



2007 NFL DRAFT DAY NOTES

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMON DRAFT

THE 2007 NFL DRAFT marks the 40th year of the “common draft,” when the NFL and American Football League started drafting as one (March 14, 1967; **DT BUBBA SMITH** of Michigan State selected No. 1 overall by Baltimore).

Colleges with the most first-round picks in the past 40 years: USC, 56; Miami (Fla.), 52; Ohio State, 48; Notre Dame, 34; Florida, 33; Florida State, 33; Tennessee, 32; Michigan, 30; Penn State, 30; and Texas, 28.

JA MARCUS RUSSELL NOTES

WITH HIS SELECTION today by Oakland as the No. 1 pick in the draft, quarterback **JA MARCUS RUSSELL** becomes the second LSU player in history to be taken No. 1 overall. LSU running back **BILLY CANNON** was selected first by the Los Angeles Rams in 1960.

RUSSELL becomes the sixth SEC quarterback to be chosen No. 1 overall, and the second in the past four years:

SEC NO. 1s

YEAR	QUARTERBACK	SCHOOL	TEAM
1948	Harry Gilmer	Alabama	Washington
1952	Billy Wade	Vanderbilt	L.A. Rams
1998	Peyton Manning	Tennessee	Indianapolis
1999	Tim Couch	Kentucky	Cleveland
2004	Eli Manning	Mississippi	San Diego
2007	JaMarcus Russell	LSU	Oakland

RUSSELL'S SELECTION marks the fourth year in a row that LSU has had a player taken in the first round:

TIGER TAKES

YEAR	LSU PLAYER	TEAM	OVERALL
2004	WR Michael Clayton	Tampa Bay	No. 15
2005	DE Marcus Spears	Dallas	No. 20
2006	RB Joseph Addai	Indianapolis	No. 30
2007	QB JaMarcus Russell	Oakland	No. 1

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QUARTERBACKS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN No. 1 overall in eight of the past 10 drafts, starting with another SEC quarterback, **PEYTON MANNING** of Tennessee, in 1998.

RUSSELL & DOMINO: JaMarcus Russell came to the aid of Rock and Roll Hall of Famer **FATS DOMINO** during Hurricane Katrina in September 2005.

Domino, his wife Rosemary and their two daughters stayed in their home during the hurricane in the city's low-lying 9th Ward for as long as they could before they had to be evacuated by rowboat. They were taken to a shelter in Baton Rouge – at which point they were picked up by Russell.

The tie-in? The family of Russell's girlfriend was friends with Domino's family. Fats and family joined the 15 other evacuees already in Russell's two-room apartment. "Fats just stayed at my apartment, rested, and watched the news," says Russell. "I had people sleeping on the floor, the couch, everywhere. It was pretty crazy."

And it will never be forgotten by Fats Domino. "Without JaMarcus, it would have been even worse," he says.

CALVIN JOHNSON'S SELECTION by Detroit with the No. 2 choice in the draft marks the highest pick ever for a Georgia Tech player:

RAMBLIN' WRECK'S FIRST-ROUNDERS

YEAR	PLAYER	POSITION	TEAM	OVERALL
1945	Eddie Prokop	B	Boston Yanks	4
1955	Larry Morris	C	L.A. Rams	7
1963	Rufus Guthrie	G	L.A. Rams	10
1979	Eddie Lee Ivery	RB	Green Bay	15
1979	Kent Hill	T	L.A. Rams	26
1992	Marco Coleman	DE	Miami	12
1998	Keith Brooking	LB	Atlanta	12
2007	<i>Calvin Johnson</i>	<i>WR</i>	<i>Detroit</i>	2

TWO TACKLES, TOP FIVE: It has been almost 40 years (1968) since at least two tackles were drafted in the first five picks, as they were today. And that sequence has happened only three times in history. In 1963, three tackles were taken in the first five selections. The rundown:

YEAR	TACKLE	COLLEGE	TEAM	OVERALL
1963	Jim Dunaway	Mississippi	Minnesota	3
	Ed Budde	Michigan State	Philadelphia	4
	Bob Vogel	Ohio State	Baltimore	5
1968	Ron Yary	USC	Minnesota	1
	Russ Washington	Missouri	San Diego	4
2007	<i>Joe Thomas</i>	<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>	3
	<i>Levi Brown</i>	<i>Penn State</i>	<i>Arizona</i>	5

