



2022 NFL DRAFT RECAP



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2022 DRAFT NOTES

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THE 2022 NFL DRAFT

The Los Angeles Chargers made eight selections in the 2022 NFL Draft. All of the picks came from Power 5 conference schools — three from the SEC, two from the ACC, one from the Big Ten, one from the Big XII and one from the Pac-12.

On Day 1, the Bolts took Boston College guard **Zion Johnson** at 17th overall, the team's first-ever first-round pick from Boston College. He's the fourth Boston College Eagle to be drafted by the Bolts in history. Johnson joins two-time Pro Bowl safety **Derwin James Jr.**, as the only picks by the Chargers with the No. 17 overall pick.

Los Angeles made one pick on Day 2, taking Baylor safety **JT Woods** in the third round with the No. 79 overall selection. He's the fourth Baylor Bear in history to be taken by the Bolts and the first ever to be selected higher than the seventh round.

The Bolts began Day 3 by trading a pair of seventh-round compensatory picks (254 and 255 overall) to Chicago. In return, Los Angeles received a 2023 sixth-round selection from the Bears that was initially sent by the Chargers to Chicago as part of the trade for six-time Pro Bowl outside linebacker Khalil Mack. It marked the first trade by the team on Day 3 of the NFL Draft since 2010.

In the fourth round, the Chargers took Texas A&M running back **Isaiah Spiller** (123rd overall). Born August 9, 2001, Spiller was the youngest drafted player of the 2022 NFL Draft. A round later, the Bolts selected UCLA defensive lineman **Otito Ogbornia** (160th overall), the first Bruins defender to be drafted by the Chargers in over 15 years.

Los Angeles made a pair of picks in round six — Georgia offensive lineman **Jamaree Salyer** (195th overall) and Wake Forest defensive back **Ja'Sir Taylor** (214th overall). Salyer is the third Bulldog selected by the Bolts in two drafts, joining 2021 selections **Tre' McKitty** and **Mark Webb Jr.** Meanwhile, Taylor is the second Demon Deacon ever chosen by the Chargers in a draft.

The team also took two players in round seven — Mississippi defensive back **Deane Leonard** (236th overall) and Purdue fullback **Zander Horvath** (260th overall). Leonard is the first Ole Miss player selected by the Bolts in the common draft era (since 1967), while Horvath is the first Boilermaker drafted by the Chargers since **Nick Hardwick** in 2004.

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CHARGERS 2022 DRAFT PICKS

Round	Overall No.	Player Selected
1	17	Boston College G Zion Johnson
3	79	Baylor S JT Woods
4	123	Texas A&M RB Isaiah Spiller
5	160	UCLA DL Otito Ogbornia
6	195	Georgia OL Jamaree Salyer
6	214*	Wake Forest DB Ja'Sir Taylor
7	236	Mississippi DB Deane Leonard
7	260*	Purdue FB Zander Horvath

*Compensatory Selection

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WHERE THE BOLTS PICKED

ON THE CLOCK AT NO. 17

The Chargers made Florida State **S Derwin James Jr.**, the 17th overall selection of the 2018 NFL Draft, the team's first pick at No. 17 overall in the common draft era (since 1967).

17th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
2018	1	S	Derwin James Jr.*†	Florida State
2022	1	G	Zion Johnson	Boston College

2022 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. 17 overall pick in the common draft era has produced three Hall of Famers. 14 of the 55 players selected with the 17th pick since 1967 have made a Pro Bowl. James is one of the eight players picked at No. 17 to be named an all-star multiple times and was just the sixth player drafted in that spot to be named an All-Pro from *The Associated Press*.

HALL OF FAME PLAYERS DRAFTED 17th OVERALL, SINCE 1967

Year	Team	Pos.	Player	College
1967	Raiders	G	Gene Upshaw	Texas A&I
1990	Cowboys	RB	Emmitt Smith	Florida
2001	Seahawks	G	Steve Hutchinson	Michigan

Among the players picked at No. 17 overall over the past 10 drafts, four have gone on to make a Pro Bowl. Derwin James and C.J. Mosley were each selected to multiple all-star games with their original teams.

Four players — LB C.J. Mosley (Bal., 2014), S Keanu Neal (Atl., 2016), S Derwin James Jr. (LAC, 2018), DT Dexter Lawrence II (NYG, 2019) — were named to the *Professional Football Writers of America* All-Rookie team.

17th OVERALL SELECTIONS, LAST 10 SEASONS

Year	Team	Pos.	Player	College
2012	Cin.	CB	Dre Kirkpatrick	Alabama
2013	Pit.	LB	Jarvis Jones	Georgia
2014	Bal.	LB	C.J. Mosley*	Alabama
2015	S.F.	DT	Arik Armstead	Oregon
2016	Atl.	S	Keanu Neal	Florida
2017	Was.	DE	Jonathan Allen	Alabama
2018	LAC	S	Derwin James Jr.*†	Florida State
2019	NYG	DT	Dexter Lawrence II	Clemson
2020	Dal.	WR	CeeDee Lamb	Oklahoma
2021	L.V.	T	Alex Leatherwood	Alabama

*Pro Bowler

†Associated Press First-Team All-Pro

HISTORICAL PICKS AT 2022 SELECTIONS

Below is a list of the all-time Chargers draft picks in the common draft era (since 1967) in 2022 draft slots from rounds two through seven (regular drafts only):

79th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
2010	3	LB	Donald Butler	Washington
2022	3	S	JT Woods	Baylor

123rd OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
1973	5a	WR	Willie McGee	Alcorn A&M
1991	5a	TE	Duane Young	Michigan State
2022	4	RB	Isaiah Spiller	Texas A&M

160th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
1994	5d	RB	Tony Vinson	Towson State
2022	5	DL	Otito Ogbornia	UCLA

195th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
1971	8	DE	Leon Van Gorkum	San Diego State
1989	7b	QB	Terrence Jones	Tulane
2022	6a	OL	Jamaree Salyer	Georgia

214th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
1973	9	LB	Tab Bennett	Illinois
1975	9	LB	Larry Keller	Houston
2022	6b	DB	Ja'Sir Taylor	Wake Forest

236th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
2022	7a	DB	Deane Leonard	Mississippi

260th OVERALL SELECTIONS, CHARGERS, SINCE 1967

Year	Round	Pos.	Player	College
1989	10	ILB	Ricky Andrews	Washington
2022	7b	FB	Zander Horvath	Purdue

Current Chargers are in bold italics

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

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2022 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 108 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
QB Dan Fouts	3-64 ('73)	Oregon	6
DE Leslie O'Neal	1-8 ('86)	Oklahoma State	6
WR Keenan Allen	3-76 ('13)	California	5
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
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
S Derwin James Jr.	1-17 ('18)	Florida State	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

108 Pro Bowl Selections

Current Chargers are in bold

CHARGERS COMPENSATORY PICK HISTORY

The Chargers were awarded four compensatory selections for the 2022 NFL Draft. Last season, the team picked Georgia **TE Tre' McKitty** with the 97th overall selection — the first Bulldog picked by the Bolts in over 40 years.

The first compensatory selection by **General Manager Tom Telesco** was **LB Jatavis Brown**, who went on to be named to an All-Rookie selection by the *Professional Football Writers of America*. Brown went on to appear in 56 games with 23 starts over four seasons with the Bolts, ranking second on the team with a career-best 97 tackles in 2018.

The Chargers have made 21 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 Tyrone 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

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*Supplemental Compensatory Pick

^Professional Football Writers of America All-Rookie

TOM TELESKO DRAFT HISTORY

Chargers General Manager Tom Telesko has drafted 69 players since joining the team in 2013. Those draft picks have combined to play 2,110 games and make 1,148 starts in the regular season (43 games played with 26 starts in the postseason) for the Bolts.

2022 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
G	Zion Johnson	1-17	0	0	0	0
S	JT Woods	3-79	0	0	0	0
RB	Isaiah Spiller	4-123	0	0	0	0
DL	Otito Ogbornia	5-160	0	0	0	0
OL	Jamaree Salyer	6-195	0	0	0	0
DB	Ja'Sir Taylor	6-214	0	0	0	0
DB	Deane Leonard	7-236	0	0	0	0
FB	Zander Horvath	7-260	0	0	0	0
Totals			0	0	0	0

2021 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
T	Rashawn Slater	1-13	16	16	0	0
CB	Asante Samuel Jr.	2-47	12	12	0	0
WR	Joshua Palmer	3-77	17	5	0	0
TE	Tre' McKitty	3-97	11	4	0	0
OLB	Chris Rumph II	4-118	16	0	0	0
G/T	Brenden Jaimes	5-159	10	0	0	0
LB	Nick Niemann	6-185	17	0	0	0
RB	Larry Rountree III	6-198	12	0	0	0
DB	Mark Webb Jr.	7-241	7	0	0	0
Totals			118	37	0	0

2020 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
QB	Justin Herbert	1-6	32	32	0	0
LB	Kenneth Murray Jr.	1-23	27	22	0	0
RB	Joshua Kelley	4-112	24	0	0	0
WR	Joe Reed	5-151	11	0	0	0
S	Alohi Gilman	6-186	26	4	0	0
WR	KJ Hill Jr.	7-220	21	0	0	0
Totals			141	58	0	0



2019 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
DL	Jerry Tillery	1-28	47	29	0	0
S	Nasir Adderley	2-60	34	29	0	0
T	Trey Pipkins III	3-91	38	10	0	0
LB	Drue Tranquill	4-130	30	11	0	0
QB	Easton Stick	5-166	1	0	0	0
OLB	Emeke Egbule	6-200	32	0	0	0
DL	Cortez Broughton	7-242	11	0	0	0
Totals			193	79	0	0

2018 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
S	Derwin James Jr.	1-17	36	36	2	2
OLB	Uchenna Nwosu	2-48	62	25	2	0
DL	Justin Jones	3-84	51	35	2	2
LB	Kyzir White	4-119	47	37	0	0
C/G	Scott Quessenberry	5-155	63	10	2	0
WR	Dylan Cantrell	6-191	0	0	0	0
RB	Justin Jackson	7-251	43	6	2	0
Totals			302	149	10	4

TOM TELESKO DRAFT HISTORY



2017 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
WR	Mike Williams	1-7	72	47	2	2
G	Forrest Lamp	2-38	25	18	0	0
C/G	Dan Feeney	3-71	63	57	2	2
S	Rayshawn Jenkins	4-113	61	32	2	2
DB	Desmond King II	5-151	53	23	2	2
T	Sam Tevi	6-190	58	44	2	2
DE	Isaac Rochell	7-225	51	9	2	0
Totals			382	230	12	10

2016 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
OLB	Joey Bosa	1-3	79	75	2	2
TE	Hunter Henry	2-35	55	49	1	1
C	Max Tuerk	3-66	0	0	0	0
LB	Joshua Perry	4-102	15	1	0	0
LB	Jatavis Brown	5-175	56	23	0	0
P	Drew Kaser	6-179	36	0	0	0
FB	Derek Watt	6-198	64	13	2	0
G	Donavon Clark	7-224	0	0	0	0
Totals			305	161	5	3

2015 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
RB	Melvin Gordon III	1-15	67	63	2	2
LB	Denzel Perryman	2-48	69	51	0	0
CB	Craig Mager	3-83	24	10	0	0
LB	Kyle Emanuel	5-153	63	32	2	0
DE	Darius Philon	6-192	54	19	2	0
Totals			277	175	6	2

2014 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
CB	Jason Verrett	1-25	25	21	0	0
LB	Jeremiah Attaochu	2-50	38	13	0	0
G	Chris Watt	3-89	17	8	0	0
DT	Ryan Carrethers	5-165	24	3	0	0
RB	Marion Grice	6-201	0	0	0	0
WR	Tevin Reese	7-240	0	0	0	0
Totals			104	45	0	0

2013 CHARGERS DRAFT SELECTIONS

Pos.	Player	Drafted	Reg. Season		Postseason	
			GP	GS	GP	GS
T	D.J. Fluker	1-11	59	59	2	2
LB	Manti Te'o	2-38	38	34	2	2
WR	Keenan Allen	3-76	116	111	4	3
CB	Steve Williams	5-145	31	4	0	0
LB	Tourek Williams	6-179	44	6	2	0
QB	Brad Sorensen	7-221	0	0	0	0
Totals			288	214	10	7

Current Chargers are bolded in Powder Blue

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
WR	Mike Williams	2017	7	Chargers
T	Rashawn Slater	2021	13	Chargers
S	Derwin James Jr.	2018	17	Chargers
LB	Kenneth Murray Jr.	2020	23	Chargers
DL	Jerry Tillery	2019	28	Chargers

Second Round (4)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
DL	Austin Johnson	2016	43	Titans
TE	Gerald Everett	2017	44	Rams
CB	Asante Samuel Jr.	2021	47	Chargers
S	Nasir Adderley	2019	60	Chargers

Third Round (4)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
WR	Keenan Allen	2013	76	Chargers
WR	Joshua Palmer	2021	77	Chargers
T	Trey Pipkins III	2019	91	Chargers
TE	Tre' McKitty	2021	97	Chargers

Fourth Round (3)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
RB	Joshua Kelley	2020	112	Chargers
OLB	Chris Rumph II	2021	118	Chargers
LB	Drue Tranquill	2019	130	Chargers

Fifth Round (6)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
WR	Joe Reed	2020	151	Chargers
DL	Andrew Brown	2018	158	Bengals
G/T	Brenden Jaimes	2021	159	Chargers
C	Corey Linsley	2014	161	Packers
QB	Easton Stick	2019	166	Chargers
P	JK Scott	2018	172	Packers

Sixth Round (7)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
K	Dustin Hopkins	2013	177	Bills
LB	Nick Niemann	2021	185	Chargers
S	Alohi Gilman	2020	186	Chargers
DL	Sebastian Joseph-Day	2018	195	Rams
RB	Larry Rountree III	2021	198	Chargers
OLB	Emeke Egbule	2019	200	Chargers
DL	Christian Covington	2015	216	Texans

Seventh Round (1)

Pos.	Player	Year	Pick No.	Team
DB	Mark Webb Jr.	2021	241	Chargers

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** and **S Adrian Phillips** are the other undrafted players signed by the Bolts to earn AP first-team All-Pro honors.

CHARGERS UDFA SIGNINGS TO MAKE PRO BOWL FOR BOLTS

Pos.	Player	Year	College	No.
TE	Antonio Gates [†]	2003	Kent State	8
G	Kris Dielman	2003	Indiana	4
K	John Carney [†]	1990	Notre Dame	1
LS	David Binn	1994	California	1
P	Darren Bennett [†]	1995	None	1
WR	Kassim Osgood	2003	San Diego State	1
S	Adrian Phillips [†]	2014	Texas	1

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

CURRENT CHARGERS UNDRAFTED PLAYERS

Undrafted (28)

Year	Pos.	Player	Team
2009	QB	Chase Daniel	Redskins
2012	LS	Josh Harris	Falcons
2014	G	Matt Feiler	Texans
2015	WR	DeAndre Carter	Ravens
2017	CB	Michael Davis	Chargers
2017	RB	Austin Ekeler	Chargers
2017	T	Storm Norton	Lions
2018	G	Ryan Hunter	Chiefs
2018	CB	J.C. Jackson	Patriots
2019	CB	Tevaughn Campbell	Jets
2019	OLB	Jamal Davis II	Texans
2019	WR	Jalen Guyton	Cowboys
2019	CB	Kemon Hall	Chargers
2019	WR	Jason Moore Jr.	Chargers
2019	TE	Donald Parham Jr.	Lions
2019	LB	Troy Reeder	Rams
2020	LB	Cole Christiansen	Chargers
2020	DL	Breiden Fehoko	Chargers
2020	WR	Maurice Ffrench	Chiefs
2020	DL	Joe Gaziano	Chargers
2020	FB	Gabe Nabers	Chargers
2021	WR	Michael Bandy	Chargers
2021	DB	Ben DeLuca	Chargers
2021	TE	Hunter Kampmoyer	Chargers
2021	LB	Damon Lloyd	Chargers
2021	DL	Forrest Merrill	Chargers
2021	LB	Amen Ogbongbemiga	Chargers
2021	T	Foster Sarell	Ravens

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	2013	221	Brad Sorensen	Southern Utah

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
6b	2021	198	Larry Rountree III	Missouri
7b	2022	260	Zander Horvath	Purdue

WIDE RECEIVER

Round	Year	Pick	Player	College
1	2017	7	Mike Williams	Clemson
2	2005	61	Vincent Jackson*	Northern Colorado
3a	2021	77	Joshua Palmer	Tennessee
4a	2000	111	Trevor Gaylor	Miami (Ohio)
5	2020	151	Joe Reed	Virginia
6	2018	191	Dylan Cantrell	Texas Tech
7	2020	220	KJ Hill Jr.	Ohio State

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	2022	17	Zion Johnson	Boston College
2	2017	38	Forrest Lamp	Western Kentucky
3	2019	91	Trey Pipkins III	Sioux Falls
4b	2009	133	Tyrone Green	Auburn
5	2021	159	Brenden Jaimes	Nebraska
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
4a	2009	113	Vaughn Martin	Western Ontario
5	2022	160	Otito Ogbornia	UCLA
6	2015	192	Darius Philon	Arkansas
7	2019	242	Cortez Broughton	Cincinnati

LINEBACKER

Round	Year	Pick	Player	College
1b	2020	23	Kenneth Murray Jr.	Oklahoma
2	2018	48	Uchenna Nwosu	Southern California
3	2010	79	Donald Butler	Washington
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	2020	47	Asante Samuel Jr.	Florida State
3	2022	79	JT Woods	Baylor
4	2017	113	Rayshawn Jenkins	Miami
5	2017	151	Desmond King II†	Iowa
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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*Pro Bowler with Chargers

†Associated Press First-Team All-Pro with Chargers

^Pro Football Hall of Famer



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	9	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	Troy ¹²	1
Angelo State (Texas)	1	Idaho	5	Northwestern State (La.)	1	Tulane	1
Appalachian State	1	Idaho State	1	Notre Dame	22	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 C.C.	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	1	Kentucky	5	Portland State	3	Washington	6
Boston College	4	Lamar (Texas)	1	Prairie View A&M	1	Washington State	9
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	5	Slippery Rock (Pa.)	1	Wisconsin	6
Clemson	10	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	24	Youngstown State	1
Dartmouth	1	Michigan	8	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	4		
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	9	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	24	Idaho	5	McNeese State (La.)	2	New Mexico	1
Notre Dame	22	Indiana	5	Montana State	2	North Carolina Central ⁷	1
Florida State	16	Kentucky	5	Nebraska-Omaha	2	North Texas ⁸	1
Mississippi	14	Maryland	5	Oregon Tech.	2	Northern Colorado	1
San Diego State	14	North Carolina A&T	5	Rice	2	Northwestern State (La.)	1
Arkansas	13	North Carolina State	5	Southern Methodist	2	Pasadena C.C.	1
Auburn	13	South Carolina State	5	Stephen F. Austin	2	Pennsylvania	1
Louisiana State	13	Stanford	5	Tuskegee (Ala.)	2	Prairie View A&M	1
Ohio State	13	Utah State	5	UC Davis	2	Presbyterian (S.C.)	1
Tennessee	13	Arizona	4	Virginia Union	2	Sacramento State	1
UCLA	13	Baylor	4	Wake Forest	2	San Francisco State	1
Texas A&M	12	Boston College	4	Weber State	2	Santa Clara	1
Nebraska	11	Cal State LA ³	4	Western Michigan	2	Souix Falls	1
Arizona State	10	Kansas	4	Wichita State	2	Slippery Rock (Pa.)	1
Clemson	10	Oregon State	4	Adams State (Colo.)	1	Sonoma State (Calif.)	1
Oklahoma	10	Pacific	4	Air Force	1	Southern Illinois	1
San Jose State	10	Richmond	4	Akron	1	Southern Mississippi	1
Syracuse	10	TCU	4	Alabama State	1	Southern Utah	1
Alabama	9	The Citadel	4	Angelo State (Texas)	1	Southwest Texas State	1
Colorado	9	Boston University	3	Appalachian State	1	St. Norbert (Wis.)	1
Georgia	9	Brigham Young	3	Arkansas State	1	Tampa	1
Iowa	9	Dayton	3	Arkansas Tech	1	Temple	1
Michigan State	9	Florida A&M	3	Army	1	Texas A&M-Kingsville ¹⁰	1
Washington State	9	Hawai'i	3	Bloomsburg (Pa.)	1	Texas State	1
Florida	8	Illinois	3	Boise State	1	Toledo	1
Fresno State	8	Iowa State	3	Bradley	1	Towson State (Md.)	1
Grambling State ⁴	8	Louisiana Tech	3	Brown	1	Troy ¹¹	1
Long Beach State	8	Miami (Ohio)	3	Cal Poly	1	Tulane	1
Memphis ⁶	8	Minnesota	3	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	1	U.S. International (Calif.)	1
Miami	8	Montana	3	Central Michigan	1	Western Kentucky	1
Michigan	8	Norfolk State	3	Columbia	1	Western Ontario (Canada)	1
New Mexico State	8	North Alabama	3	Concordia (Canada)	1	Whitworth (Wash.)	1
Oregon	8	North Dakota State	3	Dartmouth	1	Winston-Salem State	1
Penn State	8	Northern Illinois	3	Delaware	1	Wisconsin-Whitewater	1
Purdue	8	Portland State	3	Delaware State	1	Wyoming	1
Texas	8	South Dakota State	3	East Central Oklahoma State	1	Xavier	1
Texas Tech.	8	Tennessee Tech	3	East Tennessee State	1	Yale	1
Kansas State	7	Texas Southern	3	East Texas State	1	Yankton (S.D.)	1
Missouri	7	Utah	3	Eastern Michigan	1	Youngstown State	1
North Carolina	7	Villanova	3	Eastern Montana	1		
Northwestern	7	Virginia Tech	3	Elon (N.C.)	1		
Pittsburgh	7	West Texas State	3	Florida International	1		
Tennessee State ⁹	7	Western Illinois	3	George Washington	1		
Virginia	7	Abilene Christian	2	Hardin-Simmons	1		
West Virginia	7	Arkansas-Pine Bluff ²	2	Idaho State	1		
Cincinnati	6	Bethune-Cookman	2	Indiana State	1		
Colorado State	6	Bowling Green State	2	Jacksonville State (Ala.)	1		
Georgia Tech	6	Connecticut	2	Kent State	1		
Oklahoma State	6	Duke	2	Lamar (Texas)	1		
South Carolina	6	East Carolina	2	LaVerne (Calif.)	1		
Southern (La.)	6	Hampton (Va.)	2	Lincoln (Mo.)	1		
UTEP	6	Howard Payne	2	Louisiana-Lafayette	1		
Tulsa	6	Jackson State	2	Marquette	1		
Washington	6	Johnson C. Smith (N.C.)	2	McMurray (Texas)	1		
Wisconsin	6	Louisiana-Monroe ⁵	2	Middle Tennessee State	1		
Alcorn State ¹	5	Louisville	2	Mississippi State	1		
California	5	Marshall	2	Morgan State (Md.)	1		
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DRAFT PICK *BIOS*



ZION JOHNSON

OFFENSIVE LINE | BOSTON COLLEGE

6-2 | 312 lbs | BOWIE, MD.

