Washington in the CFP National Championship Game (Jan. 8)...
Accolades: Lott IMPACT Trophy, 2023 Second-Team All-Big Ten.

2022: Started all 14 games at linebacker; led the team with 101 tackles including six for loss with two sacks, one pass breakup, and one quarterback hurry to earn his second varsity letter...All-Big Ten selection (second team, coaches; third team, media)... Led the team with 10 tackles, his first career double-digit tackle performance, in a start against Colorado State (Sept. 3)...Set a new career-best with 13 tackles plus a quarterback hurry against Maryland (Sept. 24)...Made one sack among seven total tackles starting at Indiana (Oct. 8)...Led the team with 10 tackles including one for loss against Michigan State (Oct. 29)...Racked up 15 tackles against Purdue in the Big Ten Championship (Dec. 3)...Contributed six tackles and a pass breakup against TCU in the Vrbo Fiesta Bowl/CFP Semifinal (Dec. 3)...
Accolades: 2023 Second-Team All-Big Ten.

2021: As a true freshman, appeared all 14 games with seven starts at linebacker and contributed on special teams; finished fourth among all defenders with 61 tackles including a shared tackle for loss, a shared sack, and three pass break ups; also had one fumble recovery and three quarterback hurries to earn his first varsity letter...Made his U-M debut playing linebacker and on special teams against Western Michigan (Sept. 4), with two tackles (one solo) and a pass breakup...Made his first career start at linebacker and made one solo stop against Northwestern (Oct. 23)...Delivered six tackles from his linebacker spot at Michigan State (Oct. 30) and also played special teams...Started against Indiana (Nov. 6) and led the team with eight tackles (one solo)... For the first time in his career, hit double-digit tackles with 12 (five solo) and registered his first career share of a sack/tackle for loss at Penn State (Nov. 13)...Broke up a pass among three tackles and added a quarterback hurry against Iowa in the Big Ten Championship Game (Dec. 4)...Totaled five stops in a start against Georgia in the Capital One Orange Bowl/CFP Semifinal (Dec. 31)...
Accolades: Freshman All-America (Maxwell Football Club).



HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Attended Ravenwood High School in Brentwood, Tenn. ...Following his final prep season, was named semifinalist for the 2020 Butkus Award presented to the nation's top high school linebacker...As a junior in 2018, helped lead Ravenwood to a Tennessee Class 6A state runner-up finish, posting a 13-2 record...Made 59 tackles including 7.5 for loss with 3.5 sacks, two fumble returns as a senior...Born in Haiti, spent the first nine years of his life in the Caribbean country, before moving to the United States.

JUNIOR COLSON COLLEGIATE STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	— Tackles —			Sacks	Yds	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —		
			Total	Solo	Asst			No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2021	Michigan	13	49	23	26	0.0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	
2022	Michigan	14	101	42	59	2.0	10	0	0	—	0	1	0	1	
2023	Michigan	15	95	44	51	2.0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	
College Totals		42	245	109	136	2.0	10	0	0	—	0	5	0	1	



JUSTIN EBOIGBE

DEFENSIVE LINE | ALABAMA

6-4 | 297 lbs | FOREST PARK, GA.

ROUND: 4 ⚡ OVERALL: 105

CAREER ACCOLADES

▶ 2023 First-Team All-SEC

2023: Returned at full health after suffering a season-ending injury midway through the 2022 campaign...Named to the All-SEC First Team by the conference coaches...Garnered second team All-SEC recognition from the Associated Press...Recorded 64 tackles to rank fourth on UA, including 11.5 for loss (-50 yards) which were second on the team...Also contributed seven sacks (-40 yards), good for third on the defense...Added four quarterback hurries and one pass breakup...Selected as a semifinalist for the AP/College Sports Communicators (CSC) Comeback Player of the Year Award...Named the SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week for his play at Texas A&M...Selected as one of the defensive players of the week by the Alabama coaches for his play against Mississippi State, Texas A&M, Arkansas and Tennessee...**Accolades:** First-Team All-SEC.



2022: Suffered an injury prior to the Arkansas game...Worked in four games prior to his injury, recording 11 tackles, including half a stop for a loss...Also added two quarterback hurries...Named to the watch list for the Outland Trophy which is presented annually to the top interior lineman in college football...Selected as one of the defensive players of the week by the UA coaching staff for his play against Vanderbilt.

2021: Recorded 19 tackles, including half a sack (-1 yard), to go with two pass breakups and a pair of quarterback hurries...Also added two fumble recoveries.

2020: Contributed along the defensive front, totaling 19 tackles, including half a tackle for loss (-1 yard)...Also recorded three quarterback pressures and picked off a pass with a return of four yards.

2019: Played in 10 total games, starting two along the defensive front.

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Attended Forest Park High School in Forest Park, Ga., where he garnered attention as one of the highest-ranking prospects in the state...Participated in the Under Armour All-America Game.

JUSTIN EBOIGBE COLLEGIATE STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	— Tackles —					— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			
			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2019	Alabama	10	10	6	4	1.5	2	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Alabama	13	19	10	9	0.0	0	1	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	
2021	Alabama	15	19	8	11	0.5	1	0	0	—	0	2	0	2	0	
2022	Alabama	4	11	5	6	0.0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	
2023	Alabama	14	63	29	34	7.0	40	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0	
College Totals		56	122	58	64	9.0	43	1	4	4	0	4	0	0	0	



TARHEEB STILL

DEFENSIVE BACK | MARYLAND

5-11 | 188 lbs | SICKLERVILLE, N.J.

ROUND: 5 ⚡ OVERALL: 137

CAREER ACCOLADES

- ▶ 2023 Second-Team All-Big Ten
- ▶ 2020 Honorable Mention All-Big Ten
- ▶ 2020 Freshman All-America

2023: Second Team All-Big Ten Selection...Started all 10 games he played in during his senior season...Ranked tied for third nationally in interceptions per game (0.5) and tied for sixth nationally in total interceptions (5)...Had a pair of interceptions in each of Maryland's wins over Virginia and Nebraska, making him one of only three FBS players to have two games with two interceptions...Ranked fourth on the team with 45 tackles and also added two tackles for loss and two pass break-ups to his stat line...Earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honors after two interception performance, both in the end zone and one with a tie game late in the fourth quarter to give Maryland the ball back for the game winning drive and seven tackles (five solo) at Nebraska (11/11)...Led the Terps with six tackles (five solo) and a tackle for loss for two yards vs. Indiana (9/30)...Picked off third pass of the season and returned 10 yards in win at Michigan State (9/23) while notching four tackles (three solo)...Became first Terp since Darnell Savage in 2018 to have two interceptions in one game, the first of which in the end zone to prevent the game-tying touchdown to go with five tackles (four solo) in win over Virginia (9/15)...Tallied five tackles (three solo) including one for loss in win over Charlotte (9/9)...

Accolades: Second-Team All-Big Ten.



2022: Appeared in 12 of 13 Games with 10 starts...Totaled 45 tackles (35 Solo), four tackles for loss, one interception and one pass breakup...Had five solo tackles and a tackle for loss vs. #2 Ohio State (11/19)...Notched six tackles (five solo) in win over Northwestern (10/22)...Recorded first career interception on the first play of the game at Indiana (10/15), also tallying five tackles (three solo) and a tackle for loss...Led the team with a career-best nine tackles (six solo) in win over Michigan State (10/1), recording a 19-yard tackle for loss.

2021: Started in all 13 games at cornerback...Finished fourth on the team with 55 tackles (40 solo)...Second on the team and sixth in the Big Ten with 11 pass brakups...Also totaled three tackles for loss for 13 yards, two sacks for 11 yards and had two fumble recoveries, the third most in the Big Ten...Served as Maryland's primary punt returner, returning 21 punts for 172 yards, including a 92-yard touchdown in the New Era Pinstripe Bowl vs. Virginia Tech (12/29)...Set a Maryland program record for the longest punt return in school history with 92-yard touchdown to open the scoring in the New Era Pinstripe Bowl vs. Virginia Tech... Matched career-high with seven tackles (three solo) in homecoming at Rutgers (11/27), while notching 10th pass breakup of season...Blocked a Minnesota kick (10/23) and secured 14th pass breakup of career vs. Gophers...Led the Terps with a career-best seven tackles (five solo) and tallied a pass breakup at #9 Ohio State... Was all over the field in win at Kent State, tallying five tackles (four solo), his first career fumble recovery, a tackle for a two-yard loss and a pass breakup...Led the Terps with seven tackles (four solo) and posted first career sack early in the game for a 10-yard loss in win over West Virginia (9/4).

2020: Started all four games played in at cornerback...Named a Freshman All-American by The Athletic and Honorable Mention All-Big Ten...Led the nation with two pass breakups per game... Had standout day vs. Rutgers (12/12), notching four pass breakups to go with seven tackles (six solo), the most in a single game by any Big Ten player this season...Tallied four tackles and two pass breakups in standout performance at Penn State (11/7).

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Attended Timber Creek Regional High School in Sicklerville, N.J., where he recorded 124 receptions for 2,533 yards and 17 touchdowns over his prep career...Holds South Jersey record for single season receiving yards (1,336)... Also played basketball and participated in track & field.

TARHEEB STILL COLLEGIATE STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	— Tackles —					— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —		
			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2020	Maryland	4	20	18	2	0.0	0	0	—	0	8	0	0	0	
2021	Maryland	13	55	40	15	2.0	11	0	—	0	11	0	2	14	
2022	Maryland	12	45	35	10	0.0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	
2023	Maryland	10	45	31	14	0.0	0	5	29	19	0	7	0	0	
College Totals		30	165	124	41	2.0	11	6	29	19	0	28	0	14	



CAM HART

DEFENSIVE BACK | NOTRE DAME

6-3 | 202 lbs | BALTIMORE, MD.

ROUND: 5 ⚡ OVERALL: 140

2023: Team captain...Played in all 12 regular season games, starting all 12...Finished with 21 tackles, 15 solo...Recorded three tackles for loss...Added four pass breakups...Forced three fumbles and recovered another...Started the season opener against Navy in Dublin, Ireland ... Recorded two tackles, one solo in the victory...Recorded a tackle for loss, dropping Navy two yards behind the line of scrimmage...Added a forced fumble... Recorded a pair of pass breakups in the victory at N.C. State... Finished with a pair of tackles...Forced a fumble and recovered it to give the Irish the ball in the third quarter at Louisville.

2022: Played in 11 games, making 10 starts at corner...Ended the season with 25 total tackles, recording 17 solo...Added three TFLs for a loss of seven yards total...Broke up four passes during the season...Finished with a season-high five tackles, three solo, two assisted against Stanford.

2021: Featured in 13 games and made 10 starts...Finished tied for eighth on the team with 42 tackles (25 solo, four TFL), nine pass deflections and two INTs...Made his first career start in the season-opening win against Florida State, securing five tackles, including one for loss...Tallied a career-high seven tackles (four solo) in the win over Toledo...Recorded his first two career interceptions in the win over Wisconsin, making him the second Irish player to have two interceptions in the same game this season...Secured four tackles in the win over Southern Cal... Tallied his fifth five-plus tackle performance with five stops (three solo) to go with one pass defended against Virginia...Set a career-best with 2.0 tackles for loss in the matchup against

2020: Played in nine games for the Irish, tallied two pass breakups and three tackles...Posted a tackle in the season-opening win against Duke...Posted a tackle in the 31-13 road win against Georgia Tech.

2019: Played in three games before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury...Saw action against New Mexico, Bowling Green and Southern Cal...Recorded a sack in collegiate debut, a victory over New Mexico.

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Attended Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, Md., where he excelled both offense and defense...A first-team all-conference election as a senior, contributed both as a defensive back and a wide receiver, leading to his initial start at Notre Dame on the offensive side...Made an hour-long commute to school each day...Also participated in track & field.



CAM HART COLLEGIATE STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	— Tackles —				Yds	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			
			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks		No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2019	Notre Dame	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	Notre Dame	8	3	2	1	0.0	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2021	Notre Dame	13	42	25	17	0.0	0	2	0	—	0	9	0	0	0	0
2022	Notre Dame	11	25	17	8	0.0	0	0	0	—	0	4	0	0	0	0
2023	Notre Dame	12	21	15	6	0.0	0	0	0	—	0	4	3	0	0	0
College Totals		47	91	59	32	0.0	0	2	32	32	0	19	3	0	0	0



KIMANI VIDAL

RUNNING BACK | TROY

5-7 | 213 lbs | MARIETTA, GA.

ROUND: 6 ⚡ OVERALL: 181

CAREER ACCOLADES

- ▶ 2023 Third-Team All-America
- ▶ 2023 SBC Offensive Player of the Year
- ▶ 2023 First-Team All-Sun Belt Conference
- ▶ 2022 Second-Team All-Sun Belt Conference
- ▶ 2021 Honorable Mention All-Sun Belt Conference
- ▶ 2020 Honorable Mention All-Sun Belt Conference

2023: Finished second nationally rushing for 1,661 yards on 297 carries...Topped the 100-yard mark seven times and rushed for 200-plus yards three times...Tied for 15th nationally with 14 rushing touchdowns...Part of just the third 3,000-yard, 1,000-yard passing/rushing duo in school history...Became Troy's first AP All-American since 2000; named to the AP All-America Third Team...MVP on the Sun Belt Championship Game after rushing for 233 yards and five touchdowns; first player in FBS championship game history with five rushing TDs...Set the Troy career (4,010), single-season (1,661) and single-game (248) rushing records...Also set Troy records for single-season 100-yard rushing games (7), single-game rushing touchdowns (5), while tying the career 100-yard game record (13)...Responsible for three of the top 16 rushing games at the FBS ranks in 2023...Averaged 3.58 yards after contact...Led the country with 47 rushes of 10-plus yards...Finished second nationally with 82 rushes for a first down...Among running backs with at least 20 targets, one of just eight players nationally to not be charged with a dropped pass...**Accolades:** Third-Team All-America, SBC Offensive Player of the Year, First-Team All-Sun Belt Conference.



2022: Became just the 11th 1,000-yard rusher in program history, rushed for 1,132 yards and 10 touchdowns on 231 carries...Topped the 200-yard mark in a pair of games - 242 yards against ULM and 208 yards at Arkansas State - just the second player in program history to rush for more than 200 yards in multiple games in the same season...Averaged 158.5 yards in his four November games, the fifth-highest average in the country; his seven rushing touchdowns in the month tied Texas' Bijan Robinson for the most in the country...Rushed for 242 yards and two touchdowns on 29 carries, 8.3 yards per carry, against ULM; it was the second-most yards in a game in Troy history... Tied the Troy single-game record with four rushing touchdowns against Arkansas Stat... Only fumbled once all season, tied for the fifth-fewest nationally among backs with at least 200 carries...Caught 25 passes for 134 yards; his receiving yards are the 21st most by a running back nationally with at least 200 carries...**Accolades:** Second-Team All-Sun Belt Conference.

2021: Rushed for more than 100 yards in consecutive games for the second straight season...Led the Sun Belt and ranked 14th nationally, averaging 120.67 yards per game in the month of October...Averaged 63.7 yards per game for the season; rushed for 701 yards and five touchdowns on 152 carries...Scored twice in the game at Texas State and added touchdowns against Southern, Southern Miss and Coastal Carolina...Tied for fifth on the team with 22 receptions for 134 yards...**Accolades:** Honorable Mention All-Sun Belt Conference.

2020: Finished the season with 516 yards on 101 carries, leading the Trojans with 57.3 yards per game and four touchdowns on the ground...Rushed 22 times for 76 yards at South Alabama; also caught five passes for 29 yards...Caught 26 passes for 225 yards on the season...Had a season-high seven receptions for 76 yards against Coastal Carolina...**Accolades:** Honorable Mention All-Sun Belt Conference.

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Attended Marietta High School in Marietta, Ga., leading the program to the school's first 7A State Championship as a senior in 2019, earning MVP honors in the game, behind 1,589 rushing yards (6.8 average) and 24 touchdowns, adding 25 receptions for 397 yards and five touchdown grabs on the season...Also participated in track & field.

KIMANI VIDAL COLLEGE STATISTICS

Year	College	GP	-- Rushing --				-- Receiving --				-- Scrimmage --		
			Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2020	Troy	9	101	516	5.1	51	4	26	225	8.7	24	0	741
2021	Troy	11	152	701	4.6	45	5	22	134	6.1	19	0	835
2022	Troy	14	231	1,132	4.9	40	10	26	140	5.4	18	0	1,272
2023	Troy	14	297	1,661	5.6	69	14	18	201	11.2	44	1	1,862
Collegiate Totals		48	781	4,010	5.1	69	33	92	700	7.6	44	1	4,7100



BRENDEN RICE

WIDE RECEIVER | USC

6-2 | 208 lbs | CHANDLER, ARIZ.

ROUND: 7 ⚡ OVERALL: 225

CAREER ACCOLADES

► 2023 Second-Team All-Pac-12

2023 (USC): Earned second-team All-Pac-12 recognition after leading the Trojans with 12 receiving touchdowns in 2023... Starting 11-of-12 outings, collected 45 receptions for 791 yards (17.6 avg.) and his 12 receiving touchdowns...**Accolades:** Second-Team All-Pac-12.

2022 (USC): Appeared in all 14 games, starting 12, in his first season at Southern California...Recorded 39 receptions for 611 yards (15.7 avg.) with four touchdowns...Added three kickoff returns for 49 yards (16.3 avg) with a long of 18 yards...Closed out the year with a career performance, posting a season-high six catches for 174 yards and two touchdowns in the Cotton Bowl against Tulane.

2021 (Colorado): Started all 11 appearances for Colorado at wide receiver, totaling 21 receptions for 299 yards (14.2 avg), both second on the team, with 3 TDs, along with 17 kickoff returns for 469 yards (27.6 avg), both team highs, and 6 carries for 54 yards (9.0 avg), ranking 14th nationally in kickoff returns (27.6 avg, third in Pac-12).

2020 (Colorado): Saw action in all six games, including the Alamo Bowl, which marked his first-career starting nod...Averaged 26.4 yards per touch and scored three touchdowns on nine total plays...Caught six passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns while also returning one punt for an 81-yard touchdown and had two kickoffs for 37 yards, giving him 238 all-purpose yards on just nine touches for an average of 26.4 yards per touch, including 20.0 yards per reception...Given the team's Lee Willard Award on offense as the top freshman...Named first-team Academic All-Colorado by the state's chapter of the National Football Foundation.

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Attended Hamilton High School in Chandler, Ariz., where he was named All-Arizona by the Arizona Republic as a senior in 2019 after hauling-in 49 catches for 851 yards (17.4 avg) with 9 TDs (with a quartet of 100-yard receiving outings) and an 8-yard scoring run on offense, plus 15 tackles and a deflection on defense and 12 kickoff returns for 244 yards (20.3 avg) and 6 punt returns for 20 yards (3.3 avg) on special teams... Over his career, totaled 123 receptions for 2,139 yards (17.4 avg) with 27 touchdowns...His father, Jerry Rice, is the NFL's all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns.



BRENDEN RICE COLLEGE STATISTICS

Year	College	GP	— Receiving —				— Rushing —				— Scrimmage —		
			No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2020	Colorado	6	6	120	20.0	61	2	0	0	0.0	—	0	120
2021	Colorado	11	21	299	14.2	62	3	6	54	9.0	17	0	299
2022	Southern California	14	39	611	15.7	74	4	0	0	0.0	—	0	611
2023	Southern California	12	45	791	17.6	75	12	0	0	0.0	—	0	791
Collegiate Totals		.43	111	1,821	16.4	75	21	6	54	9.0	17	0	1,821



CORNELIUS JOHNSON

WIDE RECEIVER | MICHIGAN

6-3 | 208 lbs | GREENWICH, CONN.

ROUND: 7 ⚡ OVERALL: 253

CAREER ACCOLADES

► 2023 Honorable Mention All-Big Ten Conference

2023: Appeared in 15 games with 14 starts at wide receiver and also contributed on special teams; caught 47 passes for 604 yards and ran three times for 40 yards with one touchdown to earn his fifth varsity letter...Produced 82 yards on five catches against UNLV (Sept. 9), and also had a 26-yard end-around rush... Led the team with 71 receiving yards and scored a touchdown on three receptions in a start against Bowling Green (Sept. 16)...Led the team with nine receptions and 64 yards against Iowa in the Big Ten Championship (Dec. 2)...Made three catches for 25 yards starting against Washington in the CFP National Championship Game (Jan. 8)...**Accolades:** Honorable Mention All-Big Ten.

2022: Started all 14 games at wide receiver and also contributed on special teams; caught 32 passes for 499 yards with a team-leading six touchdowns to earn his fourth varsity letter...Started against Hawaii (Sept. 10) and finished with 71 yards on two catches, including a 17-yard touchdown...Tied his career-high of two receiving touchdowns to go along with four receptions for 58 yards at Indiana (Oct. 8)...Went off for 160 yards receiving and two touchdowns on four catches at Ohio State (Nov. 26)... Made two receptions for 30 yards starting against TCU in the Vrbo Fiesta Bowl/CFP Semifinal (Dec. 31).



2021: Started all 14 games at wide receiver and also contributed on special teams, blocking two punts; led the team with 39 receptions and 620 yards with three touchdowns (tied-most), also carried three times for 30 yards to earn his third varsity letter... Shared Offensive Skill Player of the Year honors...Registered a career best 117 yards on three catches in a start against Northern Illinois (Sept. 18) with an 87-yard touchdown, third longest in program history...Hauled in two touchdowns on two receptions in a start at Wisconsin (Oct. 2), including a 34-yarder...Started on the outside against Indiana (Nov. 6), and registered five catches for 108 yards...Blocked his second punt of the year; caught one pass and had one carry, totaling 32 yards against Iowa in the Big Ten Championship Game (Dec. 4)

2020: Appeared in all six games with three starts at wide receiver; caught 16 passes for 254 yards with a team-leading three touchdowns to earn his second varsity letter...Turned five receptions against Michigan State (Oct. 31) into 52 yards... Made his first career start and caught his first touchdown of the season among four receptions for 82 yards at Indiana (Nov. 7)... Caught nine and 46-yard touchdowns from Cade McNamara at Rutgers (Nov. 21), totaling 105 yards on five catches...**Accolades:** Academic All-Big Ten.

2019: Appeared in 12 games at wide receiver and caught 4 passes for 61 yards and one touchdown to earn his first varsity letter... Caught two passes for 19 yards in his Wolverine debut playing wide receiver against Middle Tennessee State (Aug. 31)...Returned one kick for 19 yards and also saw snaps on offense against Iowa (Oct. 5)...Caught his first career touchdown on a 39-yard connection with Shea Patterson against Michigan State (Nov. 16).

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Attended The Brunswick School in Greenwich, Conn., where he capped his prep career as Connecticut's Gatorade High School Player of the Year...A two-time All-New England Class A first team honoree (2017, 2018), was named NEPSAC Co-Offensive Player of the Year following his senior season in 2018, also earning Erickson League Offensive Player of the Year honors...Gained 2,167 receiving yards on 129 receptions and scored 33 touchdowns during his prep career... Caught 50 passes for 826 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior; also added a rushing touchdown and a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

CORNELIUS JOHNSON COLLEGE STATISTICS

Year	College	GP	— Receiving —					— Rushing —					— Scrimmage —
			No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards
2019	Michigan	12	4	61	15.3	39	1	0	0	0.0	—	0	61
2020	Michigan	6	16	254	15.9	46	3	0	0	0.0	—	0	254
2021	Michigan	14	40	627	15.7	87	3	3	30	10.0	17	0	657
2022	Michigan	14	32	499	15.6	75	6	0	0	0.0	—	0	499
2023	Michigan	15	47	604	12.9	50	1	3	40	13.3	26	0	644
Collegiate Totals		61	139	2,045	14.7	87	14	6	70	11.7	26	0	2,115

UNDRAFTED PLAYER

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G KARSEN BARNHART

Michigan | 6-5 | 316 | Paw Paw, Mich.

Appeared in 43 games over five seasons (2019-23) at Michigan, starting 31 games across the offensive line...Started all 15 games in 2023 to help the Wolverines to a 15-0 record and win the College Football Playoff National Championship, earning second-team All-Big Ten recognition in the process...Named the offense's most improved player in 2022.



QB CASEY BAUMAN

Augustana | 6-6 | 238 | Sumas, Wash.

