



WRITERS' MOCK DRAFT

Pick	Team	Player	Pos.	School	Writer making selection	Writer's comment	Other needs
1.		Luke Joeckel	T	Texas A&M	Adam Teicher <i>Kansas City Star</i>	This is an excellent chance for the Chiefs to secure their franchise tackle for the long term.	ILB, S
2.		Sharrif Floyd	DT	Florida	Vito Stellino <i>Florida Times-Union</i>	The Jaguars are desperate to upgrade their defensive line so Floyd would be a good fit, especially with no franchise QBs available in this draft.	QB, RT, DB
3.		Dee Milliner	CB	Alabama	Bill Williamson <i>ESPN.com</i>	The Raiders would jump on Floyd here if available but they need talent at cornerback. Milliner would be a great start	S, DL, OL, TE
4.		Eric Fisher	T	Central Michigan	Dave Spadaro <i>Philadelphiaeagles.com</i>	A strong offseason has solidified Fisher's stock and the Eagles could use another piece for an offensive line that was decimated by injury in 2012.	CB, WR, DL
5.		Ziggy Ansah	DE	BYU	Chris McCosky <i>Detroit News</i>	The Lions choice here will be between the best pass rusher on the board and the third best left tackle. In this scenario, it's an easy call.	T, CB, WR, DT
6.		Geno Smith	QB	West Virginia	Mary Kay Cabot <i>Cleveland Plain Dealer</i>	Not sure if the Browns would go with the quarterback here but if they don't somebody else will.	WR, DL, DB
7.		Chance Warmack	G	Alabama	Darren Urban <i>azcardinals.com</i>	At this point the Cardinals seem headed for an offensive lineman, and while tackle would be nice, Warmack has a chance to be a long-time Pro Bowler.	OLB, S, OL
8.		E.J. Manuel	QB	Florida State	Chris Brown <i>Buffalobills.com</i>	Despite the addition of Kevin Kolb the Bills still need a long-term future QB. Manuel has flaws, but fantastic physical tools and intangibles.	LB, CB, WR
9.		Dion Jordan	OLB	Oregon	Rich Cimini <i>ESPNNewYork.com</i>	The Jets desperately need an edge rusher for their pass rush, which needs an upgrade — especially if their best defender Darrelle Revis is traded.	G, TE, RB
10.		Barkevious Mingo	OLB	LSU	Jim Wyatt <i>The Tennessean</i>	The Titans ignored pass rushing help in free agency, so Mingo would fill a remaining need.	G, C, CB
11.		Lane Johnson	T	Oklahoma	Michael Gehlken <i>San Diego Union Tribune</i>	Philip Rivers hasn't been protected well for years and the selection of Johnson should help correct that.	DB, DL, WR
12.		Tavon Austin	WR	West Virginia	Ben Volin <i>Palm Beach Post</i>	The Dolphins still could use more playmakers to help Ryan Tannehill, and race to the podium to grab Austin, the most electrifying player in the draft.	T, CB, TE, DE
13.		Xavier Rhodes	CB	Florida State	Pat Yasinskas <i>ESPN.com</i>	Bucs have a desperate need at CB after ranking last in pass defense. Even if they trade for Darrelle Revis, they need to add more than one CB.	DT, OLB, TE
14.		Sheldon Richardson	DT	Missouri	Pat Yasinskas <i>ESPN.com</i>	Panthers haven't had much of a presence in the middle of the line since Kris Jenkins departed after the 2007 season. Richardson would fix that.	CB, S, WR, T
15.		Jarvis Jones	LB	Georgia	Pat Yasinskas <i>ESPN.com</i>	Would give the Saints some much-needed athleticism at OLB as they make the switch to a 3-4 defense with new coordinator Rob Ryan.	T, DT, CB
16.		Matt Elam	S	Florida	Howard Balzer <i>The Sports Xchange/101sports.com</i>	Both starting safeties from 2012, Quintin Mikell and Craig Dahl, are gone and this is the best value with Tavon Austin off the board.	WR, RB, DT