ROUND: 1 ⚡ OVERALL: 17

CAREER ACCOLADES

- ▶ 2021 First-Team All-America (AP, ESPN.com, USA Today & Walter Camp)
- ▶ 2021 First-Team All-ACC
- ▶ 2020 Third-Team All-ACC
- ▶ 2019 Second-Team All-ACC
- ▶ 2018 First-Team All-Pioneer Football League (Conf.)

2021: Earned First-Team All-America (AP, ESPN.com, USA Today & Walter Camp) and First-Team All-ACC recognition after returning to left guard, starting 11 out of 12 appearances at the position...**Accolades:** First-Team All-America (AP, ESPN.com, USA Today & Walter Camp)...First-Team All-ACC.

2020: All-ACC Academic honors for the second time in addition to earning All-ACC third-team accolades...Elected a team captain by his teammates...One of just three Boston College student-athletes to earn the prestigious 2021 Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Scholarship Award from the ACC...Played in all 11 games at left tackle...vs. Georgia Tech (10/24): BC did not allow a sack and racked up a season-high 264 rushing yards...No sacks allowed and 188 rushing yards, while playing all 65 snaps vs. Louisville (11/28)...**Accolades:** Third-Team All-ACC.

2019: All-ACC Second Team...Played all 13 games and made seven starts at left guard...Played 42 offensive snaps off the bench in his BC debut vs. Virginia Tech (8/31)...Played 71 snaps in first career start at left guard, while BC tallied 429 yards on the ground vs. NC State (10/19) and was named ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week...Started at left guard at Clemson (10/26)...Started at left guard at Syracuse (11/2) as BC piled up a program-record 691 yards of offense...Started at left guard for all 79 snaps at Pittsburgh (11/30) and was named ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week...**Accolades:** Second-Team All-ACC.

2018 (Davidson): Selected to the PFL All-Conference first team...Named a HERO Sports All-Sophomore honorable mention...Started in all 11 games on the offensive line, helping lead the Wildcats to an FCS-best 428.5 rushing yards per game...Named to the PFL Academic Honor Roll...**Accolades:** First-Team All-Pioneer Football League.

2017 (Davidson): Played in all 11 games, starting each of the final eight games along the offensive front.

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Prepped at Riverdale Baptist School (Md.)...High school teammates with Vikings T Christian Darrisaw...Earned his team's Coaches Award (2016) after being named the program's Most Improved Player (2015)...Also played golf...Son of Tammie Edwards...Earned a bachelor's degree in computer science.



ZION JOHNSON COLLEGE GAMES

Year	College	GP	GS
2017	Davidson	11	8
2018	Davidson	11	11
2019	Boston College	13	7
2020	Boston College	11	11
2021	Boston College	12	12
College Totals		58	49



JT WOODS

SAFETY | BAYLOR

6-2 | 195 lbs | SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

ROUND: 3 ⚡ OVERALL: 79

CAREER ACCOLADES

- ▶ 2021 Honorable Mention All-Big 12
- ▶ 2020 Honorable Mention All-Big 12

2021: Started all 14 games in 2021...Led the Big 12 with six interceptions...Finished fourth on the team with 57 tackles... Appeared in 50 games (5th most all-time) with 28 starts... Has the fifth-most career-interception return yards in program history (201)...Voted All-Big 12 Honorable Mention defensive back by the league's coaches...DCTF All-Texas Second Team (DB)...Scored a defensive TD in back-to-back weeks (INT at TXST, FR vs. TSU)...Scored the first touchdown of Baylor's season with a 20-yard interception return for a score at Texas State (9/4)...Had three tackles and set a school record with a 97-yard fumble return for a touchdown against Texas Southern (9/11)...Named Big 12 Co-Defensive Player of the Week following the Texas Southern game (9/13)...Tallied two tackles and intercepted a potential game-tying two-point conversion from ISU QB Brock Purdy in the final seconds of BU's win over the Cyclones (9/25)...Intercepted his third pass of the season, had a pass breakup and three tackles against Texas (10/30)...Had a season-high seven tackles and snagged his fourth interception of the season in the Big 12 Championship against Oklahoma State (12/4)...Set a career-best with two interceptions to go along with his four tackles in BU's Sugar Bowl victory over Ole Miss (1/1)...**Accolades:** Honorable Mention All-Big 12.

2020: Started all nine games in 2020...All-Big 12 Honorable Mention...Finished the season with 46 tackles, three interceptions and one pass breakup...T-1st on the team and T-3rd in the Big 12 in interceptions ... T-34th in the Big 12 in tackles per game (5.1)...**Accolades:** Honorable Mention All-Big 12.

2019: Appeared in all 14 games on the year, starting five of them... Collected 36 total tackles (27 solo), 1.0 TFL, three forced fumbles and one QB hurry on the year.

2018: Appeared in all 13 games...Collected 18 tackles (13 solo), with 1.0 TFL and was credited with two pass break ups...Also had 1 sack for 11 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Prepped at Steele High School (Texas)...Helped Steele to an 9-5 record as a senior...Totaled 33 tackles and one sack as a senior while playing both ways...Also had six receptions for 63 yards and two rushes for 39 yards... Finished junior season in 2016 with 90 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss and one interception...Helped team to 14-2 record and state quarterfinal appearance as a junior...Had 23 tackles and one interception as a sophomore...Competed in the 110m hurdles on the Baylor track and field team in 2019...Son of Shawn and Latoya Woods.



JT WOODS COLLEGIATE STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	— Tackles —					— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —		
			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2018	Baylor	13	18	13	5	1.0	11	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0
2019	Baylor	14	36	27	9	0.0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	3	0
2020	Baylor	9	46	29	17	0.0	0	3	92	32	0	1	0	0	0
2021	Baylor	14	53	41	12	0.0	0	6	93	40	1	1	0	1	0
College Totals		50	153	110	43	1.0	11	9	185	40	0	4	0	4	0



ISAIAH SPILLER

RUNNING BACK | TEXAS A&M

6-1 | 215 lbs | SPRING, TEXAS

ROUND: 4 ⚡ OVERALL: 123

CAREER ACCOLADES

- ▶ 2021 Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches)
- ▶ 2020 First-Team All-SEC (Coaches)
- ▶ 2020 Doak Walker Award Semifinalist
- ▶ 2019 SEC All-Freshman Team

2021: Started all 12 games...Led the Aggies and ranked fifth in the SEC in rushing with 1,011 yards...Had 16 100-yard rushing games in his career, the most by an Aggie since Greg Hill (1991-93)...Rushed for 113 yards in the season-opening win over Kent State...Caught his first career touchdown pass, which proved to be the game-winner, late in the fourth quarter at Colorado...Led the Aggies rushing attack against New Mexico, tallying 117 yards off 15 carries and a score...Tallied 95 yards on 12 carries, including a 67-yard sprint to the end zone against Arkansas...Rushed for 100 yards off 16 carries against Mississippi State...Rushed for 168 yards on 20 carries and a score at Missouri...Finished with 18 carries for 102 yards and a touchdown against South Carolina...Tallied 112 yards on 21 carries in the win over No. 12 Auburn...Earned the Offensive Skill Award at the annual team banquet...**Accolades:** Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches).

2020: Played in all 10 games, making eight starts...Finished his second season third in the SEC averaging 103.60 yards per game and 1,036 total yards on 188 carries, helping A&M boast the No. 2 rushing offense in the SEC...Tallied six 100-yard games and three multi-touchdown games as a sophomore...Named a semifinalist for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award and Doak Walker Award...Surpassed the 1,000 career rushing yards mark in just the 14th game of his career...**Accolades:** First-Team All-SEC (Coaches)...Doak Walker Award Semifinalist.

2019: Played in all 13 games, making nine starts...Was the team's leading rusher with 946 yards on 174 carries, scoring 10 touchdowns...Led the Aggies with 106 rushing yards on seven attempts, including an 85-yard long, in his collegiate debut against Texas State...Became the fourth freshman all-time to run for 100-plus yards in their first game...Tallied 90 yards on 22 rushes, getting into the end zone on a 4-yard run against Mississippi State...Matched Trayveon Williams' true freshman rushing record with 217 yards on the ground, matching the freshman scoring record with three rushing touchdowns against UTSA...Was named SEC Freshman of the Week for his performance against the Roadrunners...Recorded his fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season with 129 yards on the ground against South Carolina...Earned the Offensive Top Newcomer Award at the team's annual banquet...**Accolades:** SEC All-Freshman Team.

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Prepped at Klein Collins High School (Texas)...Was an Under Armour All-American...Was named to Dave Campbell's Texas Football Tops in Texas First Team, as well as the 2017 and 2018 15-6A Offensive MVP...Named the Houston area UIL Offensive Player of the Year finalist by the Houston Touchdown Club...Capped off a stellar prep career with 1,493 rushing yards and 20 touchdowns as a senior, recorded 3,587 yards from scrimmage and 53 touchdowns.



ISAIAH SPILLER COLLEGE STATISTICS

Year	College	GP	— Rushing —					— Receiving —					— Scrimmage —	
			Att	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	No.	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards	
2019	Texas A&M.	13	174	946	5.4	85	10	29	203	7.0	45	0	1,149	
2020	Texas A&M.	10	188	1,036	5.5	57	9	20	193	9.7	36	0	1,229	
2021	Texas A&M.	12	179	1,011	5.6	67	6	25	189	7.6	19	1	1,200	
Collegiate Totals		35	541	2,993	5.5	85	25	74	585	7.9	45	1	3,578	



OTITO OGBONNIA

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN | UCLA

6-3 | 324 lbs | HOUSTON, TEXAS

ROUND: 5 ⚡ OVERALL: 160

2021: Started all 12 games along the defensive front...Had multiple tackles in seven games...Credited with a season-high five stops at Arizona...Had four tackles versus Oregon and Arizona State...Sixth on the team with 5.0 tackles for loss... Forced and recovered a fumble at Arizona...Second-team All-Pac-12 selection by PFF...Chosen to participate in the Reese's Senior Bowl.

2020: Saw action in all 7 games...Started games against USC and Stanford...Credited with a season-high 6 tackles against Stanford...Posted 3 stops each in games versus Oregon and USC.

2019: Saw action in all 12 games, with five starts (Cincinnati, Stanford, Arizona State, Utah, Cal)...Credited with a season-high three stops at Cincinnati...Had multiple tackles in three games.



2018: Saw action in all 12 games along the defensive front... Started six games; at Oklahoma, Arizona, Utah, at Oregon and versus USC and Stanford...Made a season-high four tackles against Utah...Credited with multiple tackles in eight games.

TRACK & FIELD: Competed in 13 meets for the Bruins' track & field team, throwing the shot put and discus...Won the shot put at the USTF U20 Championships in Miramar, Fla., with a mark of 21.42m (70-3.5), a UCLA record for the six-kilogram shot put... Also placed third in the discus with a mark of 56.90m (186-8)... **Pan American Championship:** Shot put champion at the 2019 Pan American U20 Championships held in Costa Rica with a mark of 20.72 (67-11.5).

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Prepped at James E. Taylor High School (Texas), twice earning All-District recognition...As a junior, he recorded 61 tackles and 10 tackles for loss, and 4 sacks...As a senior, he recorded 68 tackles, 24 tackles for loss, five sacks, and two forced fumbles...Eclipsed the 60-tackle plateau for two consecutive seasons, totaling 34 stops behind the line of scrimmage in his final two varsity campaigns...In track and field, Ogbonnia was the top nationally-ranked shot putter in 2017 for his class...Won every shot put competition as a senior in 2018, including two gold medals in both the discus and the shot put at the State of Texas Championships...Son of Dr. SKC Ogbonnia and Mrs. Nneka Ogbonnia and is of Nigerian descent...Plans to go to Law School after his football career...Earned his degree in Geography/Environmental Studies.

OTITO OGBONNIA COLLEGIATE STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	— Tackles —				Yds	— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —		
				Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks		No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2018	UCLA	12	6	21	9	12	0.0	0	0	0	—	0	1	0	0	0
2019	UCLA	12	5	12	9	3	1.0	10	0	0	—	0	1	1	0	0
2020	UCLA	7	4	16	7	9	1.5	11	0	0	—	0	2	0	0	0
2021	UCLA	12	12	30	14	16	2.0	16	0	0	—	0	1	1	1	0
College Totals		43	27	79	39	40	4.5	37	0	0	—	0	5	2	1	0



JAMAREE SALYER

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN | GEORGIA

6-3 | 321 lbs | ATLANTA, GA.

ROUND: 6 ⚡ OVERALL: 195

CAREER ACCOLADES

- ▶ 2021 Second-Team All-America (Walter Camp)
- ▶ 2021 Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches)

2021: One of four permanent team captains, as voted by teammates...Started at left tackle in 11 of 15 games...Has also seen extensive action at right guard...Excluding the Missouri, Tennessee, Charleston Southern and Georgia Tech games, which he missed because of injury, he has played in 79 percent of Georgia's offensive plays, despite missing much of the Auburn game with an injury, including all of the Clemson, Kentucky, Florida, Michigan and both Alabama games...2021 Dick Copas Leadership Award winner at the Dawgs Choice Awards program, presented annually by the UGA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee...**Accolades:** Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches), Second-Team All-America (Walter Camp).

2020: Started at left tackle in the season's first nine games...Moved to left guard for the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl...Named one of three team captains for the Alabama and Mississippi State games...Played every offensive snap in a 5-game stretch of the season, 92 percent of all offensive snaps during the regular season...Played all of Georgia's Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl win over Cincinnati.

2019: Played in 13 of 14 games...Saw his first action of the season in a starting assignment at right tackle vs. Murray State...Started at right tackle in Sugar Bowl win over Baylor...Also played extensively vs. Arkansas State, Notre Dame, South Carolina, Kentucky and Missouri...Played center in a backup role vs. Missouri...Also played on punt coverage unit...Co-winner of Special Teams Most Improved Player, given at team's post-season awards gala.

2018: Played in 13 of 14 games as a reserve offensive lineman...Saw extensive action vs. South Carolina, Vanderbilt and Georgia Tech...Also played on placement kick units...Named to the J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Honor Roll for Summer, 2018 semester.

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Prepped at Pace Academy (Ga.)...USA Today 2017 All-USA First-Team offense, as well as the Georgia All-USA First Team...A finalist for the U.S Army All-America Bowl's 2018 Anthony Muñoz Lineman of the Year Award...Named to the 2017 All-State Class 3A First-Team offense by both the AJC and the Georgia Sports Writers Assn...Played both OG and DE for the Knights...Paved the way for 1,503 rushing yards by Pace Academy in 2017...Maxwell Football Club's 2017 National High School Player of the Year watch list in the preseason...Helped lead Pace to a 13-2 record and the Class 2A state title in 2015...Played alongside of Giants T Andrew Thomas at Pace...Also threw the discus and shot put at Pace...Earned bachelor's degree in Sport Management.



JAMAREE SALYER COLLEGE GAMES

Year	College	GP	GS
2018	Georgia	13	0
2019	Georgia	13	2
2020	Georgia	10	10
2021	Georgia	11	11
College Totals		47	23



JA'SIR TAYLOR

DEFENSIVE BACK | WAKE FOREST

5-11 | 188 lbs | ASBURY PARK, N.J.

ROUND: 6 ⚡ OVERALL: 214

CAREER ACCOLADES

- ▶ 2021 Honorable Mention All-ACC
- ▶ 2020 Honorable Mention All-ACC

2021: Set a program record with 62 career appearances for Wake Forest...All-ACC Honorable Mention honoree...Played in the East-West Shrine Game...Ended the season fifth on the team with a career-best 60 total tackles while his career-best 47 solo tackles ranked second for the Demon Deacons...Tied for the team lead with three fumble recoveries while his two interceptions ranked second...Named ACC Specialist of the Week after his week one performance against Old Dominion where he returned his first ever kickoff return for a 99 yard touchdown, becoming the first Wake Forest player to have a touchdown in his first career kickoff return...First player in Wake Forest history to have a kick return touchdown and an interception in the same game...Tied a career high seven tackles against Louisville and tied it again later in the season in a victory over NC State...His interception at Boston College proved crucial in the ACC Atlantic clinching game...**Accolades:** Honorable Mention All-ACC.

2020: Finished fifth on the team in tackles with 42, adding two interceptions and six pass break-ups...Snagged second interception of the year along with five tackles and a pass break-up vs UNC (11/14) ... Made a career-high seven tackles (six solo) vs Virginia Tech (10/24)...Returned his first interception of the season at NC State (9/19) 45 yards for a touchdown, the first Demon Deacon to record a pick six since the Nov. 11, 2018 ... Earned fourth varsity letter ... Named a team captain ahead of the 2020 season...**Accolades:** Honorable Mention All-ACC.

2019: Played in all 13 games as a junior...Finished second on the team with two interceptions...Grabbed picks in consecutive games against Duke (11/23) and Syracuse (11/30)...Matched his career-high with five tackles against Florida State (10/19) and Michigan State (12/27)...Added tackles for loss against Utah State (8/30) and Duke...Played 635 snaps with a season-high 70 vs. Florida State (10/19)...Received his third varsity letter.

2018: Earned his second varsity letter by playing a prominent role in the secondary...Played in all 13 games, starting four...Saw a team-high 90 snaps against Towson (9/8)...Had season-high three pass break-ups to go with four tackles in season-opener at Tulane (8/30)...Season-best five tackles against Rice (9/29)...Finished 16th on the team with 26 total tackles.

2017: Appeared in all 13 games as a true freshman, starting two.. Had five passes defended in his first collegiate season...Made his college debut vs. Presbyterian...Saw extensive action at Notre Dame (11/4) and had four tackles to go with a PBU...First career start at Syracuse (11/11), notching five tackles and one PBU... Started at CB vs. NC State (11/18) and had five tackles and a PBU ...Saw extensive action in the Belk Bowl after Amari Henderson suffered a first half injury...Had one stop in the Belk Bowl win over Texas A&M in career-best 65 snaps.

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Prepped at Brick Township High School (N.J.), earning all-conference honors as a senior in 2016... Was the Green Dragons' top rusher as a senior with 544 yards and 11 touchdowns...Led Brick Township to the 2013 Central Jersey Group 4 State Championship and a runner-up finish in 2016... Also a track standout who has run a 10.74 100 meters...Four-year letterwinner...Son of Aja Braxton and Johnnie Taylor.