Started at quarterback for Augustana for two seasons (2022-23) after a four-year (2018-21) career at Montana State...Played 21 games for the Vikings, completing 327-of-536 passes (61.0 pct.) for 4,160 yards and 43 touchdowns to just 16 interceptions... Led Augustana in 2023 to a 9-1 record, resulting in a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Championship.



TE LUKE BENSON

Georgia Tech | 6-4 | 233 | Chalfont, Pa.

Following three seasons at Syracuse (2019-21), transferred to Georgia Tech, playing for the Yellow Jackets from 2022-23...Over 59 career collegiate games, caught 37 passes for 430 yards (11.6 avg.) and five touchdowns...Named third-team Freshman All-America by Pro Football Focus after catching eight passes for 176 yards (22.0 avg.) and three scores in 2019.



S AKEEM DENT

Florida State | 6-1 | 191 | Pahokee, Fla.

Earned honorable mention All-Atlantic Coast Conference recognition in 2023 after totaling 44 tackles in 11 games played (10 starts)...Recorded 185 tackles (106 solo), four tackles for loss, an interception, 18 passes defended and two forced fumbles in 59 games played over five seasons (2019-23).



WR JAELEN GILL

Fresno State | 6-0 | 185 | Westerville, Ohio

Finished his collegiate career at Fresno State in 2023 after spending time at Boston College (2020-22) and Ohio State (2018-19)...Saw the most action of his career last year with the Bulldogs, totaling 49 receptions for 516 yards (10.5 avg.) and six touchdowns in 13 games played, all setting single-season career highs...Appeared in 51 career collegiate games.



S THOMAS HARPER

Notre Dame | 5-10 | 195 | Knoxville, Tenn.

Started 10-of-11 games in 2023 at Notre Dame, totaling 39 tackles (25 solo), six tackles for loss and two sacks...Prior to his time with the Fighting Irish, played four seasons at Oklahoma State (2019-22), playing 42 games...Recorded 93 tackles (64 solo), five tackles for loss, two interceptions and eight passes defended for the Cowboys.



TE ZACH HEINS

South Dakota State | 6-7 | 260 | Sioux Falls, S.D.

Earned first-team All-Missouri Valley Football Conference honors in 2020 before being recognized with back-to-back second-team selections in 2022-23...Totaled 95 receptions for 1,252 yards (13.2 avg.) and 18 touchdowns in 60 career games... Set career highs in 2023 with 410 yards and seven touchdowns, while setting a career-best with 29 catches in 2022.



OLB SAVION JACKSON

North Carolina State | 6-2 | 290 | Clayton, N.C.

In five seasons at North Carolina State (2019-23), appeared in 48 games...Recorded 106 tackles (37 solo), 13 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks and a pass breakup for the Wolfpack...Returned from injury to put forth a career year in 2023...First name pronounced SAVE-ee-on.



LB JEREMIAH JEAN-BAPTISTE

Mississippi | 6-2 | 230 | Florida City, Fla.

Finished fifth on the team with 54 tackles in 2023, adding 4.5 tackles for loss, a pass breakup and two QB hurries in 13 games played (10 starts) for the Rebels...Transferred to Ole Miss after appearing in 35 games over four seasons (2019-22) at Central Florida, totaling 152 tackles (97 solo), two sacks, an interception, seven passes defended and a forced fumble.



WR LEON JOHNSON

Oklahoma State | 6-5 | 215 | Bothell, Wash.

Ranked third on the team in 2023 with 539 receiving yards on 33 receptions, sacrificing his redshirt midway through the season the help an injury-depleted wide receiver position...Transferred to Oklahoma State after four seasons at George Fox University (Ore.), where he was named Northwest Conference Offensive Player of the Year and an AFCA Division III first-team All-American in 2022.



WR JAYLEN JOHNSON

East Carolina | 6-2 | 194 | Duluth, Ga.

Played 22 games in two seasons at East Carolina (2022-23) after appearing in 26 games at Georgia from 2019-21...Set career highs with the Pirates in 2023 in receptions (45) and receiving yards (466) after posting a career-best four touchdown grabs in 2022...Led the team in 2023 with 268 yards after catch and ranked second on the squad with 45 catches.



CB ROBERT KENNEDY

North Carolina State | 5-10 | 188 | Jeannette, Pa.

Saw action in 13 games in 2023 at North Carolina State after spending two seasons (2021-22) at Old Dominion...Spent the 2020 season at East Carolina after playing at Lackawanna Junior College (Pa.) from 2017-19...Helped Lackawanna to appear in the 2019 NJCAA National Championship Game...At North Carolina State, picked off two passes and had 1.5 sacks.



DL MICHEAL MASON

Coastal Carolina | 6-3 | 280 | Florence, S.C.

Transferred to Coastal Carolina for the 2023 season after a four-year career at Wofford (2019-22)...At Wofford, was a first-team All-Southern Conference selection in 2020 and 2022, while earning second-team honors in 2019 and 2021, becoming the first Terrier to be All-Southern Conference (first or second team) in four consecutive seasons...Appeared in 49 career games.



OLB TRE'MON MORRIS-BRASH

Central Florida | 6-2 | 245 | Richmond, Va.

Earned first-team All-Big 12 honors in 2023 after setting career highs in tackles (56), solo stops (38), tackles for loss (20.5) and sacks (8.5), leading the conference in tackles for loss...Named first-team All-American Athletic Conference in 2022, also earning honorable mention All-AAC recognition in 2021...Appeared in 61 games at Central Florida from 2019-23.



T TYLER McLELLAN

Campbell | 6-8 | 355 | North Charleston, S.C.

Appeared in 36 career games over five seasons at Campbell (2019-23), earning first-team All-Big South honors in 2021 after being recognized as second-team in back-to-back seasons from 2019-20...Helped the Camels set a single-season program record in passing yards in 2021 and 2022.



G WILLIS PATRICK

TCU | 6-4 | 338 | Grand Prairie, Texas

Earned second-team All-Big 12 honors in his lone season at TCU, starting all 12 games at right guard for the Horned Frogs...Spent the 2022 season at Jackson State, starting 11 games...Began his career at Angelo State, earning Division II All-American honors from *The Associated Press* along with recognition as 2021 Lone Star Conference Offensive Lineman of the Year.



S JALYNN PHILLIPS

Clemson | 6-1 | 205 | Lawrenceville, Ga.

In 60 career games played over five seasons (2019-23) for the Tigers, totaled 149 tackles (86 solo), five tackles for loss, two interceptions, 11 passes defended, a sack and a forced fumble... Started 29 games, including all 14 in 2022 when he set career highs in tackles (74) and solo stops (42).



T TYLER SMITH

Western Carolina | 6-8 | 310 | Laurinburg, N.C.

Earned first-team All-Southern Conference recognition in 2023 as a senior after earning second-team honors in 2022 and 2021...Saw action in 58 career games, starting 54 consecutive contests for a Western Carolina offense that averaged over 410 yards per game from 2019-23 while Smith was a starting offensive lineman for the Catamounts.



CB ZAMARI WALTON

Mississippi | 6-3 | 185 | Melbourne, Fla.

Started 12-of-13 games at cornerback for the Rebels in 2023, earning honorable mention All-Southeastern Conference recognition...Transferred to Ole Miss from Georgia Tech, where he was named honorable mention All-Atlantic Coast Conference in 2022 and started 39-of-48 career games for the Yellow Jackets...Picked off five passes in college career.



C/G BUCKY WILLIAMS

Appalachian State | 6-3 | 300 | Ringgold, Ga.

A two-time All-Sun Belt Conference selection at Appalachian State (first team in 2023, second team in 2022)...Started 20-of-26 games played at Appalachian State after transferring from Austin Peay, where he started 34-of-35 appearances from 2019-21...Earned second-team FCS All-American in 2020 and was a two-time first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection.

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First selections to stock franchises – Nov. 22, 1959

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
6**		Monty Stickles	E	Notre Dame
				<i>**Territorial Selection</i>
		Ted Aucreman	E	Indiana
		Bob Bercich	HB	Michigan State
		Barney Berlinger	E	Pennsylvania
		Charles Boone	C	Richmond
		Bobby Boyd	QB	Oklahoma
		Byron Bradfute	T	Southern Mississippi
		Rodney Breedlove	G	Maryland
		Tom Budrewicz	T	Brown
		James Cameron	C	East Texas State
		Jack Crouthamel	HB	Dartmouth
		Pete Davidson	T-G	The Citadel
		Floyd Faucette	HB	Georgia Tech
		Charles Flowers	FB	Mississippi
		Bobby Franklin	QB	Mississippi
		Bob Jeter	HB	Iowa
		Bill Linder	T	Pittsburgh
		Billy Locklin	T	New Mexico State
		William Lopasky	G	West Virginia
		Paul Maguire	E	The Citadel
		Ed McDaniel	E	Oklahoma
		Charles Milstead	QB	Texas A&M
		Ed Pitts	T	South Carolina
		Bob Schlotz	C	Notre Dame
		Ed Serieka	FB	Xavier
		Russ Sloan	E	Missouri
		John Stolte	T	Kansas State
		Ron Stehouwer	T	Colorado
		Wayne Stewart	G	The Citadel
		Leonard Wilson	HB	Purdue
		Bob Zeman	DB	Wisconsin

Second selections to stock franchises

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
		Gary Beabout	T/G	Purdue
		George Blair	DB	Mississippi
		Fran Brixius	T/G	Minnesota
		Joe Davis	T/G	The Citadel
		Robert DeMarco	T/G	Dayton
		Bob Hain	T/G	Iowa
		Chuck Janssen	T/G	Tulsa
		Gordon Kelley	E	Georgia
		Larry Lancaster	G/T	Georgia
		Marv Lasater	HB	TCU
		Warren Lashua	E	Whitworth (Wash.)
		Perry McGriff	E	Florida
		Kirk Phares	T/G	South Carolina
		Lamar Rawson	HB	Auburn
		Ronald Ray	T-G	Howard Payne
		Ken Talkington	QB	Texas Tech
		John Talley	QB	Northwestern
		Bob Waters	HB	Presbyterian (S.C.)
		Bob Wehking	C	Florida
		Larry Womack	HB	Colorado State

1961

Drafted alternately 7-8 – Nov. 23, 1960 (Rounds 1-6); Dec. 5, 1960 (7-30)

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	7	Earle Faison	DE	Indiana
2	16	Keith Lincoln	HB	Washington State
3	23	Marlin McKeever	E	Southern California
4	32	Jimmy Johnson	HB	UCLA
5	39	Bill Kilmer	QB	UCLA
6a	46	Calvin Bird	HB	Kentucky
6b	48	Cliff Roberts	T	Illinois
7	55	Claude Gibson	DB	North Carolina State
8	64	Charley Johnson	QB	New Mexico State
9	71	Bob Scarpitto	QB	Notre Dame
10	80	Willie Hector	G	Pacific
11	87	Greg Larson	C	Minnesota
12	96	Hezekiah Braxton	FB	Virginia Union
13	103	Dale Messer	FB	Fresno State
15	119	Ernie Ladd	T	Grambling
16	128	Bud Whitehead	DB	Florida State
18	144	Ed Dyas	FB	Auburn
19	151	Jack Espenship	HB	Florida
21	167	Gene Gaines	HB	UCLA
23	183	Glenn Bass	HB	East Carolina
24	192	Ben Balme	G	Yale
26	208	Bill Kinnune	G	Washington
27	215	Luther Hayes	E	Southern California
28	224	Chuck Allen	E	Washington
29	231	Dan Ficca	T	Southern California
30	240	Mike McKeever	G	Southern California

Future Selections

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
14	112	Billy Wilson	T	Auburn
17	135	Reg Carolan	E	Idaho
20	160	Mike Lucci	C	Tennessee
22	176	John Brown	T	Syracuse
25	199	Don Coffee	E	Memphis State

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1962

Drafted 8 — Dec. 2, 1961 (Rounds 1-25); Dec. 16, 1961 (26-34)

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	8	Bob Ferguson	FB	Ohio State
2	16	Dick Hudson	T	Memphis State
3	24	John Hadl	QB	Kansas
4a	31	Bob Hill	T	Notre Dame
4b	32	Mack Burton	HB	San Jose State
5a	34	Bob Mitinger	DE	Penn State
5b	40	John Cornett	T	Rice
6a	42	Roy Winston	G	Louisiana State
6b	48	Frank Buncom	LB	Southern California
7a	51	Wendell Harris	HB	Louisiana State
7b	56	Bob Jackson	FB	New Mexico State
8	64	Jerry Robinson	HB	Grambling
9	72	Tommy Minter	HB	Baylor
10	80	Dan Sullivan	T	Boston College
11	88	Irv Bishop	G	Fresno State
12a	93	Ralph Smith	E	Mississippi
12b	96	George Andrie	E	Marquette
13	104	Charles Bryant	E	Ohio State
17	136	Frank Gardner	T	North Carolina College
20	160	Ron Hermann	QB	Bradley
24	192**	Homer Jones	HB	Texas Southern
				<i>**Selection Voided</i>
25	200	Sam Gruneisen	E	Villanova

Future Selections

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
13	105	Bert Coan	HB	Kansas
14	112	James Bates	HB	Southern California
15	120	Fred Moore	T	Memphis State
16	128	George Gross	T	Auburn
18	144	Denny Biodrowski	E	Memphis State
19	152	Mike Lind	FB	Notre Dame
21	168	Jesse Williams	E	Fresno State
22	176	Jim Thibert	E	Toledo
23	184	Dick Farris	G	North Texas State
26	208	Mike Woufle	G	Colorado
27	216	Mel Rideout	QB	Richmond
28	224	Ben Wilson	FB	Southern California

1963

Drafted 2 — Dec. 1, 1962

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	2	Walt Sweeney	E	Syracuse
2	10	Rufus Guthrie	G	Georgia Tech
3a	17	Dave Robinson	E	Penn State
3b	18	Keith Kinderman	HB	Florida State
4	26	Roy Williams	T	Pacific
5	34	Larry Glueck	HB	Villanova
6	42	Pat Emerick	LB	Western Michigan
8	58	Gene Heeter	E	West Virginia
9	66	Steve Barnett	T	Oregon
10	74	Don Scott	T	Tampa
11	82	Bob Petrich	T	West Texas State
12	90	Terry Baker	QB	Oregon State
13	98	Dick Walton	G	Iowa State
19	146	Ernest Park	T	McMurray (Texas)
24	186	Bill Frank	T	Colorado
25	194	Jerry Jazzanti	T	Arkansas

Future Selections

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
14a	106	Frank Lasky	T	Florida
14b	107	Harrison Rosdahl	G	Penn State
14c	109	Jack Cverko	G	Northwestern
15	114	Mike Fracchia	HB	Alabama
16	122	Gene Breen	LB	Virginia Tech
17	130	Dick Drummond	HB	George Washington
20	154	Buddy Soefker	LB	Louisiana State
21	162	Dan Points	T	Cincinnati
22	170	Roger Gill	HB	Texas Tech
23	178	Paul Watters	T	Miami (Ohio)
26	202	Ken Dill	C	Mississippi
27	210	Harry Butsko	G	Maryland
28	218	Steve Berzansky	FB	West Virginia
29	226	Herman Hamp	HB	Fresno State

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1964

Drafted 8 — Nov. 30, 1963

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	8	Ted Davis	E	Georgia Tech
2	16	John Kirby	LB	Nebraska
3	24	Perry Lee Dunn	DB	Mississippi
4	32	Dave Parks	E	Texas Tech
5a	36	Pete Goimarac	C	West Virginia
5b	40	Gary Kirner	T	Southern California
6	48	Willie Brown	S	Southern California
7a	51	Roger Anderson	T	Virginia Union
7b	56	Pat Batten	FB	Hardin-Simmons
8	64	George Seals	T	Missouri
10a	74	Bob Long	E	Wichita State
10b	80	Dick Bowman	E	Syracuse
11	88	Bob Horton	FB	Boston University
12	96	Ron Carpenter	E	Texas A&M
13	104	Kenny Graham	S	Washington State

Future Selections

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	8	Howard Kindig	C	Los Angeles State
2	16	Ed Mitchell	T	Southern (La.)
3	24	Bob Daugherty	HB	Tulsa
4	32	John Farris	T	San Diego State
5	40	Bobby Robinson	G/LB	Mississippi
6	48	Paul Cercel	C/LB	Pittsburgh
7	56	Dick Klein	T	Wichita State
8	64	Allen Robinson	HB	Brigham Young
9	72	Charles Hinton	C	Mississippi
10	80	Ron Smith	QB	Richmond
11	88	Bill Ban Burkelo	HB	Tulsa
12	96	Tom Lucas	G	Mississippi
13	104	Frank Kinard	FB	Mississippi

1965

Drafted 6 — Nov. 28, 1964

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	6	Steve DeLong	G	Tennessee
2	14	Roy Jefferson	E	Utah
3	22	Allen Brown	E	Mississippi
4	30	Steve Tensi	QB	Florida State
5	38	Rick Redman	LB	Washington
6	46	Will Beasley	FB	North Carolina A&T
7	54	Jack Snow	E	Notre Dame
8	62	Clancy Williams	HB	Washington State
9	70	Jerry Whelchel	QB	Massachusetts
10	78	Gene Foster	HB	Arizona State
11	86	Veran Smith	G	Utah State
12	94	Jim Allison	FB	San Diego State
13	102	Bill Quigley	LB	Villanova
14	110	Don Floyd	E	Florida State
15	118	Mike Howell	DB	Grambling
16	126	John Gooden	LB	San Diego State
17	134	Leon Hardy	T	Texas Southern
18	142	Bobby Evans	T	Texas A&M
19	150	Braden Beck	K	Stanford
20	158	Jack Edwards	C	Florida State

Future Selections

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	6	Gary Garrison	E	San Diego State
2	14	Larry Martin	T	San Diego State
3	22	Stan Dzura	T/DE	California
4	30	Doug Woodlief	LB	Memphis State
5	38	Jim Weatherwax	T	Cal State LA
6	46	Tom Good	LB	Marshall
7	54	Wayne Waff	E	East Tennessee State
8	62	Roy Shivers	HB	Utah State
9	70	Tony Carey	HB	Notre Dame
10	78	Dave Plump	HB	Fresno State
11	86	Jeff White	E	Texas Tech
12	94	Mike Cicollella	LB	Dayton

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1966

Drafted 8 — Nov. 28, 1965

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	7	Don Davis	T	Cal State LA
2	17	Nick Rassas	HB	Notre Dame
3	26	Milt Morin	E	Massachusetts
4	35	Charles Brown	HB	Syracuse
5	44	Russ Smith	HB	Miami
6	54	Gary Pettigrew	DE	Stanford
7	63	Jim Tolbert	E	Lincoln (Mo.)
8	72	Doug Buffone	LB	Louisville
9	81	Taft Reed	E/DB	Jackson State
10	90	Danny Pride	LB	Tennessee A&I
11	99	Terry Owens	E	Jacksonville State (Ala.)
12	108	Ray Jones	HB	Cal State LA
13	117	Houston Ridge	DE	San Diego State
14	126	Mike London	E	Wisconsin
15	135	Shelly Novack	E	Long Beach State
16	144	Bill Scott	DB	Idaho
17	153	Ron Ogle	DT	Long Beach State
18	162	John Travis	HB	San Jose State
19	171	Jerome Bell	C	Oklahoma
20	180	Bill McDowell	LB	Florida State

Future Selections

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	8	Bob Windsor	E	Kentucky
2	17	Diron Talbert	T	Texas
3	26	Jeff Staggs	LB	San Diego State
4	35	LaVerle Pratt	LB	Idaho
5	44	Rhome Nixon	E	Southern (La.)
6	53	Joe Beauchamp	S	Iowa State
7	62	Brad Hubbert	HB	Arizona
8	71	Samuel "St." Saffold	E	San Jose State
9	80	Wayne Page	DB	Clemson
10	89	Wayne Becker	T	Montana
11	98	Hugh Wright	FB	Adams State (Colo.)

1967

Drafted 14 — March 14-16

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	14	Ron Billingsley	DT	Wyoming
2a	40	Ron McCall	LB	Weber State
2b	48	Bob Howard	CB	San Diego State
3	67	Harold Akin	T	Oklahoma State
4	94	Dickie Post	HB	Houston
5	121	Bernard Erickson	LB	Abilene Christian
6	147	Nate Johns	FL	San Diego State
7	173	David Conway	K	Texas
8	199	John Mills	E	Tennessee
9	225	Steve Newell	E	Long Beach State
10	251	Torre Ossmo	T	Western Michigan
11	277	Carroll Jarvis	HB	Virginia
13	329	Leon Carr	DB	Prairie View A&M
14	355	Martin Baccaglio	DT	San Jose State
15	381	Craig Scoggins	E	San Diego State
16	407	Paul Phillips	T	South Carolina
17	433	John Gibbs	HB	South Carolina State

1968

Drafted alternately 18-17 — January 21-23

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1a	4	Russ Washington	T	Missouri
1b	18	Jim Hill	S	Texas A&I
2	43	Bill Lenkaitis	C	Penn State
4	100	Ken Dyer	FL	Arizona State
5	129	William Perry	TE	Kent State
7	183	Lane Fenner	FL	Florida State
8	209	Elliott Gammage	TE	Tennessee
9	237	Grundy Harris	RB	Southern (La.)
11	291	Dennis Partee	K	Southern Methodist
12	317	Jeff Queen	LB	Morgan State (Md.)
13	345	Fred Combs	DB	North Carolina State
14	371	Jim Campbell	LB	West Texas State
15a	399	Dan Kramarczyk	T	Dayton
15b	403	Robert Wells	T	Johnson C. Smith (N.C.)
16	425	Dick Farley	DB	Boston University
17	453	Dan Andrews	TE	West Texas State

1969

Drafted 18 — January 28-30

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1a	9	Marty Domres	QB	Columbia
1b	15	Bob Babich	LB	Miami (Ohio)
2	44	Ron Sayers	RB	Nebraska-Omaha
3	70	Eugene Ferguson	T	Norfolk State
5	122	Harry "Skip" Orszulak	FL	Pittsburgh
6	147	Terry Swam	FL	Colorado State
8	200	Craig Cotton	WR	Youngstown State
9	226	Joe Williams	DB	Southern (La.)
10	251	David Arnold	G	Northwestern State (La.)
11	278	Willie Norwood	TE	Alcorn A&M
12	304	Jim White	RB	Arkansas AM&N
13	330	Mike Simpson	DB	Houston
14	356	Bill Ackman	DT	New Mexico State
15	382	Charlie Jarvis	RB	Army
16	408	Willie Davenport	FL	Southern (La.)
17	434	Larry Rentz	DB	Florida

1970

Drafted alternately 15-16 — January 27-28

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	15	Walker Gillette	WR	Richmond
2	42	Tom Williams	DT	UC Davis
4	94	Bill Maddox	TE	Syracuse
5	119	Pettus Farrar	RB	Norfolk State
6	146	Billy Parks	WR	Long Beach State
7	171	Jim Fabish	DB	UTEP
8	198	Wayne Clark	QB	U.S. International (Calif.)
9	223	Chris Fletcher	S	Temple
10	250	Mac Steen	G	Florida
11	275	Jack Protz	LB	Syracuse
12	302	Howard Gravelle	TE	UC Davis
13	327	Bernard Bradley	DB	Utah State
14	354	Tyronne Caldwell	DT	South Carolina State
15	379	Eugene Childs	RB	UTEP
16	406	Mike Green	RB	Nebraska
17	431	David Sanks	G	Louisville

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1971

Drafted 13 – January 28-29

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	13	Leon Burns	RB	Long Beach State
3	65	Mike Montgomery	RB	Kansas State
5a	115	Bryant Salter	S	Pittsburgh
5b	117	Ray White	LB	Syracuse
5c	119	Phil Asack	DE	Duke
6	143	Jacob Mayes	RB	Tennessee State
7	169	Chuck Dicus	WR	Arkansas
8	195	Leon Van Gorkum	DE	San Diego State
9	221	John Tanner	TE	Tennessee Tech
10	247	Gary Nowak	TE	Michigan State
11	273	Don Pinson	DB	Tennessee State
12	299	Wesley Garnett	WR	Utah State
13	325	Sammy Milner	WR	Mississippi State
14	351	Ed O'Daniel	DE	Texas Southern
15	377	Eric Humston	LB	Muskingum (Ohio)
16	403	Ed Foote	C	Hawai'i
17	429	Chip Kell	C	Tennessee