17.		D. J. Fluker	T	Alabama	Aaron Wilson <i>Baltimore Sun</i>	They could use a tackle and like Alabama players. Fluker is a road-grader, and would be a nice fit in AFC North, as would G Jonathan Cooper.	OL, TE, LB
18.		Jonathan Cooper	G	North Carolina	Todd Archer <i>ESPNDallas.com</i>	The Cowboys need all the help they can get on the offensive line and Cooper would be just the second first-round OL since Jerry Jones took over.	S, DL, WR
19.		Bjoern Werner	DE	Florida State	Ralph Vacchiano <i>New York Daily News</i>	With Osi Umenyiora gone and Justin Tuck on a downward spiral, the Giants need a young pass rusher to take some pressure off Jason Pierre-Paul.	LB, OL, CB
20.		Desmond Trufant	CB	Washington	Brad Biggs <i>Chicago Tribune</i>	GM Phil Emery has put the pick up for sale, announcing he wants to trade down. If Bears stay put, look for them to add a building block on defense.	LB, G
21.		Kenny Vaccaro	S	Texas	Geoff Hobson <i>Bengals.com</i>	Bengals look to shore up secondary for a developing defense and Vaccaro could be a step in that direction.	LB, OL, DB
22.		Star Lotulelei	DT	Utah	Howard Balzer <i>The Sports Xchange/101sports.com</i>	Rams would be thrilled if Lotulelei drops this far. Assuming his heart issue is not a concern, he would be a steal at this point.	RB, WR, CB
23.		Cordarrelle Patterson	WR	Tennessee	Mel Kiper <i>ESPN.com</i>	Vikings badly need a WR and in Patterson they get maybe the highest-upside projection on the board. Patterson is electric with the ball in his hands.	WR, LB, DB
24.		Keenan Allen	WR	California	Mike Chappell <i>Indianapolis Star</i>	The Colts would love to add some weapons for Andrew Luck and Allen is as well-rounded a receiver as there is in this draft.	DL, CB, S
25.		Kevin Minter	LB	LSU	Mel Kiper <i>ESPN.com</i>	Vikings have a huge need at middle linebacker and Minter could step in and play immediately. Manti T'eo and Alec Ogletree are possibilities as well.	WR, LB, DB
26.		Margus Hunt	DE	SMU	Bill Huber <i>Packer Report</i>	The Packers are looking for length up front and the 6-8 native of Estonia provides that and a lot of upside — not to mention 17 blocked kicks.	S, TE, WR
27.		DeAndre Hopkins	WR	Clemson	John McClain <i>Houston Chronicle</i>	The Texans desperately need some weapons on offense and Hopkins will take some of the pressure off an aging Andre Johnson.	T, OLB, ILB
28.		D.J. Hayden	CB	Houston	Mel Kiper <i>ESPN.com</i>	Hayden has shot up draft boards thanks to some excellent pre-draft workouts and the Broncos will jump at the chance to improve secondary.	RB, DL, S
29.		Datone Jones	DE	UCLA	PFW Staff	A bit of a 'tweener but his upside could cause the Patriots to take a look. Jones isn't a pure pass rusher but he can be effective in that role.	WR, CB, DT
30.		Kyle Long	OL	Oregon	Mel Kiper <i>ESPN.com</i>	Long is a very good athlete with power who gives the Falcons options with his experience playing guard and tackle.	DE, OL, TE
31.		Eric Reid	S	LSU	Rob Rang <i>NFLDraftScout.com</i>	The Niners still need some help in the secondary even with the acquisition of Nnamdi Asmougha and Reid should help replace Dashon Goldson	DL, CB, TE
32.		Alec Ogletree	LB	Georgia	Aaron Wilson <i>Baltimore Sun</i>	The Ravens lost some personnel on defense but Ozzie Newsome is used to replenishing through the draft. Ogletree is the next in a long line.	LB, OL, S