KAIIR ELAM COLLEGIATE STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	— Tackles —					— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —			
			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
2017	Wake Forest	13	27	24	3	0.0	0	0	0	—	0	5	0	0	0	
2018	Wake Forest	13	26	22	4	0.0	0	0	0	—	0	6	0	0	0	
2019	Wake Forest	13	30	26	4	1.0	5	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	
2020	Wake Forest	9	42	34	8	0.0	0	2	45	45t	1	6	0	0	0	
2021	Wake Forest	13	60	47	13	0.0	0	2	48	47	0	5	0	3	0	
College Totals			62	285	153	32	1.0	5	6	93	47	1	24	1	3	0



DEANE LEONARD

DEFENSIVE BACK | OLE MISS

5-11 | 188 lbs | CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

ROUND: 7 ⚡ OVERALL: 236

2021 (OLE MISS): Appeared in 11 games in his second season at Ole Miss, amassing a career-high 50 tackles (30 solo)...Added a single-season career-best seven passes defended in coverage... Closed out the season by tying with a single-game career-high three pass breakups in Ole Miss' loss to Baylor in the Sugar Bowl...Set a career-best mark with three passes defended in the home win over Texas A&M.

2020 (OLE MISS): Saw action in eight games with two starts at cornerback...Registered 14 total tackles on the season...Tallied four pass breakups...Made his Rebel debut against Florida, contributing on special teams and recording a solo tackle... Recorded his first career start at cornerback, totaling a career-best five tackles, against South Carolina...Picked up a fumble on the goal line and returned it 84 yards to set up an Ole Miss touchdown in the Egg Bowl victory over Mississippi State... Earned his second start of the season at cornerback against Indiana, recording one tackle and breaking up a pass.

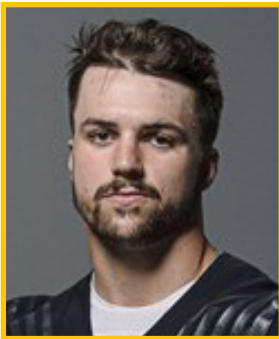
PRIOR TO OLE MISS: Appeared in 23 career games for the University of Calgary...Finished with 47 tackles, one tackle for loss, one sack, and six interceptions...Named a two-time All-Canadian...Helped Calgary clinch its fifth Vanier Cup over Montreal in 2019.

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Prepped at Notre Dame High School (Calgary), leading the program to a Provincial crown in 2014...Also lettered in track and basketball...2020-21 SEC First-Year Honor Roll...Chancellor's Honor Roll in fall 2020 and spring 2021...Son of Kenton and Kathy Leonard.



DEANE LEONARD COLLEGIATE STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	— Tackles —					— Interceptions —					— Fumbles —		
			Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	Yds	No.	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2020	Ole Miss.....	8	14	8	6	0.0	0	0	0	—	0	4	0	1	0
2021	Ole Miss.....	11	50	30	20	0.0	0	0	0	—	0	7	0	0	0
College Totals.....		19	64	38	26	0.0	0	0	0	—	0	11	0	1	0



ZANDER HORVATH

FULLBACK | PURDUE

6-3 | 230 lbs | MISHAWAKA, IND.

ROUND: 7 ⚡ OVERALL: 260

CAREER ACCOLADES

- ▶ 2020 Third-Team All-Big Ten
- ▶ 2020 Academic All-Big Ten
- ▶ 2019 Academic All-Big Ten
- ▶ 2018 Academic All-Big Ten

2021: Started five of eight appearances for the Boilermakers, accounting for 320 yards on 91 carries (3.5 avg.) with a team-best three rushing scores...Added 17 catches for 108 yards (6.4 avg.) through the air...Opened the year with a season-high 21 carries for a season-best 81 yards (3.9 avg.) and a touchdown in a win over Oregon State...Added four catches for 11 yards (2.8 avg.) out of the backfield...Culminated collegiate career with 58 yards on 17 carries (3.4 avg.) to go along with two catches for 21 yards (10.5 avg.) through the air in Purdue's overtime win over Tennessee in the Music City Bowl.

2020: Appeared in all six games, making five starts...Led Purdue with 442 yards rushing on 89 carries...Averaged 5.0 yards per carry...Scored a pair of rushing touchdowns...Caught 30 passes for 304 yards...Had three 100-yard rushing games...Led the team with 746 all-purpose yards (124.3 ypg)...Finished with 129 yards on 21 carries and had two receptions for five yards vs. Iowa on Oct. 24...Rushed 22 times for 102 yards and a touchdown and hauled in six receptions for 50 yards at Illinois on Oct. 31...Became the first Purdue running back to finish a game with 100 yards receiving since 1997 vs. Northwestern on Nov. 14. Caught a season-high nine passes for 100 yards and rushed 10 times for 21 yards against the Wildcats...Combined for 162 all-purpose yards vs. Rutgers on Nov. 28, finishing with 101 yards rushing on 19 carries with a touchdown while catching four passes for 61 yards...**Accolades:** Third-Team All-Big Ten.

2019: Appeared in 11 games, making four starts...Second on the team with 377 rushing yards on 79 carries with two touchdowns...Caught 17 passes for 142 yards and a touchdown...Recorded a career-high 164 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 23 attempts, while also catching four passes for 24 yards against Indiana.

2018: Appeared in all 13 games as a reserve...Rushed nine times for 42 yards and a touchdown on the year...Caught four passes for 38 yards in 2018...Had two receptions for 28 yards at Nebraska on Sept. 29...Rushed five times 19 yards and a touchdown on Oct. 13...Had three carries for 24 yards and two receptions for yards at Minnesota on Nov. 10.

2017: Redshirted

HIGH SCHOOL & PERSONAL: Prepped at Marian High School (Ind.)...Rushed for 3,373 yards and 50 touchdowns during his high school career...Broke every rushing and scoring record in Marian High School history...Honored with Indiana All-State, Academic All-State, and USA Today Midwest Regional All-American selections...Named Northern Indiana Conference MVP and WSBT 22 Burger King Student Athlete of the Year as a senior.



ZANDER HORVATH COLLEGE STATISTICS

Year	College	GP	Att	— Rushing —				No.	— Receiving —				— Scrimmage —	
				Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD		Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	Yards	
2018	Purdue	13	9	42	4.7	14	1	4	38	9.5	22	0	80	
2019	Purdue	11	79	377	4.8	48	2	17	142	8.4	25	1	519	
2020	Purdue	6	89	442	5.0	35	2	30	304	10.1	25	0	746	
2021	Purdue	8	91	320	3.5	24	3	17	108	6.4	26	0	428	
Collegiate Totals		38	268	1,181	4.4	48	8	68	592	8.7	26	1	1,773	



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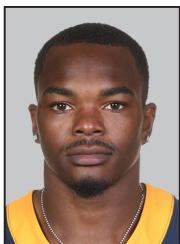
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WR TREVON BRADFORD

Oregon St. | 5-9 | 183 | Oregon City, Ore.

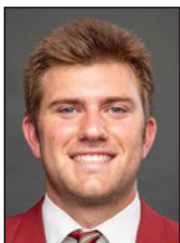
Appeared in 52 games, starting 29, at Oregon State, totaling 151 career catches for 1,904 yards (12.6 avg.) and 14 touchdowns, ranking 10th all-time in Beavers history in career receiving yards... Twice named All-Pac 12 Honorable mention, most recently in 2021 after hauling in a team-best 42 catches for 631 yards and five touchdowns.



RB LEDDIE BROWN

West Virginia | 6-0 | 213 | Philadelphia, Pa.

A First-Team All-Big 12 selection as a junior in 2020, appeared in 43 career games (25 starts) over four seasons for the Mountaineers...Led West Virginia with a career-best 1,065 yards and 13 touchdowns on 223 carries (4.8 avg.) last season, earning Honorable Mention All-Big 12 honors.



TE ERIK KROMMENHOEK

Southern Cal. | 6-5 | 245 | Danville, Calif.

Over five seasons with the Trojans, appeared in 51 career outings, tallying 39 receptions for 335 yards (8.6 avg.) and three touchdowns...Collected a career-best 137 yards on a career-high 15 grabs (9.1 avg.) in 2021, appearing in all 12 games and receiving USC's Trojan Commitment Award.



S RAHEEM LAYNE

Indiana | 5-11 | 192 | Deland, Fla.

Appeared in 50 career games for the Hoosiers, contributing in 38 at cornerback (13 starts) and 12 at safety (all starts)...Over four seasons of action, totaled 147 tackles, 114 solo, 3.5 for loss, one interception, seven pass breakups, two forced fumbles, and one fumble recovery...Named IU's

Special Teams Player of the Year following the 2019 season.



LB TYREEK MADDOX-WILLIAMS

Rutgers | 6-0 | 228 | Philadelphia, Pa.

A five-time Academic All-Big Ten selection, finished his collegiate career with 206 tackles, 14.5 for loss, nine PBUs, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries in 52 games (27 starts)...Amassed a career-high 12 tackles in the Scarlet Knights' 2020 season finale against Nebraska.



RB KEVIN MARKS JR.

Buffalo | 5-11 | 200 | Norfolk, Va.

Over four seasons of action at Buffalo, amassed 33 career rushing touchdowns and 3,035 career rushing yards to rank third all-time and fifth all-time, respectively, in program history...Tallied 414 yards and five touchdowns on the ground in nine games this past season...Third-Team All-MAC in

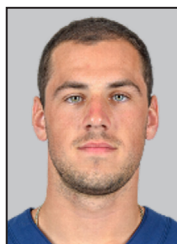
2019 after setting a single-season program record with a 6.6 yards per carry figure.



K JAMES MCCOURT

Illinois | 5-11 | 216 | Parkland, Fla.

A two-time All-Big Ten honoree, including a Third-Team nod in 2021, holds the record for most 50-plus-yard field goals made in program history...Last season, tied the program record with four 50-plus-yard made field goals, connecting on 18-of-23 field goals (78.3 pct.) and converting all 26 extra point tries...Born in Ireland.



QB BRANDON PETERS

Illinois | 6-4 | 228 | Avon, Ind.

Spent his last three collegiate seasons at Illinois after starting his career at Michigan...Last season, helped the Illini defeat then-No. 7-ranked Penn State in nine OTs with a game-winning two-point conversion pass...Threw for 1,884 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2019, his first season at Illinois, along with 213 rushing yards and three touchdowns...Threw for 680 yards and four touchdowns over his first three seasons at Michigan.



CB BRANDON SEBASTIAN

Boston College | 6-5 | 245 | West Haven, Conn.

Appeared in 45 career games for the Eagles, starting 36 at CB...Earned Third-Team All-ACC honors in 2021 after leading BC with a career-high four interceptions...In 2019, scored a touchdown on a 58-yard blocked field goal return against Cincinnati in the Birmingham Bowl.



LB TY SHELBY

La. Monroe | 6-3 | 249 | Philadelphia, Pa.

Appeared in 56 games over five seasons of action at Louisiana Monroe, amassing 149 career tackles (60 solo), 25 tackles for loss and 12.5 sacks...Honorable Mention All-Sun Belt on two occasions (2019, '21)...Played basketball for the Warhawks in the 2018-19 season.



TE STONE SMARTT

Old Dominion | 6-4 | 226 | Sacramento, Calif.

A quarterback converted to tight end, tallied 17 catches for 167 yards (9.8 avg.) in his first true season as a pass-catcher...Also returned five kickoffs for 120 yards...Started seven games under center in 2019, completing 101-of-177 passes (57.1 pct.) for 1,006 yards and a touchdown, along with

181 yards and five touchdowns on the ground.



S SKYLER THOMAS

Liberty | 5-8 | 184 | Riverside, Calif.

Transferred to Liberty after three seasons of action at Washington State...Last season, appeared in all 13 games for the Flames, securing 55 tackles (27 solo) and two interceptions, one of which was returned 27 yards for a touchdown...Appeared in 28 games in three seasons for Washington State



T ANDREW TRAINER

William & Mary | 6-7 | 320 | Alexandria, Va.

After transferring from Illinois prior to the 2019 season, started all 23 career appearances for the Tribe at left tackle...A two-time All-Colonial Athletic Association honoree, earned First-Team honors this past season after anchoring an offensive front that led the conference with 19

rushing touchdowns...Twice named Academic All-Big Ten over his three seasons at Illinois.



C ISAAC WEAVER

Old Dominion | 6-6 | 310 | Marietta, Ga.

A four-year starter along Old Dominion's offensive front, earned Honorable Mention All-Conference USA acknowledgment on three occasions...Started all 48 career appearances for the Monarchs, which tied a program record for career starts...Last season, started 10 outings at center, two at left tackle and one at left guard, helping solidify the offensive front.



CHARGERS ALL-TIME *DRAFT HISTORY*

ALL-TIME CHARGERS DRAFT HISTORY

*Compensatory Selection

1960

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	G	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

ALL-TIME CHARGERS DRAFT HISTORY

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
			**Selection Voided	
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

ALL-TIME CHARGERS DRAFT HISTORY

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	Rhorne 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	FL	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	Tyrone 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	John 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 Gissinger	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	Maurly 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	Ernest 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

ALL-TIME CHARGERS DRAFT HISTORY

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 Sprowls	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 Vlasic	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.)

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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	Toniú 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	Shave 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 Mruzckowski	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	Jerome 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	DT	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 Ogbonniah	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



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Thursday, April 28, 2022

Chargers Select Zion Johnson in First Round of 2022 NFL Draft

The Los Angeles Chargers selected Boston College guard **Zion Johnson** with the No. 17 overall pick in the 2022 NFL Draft.

Johnson started 49-of-58 career college games at Boston College (2019-21) and Davidson (2017-18), earning conference recognition in his final four seasons. He was a first-team All-America selection from *The Associated Press* and *USA Today* on top of his first-team All-Atlantic Conference recognition. Johnson was a leader on an Eagles line that allowed the third-fewest sacks in the ACC in 2021 and helped block for four 1,000-yard rushers throughout his college career.

The Bowie, Md., native earned third-team All-ACC honors in 2020 and garnered second-team recognition in his first season at Boston College in 2019. In his first career start at left guard for the Eagles in 2019, he helped Boston College total 429 rushing yards against North Carolina State en route to earning ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week. He was a first-team All-Pioneer Football League recipient in his final season at Davidson.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Friday, April 29, 2022

Los Angeles Chargers Select JT Woods on Day 2 of NFL Draft

The Los Angeles Chargers continued the 2022 NFL Draft on Friday with the selection of Baylor safety **JT Woods** at No. 79 overall.

Woods played in all 50 games over his four seasons at Baylor, starting 28 of them at safety. He earned honorable mention All-Big 12 recognition as a junior and senior, with his nine interceptions ranking tied for most interceptions among all FBS players over those two seasons. Woods led the Big 12 with six interceptions in 2021, including a 20-yard pick-six in the season opener to score Baylor's first touchdown of the season. One week later, he scored his second defensive touchdown of the year on a school-record 97-yard fumble return against Texas Southern, earning Big 12 Co-Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts.

The San Antonio, Texas, native added 157 tackles (113 solo), an 11-yard sack, 14 passes defensed and three fumble recoveries. He ended his Baylor career ranked No. 5 in program history with 201 interception return yards. One of the fastest players in college football, Woods ran the 110-meter hurdles for the Bears track team in 2019. As a prep athlete at Steele High, he recorded personal-best times of 10.64 seconds in the 100-meter dash and 21.87 seconds in the 200-meter dash.

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Saturday, April 30, 2022

Chargers Finish 2022 NFL Draft with Six Picks on Day 3

The Los Angeles Chargers made six selections on Saturday to wrap up the 2022 NFL Draft. The Bolts rounded out the draft by taking Texas A&M running back **Isaiah Spiller** (123rd overall), UCLA defensive lineman **Otito Ogbonniah** (160th overall), Georgia offensive lineman **Jamaree Salyer** (195th overall), Wake Forest defensive back **Ja'Sir Taylor** (214th overall), Mississippi defensive back **Deane Leonard** (236th overall) and Purdue fullback **Zander Horvath** (260th overall).

The Chargers traded a pair of seventh-round compensatory picks (254 and 255 overall) to Chicago. In return, Los Angeles received a 2023 sixth-round selection from the Bears that was initially sent by the Bolts to Chicago as part of the trade for six-time Pro Bowl outside linebacker Khalil Mack.

In three seasons at Texas A&M, **Spiller** finished his career as one of the most productive running backs in program history, ranking seventh all-time with 2,993 rushing yards to go along with 25 rushing touchdowns and 16 100-yard rushing games. He recorded back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons, earning All-Southeastern Conference honors as a junior in 2021 (second team) and as a sophomore in 2020 (first team). The Spring, Texas, native averaged 103.6 rushing yards per game as a sophomore and was a semifinalist for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award and Doak Walker Award.

Spiller burst onto the scene as a freshman in 2019, starting nine-of-13 games played and earning SEC All-Freshman Team honors from the league's head coaches. He posted a career-best 10 rushing scores and 946 yards on the ground in his first season in College Station, Texas. Spiller was an Under Armour All-American at Klein Collins High in Spring, Texas. His father, Fred, played tight end for Texas A&M, lettering in 2000 for the Aggies.

Ogbonniah (pronounced oh-TEET-oh oh-BONE-yuh) stays in the City of Angels after a four-year career at UCLA, where he appeared in 43 career games and totaled 79 tackles, 4.5 sacks and 8.5 tackles for loss. He started all 12 games for the Bruins in 2021 along the defensive line, earning second-team All-Pacific-12 honors from Pro Football Focus and an invite to the Reese's Senior Bowl. Ogbonniah earned a spot on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll seven times and also competed for the Bruins track and field team in the shot put and discus throw in the 2018-19 season, competing in the NCAA Championships and the 2019 Pan American U20 Championships.

As a senior at Georgia in 2021, **Salyer** earned second-team Walter Camp All-America honors and second-team All-Southeastern Conference from *The Associated Press* and the conference coaches. He started at left tackle in 11 games and also saw action at right guard for the Bulldogs, helping the line allow just 16 sacks on the season en route to a College Football Playoff National Championship victory over Alabama. A team captain, Salyer was awarded the 2021 Dick Copas Leadership Award by the UGA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Throughout his career, Salyer saw action along the offensive line, appearing in 47 games and helping block for three 1,000-yard rushers. Over his four-year career, Georgia's 71 sacks allowed were the third-fewest among Power 5 programs.

Taylor, a two-year captain, ended his Wake Forest career as the program's all-time record holder with 62 games played over five seasons, starting the final 23 games of his career. He earned honorable mention All-Atlantic Coast Conference recognition the last two seasons and participated in the East-West Shrine Bowl in 2021 after setting career bests with 60 tackles (47 solo), four tackles for loss and three fumble recoveries. The Asbury, N.J., native earned ACC Specialist of the Week against Old Dominion after posting a 99-yard touchdown on his first career kickoff return. He added an interception in the contest, becoming the first-ever Demon Deacon to have a pick and a kickoff return for a touchdown in the same game.

In two seasons at Mississippi, **Leonard** played in 19 games for the Rebels, totaling 64 tackles (38 solo), 11 passes defensed, a tackle for loss and a fumble recovery. He transferred to Oxford, Miss., after three seasons at the University of Calgary (Canada). In 23 games for the Dinos, Leonard recorded 47 tackles (44 solo), two forced fumbles and six interceptions, including two returned for touchdowns. He also averaged 10.3 yards per punt return and scored a touchdown on a 60-yard return as a freshman. Leonard is the sixth current Charger from Canada (Tevaughn Campbell, Christian Covington, Ryan Hunter, Amen Ogbongbemiga and Joshua Palmer).

Horvath (pronounced HOR-voth) appeared in 35 career games at Purdue, earning Academic All-Big Ten honors three times. In 2020, he was named third-team All-Big Ten after posting three 100-yard rushing games and becoming the first Purdue running back to have a 100-yard receiving game in over 20 years. Over his career, Horvath totaled 1,081 rushing yards and seven scores while also catching 62 passes for 533 yards and a touchdown.

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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 2022 NFL Draft:

Player	Position	College
Trevon Bradford	WR	Oregon State
Leddie Brown	RB	West Virginia
Erik Krommenhoek	TE	Southern California
Raheem Layne	S	Indiana
Tyreek Maddox-Williams	LB	Rutgers
Kevin Marks Jr.	RB	Buffalo
James McCourt	K	Illinois
Brandon Peters	QB	Illinois
Brandon Sebastian	CB	Boston College
Ty Shelby	OLB	Louisiana-Monroe
Stone Smartt	TE	Old Dominion
Skyler Thomas	S	Liberty
Andrew Trainer	T	William & Mary
Isaac Weaver	C	Old Dominion

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Chargers General Manager Tom Telesco Pre-Draft Media Availability

Monday, April 25, 2022 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.