1972

Drafted alternately 11-10-9-13-12 – February 1-2

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
2	36	Pete Lazetich	DE	Stanford
3	61	Bill McClard	K	Arkansas
5a	116	Jim Bishop	TE	Tennessee Tech
5b	130	Harry Gooden	DE	Alcorn A&M
6	141	Bruce Ward	G	San Diego State
9	221	Fran Schmitz	DT	St. Norbert (Wis.)
10	246	Lon Kolstad	LB	Wisconsin-Whitewater
11	270	John Turner	TE	Long Beach State
12	295	Sam Key	LB	Elon (N.C.)
13	321	Andy Selfridge	LB	Virginia
14	351	John Van Reenen	DE	Washington State
15	376	Charles Neugent	DB	Tuskegee (Ala.)
16	401	James Shaw	DB	Tulsa
17a	423	Oscar Dragon	RB	Arizona State
17b	426	Bob Tackett	T	UTEP

1973

Drafted alternately 6-5-8-7 – January 30-31

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	25	Johnny Rodgers	WR	Nebraska
3	64	Dan Fouts	QB	Oregon
4	84	James Thaxton	TE	Tennessee State
5a	123	Willie McGee	WR/KR	Alcorn A&M
5b	125	Jon Knoble	LB	Weber State
6	135	Marvin Roberts	C	Michigan State
9	214	Tab Bennett	LB	Illinois
10	239	Cliff Burnett	DE	Montana
11	268	Jay Douglas	C	Memphis State
12	293	Lynn Ahrens	T	Eastern Montana
13	318	Alfred Reese	RB	Tennessee State
14	343	Tony Adams	QB	Utah State
15	372	Gary Parris	TE	Florida State
16	397	Joe Petty	DB	Arizona State
17	422	Barry Darrow	T	Montana

1974

Drafted alternately 2-3 – January 29-30

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1a	2	Bo Matthews	RB	Colorado
1b	15	Don Goode	LB	Kansas
2	43	Mark Markovich	C	Penn State
4	81	Harrison Davis	WR	Virginia
5	105	John Teerlink	DT	Western Illinois
6	113	Jesse Freitas	QB	San Diego State
8a	185	Tom Forrest	G	Cincinnati
8b	206	Bon Boatwright	T	Oklahoma State
9	210	Danny Colbert	S	Tulsa
10	237	John Ketchoyian	LB	Santa Clara
11	262	Dave Grannell	TE	Arizona State
12	289	Sam Williams	DB	California
13	314	Brian Vertefeuille	T	Idaho State
14	341	Greg Bailey	DB	Long Beach State
15a	366	Charles Anthony	LB	Southern California
15b	386	Greg Meczka	TE	Bowling Green State
16	393	Neal Skarin	DE	Arizona State
17	418	Charles DeJurnett	DT	San Jose State

1975

Drafted alternately 8-7-6 – January 28-29

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1a	8	Gary Johnson	DT	Grambling State
1b	22	Mike Williams	CB	Louisiana State
2a	30	Louie Kelcher	DT	Southern Methodist
2b	33	Fred Dean	LB	Louisiana Tech
3	73	Mike Fuller	DB	Auburn
4	101	Ken Bernich	LB	Auburn
5a	111	Kevin Nosbusch	DT	Notre Dame
5b	125	Charles Waddell	TE	North Carolina
6a	134	John Carroll	WR	Oklahoma
6b	136	Billy Shields	T	Georgia Tech
7	164	Rickey Young	RB	Jackson State
8a	203	Barry Collier	T	Georgia
8b	206	Ralph Perretta	G	Purdue
9	214	Larry Keller	LB	Houston
10	242	Otha Bradley	DT	Southern California
11a	267	Vince Phason	DB	Arizona
11b	284	Ike McBee	WR	San Jose State
12	292	Jerry Dahl	LB	North Dakota State
13a	320	Pete Demmerle	WR	Notre Dame
13b	335	Glen Printers	RB	Southern California
14	345	Reggie Barnett	DB	Notre Dame
15	370	John Rousch	G	Oklahoma
16	398	Chip Salvestrini	G	Yankton (S.D.)
17	423	Neal Jeffrey	QB	Baylor

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1976

Drafted alternately 4-3 – April 8-9

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	4	Joe Washington	RB	Oklahoma
2	31	Don Macek	G	Boston College
3	64	Larry Dorsey	WR	Tennessee State
4a	94	Bob Horn	MLB	Oregon State
4b	113	Ron Singleton	TE	Grambling State
4c	115	Artie Owens	WR	West Virginia
5	131	Woodrow Lowe	LB	Alabama
8	212	Tony DiRienzo	K	Oklahoma
9	251	Glynn Harrison	RB	Georgia
10	268	Jeff Perlinger	DE	Michigan
11	295	Ray Preston	LB	Syracuse
12	322	Ron Lee	S	Oregon
13	351	John Lee	DT	Nebraska
14	378	Ed Jones	G	Cincinnati
15	407	Jack Hoffman	DL	Indiana
16	434	Jack Harrison	G	California
17	463	Clarence Sanders	LB	Cincinnati

1977

Drafted alternately 14-13-12 – May 3-4

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	24	Bob Rush	C	Memphis State
3	77	Keith King	S	Colorado State
5a	124	Clarence Williams	RB	South Carolina
5b	128	Cliff Olander	QB/P	New Mexico State
6a	146	Dave Lindstrom	DE	Boston University
6b	151	Lawrence Barnes	RB	Tennessee State
6c	152	Pete Shaw	S	Northwestern
7	181	Ron Bush	CB	Southern California
9	234	Gene Washington	WR	Georgia
10	265	Curtis Townsend	LB	Arkansas
12	319	Jim Stansik	TE	Eastern Michigan

1978

Drafted alternately 14-13-15 – May 2-3

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	14	John Jefferson	WR	Arizona State
2	41	Milton Hardaway	T	Oklahoma State
3	71	Rickey Anderson	RB	South Carolina State
5	135	John Choma	G	Virginia
7	180	Cliff Featherstone	CB	Colorado State
8	200	Gavin Hedrick	P	Washington State
9a	237	Henry Bradley	DT	Alcorn State
9b	248	Blake Whitlatch	LB	Louisiana State
10	264	Charles Price	TE	Cincinnati
12	321	Kevin Bell	WR	Lamar (Texas)

1979

Drafted alternately 20-19-18-17-21 – May 3-4

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	13	Kellen Winslow	TE	Missouri
3	73	Cliff Thrift	MLB	East Central Okla. St.
4	104	John Floyd	WR	Northeast Louisiana
8	210	Wilburt Haslip	RB	Hawai'i
9	237	Alvin Garrett	WR	Angelo State (Texas)
10a	265	Tony Petruccio	DT	Penn State
10b	269	Al Green	S	Louisiana State
11	295	Dave Rader	QB	Tulsa
12	321	Frank Duncan	S	San Francisco State

1980

Drafted 26 – April 29-30

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
4a	101	Ed Luther	QB	San Jose State
4b	108	Bob Gregor	S	Washington State
6a	151	LaRue Harrington	RB	Norfolk State
6b	163	Wayne Hamilton	LB	Alabama
7a	175	Chuck Loewen	G	South Dakota State
7b	191	Stuart Dodds	P	Montana State
8	219	Curtis Sirmones	RB	North Alabama
9	247	Steve Whitman	RB	Alabama
11	303	John Singleton	DE	UTEP
12	331	Harry Price	WR	McNeese State (La.)

Supplemental Draft – July 17

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
9	243	Billy Mullins	WR	Southern California

1981

Drafted 24 – April 28-29

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	24	James Brooks	RB/KR	Auburn
3	77	Irvin Phillips	CB	Arkansas Tech
4a	103	Amos Lawrence	RB	North Carolina
4b	107	Eric Sievers	TE	Maryland
5	131	Keith Ferguson	LB	Ohio State
6a	141	Andrew Gissingner	T	Syracuse
6b	162	Bobby Duckworth	WR	Arkansas
7	189	Pete Holohan	TE	Notre Dame
10	268	Robert Parham	FB	Grambling State
11a	280	Matt Petrzalka	T	Iowa
11b	300	Carlos Bradley	LB	Wake Forest
12	327	Stacy Charles	WR	Bethune-Cookman

1982

Drafted alternately 23-22-21-20-23 – April 27-28

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
7	188	Hollis Hall	CB	Clemson
8	215	Mauzy Buford	P	Texas Tech
9	246	Warren Lyles	DT	Alabama
10	273	Andre Young	S	Louisiana Tech
11	299	Anthony Watson	S	New Mexico

1983

Drafted alternately 22-21-24-23-22 – May 2

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1a	5	Billy Ray Smith	LB	Arkansas
1b	20	Gary Anderson	RB	Arkansas
1c	22	Gill Byrd	CB	San Jose State
4	95	Danny Walters	CB	Arkansas
6	141	Trumaine Johnson	WR	Grambling State
7	192	Bill Elko	DT	Louisiana State
8	202	Earnest Jackson	RB	Texas A&M
9	245	Mike Green	LB	Oklahoma State
10	272	Bruce Mathison	QB	Nebraska
11a	303	Tim Kears	WR	San Jose State
11b	308	Tim Spencer	RB	Ohio State
12a	314	Billy Blalock	S	Tennessee Tech
12b	330	Chuck Ehin	DE	Brigham Young

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1984

Drafted alternately 6-5 – May 1

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	6	Mossy Cade	CB	Texas
2	33	Mike Guendling	LB	Northwestern
5	118	Lionel James	RB/KR	Auburn
6	144	Keith Guthrie	NT	Texas A&M
7	173	Jesse Bendross	WR	Alabama
8a	199	Ray Woodard	DE	Texas
8b	219	Bob Craighead	RB	Northeast Louisiana
9	230	Zachary Barnes	DE	Alabama State
11	286	Buford McGee	RB	Mississippi
12	331	Paine Harper	WR	LaVerne (Calif.)

Supplemental Draft – Drafted alternately 6-5-6 – June 5

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	6	Lee Williams	DE	Bethune-Cookman
		<i>Previously of USFL's Los Angeles Express</i>		
2	33	Steve Smith	QB	Michigan
		<i>Previously of CFL's Montreal Alouettes</i>		
3	62	Clarence Collins	WR	Southern Illinois
		<i>Previously of USFL's New Jersey Generals</i>		

1985

Drafted alternately 12-11-10 – April 30

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	12	Jim Lachey	T	Ohio State
2a	39	Wayne Davis	CB	Indiana State
2b	55	Jeff Dale	S	Louisiana State
3	69	John Hendy	CB	Long Beach State
4	96	Ralf Mojsiejenko	P/K	Michigan State
6	150	Terry Lewis	CB	Michigan State
7	196	Mark Fellows	OLB	Montana State
8	207	Curtis Adams	RB	Central Michigan
9a	234	Paul Berner	QB	Pacific
9b	252	Dan Remsberg	T	Abilene Christian
10	264	David King	CB	Auburn
11	291	Jeff Smith	NT	Kentucky
12a	318	Tony Simmons	DE	Tennessee
12b	329	Bret Pearson	TE	Wisconsin

1986

Drafted alternately 14-17-16 – April 29

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1a	8	Leslie O'Neal	DE	Oklahoma State
1b	13	James FitzPatrick	T	Southern California
3a	67	Terry Unrein	DE	Colorado State
3b	71	Jeff Walker	T	Memphis State
4a	95	Ty Allert	OLB	Texas
4b	97	Tommy Taylor	ILB	UCLA
5a	118	Doug Landry	OLB	Louisiana Tech
5b	129	Donald Brown	CB	Maryland
5c	133	Matt Johnson	S	Southern California
6	155	Curtis Pardridge	WR	Northern Illinois
7	182	Fred Smalls	OLB	West Virginia
8	209	Mike Perrino	T	Notre Dame
9	235	Mike Zordich	S	Penn State
11a	293	Charles Sanders	RB	Slippery Rock (Pa.)
11b	298	Drew Smetana	T	Oregon
12a	320	Jeff Sprows	S	Brigham Young
12b	333	Mike Travis	S	Georgia Tech

1987

Drafted alternately 5-4-3 – April 28

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	24	Rod Bernstine	TE	Texas A&M
2	53	Louis Brock	CB	Southern California
3	59	Karl Wilson	DE	Louisiana State
4	88	Mark Vlastic	QB	Iowa
5	115	Nelson Jones	CB	North Carolina State
7	173	Jamie Holland	WR	Ohio State
8a	199	Joe Mac Esker	T	UTEP
8b	204	Ron Brown	OLB	Southern California
9	226	Tom Wilcher	RB	Michigan
10	256	Anthony Anderson	DB	Grambling State
11	284	Joe Goebel	C	UCLA
12	310	Marcus Greenwood	RB	UCLA

1988

Drafted alternately 15-19-18-17-16 – April 24-25

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	15	Anthony Miller	WR	Tennessee
3	60	Quinn Early	WR	Iowa
4a	91	Joe Campbell	DE	New Mexico State
4b	93	Stacy Searels	C/G	Auburn
4c	98	David Richards	T	UCLA
6	152	Cedric Figaro	LB	Notre Dame
9	238	Joey Howard	T	Tennessee
11a	285	Ed Miller	C	Pittsburgh
11b	292	George Hinkle	DE	Arizona
12	324	Wendell Phillips	S	North Alabama

1989

Drafted alternately 8-9 – April 23-24

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	8	Burt Grossman	DE	Pittsburgh
2a	37	Courtney Hall	C	Rice
2b	51	Billy Joe Tolliver	QB	Texas Tech
5	120	Elliot Smith	CB	Alcorn State
7a	183	Marion Butts	FB	Florida State
7b	195	Terrence Jones	QB	Tulane
8	204	Dana Brinson	WR/KR	Nebraska
9	231	Pat Davis	TE	Syracuse
10	260	Ricky Andrews	ILB	Washington
11	287	Victor Floyd	RB	Florida State

1990

Drafted alternately 7-8 – April 23-24

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	5	Junior Seau	LB	Southern California
3a	57	Jeff Mills	OLB	Nebraska
3b	60	Leo Goeas	T	Hawai'i
3c	67	Walter Wilson	WR	East Carolina
6a	138	John Friesz	QB	Idaho
6b	143	Frank Cornish	C/G	UCLA
6c	145	David Pool	CB	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
6d	163	Derrick Walker	TE	Michigan
7a	172	Jeff Novak	G	Southwest Texas State
7b	185	Joe Staysniak	T	Ohio State
7c	187	Nate Lewis	WR	Oregon Tech
7d	193	Keith Collins	CB	Appalachian State
8	201	J.J. Flannigan	RB	Colorado
9	227	Chris Goetzdel	G	Pittsburgh
10	256	Ken Berry	CB	Miami
11	283	Tommie Stowers	HB	Missouri
12	326	Elliot Searcy	WR	Southern (La.)

ALL-TIME CHARGERS DRAFT HISTORY

1991

Drafted alternately 10-9-8-7-12-11 — April 21-22

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	9	Stanley Richard	S	Texas
2a	36	George Thornton	DT	Alabama
2b	39	Eric Bieniemy	RB	Colorado
2c	47	Eric Moten	G	Michigan State
4	90	Yancey Thigpen	WR	Winston-Salem State
5a	123	Duane Young	TE	Michigan State
5b	127	Floyd Fields	S	Arizona State
6	150	Jimmy Laister	T	Oregon Tech
7a	177	David Jones	WR	Delaware State
7b	192	Terry Beauford	OL	Florida A&M
9	230	Andy Katoa	LB	Oregon State
10a	254	Roland Poles	FB	Tennessee
10b	257	Mike Heldt	C	Notre Dame
11	290	Joe Weinberg	WR	Johnson C. Smith (N.C.)
12	317	Chris Samuels	RB	Texas

1992

Drafted alternately 5-6-7 — April 26-27

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	23	Chris Mims	DE	Tennessee
2	33	Marquez Pope	CB	Fresno State
3	63	Ray Ethridge	WR	Pasadena C.C.
5a	117	Curtis Whitley	C	Clemson
5b	131	Kevin Little	LB	North Carolina A&T
5c	140	Eric Jonassen	T	Bloomsburg (Pa.)
6	149	Reggie White	DT	North Carolina A&T
7	174	Deems May	TE	North Carolina
8	201	James Fuller	S	Portland State
9	231	Johnnie Barnes	WR	Hampton (Va.)
10	258	Arthur Paul	DT	Arizona State
11	285	Keith McAfee	RB	Texas A&M
12	315	Carlos Huerta	K	Miami

1993

Drafted alternately 20-24 — April 25-26

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	22	Darrien Gordon	CB	Stanford
2	41	Natrone Means	RB	North Carolina
3	64	Joe Cocozzo	G	Michigan
4a	95	Raylee Johnson	DE	Arkansas
4b	99	Lew Bush	OLB	Washington State
5	134	Walter Dunson	WR	Middle Tennessee State
6	161	Eric Castle	FS	Oregon
7	188	Doug Miller	OLB	South Dakota State
8	222	Trent Green	QB	Indiana

1994

Drafted alternately 12-17 — April 24-25

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
2a	43	Isaac Davis	G	Arkansas
2b	63*	Vaughn Parker	G	UCLA
3a	70	Andre Coleman	WR	Kansas State
3b	82*	Willie Clark	CB	Notre Dame
5a	137	Aaron Laing	TE	New Mexico State
5b	145	Rodney Harrison	S	Western Illinois
5c	150	Darren Krein	DE	Miami
5d	160*	Tony Vinson	RB	Towson State
7	207	Zane Beehn	LB	Kentucky

1995

Drafted 29 — April 22-23

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
2a	34	Terrance Shaw	CB	Stephen F. Austin
2b	51	Terrell Fletcher	RB	Wisconsin
2c	61	Jimmy Oliver	WR	TCU
3a	93	Don Sasa	DT	Washington
3b	98	Preston Harrison	LB	Ohio State
4a	100	Chris Cowart	LB	Florida State
4b	104	Aaron Hayden	RB	Tennessee
5	162	'Omar Ellison	WR	Florida State
6a	177	Troy Sienkiewicz	G	New Mexico State
6b	183	Brandon Harrison	WR	Howard Payne
6c	197	Craig Whelihan	QB	Pacific
6d	200	Tony Berti	T	Colorado
7	237	Mark Montreuil	CB	Concordia (Canada)

1996

Drafted alternately 21-20-19-23-22 — April 20-21

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
2a	41	Bryan Still	WR	Virginia Tech
2b	50	Patrick Sapp	OLB	Clemson
3	81	Brian Roche	TE	San Jose State
4	114	Charlie Jones	WR	Fresno State
5	155	Junior Soli	DT	Arkansas
6a	190	Jim Mills	T	Idaho
6b	192	Bryan Stoltenberg	C	Colorado
7	231	Freddie Bradley	RB	Sonoma State (Calif.)

1997

Drafted alternately 16-15-14-13 — April 19-20

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
2	45	Freddie Jones	TE	North Carolina
3	74	Michael Hamilton	OLB	North Carolina A&T
4	109	Raleigh Roundtree	T	South Carolina State
5a	138	Kenny Bynum	RB	South Carolina State
5b	146	Paul Bradford	CB	Portland State
6	178	Daniel Palmer	T	Air Force
7a	218	Toran James	LB	North Carolina A&T
7b	237*	Tony Corbin	QB	Sacramento State

1998

Drafted alternately 3-2-5-4 — April 18-19

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	2	Ryan Leaf	QB	Washington State
2	59	Mikhael Ricks	WR	Stephen F. Austin
5	126	Cedric Harden	DE	Florida A&M
6	155	Clifford Ivory	CB	Troy State
7a	194	Jon Haskins	LB	Stanford
7b	234*	Kio Sanford	WR	Kentucky

Supplemental Draft — Drafted 4 — July 9

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
2	1	Jamal Williams	DT	Oklahoma State

1999

Drafted alternately 8-9 — April 19-20

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
2	—	Pick used in 1998 Supplemental Draft	—	—
2	60	Jermaine Fazande	FB	Oklahoma
3	69	Steve Heiden	TE	South Dakota State
4	104	Jason Perry	DB	North Carolina State
5a	139	Adrian Dingle	DE	Clemson
5b	141	Reginald Nelson	G	McNeese State (La.)
6	178	Tyrone Bell	DB	North Alabama

ALL-TIME CHARGERS DRAFT HISTORY

2000

Drafted alternately 13-12-21-19-18-16 — April 15-16

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
2	43	Rogers Beckett	S	Marshall
3	83	Damion McIntosh	T	Kansas State
4a	111	Trevor Gaylor	WR	Miami (Ohio)
4b	113	Leonardo Carson	DT	Auburn
6a	184	Shannon Taylor	LB	Virginia
6b	203*	Damen Wheeler	CB	Colorado
6c	205*	JaJuan Seider	QB	Florida A&M
7	222	Jason Thomas	G	Hampton (Va.)