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TOP 10 TIGER: Clemson defensive end **GAINES ADAMS** today tied for the highest pick in Tiger history. Adams was chosen No. 4 overall by Tampa Bay, tying LSU halfback **BANKS MC FADDEN**, who was taken No. 4 in 1940 by the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Highest picks in Clemson history:

YEAR	PLAYER	POSITION	TEAM	OVERALL
1940	Banks McFadden	B	Dodgers	4
1979	Jerry Butler	WR	Buffalo	5
1982	Jeff Bryant	DE	Seattle	6
1949	Bobby Gage	B	Pittsburgh	6
1983	Terry Kinard	DB	N.Y. Giants	10
2007	Gaines Adams	DE	Tampa Bay	4

OKOYE'S A YOUNG 'UN!: With his selection by Houston with the 10th pick in today's draft, Louisville defensive tackle **AMOBİ OKOYE** – at 19 years old -- becomes the youngest first-round draft choice since 1967, the first year of the common draft.

On Kickoff Sunday (September 9), if Okoye appears in a game, he will become the youngest NFL player since '67.

The top five in each category (since 1967):

YOUNG AMOBİ

YOUNGEST FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICKS			YOUNGEST TO PLAY IN AN NFL GAME		
Player	Season	Years/Days	Player	Season	Years/Days
DT Amobi Okoye, Hou.	2007	19/322	DT Amobi Okoye, Hou.	2007	20/91
LB Jamir Miller, Ariz.	1994	20/156	T Jamie Nails, Buff.	1997	20/110
CB DeAngelo Hall, Atl.	2004	20/157	DT Randy Starks, Tenn.	2004	20/272
WR Reidel Anthony, TB	1997	20/181	TE Jean Fugett, Dallas	1972	20/276
RB Walter Payton, Chi.	1975	20/187	RB David Nelson, Minn.	1984	20/284

AN LSU QUARTET: Louisiana State had one first-rounder chosen in each of the past three drafts. Today they had four first-rounders in one draft. That is the most in Tiger history, besting their three first-round picks of 1951.

Most first-round selections in LSU history:

YEAR	PLAYER	TEAM	OVERALL
1951	QB Y.A. Tittle	San Francisco	3
	HB Ebert VanBuren	Philadelphia	7
	DB Ken Konz	Cleveland	14
2007	QB JaMarcus Russell	Oakland	1
	S LaRon Landry	Washington	6
	WR Dwayne Bowe	Kansas City	23
	WR Craig Davis	San Diego	30

FIRST-ROUND RECORD: Today's first round took six hours and eight minutes, the longest since the advent of the common draft in 1967. Today topped the previous first-round record of five hours, 48 minutes in 2002.

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QUINN GOES BACK HOME: With his selection by the Cleveland Browns with the 22nd pick in the first round, Notre Dame quarterback **BRADY QUINN** is "returning home."

Quinn was raised in Dublin, Ohio ("A great place to grow up," he says) – 139 miles from Cleveland – as a big-time Browns fan. When he visited the Browns on April 5, he said that he wanted to play for his hometown team. He even wore an orange shirt to show his colors.

On March 4, Browns head coach **ROMEO CRENNEL** – who coached with Notre Dame coach **CHARLIE WEIS** at New England – was at Quinn's pro day in South Bend and was impressed.

"He's a polished quarterback," said Crennel. "He's smart. When you watch him on tape, you can see he knows where to go with the ball. He will, at times, throw it away when he has to, so we think he's a good, young prospect."

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CENTRAL MICHIGAN GOES HIGH: The Chippewas have a first-rounder. Central Michigan tackle **JOE STALEY** was chosen today by San Francisco with the 28th pick of the first round – the first first-rounder in school history.

The highest-drafted player in Central Michigan history before today was defensive back **JIM BOWMAN** by New England in 1985 in the second round with the 52nd pick overall.

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FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, seven defensive backs were chosen in the first round, tying for the most ever in a draft, along with 1998.

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OHIO STATE ON TOP!: With the selection of wide receivers **TED GINN** by Miami at No. 9 overall and **ANTHONY GONZALEZ** by Indianapolis at No. 32, Ohio State now moves into first place with the most first-round draft choices in history – 66.

Colleges with the most first-round selections in history:

COLLEGE	FIRST-ROUND PICKS
Ohio State	66
USC	65
Miami	61
Notre Dame	61
Florida	42
Michigan	42
Tennessee	38
Texas	38