On 'how close the roster is to being a complete football team':

"You never really know. You just don't ever really know. We're just trying to use every avenue we can use right now to get there, whether through trades, free agency, the draft, or post-draft. How close are we? I don't know."

On 'if there have been more calls this year' regarding trading draft selections:

"It seems like every year people say the same thing. I don't know. It seems about the same as every other year. There's never really a consensus in the draft. There really shouldn't be; they're just opinions. It's such a subjective process that we go through to rank the players. I don't know. I think the fact that there may not be as many quarterbacks [selected] as usual, maybe that couple play into it. It's just hard to tell. A lot of the trade stuff, you may make a couple of calls this week just to set things up, but it really doesn't get going until when the draft starts, even when you're on the clock sometimes — a player may get a little bit further down than you thought and a team makes a move. It's hard to tell."

On if he 'gets antsy' due to selecting near the middle of the first round:

"You try not to get antsy about it. Sometimes, you just have to sit, wait and be patient. Sometimes. I feel good about where we are. With the amount of players that we have in that area, we should be in pretty good shape."

On if the amount of selections on Day 3 of the draft gives the club 'enough capital' to 'get back' a second- or third-round selection:

"More than likely, probably not. Those seventh-round picks don't carry a lot of capital. We have two sixes. It doesn't get you real far, those picks. It's always a possibility, but I don't know if it's realistic."

On the potential of trading back in the first round to acquire a second-round selection:

"We're always open to it. You'd have to go back pretty far to get a two. But, it's certainly something that you have to look at. We're going into the draft with a first-round pick, and then a big gap until you get to the third [round]. I spend a lot of time going through scenarios and preparations, as far as what could happen, going up or down. Going up this year, without having a second-round pick, I don't know if that's really realistic. I don't think we'll have to, anyways. But, going back, certainly — it's an option every year, and it would certainly be an option this year. A lot of it comes down to who is on the board at that point, how far back do you want to go, how many players do you have left at that spot? There are a lot of benefits of moving down; you can pick up an extra pick, you may pick up an upgrade at the pick. You have to kind of weigh that versus who is there, and kind of remind yourself that we are not infallible, as far as talent evaluators — as many as we get right, we get wrong. Even in the first round, probably less than half of these guys will sign a second contract with their own team. That's not great odds. You have to remember that we put all of this work into these guys, but we're not going to be 100 percent right. Sometimes moving back is helpful; at least you get a little something back for that process, but we'll see. A lot of it plays out during the draft. I don't know exactly who is going where. I put a lot of work into trying to figure that out. I'm like you guys, I don't really know. I don't think anybody really knows. We play it out, do a lot of different scenarios, and let it ride from there."

On if this year's draft 'feels wide open':

"It'd be nice if like four quarterbacks went in the top 15 [picks]. I don't know where those guys fall. I really don't. But the rest of it is about the same to me, it just really is. It doesn't really feel any different than any other year."

On how this year's in-prospect visits compare to conducting visits virtually over the last two years:

"It's nice to have it back, but we've also done more Zoom interviews this year than we did three or four years ago. It's been very efficient. Is it exactly like a face-to-face interview? Obviously not, but we can talk to more people that way. We have brought players in for visits like we used to. Just having the scouts back in the building for meetings, it's kind of important, too. The process is a little bit back to normal. We also learned a lot of things during the pandemic, of how we work, how efficient we can be and how we can make some changes to that, and we've kind of implemented that, as well."

On 'if we're getting back to a little bit more normalcy' with pre-draft visits and preparations:

"There are certainly a lot more numbers this year than last year, and that's really due to the pandemic — players getting an extra year of eligibility to play. Our numbers are really heavy, just the amount of players that the scouts have looked at. Our pool is much bigger. Some players, have like five years of playing, starting experience, which you never used to see. I've never seen so many 24-year-old prospects in the draft in my life. Usually, that's a negative. It may not be so much of a negative now just because there are reasons why they stayed in school. The numbers are high. There's always a lot of tape to watch and players. There are some players that we've seen for five years and have done like three years of work on them, thinking that they were going to come out three years ago, two years ago, then now. But, there should be a pretty strong effort across the league after the draft."

On if there's a 'need' to address the offensive line in the draft:

"We'll just kind of see how it plays out. You never know how it's going to go. A little bit like free agency, you can only bring in what's going to be available — same thing with the draft, you can only draft what's available. We certainly aren't going to force anything. We have different plans in-house, different plans looking forward if it wasn't from in-house. We'll see how it plays out."

On using an offensive line prospect's traits, tape and measurables for a projection of how they will be as an NFL player:

"That's why it's just so subjective, how we do this. There are a lot of opinions involved. You never have anybody with the exact same opinion of players. It's more art than science, when it comes down to it. We use a lot of data to try and cross-check our eyes, but in the end, it's kind of an art as you put this together. You have to weigh that, but even with [T] Rashawn [Slater], it wasn't like he was a slam dunk guy. There are no slam dunk players in the draft; there hasn't been. There are certain players that may be, fundamentally, a little farther along than others, but when they get here, we have coaches here that that is what they do. A big part of us getting better for next year is not just adding new players, it's developing what we have. That's coaching. That's coaching in the offseason. Coaches aren't just doing scheme, X's and O's, all day long, it's developing the players we have. If you do see a player that you feel like has all of the traits you need to project at this level, and you feel like he has the work ethic, the mentality, that drive and desire to be great, then you can work with that and you can develop them. We do have to be careful. We want to draft good college players, but those college players have to project to pro players, and sometimes there's a difference there. That's why we have coaches that go out there and work with these guys — put together all of the traits, see if the work ethic is there, then you roll the dice and see if it works."

On projecting if a college left tackle can make the transition to right tackle in the NFL:

“It’s a good question because I know that, as scouts, it’s really easy for me to say, ‘Just flip the left tackle to right tackle,’ or, ‘Hey, he’s a tackle, let’s just put him at guard.’ But, as a coach, there’s some work there. It’s not just a given that a guy can flip from one side to the other. Yes, there are projections involved. I know, for me, the way that we play the game nowadays, both tackles are really left tackles to me, they both have to be really good pass protectors because there are so many good rushers in this league. All of the good teams have multiple rushers — they can line up wherever they want, they can line up inside and line up outside, left or right — and we have to be like protect that. There are discussions about that. If there’s a player that as only played one position in college, can he make that transition that he may play for us? Those are discussions. That’s where it’s really helpful when the coach is getting involved really heavily, if they think that a guy can make that move. Most guys can, but it’s certainly something that we just don’t gloss over and say, ‘We’ll just flip this guy from left to right,’ and let it roll. We do have a lot of discussions on that.”

On working with the scouting staff to develop the draft board from the beginning of the process through the selection:

“For the scouts, it’s a 12-month process. It’s almost 13 months because I know that our guys, in the month of April, are working on next year’s draft, as well. They kind of dual-role it. That draft board, that starts going up in September, and that board is being worked the whole year until we get through February. Then, in this process, we do a lot of draft management to move some guys around. It’s a full-year process with the scouts. We also add in the coaches’ opinions, which is a really big part of the process, as far as how they’ll fit our scheme, whether we’re offense or defense, talking about projections from one position to another. These guys are really good at that, as far as being able to give us information there. Then, you add in all of the medical, the character and the psychological testing that we do. It all rolls into one.”

On what ‘exercising patience’ looks like in the draft room:

“Poker face. You do so much preparation that once draft day comes, really nothing should surprise you. Now, something could surprise us if a player goes before us that we didn’t anticipate, but as far as how it would affect us, it shouldn’t because we should have already talked out not that specific player, but where our numbers would be coming down to our pick. The last two, three weeks, a lot of it’s just draft preparation of what could happen and how you would attack it. So, if you’ve gone through those scenarios — it’s just like a game day, if you’ve practiced and prepared well enough, you shouldn’t have any pressure on game day, just go out and execute it.”

On ‘incorporating positional value’ when vertically aligning the draft board:

“That’s usually on the back end of it. We’ll get the board up from the scouts kind of — I wouldn’t say vanilla, but without any positional value — more our roster is completely empty, we have no players, let’s just put the board up. As we get towards the back end of it, we start moving some guys around based on some of those factors. Then, I always explain to the guys why I’ve moved some of the guys around. That’s kind of part two of the draft board.”

On if the ‘F them picks era’ has caused him to ‘move at all in’ in how he values draft picks:

“I haven’t changed, no. I think what people forget about the Rams — I mean, everyone is focused on those first-round picks — but they’ve drafted and developed players really well, middle and late [rounds]. It kind of gets glossed over. I guess it’s not as sexy, but they’ve done a great job with that, both [Rams General Manager] Les [Snead] and [Rams Head Coach] Sean [McVay]. No, I don’t think so. You can go back to the draft 20 or 30 years, teams have been trading first-round picks for players for a long time. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn’t. If there was only one way to build a Super Bowl team, we would all take that exact same path. Obviously, the Rams did their path and it worked great, they won the Super Bowl. It hasn’t really changed the value of that first-round pick, at least for me. They’re not the first team to do it, they just did it really, really well.”

On if the model of trading early-round picks is sustainable:

“Yeah, it’s hard to tell. I guess we’ll find out over time how things work. Like I said, there’s just so many different ways to build a team. They’re doing it the right way right now.”

On the defensive improvements:

"I would hope [that the improvements make a difference]. I would hope so. All of those guys that we added, plus the players that we had with another year in this system, I'm hoping we take a big jump on that side of the ball this year."

On the running backs:

"It's two-pronged. We have some running backs here that kind of need to take that next step. It's part of player development and coaching. Then, see where the draft takes us, see where after the draft takes us. Just trying to attack it different ways. Running backs have value in this league. You need them and you need good ones. You need guys that can do a lot of different things. It's a difficult position to play, but just the way college football is, there are a lot of running backs that come out every year. As we're seeing, a lot of receivers are coming out every year. They still have value to us, but it's just a matter of where we're going to place them. You only get so many picks to try and attack things through different avenues. Without forgetting the players that we have here and some development and improvement that can be made."

On the team's draft history over the last decade:

"Yeah, I don't really grade drafts. I'll leave that up to you."

On having one player from the 2018 NFL Draft class left on the roster:

"If you take that one year, I'd think it would be [lower than other teams in the league], yeah. I think you hopefully would look at it from a little bit of a more broad base than that, but you're right. I mean, you're right. It just seems like the players that we hit on, we don't really think about. The players we miss on — I'm talking about us — we try and figure out where did we miss? It's a pretty big process that we go through of what went wrong. Sometimes, it's something that we maybe didn't see. Sometimes, it was something uncontrollable. In the end, it's an in-exact science. We try to make the best decision that we can with the information that we have. We try to make it probability-based, just trying to increase our odds of hitting on the player. It doesn't mean that we're going to hit it on every player, we understand that. We'd like to hit on more than that draft class, certainly. It's just the way that it is. It's not easy drafting players. We've been good some years. It's just hard to tell, it really is. I like our process. I like the people that are involved with it. It's a lot of information on a lot of players from a lot of people in this building — not just the scouts. You're talking about it before, it's the medical, the doctors, the psychological testing, the security background checks and all of the sources that we talk to across colleges. You do the best that you can with that."

On if medical, background checks and speaking with sources is able to be done virtually more often now:

"Yeah, it's like picking up the phone. Sometimes you wouldn't need to Zoom, but certainly that's all part of the process."

On the defensive line:

"It's good. We got some guys in there, some big bodies, that play hard, that fit what we want to do. I'm excited about it."

On LB Kenneth Murray Jr.:

"I don't know [his timetable]. I assume he'll probably miss most of OTAs and kind of go from there. He had ankle surgery. It's something that you'd prefer to not have surgery. That's always your first approach if you can. I think, in his case, it just got to the point where it seemed like the best course of action was to go in and have surgery. He's handled it really well."

On if Murray will be ready for the start of training camp:

"I don't really know yet right now."

On the fifth-year option for DL Jerry Tillery:

"No updates there. Jerry had a really nice role for us last year. I expect an even bigger role this year. We'll figure that contract stuff out after the draft."

On if the team could bring in a second punter:

"I've told [P] JK [Scott] that we'll probably have two punters in camp. We're excited about him. Once you guys see him, he's a really big, athletic punter. He gets the ball off quickly. Really good leg. I know he wasn't with a team this past year until the very end, but he kicked well in Green Bay. [Special Teams Coordinator] Ryan Ficken was a real advocate for him. I think you guys will be pleasantly surprised when you see him punt. He has some real NFL talent. We'll probably have another punter in as well and kind of see where it goes."

On if the process focuses more on special teams ability for late-round selections:

"I don't know if we would focus more on it. In my career, I can't remember ever having this many picks in the sixth and seventh rounds. I have no idea how it's going to roll. When you get down toward that seventh round, the way we do our board, there's not a lot of players left down there. We'll kind of see how it shakes out. It's going to be kind of fun, I guess, to have that many picks in the seventh, but we'll see. It wouldn't be a straight focus on just special teams. We'll kind of see where it goes."

On if OLB Chris Rumph II is ready for the third edge rusher role:

"I think so. We'll see once we get to training camp, but he would fit that category of a drafted player from last year and get in a whole offseason program. He's very coachable to take that jump. We signed a linebacker/edge player from the CFL. He was a good player up there, we'll see how he does."

On a potential extension with S Derwin James Jr.:

"Same answer as Jerry [Tillery]."

On a potential extension with QB Justin Herbert:

"I guess [Browns QB Deshaun Watson's contract] could [influence future quarterback contracts], but I'm kind of draft-focused right now. We'll worry about that one down the road. It's a legitimate question, sure."

On if the 2023 NFL Draft can influence how teams approach the 2022 NFL Draft:

"It sounds really good, I just don't think it's realistic. I don't really subscribe to that theory. There have been too many players that we have thought would be real guys the following year and then they don't turn out to be that. I think it's just way too early to try and dictate where next year's draft is, even position-wise. I just wouldn't subscribe to that, but it always sounds pretty good. Maybe people can do that. I'm not good enough to be able to project out that far. I'm not smart enough to do that."

On what this time of year is like for him:

"Most of our work is done. Now, it's just really thinking through different scenarios. Yeah, I have a lot of things that go through my head for the two weeks leading up to the draft. Our scouts, our coaches, they do a great job with preparation. We're really organized. It doesn't mean that we're going to get every pick right, but we're really organized with the information. That really kind of makes you sleep relatively well at night. Again, a lot of the draft, I can't control what's going to happen. I don't know exactly who will go in front of us. I don't know, if we trade back, exactly who will go and who we would miss on. You just make educated decisions and try not to overthink it. At least, that's been my philosophy on that. [The Associated Press'] Joe [Reedy] was trying to make me think really hard about next year's draft already, 2023. I don't have enough brain power for that. We're just trying not to overthink it. We're trying to evaluate football players. We realize it's just not an exact science. We can spend hours trying to rank players, but there's no official ranking of players, there just isn't. That's why when I hear that this player was a reach or this player was a great value, it doesn't make sense to me. That's just your opinion of where you thought that player should be drafted and he was either drafted lower or higher. I don't know, that doesn't make sense. If you go back and look at drafts — take any draft — and look how they were drafted and then look how their pro careers were, it certainly didn't go from one to whatever. It just doesn't. We put a lot of work into this. We kind of get players in groups and different areas. Yeah, we'll talk about ranking them, but I don't get too concerned about an exact ranking because who knows? Who really knows? Now, we do add in a lot of medical and character stuff that kind of affects those rankings, but as far as talent and evaluating the player, it's difficult to have a true ranking. You get things up there and you get prepared. You watch the draft kind of unfold and let it ride from there."

On the draft room moving to SoFi Stadium for the first round of the draft:

"If we hadn't had the pandemic draft, it would be really, really strange. I would have been, probably, fighting back a little bit on it. Again, I was worried about the pandemic draft and doing it from home. I didn't think that was going to work and it worked awesome. It worked great. If I can draft from my dining room table, I can draft from anywhere. The stadium, we have a huge locker room, plenty of space. It won't be an issue at all. Again, if we didn't have that pandemic draft, I'd probably be worried about it, which isn't a good thing to have when you're trying to go and make decisions. That worked just fine, this will work just fine. It will be kind of fun. It's like a field trip. You go down to the stadium, make our pick and come back home for it. It's something different to do. The draft is fun. It's supposed to be fun. I know it's our job, but for the fans and everybody involved, it's something fun to do. It will work just fine at SoFi [Stadium]."

On making sure the draft board stays intact:

"I have a really good plan for that right now."

On if the surfboard will make its way to SoFi Stadium:

"You know, it hasn't yet. That's probably something that I may have to work on this week."

On if he's excited for DraftFest Special Guest Snoop Dogg:

"Sure. I mean, Snoop is a coach, so we may have to lean on him a little bit and see who he likes in the first round."

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Chargers Guard Zion Johnson Introductory Media Availability

Thursday, April 28, 2022 ⚡ SoFi Stadium ⚡ Inglewood, Calif.

On the feeling when he found out he was going to be selected the Los Angeles Chargers:

"It was awesome. It was so unexpected. I was mid-conversation when I got the call. I'm just so excited to be in L.A. for the first time and to see all the coaches and meet all of my teammates. It's awesome."

On if he got a chance to speak to the Chargers before the draft:

"I met with them at the Combine. They had a formal interview at the Combine and after that, I really didn't have an opportunity to talk with them or speak with them after that. I'm glad to be a Charger now."

On if he spoke to the coaches about where he will fit into the offensive line:

"Not particularly, but I'm willing to play wherever they want me to."

On his journey going from golfing to football:

"It's been awesome. A lot of guys, you ask them, 'When you were in high school, did you see yourself here now?' For me, honestly, no. I went to Davidson and really, it was just having to overcome a lot of things on my way to Boston College. I think when I got there, I got a perspective where I thought the NFL was an achievable goal. I'm just glad to be here now and thankful to all of the people who helped me along the way."

On his golf handicap:

"So, I'm super rusty. I haven't golfed since last summer and I shot a 92."

On if he'd feel comfortable playing either left or right guard:

"I did some individual work and pass-rush at some right guard and I'm willing to play wherever [Head] Coach [Brandon Staley] wants me to, whether that's left or right."

On how he would describe his game on the offensive line:

"I would say the No. 1 thing that I pride myself on is the mental part of the game. Just seeing the defense while knowing your assignment on every play and being able to help out the offensive linemen around you. The secondary thing I would say is my physicality. I sort of pride myself on being able to absorb those rushes. So, I'll give you those two."

On when he realized in college he had a shot to play in the NFL:

"I would say, for me, after my junior year, when I came in, a lot of the coaches didn't really expect me to play and I had the opportunity to get on the field after only being there for not very long. I got to learn the playbook really quickly. Things started to click for me mentally, in terms of just understanding the game. I think after that, it was really a thing for me where it was like let's see how high I can go, let's see the heights I can achieve."

On if he thought about entering the draft last year:

"There definitely was some thought. I thought about it because before COVID emerged, there were no super seniors, so I was expecting it to be my final year. But how the season ended for us at Boston College, I wanted to run it back. I think we left some games out there on the field and I don't regret my decision at all."

On how much the extra season helped him prepare for the NFL:

"I think it helped me a lot. I learned a lot. My body developed a lot; I put on 12 to 15 pounds. It was really my first year being in an offense for two years consecutively, so I started to become a master of our scheme and I started to understand everything and that really helped me in terms of processing."

On how much the Senior Bowl and playing center helped his value go up for positions on the offensive line:

"I think it definitely did help. Center was something I worked at for a while and getting to showcase that ability, I think, really opened teams to the possibility of that happening. So, I think it definitely did help. But also, it helped me personally because I had the opportunity to go against good competition, which just makes you better as a player."

On if he played tackle instead of guard because Boston College was lacking depth:

"I think the main thing was [Boston College Head] Coach [Jeff Hafley] was going to play me where he felt that was the best fit that year. That year, we had injuries at tackle, so that's where he put me. He thought I would excel there and then the next year, our tackles were healthy, he thought I would fit best at left guard. It really just goes back to playing wherever coach feels like is the best spot for me."

On if he thinks guard is his most natural position:

"I mean, I've played guard the most. So I think, yes, there is definitely a level of comfortability there, but I think I can excel at any of the positions on the offensive line."

On how golf has helped him become a better football player and offensive lineman:

"The one thing is golf can be a very frustrating game. It's something where one day you might be on, one day you're off and it takes a lot of consistency in order to become better. I think it's the same thing for offensive linemen. You have to work consistently on your technique and become a better player. Some days aren't going to be the best. Some days you're going to be at the high and sometimes you're going to have a low. But, honestly, it's just working through that and just continuing to become the best player you can be."