2001

Drafted 1 — April 21-22

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	5	LaDainian Tomlinson	RB	TCU
2	32	Drew Brees	QB	Purdue
3	67	Tay Cody	CB	Florida State
4	112	Carlos Polk	LB	Nebraska
5a	132	Elliot Silvers	T	Washington
5b	139	Zeke Moreno	LB	Southern California
7a	201	Brandon Gorin	T	Purdue
7b	244*	Robert Carswell	FS	Clemson

2002

Drafted 5 — April 20-21

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	5	Quentin Jammer	CB	Texas
2a	39	Toniu Fonoti	G	Nebraska
2b	48	Reche Caldwell	WR	Florida
3	71	Ben Leber	LB	Kansas State
4	103	Justin Peelle	TE	Oregon
5	142	Terry Charles	WR	Portland State
6	178	Matt Anderle	T	Minnesota
7	216	Seth Burford	QB	Cal Poly

2003

Drafted 15 — April 26-27

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	30	Sammy Davis	CB	Texas A&M
2a	46	Drayton Florence	CB	Tuskegee (Ala.)
2b	62	Terrence Kiel	S	Texas A&M
3	80	Courtney VanBuren	T	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
4	112	Matt Wilhelm	LB	Ohio State
5	149	Mike Scifres	P	Western Illinois
6	188	Hanik Milligan	FS	Houston
7	229	Andrew Pinnock	FB	South Carolina

2004

Drafted 1 — April 24-25

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	1	Eli Manning	QB	Mississippi
2	35	Igor Olshansky	DT	Oregon
3a	65	Nate Kaeding	K	Iowa
3b	66	Nick Hardwick	C	Purdue
4	98	Shaun Phillips	LB	Purdue
5a	133	Dave Ball	DE	UCLA
5b	154	Michael Turner	RB	Northern Illinois
6	169	Ryan Krause	TE	Nebraska-Omaha
7a	204	Ryon Bingham	DT	Nebraska
7b	209	Shane Olivea	G/T	Ohio State
7c	254*	Carlos Joseph	T	Miami

2005

Drafted 28 — April 23-24

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1a	12	Shawne Merriman	OLB	Maryland
1b	28	Luis Castillo	DE	Northwestern
2	61	Vincent Jackson	WR	Northern Colorado
4	130	Darren Sproles	RB	Kansas State
5	164	Wesley Britt	T	Alabama
6	177	Wes Mims	G	Oklahoma
7	242	Scott Mruzkowski	C	Bowling Green State

2006

Drafted alternately 19-18-17-16 — April 29-30

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	19	Antonio Cromartie	CB	Florida State
2	50	Marcus McNeill	T	Auburn
3	81	Charlie Whitehurst	QB	Clemson
5	151	Tim Dobbins	LB	Iowa State
6a	187	Jeromey Clary	T	Kansas State
6b	188	Kurt Smith	K	Virginia
7a	225	Chase Page	DT	North Carolina
7b	227	Jimmy Martin	T	Virginia Tech

2007

Drafted 30 — April 28-29

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	30	Buster Davis	WR	Louisiana State
2	37	Eric Weddle	S	Utah
3	96*	Anthony Waters	LB	Clemson
4	129	Scott Chandler	TE	Iowa
5	172*	Legedu Naanee	WR	Boise State
7	240	Brandon Siler	LB	Florida

Supplemental Draft — Drafted 28 — July 12

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
4	28	Paul Oliver	CB	Georgia

2008

Drafted 27 — April 26-27

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	27	Antoine Cason	CB	Arizona
3	69	Jacob Hester	FB	Louisiana State
4	—	Pick used in 2007 Supplemental Draft	—	—
5	166*	Marcus Thomas	RB	UTEP
6	192	DeJuan Tribble	CB	Boston College
7	234	Corey Clark	T	Texas A&M

2009

Drafted 16 — April 25-26

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	16	Larry English	LB	Northern Illinois
3	78	Louis Vasquez	G	Texas Tech
4a	113	Vaughn Martin	DE	Western Ontario (Canada)
4b	133*	Tyrone Green	G	Auburn
4c	134*	Gartrell Johnson	RB	Colorado State
5	148	Brandon Hughes	CB	Oregon State
6	189	Kevin Ellison	S	Southern California
7	224	Demetrius Byrd	WR	Louisiana State

ALL-TIME CHARGERS DRAFT HISTORY

2010

Drafted 28 — April 22-24

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	12	Ryan Mathews	RB	Fresno State
3	79	Donald Butler	LB	Washington
4	110	Darrell Stuckey	SS	Kansas
5a	146	Cam Thomas	DT	North Carolina
5b	168*	Jonathan Crompton	QB	Tennessee
7	235	Dedrick Epps	TE	Miami

2011

Drafted 18 — April 28-30

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	18	Corey Liuget	DE	Illinois
2a	50	Marcus Gilchrist	CB	Clemson
2b	61	Jonas Mouton	LB	Michigan
3a	82	Vincent Brown	WR	San Diego State
3b	89	Shareece Wright	CB	Southern California
6a	183	Jordan Todman	RB	Connecticut
6b	201*	Stephen Schilling	T	Michigan
7	234*	Andrew Gachkar	LB	Missouri

2012

Drafted 18 — April 26-28

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	18	Melvin Ingram	OLB	South Carolina
2	49	Kendall Reyes	DE	Connecticut
3	73	Brandon Taylor	SS	Louisiana State
4	110	Ladarius Green	TE	Louisiana-Lafayette
5	149	Johnnie Troutman	G	Penn State
7a	226	David Molk	C	Michigan
7b	250*	Edwin Baker	RB	Michigan State

2013

Drafted 11 — April 25-27

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	11	D.J. Fluker	T	Alabama
2	38	Manti Te'o	LB	Notre Dame
3	76	Keenan Allen	WR	California
5	145	Steve Williams	CB	California
6	179	Tourek Williams	OLB	Florida International
7	221	Brad Sorenson	QB	Southern Utah

2014

Drafted 25 — May 8-10

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	25	Jason Verrett	CB	TCU
2	50	Jeremiah Attaochu	OLB	Georgia Tech
3	89	Chris Watt	G	Notre Dame
5	165	Ryan Carrethers	DT	Arkansas State
6	201	Marion Grice	RB	Arizona State
7	240	Tevin Reese	WR	Baylor

2015

Drafted 17 — April 30-May 2

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	15	Melvin Gordon	RB	Wisconsin
2	48	Denzel Perryman	ILB	Miami
3	83	Craig Mager	CB	Texas State
5	153	Kyle Emanuel	OLB	North Dakota State
6	192	Darius Philon	DE	Arkansas

2016

Drafted alternately 3-4 — April 28-30

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	3	Joey Bosa	DE	Ohio State
2	35	Hunter Henry	TE	Arkansas
3	66	Max Tuerk	C	Southern California
4	102	Joshua Perry	ILB	Ohio State
5	175*	Jatavis Brown	OLB	Akron
6a	179	Drew Kaser	P	Texas A&M
6b	198	Derek Watt	FB	Wisconsin
7	224	Donavon Clark	G	Michigan State

2017

Drafted 7 — April 27-29

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	7	Mike Williams	WR	Clemson
2	38	Forrest Lamp	G	Western Kentucky
3	71	Dan Feeney	G	Indiana
4	113	Rayshawn Jenkins	S	Miami
5	151	Desmond King II	DB	Iowa
6	190	Sam Tevi	T	Utah
7	225	Isaac Rochell	DE	Notre Dame

2018

Drafted 17 — April 26-28

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	17	Derwin James Jr.	S	Florida State
2	48	Uchenna Nwosu	LB	Southern California
3	84	Justin Jones	DT	North Carolina State
4	119	Kyzir White	LB	West Virginia
5	155	Scott Quessenberry	C/G	UCLA
6	191	Dylan Cantrell	WR	Texas Tech
7	251*	Justin Jackson	RB	Northwestern

2019

Drafted 28 — April 25-27

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	28	Jerry Tillery	DT	Notre Dame
2	60	Nasir Adderley	S	Delaware
3	91	Trey Pipkins III	T	Sioux Falls
4	130	Drue Tranquill	LB	Notre Dame
5	166	Easton Stick	QB	North Dakota State
6	200	Emeke Egbule	LB	Houston
7	242	Cortez Broughton	DT	Cincinnati

2020

Drafted alternately 6-5-7 — April 23-25

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1a	6	Justin Herbert	QB	Oregon
1b	23	Kenneth Murray Jr.	LB	Oklahoma
4	112	Joshua Kelley	RB	UCLA
5	151	Joe Reed	WR	Virginia
6	186	Alohi Gilman	S	Notre Dame
7	220	KJ Hill Jr.	WR	Ohio State

ALL-TIME CHARGERS DRAFT HISTORY

2021

Drafted alternately 13-15-14 – April 29-May 1

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	13	Rashawn Slater	T	Northwestern
2	47	Asante Samuel Jr.	CB	Florida State
3a	77	Joshua Palmer	WR	Tennessee
3b	97*	Tre' McKitty	TE	Georgia
4	118	Chris Rumph II	OLB	Duke
5	159	Brenden Jaimes	G/T	Nebraska
6a	185	Nick Niemann	LB	Iowa
6b	198	Larry Rountree III	RB	Missouri
7	241	Mark Webb Jr.	DB	Georgia

2022

Drafted alternately 17-16-15-18 – April 28-30

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	17	Zion Johnson	G	Boston College
3	79	JT Woods	S	Baylor
4	123	Isaiah Spiller	RB	Texas A&M
5	160	Otito Ogbonnia	DL	UCLA
6a	195	Jamaree Salyer	OL	Georgia
6b	214*	Ja'Sir Taylor	DB	Wake Forest
7a	236	Deane Leonard	DB	Mississippi
7b	260*	Zander Horvath	FB	Purdue

2023

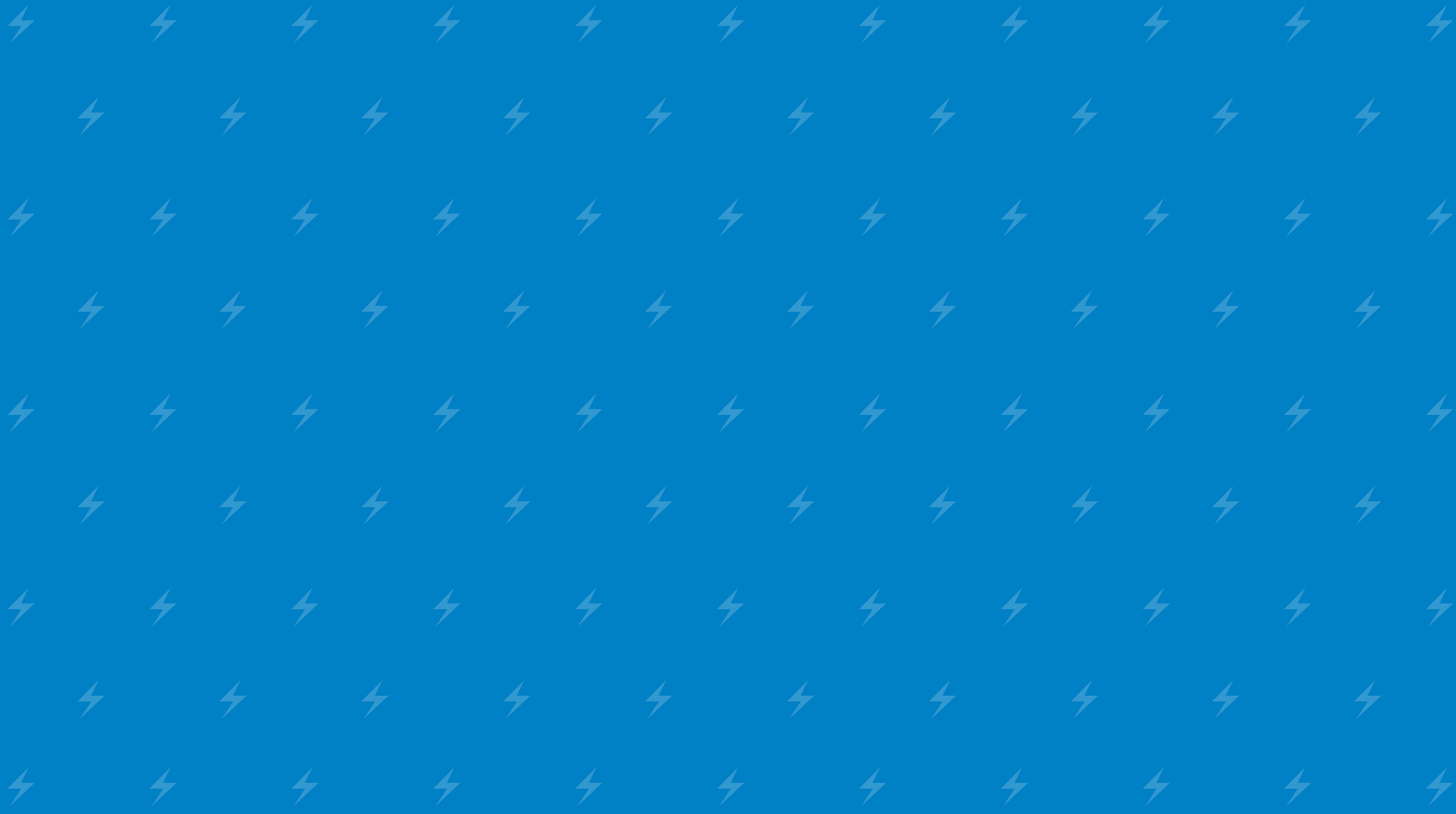
Drafted alternately 22-23 – April 27-29

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	21**	Quentin Johnston	WR	TCU
		<i>**Miami forfeited No. 21 overall selection</i>		
2	54	Tuli Tuipulotu	OLB	Southern California
3	85	Daiyan Henley	LB	Washington State
4	125	Derius Davis	WR	TCU
5	156	Jordan McFadden	OL	Clemson
6	200	Scott Matlock	DL	Boise State
7	239	Max Duggan	QB	TCU

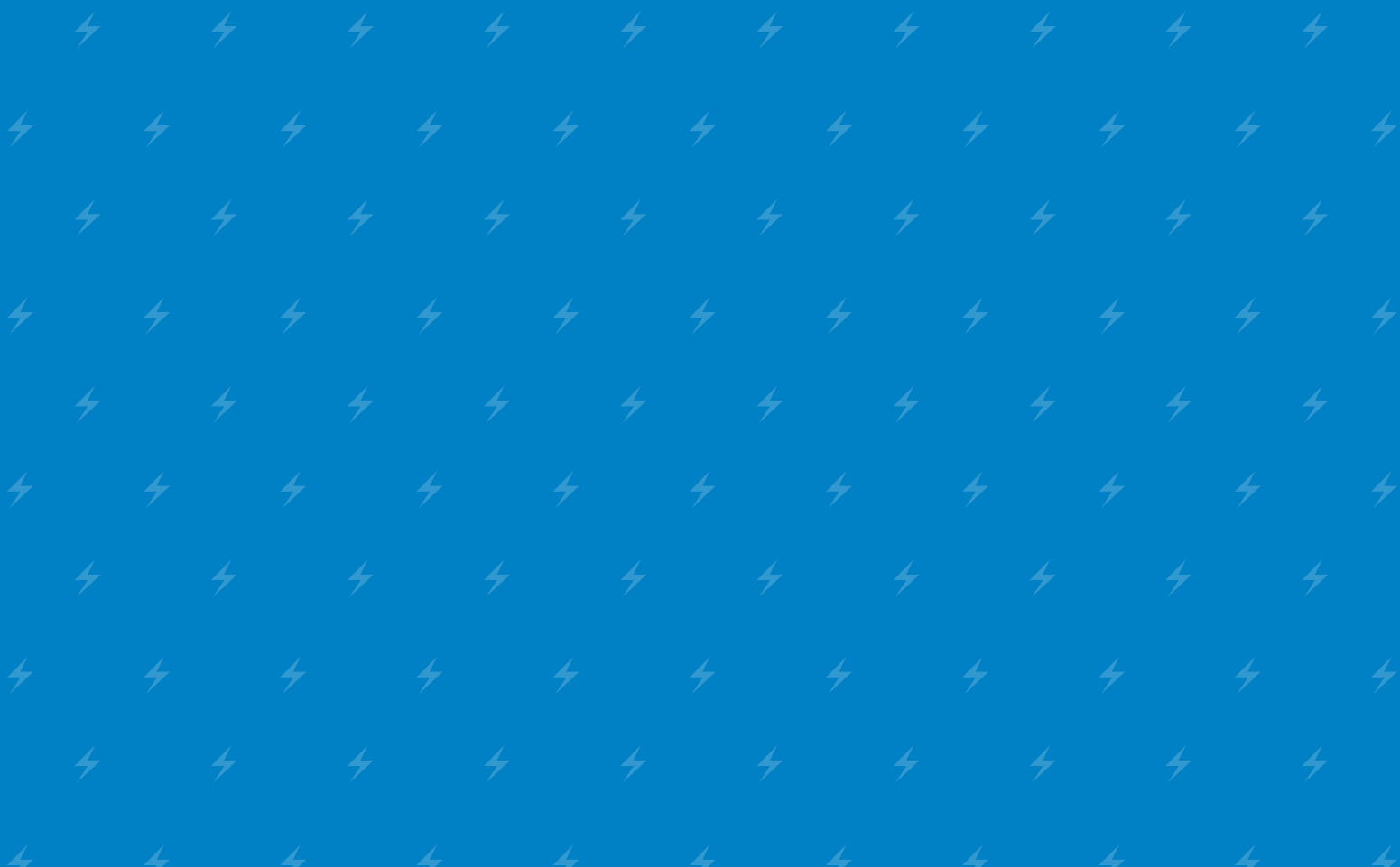
2024

Drafted 5 – April 25-27

Round	Overall	Player	Position	College
1	5	Joe Alt	T	Notre Dame
2	34	Ladd McConkey	WR	Georgia
3	69	Junior Colson	LB	Michigan
4	105	Justin Eboigbe	DL	Alabama
5a	137	Tarheeb Still	DB	Maryland
5b	140	Cam Hart	DB	Notre Dame
6	181	Kimani Vidal	RB	Troy
7a	225	Brenden Rice	WR	Southern California
7b	253*	Cornelius Johnson	WR	Michigan



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday, April 25, 2024

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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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, April 26, 2024

Los Angeles Chargers Select McConkey and Colson on Day 2 of NFL Draft

The Los Angeles Chargers continued the 2024 NFL Draft with two selections on Friday — Georgia wide receiver **Ladd McConkey** (34th overall) and Michigan linebacker **Junior Colson** (69th overall). The Bolts moved up from No. 37 overall in a trade with the New England Patriots to select McConkey, acquiring the 34th overall choice used to select McConkey and a fifth-round pick (No. 137) in exchange for the 37th overall pick and a fourth-round selection (No. 110).

McConkey was a key contributor to Georgia’s run to win a College Football Playoff National Championship in 2022, earning second-team All-Southeastern Conference honors and recording career highs in receptions (58), receiving yards (762) and touchdown grabs (seven). In the Bulldogs’ victory in the National Championship game, McConkey hauled in five catches for 88 yards (17.6 avg.) and two scores, while adding a 14-yard carry. That season, he averaged 12.3 yards per punt return, totaling 197 yards on 16 punt returns.

Over three seasons at Georgia (2021-23) after redshirting in 2020, McConkey caught 119 passes for 1,687 yards (14.2 avg.) and 14 touchdowns, adding four touchdowns and 216 yards on the ground). In 2023, he won the Wuerffel Trophy — which honors the player who best combines exemplary community service with athletic and academic achievement — and was a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, also known as the ‘Academic Heisman.’ McConkey becomes the highest-drafted Georgia Bulldog by the Chargers and the first wide receiver chosen by the Bolts in the second round since Vincent Jackson in 2005.

Colson was a second-team All-Big Ten selection each of the last two seasons after leading the team in tackles in 2022 (101) and 2023 (95). He ended his Michigan career by starting all 15 games in 2023, leading the nation’s top-ranked defense as the Wolverines went on to record an undefeated season and win the College Football Playoff National Championship. Colson was voted as the program’s toughest player by his teammates in 2023 and was on the watchlist for multiple national awards.

Over his three seasons (2021-23) in Ann Arbor, Mich., Colson started 36-of-43 contests at linebacker, posting 257 tackles (114 solo), 8.5 sacks, 2.5 sacks, four pass breakups and a fumble recovery. He was a Freshman All-American in 2021 after contributing on defense and special teams in his first season with the Wolverines. Colson is the ninth Michigan player drafted by the Chargers and the first since 2012.

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Los Angeles Chargers Finish 2024 NFL Draft with Six Picks on Day 3

The Los Angeles Chargers made six selections on Saturday to wrap up the 2024 NFL Draft. The Bolts began Day 3 by taking Alabama defensive lineman **Justin Eboigbe** (105th overall) in the fourth round before selecting Maryland defensive back **Tarheeb Still** (137th overall) and Notre Dame defensive back **Cam Hart** (140th overall) in the fifth round. Los Angeles rounded out the draft by selecting Troy running back **Kimani Vidal** (181st overall) in the sixth round along with Southern California wide receiver **Brenden Rice** (225th overall) and Michigan wide receiver **Cornelius Johnson** (253rd overall) in the seventh round. The Chargers selected a pair of players from Michigan and two from Notre Dame, the first time in over 30 years that the Bolts have chosen teammates from multiple schools in the same draft.

Eboigbe (pronounced ee-BOYG-bee) saw action in 56 games over five seasons (2019-23) at Alabama as a versatile defensive lineman, helping the Crimson Tide appear in a pair of College Football Playoff National Championships, including a victory to secure a perfect 13-0 season in 2020. He returned from injury to put forth the most productive season of his career last year, earning first-team All Southeastern Conference honors after posting 63 tackles (29 solo), 11.5 tackles for loss, seven sacks and a pass breakup. Eboigbe is the 10th member of the Crimson Tide drafted by the Chargers and the first since 2013.

As a senior at Maryland in 2023, **Still** earned second-team All-big Ten honors after totaling 45 tackles (31 solo), five interceptions, seven passes defensed and two tackles for loss. He was one of just three FBS players last season to have two or more games with multiple interceptions. Over the course of his four seasons at Maryland (2020-23), Still appeared in 39 games, posting 165 tackles (124 solo), nine tackles for loss, six interceptions, 28 passes defensed and two fumble recoveries, while also blocking a kick. Still is the first Maryland Terrapin drafted by the Chargers since selecting linebacker Shawne Merriman at No. 12 overall in 2005.

Hart, a team captain for Notre Dame in 2023, started 32-of-47 career games played over five seasons with the Fighting Irish (2019-23). He began his career in South Bend, Ind., as a wide receiver before returning to his roots as a defensive back, totaling 91 tackles (59 solo), 19 passes defensed, two interceptions and three forced fumbles. In 2021, Hart tied for the team lead with a pair of picks and paced all Fighting Irish defenders with nine pass breakups. With tackle Joe Alt being selected in the first round, Hart becomes the 24th Notre Dame player to be drafted by the Bolts, the second-most draft choices by the Chargers from any school.

One of college football's most productive running backs, **Vidal** ranked No. 2 in the nation with 1,661 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns on 297 carries (5.6 avg.) in 2023, earning Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Year and *Associated Press* third-team All-American honors. He capped his college career by running for five touchdowns and 233 yards and in the 2023 Sun Belt Championship Game, becoming the first player in FBS history to record for five rushing scores in a conference championship in FBS history.

Vidal appeared in 48 games over his four seasons at Troy (2020-23), finishing his time as the program's all-time leader in rushing yards (4,010), attempts (781) and 200-yard rushing games (five), while tying for the most 100-yard rushing performances (14) and tying for No. 3 with 33 rushing touchdowns. The 2022 second-team All-Sun Belt selection added 92 receptions for 700 yards (7.6 avg.) and a touchdown. Vidal, the second-ever Troy player drafted by the Bolts, is the great-nephew of Baseball Hall of Famer and home run legend Hank Aaron.

Rice joins the Chargers after two seasons at Southern California (2022-23), where he recorded 84 receptions for 1,402 yards (16.7 avg.) and 16 touchdowns. He was a second-team All-Pacific-12 selection last season after ranking third in the conference with a team-high 12 receiving scores, while also setting career highs in receptions (45) and receiving yards (791). Rice began his career at Colorado, recording 27 receptions for 419 yards (15.5 avg.) and five touchdowns over his two seasons with the Buffaloes (2020-21). Rice is the son of Pro Football Hall of Famer wide receiver Jerry Rice, who won three Super Bowls and was a 13-time Pro Bowler and 10-time *Associated Press* first-team All-Pro selection.

Over five seasons at Michigan (2019-23), **Johnson** appeared in 61 games, making 45 starts at wide receiver and hauling in 139 receptions for 2,045 yards (14.7 avg.) and 14 touchdowns. Johnson was an honorable mention All-Big Ten selection in 2023 after setting a career high with 47 catches, adding 604 receiving yards and a touchdown grab, helping the Wolverines to a 15-0 record that culminated in being crowned College Football Playoff National Champions. The Greenwich, Conn., native caught an 87-yard touchdown in 2021, good for the fourth-longest touchdown reception in program annals. With linebacker Junior Colson, who the Bolts selected in the third round, Johnson is the 10th Michigan player ever selected by the Bolts.

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Los Angeles Chargers Agree to Terms with Undrafted Free Agents

The Los Angeles Chargers agreed to terms with the following undrafted free agents on Saturday after the conclusion of the 2024 NFL Draft:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>
Karsen Barnhart	G	Michigan
Casey Bauman	QB	Augustana
Luke Benson	TE	Georgia Tech
Akeem Dent	S	Florida State
Jaelen Gill	WR	Fresno State
Thomas Harper	S	Notre Dame
Zach Heins	TE	South Dakota State
Savion Jackson	OLB	North Carolina State
Jeremiah Jean-Baptiste	LB	Mississippi
Leon Johnson	WR	Oklahoma State
Jaylen Johnson	WR	East Carolina
Robert Kennedy	CB	North Carolina State
Micheal Mason	DL	Coastal Carolina
Tremon Morris-Brash	OLB	Central Florida
Tyler McLellan	T	Campbell
Willis Patrick	G	TCU
Jalyn Phillips	S	Clemson
Tyler Smith	T	Western Carolina
Zamari Walton	CB	Mississippi
Bucky Williams	C/G	Appalachian State

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Chargers Pre-Draft Media Availability

Thursday, April 18, 2024 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.

Opening statement:

GENERAL MANAGER JOE HORTIZ: "First, I want to introduce [Assistant General Manager] Chad Alexander to those of you that have not met him yet. Obviously, I worked with Chad in Baltimore for 20 years. A great friend and a great resource for me. An outstanding evaluator. Someone that I know, inside and out, as a person, as man, as a leader. Fired up to get him here. He's been a big part of this process and a great resource to me. I just wanted to introduce him to you guys. We can open it up to questions."

On the signing of RB J.K. Dobbins and 'what made you want to get him here':

HORTIZ: "The kid, the player, the talent, the competitor. J.K. [Dobbins], I had a chance to be with him for four years. A special, special competitor. He wants to be here. He just signed his deal about two hours ago, so excited and fired up. You feel the energy right away for him, a guy you know. I think one of the benefits to free agency, when you get to sign someone, you know what type of player they are, what type of person they are, how they're going to be in this culture we're setting up here, how they're a fit — it's great when you have an opportunity to do something like that. Just really excited to get him here."

