



## Ryan, Kevin, and Mark's 2009 Draft Report

Welcome, Browns fans, to the 2009 edition of the Draft Report. 2008 was supposed to be our Christmas morning. Perhaps the most eagerly anticipated Browns season since the return in 1999, we thought everything was lined up for the Browns to contend for the division and conference championship. A strong offense would only get stronger with the addition of Donte Stallworth, and 5 prime time games portended good things for the orange and brown.

Well, you know how it went. We came downstairs on Christmas morning to find that the Grinch had taken all of our presents and Romeo ate the Who Roast Beast. Donte' Stallworth proved to be more fra-geel-lay than an Italian leg lamp and the Browns were the worst thing on primetime since the first season of "Joey". Exit Romeo and Phil, enter the Mangenius.

So here we are again with another new coach telling us that it will take time to build and that we have to be patient. We're now working on our fourth "three year plan" in the last ten years, if anyone was keeping count. I don't know if it is because it is spring and anything is possible, or because LeBron has changed us, or just because of all of this cough syrup(translated Tequila) we've been drinking, but we remain optimistic.

Due to high demand fro the publication, high expectations, and more importantly...laziness, Ryan and Kevin have hired an intern to contribute to this years draft report. We are happy to welcome a young man out of Pepper Pike, Ohio who is the long time webmaster and musical director of the Draft Report, former lead singer of Samson, and the proprietor of [www.metcalfupthemiddle.blogspot.com](http://www.metcalfupthemiddle.blogspot.com) (where you can find this year's Report online), Mark brings a new voice (and hopefully some new jokes) to the table. Welcome Mark. The jury is still out on whether his contributions will be up

to the high standards we set for ourselves, so next year we will be accepting resumes and writing samples for contributing writers. If you are interested please send a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and results from a urine sample to.....[ryanandkevindraftreport@gmail.com](mailto:ryanandkevindraftreport@gmail.com)

This year's report is dedicated to Eric Turner, Eddie "No Neck" Johnson, Dante Lavelli and Don Rogers.

### Kevin's Mock Draft:

<b>Team</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>POS</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>1 Detroit</b>	<b>Matthew Stafford</b>	<b>QB</b>	<b>Georgia</b>
<b>2 St. Louis</b>	<b>Jason Smith</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Baylor</b>
<b>3 Kansas City</b>	<b>Eugene Monroe</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Virginia</b>
<b>4 Seattle</b>	<b>Mark Sanchez</b>	<b>QB</b>	<b>USC</b>
<b>5 Cleveland</b>	<b>Aaron Curry</b>	<b>OLB</b>	<b>Wake Forest</b>
<b>6 Cincinnati</b>	<b>Andre Smith</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Alabama</b>
<b>7 Oakland</b>	<b>Michael Crabtree</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>Texas Tech</b>
<b>8 Jacksonville</b>	<b>Jeremy Maclin</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>Missouri</b>
<b>9 Green Bay</b>	<b>Brian Orakpo</b>	<b>DE</b>	<b>Texas</b>
<b>10 San Francisco</b>	<b>Malcolm Jenkins</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>
<b>11 Buffalo</b>	<b>Brandon Pettigrew</b>	<b>TE</b>	<b>Okla St.</b>
<b>12 Denver</b>	<b>Aaron Maybin</b>	<b>OLB</b>	<b>Penn State</b>
<b>13 Washington</b>	<b>Tyson Jackson</b>	<b>DE</b>	<b>LSU</b>
<b>14 New Orleans</b>	<b>Brian Cushing</b>	<b>OLB</b>	<b>USC</b>
<b>15 Houston</b>	<b>BJ Raji</b>	<b>DT</b>	<b>Boston College</b>
<b>16 San Diego</b>	<b>Michael Oher</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Ole Miss</b>
<b>17 New York Jets</b>	<b>Josh Freeman</b>	<b>QB</b>	<b>Kansas St.</b>
<b>18 Denver (from Chicago)</b>	<b>Knowshon Moreno</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>Georgia</b>
<b>19 Tampa Bay</b>	<b>Everitte Brown</b>	<b>DE</b>	<b>FSU</b>
<b>20 Detroit (from Dallas)</b>	<b>Rey Mauluga</b>	<b>MLB</b>	<b>USC</b>
<b>21 Philadelphia</b>	<b>Beanie Wells</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>OSU</b>
<b>22 Minnesota</b>	<b>Hakim Nicks</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>UNC</b>
<b>23 New England</b>	<b>Clay Matthews</b>	<b>OLB</b>	<b>USC</b>
<b>24 Atlanta</b>	<b>Robert Ayers</b>	<b>DE</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>
<b>25 Miami</b>	<b>Darius Butler</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>UCONN</b>
<b>26 Baltimore</b>	<b>Darrius Heyward-Bet</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>Maryland</b>
<b>27 Indianapolis</b>	<b>Ziggy Hood</b>	<b>DT/DE</b>	<b>Mizzou</b>
<b>28 Philadelphia (from Carolina)</b>	<b>Phil Loadholt</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Alabama</b>