On his recruiting process coming out of high school:

"I think, from high school, I wanted to prove people wrong. That wasn't the main reason I played the game, but it definitely played a factor. When I started playing in high school, my teammates and a lot of my coaches didn't think I would be able to play. I was undersized and I struggled a lot, but it was something for me to overcome. Just throughout my process, whether it is at Davidson or B.C., similar things have happened where I've had to overcome adversity. I think that just has really helped me today to understand that, if you want to achieve something, it's not always going to be easy, but as long as you work and you put in the necessary work, it can be an achievable goal."

On what he has improved at the most with his extra season at Boston College:

"I would say the main thing, for me, was pass protection. So, after being at tackle for a year, you get to go against all of these [Atlantic Coast Conference] D-Ends that got drafted, guys that play well in space and you get a different bag from guys than guys that play inside. So, after experiencing that, when I moved back inside, I felt a lot more comfortable, a lot better about my pass-protective skills because a big thing about that is your confidence, your willingness to set out your angle, get to your spot and not overreact to little moves that the defensive line gives you. I think after experiencing that year at tackle, I felt more comfortable."

On his message to the fans:

"I think the main message is I'm happy to be a Charger. I can't wait to work and earn my right to be one."

On the Chargers chain around his neck:

"Yeah, so after I got drafted, we went out and took a selfie with the fans and one of the fans put [the Chargers chain] on my neck and I've been wearing it since then."

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Chargers General Manager Tom Telesco Day 1 Draft Availability **Thursday, April 28, 2022 ⚡ SoFi Stadium ⚡ Inglewood, Calif.**

Opening statement:

"Just real quick because I wish I would've mentioned this at the pre-draft press conference and I kind of thought about it today. I do want to recognize, some of you guys may know about him, but John Clayton. I know John was part of the media, but he was kind of a big part of our football community in the NFL and I know he loved the draft. I thought about this week, we used to talk to each other, for probably nine years, the week before the draft and kind of go through all the teams and what they may do. I'd get feedback from him and I'd give him a little bit. I always looked forward to it. He used to always help me kind of prepare for the draft. I know how much he loved the draft, so I just wanted to recognize him. Even though he was [a member of the media], he was a big part of our NFL community. That being said, let's segway over to Zion and you can ask whatever you want."

On selecting G Zion Johnson:

"Guards are people too, right? I know it's not the sexiest pick in the world, but he's tough, he's durable, he's smart. We have some excellent skill players, both at receiver, tight end, also at running back and with [QB] Justin Herbert, obviously, these guys cannot do their jobs without a rock-solid offensive line. So, as much as this pick is to protect our quarterback, which is a big part of it, this is also to facilitate everybody else. It's pass-protection, it's run game. We're in the second half of the game and we have a lead and we've got to run the ball, they know we're going to run the ball, he's going to help there. So, if he does what we think he can do, he's going to play 900 to 1,000 snaps for us in his rookie year, but he's a really well-rounded football player, so we're excited to get him in here."

On how the scenario played out:

"As I did all of my work, I was pretty confident he should be there when we pick. I know we love to say, "We never thought he'd be there." I thought he'd be there, so that was a target of ours, felt good. There wasn't a whole lot of action when we were picking, as far as moving down, I knew we weren't going to move up, so we're really thrilled to get him."

On recognizing Johnson's difference from his junior year to senior year:

"He's played a lot of spots. His story is incredible. What's great is he's earned everything he's had to get to this level. We're talking about a kid, two years of high school football, so a late bloomer, he goes to a non-scholarship Davidson, plays really well there, but it's non-scholarship competition, obviously, and he's paying his own way to college. You guys can all ask these questions to him when he comes in tomorrow. College gets expensive, so he put his name in a transfer portal and one of his coaches who had gone to Boston College, they liked him obviously, they brought him and he just really took off at Boston College. He played multiple positions there. He's really, really strong, like powerfully strong lower body, so he can anchor on big people inside in pass protection, but he's also a very good athlete and he's really smart. Those are the qualities you really need in an offensive lineman. He's versatile. We see him as a guard, he could be a center down the road, I don't think tackle, but really solid interior offensive lineman with some versatility down the road."

On his resiliency playing into the decision making:

"It does. I mean, you like to see prospects that have had to handle tough situations. He wasn't a big recruit out of high school. One year starter in high school, so a late bloomer, so he had to try and find somewhere to play football. Davidson recruited him, but that's not particularly high level, no offense to Davidson, but it is not Boston College. Then he goes to Boston College and you've got to earn it all over again against better people and he did it there. Then he went to the Senior Bowl and he had to earn it all over there again and he did it there. He will have to come to this level and same thing, he's going to have to earn it all over again. I mean, the competition and the players get better and better and better. They get bigger and faster and more powerful, so we think he has all of the makeup you need for that position along with the ability."

On Johnson setting himself apart compared to other prospects:

"Everything I just kind of mentioned, he's just a really well-rounded player — run-game, pass-game. We will see in training camp, but I don't think it should be a big learning curve for him, but I guess we'll see. Just really well-rounded in both phases of the game."

On where Johnson fits on the offensive line:

"We see Zion as a right guard right now. Nothing has changed with [G] Matt Feiler. It's always an option, it's just not something we're pursuing right now."

On how the Senior Bowl helped Johnson's value:

"It certainly didn't hurt it. He already had a really great season this past year at Boston College. We wanted to make sure to see something similar to the Senior Bowl, in which he showed that against good people. There were some pretty good defensive linemen there, so it was a big help."

On the comparison from left guard to right guard and Johnson's transition:

"I mean I don't want to make it sound like it's easy. He'll have to make a little transition there, but I'm not worried about it."

On if Johnson was one of the guys that he talked to at the Senior Bowl and at the Combine:

"Yes, I talked to a lot of guys, but yes, Senior Bowl, Combine, probably even Pro Day."

On Johnson's personality fit with the organization:

"Yeah, I mean all of the work we did on Zion, he's a great teammate and that's a big part of playing here. He walks in here and he was a great college player — one of the best players on his college team. He walks through our locker room and he is the youngest player here and he has got to earn his role again, but we think he got some great ability to be a good teammate, to learn from the guys that are older than him, do what he is supposed to do and gradually, he will kind of grow into that leadership role some time way down the road, like they all do. We think he is going to fit in really well with the group and the offensive line and that's a tight-knit group, those five-plus, three or four backup offensive linemen. It's a really tight-knit group and fitting in and being a part of that is a big part of it."

On T Storm Norton or T Trey Pipkins III at right tackle:

"If we are playing tomorrow, yeah, we're okay with it."

On if he was surprised with the number of trades that took place before their pick:

"Yes, it was really quiet to start off. I think it was five defensive players who went first and then kind of picked up from there and it sounds like it's going nuts right now in there. I lost track of who's going where."

On how different the preparation was for this draft with the 17th overall pick in comparison to in 2018 when they had the 17th overall pick:

"It's the same preparation in this draft, just thought there was a lower chance that he would make it to our pick. So, if we wanted [S Derwin James Jr.], we'd have to trade up. This one seemed, process and preparation, I just felt there was a much better chance that he could be there to pick."

On if he felt like he could still have a chance to draft Johnson if he traded down:

"Yeah, depending where. You make educated decisions on where a guy could go. In the end, no, I don't really know, but I try to make educated decisions on that, but it was pretty quiet."

On if he has ever been involved in a draft with about eight trades in the first round:

"I'd have to look. I don't know if that's a lot or not. It just seems like since we picked, every time we looked up, someone was making a trade, which, obviously, it takes two teams. Some teams are coming up because they're being aggressive because they want to get a player and other teams feel like that we can move back and we've got plenty of guys to choose from. That's what makes the draft great. We all look at it a little bit differently. We all have different lists of players. There are 32 teams and we don't all rank [the players] the same way. Just like when you look at all of the mock drafts that are done, they're not all the same, right? Because we all look at players differently. It's just opinions. So, everybody values players a little bit differently."

On the Houston Texans taking a guard as the 15th overall pick:

"I had it on their list. I didn't know it was going to be that high."

On if the phone rang in the draft room:

"Pretty quiet. If you prepare the right way and have a good plan, there really shouldn't be any fumbling in the draft room. So, it was pretty smooth."

On if any teams called:

"It was relatively quiet."

On if they had a lot of first-round graded players available when the team went on the clock:

"No. A small handful, which is normal. We're picking at 17, so it's not like we're going to have 28 first-round players up there."

On how he measures success:

"It's just wins and losses. That's what it comes down to and that's what you get judged on."

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Chargers Head Coach Brandon Staley Day 1 Draft Availability

Thursday, April 28, 2022 ⚡ SoFi Stadium ⚡ Inglewood, Calif.

On the selection of G Zion Johnson:

"He's really, really impressive. He's smart, tough, really physical, versatile. He played in a pro-style offense. From a physical standpoint, he has big hands, long arms and really good feet. He can really anchor in pass protection against the biggest, strongest, best interior players in the league. We just really felt like this guy was a really complete player in both the run game and in the pass game. His intangibles really fit what we're looking for."

On where along the offensive line Johnson played in college:

"He played all three positions. He played tackle, guard and center. We see him as an inside player. He's going to play guard for us. He's just a really good football player and brings a real toughness that we're looking for on offense. He was a really impressive guy in this process,"

On what 'stood out' about Johnson in the evaluation process:

"We were looking for the best player available at that pick, and I feel like he was the best O-lineman on our board, for sure. He's just a really well-rounded player. I think when you take a look at his college film, his Senior Bowl film, Combine, Pro Day, he really aced all of those phases of the evaluation process. In the interview process with him, this guy had real presence. We really felt like solidifying the interior of our line for years to come was really, really important, both from the run game and from a pass protection standpoint. I think that from a culture standpoint, this guy, he's the real thing, from toughness and a character standpoint."

On Johnson being a 'late bloomer':

"If you take a look at where he started, at Davidson, that progression of being a guy that was 255 pounds his freshman year, to end up almost 320 pounds, and you take a look at his arm length, his hand size — 32 reps on the bench press — this is a really strong player. We were really looking for power players on offense, particularly inside. Now, we feel like we have that. You have [G] Matt [Feiler], [C] Corey [Linsley] and Zion. That's a really impressive trio in there. Then, this guy's got all the smarts that you're looking forward. We really felt like this was a well-rounded, complete football player. We're really excited to have him."

On when Johnson 'hit their radar':

"Early in the process. Obviously, he had an incredible senior year there at Boston College. I've got a lot of respect for [Boston College Head Coach] Jeff Hafley. I've known Jeff for several years, he coached in the NFL. He's done a heck of a job there. Zion played in a pro-style offense for [former Boston College Offensive Coordinator Frank] Cignetti [Jr.] there. His line coach is now the line coach for the Miami Dolphins, so he's very well-trained. You could tell in the interview process that this guy was really sharp, that he had full command of the fundamentals, the scheme. Just a very smart guy, a tough guy and a complete player. We felt like, athletically, physical. I think coming back to that word, 'complete player,' that's what made him really attractive for us."

On if G Matt Feiler will transition to RT:

"I think for right now, we're definitely going to keep Matt on the left side, knowing that he's played right tackle and you could always do that in a pinch. But I think, for us, it was making sure that the left side stayed strong. That was the strength of our O-line unit last year, we really believe in that chemistry. The plan is to start out that way; put Zion on the right side, and then we'll see what happens here in the next few days in the draft, and then after the draft. [T] Trey [Pipkins III] and [T] Storm [Norton], those two guys, we have those guys on our team that have played winning football for us, and then we have Matt [Feiler], who's a tackle that's played on the right side that has played winning football. So, we feel like we have depth, and we still have two more days that the draft, and then after the draft, to keep working on the O-line because that was a big part of what we were trying to do this offseason, to really increase our depth on the O-line overall."

On comparing tonight to the opening night of last year's draft:

"A year ago today, we were drafting with [T] Rashawn Slater. If you took take a look at how this draft unfolded, I think that if we hadn't taken Zion Johnson, it was going to happen shortly after us — he was that highly regarded of an interior player. I think it's very rare that you have an interior player that is that highly thought of. That's really what we were trying to get, the best player at that pick, but certainly the best O-lineman. What you don't want to do is reach for a tackle and then you have an issue somewhere else. We just really felt like this guy is a really complete player and this guy is a first-round level guard. I think it was really about building that interior for the future and knowing that that group is going to be able to play together for a lot of years."

On Johnson's character:

"When you meet this guy, you're going to be very impressed. This guy has real presence. When I went to his first interview at the combine — I just kind of watched him a little bit, you're kind of preparing for the guys that you're going to interview formally — when he came into the room, this guy had a real calm presence, real confidence, real poise. You see that presence when you're with him. Then, when he starts to talk, this guy's had a really unique path to being a first-round draft pick. He started at Davidson — you know, a lot of people know [Warriors G] Steph Curry coming from there, and that's kind of where this guy started, then he ends up at Boston College as a first-team All-American, and now the 17th pick in the draft. It's one of those great stories of a guy that really worked at it, really developed his game. He worked at it, and here he is today. I think when you guys meet him, you'll see all that because he has all the smarts and the toughness that we're looking for. Then, from a physical standpoint, he has real power. This guy is a really good athlete. He's a powerful inside player. That's what we're looking for."

On where Johnson was on the team's board upon selection:

"He was the top player on our board at the time that we picked, at 17. It was a unanimous feeling from our scouts to our coaching staff. In all the evaluation components for this guy, he really excelled. When he went to the Senior Bowl, he was one of the top players there. He played a bunch of different positions there. You take a look at his college career, what he did at Boston College in a pro-style system; you're seeing him really do things that translate to the NFL. Sometimes in the offensive line position, that's what holds offensive linemen back is that they don't really perform in a pro-style system. But, from a protection standpoint, from a run game standpoint — wide zone, tight zone, gap, duo, screen game — you're really able to see this guy operate. Then, at the Senior Bowl, when it's good on good — I mean, he played in the ACC, which is a great league, but then at the Senior Bowl, you're able to see him against the best in college football, and he was outstanding. Then, in the interview process, he certainly aced that part of it, too. This is a very, very good football player."

On if QB Justin Herbert understands the value of drafting an offensive lineman in the first round in back-to-back drafts:

"He and our skill players. It's Justin, for sure, but it's also [WR] Mike [Williams], [WR] Keenan [Allen], [RB] Austin, [WR] Josh [Palmer], our tight end group, who we're really excited about — [TE] Gerald Everett, [TE] Tre' [McKitty], D.P. [TE Donald Parham Jr.]. It's really about beat becoming a complete offensive football team. I think that that's what we're after. This was just about value. This was the best player that we had on our board at the time, and he happens to you really fit a position — much like last year with Rashawn. It's a different position, certainly for an inside player, but really a component in our offense that can really help us become a complete offense."

On if Herbert was in the draft room when the selection was made:

“No, he wasn’t. He got out of here. He was in here, did his thing, and then after we picked, I was able to call him on his way back. It was great to have the guys here tonight. I think that was one of my favorite parts of today, just our players being here. It really makes it feel like it’s a team. To be in front of our fans and in our locker room making this pick, it was a special, special day. I know that Justin was excited about the pick.”

On if ‘any part of him was tempted’ to select a defensive player at No. 17 overall:

“I really believe, in the NFL Draft, about value. I really believe in trust in the board. I really think that that’s important. You put in all this work, and I think that that’s something that [General Manager] Tom [Telesco], myself, the Spanos Family, [Director of Player Personnel] JoJo Wooden, [Director of College Scouting] Kevin Kelly, our area scouts and our coaching staff, that’s something that we’re really committed to. I think that a lot of people talk about our defense and our kicking game, which we made big investments in, but we also invested in our offense with [WR] Mike Williams and [TE] Gerald Everett. Like I said, it’s about building a team, and we felt like Zion Johnson was a big addition in making that complete team come to fruition.”

On trades made before the club’s selection:

“Yeah, it started to go with the trades. I think people were kind of anticipating that type of movement. I think that people maybe anticipated it happening sooner, but then when it happened, it didn’t really stop there for a while they’re in the middle. Then, you saw a couple of player trades, which is kind of uncommon. I think what you’re seeing in the NFL is you’re seeing that innovation, that different way of thinking, maybe, than the way it’s always been done. I think people are trying to get creative with their strategic process. I think that’s a good thing for the league. I think it’s really, really good for the league because people are trying to be at the forefront of building their teams. There are a lot of different ways to do it and I think that tonight was a really good example of it.”

On developing as a ‘line of scrimmage team’:

“I love what you brought up there because that’s what stands the test of time in the league. In the game of football, what stands the test of time is what happens up front. Specifically, on both sides of the ball, none of your scheme comes to life if you’re not good up front. It’s the one place I feel like on the field that it’s really hard to make up for. If you’re not good up front, it’s really hard, as a play-caller, to make up for that. If you do, you have to overcompensate in such a way that it really inhibits your ability to make plays on both sides of the ball. Then, I think from a cultural standpoint, what you’re trying to do is build a rugged, tough football team because that’s what it takes in this league. That’s what I want to be known for here; I want to be known as a rugged, tough football team that can beat you any way imaginable — offense, defense, kicking game. I think that we’re a lot closer to that, and we still have two more days, and then post-draft, and then going all the way to our first game. I think that that’s what we’re committed to, exploring all of those avenues. But I think, up front, we’re a lot closer, on both sides of the ball, to being where I expect to be.”

On if Johnson ‘addresses the run game situation’:

“The run game is an 11-man operation, including quarterback. I think what we did by getting Zion here, it really balances our run game. I think, last year, we were predominantly a left-side running team. In got-to-have-it situations, that’s where we were trending, running the football. What Zion does is he gives you a two-way go. I think the other thing that he does at a high level, which is the most important thing, is he can pass protect inside. You can help tackles in this league a lot more than you can help inside players. It’s a lot easier to neutralize an edge rusher than an interior rusher. So, when you have to go block the [Rams DL] Aaron Donalds of the world, the [Chiefs DT] Chris Jones of the world, the [Colts DT] DeForest Buckners of the world, when you have to go block those types of players inside, with the money on the line, you have to have an inside three they can get it done, and we feel like Zion can do that at a really high level.”

On when he became aware that the Chargers were facing the Chiefs on the first Thursday Night Football game exclusively on Amazon Prime (Week 2):

“I think I found out a couple of days ago. Then, there was that way of how it was going to all express itself and all of that. But, it’s exciting. I think it’s a good sign for our team. Obviously, we had two incredible games with those guys last year. If I were an NFL fan, that’s what I would want to open up with — I would want to see these two teams go at it. It’s exciting for our team, exciting for their team, but at the same time, you have one game before that. You have an opener long before you play on Thursday. But, it’s awesome to be a part of it. Al Michaels was able to announce it — a legend. He’s going to be calling that game, so it’s really special for our team and our fans.”

On if it is ‘advantageous’ to play the Thursday night game early in the season:

“I’ll tell you on Friday after the game whether it was or not [laughter].”

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Chargers Guard Zion Johnson Introductory Media Availability **Friday, April 29, 2022 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.**

Opening statement:

"Hello, everyone. I'm glad to be here. First time in L.A., ever."

On joining the Chargers:

"It feels great. The weather is great, but just the people I've met — some of the players, some of the coaches, [Head] Coach [Brandon] Staley — they're just really good people. I could tell that they're building a culture here that's excellent on the field, but also has excellent people, as well."

On if he had any prior familiarity with anyone from the Chargers

"Not particularly. Kind of a coincidence, though; I met with [Offensive Line] Coach [Brendan] Nugent at the Senior Bowl when he was with the Saints, then I met with him again when he was with the Chargers — that's kind of a funny coincidence. Other than that, there's no one that I had known from prior."

On if he played against OLB Chris Rumph III in college when Rumph was at Duke:

"Yes, I did. I did play against Chris Rumph. When I was left tackle, he was one of the ends — him and [Cardinals OLB Victor] Dimukeje. And I did play against [CB] Asante Samuel Jr. in 2019. So, yeah, you have that."

On which Chargers players he met today at the facility:

"It's all been in passing, so there haven't really been formal introductions. A few guys just came by and said, 'Hi,' to me — didn't actually say their names, which is weird [laughter]. They said, 'Hello,' to me, and that was cool. I look forward to meeting everyone formally. That will be awesome. I got to see Coach Nugent, who I've met before, but just to see him here is a good thing. Then, Coach Staley, who I met at the Combine, to see him again was cool. I talked to Mr. [Owner and Chairman of the Board Dean] Spanos, that was awesome. It's a nice facility here and it's great to be in L.A. for the first time ever for me."