On Dobbins' previous injuries:

HORTIZ: "Bad luck. I was there for both injuries. It was a low tackle, and then an awkward tackle. Just bad luck. That's football, right? Injuries are going to happen. It's part of the game. But, he's in great shape now and recovering really well."

On if there is 'anything going forward that could alter anything physically':

HORTIZ: "I'm not a doctor, and there are probably limited things that I can say. But, obviously, we feel good about where he is physically — and, really, with all of the players that we've signed. It's the game of football, anyone can be hurt on any given day."

On if he 'expects' Dobbins to be 'ready for training camp':

HORTIZ: "He should be ready. We'll take our time with him, like we do with every single player that's recovering from a season-ending injury and surgery. Obviously, we're not playing until September, so we're not in a rush. I think we want to get guys healthy, at their best, before we crank them up and get them rolling."

On 'how much' Dobbins' signing 'changes the approach at running back in the draft':

HORTIZ: "I don't think it does. When you look at what the goal is [of the draft], it's to add depth and add great players at every position. But, you don't want to turn away from a good player because you signed someone. I think that if you look at the history that I've been a part of, we've done that. I think if you look back, we signed [Ravens S] Marcus Williams in Baltimore, and then we turned around and took [Ravens S] Kyle Hamilton in the same draft. I think it's important, if you get a chance to get great players, you take them. All you do is create great depth. I've mentioned it before, in the past here, that's a big issue and concern for us, is to really develop a deep, talented team at all positions across the board. You don't turn away from a great player who can help you, even if you may be a little bit deeper at that position."

On what has 'surprised him the most' in the pre-draft process thus far:

HORTIZ: "Probably the funniest thing is, once I got the job, other GMs would ask me, 'Hey, have you woken up at 3 a.m. just because yet?' Like, your mind is spinning and you just can't go back to sleep. I'm like, 'No, that hasn't happened yet.' Then, once we, probably, left the Combine, it just does — you don't sleep as much as you did in the past because something pops in your head and you start thinking, early in the morning, and you're rolling. That's one. I'd say the process itself has been great. I've enjoyed everyone's involvement; coaches, scouts. I think everyone's done a great job. It feels a lot like it's been in the past for me. I think everyone in the building, in the organization, has done a great job participating in it."

On his 'approach' to the draft, whether it's selecting 'best player available' or 'biggest positional need':

HORTIZ: "I think that it's the best player available. Like I said, we want to add depth. Certainly, there are some positions that we don't need — you know, quote-unquote need, in quotations — but, you're one play away from needing a position. If you look at it based on need, you're never just one player away, ever. I've learned that from my predecessors, [Ravens Executive Vice President] Ozzie Newsome and [Ravens Executive Vice President & General Manager] Eric DeCosta, and I believe that. When you get a chance to add a great player, you add them. That's how we're going to approach it."

On what was 'attractive about this opportunity':

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER CHAD ALEXANDER: "There's a lot. I was in Baltimore for 20 years, I worked with Joe [Hortiz] for 20 years. Obviously, developed a great relationship with him. It was tough for me to leave Baltimore, initially, and ended up with the Jets. It really took a special situation and special person like [Jets General Manager] Joe Douglas for me to leave the Ravens. I was extremely comfortable there, won a couple of championships. I had a lot of success and left a lot of great friends behind. I think the same situation applies itself here, just to come to a first-class organization like the Chargers, it's an amazing opportunity for myself. To come with a guy like Joe — extremely dedicated to what he does, he's great at what he does, he's a great evaluator, he's a great human being, and someone that's just easy to follow. It wasn't necessarily an easy decision, but I knew it was the right decision based on Joe and my relationship with him. Also, it was an opportunity to come to a great, iconic city like Los Angeles and be with a great coach like [Head Coach] Jim Harbaugh, and we have a quarterback. There are a lot of positives. Extremely excited to be here."

On what his emotions will be like on next Thursday night:

HORTIZ: "I think I'll be excited. I think there will be some anxiety. Pressure, I think there's pressure in every draft, and I've felt it before. But, if you have everything prepared, and that's everything — that's your lists, that's your trade scenarios, and you've talked through them, which we've been doing. Obviously, Chad [Alexander] and I, you guys don't know this, but we live together, along with [Director of Player Personnel Strategy] Corey Krawiec, who I brought over. We're talking about things at the office, at home. Get Jim [Harbaugh] involved, [President of Football Operations] John [Spanos], the scouts, [Executive Vice President of Football Administration/Player Finance] Ed [McGuire] — we're constantly talking through many different scenarios and situations. You kind of get the gameplan out, and then, I don't think the pressure should be there. I don't think I'll feel pressure because we'll have the plan set, what we're going to do if this happens, if that happens. If something happens that we don't anticipate, which I'd be surprised if it does, you adjust and you think quick and you move and you react and make the decision. I don't think I'll feel pressure. I think I'll feel excitement and anxiety because it's the first time."

On living together:

HORTIZ: "Yeah, that's a true story [*laughter*]. I rented a place in Huntington Beach. My family is still in Baltimore, [Alexander's] family is still in Jersey, and Corey [Krawiec] doesn't have a family, so I got a place big enough that can house my family, if they ever come out here — which hasn't been enough, if they're listening [*laughter*]. But, I told them that they can stay with me if my family is not here. We're down in Huntington. It's been great. We're never there, we're here all of the time [*laughter*]. It's good to have friends. We carpool. There was a time when I had the car, and they didn't have one, so they rode with me. Now, I don't have a car, so I'm riding with them. It's great. There are two cars in the house."

On 'who does the grocery shopping':

HORTIZ: "None of us [*laughter*]. We're not very good at that. We're getting off on a tangent here, but that's OK [*laughter*]. Corey [Krawiec] and I, we had a little Masters watch party for the personnel department. So, we go to the grocery store, and I've been in a grocery store, OK? [*Laughter*] My wife hates when I go to the grocery store because I take forever because I get lost in a grocery store. What I mean by lost is that I'm just curious about stuff [*laughter*]. I buy all the impulse buys and all that [*laughter*]. I take my kids, it's even worse. We come back with all the snacks and all that [*laughter*]. I'm in there with Corey and I'm looking and finding things, and he's like, 'Where'd you find that?' I'm like, 'You've never been in a grocery store [*laughter*].' We were looking for Old Bay [seasoning]. In Maryland, it's on every aisle. Here, you have to go right to the seafood area, so I went to the seafood area. He was like, 'Where'd you find that?' I was like, 'You haven't been in a grocery store very often, have you?' [*Laughter*] So, yeah, our grocery shopping is not great. Corey makes a really good crab dip."

ALEXANDER: "The [crab] dip was good."

HORTIZ: "Yeah, the dip was really good."

On other teams 'reaching out' regarding potential trade scenarios:

HORTIZ: "It will happen, and it has happened. I've had communication, conversations. Nothing is concrete right now. We have the fifth pick. If we had the first pick of the draft, there would probably be a lot of calls being made and people would be making offers already. But, we don't, we have the fifth pick. In terms of where we're sitting, we believe, and I think Coach [Harbaugh] mentioned, we actually have the first pick if there a run of quarterbacks go. People have called about interest in coming up to us. We've had conversations. I think we'll have conversations through this week. I've had them already this week. We'll have them through the weekend, through next week, and then on draft day, that's when it'll really pick up."

On if the conversations thus far have been 'preliminary':

HORTIZ: "Yeah, 'We would be interested if our guy is there.' That's the typical question. We've talked through it, but no offers, no picks."

On 'if the team trades down from five, what would be the reasoning, on a general level':

HORTIZ: "That we've gotten a nice result in picks and value. That's going to be the reason because there are really good players, great players, that we're going to be staring at. If we're going to trade away from great players, there has to be a reason, in terms of value, for us. Certainly, there are going to be more great players in the draft, but it has to make sense to you and it has to make sense to the team that is wanting to come up."

On 'if there is a specific benchmark, in terms of return, in order to pass on a top prospect':

HORTIZ: "Sure. There's certainly, 'It's too good of a deal,' because of what you're getting back. They have to make it attractive for us to move away from those players. The whole, 'It's a fair trade, it's a wash.' I don't think that's a trade that we're interested in."

On 'if there is a limit on how far the team would want to move back in the first round':

HORTIZ: "I would never cap us, and I don't think we should cap ourselves. But, you kind of create layers of, 'OK, this is about how far I'd want to go back.' That's part of the strategy. If this, then this. I wouldn't cap us. But, again, it has to make sense to us, too."

On the 'return' of potential trades and 'balancing the return of an offer based on if the offer involved this year's draft and upcoming drafts':

HORTIZ: "That's the valuation that you put on all of the picks. We value every pick in the draft, we create a value for each pick. You sit there and say, 'OK, is a future in X round worth more than one in this round?' Certainly, we want to create some more picks, as many picks as we can this year. But, yeah, you do look forward, too, and if you get a chance to get a high-round pick next year, sometimes that creates more value."

On valuing 'a fair trade' dependent upon team:

HORTIZ: "Everyone has charts. It's fair, meaning that it equals out to a fair trade. When you're trading away from the number one player in the draft, I don't know if it's necessarily always going to be a fair trade because you have a chance to pick the number one position player in the draft."

On 'when the final board is set':

HORTIZ: "I think you always look at the list and you're like, 'Do I like this player or this player?' And you may be looking at player 110 versus 111. Sometimes it's like, 'OK, they're two different positions, and which one has more value?' We've had great meetings with the coaches, like I mentioned. The board is pretty set. What we're doing now, as an organization — coaching staff, scouting staff, myself, Chad [Alexander], Jim [Harbaugh], John [Spanos] — we're looking at clumps. Let's sort these clumps. But, in terms of the levels, the boards are set, it's really kind of looking at these three guys, these four players, who do we see as the best option if we're picking at that spot and the players are available? And, a lot of times you sort that clump, and there's only one guy sitting there when you're picking. There's a little tweaking, but there's not vast movement in the lists and the boards right now."

On 'maximizing the number of picks this year' and if that is related to the salary cap:

HORTIZ: "Yeah, that, and it's just like baseball; the more at-bats you get, the more chances that you have hits. I'm a big baseball guy. If you hit .300, with 10 at-bats versus 20 at-bats, you get six more hits. If you hit .500, you get five more hits. The more at-bats you get, the better. We want to hit them all. But, we understand that it's the draft and there are times that you may not get the same value you anticipate you're drafting."

On 'at-bats in baseball being equal' and 'picking in the NFL Draft is different':

HORTIZ: "Sure. You're right. It's like going against an ace. But, you still have a shot. That's what you do the work for. That's why you pour into the resources, you pour into the interviews, the visits, you go to the Pro Days, you have coaches look at them, have additional people look at them, have the group look at them. You put the work in to try to get the 37th pick right, just as accurate as you get the fifth pick."

On 'how close in talent and skill-level are the top wide receivers in this year's class':

HORTIZ: "It's wide outs, and it's really all positions. I think that you get clusters of players throughout the draft. I think offensive line is a really deep draft, too, this year, but there's a drop — there are guys that are grouped together, and there's a drop, then there are more grouped together. I think that wide out is similar. Now, I think this league has proven that you can find talent at any level, at any round, at all positions. We stack them across the league, all 32 teams. We have our orders. Then, a guy goes in the fifth round and sets the rookie receiving record. But, I think you look at where the drop-offs are and you kind of anticipate where you think these players will go versus the next run on wide outs, on O-line, on corners, running backs, any position."

On 'the importance of wide receiver to team-building philosophy when building a championship roster':

HORTIZ: "I think it's important, I do. But, I don't place an increased importance on any position other than, obviously, the quarterback position, which we're in good shape here. I think wide outs are important. I think running backs are important. I think offensive line is important. Tight ends — in this offense, tight ends are important. Certainly, you have to get after the quarterback. How do you affect the quarterback? You get after him. That's why we have always fallen back, in Baltimore, to the best player available, and that's what we're going to do here in L.A. We're going to take the best player available because every position is important to help win."

On if his 'evaluation process has changed' based on 'Rams WR Puka Nacua and 49ers QB Brock Purdy':

HORTIZ: "I think you always look at that. What did we miss on this player? What do we not give him enough credit for? I think that happens every year. You're not doing your job collectively, as a group, as an individual scout, without saying, 'What did we miss on this player? What did we overlook?' Certainly, there are a lot of those stories throughout the history of the NFL. We've had a lot of success here with undrafted free agents who have been outstanding, All-Pro players, Pro Bowl players. The league, you overlook players for some specific reason, but what is it that sets them apart from their peers that may have had the same deficiencies? What is it that he has that helps him overcome those deficiencies? That's how you learn."

On if there is a 'common theme of those players':

HORTIZ: "It varies. I know this, competitors — guys that compete, guys that you can hang your hat on that they're going to come out and work every day and be out there and put it out there on the field — you look at the great success stories of late-round and undrafted free agents, they all probably have that competitive gene. I do know that."

On the depth of the wide receivers class and how wide receivers are compensated in the NFL:

HORTIZ: "To finish on your last question first, certainly the position has increased in pay. You have to take that into consideration when you're valuing players. In terms of depth, I said it before, I'll say it again and I'll say it next year and I'm going to say it five years from now — I can promise you, wide receiver is going to be a deep position in the draft every year. It's just the way the game evolved and changed. It's a passing game, or it's certainly increased throughout the past 20 years. Players are coming out more polished. If you think back — I'm 48 years old, 7-on-7 camps didn't exist. I don't know when they started, but those things are going everywhere now. These players in high school are going through all of these 7-on-7 camps and they're just developing their game. They're much more polished and ready to play at the NFL level when they have the skillset and get to this level."

On times he helped Baltimore select the 'top player available':

HORTIZ: "Yeah, I think [Ravens S] Kyle [Hamilton]. I mentioned it earlier. We signed [Ravens S] Marcus [Williams] in free agency that year and paid him. Then, we turned around and took Kyle when no one thought we would. We had [Jets S] Chuck Clark starting at the other safety. We had two starting safeties and we just took the best player on the board."

On the cornerbacks and who could play nickel for the Chargers:

HORTIZ: "Yeah, we'll sort that out. That will be up to the coaches to decide. That's kind of outside my realm. Certainly, all of the players we have, have flexibility, athleticism and toughness to go in there. [DB] Ja'Sir [Taylor] has played in there already. We have time to figure that out and sort it out. The guys are getting reps at multiple spots, I'm sure of that."

On S Derwin James Jr., factoring into nickel:

HORTIZ: "Derwin can play that big nickel. Again, defense is evolving. We have different packages. You have a big nickel, you have a true nickel. It depends on the package you're going against. Derwin has played that here already. He's a guy that can go down there. His versatility is outstanding and awesome to have. I think [Defensive Coordinator] Jesse [Minter] is a creative and great coach. He's going to put the best players out there for us to succeed."

On if James would potentially be in nickel as 'a rotational thing':

HORTIZ: "Derwin is a full-time football player. He's going to play where he helps us best."

On what the pre-draft process has taught him about Head Coach Jim Harbaugh:

HORTIZ: "Oh, just how passionate he is about the game and the whole process. He pours his heart and soul into everything and he loves the game. He loves the players. It's so much fun. If you could sit in there in our interviews at the combine and watch him connect with every single player — and not only in the moment, but to see the connection that he's already developed with these players. They all walked in the door and they knew him. I think we interviewed 45 players. I don't know if they all knew him. If they didn't, they certainly knew who he was, but then the connection is instantaneous. The love that he has for the game, the love he has for his team, his coaches and just the passion and the drive — it's been awesome."

On the biggest advantage of Harbaugh coaching in college last season when it comes to evaluating draft prospects:

HORTIZ: "It's both — he's watched other teams. He's played against the entire Big Ten plus he knows his whole team. He brings a wealth of knowledge about the players that are currently in college. He remembers when they were recruiting them. He knows what positions they played in high school when they recruited them, 'This guy was a defensive end that ended up being a tight end.' You do gain a lot of insight from, not only Jim [Harbaugh], but the rest of the coaches that came from the college ranks."

On if he's discussed with Harbaugh if the Chargers draft a Michigan rival:

HORTIZ: "Yeah, I don't think he'll hold that against [laughter]. He's on board with us taking the best player regardless of what helmet they wear."

On if he's 'invited' Harbaugh to his house while he's been living in his RV:

HORTIZ: "I think his family is in town, so the RV is behind him now. I would have given him mine, but he had the RV."

On evaluating Michigan players compared to other prospects:

HORTIZ: "Why wouldn't you [want them]? They're national champs for a reason. They had a bunch of great players on that team. Like I've said, we put them through the process and we rank them, stack them and the coaches evaluate them. You have to get them in the right spot, you know? Certainly, we know the players better than anyone. That's a major advantage for us."

On who makes the final call on draft selections:

HORTIZ: "I'm the one who picks the player. But, when I tell you it's a collaborative process, it's a collaborative process. I put the list together based on what we do as a group. That's scouting, that's coaching, that's talking to Jim [Harbaugh] and Jim's input and his evaluation on the players. I'm the one that ranks them and I'm, ultimately, the one that calls them. That's the way it was where I came from. That's the way it's been here in L.A. with [Owner and Chairman of the Board] Dean [A. Spanos] and [President of Football Operations] John [Spanos]. That's the way we're continuing to operate, but it is a collaborative process."

On selecting players on Day 3 of the draft:

HORTIZ: "It's probably a multitude of things, in all honesty. There's times where it's, 'Hey, let's take this big, fast, athletic player that we've seen do it', but may not have the consistency or could be a player — a defensive lineman that just knows how to two-gap and plays hard, and plays tough. He might not have sacks, but we know exactly what he's going to do. I think those players get ranked and stacked based on their traits versus their production. That's what you have to weigh. [Ravens Executive Vice President & General Manager] Eric DeCosta has always said — it's a little bit of heart and a little bit of science. That's the balance of it. You have to weigh those things. What you're valuing more in that moment, in that clump."

On the offensive line:

HORTIZ: "I'm excited about what they're going to do, I really am. I've watched this team from afar and then I've had a chance to see them now, in person. I've seen them out there working out there on the field outside my window. They're all here. They're all putting the time in. They're already getting bigger, stronger. They're committed and passionate. I'm excited about the group and the guys that we've added. Again, we have the draft coming up. We have post-draft. We're not done. We won't be done adding to this team until September. We're going to always continue to add at all positions, but at the o-line specifically, there's a lot of talent in there. I love the commitment, passion and enthusiasm they have. I believe in our coaching staff. I really do. I think they're great coaches. I've had the opportunity to work with a number of them on offense. I really think with our scheme, their coaching and the players themselves — I really expect them all to have a great year this year."

On 'how important' this draft is to 'set a tone':

HORTIZ: "I think in terms of importance, it falls into the high level of importance. Next year is going to be just as important, it really is. We're going to take players that we deem to be Chargers. That's the right mentality. That's the right work ethic, the toughness, the desire and love for the game. The play-making ability. All of those things that wrap in to it. I think this draft is important, but next year is going to be the most important draft for this team in my mind. The year after that is going to be the most important draft for this team."

On if the team still needs 'starting pieces' along the offensive line:

HORTIZ: "I think we can go out and play football today. I do believe that, 100 percent. Again, the best players, you just take them. What you do is you create great depth and you create great competition. Then, the best players play. If you have five starters and you draft someone or sign someone who's better than one of your five starters, you've just made your team a lot better because the offensive line — those guys get hurt, too. One goes down, you're in great standing."

On the adding to the interior defensive line:

HORTIZ: "I mean, I think we have some versatility currently on the roster with what we have on the interior. I think you can add either the two-gapper run-stuffer and then if you get the chance to add a pass rusher, a guy that's maybe more of that one-gap penetrator, that helps us, too. I don't think you pigeon-hole yourself into a specific type of player. You just say, 'Hey, does the guy fit what we want to do and do we like them?' I wouldn't sit here and tell you whether I want one or the other — that we want one or the other. We want both. We'll take either one. We just want players that can help us."

On if there are desirable traits for an interior defensive lineman:

HORTIZ: "Yeah. Big, strong, long, tough, physical. That's what you want. You do. I mean, the bigger the better, to a degree, but it doesn't have to be height. It can be length. It can be mass. It can be explosiveness. There's plenty of defensive linemen that play big and may not be big. It's really how they play more than the sheer measurables."

On if any trade proposal would need to be lucrative to move out of the No. 5 pick:

HORTIZ: "Yeah, I think that's a good way to look at it. We believe we have the first pick in the draft. I know there are going to be four picks that go before us, but we believe that. If four quarterbacks go, we believe, strongly, that we have the first pick in the draft. What are teams willing to give us? Obviously, we know it's the fifth pick and people are going to be trading on that scope. It's got to be good value for us. Does it have to 'blown away'? What is 'blown away'? I don't know the answer to that. You're going to weigh the options and the offers that we get. We'll take the best one if we do move back."

On if he's anticipating the first four picks of the draft to be quarterbacks:

HORTIZ: "I'm anticipating that, but I'm also anticipating three going and a position player going and us having a quarterback on the board. I think you have to anticipate all scenarios. There could be two quarterbacks and two quarterbacks fall. If you look at the history of the draft, [Jets QB] Aaron Rodgers was considered to be a top-10 pick. It was him or [former 49ers QB] Alex Smith at No. 1 and he was sitting there in the 20s. Positions fall. It doesn't matter quarterback or any position. I think you can look at it from different scenarios. Anticipation? I'm not anticipating, I probably mis-spoke, but you anticipate four going, you anticipate three going, you anticipate two going and so forth. The draft is the draft. You think you know what it's going to do, but you really don't until it actually happens. Certainly, the feel out there is that there are going to be a lot of quarterbacks that go early. For good reason. There's a lot of great quarterbacks in this draft."

On if there's a drop off in talent at certain selections in the draft:

HORTIZ: "I really don't look at that as a drop off. It's good players to be picked in this round. For example, whoever has the 32nd pick, they have 32 first-round players. They should. They may be sitting there and not be able to get out. They have to have 32 players to pick. When we start the first round, we're going to have 32 players to pick. There is a drop off in talent, but it's not significant. It's kind of a nice little curve down. Sometimes it flattens out and then steps down a little bit. I know this, there's 32 players that if I were picking at 32, that I'd feel comfortable about, personally. I think there's 32 players that we, as an organization, feel good about in the first round."

On the inside linebackers:

HORTIZ: "I think that's a position where we certainly need numbers. Again, every position we are short on, in terms of a 90-man roster. You want to create that competition for the 53-man roster. That's a position where there are players throughout Day 2 and Day 3. I don't know if there's a Day 1 inside linebacker. I don't know that. There's Day 2, Day 3, Day 4, Day 5 or Day 6, Day 7. You can just keep going. The moment the draft is over, what are we doing? We're looking at the guys on the street in free agency. We're going to sign the undrafted free agents. Then Day 5, after the draft, we're going to be looking at free agents where we can fill out the roster. Guys are out on the street right now. Day 92 or whatever day that is, we may be looking at a defensive tackle. We have a few more days until the season starts, is my point."

On the collaborative process:

ALEXANDER: "Just a lot of evaluating. Just taking a deep dive into the draft and evaluating the top prospects, looking at the top prospects in free agency, as well. Coming up with lists. Coordinating workouts and 30 visits. Coordinating for coaches to go to pro days. A lot of stuff. For those instances where Joe [Hortiz] can't be in the room and can't be in the meeting, really just trying to echo his voice and deliver the same message. It's a process that we're both really familiar with. I've been around it for a long time, my entire career. Just trying to deliver that process, get our scouts and everyone acclimated and up to speed. They've done an outstanding job. Also, just managing and trying to oversee and overlook the personnel department as a whole."

On value on 30 visits:

HORTIZ: "You get to know the player a little better. Sometimes it's personally. Sometimes it's in the classroom. Sometimes, it's medical. There's different reasons you bring a player in for a 30 visit. It's just to spend a little more time around them. Maybe a physical reason, maybe mental. There's many reasons."

On if OL Jordan McFadden can provide depth at center:

HORTIZ: "I think that gives us some depth there if Jordan can do it, and I believe he can. Then, we have [OL Brendan] Jaimes, who has played it in games here. I think we have good depth there right now. Again, if there's one available and he's the highest player on our board, we'll take him."

On his focus as general manager:

HORTIZ: "I think right now the focus has been on the draft, truthfully. You have a new coaching staff in here, a new general manager. What's important is kind of what's in front of us right now. That's building out the staff. Getting ready for free agency and the draft, you know, draft meetings. Then free agency. Now, here we are a week away. That's the focus right now. Then kind of take on the next stages of the season."