29 New York Giants	<b>Kenny Britt</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>Rutgers</b>
30 Tennessee	<b>Percy Harvin</b>	<b>WR</b>	Florida
31 Arizona	<b>Donald Brown</b>	<b>RB</b>	UCONN
32 Pittsburgh	<b>Duke Robinson</b>	<b>OG</b>	Alabama

## Ryan's Mock Draft

- 1. Detroit:** Matthew Stafford, QB, Georgia.
- 2. St. Louis:** Jason Smith, OT, Baylor
- 3. Kansas City:** Aaron Curry, OLB, Wake Forest.
- 4. Seattle:** Mark Sanchez, QB, USC.
- 5. Cleveland:** Michael Crabtree, WR, Texas Tech.
- 6. Cincinnati:** Beanie Wells, HB, Ohio State.
- 7. Oakland:** Jeremy Maclin, WR, Missouri.
- 8. Jacksonville:** Eugene Monroe, OT, Virginia.
- 9. Green Bay:** Malcolm Jenkins, CB, Ohio State
- 10. San Francisco:** Andre Smith, OT, Alabama.
- 11. Buffalo:** Tyson Jackson, DE, LSU.
- 12. Denver:** B.J. Raji, DT, Boston College.
- 13. Washington:** Aaron Maybin, DE, Penn State.
- 14. New Orleans:** Robert Ayers, DE, Tennessee.
- 15. Houston:** Brian Orakpo, DE, Texas.

- 16. San Diego:** Knowshon Moreno, HB, Georgia.
- 17. NY Jets:** Percy Harvin, WR, Florida.
- 18. Denver:** Josh Freeman, QB, Kansas State
- 19. Tampa Bay:** Brian Cushing, OLB, USC.
- 20. Detroit:** Peria Jerry, DT, Mississippi.
- 21. Philadelphia:** Michael Oher, OT, Mississippi.
- 22. Minnesota:** Darrius Heyward-Bey, WR, Maryland.
- 23. New England:** Rey Mauualuga, MLB, USC.
- 24. Atlanta:** Vontae Davis, CB, Illinois.
- 25. Miami:** Clay Matthews, OLB, USC.
- 26. Baltimore:** Brandon Pettigrew, TE, Oklahoma State.
- 27. Indianapolis:** Ziggy Hood, DT, Missouri.
- 28. Buffalo:** Eben Britton, OT, Arizona.
- 29. NY Giants:** Kenny Britt, WR, Rutgers.
- 30. Tennessee:** James Laurinaitis, MLB, Ohio State.
- 31. Arizona:** Donald Brown, RB, Connecticut.
- 32. Pittsburgh:** Eric Wood, C, Louisville.