On his draft experience since being selected by the Chargers:

"Honestly, after I got drafted — I did some media stuff, but after that I went to the draft party for the Chargers. It was great to see all of the fans. They were pumped. It was cool to see how excited they were. I took some pictures with them. That was really cool. Afterward, I went back to the hotel to see my family. We hung out for about 30 minutes or so in the lobby, but we were all spent, so I went back to the room thinking that I was going to crash, but I ended up not sleeping at all because I was so excited. It's been so exciting, not just for me but for my whole family, my head coach and everyone who was involved."

On how many congratulatory phone calls and text messages he has received since being selected:

"A lot of text messages — I put the over/under at 100, but there were a lot of text messages. It's been good, just people who have helped me throughout the way, people who may not be family, but are family, pretty much. It's been good to talk to everyone. It's just awesome knowing that people that were a part of your journey are so proud of you."

On if he replies ‘right away’ when receiving a message:

“I’m a reply right away guy, but I’ll send the reaction thing, where you can click and love the post or like the post, and then I’ll go back later and do a formal response. If someone sees that you just saw it, and then you forget later on, that’s pretty bad.”

On a bus driver ‘getting him into football’:

“That was definitely part of it — it was really him and my mom. He was the one who mentioned it first. I would ride the bus home after golf practice and he said, ‘Why don’t you try out football?’ I was on the fence about it. I kind of went back-and-forth for a while because I hadn’t played, I was undersized and I didn’t really know a lot about the ins and outs of being a football player. But it was really my mom who pushed me to play. She always taught me that you should try things so that you don’t have regrets later on in life. I’m glad that I tried football because that would’ve definitely been a regret that I would have had. I love the game. There isn’t another sport that I would have wanted to play.”

On being high school teammates with Vikings T Christian Darrisaw:

“Yeah. We actually had quite a few guys that have had the opportunity to get drafted. Me and Christian were pretty close in high school because our O-line coach would have us over to the house. He liked to have a family between our offensive linemen, where we would go and eat and have cookouts at his house, that sort of thing. With him going to Virginia Tech, we weren’t able to stay as close because it’s like, ‘I want to beat you.’ He’s definitely someone who has pushed me, especially in high school and throughout my career, because with his level of play, I’ve always wanted to out-do him as a rival sort of thing.”

On the most influential person on his journey to getting to the NFL:

“My mother. Kind of what I said about her pushing me to play football, but just the model that she led for me growing up. She was always someone who worked hard, whether it being in her career — she was a student-athlete, so her doing that. A lot of the qualities that she taught me have made me the person that I am today.”

On his mother playing collegiate basketball:

“She did. She played power forward and center for Virginia Tech. She had a lot of rebounds. At one point, she had records for rebounding, but I think they get a lot more rebounds now — the girls are almost seven-feet tall. Her records might be down the chart a little bit, but she had quite a career.”

On the amount of his athletic ability he attributes to her:

“I think most of it definitely comes from her. She was definitely a force in the post.”

On playing golf before football:

“I would spend the summers with my grandparents in Virginia. My grandmother is the principal of a school in Norfolk, Virginia. I would go and spend time with the school and they had little camps; tennis, golf, all of these different camps. I did the golf one and kind of enjoyed it as a kid. I kept playing, made the high school team when I was in middle school, and then it kept going from there.”

On which players he ‘patterns his game after’:

“So I’ll split this into two. The guy that I watch the most — I didn’t really pattern my game after him because we’re not similar in dimensions — is [Cowboys T] Tyron Smith. That’s the reason why I wear 77. He’s a great player. I used to spend time watching — I think it was 2014 or 2015 — the Cowboys’ camp practices, and they were joint practices between them and the Rams and I don’t think that he got beat once. It was amazing. That really gave me a goal to strive for. The guys I really watched, and pattern my game after, are [Bills G] Rodger Saffold and [Jets G] Laken Tomlinson. They’re two guys that are in slightly different offenses, and I like them for different reasons. Laken, a lot of what he does in the wide, we did that a lot recently at Boston College. Just seeing the little things that he does in the wide zone is something that I like to watch. Then, Rodger Saffold, just his overall physicality, how he gets up to linebackers and just the power he plays with, the physicality is something I respected.”

On if his game ‘has gotten closer to Saffold’:

“I think so. When I talk with some of my coaches at Boston College, some of them disagree. Some of them think it’s a little more like Laken [Tomlinson], but either one would be an honor. They’re both great players.”

On his master's degree in cybersecurity:

"So I graduated in 2020 from Boston College, my undergrad in computer science. When I decided to go back, a part of that was seeing what program I wanted to get into. In the Woods College [of Advancing Studies], the one program that made sense for me was cybersecurity. It kind of meshed well with computer science to where I could kind of go into more of the hacking routes and take some classes that others weren't able to because of my background. It ended up being a really fun topic and something that I'm glad I ended up majoring in."

On 'seeing the explosion in the field' of cybersecurity:

"It's definitely crazy. When I first started taking the class, it's so interesting because the terms are so new. What you consider like espionage or cyber terrorism, those are very loaded terms where a lot goes into that. Where one person might think it's espionage, which may be allowed in certain circumstances, another person may see it as terrorism. As much of a technical subject as it is, it's also very intertwined in law because international law plays a big part in what we consider cyber terrorism, cyber espionage, hacking, and what's allowed and what is not."

On if he has continued to study cybersecurity beyond his master's course load:

"I didn't take classes in the spring. Really, for me, I wanted to do the best throughout the [draft] process — I wanted to do the best at the Senior Bowl and the Combine — but I keep up with the subjects. I still [computer] program, it's something that I do in my spare time. Really, football is my love, so that's the main thing that I focus on right now."

On languages he codes in:

"I've used a lot of different languages — Java, Javascript, you know, Python, HTML, CSS, I've used webpack before to make websites. There are just tons of different things that I've done. Honestly, when you learn one language, it's not that hard to learn a new one because there are a lot of similarities and things you can pick up after you learn your first one."

On if knowing different coding languages will help him with football:

"Absolutely. Similarly, I've been in four different offenses. I think, for me, the more I learn about those different offenses, the easier it was for me each year to pick up on something new just because a lot of times, you're doing something similar with slight tweaks, but someone might call it something different. Just being able to pick up on those little differences can go a long way."

On his mindset during the process of transferring from Davidson:

"So, honestly, Davidson was an awesome experience. I like the people there, but I wasn't on a full scholarship and there was a level of financial strain to my family that I didn't want that to happen anymore, so I decided to go in the [transfer] portal. This was like the first year the portal was really a thing and it was only, really, a line of communication between you and the coaches. So, I went in the portal, got interest from a few schools, but Boston College was really the clear choice for me. The level of school, my connection with [former Offensive Line] Coach [Phil] Trautwein and their history with offensive linemen. That just sold it to me."

On if he was surprised when the Chargers drafted him:

"So, first of all, let me explain this, there's a prospect chair that you're supposed to sit in, so they can get the camera angles and everything. I was glued to that chair for the first hour or so and then someone came up to me and was like, 'You don't have to sit here this whole time.' So, I got up and walked around a little bit, sat on the couch, talked with my head coach, Coach [Jeff] Hafley and my agent and we're just talking about some of the things going on. I think a trade just happened or something. Next thing I know, I get a call and the caller ID says Chargers Football and I'm like, 'Hold on, hold on,' and I answer the phone and it's the call and everyone's quiet. They have no idea who I'm talking to and then all I say is, 'Thank you, Mr. Spanos' and they were all like, 'It's the Chargers!' Everyone started going crazy. It was really a crazy moment and it was a surprise because it was like whiplash for my mind because I'm talking about what just happened in the draft and I'm talking about hopefully I go soon and then — boom, it happens right there."

On what he knew about the Chargers:

“I’m a fan of football, so I know some of the past teams. Philip Rivers at quarterback and those sort of things and, of course, I know the high-powered offense now. The great running back in Austin Ekeler, receivers in Keenan Allen and Mike Williams, and then [OT] Rashawn Slater and a great center in Corey Linsley — an older guy who is a vet who, hopefully, I can learn from and then can’t not mention [QB] Justin Herbert, the guy is electric. Of course, I knew all of that, saw that last year, saw the shootouts that the Chargers had been in and I’m excited to, hopefully, be a piece of that offense and work hard to earn my right to be a Charger, like I said.”

On what came to mind when he thought of Los Angeles:

“Basically, what I’ve seen on TV [laughter]. When I was driving from LAX, I was like, it kind of does look like LA on TV with the palm trees and there’s this certain lighting that’s in LA. It’s like this vibe. I don’t know how to explain it, but it looks like LA on TV, like one of the cop shows, like an NCIS in LA or something like that, like from one of those shows, basically.”

On how much he worked with Offensive Line Coach Brendan Nugent at the Senior Bowl and how much he thinks it’ll help him:

“So, I met with him at the Senior Bowl. We had an interview and I got to talk with him while he was at the Saints and go over some of the things he believes in. I met with him, again, at the Combine, like I said, when he was a Charger at that point. Just talking with him and hearing some of the things he likes in terms of technique and what he believes in as a room. It feels like, for me, what better room would I want to be in? Clearly, building something that’s special.”

On his first year in high school playing football:

“Undersized is an understatement. I was 225 pounds and I played right tackle and our team played Chase Young, so it wasn’t like we were playing scrubs or anything. Really, for me at that point, I wanted to play football, I wanted to prove that I could be a good football player. So, being undersized, I just kind of had to strain on every play and just try not to give up a sack or strain to get my guy out of the way just a little bit. But, once I got to college and really had the resources to develop my body and gain weight, that really helped me and the academics is really what got me there. I had a pretty good GPA in high school and that opened the door for me to be able to go to Davidson.”

On him trying to play tight end:

“So, our offensive coordinator mentioned to me that he wanted to see how I could do at tight end and that was something I kind of explored for a little bit. But, really, the team wanted me to play right tackle, so I played right tackle and things turned out good I’d say.”

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Chargers Safety JT Woods Introductory Media Availability **Friday, April 29, 2022 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.**

On his emotions upon being selected by the Chargers:

"It was just an amazing moment for me. I was actually in the kitchen just kind of chilling, watching the draft, when I got the call, so I was already around a lot of my family. My best friend was sitting right next to me, so I showed him the phone. He just looked at me and said, 'We're going to California.' It was just an amazing moment."

On if he was surprised at all by the selection:

"Not necessarily shocked. I had talked to quite a few teams, honestly, throughout the entire process. I kind of know how the draft works. A lot of trading happens, so there's not really a particular team that you can think you're going to go to. I had that mindset going in, so it wasn't shocked at all."

On how he would describe his game:

"I would say that it's very unique. I do have you know the size and the speed, but I really use my intellect to drive a lot of the plays that I make, so my intellect and my instincts are what help me use my speed and my size to make the plays that I make."

On the 'Heartbreak Kid' nickname:

"It was kind of something that built up through a fall camp that we had going into the 2019 season. Me and another DB, [Texans S] Grayland Arnold [Jr.], who is currently on the Houston Texans, had a bunch of interceptions in camp. It was just kind of a joke that I'm breaking the hearts of the quarterbacks, so the name, 'HBK,' kind of came about when [former Baylor Associate Head Coach - Outside Linebackers] Coach Joey McGuire first started calling me that name, then it just kind of grew into something a lot bigger than what it was at the time."

On if the name 'grew' due to interceptions he gathered in games:

"Yes, sir. I started breaking hearts of quarterbacks across the country, not just the ones in the practice facility [laughter]."

On his 'fit' within the secondary during his time at Baylor:

"I predominantly played in the deep end of the field as the free safety in our defense, but I did have a lot of box work, as well — I would drop down and be a flat player. I was able to do a lot of things. A lot of the times I was guarding tight ends, and also guarding slot receivers, so like you said, pretty versatile. But for the most part, I was on the back end of things."

On if the Chargers 'gave any indication' of where he would play in the secondary:

"No, sir. Nothing specific, but I'm sure that we'll get into all of that stuff really soon here. Just excited to even have the opportunity to be on the team. A great team in itself, and in a great division, as well, so I'm really excited to get out there."

On if his intellect entails scheme knowledge or instincts as a play develops:

"I would say both. They kind of go hand-in-hand. Just having a general concept of the schemes and the things that you're going to go against, and then being able to just pick apart different stuff that's happening as the play is developing, or even pre-snap, just kind of helps you communicate the play. I was able to do that with my teammates before, and I know that I'll be able to do that with my teammates that I'm about to have real soon. They go hand-in-hand together."

On his ball skills:

"I'd say I have pretty good ball skills. I led the nation in interceptions, so I'd say they're not too bad. They're OK."

On if he had any connections to the Chargers' roster or coaching staff prior to being selected:

"No, sir. Not anybody specifically."

On his familiarity with the Chargers:

"I haven't gone strictly in-depth with just them. I'm kind of new to the NFL. Growing up, I always watched college football, so as I got a little older, that's when I started to get more into the NFL aspect of things. As I've been getting older, really — I would say within the last two to three years — is when I really started watching the NFL."

On his contact with the Chargers in the pre-draft process:

"Yes, ma'am. I talked to them a little bit. Like I said a little earlier, I was blessed enough to be able to talk to pretty much every single team with the Senior Bowl and with the Combine, as well. So I talked to them a little bit, just like I did everybody else."

On the solitude currently in the room:

"That's just because I'm upstairs and they're all downstairs. I'm like in a secluded place of the house so that I can get a little bit of peace and quiet. But yeah, they're all going crazy."

On if his performance at the Senior Bowl 'helped raise his draft stock':

"I would assume it helped me quite a bit. I kind of have a knack for getting to the ball, so for me to be able to do that at the Senior Bowl against the greatest players in the nation, I think that helped me a little bit, as well. Then, also being able to be coached by NFL coaches. I'm sure they all talked in that circle about how coachable people were, and I'm a very coachable kid, so I'm sure they helped me, as well."

On who he models his game after:

"That's a little hard question for me. Somebody that I think I'm close to is [Bengals CB] Tre Flowers. He's somebody who played safety, and then made the transition of corner. But when it comes to just pure safeties, I don't think a lot of safeties in the league now kind of match my prototype, being 6-foot-2, 195 [pounds] and having the speed that I have. It's a little bit rare, I'd say. Finding specific people who match me is a little difficult."

On who he had to 'kick out of the room' before starting his media availability:

"My dad is really the only one. Everybody was kind of downstairs when it all happened and I kind of stepped away to just take the call. After I was actually told that I was going to be drafted, to just get the strategics and logistics of getting on this Zoom call, I was kind of able to step away from everybody. They probably didn't even notice I kind of stepped out because they're all going crazy still downstairs."

On S Derwin James Jr.:

"Just an amazing ball player and an amazing athlete. I know he's even more of an amazing person, so I just can't wait to be in the same locker room as a dude like him and be able to learn so much from a dude like him; a multiple-time Pro Bowler. Who else wouldn't you want to learn from?"

On tackling skills:

“Tackling is the utmost important thing, I think, especially when you play free safety, like I did in college. My philosophy is that I’m the eraser of the defense. So, it doesn’t matter what mistakes the 10 people in front of me and next to me had, it’s my job to get the ball down so that we can live to fight another day. That’s of the utmost importance. I think every defensive person knows that no matter how long the play is — if it’s 99 yards and they started at the opposite goal line, they still have that one yard to go. At Baylor, as a defense, we literally attested to that in the Big 12 Championship [Game] when we had Oklahoma State on the 1-yard line to win the game. I think tackling is just huge. It’s obviously something that I can work on, I’m sure everybody knows that every defender can work on tackling, and so that’s something that I’m always passionate about and always wanting to get better at my game.”

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On S JT Woods' nickname of 'Heartbreak Kid':

"I don't know who gave him that nickname, but it kind of fits a little bit, right? He was a big play guy for them. He turned the ball over a lot and made a lot of big plays for them."

On Woods' positional versatility:

"He's a unique player. Like [S] Nas [Nasir Adderley], like [S] Derwin [Jamrs Jr.], he's a safety with a lot of cover ability, with his length and his speed. He shows a little bit of corner movement, so we kind of see him as a defensive back. As you guys know, when we're in five DB [personnel], six DB, it can be any combination — it's not just necessarily three corners and two safeties or four corners with two safeties, you can go with three safeties. The fact is that we have some of these guys that can really cover, and that's what JT can do. JT, he's long and he is fast — like, legitimately fast, football fast. He has really good ball skills, turns the ball over, plays aggressive, really good feel for the game. He's a really interesting player."

On Woods' 'unique' size matched with skillset:

"It is unique because of his height. He's over six-foot-two, so he has long legs, long arms. Big-time track athlete in high school, sprints and hurdles — enough that he was a hurdler at Baylor, so that kind of tells you how fast he is because Baylor has a big-time track program. But, as you see him, you can see how fast he plays. You notice it right off the bat. Sometimes, guys were longer legs, it takes some time to build, and then you see the speed — he gets it going immediately. A unique player because of his size, his length and his ability to really cover a lot of ground from that safety position."

On if his tackling skills are a concern:

"He is aggressive, tough. The rest of the test will come along a little bit, but he's certainly more than willing to the point where he probably has to pace himself down a little bit. But, he can cover a lot of ground. Part of tackling, too, is getting into a position to get there, and he covers a lot of ground to the perimeter. He can erase some big runs that come out. Plus, we see him also with special teams ability, too, with his speed and his aggression."

On if the club was 'targeting' defensive back today:

"We weren't targeting a specific position. He was just a player that we really liked. He has that unique skillset in the secondary. It was just kind of blinking to us up there."

On if Woods 'will compete for a starting spot' within the secondary:

"Obviously, with our first-round pick, you can kind of see what his role is going to be. From here on out, these guys that come in are going to compete and try to earn a job some way, somehow."

On if Woods played on special teams in college:

"Yes, certainly early in his career."

On balancing between drafting ‘at a position of need’ or for the ‘best player available’:

“Once you’re out of the first round, the positions of need — trying to fill needs in the third through the seventh round, that’s not always realistic to do. Needs constantly change, so it’s not something that we’re really looking at. Best player available, we have players ranked, but, obviously, it’s very subjective. You aren’t really filling immediate needs once you’re into this part of the draft.”

On if Woods could potentially ‘cross-train’ as a corner:

“He’s a pretty good safety. I think, when you see him, you’ll see his middle of the field [skillset]. He has really good vision and eyes. He breaks on the ball quickly, especially going back. He has really big-time speed. Our safeties have to be able to cover, which all of our guys do.”

On if he could potentially be a returner on special teams:

“No, but a gunner, quite possibly. He does have pretty good return skills, once the ball is in his hands. I wouldn’t rule it out, but it wasn’t something that we were thinking about in terms of actually returning a kick or punt. As far as covering kicks and covering punts, definitely.”

On if Woods’ ability to cover tight ends ‘stood out’ to him:

“Yes, no doubt.”

On if Woods covering tight ends ‘frees up’ S Derwin James to ‘move around more’:

“Well, it would be hard to gameplan today for whoever we’re going to play. I mean, it’s the draft. But, certainly, when I say he’s a unique player, part of that is being able to try and handle a tight end.”

On if it ‘felt weird’ not picking in the second round:

“Yes, it took forever. It did. You see all of those good players go off, but we did put [OLB] Khalil’s [Mack] draft card up on the board in our second-round spot that we took him. He’s the oldest player I’ve ever drafted, and the most expensive, but I think he’s going to pan out just fine. We knew that going in, so you kind of sit and watch and kind of wait to take it. It is what it is.”

On Woods ‘covering the slot’ at Baylor:

“A lot of these guys, we’ll get them in here and we’ll just kind of let them develop and see where it goes. His skillset is pretty unique.”

On Woods also playing wide receiver during his time at Baylor:

“He’s a versatile player, but we’re going to keep him as a safety for now and let him play there. He’s a good athlete. In high school, he played, I think, running back, receiver, all of the defensive back positions and ran track. So, a good athlete.”

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On the selection of S JT Woods:

"JT played on an outstanding defense at Baylor. I have a lot of respect for [Baylor Head Coach] Dave Aranda, [Baylor Defensive Coordinator] Ron Roberts. As you saw tonight, several of his teammates were drafted. That was definitely the top defense in the Big 12 [Conference] and one of the top defenses in the country. We just really see him as one of those secondary players that we really value. Can't have enough of them. You guys saw that the record amount of receivers that were drafted in the first two rounds in this year's draft. JT has a lot of rare DB stuff. He's six-foot-two-plus, 195 [pounds]. He runs 4.3 [40-yard-dash]. He had a 10'8" broad [jump], 39.5" vertical [jump]. Those are rare DB numbers. Then, he led the nation in interceptions. He had six interceptions. He returned a couple for touchdowns. He was a multi-year starter on that team. He ran track at Baylor. He was really sharp in the interview process. He can really run the show, which is something that we really value back there at safety, or just in our secondary, in general. We really think that he's versatile to play in a lot of different places, but specifically, he can play in the slot, he can play deep. You know how we use [S] Derwin James [Jr.], going down in the slot and playing Dime-Money or Star. Now, you have a guy in the deep part of the field. You have him and [S] Nas [Nasir Adderley] who can play the deep part of the field with a lot of range. You have really three guys with a lot of gas back there that can go make plays and get you the football. So, we felt like this would just really be an outstanding addition to the secondary because of those reasons. Then, we think he'll have kicking game value. This guy can really run and he's a really good tackler. He can play a bunch of different positions as a gunner, on kickoff, just all of those types of things. We just think that we're getting an outstanding player. He has a really good pedigree. We're excited to get him in our DB environment and get him going."