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Chargers T Joe Alt Media Availability

Thursday, April 25, 2024 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.

On being selected by the Chargers:

"Obviously, extremely excited. Couldn't be happier to be part of the Chargers organization. Getting ready to make this next step and go out and compete, I just couldn't be more excited for this next opportunity."

On if he is 'comfortable' with 'the potential of having to move to right tackle':

"Yeah, of course. Whatever the coaches want, I'm happy to do. Excited to go and get better at where position that means and just get ready to get back to work. That's what I'm looking forward to."

On his father, former Chiefs offensive tackle John Alt, and if he is 'OK wearing Powder Blue':

"Yeah, I'll start with the last one, I think that my dad is definitely alright wearing Powder Blue [laughter]. My dad, he's everything to me. He has allowed me to become a man, taught me how to play football, taught me how to do it on and off the field. My dad is everything. I couldn't be more grateful for him and what he's allowed me to learn, taught me the game of football. He really means everything to me."

On his pre-draft interactions with Head Coach Jim Harbaugh and General Manager Joe Hortiz:

"I think the big message was just watching the actual tape of offensive line play and what do we need to work on, what do we like, and the thoughts and possibilities of playing right tackle and that going forward. That was kind of the general conversations that we were having."

On if he played right tackle at all during his freshman season at Notre Dame:

"I did, I played it a little bit at fall camp and stuff. My only [game] snaps were at left [tackle], though."

On if there will be an 'adjustment' by potentially moving to right tackle:

"I don't think that it would be a huge adjustment for me. I've practiced it during this Combine prep, preparing to play on the right side. I think it's something that I would be able to do, if the coaches would like."

On 'adjustments along the offensive line' during his 'collegiate head coaching transition':

"The biggest change, probably, was just the offensive line coach. We got a new offensive line coach with the new [coaching] staff, so that was the biggest change. For me, I was lucky. At Notre Dame, we had a lot of coaches who kind of came from the same offensive line coaching tree, so it was a lot of similar lingo in things that they wanted us to work on. So, it wasn't a huge transition for me from coach to coach."

On playing quarterback and tight end in high school and 'the value of playing different positions in high school':

"I think [playing] quarterback was huge when it came to understanding a full defense, understanding all three levels — the D-line, the linebackers, then the safeties. The safeties really tip a lot when you can read the coverages and how they're rolling down, so that kind of gives you a better understanding of what the entire defense is going to do. Tight end was huge for me when it came to the athleticism and just being able to stay light on my feet, while I was growing. Being able to have a little bit of fun by catching some passes, but also, the majority of it was pretty much a glorified tackle on the outside. It was good to slowly transition to tackle as my weight kind of added on."

On if his 'expectation' was that he was 'eventually going to play offensive line':

"I was always kind of a bigger-boned child, so I was on the heavier side. I was a heavier freshman and sophomore, and then I grew, so I was really skinny. But, I think that I kind of knew from the beginning that when I did grow, the weight would kind of get put back on, so I knew that offensive line was in my future."

On the amount of 'room' that he has 'to grow':

"I love hard work, and that's what I'm always wanted to do. I think that there's always room to improve. I take it one day at a time and try to get a little bit better at something each and every day. Specific things, I love to improve my strike each and every day. I think that's something that can really neutralize the defensive end and really get them out of their rush pattern. I think that I can always try to work on playing lower. I have a tall frame but it also comes with a lot of benefits, being longer. I think that I have a lot of athletic ability to be able to play with that length. Not only being able to play low in the run game and just working on my strike, those are kind of my two things."

On if he 'anticipated' being selected by the Chargers during the pre-draft process:

"Yeah, I did. I felt like I had a really great interview during the Combine. I had a good time with Coach Harbaugh and the staff. I was able to really talk about offensive line play in the future, and at my Pro Day, as well. I definitely thought that it was a possibility."

On 'leaving an impression' on Harbaugh and the coaching staff and his conversations with the Chargers:

"The best part for me was that it was a lot of offensive line talk. That's what we were talking about. That's what I know best, that's what I've grown up watching and doing. Talked a lot about offensive line play. Talked through our film from last year, things that I need to work on and improve, and things that I was doing well. Then, just continuing to discuss the possibility of a position change going forward. Those were the kinds of things that we were talking about."

On his strengths as a player:

"I think that I have a unique size with an athletic ability. I think my ability to mirror guys in pass protection and use my length is, certainly, one of my strengths. I think I have the ability to stay on guys in the second- and third-level, but also being able to fit in on double teams and take man-to-man reach blocks and backside cut offs in the run game are kind of my strengths. I play to my strengths, which I think are my size, my length in pass pro, but also, when I have to get low and get physical inside."

On his conversations with the Chargers since being selected:

"Yeah. Obviously, the phone call. I spoke with them and I just kind of have been getting in touch with them about what the next few days hold."

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Chargers 2024 NFL Draft Media Availability, Day 1

Thursday, April 25, 2024 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.

Opening statements:

GENERAL MANAGER JOE HORTIZ: "Obviously, you guys saw that we selected [T] Joe Alt. Very excited to make the pick. I feel like we got a guy that is going to come in and really improve our team. He's big. He's physical. He's tough, smart, durable. An outstanding player in college who is just scratching the surface. We're really excited to add him and look forward to getting him here tomorrow.

HEAD COACH JIM HARBAUGH: "I'll just echo what Joe [Hortiz] said. I also want to just give a shoutout to Joe and all of our scouts, everybody in personnel, the Spanos Family. The amount of work, dedication from everyone sitting in that room, just everybody giving their best for the Los Angeles Chargers. Joe [Hortiz] was a masterclass of leadership and bringing the best out of all of us. There were many working tirelessly.

On where Alt 'fits' along the offensive front:

HORTIZ: "He began, actually, as a right tackle in college. Then, obviously, played left [tackle] the last two-and-a-half years. But, he started out as a right tackle."

HARBAUGH: "We don't know yet. Those things are to-be-determined. You can count on us playing our best five offensive linemen. What position each guy plays, within the offense and within the offensive line, is to-be-determined."

On if Alt 'is going to be a tackle':

HARBAUGH: "He's a tackle."

HORTIZ: "Yeah, he's a tackle."

On 'why offensive tackle' when 'there were good wide receivers available':

HORTIZ: "Yeah, there were. I think I've said it from the beginning, when we started talking about the draft, that we're going to take the best player available for the Chargers, and that's what we did today. That's what we're going to do at 37 [overall] and every other pick that we have. Obviously, he helps our team and he helps us get better. That's what we want to do. We want to get better with every pick. That's what we feel like we did."

On Alt's 'play-style':

HORTIZ: "You watch him come off the ball, in the run game. Obviously, we're going to run the ball here. He just drives off of the line of scrimmage. You watch him move players over three gaps on his down blocks. He's very athletic, excellent range, high-level competitor, and, certainly, an athlete as a pass-protector. The ability for a guy his size to bend — and you see it on film, you see him recover — but then when you watch him at the Combine, watch him at his Pro Day, it's exceptional. Really excited to add that. It's just an elite-level athlete for the man his size, who can do a lot of things. He's just scratching the surface, he's 21 years old. He just turned 21 in February, so you're talking about a guy who's still growing and maturing. The upside with him is tremendous."

On 'how easy of a decision it was' to select Alt:

HARBAUGH: "It was a unanimous decision. Like I alluded to earlier, all of the work that went in, he was the player at the top of our board. Nobody rated higher than Joe Alt when it came to our selection that we picked. I know the questions are going to come up and you're going to say, 'Well, what about a weapon?' Offensive linemen, we look at as weapons. That group, when we talk about attacking on offense, offensive line is the tip of the spear."

On how Alt 'gets the Chargers closer to the team that they envision':

HARBAUGH: "Our team, and there are going to be more guys added, competitors welcomed. Any country in the world, any state in our country, any team: competitors welcomed."

On if Harbaugh 'crossed paths' with Alt's father, former Chiefs tackle John Alt:

HARBAUGH: "I think that we did play against each other. I remember that his dad was a great player. It was interesting, when you're watching the two the draft, I remember John Alt being like a six-foot-eight man, and when they stood up together, our Joe Alt, he's a legitimate six-foot-eight. And, it's not just big, it's not just power, there's extreme athleticism. The bend that he has in the ankles, the knees, the hips. A tremendous competitor. Good job, [Hortiz]."

On if 'calls from other teams came in' regarding potentially trading the No. 5-overall selection:

HORTIZ: "We had a few calls leading up to the draft. We did have one call when we were on the clock. We talked through it and, ultimately, didn't feel like it was worth trading back and passing on Joe [Alt]."

On 'a report' regarding the Chargers 'receiving calls about potentially trading QB Justin Herbert':

HORTIZ: "At the Combine, I had some people ask me if we would consider it, and they were quickly shot down. No, that is never an option."

On Alt's competitiveness:

HARBAUGH: "Playing every game — every game his junior year, every game his sophomore year. I'm pretty sure that he played every game, started eight-of-11, his freshman year. He's there every day. He's there every game. That tells me that he's a competitor. Really good from [Defensive Line Coach] Mike Elston, our defensive line coach, who was coaching at Notre Dame during Joe's freshman year, and also [Safeties Coach] Chris O'Leary, who was just at Notre Dame, coaching there. We had the kind of intel that is best to have, people that were right inside the building, who were there with him every single day. Not just the competitive part, but, I mean, the athleticism, might I say the word, 'freaky,' was thrown out. For somebody that size, that is rare. We don't plan on picking at five again, so I think the way that Joe [Hortiz] and our scouts and our personnel department and our owners viewed it, OK, we're there now, let's get a player that is of that caliber."

On T Rashawn Slater and if the offensive line is set:

HARBAUGH: "Like I said, it's to-be-determined. All of that is to-be-determined, what our best five is. [T] Rashawn Slater is the left tackle. We love [Trey] Pipkins [III] as a player. All of the guys. When you start talking tackle, as I expressed in a lot of the meetings, I would play with five tackles, if we could [*laughter*]. Big, long, athletic, strong guys. Don't rule anything out. Who is going to play where? We're going to play the best five that we have on the team."

On their assessment of Alt's 'anchor in pass protection':

HORTIZ: "I think that it's good. When you're six-foot-eight, sometimes you give a little bit of ground, and when you're six-foot-four, you give some ground. When you watch Joe [Alt], sometimes, as an offensive lineman, you don't get caught in great position, right? When you watch him get caught in a bad position, his ability to recover and get back down and anchor and front-up late, that's what he can do. Everyone is going to get knocked back some, on occasion. He doesn't get knocked back very often. When it does happen, he has that freakish athleticism to recover and get his knees bent and flex those ankles and get back down. I think he does an outstanding job."

On Alt's 'freakish athleticism' and 'the value of speed in an offensive lineman':

HORTIZ: "There are some offensive linemen, in the past, that have run 4.7s [40-yard-dash], right? And they haven't been very good on film. I think you see his game speed translate to the film. When you watch him get up to the second level, when you watch him get out on screens or short-side pulls and run downfield, he controls his body. Speed is important, quickness off the ball is very important, but body control and ability to adjust and get to your blocking space is what he offers."

HARBAUGH: "And as Joe [Hortiz] said earlier, 21 years old. There's a ton of upside. This is not a finished product. You can tell from the Pro Day, [Assistant General Manager] Chad Alexander came back raving about the Pro Day that Joe [Alt] had. He was even working on his [pass] set and improving his set, and changing some of his set from the season to his Pro Day. He was right. Watch the Pro Day workout, it was legit. To be that good, with where he is that, this is a high high high ceiling, and a really high floor, player. Just exactly what you pray for, what you wish for. This is a great piece. It starts up front, tip of the spear, of our attack with our offensive line. He's going to be a tremendous piece."

On Pipkins' role:

HARBAUGH: "I think that he is one of our five best right now, and that is not going to change — and that includes Joe Alt on our football team. Extremely impressed with Trey [Pipkins III]. He also has that freaky athleticism, and also building the strength and power to match that athleticism. I would predict that there's a spot in the starting five for Trey Pipkins."

On 'wanting a physical team and running the ball':

HARBAUGH: "It's not just the running game with the offensive line. They protect, that's why they get paid so much money, the offensive linemen and the tackles in this league, because the quarterback, in the passing game, has got to be able to finish a throwing motion. That comes that comes from [Hall of Fame Head Coach] Bill Walsh — I'm stealing that one, I didn't invent that one [*laughter*]. Six-foot-eight, long arms. I don't think that he's ever been hurt, that I know of. This is a great piece to add into the attack. When I say the attack, that's passing game and running game."

On where Alt was on the board when selected:

HORTIZ: "He was the best player available."

On what separated Alt from other players on the board:

HARBAUGH: "There was nobody higher than Joe."

HORTIZ: "We just felt like he was the best player available on the board. So we have the board and then we stack them 1 through 200. We stack it based on who we believe is the best player. What separates him? He's a tackle versus a receiver, certainly, but there are other great players on the board, too. We felt like he was the best of the great players."

On the decision to select Alt:

HORTIZ: "We try to have all of the debates on all of the players before the draft. I think I mentioned that in some previous conversations with you guys. We get up there, the board is set. The board is set. The order is set. All of the conversations are had beforehand."

On the conversation surrounding Alt when ranking him on the board:

HARBAUGH: "There would be so many conversations to take you through there [*laughter*]. You can't believe the amount of hours that go into it. Joe [Hortiz] is in there more than anybody. We're all in there a lot. [President of Football Operations] John Spanos is in every meeting. The last two days leading up to the draft, we had practice, then a five-and-a-half hour session. Then, another five-and-a-half hour session, straight. He set a record. There was only one pee break."

HORTIZ: "In two days [*laughter*]."

HARBAUGH: "Taken in those two days [*laughter*]. I mean, to go through every conversation, that would be impossible."

HORTIZ: "Just quickly, you talk about the value of each position. The value of the players and who you see higher. The whys and hows, but it's a normal process for us. We talk about it and then we stack them."

On if Alt was brought in for a visit:

HORTIZ: "We had a chance to visit with him at the combine. [Offensive Line Coach] Mike Devlin and [Assistant General Manager] Chad [Alexander] were out there and [Area Scout] Pat Ryan, I believe, were at the Pro Day. We met with him there. We had a great feel for him from talking to him in Indianapolis. You don't have to talk to him long to feel good about him, I know that. Then, obviously, with two coaches on the staff [that were at Notre Dame], we felt like we knew him really well. No reason to bring him in."

On the conversation with Alt when he was called:

HORTIZ: "He was excited. I asked him if his dad could wear Powder Blue. He didn't think it would be a problem, so we felt like we could take him at that point."

On if the team 'needs to address' the wide receiver position:

HARBAUGH: "We're going to be addressing all positions."

HORTIZ: "We're going to address more than just the receivers, too, absolutely. I've said this before — you look at it and there are certainly more needs at different spots, but there are needs at every position. That's why we're living by the best player philosophy. Again, you're never one player away and you're never one position away. You have to improve every single position on your team at every opportunity you get. We're going to still be working on a few of the positions. We're not done with offensive line, either. We're just going to try and make the team better."

On the offensive line:

HORTIZ: "Well, I think to play center, you have to be able to snap. That definitely gives those guys that are used to snapping an advantage. I'll let Coach [Harbaugh] answer the rest of it."

HARBAUGH: "[T] Rashawn Slater. He's locked in as the left tackle. No debate was needed for that. We love him. Just, the way your questions are going, let's not bet against [WR] Quentin Johnston, [WR Joshua] Josh Palmer, [WR Derius] D.D. [Davis] and [WR] Simi [Fehoko]. There will be more."

On speaking with Alt at the combine:

HORTIZ: "The way we have it set up, the majority of our interview is film [review] and board [work] because we want to get a feel for the player's intelligence. Football intelligence and acumen. The goal is to get him up, get him talking, on the board. If you guys had a chance to watch Coach work in that room, now, he pulls out the best of every player. He pulls out their personality and their competitiveness, gets them going. You get a great feel for everything, really, with the player. His energy, his passion for the game. Then, we get him on that board and start talking ball. The way [Offensive Line Coach] Mike [Devlin] and all of our coaches did it, he gets props to the scouts watching these guys in film sessions. His coaches, they put on a clinic, now. It was impressive with all of our position coaches. Being up there, drawing out what the player knows. Talking ball with them. We had our 45 interviews at the combine and we felt like we had a good feel for the players that we spoke to."

On the mindset moving through the draft:

HORTIZ: "To me, it's over when it's over. We're not even close to being over. This is, certainly, a big pick for us, sitting up here. The next eight picks are huge. I think the excitement will continue through. Anxiety, I don't know if there was ever really anxiety other than, you know, making sure I don't screw up the [phone] number or anything like that. Like I said, the stack was set. The rankings were set. Let the guys go off the board and pick our pick."

HARBAUGH: "I'll just add, I had no anxiety whatsoever. That process really came from all the hard work that everybody did and just how they were all giving it their best for the Chargers. Mainly, we got a guy. We got a guy in Joe Hortiz. There's no question about it. He knows every guy. He's watched tape on every single player. He's the one that was bringing out our best in these meetings. He never missed a name, never missed a beat. Even when he was taking a bite of the Chick-Fil-A sandwich [*laughter*]. It just rolled. I had no anxiety whatsoever. My brother [Ravens Head Coach John Harbaugh] texted me after the pick. He said, 'That's who I would have taken,' if he was at that pick. That's the great debate. That's part of the cool thing. There's great players. Some of them are rated right there together. You sit and judge guys as we go, whether it was the right decision or not. I just say, from my perspective, and watching Joe [Hortiz] work this draft and our personnel department, all of our scouts, and our coaches, as Joe said, I have total confidence and trust that we got it right. You have to go make it right. I believe that we have a great partner in doing that, in Joe Alt."

On Harbaugh's response to his brother's text message:

HARBAUGH: "Let's see [*laughter*]. Oh, I haven't texted him back yet [*laughter*]. What would be an appropriate response [*laughter*]? Thumbs up! I'll just go with the pound, I gave him the pound emoji [*laughter*]."

On if the team could trade back into the first round:

HORTIZ: "I'd say all options are open, definitely."

On Michigan QB J.J. McCarthy being selected by Minnesota:

HARBAUGH: "I watched it. I stayed to watch it. I'm thrilled. I've been having conversations with J.J. That's where he wanted to go. That's where he had his heart set. I'm just so happy for him. I love him like a son. I was praying and pulling for it to work out the way he wanted it to work out. The stars aligned. Congratulations to Minnesota. They got themselves a great player."

Chargers T Joe Alt Introductory Media Availability

Friday, April 26, 2024 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.

Opening statement:

"Before we begin, I'd just like to start off by thanking the Spanos Family, [General Manager] Joe Hortiz and [Head] Coach [Jim] Harbaugh for believing in me and giving me this opportunity. I'd also like to thank my two parents that are here today. I couldn't be here without them. They've blessed me with a lot of opportunities. I want to thank God for the opportunity, the body and the ability that he has blessed me with to be here today."

On his 'first thoughts' upon being selected by the Chargers:

"I think that there were two thoughts that popped in my head immediately. The first one being gratitude. Like I said, just grateful for the people around me, grateful for this organization in believing in me and this opportunity. The second one, just straight excitement. I can't wait to get out here, get to work and go back to what I love doing, and that's playing football."

On his timeline since being drafted by the Chargers:

"Obviously, got the call. Super excited. I spent the time with my family briefly there, got to hug everybody. I appreciate everyone that was there. Then, hopped onto a couple of interviews, got my flight set up, hung out with my family and my girlfriend. Went back to my house, went to bed about midnight, woke up this morning, hopped on a plane at 7:30 [a.m.], flew out here, got to come to the facility, and have just been meeting everybody and going from there."

On playing quarterback growing up:

"I grew up playing quarterback, all the way until my sophomore year of high school. For me, the biggest thing there was just learning an entire defense and how it works — understanding safeties, their rotation, and how it affects a defense, how you can read a safety and see how that can give you a pressure look. I started playing tight end when I grew, my junior year of high school. Then, transitioned to offensive line when I got to Notre Dame as a freshman."

On if being a quarterback 'helped with his footwork':

"Yeah. Playing quarterback, playing basketball, all of that stuff did. I think that's a testament to my athleticism, now, from those things, because I was able to kind of stay light on my feet as I grew."

On the 'type' of quarterback that he was:

"I was a bigger quarterback [*laughter*]. Let's be real, I ran the ball most of the time [*laughter*]. I had a decent arm, but it was mostly just running the ball, sweeps out there. [John Alt] was the one getting me out there on the ball."

On if he 'could be the emergency quarterback':

"I don't know about that, I haven't thrown a football in a long time [*laughter*]. Been putting my hand in the dirt instead. I don't know, we'll have to see."

On his training during the pre-draft process:

"I've been working with [former NFL offensive lineman] Alex Boone up at Training HAUS in Minnesota, that's where I did all of my Combine prep. The biggest thing for me is just getting comfortable, being able to set both in my left and right-hand stance, being just as comfortable as I was at the left at the right-hand side. Did a lot of drills — pass pro, run blocking — just to make sure that I was comfortable there. I thought we put a lot of good work in from that."

On if 'playing in unbalanced fronts helps with a potential transition to the right side':

"Yeah, of course. I think just having that in-game experience, those live reps, is always a huge help — just being comfortable getting over there and putting your hand down in that stance in-game is huge for my confidence going forward."

On football being 'in his family':

"Yeah, my dad played 13 years for the Chiefs. Football is all I can remember growing up. Walking into the basement, my dad's jersey was hung up at the bottom of the steps, and it was a dream for me my entire life. My dad coached me from youth through high school. He was there, he allowed me to really learn what football was and the appreciation for the game and what it did for me and my family. Football has always been kind of top of the totem pole in the family in what we wanted to do. That's why I fell in love with it and have been going with it ever since."

On if he played hockey growing up, like his brother, Mark:

"I did, until second grade. I did not have the body for hockey [*laughter*]. I got a little heavy for it, so we just decided to hang up the skates and start playing basketball."

On watching his father's games on tape growing up:

"We didn't watch a ton of tape of his VCRs [*laughter*]. In high school, we kind of stayed away from that. But most recently, a lot of his games have come back out on YouTube in better quality, and we re-watched them when I was home this training process. I got to give him a little bit of crap and watch his film and assess the differences in our games [*laughter*]."

On the differences between him and his father:

"My dad had — still does — very, very broad shoulders. He has the biggest shoulders that I've ever seen on a man. His ability to clamp guys, like defensive ends, is one of the most humbling things, I think, for defensive end, they were just out-muscled up top. I think that's the biggest difference. I like to punch inside because I don't have as big of shoulders as he did. I think that's the biggest difference between me and him."

On players in the NFL that he 'tries to learn from':

"I watch a lot of Joe Thomas. I watch a lot of how he sets. He has a lot of changeups in his set, between jump setting and vertical setting, and how he throws the differences in there. Then, I listen to a lot of Lane Johnson and stuff with the snap count, and how crucial that is to win the first second and being ahead of the punch, ahead of the defense, being able to get off the ball early."

On 'setting the tone up front':

"I think the thing I love about the offensive line is being able to hit someone every single play. You don't have a play off, you're going to be throwing your head in there. Whether it's pass or run, you have a job to do and you have to hold up your end of the bargain — one of the five [offensive linemen], one of the 11 [offensive players]. If you don't do your job, it's going to hurt the offensive line, hurt the entire offense. I think that's why I love it. That's kind of why I fell in love with the position, and just really the camaraderie of the group. The offensive line group, I think, is a special group."

On 'dominate' being one of his 'favorite words':

"It's not a word that I use in my vocabulary, but it's a mindset that I have, I would say more so. Just refusing to lose and taking it one play at a time and trying to do your best each and every play is kind of my mindset."

On if he has spoken to any future Chargers teammates yet:

"Yeah, a lot of guys have reached out to me so far. [T] Rashawn Slater reached out last night, so that was really exciting to kind of hear from him. Beginning to build these next relationships is really what I'm looking forward to."

On 'how drastic of a change is it' to transition from the left side to right side of the offensive line:

"I don't think it's a very drastic change for me. Just because I played tight in high school. I've had the ability to do everything out of both a left- and right-hand stance. I've been playing tackle at the left side for the last three years, but it wasn't like it's something I've never done before. I've had reps there before, so it wasn't something that was a huge change for me."