## Quarterback

### **Current Situation:**

One of the classic battles of all time.... Good vs Evil, Seinfeld vs. Newman, Notorious BIG vs. Tupac, Heidi vs. LC, and now Derek Anderson vs. Brady Quinn. In Cleveland, everybody is taking sides on this one, and most of the fan base seems to be falling on the side of Brady Quinn. The support for Brady Quinn is widespread throughout the shores of Lake Erie, along with raw sewage and syringes.

If this sounds like the same Quarterback Situation from last years report....it's because it is. A year later, and everybody who supports the Browns is ready for Brady Quinn to take the reigns accept Manigini and Kokinos. They haven't exactly won the fans over quite yet, so starting Anderson would be as wise a decision as letting Lindsay Lohan baby-sit your children. Last year, it was clear that Romeo wanted his guy, Anderson to be the QB. He stuck with him through a very difficult start, literally torturing the fans as they called for Brady Quinn. Romeo was forced to insert Quinn who after some decent starts broke his finger and was shelved for the rest of the season. Re-Insert Derrick Anderson. Anderson was unceremoniously sacked late in the Indy game (sadly to some cheers from some fans), leading to a season ending injury.....and then the Ken Dorsey era began. Ken Dorsey provided the Browns with perhaps the worst display of football at the quarterback position in over a decade. Were talking about worse than the likes of Spergeon Wynn, Doug Peterson, Ty Detmer, Tim Couch, and Luke Mccown. I thought being able to complete a 10 yard out was a prerequisite for a professional quarterback. How that guy won 38 games in college is beyond me. When Dorsey got hurt, in came Bruce Gradkowski, who unless NFL Europe is resurrected (Mason Unk and Felipe Claybrooks are still holding out hopes), will never play another down of professional football. The Browns are seriously considering trading Quinn and picking Sanchez at the 5 spot. I am not sure how trading away a QB with first round talent, 2 years under his belt in the league, and as beloved (and as dreamy) as any player in Browns history accept maybe this guy



and Bernie Kosar (Just be glad I don't have any pictures of Bernie in nothing but satin sheets) for another rookie Quarterback with first round talent, only 16 college games to his credit and no NFL experience. Anyway, it seems Mangini is hellbent on pissing off the fans, so don't be surprised if BQ is traded on draft day, Sanchez is the pick at 5, and Derrick Anderson is your day 1 starting QB. Man, I thought the guy selling luxury boxes at Cleveland Browns Stadium had it tough after we traded Winslow. He'd have a better chance selling Hustler in Boystown than luxury seats at the stadium if that scenario is realized. Lets hope I'm not repeating myself in 2010 and a starting QB takes control of this team.

### Top Players Available:

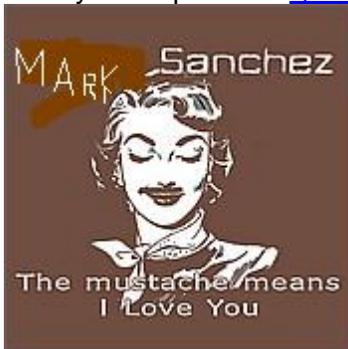
1. Matt Stafford	6-2, 225	Georgia
2. Mark Sanchez	6-2, 227	Southern California
3. Josh Freeman	6-6, 248	Kansas State
4. Pat White	6-0, 197	West Virginia (WR)
5. Stephen McGee	6-3, 225	Texas A&M
6. Rhett Bomar	6-2, 225	Sam Houston State (O)
7. Tom Brandstater	6-5, 220	Fresno State
8. Nate Davis	6-1.5, 226	Ball State
9. John Parker Wilson	6-1.5, 219	Alabama
10. Brian Hoyer	6-2, 215	Michigan State
11. Nathan Brown	6-0.5, 219	Central Arkansas
12. Hunter Cantwell	6-4.5, 235	Louisville
13. Graham Harrell	6-2, 223	Texas Tech
14. Curtis Painter	6-3, 225	Purdue
15. Mike Reilly	6-4, 214	Central Washington