On if having Woods in the deep part of the field helps S Derwin James Jr. 'move around' underneath:

"I think that when you play five and six DB groupings, if you do move Derwin closer to the line of scrimmage or in the slot somewhere, you don't want to lose that play-making ability in the deep part of the field. I think that what JT gives you is premium range back there. Now, you have two guys back there, with him and Nas, and Nas can play in the slot, too — I mean, he's done that in his career, too. He didn't do it last year, but depending on how the rest of our secondary shakes out, you have really three safeties, and then four if you really count [DB] Mark Webb [Jr.] because Mark Webb played in the slot at Georgia. Now, you have four safeties who all have slot flex. We really value that — the more DBs that you have in your secondary that can play the slot, whether it's Star or Money, it gives you a numbers advantage in how you cover these guys. When the money is on the line on third down in two-minute, you're going to have five and six DBs in the game. We play a lot of different types of five and six DBs, depending on the matchup, so it just gives us more flexibility. This guy's got a rare engine back there. His game speed, I mean he's running over 21 miles an hour, but it's the speed plus the way he processes. He has a great processor because he's really smart. When you put the physical speed with that mental speed, you're getting a really high-end secondary player."

On if Woods' missed tackles 'are a concern':

"I think that he's coming out of the top. The way he runs the alley, I think that this guy has real speed to get there. I think that on his finish, he just has to use those 32-inch arms to wrap up. This guy is making really good contact. Sometimes you get a missed tackle because you didn't wrap it up. I think his angles, his tracking — I think the big part of playing safety, when you're coming out of the top, is you're assessing his angles. Does this guy play with good pace on the football? Those things are excellent. His tracking, his pace is excellent. I think his best football is ahead of him. I think that that's the intel we got from Dave Aranda and Ron Roberts, that this guy is a guy that throughout his college career, really, really improved, so we think that he can definitely hit another gear in our environment. Then, his defensive coordinator [Renaldo Hill] is a 10-year NFL safety. [Secondary Coach] Derrick Ansley is one of the superstar coaches in the NFL — with [Assistant Secondary Coach] Tommy Donatell, that's a superstar coaching staff, that trio right there. We think that he's going to get a lot better. Then, he's going to be with one of the top secondary players in the league every day in Derwin James. Then, teaming up with [CB] J.C. [Jackson], [CB] Asante [Samuel Jr.], [S] Nas [Nasir Adderley], Vato [CB Michael Davis], there are a lot of quality guys that he is going to be able to learn from."

On the potential of Woods' contribution in the secondary:

"I really think that this guy is going to be a factor early. I think we're going to have great competition in our secondary, but I would expect him to come in here and compete for a role. I think that all of that is going to express itself when the pads come on training camp, when there's live tackling. I think so much of playing in the secondary is that you have to remember that you're tackling these big runners, receivers and tight ends. A lot of that will work itself out when we get pads on in training camp, but we definitely drafted him because we have a vision that he's going to come in and help us."

On if Woods playing cornerback 'is a consideration':

"We don't really see him like that. We kind of see him as a safety, and then a Star and Money type of flex. He has that movement to play in the slot. When we kind of assess DBs that play safety, it's playing the ball in the deep part of the field, man-to-man coverage ability in the slot, and then open-field tackling. Then, obviously, [an ability to] key diagnose, communication, processor and all of that type of stuff. He really checks all of those boxes. At the Senior Bowl, they put him at corner and he had some reps there, where you kind of saw him play man-to-man, which helped in the evaluation, but at Baylor, they play a really pro-style defense, so you're getting a very pure look at a secondary player. I think that he just really fits with how we want to play, in particular in the deep part of the field. I think what makes him unique is how he plays deep because he can really find the angle and he can get there. We're excited to work with him."

On if Woods' 'proven track record' of takeaway abilities 'fit a need' for the defensive unit:

"I think that we're going to improve our rush. Obviously, you add [OLB] Khalil Mack, and when you have Khalil Mack and [OLB] Joey Bosa rushing the passer, we feel like that's why it's important to get secondary players who can get you the ball, because we feel like people are going to be sped up and you want people back there who can catch a mistake and make plays back there. We really feel like he can do that. With his range, and then his size and his concept trigger, he can really get us the football. That's what he did for Baylor and that's what we are going to hope that he can do for us."

On Woods' ability to contribute on special teams due to his speed:

"Yeah, I definitely see that in his future. The more team speed you can get — the thing that people, I think, sometimes fail to realize on [special] teams is how much ground you're actually covering, so the faster you are, that works to your advantage. We're definitely going to try and get him, and everybody that can run, on [special] teams, so that we can really cut the field in half and win the vertical field position. I think that we've tried to really do a good job in this offseason of making our special teams as strong as they can be, certainly, with the specialists — deep-snapper, punter, kicker and then returner — but then, it's your core guys that really have to come on. I think last year, that second half of the year, our young guys really came on stronger. Now, we have to keep building this nucleus today and tomorrow with more guys that you can add to your core group that gives you that quality of depth on special teams."

On the value of C Corey Linsley and S Derwin James Jr. on aiding in the development of this year's first two draft selections:

"I think it's really important. I think when that you get a guy that you feel like has a lot of potentials, has a lot that's made up of the right stuff, it really reminded me of a couple of years ago when Utah's defense had a bunch of secondary guys. They had an incredible defense when I was with the Rams in 2020. That secondary group that they had was incredible. All of those guys are really playing at a high level in the NFL, and I see a lot of JT Woods in that group, where this Baylor group was really loaded. They had a bunch of ballers on that team and they had a really special chemistry. That's why they won a lot of games there. That's why they did a lot of things that that program had never done before, and that was a big factor of it, too. We want to bring people from winning environments in, and I think that's exactly what we did with [G] Zion [Johnson]. He comes from a pro-style coaching staff. They did a lot of really special things at BC when he was there transforming that place and getting that place going. JT was the same way. Where they started, at Baylor, and where they finished, he was part of program history. Then, specifically on defense, the way they played, you're matching up against Oklahoma. I'm watching this guy versus Oklahoma. I'm watching this guy against [former Oklahoma QB] Caleb Williams and all of those guys. I'm watching him against Oklahoma State, Texas and TCU. I'm watching him against Ole Miss in [the Sugar Bowl] and this guy, he's lighting the field on fire. Then, he had an awesome all-star game [Senior Bowl]. Much like Zion, this guy was at the all-star game, and so you're seeing him against the best in the country. Then, the Combine and then his Pro Day, you were just able to get a very full evaluation, and we really value that. We're excited about the pick."

On the amount of time Woods spent covering the slot at Baylor:

"He was there. [Former Baylor S Jalen and current Texans S] Pitre did that so much for them at Baylor, he was more like a Nickel Star, playing a little bit lower. But, JT did that, too. A lot of times in their rotations, he was kind of in that lower zone, in the slot covering. You got to see him doing a lot of things that we do, so it was very easy to project the fit. Then, you got to see him in the deep part of the field. I think in college football now, it's a lot harder to see safeties playing the deep part of the field because the passing game isn't as deep — it's quick game a lot, RPOs and just get it out quick, where you were able to see this guy in the deep part of the field track it and find the angle. We've been around a lot of great safeties. I've been fortunate, in my NFL career, and [Defensive Coordinator] Renaldo [Hill], obviously having played 10 years, and DA [Secondary Coach Derrick Ansley], [Assistant Secondary Coach] Tommy [Donatell], we've been around a lot of great secondaries. We feel like we're onto something with our group here. That was something that's really important with the passing game and where the NFL is going; you've have to have secondary players, and you can't have enough of them. We just really feel like there was great value for this guy."

On if the transactions made by other teams within the AFC West Division 'increased the urgency' to select a coverage player at a premium draft position:

"I think, philosophically, I've just always been that way. Really, I tried to bring that mindset to the Rams when I was the defensive coordinator — I was playing a lot of five and six DBs to everything, and then moving guys around. I think we've had really good success doing that, especially when you have the players with the flexibility to do it, because I think you can get really specific with the matchup and really put your guys in premium spots. I think that's just part of the passing game. Just because a team is a good passing team, doesn't mean it's the same as the next passing team. What we try to do with our guys is to kind of fit it to the game, and we're lucky that we're kind of building a secondary where we can play that way. I think that in our first two years here, we've been able to kind of get off to a good start and we'll see where it goes tomorrow. We're hoping to keep moving in that direction because, again, the other reason why you need a lot of secondary players is for special teams, because they're the ones that are covering the kicks."

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On being selected by the Chargers:

"It's just a blessing. I'm ready to work. Grateful for the opportunity that they gave me. The Chargers are a great team, they have a great organization over there, so I'm just ready to get down there and get ready to work."

On how he would describe himself as a running back:

"I would describe myself as an all-around back. I feel like I can do it all; run, catch, and blocking, as well. So, just going in and improving on those things and getting to the next level to showcase what I can do."

On what he learned the most from Texas A&M Head Coach Jimbo Fisher:

"Just how to approach the game. He really taught me how to practice, how to watch film. It made me become a better player mentally and physically. So, I feel like he really helped me be pro-ready and I'm grateful for that opportunity that he gave me at [Texas] A&M. So, that's why I feel like A&M is a good organization and it really helped me get to this point."

On if he can be a short-yardage running back:

"Yes, sir. I think I can do that in all types of ways. Just grateful for the opportunity that they gave me."

On his receiving skills:

"Really good. My receiving skills are really good. I've always caught the ball. Even on film, I catch the ball, so it's not a problem for me."

On pass-protection:

"I feel like I really can still improve on that. Just learning the system and the technique that they like to use. So, I feel like I could really improve on that as well."

On if he pass-protected at Texas A&M:

"Yes, sir. I did that a lot at A&M. We did a lot of pass-protections. So, I kind of have the concept down, a just need to learn the system and improve on my technique."

On if he has any connections at the Chargers:

"No, sir. Not as of right now *[laughter]*."

On how much he has watched RB Austin Ekeler:

"I watched [RB Austin] Ekeler a lot. I watched the Chargers a lot, they throw the ball a lot. [QB] Justin Herbert's a great quarterback. Ekeler is a great player as well. He's strong, too. So, he's been doing great for them. It's going to be fun getting to know him and getting to work with him."

On where he credits his receiving skills and if he ever played wide receiver:

"Just when I was growing up, that was the first position I ever played; receiver. My dad always taught me how to catch the ball first, so it's just always been kind of natural to me. Just grateful for that."

On if his dad played tight end:

"Yes, sir, at Texas A&M."

On if he ever considered playing tight end:

"No, I never considered that. Running back was my position."

On coming to the Chargers:

"I feel like it's a great opportunity for me to showcase my abilities. So, I'm grateful for the opportunity. Big city. I'm ready to make it happen."

On if he models his game after Vikings RB Dalvin Cook:

"I watched [Vikings RB] Dalvin [Cook], but I really model my game after [RB] Adrian Peterson. He's the reason I started playing. Just watching him grow up a lot. He's really influenced my game a lot. So, just to get to this moment is a blessing and I'm going to continue doing me."

On if he was surprised it was the Chargers who drafted him:

"Yes, ma'am. I was surprised. I've been waiting for a minute. So, just grateful that the Chargers decided to choose me and I'm ready to get to work and give it my all every day. I'm really just blessed and thankful for the opportunity."

On if he always carries a calm demeanor:

"Yes, ma'am [*laughter*]."

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On being selected by the Chargers and remaining in Los Angeles:

"It's amazing. I'm excited. Not having to leave Southern California after playing at UCLA and going straight there, it's an amazing experience. To be honest with you, I always knew that I was going to the Chargers — ever since I visited them, I had a feeling that I was going there. I kind of manifested it, in a way — almost tried not to jinx myself, but it ended up happening and I'm forever grateful for it."

On what led to his confidence surrounding being selected by the Chargers:

"The way that the meeting turned out, the vibe that I got, something just told me that this is the place where I can be the most successful and the place that I needed to be. Being under that staff and in that defense, it's somewhere I can really excel. I think that it kind of went both ways; I think that they saw it out of me and I saw it out of them, so I knew that it was going to be my top destination and where I wanted to go to. It happening is a dream come true. There's nothing better."

On what he believes the Chargers like about his game:

"I think a big thing is my abilities at the point of attack; my ability to really knock guys back, get penetration, re-set the line of scrimmage, stop the run. Even in the pass, I'm able to push back the pocket and get vertical pressure up the middle. Those are things that they ended up mentioning and those are my strengths."

On his track & field background and how that translates to football:

"Explosiveness. To be able to throw a 12-pound or a 16-pound shot put 70 feet takes enormous strength, explosiveness and speed. A lot of people think that it is pure strength, but a lot of it has to do with your hips and being able to drive from your legs, and being able to explode through your hips and through the front of the ring. Another component is just athleticism — I do a spin technique, so I rotate. To be able to rotate, at my size, and be able to do it really fast and explosive, takes quite a bit of athleticism. Those two things right there, as well as balance, those things really complement my game. In terms of body control and how to position the body for success, being able to out-leverage guys, from a body standpoint."

On cooking and his favorite dishes to prepare:

"Honestly, cooking would be most of the stuff that I do on the smoker. I do a ton of stuff on the smoker, like bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin or ribs or duck — things like that are what I like to smoke. I definitely specialize in baking more, though; stuff like cinnamon rolls, croissants, tiramisu, cheesecake, things like that."

On the Thanksgiving Dinner that he prepared for his UCLA teammates last season and the potential of repeating that this year for his Chargers teammates:

"For sure. That was something that I liked doing. If we can get that done, it'd be great to cook for some guys on the team, or at least the position group. I always like being able to serve guys and help guys try stuff out."

On what he prepared last year for his UCLA teammates on Thanksgiving:

“No turkey, mostly because no one eats the turkey. Since it wasn’t a traditional Thanksgiving, I didn’t see the point — sometimes, turkey is just one of those things, kind of like an ornament that you just put out for the looks and for the pictures, so I wanted to go with stuff that people were going to eat, like ham and things like that. I went with ham, bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin and ribs for the meats, and some smoked duck.”

On how UCLA’s defense becoming ‘more aggressive up front’ last season elevated his ‘draft stock’:

“I think it’s done an enormous amount. Just being able to attack more and go vertical, being able to play a little bit more gap-and-a-half in our defense has been instrumental in our defense. Especially with some of the stuff that we did from a blitz standpoint, it got me a lot more one-on-one blocks. It’s been one of those things, that transition was extremely helpful, especially from where our defense was the first two years that I was there. We transitioned from a little bit more of a four-down [front] — maybe not as much of a true four-down, but way more of a four-down than we have been in the past. It’s been one of those things that has really helped me — and really helped a lot of guys — succeed, especially with being able to attack and penetrate.”

On contributing to this year’s UCLA draft class:

“It’s been great. Just where we’ve come from and being able to kind of come out on top like this at the end, especially for some of those guys that I started with like [Broncos TE] Greg [Dulcich] and [Packers OL] Sean [Rhyan] that came in a year after me, just all of the work we put in to get here and, hopefully, we’ll see more Bruins go here in the next couple of minutes. It’s one of those things where the truth to your labor is really there in front of you and it’s great to see that, especially last night when I saw Greg and Sean. I was so happy for those guys because I know all of the work that they put in. I know the time and effort that they put in. I know how bad they want it and how much they love football, so it was great to see. It’s been something that has been really special to me and my heart.”

On why he chose to attend UCLA:

“The biggest thing for me was that it was kind of the best situation. It allowed me to get a top-tier education at the No. 1 public school in the country, while also playing big-time football. I didn’t want to sacrifice the level of football in seeking the best education I could and then the school also gave me the best chance. [UCLA Head Coach] Chip Kelly and his staff gave me the best option and availability to be able to do track and field while I was there to be able to be a dual-sport athlete, so there wasn’t anything better that was giving me all of those options all at once. I knew it would be the spot. I know a lot of people kind of were getting at me for leaving Texas because guys rarely ever leave Texas, but it was something I had to do.”

On how his parents feel about him staying in Los Angeles:

“They’re OK with it. I mean, of course, my mom, especially, wants me to stay in-state because I’ve been away for so long, but I think they’re happy that I’m going somewhere familiar for the most part, and it’s not too far away from where I played — I think it was about 30 or 40 minutes when I went down there a couple of weeks ago. They’re ecstatic. I think they would’ve been ecstatic wherever I went. I think it’s even sweeter that it’s somewhere I’m more familiar with and somewhere I felt like I wanted to go and somewhere I knew I was going to go.”

On if he knows anyone currently on the Chargers’ roster:

“Personally, [RB] Josh Kelley.”

On how often he connects with Kelley:

“I just talked to him right before Senior Bowl. I got to connect with him about the process going into it. He’s been a great help and whenever he comes by the facility, we always kind of chop it up. He’s one of those guys, as you guys probably know by now, he has such a high character. He’s been instrumental in this process for me because he’s been one of those guys who has been there and done that and, of course, to go to the same team that he’s on, there’s nothing better than that. But, yeah, we stay in communication. I ask him about stuff every now and then, but that the most recent time I talked to him in-person, just because it’s been a little bit of a rollercoaster in terms of travel and whatnot, was probably right around the Super Bowl.”

On if he's ever been in SoFi Stadium:

"Actually, I don't think I have. I haven't been inside. I've been to SoFi, but not inside."

On what he was doing at SoFi Stadium:

"I think I just drove by. I parked and was just kind of looking at it right when they finished [building it]."

On SoFi Stadium being his new home stadium:

"It's one of the best stadiums out right now, especially with how modern and new it is, so I'm excited to be able to play there."

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Chargers Offensive Lineman Jamaree Salyer Introductory Media Availability **Saturday, April 30, 2022 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.**

On being selected by the Chargers:

"I feel great. I want to start off by saying that I'm blessed — I've been waiting on this call for two days, so I'm blessed. I'm excited to get out to L.A. and meet my new teammates, meet the staff. I'm just excited for it to start."

On playing all five positions along the offensive front while at Georgia:

"I think it did wonders for me. As a young freshman coming in the door, I didn't exactly understand why [Georgia Head] Coach [Kirby] Smart wanted me to do those things, but for me, now just looking back on it. I think that it really made my process what it was. I'm really glad that I did do it and glad that it gave me the versatility to be able to do so."

On mentorship that he experienced from former teammates throughout the draft process:

"I talked to [Giants T] Andrew [Thomas] a lot. Andrew's here, actually. I'm glad that he's here and was able to make it. I talk to those guys a lot, just asking them questions and being a sponge, trying to take it all in. One of my roommates was [Giants LB] Azeez Ojulari, so I'm trying to use those guys as a reference. I'm blessed to be able to have seen them go through that process. They are dear, close friends of mine. Even today, they've been telling me to relax and that it's going to happen, one way or another. They've definitely helped me out."

On if NFL teams 'viewed' him as a guard and where the Chargers plan on playing him:

"I honestly didn't really talk to the Chargers a whole lot in this process. I know that a lot of teams, just meeting with a lot of different teams, they kind of told me interior and right tackle. That's what I got from most of the teams that I met with. I didn't get a lot of left tackle, and that's where I played mostly in college — I played a lot of right tackle, as well. I mostly got interior and right tackle. I don't know what the Chargers have planned for me, but I'm excited to find out."

On playing right tackle at Georgia:

"I played right tackle my entire sophomore year and the back half of my freshman year."

On getting reps at center at the Senior Bowl:

"I practiced at center every day in practice. Against the top defensive linemen that came out this year, I practiced against them every day in kind of an emergency role, just in case. I played center in a game once — it was against Missouri my freshman or sophomore year, I don't remember exactly, there's kind of a lot going on. I played center a good amount and I'm very comfortable there."

On working through the waiting process over the past couple of days:

“It was definitely a relief. I was outside, honestly, just preparing and accepting the fact that I could go undrafted. I was kind of getting to that point of saying, ‘Hey, this might be a reality.’ I can honestly say that on Wednesday night, when I was imagining the way that this draft would go, I didn’t think that I would even get to this point. Now that I’m here, I’m glad that I got the call. I’m glad that the Chargers called me. When I say the L.A. Chargers come on my phone, I was like, ‘Guys, we’re cooking with something.’ It’s one of those things where you’re just sitting around and you’ll get a call from, like, your Grandma, and you’ll be like, ‘Thanks, Grandma, but keep the line clear.’ It will be a cousin and you’ll be like, ‘Keep the line clear, I’m expecting a specific call. I don’t know from who, but not from you, respectively.’ It’s definitely a fun, but anxiety-filled, experience.”