On if there are any players currently on the Chargers roster that he 'knows well from before':

"There is one other Notre Dame player, but he was gone before I got there. I don't have a relationship with him yet, but I'm looking forward to making one."

On if he had met Harbaugh prior to the pre-draft process:

"I had not, actually. I met him for the first time at the Combine. I wasn't the biggest recruit coming out of high school, so I didn't get the opportunity to go to Michigan. Yeah, Michigan didn't have an interest in me coming out of high school [laughter]. But, that's just who I was, I was a tight end turned to tackle."

On if Minnesota was 'the only Big Ten team' to recruit him:

"I had Iowa, as well. Those are the only two Big Ten schools."

On run blocking and 'using his athleticism and body control':

"Last year, we did a lot of pulling, and it was probably, when I heard one of those plays called, was the most fun because you get to kind of show your athletic ability, but also have so much more speed rolling behind you to hit somebody. You kind of have a bigger impact. It takes a lot of, I think, eye discipline, when you're pulling with guys who can be faster than you and understanding where your landmark is and where you're trying to hit. If you miss, you have to miss in a certain area, you don't want to miss short or too far because that's going to get your running back hit. I think understanding your aiming points is huge. Then, being able to use your momentum already and go hit the guy as hard as you can."

On 'when implementing that last year' did his 'athleticism help to get to those spaces':

"Yeah, I think it was partially that, and also, we had a new offensive line coach who did a lot of that in the past. He kind of said, like, 'OK, we have the guys to do it, so let's go try to do it.' I think that those two things were the biggest changes from the year before."

On his speed and how that benefits him:

"I think that speed is one of the things, my athleticism is one of the things, that I hold close to myself and want to keep at the top. I think that's one of the things that allows me to play offensive tackle at a high level, being able to stay in front of guys with my length is what I strive to do each and every day. It's something that I work on constantly — jumping rope, doing little agility drills — just because I think is what's gotten me this far."

On if he met with the offensive line coaches yet:

"Yeah, I did. I got to meet with them today. Just kind of got the welcome. At the end of the day, we're back to work, we're back to playing football. We have to start to learn what's going forward and what is being asked of me, and that's what we've been kind of discussing so far."

On setting Notre Dame historic figures based on his draft positioning:

"Obviously, I'm extremely grateful for that opportunity to be in that position. There's a lot of great people at Notre Dame who have allowed me to come this far. I was able to have two great head coaches, three great offensive line coaches and two great offensive coordinators, who I think allowed me to excel, taught me a lot and allowed me to kind of go put my best foot forward. At the end the day, I'm extremely grateful for those coaches and people who allowed me to grow at Notre Dame and be able to have this opportunity to become a reality."

On if former Notre Dame Offensive Coordinator Tommy Rees 'reached out' to him:

"He did, yes."

On joining a team that is 'O-line centric' and if that is 'exciting to him':

"Of course. Being wanted is one of the best feelings in the world. Being at a position that the coaches and people feel matters, it just makes you want to do it that much more and want to do it for them because they care so much about it. Now, it's my job to go get back to work and go put my best foot forward and do the best I can for whatever this team asks of me."

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Chargers WR Ladd McConkey Draft Availability

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On his initial reaction to being selected by the Chargers:

"[Head] Coach [Jim] Harbaugh is there. They have a great offense, great quarterback. Just excited to get up there and meet all of the guys and get to work, honestly. I've been waiting, I feel like it's been so long, just trying to figure out where I'm going to be at. Now that it's here, it's time to get to work."

On QB Justin Herbert:

"Just watching his game, it comes easy to him. He can make any and every throw. Excited to get out there, get in rhythm with him, show him what I can do and gain his trust."

On his skillset:

"I think that I'm very versatile. I can play inside and outside. A gadget guy that can kind of do a little bit of it all. Just going to go out there, see what my role is with them. If they want me to play outside, I'll play outside. If they want me to play inside, I'll do that. I'm really just excited to get to work, see what they want me to do, then go attack it."

On if team has told him whether he will be a 'primarily inside or outside receiver':

"From watching my tape and stuff, they feel like I can do a little bit of both. We'll see, when I get there, how I fit around everybody else and stuff. We'll see how it goes. Then, I feel like we'll go from there."

On if he is 'still recovering from a back injury':

"I'm 100 percent. All of that is in the past. I feel good. Ever since I came back and started playing last year, I haven't had any trouble with it. I'm good, I'm ready."

On his 'pre-draft interactions' with Harbaugh:

"Not too much, honestly. It was funny, he ran into my parents at the Combine. They just introduced themselves and said, 'Hey.' I haven't had too much [interaction], but I'm excited to figure it out."

On if Harbaugh recruited him coming out of high school:

"No, sir. Not too many people did, though, so it's all good, no hard feelings [laughter]."

On the Chargers 'trading up' to select him:

"That is just a little bit extra motivation. They want me, they came up and got me, so I'm going to give everything that I have to them and make sure that it is worth it."

On if he 'ever imagined' that he would be selected within the first two rounds of the NFL Draft:

"Growing up, I feel like every little kid wants to get drafted, wants to go high. I don't know. I knew that I could do it, and I knew that I had a good support staff around me that believed in me. When I got to Georgia, got the opportunity, was out there playing in the SEC against the best competition week in and week out, I was like, 'Alright, I can do this, I just need a shot.' It's something that I've always wanted to do, and then it started to come to life a little bit in the last couple of years."

On when he 'got comfortable' in the college game:

"Really, my true freshman year, I redshirted, didn't get to play. I was on scout team, but I felt like I was killing them, I felt like I could play. But, looking back now, it was probably the best decision for me, redshirting, at the time. In practice, going against first-round defensive guys, when I was doing it then, I was like, 'If I get a shot, I'm going to run with it and never look back.'"

On mentors:

"There are so many people. I was lucky to have two great receivers coaches — [current LSU Wide Receivers Coach] Cortez Hankton and [current Buccaneers Wide Receivers Coach] Bryan McClendon — both of those guys have been unbelievable to me, so I can't thank them enough. Then, obviously, [Georgia Head] Coach [Kirby] Smart and the rest of the coaching staff. When you walk around the Georgia facility, I could probably say a great thing or two about every single one of them."

On wide receivers currently in the NFL that he 'models his game after':

"No one specific that I really just watch and am like, 'OK, let me just do everything that he does.' I try to take a little bit from everybody. If someone hits a good release, I say, 'Yeah, let me add that one to it, let me try that out.' If it works for me, keep rolling. If it doesn't, I'll move on to the next. Just see what works for people, and if it works for me, I'll keep it."

On 'being small in high school' and his journey from high school to Georgia and the NFL:

"I feel like I was small because I played football and basketball, so as soon as I got done with football, I was on the court running up and down, losing all of my weight. I never had a chance to really lock in to the weight room and get into a program like that. But, yeah, I was super under-recruited. My five official visits were to Tennessee-Chattanooga, Jacksonville State, Army West Point, Georgia and Vanderbilt, so it was kind of all over the spectrum. Georgia came in late. When I went and visited, I thought that it was a little bit nicer, a little bit better than all of the other places [*laughter*]. So, I was like, 'Alright, let's give it a shot.'"

On if he can 'add size to his frame':

"We'll see what they want me to do. I don't have a problem putting some extra muscle on, obviously. My game is lateral quickness and speed, so, obviously, I want to be able to keep that. Getting in the right nutrition program and putting on the right weight. I don't want to just put on weight to put on weight — if I put it on, I want to put it on the right way."

On if he believes that his skillset 'will be able to transfer to the NFL':

"I do. Yes, sir. Just looking at the receivers nowadays in the league, I feel like my body type kind of matches up with a lot of them. There are six-foot-four, 220 [pound] guys, and then there are five-foot-10, 180 [pounds]. I feel like we're kind of all over the place nowadays. It's just different flavors for different people."

On the reaction at his draft party upon being selected:

"I tried to get everyone to be quiet at first, but I don't think that they could hold it in too long [*laughter*]. There for a second I couldn't hear what was coming through the phone, everybody was screaming. That's my family, I have a huge support staff. Super thankful for them, they've been there through it all."

On Harbaugh and Smart:

"Two unbelievable coaches. Coach Smart just gets the best out of you. Ultimate competitor. He wants us to win. He sets us up for success. I feel like a lot of it will translate into the next level."

Chargers LB Junior Colson Draft Availability

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On 'what excites him' about reconnecting with Head Coach Jim Harbaugh:

"Everything. I'm just happy to be back with him. I went to Michigan for a reason, he was that reason. He picked me again. I'm blessed and highly favored, and I can't wait to get to work for him."

On the defensive scheme and how he 'fits into it':

"I believe that I fit into that very easily and very, very well. I think that I'm that guy in the middle that they've been looking for, that guy that can run the defense and call the plays. It's very similar, we ran the exact same defense back in college. It's going to be very easy to get in and get to work."

On his level of excitement having familiarity with the scheme:

"I'm very excited. It just gives you that edge, gives you that thing to go out there and grind. Be able to compete for a starting spot right away from Day 1, I'm just excited for it, I'm ready for it. I'm just ready to go out there and compete."

On if he feels like he is 'going to Michigan of the West':

"[Laughter] I would say so, yeah. Michigan of the West, we just swapped out the cold for the warm. Other than that, nothing really changes -- still go out there and win, play hard-nosed football."

On the 'best part' about playing for Harbaugh at Michigan:

"What part wasn't great? You know? What part wasn't great about playing for him? He's the best coach out there. He's the best coach to play for, I believe in. He's a winner. That's something that you always want to follow, you want to follow a winner, you want to be with winners. I believe that I'm with a winner right now."

On his play-style and skillset:

"I think that I'm bringing a lot to the Chargers with my skillset. I'm bringing my ferocity, the way that I play the game, the way that I attack each and every day. I'm just ready to go out there and dominate."

On Defensive Coordinator Jesse Minter and playing for Minter at Michigan:

"Playing for him was freaking phenomenal. It was phenomenal. He's one of the smartest guys I know, if not the smartest guy I know. To be able to play in that same defense, be able to play in his defense, he's been able to customize and change and create a way to being the number one defense in the country last year. I'm just excited to see where we can continue to grow, and then build with that."

On his new position coach, Chargers Linebackers Coach NaVorro Bowman:

"I'm excited, man. One of the best to ever play the game. I'm ready to go, let's make it happen. I'm already on my way, let's make it happen."

On if he 'feels like' he can 'be a Day 1 starter':

"Yes, sir. I believed that I could be a starter anywhere I went, especially being able to go back to a system that I've been running and calling for the last couple of years. I'm ready for it. I'm going in there to compete, that's my mentality."

On being the on-field play-caller last season at Michigan:

"Yes, sir. I did."

On Chargers LB Denzel Perryman:

"Oh yeah, I know of him. I've watched him. He's a leader. He's a phenomenal player. He's been in this league for a very long time. To be in this league for that long, you just have to sacrifice so many things. You have to put in the grind. That's something that he's done. Now, it's paying off."

On learning from veteran leadership on the Chargers defense:

"With those guys, I'm just going to become a sponge and soak everything up, everything that they have to say. I'm not going to say too much right now. Coming in, just watching the way that they carry themselves, watching the way that they practice, watching the way that they attack each and every day, and being able to go out there and emulate that, in a way."

On which players he 'admires' in the NFL:

"There are so many different players that I admire. I try to keep adding to my game. I think that I am a mix of a lot of different players right now."

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Chargers 2024 NFL Draft Media Availability, Day 2

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Opening statements:

GENERAL MANAGER JOE HORTIZ: "It was a good Day 2 for us. We're excited to add both [WR] Ladd [McConkey] and [LB] Junior [Colson]. Two players that we think are outstanding players, outstanding people, high-level competitors. They're highly-productive, smart, tough football players. They're just going to make us better. Really excited about both of them and look forward to seeing them here."

HEAD COACH JIM HARBAUGH: "Ladd McConkey, big-time competitor. Junior Colson, big-time competitor. Guys that are there every day. They're at every practice, every game. Really, really excited about how today went."

On McConkey's skillset and how he 'fits in the offense':

HARBAUGH: "Fitting into the offense, versatility. He can be an outside receiver. He can be a slot receiver. Love the speed, 4.38 [40-yard dash], but he plays to it. He plays to that 4.38 every single play, you can see it in the way that he rages off of the ball, and once he has the ball in his hands. Me and Joe [Hortiz] were talking about him, he's very [Raiders TE] Brock Bowers-like with the way that he gets yards after the catch. Competitor, big-time. Those things. He catches the ball. A terrific route-runner. He has the quickness, he has the speed that is going to be great for our offense. I love the guys that can run in the 4.3s."

On if McConkey's size 'will translate to the NFL as an outside receiver':

HORTIZ: "Yeah, I think what he offers is versatility. The way that they used him [at Georgia], he was outside, he was playing Z, he's going against press, he's beating press. Then, they move him into the slot and he has great feel over the middle of the field. You watch him work versus zone and uncovered up the seam. Just a lot of football intelligence in his play that carries over, in both positions."

On 'trading up' to select McConkey:

HORTIZ: "He was the guy that we targeted. He's a guy that all of the scouts targeted. He was a guy that all of the scouts and coaches looked at and all of the scouts and coaches loved. I can say that about both players. We took two players today that, if you look at the grades — which you can't see [*laughter*] — they're all consensus starter levels, it's kind of the same grade on all of them. Guys that we feel can impact us. He was a guy that was high up on our list. We had some calls to move back and we were called to see if we were interested in moving up and we were able to work out the deal. When we were on the clock, we went for it."

On Colson:

HARBAUGH: "He checks every box. Our scouts, along with Joe [Hortiz] and [Linebackers Coach] NaVorro Bowman, who has played in this league for a long time, had him as the top inside linebacker in the draft. He has the size, he's a downhill backer, but he can also go sideline-to-sideline. He knows the system. A big-time competitor. The thing that stands out in my mind, of all of the times, he broke this year and they were like, 'Are you OK, Junior?' 'I broke my hand.' 'Well, we better go in and get it X-Ray'd.' 'Ah, it's almost halftime, I think I'll just keep playing.' We went in and, sure enough, it was broken. Next thing you know, he's out there playing with a club. More than one-and-a-half hands were in a club for a good part of the season. All of the things — size, speed, athleticism. Instincts, that would probably be the number one thing for an off-the-ball linebacker that plays inside. Tough. I would tell the guys on the team here that here comes another big-time competitor. Competitors welcomed."

On if they were 'surprised' that Colson was still on the board upon the team's third-round selection:

HORTIZ: "We were excited that he was there. We thought that there would be a chance. The position itself is a little undervalued on draft day, so we kind of thought that, maybe, there's a chance. But, percentages, I can't say that it was a high percentage that we thought that he would be there. I was hoping that he would be there, our scouts were hoping that he would be there. I know that coach was hoping that he would be there. But, to say, 'Oh, we knew that he was going to be there.' No. We thought that if we passed him at 37 [overall], we probably weren't going to be getting him at 69. We were just fired up when we had the chance to do it."

On Colson's 'understanding of the system' and the 'value' of that:

HARBAUGH: "He's a MIKE, but he can be a WILL, too. Probably back to the original question about what we liked about him the most, it's how he plays football. He plays football really well, and so does Ladd [McConkey]. Ladd McConkey, really transitioned to be, can he be an outside receiver, can he be an inside receiver? He is showing that he can be an outside receiver. I'm not going to say the names, you're going to know the names, of the guys that were drafted high who play corner who he played against. He won some of those battles in man-to-man coverage. It's just there, it's there on the tape, how they play football."

On McConkey's ability in the middle of the field:

HORTIZ: "When you look at players, especially the ones that work the middle of the field, it's how they feel it. Spatial awareness and the ability to sense defenders, set defenders up. He's so sudden after the catch, getting upfield. Like Coach [Harbaugh] mentioned, he's like a little [Raiders TE Brock] Bowers. Just kind of great bursts upfield, instinct and feel. He does a great job. Those guys that know how to get open, get open, find space and create space. They can just do it and he's one of those guys."

On McConkey's blocking and returning ability:

HARBAUGH: "Punt return. Again, versatility. Outside receiver, inside receiver, punt returner."

HORTIZ: "Blocking is a mentality, as a scout. It's a mentality. You don't have to be some big, physical guy. You just have to care, work at it and care about your teammates. As an evaluator, that's what we do. If you watch him, he gives effort. There are plenty of plays on tape where another one of his teammates is catching the ball or running the ball and he's creating space for them."

On McConkey's durability:

HORTIZ: "He's played three years there. I'm not talking about injuries because of HIPAA. You have what you have, but I know this, our doctors feel great about him. He's been pretty durable there. Certainly, he's had some bumps in the road, but he responded and played late this year. That says something about his commitment to compete and to the team. You see a guy that was most likely coming out [to be drafted] and he's playing in a Bowl game this year. That's impressive to me."

On the linebackers:

HARBAUGH: "To be determined. We really like [LB] Denzel [Perryman]. We like [LB] Daiyan [Henley] a whole heck of a lot, too. We're just beginning to get out there on the field. Those are two really good players as well. You can't have enough good players."

On the number of Michigan players drafted:

HARBAUGH: "It got emotional for me. It really did. The little hairs on the arm were standing up. I'm a Charger, but I mean, those are *my guys*, you know? It's neat. I love seeing some of the records broken — the amount guys that were at the combine, the three players in a row. I don't know if that's ever been done in the draft. To have seven players picked in the first three rounds, that's a first for Michigan. Just so many cool things. I'm telling you, it got emotional in a good way for me."

On managing multiple opinions in the draft process:

HARBAUGH: "The way I was raised by my dad and my mom, when somebody is the expert at what they do, they know the subject matter better than you do. Better than I do. I do what they tell me to do and then I will be successful. That's how I was raised. Joe [Hortiz] is one of the best evaluators in the National Football League. He has been doing it for decades. He does it every day year-round. That's who I listen to. Then, NaVorro, myself, [Defensive Coordinator] Jesse [Minter], the other scouts, the personnel, the Spanos', every one of the coaches on our staff, we're just, 'How can we help?' We're just trying to support and try to help in any way that we can."

On Defensive Coordinator Jesse Minter's reaction to selecting Colson:

HARBAUGH: "He was fired up. He was fired up. Joe [Hortiz] includes us. I mean, he pulls it out of us. I said that yesterday. He does a masterful job of pulling out, involving people. You're involved. You feel like you have a voice. You're able to give your opinion. It just makes you give more. It makes you work harder. It's a master class of leadership to be able to do that and do what he does. It came down to, 'Jesse, who would you rather have? This player or this player?' Jesse said. I mean, I'm not in Joe's mind, but what he would have done had it not been the way he [also] wanted it, I hope he would have gone with what [Minter] wants to do because we trust him. I've seen it on display this entire process. We got a *guy*. We got a *guy* in this guy [Hortiz]."

On McConkey's route running:

HORTIZ: "We were talking about it today. We were watching some film on him. It's one of the things that pop on film. Just how good he is. How he sets up routes. Like I said, spatial awareness, feel, getting off the ball, understanding the releases, understanding when to change gears. He's precise. The quarterback, we talked about it. The quarterback knows where he's going to be. You're going to know. That's an outstanding thing to have and to bring to the Chargers. We're looking forward to it."

On preparing for Day 3:

HORTIZ: "We'll get in there, the scouts. We'll find out who they really have that passion for. I already know most of those answers. Our scouts have done a phenomenal job throughout the entire process of just being open, being honest, voicing their opinions, showing their passion about the players they love and bringing all the information to the table. We're going to talk through it again tonight and, really, just kind of set the board up to attack tomorrow, you know? With an enthusiasm...."

HARBAUGH: "Unknown to mankind!"

HORTIZ: "It's a fun process because you really kind of look at what's left on the board. Everyone's board across the league has guys sticking out like a sore thumb. Probably, all of those boards have half of those guys on those boards up there. We'll see how the draft plays out early on, but what you want to do as scouts and player personnel and coaches, you want to find the guys that we have conviction about at all levels. That's what we're going to do. We'll talk through it. We'll talk through it tonight. Talk through it tomorrow. Talk through it during the draft as it's going."

On being back in a draft room:

HARBAUGH: "It's been tremendous. I get pretty emotional every year, even when I was in college, when the draft comes around and I'd go to the combine. It's dreams being fulfilled. I remember what it was like when I was a player. When you coach the guys, that's what it's like. Getting to know everybody that's come through or that I've met — not just at Michigan, but everybody. Every guy. I just want to say, 'Hey, give me a big hug. You're a tremendous competitor and person.' We welcome that here at the Chargers. It's been great. I didn't think the NFL could get any more popular, any bigger back when I was in the NFL nine years ago, but it has. It's like, doubled. Two-X'd in terms of popularity. Maybe even three. It's just super exciting to be part of."

On if he received a text from his brother, Ravens Head Coach John Harbaugh:

HARBAUGH: "Yeah, a couple."

On if his brother gave a 'thumbs up' to any of the picks made by the Chargers:

HARBAUGH: "He did. I said, 'Right back at you.' The guys he got, that Baltimore got, were really good picks. I know he wouldn't say it if he didn't think it. That the text on both Junior [Colson] and Ladd [McConkey]. He said Ladd was a big-time competitor. On Junior, he said he just loved his tape."

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Chargers DL Justin Eboigbe Draft Availability

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On if Head Coach Jim Harbaugh recruited him coming out of high school:

"No, he didn't recruit me [*laughter*]. But, I had a lot of familiarity with him on New Year's Day, that Rose Bowl Game. Didn't have the outcome [we wanted], but the success that he has had in the league and in college, there's no one that you'd want to play for any more than him."

On his skillset:

"For me, it's just the versatility, the resilience, the adversity, that never-die attitude. If anybody knows my story, knows where I came from and what I came back from, as far as injury, the adversity off of the field by losing my brother the same year as the injury, and came back and had my best season. It wasn't any luck, it was just work. That's what I plan on doing when I get there, just working. Put my head down and work, grind. Gain the respect of the veterans and the teammates around me to where I get the trust of them."

On battling adversity:

"The year before last, my 2022 season, in the month of May, I ended up losing my brother, he ended up passing away. Then, at the end of September, I had a neck injury, which made me miss the rest of the season. If you know anything about neck injuries, you don't know what to expect. I just kept my faith and kept working, as far as not understanding what may happen, but understanding that I'll be prepared for a situation, if it comes or not. That's how I looked at it. Everything just started working. As far as my recovery, I came back quicker than expected. I put everything together. I had my best season. I realized that the adversity on and off of the field, losing my brother and having the neck injury, it made me more appreciative, it made me understand that there is no tomorrow, you have to give everything that you have today because, one day, it will be your last, and you never know."

On where he 'fits from an alignment standpoint' along the defensive front:

"Honestly, it doesn't even matter. If I can be on the field, it doesn't matter, I can play every position. I know one thing, whatever helps the team — whether that's at three-technique, five-technique, shade, it doesn't matter — as long as I can be able to effectively help the team, I'm all for it."

On 'how much maintenance is left' with his neck injury sustained two seasons ago:

"There's no maintenance. After I was cleared back in March, I was full-go. I didn't need a neck brace, neck collar, nothing. I can put 500, 600 pounds on my back and squat it, it doesn't matter. It was more of making sure that everything is right, clean up surgery. I went to one of the best doctors in the U.S. to handle it. I'm very appreciative for him, very appreciative for everybody that got me in touch with the right people to where I feel as if I didn't have anything wrong with me beforehand."

On his recovery process:

"It was very challenging because you're left with your thoughts. There are a lot of days where you don't know what to expect. You try to keep the faith as far as everything is going to work out. You keep telling yourself that. Eventually, it did. I just made sure I did everything in my control, as far as everything that they told me to do. Everything they said not to do, I didn't do. I had surgery in the end of October 2022. In December 2022, I got cleared to do band workouts. I was doing it to get strength. Doing everything I could until the middle of January 2023, I ended up being cleared for all weight room activities. So I was hitting it hard, gaining back my back. Getting back into that routine. Then, by the middle of March when I was cleared for all football activities, the whole plan at Alabama with [former Alabama Head] Coach [Nick] Saban and my coaches was that I would be back for fall camp. I told them that I wanted to play now, so I participated in spring ball. I knew I wanted to get my anxiety out. Getting hit again and hitting people again. It's the best thing, the adversity that I went through. It shaped me into the person that I am now."