## Players of Interest to Cleveland:

### Mark Sanchez 6-2,227 USC

In recent days, the name Mark Sanchez has been mentioned more and more with the Cleveland Browns as Brady Quinn to the Jets trade rumors have heated up. While I am excited for the kids ability, I am more excited for the vendors on the East 6<sup>th</sup> Bridge, in the Pit, and the Muni lot. Imagine the possible sales from Dirty Sanchez t-shirts sold in brown. Just picture a dozen girls from Parma with tight fitting t shirts that say:

**Matt Sanchez: The Mustache means we Love You** hitting the West 6<sup>th</sup> bars post game. Talk about a lay-up. I may start printing these things now just in case. Please send your inquiries to [ryanandkevindrafftreport@gmail.com](mailto:ryanandkevindrafftreport@gmail.com). Limit 2 per customer.



Realistically, if the Browns draft Sanchez, they will get a top prospect with the NFL skills and intangibles to be a franchise quarterback. He only started a short time at USC which worries some scouts and excites others who are intrigued by the fact he was so successful so fast. Sanchez is the talk of many rumors, and many teams are looking to trade up to get him. Don't be surprised if the Browns are amongst the teams at the heart of the rumors.

### Brian Hoyer 6-2 215 Michigan State

Any player that lists there two favorite players as Eric Metcalf and Bernie Kosar immediately increase their skill set in my book. That is just how Hoyer answered when asked who his favorite players were growing up during an interview at the East West Shrine Game. The Browns have shown considerable interest in Hoyer as a mid round project to sure up the backup situation so that Ken Dorsey and Bruce Gradkowski are never again allowed to wear a Browns uniform. Hoyer, a St. Ignatius alum has a good combination of size, arm strength, and speed, drawing comparisons to Jay Cutler. He is incredibly accurate on the run, and the kind of QB that has shown the ability to lead last minute victory drives. Many will think a Browns roster with so many holes wasting a pick on QB is stupid, but just remember how you felt last year against Cincy and Ken Dorsey had thrown for a total of 64 yards. A back up to both BQ and/or DA would be a welcome addition to the roster in my opinion.

### Nate Davis 6-2, 226 Ball State

The Browns have had tremendous success with their last two MAC quarterbacks, Bruce Gradkowski and Charlie Frye, so maybe the third time is a charm. The Browns have been taking a close look at Nate Davis of Ball State. He was the MAC player of the year, and a finalist for the Manning award, given to the nations top Quarterback. Davis has all the tools to make him a fine quarterback at the next level. Davis is from Belair, Ohio where they have people with Tattoos like this.



*Yes, that is really Bob Barker*

This really has nothing to do with the draft, but wow... I just really wanted to share this with you, and wonder aloud how I am from this state.

## Running Back

### Current Situation:

Jamal Lewis again went over the 1,000 yard mark in 2008, but only averaged 3.6 yards per attempt. Most importantly, Lewis registered only four touchdowns in 2008. In fairness, with the passing game regressing to represent almost no threat, Lewis had fewer opportunities to score than a eunuch in a nunnery. Based on the curious lack of touches for Jerome Harrison, the most plausible explanation is that Romeo Crenell had a clear case of spectrophobia, which is a fear of the Ghost. Fortunately for Romeo, you cannot contract a staph infection as a complication from this malady. On a Monday night in November, the Ghost took a simple pitch left and scampered 72 yards for a touchdown, helping lead to Brady Quinn's first career victory. Little did we know that this would be the Browns last offensive touchdown of the season. The Mangenius had good success in New York using Leon Washington as a third down back (Washington had 76 rushes and another 16 catches in 2008), and so though we write it every year, this could be the year that the Ghost has his coming out party. Jason Wright is like the high school girlfriend you never appreciated. Loyal, smart, pretty attractive and surprisingly agile, she was always willing to do whatever it took to please you, and yet all you could think about was trading up. Well, now Wright is gone, signing as a free agent with Arizona. Our new squeeze? Noah Herron? Really, Noah Herron? Oy.