On if it is a ‘fairly easy transition’ to switch from playing on one side of the line to the other:

“I definitely feel pretty comfortable doing that. I did that on, pretty much, a day-to-day basis in practice. There would be days when guys would get injured and I was always the swing man. I started at left tackle, that’s what I played, but if we had a right guard go down, like in the National Championship Game, I would practice the rest of the day at right guard, just until he came back healthy. If we had a guy go down at left guard, same thing. We had a backup center, so I didn’t have to do that as much in that situation. Left guard, right guard, right tackle — that was kind of my thing, I was kind of the swing man in those positions. I feel pretty comfortable because I did it pretty much on a day-to-day basis in practice against really great players, so I feel really comfortable doing that.”

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Chargers General Manager Tom Telesco Day 3 Draft Availability **Saturday, April 30, 2022 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.**

On the selection of RB Isaiah Spiller:

"Big back. Well-rounded. A lot of production in the SEC. A lot of big, explosive runs. 20 years old, so he has a lot of good football ahead of him. Wanted to add another running back to that room to kind of compete for some work with [RB] Austin [Ekeler]. It was a good pick for us."

On Spiller's ability to pass-protect:

"Every single college back needs work on pass protection, but he has the size and the physicality to do it. He has good hands out of the backfield. He's a very well-rounded back. He's over six-foot, 218, 219 pounds, but still a really good athlete. Against really high-caliber competition, really produced well and had a lot of big, long, explosive runs."

On the selection of DL Otito Ogbornia:

"Big, strong defensive tackle. He was a two-sport college athlete for at least two or three years at UCLA. He was a shot-putter there, which is always interesting for that event because the lower-body explosion, upper-body explosion, and he plays defensive tackle. Really excellent size — strong, leverage. Great kid. Had a chance to spend a lot of time with him here at the local day, so that's always helpful."

On if a prospect that has experience throwing the shot put or discus is a benefit:

"I love that. I love wrestling backgrounds for offensive linemen. The longer that we've gone on, less and less kids are playing multiple sports in high school. But, obviously, he was so good at it that he could do it in the Pac-12, just like how [S] JT Woods was running track at Baylor. That's pretty interesting stuff right there."

On the selection of OL Jamaree Salyer:

"He's an interior, more than likely, just based on his dimensions and how he plays. Played tackle in the SEC and really produced pretty well. Big and strong. Was a big recruit out of high school. The fact that he has played five spots is obviously a good feather in his cap, including some center. We'll see where it goes, but that was good, as well."

On if he was surprised that Salyer was not selected prior to the sixth round:

"There are 32 teams in this league. The draft kind of tells you what you are sometimes. For guys like him, and some other guys, don't really worry about when you were drafted, just where did you go and is it a good opportunity to go make the team somewhere? He has a great make-up, great attitude to come in and try and win a job."

On the selection of CB Ja'Sir Taylor:

"Taylor was a two-time captain at Wake Forest — a really good program, [Wake Forest Head Coach] Dave Clawson does a great job there. Really quick, athletic. Can probably play a little inside and outside. We want to keep adding some guys with some really good cover skills to kind of fit what we do, so that's why we went with Ja'Sir."

On if Taylor will play inside or outside:

“He’s done both, so there’s no sense to put a guy in a box before they even get here.”

On the selection of FB Zander Horvath:

“Obviously, a college running back. We’re projecting him at fullback, which is what you have to do with probably 90 percent of the fullbacks coming out of college. Really good size. Tough, rugged, but a good athlete because part of that job is that you have to be on special teams. Come in and compete for a job. Almost everybody at that position, whether you’re making a linebacker turn into a fullback or a running back turning into a fullback, or even some shorter tight ends, we are going to have to project them back there. He has a good make-up for it. That was a fun pick in the seventh round.”

On if Horvath did any lead blocking in college:

“Not a lot. He was basically [former NFL FB] Mike Alstott there.”

On the selection of DB Deane Leonard:

“Another guy with cover skills. You’ve probably heard that a lot the last couple of days. A little taller and longer — six-foot with long arms. Probably play inside and outside. He played Canadian college football for three years, then two years at Mississippi. Ran fast, is quick. He has some cover ability. There will be some good competition in that backfield.”

On if there were any position groups that he wanted to address but were unable to:

“Yeah, a couple. The draft is funny because we’re drafting players more so than just positions. You can’t just go in and say, ‘Hey, look, I want this position, I want that position,’ because it doesn’t work like that. When you’re looking at filling immediate needs, that has to be done either through free agency, trades or developing your own players that you have on your current roster, which are typically players that you’ve drafted the last couple of years. Obviously, your first-round pick, that guy is probably going to fill a need right away. Second round, it’d be nice to have a bigger role, but everybody after that, these are just guys that we hope they can come in, earn a role, play some special teams and then develop into players down the road. These guys aren’t coming into starting roles or really big roles unless they really can earn it in training camp. When we’re drafting, it just has to be the best player there. There are always some drafts that come out of and that you wish some things would have broken differently. This is the second year in a row in the fourth round that we had some guys go off that were tough ones, but you can’t get everybody, it is what it is. That’s kind of the way that it broke down.”

On if he can dispel which position groups that the team was targeting that did not get addressed:

“No [laughter]. We drafted [OLB] Khalil Mack in the second round. That’s not bad, right? We have [OLB] Joey Bosa. We drafted [OLB] Chris Rumph [II] last year. We have a great sack guy from the CFL [OLB Jamal Davis II]. But, I like the mentality, though — just keep adding depth, I like it.”

On if he feels accomplished with the draft culminating:

“It never goes perfect because you can’t control everything, but it was a good weekend of work. This was the biggest pool of players to scout since I’ve been in the league, and I think that a lot of it is because of the pandemic. Our scouting staff, I mean, an incredible amount of work. Our school lists this year were so much bigger than they’ve ever been. [Director of College Scouting] Kevin Kelly and [Director of Pro Personnel] JoJo Wooden kind of managing that thing, and our two guys in-house — [Scouting Assistant] Ethan Brodsky and [Football Operations Intern] Jaylen Bannerman-Oden — and then our scouts on the road, there is a lot of work, more work than the usual draft. Again, everything was detailed, organized, and then you had the coaches work into it. Everything went really well. It’s not perfect, it just can’t be. In the fourth round, some guys went off. Then, we ended up trading those two seventh-round picks for a pick next year, so that worked out pretty well.”

On receiving the 2023 sixth-round pick that was initially dealt to Chicago in the Khalil Mack trade:

“I got my pick back [laughter]. To have that many picks in the seventh round, and we had 10 total picks going in, so just thought that it would be good if we could flip those two for a future pick next year because we were already down one for next year. The fact that it was actually our pick is kind of ironic, I guess.”

On if he told Bears General Manager Ryan Poles that he 'wants his pick back':

"I didn't realize that it was our [2023] sixth [-round selection] until after we had already talked to them. Very ironic."

On the possibility of OL Jamaree Slayer working at right tackle:

"I think he can be a pretty good guard. We're not going to put people in boxes before they even walk on campus here, but the fact that he's played at all five spots is one of the reasons why we drafted him."

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Chargers Head Coach Brandon Staley Day 3 Draft Availability **Saturday, April 30, 2022 ⚡ Hoag Performance Center ⚡ Costa Mesa, Calif.**

On the selection of RB Isaiah Spiller:

"We did a lot of work on the backs in this class and we felt like Isaiah is a really good fit for what we were looking for in a back in this draft. He's a very complete runner. I think that playing in [Texas A&M Head Coach] Jimbo Fisher's offense, that offense really requires a lot of you. It's a very easy transition, I think, to the pro game because it's very much a pro-style offense. He has really good size for the position. He's a six-footer, almost 220 [pounds]. He's started since his freshman year in the No. 1 league in the country [Southeastern Conference]. He's a three-time All-SEC player. I think that he can really see the game. I think that he has really good instincts. You can take a look at the data of making people miss — forced missed tackles, which we take a real close look at. Just felt like he was a really productive player coming from an elite program. You're really seeing him have to navigate some NFL-type runs against NFL-type fronts, being in the SEC West. We're really excited to add him to the group. I think that it's going to create great competition in that room. I was really excited to be able to pick him."

On Spiller's ability in the passing game:

"In Jimbo's offense, not only the protection side of it — he's an excellent pass protector. Mentally, he was responsible for a lot there. He was a three-down back. I think that's what Jimbo would tell you. He never left the field. Then, from a pass-catching standpoint, there was a lot of production in the passing game. From the workouts, you got to see him run a lot of different types of routes that you would see him run in the NFL. A very smooth, natural pass-catcher. Soft hands. I think this is a complete back. We're excited to add him to this group and allow him to compete."

On DL Otito Ogbornia:

"He was a really exciting evaluation. Just from a pure size standpoint, that's really what we're looking for. He's six-foot-four, 325 [pounds]. Has 10-inch hands, 34.5-inch arms. He's a real power player at the point of attack. We did a lot of work on this guy. He had an outstanding Senior Bowl. I think that if you take a look at his Senior Bowl, there were a lot of really competitive reps versus [G] Zion [Johnson] and [Patriots OL] Cole Strange, and a bunch of good players at that all-star game. I thought that he had an outstanding all-star game. Then, just from his game tape, I think that for a big man, you can really see this guy run and chase the football. If you go take a look at the LSU game, the Oregon game, stuff that's on the perimeter, for a guy his size, what stood out to us is that he's a guy that can really chase the football, too. Then, at the [local] pro day, [Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line] Jay Rodgers and [Defensive Assistant] Johnny Timu worked him out and put him through our type of workout. He really aced that part of the process. I think that was a really big factor in us really solidifying our feeling for him, just seeing him live at our local pro day, where we were able to spend some time with him. Just excited about where he can go with his game because he's at the beginning, but he's what we're looking for inside. We're excited to get him in that room with [DL] Sebastian [Joseph-Day] and [DL] Austin [Johnson], two guys that have really established themselves in this league. A guy he can really learn from is [DL] Christian Covington, is a pro's pro. Get him in there with [DL] Jerry [Tillery] and create some competition. I think that was a really good pick for us."

On his level of comfort with the interior defensive line:

"I think that we look at lot closer to what I expect to look like. We're not there yet, but we're a lot closer. I think that the additions in free agency were really big because those two guys are outstanding interior NFL players with real experience. Then, you add in the fact that Christian [Covington] and Jerry [Tillery] have both played in our defense. Then, you have young guys — [DL] Breiden Fehoko, [DL Joe] Graziano, [DL] Andrew Brown coming back, those guys all played for us last year and they've come back a lot bigger, stronger. They know how we expect to play now. Otito [Ogbonnia], from a stylistic standpoint, he probably wasn't a fit for everybody in the draft, but he was a really good fit for us. We did a lot of quality research on him and I think that he's going to fit right in. It's always a difficult transition inside in the NFL, no matter what side of the ball that you're on, but we're excited to get him in here and see what he can do."

On the selection of OL Jamaree Salyer:

"Super excited about this guy. We held this guy in really high regard. He was at the University of Georgia, a National Champion. Beyond that, where he played for them, he started for two years at tackle and inside. You were able to see him against the best in the country. The way he played against Michigan [in the College Football Playoff], against those two rushers that were both first-round-caliber rushers — certainly, [Lions DE Aidan] Hutchinson, the second pick in the draft, and [Ravens DE David] Ojabo, he would have been a top-20 pick, or something like that. You were able to see him operate. Just in that league alone, I think that it was a really pure evaluation. He has size. He has real toughness. Heavy hands. He's really smart. I have a great relationship with [Georgia Head Coach] Kirby Smart and that group of coaches — so much respect for them — and that's what we're looking for, we're looking to join up with guys that have been champions in really, really tough environments. He's blocked like 10 first-rounders his whole career, so every day in practice, you're able to get a full measure of where you stand. I think that it was an outstanding pick for us. Great value. He just adds to the depth of our front. I'm really excited about how our O-line looks right now."

On the potential of Salyer playing right tackle:

"Probably not to start out with, but just the fact that he has played there, I think that is a winning edge. He also snapped at the Senior Bowl, and I think that is a characteristic of a lot of the guys that we have taken. We've been able to see that flex. You know how it goes in the season, you normally keep eight [offensive linemen] on gameday and you need that flexibility. We've seen him block a lot of good players in a lot of different positions. That was a big part of the evaluation for us. We're excited about him."

On the selections of CB Ja'Sir Taylor and DB Deane Leonard:

"Ja'Sir Taylor was a guy that, from a defensive perspective and a kicking game perspective, we just felt like we really knew the guy. I think [Area Scout] James McPherson, our area scout who is a former Demon Deacon quarterback, we were able to get some inside knowledge on him. He was here on a 30 visit. He also had a private workout. Just felt like we knew a lot about him. He's a two-time captain there. He also was a kickoff returner. He had a kickoff returned for a touchdown this year versus Old Dominion. I just think that you're getting a DB with good dimensions. He's five-foot-11, 190 [pounds]. 4.4 [40-yard dash]. 37-inch vertical [jump]. Ball skills. He's played inside and outside for Wake [Forest]. Just feel like he's a DB, a guy that we'd like to join up with. We'll see where it goes. [Special Teams Coordinator] Ryan Ficken and [Assistant Special Teams Coach] Chris Gould, also, did a lot of work on him from a special teams standpoint as a returner in the core unit. I think that he will give us some good depth there. Then, we were able to get Deane Leonard from Ole Miss at the end there. We did a lot of work on the end of this draft because we had so many picks in the last two rounds. We did a ton of work. In the secondary, there were guys that you can find there late if you do the work. [Defensive Coordinator] Renaldo Hill, [Secondary Coach] Derrick Ansley, [Assistant Secondary Coach] Tommy Donatell, our scouts, we just did a ton of work on the back end of the draft. Deane had a lot of good things to join up with. He started out in Canada at [the University of] Calgary and played really, really well there, and then transferred to Ole Miss. You're getting to see him against the best in the country each and every week. He's six-foot, 190 [pounds]. Ran a really low 4.4 [40-yard dash]. He's smooth in transition. He did play some inside. Really good in run support. Probably similar to [DB] Mark Webb [Jr.] last year, just has a lot of traits that we feel like really translate to the National Football League. We'll see where it goes."

On the selection FB Zander Horvath:

“We were able to get him at the end. He’s a really intriguing prospect. He’s a guy that has a lot of versatility; running the football, catching the football, blocking, special teams, he has a pro body and we’re just going to figure it out. I think starting him out at fullback and giving us a real look in a two-back role, but then, as a core special teams guy, just in that mold. This guy did a lot for Purdue. You were able to see him in a lot of different roles for those guys. [Purdue Head Coach] Jeff Brohm does a great job coaching on offense. You were also able to see this guy in the kicking game and he worked out really well. So, just excited to see where it goes with him, but really a quality player.”

On if there are any position groups he’d like to still address:

“We have some guys working right now in the undrafted free agent role with the rookie class. I think what we’re trying to do with the positions that you feel like can help your team out, just trying to onboard some guys that you feel like can compete and possibly earn a roster spot. I think we’re selectively kind of going through that right now. Like I said, we did so much work on the back half of the draft, I think we’re going to probably be able to join up with some good players. Last year, we had several undrafted guys end up making it for us and being a part of our team, whether it was the active roster, practice squad. I’m excited to see how this shakes out. It’s still going on right now. Then, after the draft, there’s still a veteran market right now. A lot of the veteran guys were kind of staying patient, waiting until after the draft to see how these rosters take shape, so now there will be another wave here in the springtime of veteran free agency. We’ll see where that goes, too.”

On the depth at the EDGE/outside linebacker:

“We went into the draft and if that was a part of the equation, then we would’ve selected a rusher, it just didn’t quite work out that way. So, to kind of fill out the depth of that position, we’re going to have to look elsewhere. The second phase, whether it’s the undrafted free agency right now or veteran free agency or before the first game — sometime during training camp — that’ll probably happen at one of those three junctures.”

On the wide receiver group:

“We really like our receiving corps. I know I sure do. I think that we have one of the top receiving corps in the NFL. Going into the draft, we stacked that position heavily. We definitely did all of the work on it, but we were definitely going to take the best player approaching this draft and it just didn’t work out that way. I think the flexibility that we have with the group that we have when you have guys like [WR] Keenan [Allen] and [WR] Mike [Williams] leading the way, two of the premium receivers in the league and then, last year, I think we saw how special [WR] Josh Palmer can be and [WR] Jalen Guyton has been a quality player here for two years now and he’s getting better coming back, we were able to onboard [WR] DeAndre Carter, who’s played receiver in this league, on top of being a returner. He’s actually played receiver at a high level. We’ll see where that goes at that position here in undrafted free agency and then see if we join up with someone later on. In our skill position players — receivers, tight ends, backs — I think we have a pretty complete unit right now.”

On if he heard from any of the current players about the draft class:

“Yeah, I got [S] Derwin James [Jr.]. He played for [Texas A&M Head Coach] Jimbo Fisher at Florida State, so he signed off on Isaiah Spiller in a big way. Derwin had to go play against that offense every single day, so he was saying, ‘You know that if you can play all three downs for Jimbo that you’re a legit guy.’ So, I got something from Derwin that way. The Georgia guys, I was talking to [Georgia Head Coach] Kirby Smart. I spoke at Georgia’s clinic in the springtime and I think that relationship has gone a long way. I was really picking [OL] Jamaree [Salyer] in this draft. I felt like I knew a lot about him, just going to talk with Kirby and then going through this draft process. I think we have a lot of Georgia guys on our team and that’s a good sign because they’re the best team in the country right now. So, the fact that you can get [TE] Tre’ [McKitty] and [DB] Mark [Webb Jr.] in last year’s class, we get Jamaree in this year’s class, I like that because that league is the best league in the country. There’s a reason why more people are drafted in that league than any other — these guys have been through the fire. I was able to talk to the Georgia guys, Mark and Tre’, about Jamaree, too.”

On how the roster has improved:

“Well, I think from the last game we played to now, we’re certainly a much different looking football team. We haven’t gone out there on the field yet, but it’s getting there, for sure. I think [General Manager] Tom Telesco and [Director of Player Personnel] JoJo Wooden, [Director of College Scouting] Kevin Kelly, our scouts deserve so much credit for all the work that we’ve done this offseason from the draft process and then [Owner and Chairman of the Board] Dean and [President of Football Operations] John Spanos leading the way, starting with the trades all the way to free agency to now, it’s been a team effort. I think that today was a culmination of all that hard work. It never ends in the NFL. Today was an ending, tomorrow is a beginning. There’s going to be more work to do onboarding players and there is a lot of time between now and our first game. There’s a long time between now and when we play. So, we’re always going to be trying to find that winning edge. I really like the team that we have in front of us right now and Monday, when we’ll be in meetings, it’s going to be exciting to see that group in person.”

On the depth at cornerback:

“I’m glad that we were able to draft a couple of guys because I feel like those guys really give us quality depth. I think the way we look at corner, we’re bringing back [CB] Asante [Samuel Jr.], TC [CB Tevaughn Campbell], Vato [CB Michael Davis] and then you onboard [CB] J.C. [Jackson], you have a good group coming back. We have Keman Hall coming back, who we have a really high opinion of. You get these two guys in the draft. Then, you have to remember with the way our safety group is, a lot of those guys have slot characteristics. So, you’re picking up almost extra corners with a Mark Webb, with a Derwin James with [S] Nas Adderley with a [S] JT Woods — you’re picking up slot flexibility. Again, I feel really good about where our DB group is at. I’m excited to see those guys compete, kind of build off that group that we had last year. I know that they’re going to play a lot better. Last year, we ended up playing a ton of corners because everybody was going down with injuries, but when our main guys were out there, we were tough to play against, so we’re excited to see that group come back. I liked what we did in the draft, so we’ll see how it goes.”

On if his looks for ball hawks and speed in a defensive back:

“In the secondary, you’re really looking for guys who can play man-to-man. It’s different, whether you’re playing corner or safety, but guys who can play man-to-man, guys who can play the ball in the deep part of the field and guys who are open-field tacklers. Then, we’re looking for that position flexibility if you can get it because that makes you a much more diverse secondary group. I think that the theme with all of these guys that we drafted in the last two years and that we’ve acquired in free agency is they can get the ball because that’s where it is in the NFL. You have to be able to take the ball away and the more guys that you can onboard that have ball skills, you increase your odds. We’re excited to work with this group and, hopefully, we’ll add a couple of guys in undrafted free agency that can help us, too.”