On who he relied on during his recovery:

"I would say my faith. My faith in God, first and foremost. Then, my mom. My mom is the strongest person I know. Everything that she does in my life. Everything she has done. Just seeing how much she has instilled in me. I knew that this was just a situation where all of the things that people invested in me — the time, the effort. I knew that I'd pay it off."

On if he ever considered retiring from football due to the injury:

"I had some people ask me if I wanted to retire just because not a lot of people want to fight back and come back from an injury like that. One of the biggest things as soon as it happened, [Alabama Associate Athletics Director, Sports Medicine (Football)] Jeff Allen, the head trainer, he told me, 'This is season ending, but it's not career-ending. We're going to put you in touch with the right people. We're going to make sure we go above and beyond to make sure you're right. We're going to do right by you.' That's what they did. I'm appreciative. Of course, there's a lot of anxiety that's going to go through your mind because the statement behind hearing a neck injury, is not good. You know, behind hearing it. But I knew I was going to be different. I know a lot of people say they're going to come back better than ever, but I wanted to really prove that. No sir, I've been playing this game since the age of five. I've dealt with a lot more than just an injury."

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Chargers DB Tarheeb Still Draft Availability

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On being selected by the Chargers:

"I would just say that the moment was everything. I have my family here, hanging around. Waiting for that call, we didn't know what the moment was going to be like. Then, the phone rang, and it said California, then I picked it up. I couldn't be happier."

On his familiarity with the Chargers' coaching staff:

"A lot of those guys watched me play because they were at Michigan, most of them, while I was at Maryland. I used to go up against them a lot. They have some familiarity. I'm just happy to be a part of the team."

On his 'growth' last season:

"Really, it was just me putting it into my own hands and getting what I wanted out of it. I knew that I had one more year to come back in college, and I wanted to just maximize it and do everything that I needed to do, with the help of my teammates, my coaches and the environment in the shell [coverage], it really just helped me play better. Also, growing as a man on and off of the field."

On what he 'does best':

"Really, just my ability to take away the ball. Then, my quick instincts, being able to read what's going on and react to what is in front of me. Just an all-around play-maker. I can do whatever the coaches ask me to do, things like that."

On his versatility in the secondary:

"I feel like I bring a lot of versatility. Whether the coaches want to put me inside in the slot or outside at corner, either works, wherever they need me to be."

On developing that versatility:

"Really just me, coming into college, I started off the first year playing corner, then played nickel for two years, then went back outside. Then, really just having different skillsets, different traits, that have allowed me to be able to play in the slot, as well as play outside at corner."

On where the Chargers project him 'fitting':

"It's really just wherever they need me, really. I feel like they like me in the slot, too. But, I can play corner, as well. We'll see."

On if he is 'close' to any players and coaches on the Chargers:

"Players, no. Coaches, though, [Linebackers Coach] NaVorro Bowman, he was at Maryland for two years, and now he's the linebackers coach in L.A. That's my guy, reunited."

On his ability to create takeaways:

"Really, I would just say that it's being intentional. The last two years of college, working with [Maryland Cornerbacks] Coach [Henry] Baker every day, we're used to being intentional, trying to get the ball, making sure that I attack the ball, have good eyes, put myself into a position to play the ball. Turnovers win games."

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Chargers DB Cam Hart Draft Availability

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On what excites him about being drafted by the Chargers:

"I think everything about it. It's always been my dream to play in the NFL since I was eight years old. Being able to reconnect with [T] Joe Alt, [Defensive Line] Coach [Mike] Elston and, obviously, [Safeties Coach] Chris O'Leary — he and I have a really great relationship. He's one of the best coaches that I've ever had in my life and is one of the smartest coaches. It's pretty cool to be able to link back up with him and be able to learn more from him and just get better."

On if current Chargers Safeties Coach Chris O'Leary was his position coach at Notre Dame:

"No, I wasn't [specifically in his room]. At Notre Dame, we did split rooms. Coach O'Leary was the safeties coach and [Notre Dame Defensive Backs Coach/Defensive Pass Game Coordinator] Coach [Mike] Mickens was the cornerbacks coach. [O'Leary] didn't coach me, specifically, but obviously, we would collaborate on certain things. When the corners and the safeties were meeting together, Coach O'Leary would have things to say. Obviously, my freshman year, I switched from receiver to cornerback. Coach O'Leary played a big part in me learning defense. Just learning defense in-and-out and learning the position."

On switching from receiver to defensive back:

"I've always played defensive back my entire life. I think I have a pretty good understanding of the position, but like anything else in life, you always try to get better. You always try to learn new things. I'm the type of person that's always curious about new things and wanting to learn new things. I'm always trying to be a sponge."

On the background of his transition to defensive back:

"I came in as a wide receiver. Like I said, I've played defensive back my entire life. In high school, I played safety and cornerback and wide receiver. My offers were kind of split. Some were for defensive back, some were for wide receiver. I wanted to go to Notre Dame, regardless. I went there as a wide receiver. Then, they went through some injuries at the defensive back position. [Former Notre Dame Head] Coach [Brian] Kelly and [former Notre Dame Defensive Coordinator] Coach [Chuck] Lea came to me and were like, 'Hey, we have some injuries. Would you like to play defensive back?' Obviously, Coach Lea had already recruited me. The relationship was already there. They gave me the option to go back to wide receiver if I wanted to."

On the decision to switch to defense:

"I honestly wanted to play DB, but they had filled up pretty fast in my class at DB, so I just went there as a wide receiver. I feel like I was solid at both, but I think I was going to have a long career at DB. I like the autonomy of the position. It worked out."

On whether his athleticism contributed to playing offense and defense:

"I don't think it has anything to do with my athletic ability. I think it's more so mental. Being able to play both positions, you can recognize certain things, certain stems, you can see a set. Offensive set, you can narrow down the choices of what they're going to do. In college, it's a little bit different because guys do everything, but I think at the NFL level you can pick up certain things that you just know from being on that side of the ball. I don't know if it's more physical as it is mental, if that makes sense."

On having a degree in political science:

"I always wanted to go to law school. My agent is a close family friend of mine my entire life. I kind of wanted to follow in his footsteps. He went to law school at the University of Wisconsin. My aunt is an immigration lawyer here in Baltimore. I always watched what they did and always thought it was inspiring. Again, I kind of still want to do that [after playing]. I don't know if I want to go a law route or MBA route, but I want to do something. Maybe agency. I don't know, I want to stay around the game as long as possible, though."

On his ability to play special teams:

"I think it will be really valuable. I think that's where you'll initially get your opportunity. I'm excited about that. I've always embraced special teams. I had a great relationship with my special teams coordinators at Notre Dame. I've played special teams since freshman year. I've never shied away from it. I've never disliked it. I've never been a guy to say that I'm too good to play special teams or I'm too old to play special teams. I think I'm going to have that same attitude as I go into the NFL. I was a gunner and then on punt return I was the corner back. I played the safety position on kickoff. I spent some time on kickoff return. I pretty much played all phases."

On how his length impacts his play on defense:

"I think it makes it a lot easier for me. A shorter guy may feel like they have to catch up a little bit or if they're a yard or two away that they can't get their eyes back or things like that. I feel like with my length that I can do that. I can be physical at the line of scrimmage. I can win there. I can guard everybody. I can guard tight ends. I can guard 6-5 receivers. Even the short receivers I can guard. I can use that to my advantage as well, getting my hands on those guys at the line of scrimmage."

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Chargers RB Kimani Vidal Draft Availability

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On being selected by the Chargers:

"It feels great. Going through the whole entire process, you never know where it can take you. I was just blessed that I happened to get the call. I'm feeling on top of the world right now."

On his mentality in the run game:

"Obviously, I believe in it, being a running back. I came from a team that believed in running the football. That's what it's all about. I'm blessed and just happy that I got in that kind of offense."

On being the great-nephew of Baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron:

"He's given me all kinds of advice, going up through high school and into college, too. It was more so about battling adversity, more than anything. He would give me context on that."

On when he initially met with the Chargers:

"Yes, the Senior Bowl and the Combine, I met with them at both."

On if he participated in a pre-draft visit to Los Angeles:

"No, I didn't."

On his running style:

"I would say that I'm a three-down back. I'm able to run between the tackles. I can catch out of the backfield and pass protect."

On the program's advancement at Troy and increased exposure:

"I think that it was really good. Coming off of back-to-back conference championships, playing more games will get you more time on TV. It's just simple as that."

On if he played baseball growing up:

"No, I never did. I guess it was just always football. Since I was little, I always wanted to play football."

On 'being a shorter running back' and if he knows former Chargers RB Austin Ekeler and if he 'tries to pattern his game' off of Ekeler's:

"I've definitely watched Austin Ekeler. He's almost like the definition of a three-down back. There are many short running backs out there that have done more than good."

On if there are any running backs that he 'looks up to':

"Obviously, I can say that the best of the best is [Hall of Fame RB] Barry Sanders. I would also say [former NFL RB] Maurice Jones-Drew, [former Ravens RB] Ray Rice, too."

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Chargers WR Cornelius Johnson Draft Availability

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On being selected by the Chargers and reuniting with Head Coach Jim Harbaugh:

"I'm super excited to see [Head] Coach [Jim] Harbaugh. When I first see him, I'm going to give him a big hug. Just excited to work with him and get rolling out there in Los Angeles."

On being 'excited' to reconnect with Harbaugh:

"I've worked with him since my high school days. Coming in now, it's a beautiful thing to see. Coming from the college level, now to the professionals, it's still the same Coach Harbaugh. I'm sure that he's going to implement different ways to get the guys going. I trust in him. I'm glad that he had faith in me with this pick."

On if he is 'familiar' with any of the other Chargers wide receivers:

"Yeah, I used to be a big Chargers fan. I loved their colors, loved their uniforms. Even their current receivers, I've kept track of them, too."

On currently wearing his Michigan National Championship ring:

"Yes, sir. This is my National Championship Michigan Wolverines College Football [Playoff] title that we accomplished this year. I'm sure that Coach Harbaugh has this, too. I thought that I would wear it today for good luck."

On how his game will 'translate' to the NFL:

"Just going in there and, from the beginning, picking up the offense, getting into the playbook and stealing reps — special teams, on offense, any way that I can, just getting reps in the slot, on the outside, and doing what I can to compete and win football games."

On if he is able to play both in the slot and on the perimeter:

"Definitely. I definitely think that I am capable of playing both inside and outside receiver in the National Football League."

On if he contributed both in the slot and on the perimeter at Michigan:

"At Michigan, yes, I did play outside and inside."

On special teams contributions:

"In my collegiate career at Michigan, I did do a lot of special teams. I blocked a couple of punts, I blocked for a couple of punt returns — that was my main unit, punt block and punt return. In practice, I've run down on kickoff before and I've done other things, return kicks in practice. On actual Saturdays in the fall, I was blocking punts."

Chargers 2024 NFL Draft Media Availability, Day 3

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Opening statements:

GENERAL MANAGER JOE HORTIZ: "That was a fun three days. I think that it was a really good opportunity to build our team and add to it. First, I want to thank all of the scouts, our whole personnel department, for the work that they put in before we were here, and, certainly, once we got here. It was probably a different process, a little different process, with me and [Assistant General Manager] Chad [Alexander] coming in, but they didn't miss a beat. They were ready. They had the information, had the work in. Really proud of the effort that they put in. The coaches, I mentioned, their effort, the commitment to the draft while camps are going on — veteran minicamps and football school, just a lot of stuff going on. They were focused, they didn't lose their focus on what the important task was, in terms of the draft, and I really appreciate their efforts. [Senior Vice President, Communications and External Affairs] Josh [Rupprecht] and his crew, our entire medical staff. [Director of Player Health, Wellness and Performance] Marco [Zucconi], [Head Athletic Trainer] Sal [Lopez], their help with all of the medicals and information. They were there at my side a lot during the draft, and then also leading up to it, just on top of all the information. [Director of Video Operations Brian] Duddy and the video crew, everything that we needed, we were ready to go. They had it prepared ahead of time. If we needed something, they had it ready. Smitty [Director, Equipment Operations Chris Smith] and the equipment guys, Wieds [Director of Football Operations John Wiedmeier] and operations. There are so many people and departments that go into this game, this season, but they also go into the draft. I really appreciate everyone's efforts, energy and enthusiasm. It was a great, cohesive, collaborative effort from all of us. A fun day today. We were busy. Had a chance to add six players. You guys can ask me about them individually, I don't want to run through them all [*laughter*]. But, one thing that I will say about all of them, they're multi-year starters. They're great character guys. They're highly competitive players. In case anyone asks, if anyone is curious, they were the best players on our board when we picked them."

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER CHAD ALEXANDER: "Really excited for this whole process and all of the guys that we brought in, all nine of them. Like Joe [Hortiz] said, ultra competitors. They bring toughness and edge, guys that are really going to help us moving forward. Extremely, extremely happy about the results."

On if the players selected today 'were along the same identity' as players:

HORTIZ: "Yeah, I think so. There are players that fit the Charger profile. We really believe all nine of these guys do. You want high character players, you want highly competitive players, passionate players, intelligent, durable, tough — just guys that care about each other. I can really say that about every one of these. We have the Blue Star that we brought with us here — it used to be the Red Star, it's the Blue Star now — we drafted three of them. We don't have a bunch of them. Each scout gets one and they put it on a guy. We were able to take three of them. Frankly, all nine of these players could be Blue Star-type players, but we're limited in the numbers we can give out, so you pick one and you put it on them. That's a real positive thing for us."

On 'if the Black Dot came, too':

HORTIZ: "The Black Dot came, too. We did not take a Black Dot [*laughter*]."

On DB Tarheeb Still and if he has 'flexibility inside-out':

HORTIZ: "Certainly. If you've seen the highlights, he plays inside and out there. He's played with really good corners throughout his career. He had a first rounder playing with him last year. I can't remember when the other one went — when was it, the third round? But, he started with them. He played inside and outside with them, and he belonged on the same field with them. You couldn't tell them apart at times. You had to find them because you're like, 'Gosh, which one is that?' Sometimes, we were grading Tarheeb [Still] last year thinking that you were grading someone else. He moves around, has that versatility, has that toughness, burst, explosiveness."

On 'philosophically, how important is having flexibility' when evaluating a defensive back:

HORTIZ: "I think, when you look at a corner, nickel flexibility is a bonus. That's a plus. If they're just an outside guy, that's great. If they're an excellent nickel, that's a great. But, the guy that can do both like him, that's something that you really value."

On DB Cam Hart and if they were 'surprised that he was still there':

HORTIZ: "The traits are outstanding. He's highly competitive. He can challenge all throws when he is in position. Length to recover, speed to recover. In terms of being surprised when they're there, you're surprised when everyone's there if you like them [*laughter*]. If they're the highest guy on your board, it's like, 'Alright, he made it.' Someone's going to be there. Some guys fall, some guys get drafted higher than the pundits say. But, when the right guys follow you, that's where they belong. The draft is the draft. Guys fall, guys rise, guys get picked where that team wants to pick them."

On 'if something' on Hart's 'film led to him falling':

HORTIZ: "I can't speak for other teams, I just know that we liked him."

On the 'advantage' of having members of the coaching staff recently coach in college for aiding in prospect evaluation:

HORTIZ: "I think it's going to be an advantage for a couple years for us, for sure. Incoming freshmen, they've recruited and they've gotten to know their families. Then, the ones that have been there, they've played against them and coached them. They know the ins and outs of the players that they've coached, certainly, but they also have familiarity with the players they haven't coached that they've competed against. That is a definite bonus, definitely."

On if the Voluntary Veteran Minicamp prior to the draft 'reinforced' his 'approach to the draft':

HORTIZ: "It reinforced that we're looking for the right types of players because I'll tell you right now, being out there at those three days, and seeing the guys that are already out on the field, I'm excited to add these nine players, plus the players that we are working on signing in post-draft free agency. I'm excited to add them to the group of guys that are already out there."

On if he 'feels better or comfortable with the wide receiver group' after the draft:

HORTIZ: "We drafted three [wide receivers], so I definitely feel like we got a lot deeper there. I've talked about depth for our team from the beginning. That's one of the goals. I feel like we got deeper there, yeah."

On if the wide receiver group is 'missing anything':

HORTIZ: "I think that the group that exists is going to go out and compete and challenge each other and try to win for the Chargers. If we feel like we can add a player to any group on this team that helps us do those things, we're going to add them — it doesn't matter the position."

On 'how emotional of a call' he delivered to WR Brenden Rice:

HORTIZ: "It was a tough one, knowing what he, his family and his friends are going through. Certainly felt the emotion through the phone. I felt the emotion, myself, having to make that call. I know that he was very excited, while having to deal with the emotions he was facing. When we were talking, he was like, 'I've wanted to play for [Head] Coach [Jim] Harbaugh. I'm so excited to play for Coach Harbaugh. I can't wait.' He was so happy to be a Charger. To feel that and hear that, it was a pretty cool moment for me, myself."

On the skillsets of Rice and WR Cornelius Johnson:

ALEXANDER: "We really like both of those guys. We love them as players. First of all, they both have NFL bodies, they look like NFL receivers. They're extremely productive guys that are tough, they have the right mindset. Brenden [Rice] has a lot of explosive plays down the field, long touchdown production — Arizona State, UCLA, Stanford, these games. He can really stretch the field vertically. He does a lot of things that you really, really like. He blocks and does a really good job. Then, Cornelius [Johnson], same thing. Really productive, tough-minded individual. He might be the best blocking receiver in the draft, or certainly one of them. He gets after it. It's great to bring those two guys in and have them compete with the rest of the group."

On RB Kimani Vidal:

HORTIZ: "One, he can carry the rock. He's done it very well during his career there. He has great vision, burst, excellent contact balance, strength. He's not a tall back, but he's not a small back. He's 215 points, I think, and just runs through arm tackles, can make guys miss, take a hit, stay on his feet, great balance, strong. DBs are closing in on him, he'll punch them with a stiff arm and just keep going. He just competes. He also offers something in the passing game, as well. When you watch him block, it's impressive. He will throw it up in there against a blitzing linebacker."

On DL Justin Eboigbe:

HORTIZ: "He's a guy who, myself and a number of our scouts, really liked. I think everyone who did him basically had third-round grades on him. Maybe even a few second-round grades sprinkled in there. When you watch his film, he does everything right. He play the defensive line position how we want it done. It's hat in hands, extending, two-gapping, reading, he's instinctive. He has a high motor. He's athletic. He's a sneaky pass rusher. He's great at picking. He's great on twists. Kind of relentless motor. He's earned the right wherever he came from, the riser. You watch the film. The scouts went in there in October. He didn't rise from October to now. They threw it on him then. He just got realized by the media. He's a good football player."

On Eboigbe's ability to play multiple positions:

HORTIZ: "At different parts of the game in different situations. Interior, he can line up over the center and maybe in a third-down situation. I think his base position is a five-technique as a defensive end. But you've seen him at Alabama, he plays the six, the seven-technique. Then, he moves down to the three. Like you said, even those and some passing situations. Again, with our defense, you talk about corners being nickel or outside. Defensive linemen, they can play all across the board, which is pretty good value."

ALEXANDER: "He's extremely intelligent. A really impressive combine interview and in his interviews with the coaches and stuff like that. He gets it. He understands football at a high level. It's not going to be a problem for him to align at different positions along the defensive line."

On the importance of Day 3 of the draft for building a team:

HORTIZ: "I think it's very important. When you can find players that, one, can create an impact for you, that can create depth for you, that can become the starter. You can find all different types of players on Day 3. You know that going into it. There are certainly different values that they bring. That's where the scouts and the coaches really do their work. Everyone has their mock drafts on the first and second rounds, the third rounds. Honestly, you could probably 36, 37 players on Day 1 and you'll get 32 of them right. Pretty much everyone knows who's going because there is so much information out there. Day 3 is the day where the information is not as readily available. That's when you trust your scouts. Our guys did a great job just knowing the players and really identifying the ones that could help us."

On Eboigbe's recovery:

HORTIZ: "That's where we trust our medical team, [Director of Player Health, Wellness & Performance] Marco [Zucconi], [Head Athletic Trainer Salvador] Sal [Lopez] and Dr. G [David Gazzaniga]. You evaluate it. You see the images and you assess it. We felt good about it."

On if Eboigbe was brought in for a pre-draft visit:

HORTIZ: "We got the combine medicals. They were good. He aced the interview, like Chad [Alexander] said. He was awesome out there. We felt good about it. We didn't say anything about him from that moment on. That's why he was a riser, I guess [*laughter*]."

On Hortiz completing his first draft as a general manager:

HORTIZ: "Thankful for the opportunity from [President of Football Operations] John [Spanos] and [Owner and Chairman of the Board] Dean [A. Spanos] for giving me this chance. Thankfulness to Chad [Alexander] and all the scouts, the coaching staff, my family. I miss them dearly. That's probably the feeling that I have. We made the first pick and someone said, 'How does it feel?' When we took [T] Joe [Alt]. It felt the same to me, it really did because I've been part of it so many times. Probably at the end today, I said, 'Wow, we did it.' There's an excitement to it. It's what I was hired to do. I just did what I was taught to do by [Ravens Executive Vice President] Ozzie [Newsome], [Ravens Executive Vice President & General Manager] Eric [DeCosta] and the guys that I worked with in Baltimore, [Ravens Owner Stephen] Steve [J. Bisciotti]. I just brought what they taught me to do and did it my way, I guess a little bit. I guess that's my answer."

On the draft helping build the roster:

HORTIZ: "I mean, I'll tell you what, I'm really excited the way it went. Especially, if you look at our first pick and we take [T] Joe [Alt]. I don't know how many tackles went in the first two days of the draft, but we feel like we got the one, our best player on the board. Certainly the best tackle on the board. It worked out great from that way. Then, the opportunity to take the players that we took. Each time, we were just excited to take every one of the players. I really believe that we made our team better. Looking forward to seeing them here and getting them with the rest of the group."

On how much Hortiz took from his mentors through this process:

HORTIZ: "Chad [Alexander] can attest to this — we worked together for 20 years. [Ravens Executive Vice President] Ozzie [Newsome] led us until the 2018 draft. [Ravens Executive Vice President & General Manager] Eric [DeCosta] was right there as his right-hand man. We were down the line right next to them. You learn so much from each other. We do bring a lot of it. Me personally, I sat in there and go through the process. I know the process. I've never done it from that chair, but after doing it, after meetings and after everything, you learn a lot more than you even realized just by sitting there and watching them. It probably took a little bit from each of them. Some philosophical stuff that Ozzie taught us way back when that came into play in my mind many times and, certainly, the mechanics and the strategy that Eric has employed since he was the director of college scouting and director of player personnel in Baltimore. I watched him do it for so long. A lot of that rubbed off on me and I tried to apply a lot of what I learned from both of those guys."

On Hortiz's draft process:

ALEXANDER: "It was so fun just watching him and seeing him grow in this role and his natural leadership come through. Really, just get the best out of everybody. Just the process itself. We did learn a lot from [Ravens Executive Vice President] Ozzie [Newsome]. He set the blueprint. We've learned from [Ravens Executive Vice President & General Manager] Eric [DeCosta] and really borrowed from everybody that we've worked with. Joe [Hortiz] did an outstanding job of just bringing everyone together, stayed true to the process. We spent just as much time on our top guy on our board as our last guy on our board. He just had a way of bringing everyone in and having everyone feel part of it. It was outstanding. You could tell by how happy everyone was at the end, leaving from over there just a few minutes ago. Everyone is high-fiving. Everyone is just really pumped up and excited about the result. The process was challenging. We really challenged ourselves. We challenged the scouts. We challenged the coaches. They answered the bell. They did an outstanding job. Joe and Jim [Harbaugh] are our leaders. They led the way. They really did."

HORTIZ: "Just so we are clear with the bathroom break ... [*laughter*] ... people can get up and leave and go to the bathroom, alright? [*laughter*] I just don't get up, right? That's a learned thing. I know you cap your coffee intake. One cup of coffee. Use the restroom before you start the meetings and then you just roll, but anyone is welcome to get up. I'm not like, just keeping everyone in there, bladders exploding [*laughter*]. People do leave. People do leave. All it takes is one. One person gets up and goes, then, okay, it's okay. You get on a roll and I don't drink a lot of water during meetings. I just try to limit my fluid intake."