2. Chris 'Beanie' Wells	6-1, 235	4.59	Ohio State
3. Donald Brown	5-10, 210	4.51	UConn
4. LeSean McCoy	5-10, 210	4.45	Pittsburgh
5. Andre Brown	6-0, 224	4.50	North Carolina State
6. Shonn Greene	5-10, 227	4.72	Iowa
7. Rashad Jennings	6-1, 231	4.60	Liberty
8. Javon Ringer	5-9, 205	4.60	Michigan State
9. Glenn Coffee	6-0, 210	4.58	Alabama
10. Kory Sheets	5-11, 208	4.47	Purdue
11. Cedric Peerman	5-9, 216	4.45	Virginia
12. Mike Goodson	6-0, 210	4.54	Texas A&M
13. James Davis	5-11, 218	4.60	Clemson
14. Jeremiah Johnson	5-9, 209	4.65	Oregon
15. Ian Johnson	5-11, 210	4.45	Boise State
16. Javaris Williams	5-9, 220	4.52	Tennessee State
17. Arian Foster	6-1, 226	4.55	Tennessee
18. P.J. Hill	5-10, 222	4.60	Wisconsin
19. Devin Moore	5-9, 190	4.40	Wyoming
20. Gartrell Johnson	5-10, 219	4.75	Colorado State

## Prospects of Interest to Cleveland:

### Chris Wells, Ohio State, 6-1, 235 lbs

"Beanie" sounds like the nickname you would give to this kid:



However, in this case, Beanie is unquestionably the top running back in this year's draft. A powerful, punishing runner, Wells has more speed than his Big 10 pedigree would suggest. Wells was also an academic All-American, though his response to an interview question about whether he was competing with other backs at the Combine was 'No, no competing. We're all just here competing to be the #1 guy.' Huh? Part of the reason Wells chose to enter the draft early was to be able financially to help out his family, which includes 10 siblings. We can only hope that Wells has the same kind of career as his dad, Travis Henry.



**Knowshon Moreno, Georgia, 5-11, 217**

Moreno became only the second player in Georgia history to rush for 1,000 yards in back to back seasons, joining Herschel Walker. Making this even more impressive is that Moreno did this using the same personality both years, while Walker did it using two of his many split personalities. Moreno was less than impressive at the Combine, posting 40 times in the 4.6 range. However, his track record of success at Georgia make him the only other running back (after Wells) likely to go in the first round.

**Donald Brown, Connecticut, 5-10, 210 lbs**

Brown is the quintessential productive college runner. In 2008, Brown led the nation in rushing, amassing 2,083 yards and scoring 18 touchdowns. Importantly, Brown also caught 21 balls out of the backfield and showed impressive hands at both the Combine and the UCONN pro day. Brown was regarded by some as a nice third down back, but strong performances at the Combine and pro day have him shooting up draft boards. Brown is now likely to be a late first or early second round pick.

**Cedric Peerman, Virginia, 5-10, 216**

Wahoo-wa for Cedric Peerman. If a guy like Moreno is a productive college player who tested poorly, Peerman is the opposite. A guy who never seemed to play up to his physical traits while at Virginia. Peerman ran an eye-opening 4.34 at the Combine, and showed good explosion with a 40 inch vertical leap. Those skills never seemed to translate to the field, as Peerman had just an ok college career. Scouts biggest concern with Peerman? Small hands. Also, he reportedly smells like cabbage.



### **Rashad Jennings, Liberty, 6-1, 231 lbs**

At 6'1, 234, may be the most pro-ready running back in the draft. A transfer from Pittsburgh, Jennings ran for 1,500 yards and 17 touchdowns at Liberty a year ago, but did not dominate the way you would expect. Jennings really opened some eyes at the Senior Bowl, with what scouts called "stunning bursts of speed" (coincidentally, that was the same scouting report we received on Mark, which is why he was brought on this year). You've got to question Jennings' mental toughness as he decided to transfer from Pittsburgh after his freshman year rather than compete with LeSean...wait, what? He transferred to be closer to his family while his father was battling diabetes, which ultimately resulted in his father losing a leg? Oh...never mind...I'm an a\*\*hole.

