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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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