## Wide Receiver

### The Current Situation:

The three words that best describe the Browns Wide receivers of 2008 are as follows, and I quote...Stink..Stank...Stunk. Entering the season last year, the Browns were looking to field one of the NFL's deepest and most talented corps of Wide receivers. Braylon Edwards was coming off a record braking year in which he put together one of the finest offensive seasons in Browns history. Joe Jurevicious was as sure handed as ever, and loved playing for his hometown team. The Browns made a splash in Free Agency and brought in veteran deep threat Donte Stallworth. Along with Kellen Winslow, this squad was poised to lead a vaunted aerial attack. Then, it started to unravel faster than Joaquin Phoenix's career. First, Joe Jurevicious couldn't get over the staph infection he got in his knee. Donte Stallworth stepped on Braylons foot after practice and sliced it open. Stallworth pulled a hammy that lasted 10 weeks. The season turned south quickly as they had to turn to Syncric Steptoe. With JJ and Stallworth on the bench, Steptoe became the number two receiver. If I have to ever watch him attempt a crackback block after going in motion, I am going to need a new television, and a new shoe. The Browns also utilized Steve Sanders, who not only became the teams 3<sup>rd</sup> receiver, but also served as BFF and the Skippy to Josh Cribbs' Alex P Keaton on the Fox Sports Ohio hit show...Josh's Cribbs.

Looking towards 2009, the Browns receiving corps will look drastically different. Many think a deal is in place to trade Braylon Edwards to the Giants on draft day. Donte Stallworth is going to jail for a long, long time for killing a pedestrian while driving drunk. Joe Jurevicious is never going to recover from ebola of the knee and will never play again, at least not for the Browns. Kellen Winlow has been traded to Tampa Bay. The only addition to the roster has been David Patten (wish we had him 5 years ago). If the Edwards trade goes down, the starting WR's on opening day could be David Patten, Syndric Steptoe and Phil Hubbard. There are numerous D1 college football programs with a more talented WR corps. Before trading away there only playmaker left, the Browns need to think long and hard about what targets they plan on giving the starting QB they go with. Michael Crabtree will be the obvious pick at 5 if this trade goes down, which I would be more than happy with. He is polished, NFL ready, and will give Brady Quinn a young talent to grow with. Crabtree at 5 or Hakeem Nicks or Kenny Britt at 36 would make me feel a whole lot better about the upcoming season. Late news out of Berea is that the Crabtree visit did not go well. He apparently acted like a Diva, brought an entourage, and bragged about the four suits he was choosing from to wear at the draft. A little different than the tank top and trunks Joe Thomas wore on draft day. I see the Browns trading Braylon to the Giants for their late round 1 pick and drafting Kenny Britt (Who has hands problems just like Braylon).

### Top WR's Available:

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|---------------------|------------|------|------------|
| 1. Michael Crabtree | 6-1.5, 215 | 4.55 | Texas Tech |
| 2. Jeremy Maclin    | 6-0, 188   | 4.47 | Missouri   |

3. Percy Harvin	5-11, 192	4.41	Florida
4. Darrius Heyward-Bey	6-1.5, 210	4.30	Maryland
5. Hakeem Nicks	6-1, 212	4.54	UNC
6. Kenny Britt	6-3, 218	4.47	Rutgers
7. Brian Robiskie	6-3, 210	4.52	Ohio State
8. Derrick Williams	5-11.5, 194	4.40	Penn State
9. Louis Murphy	6-2.5, 203	4.43	Florida
10. Juaquin Iglesias	6-1, 210	4.55	Oklahoma
11. Brandon Tate	6-0, 183	4.50	North Carolina
12. Mike Wallace	6-0.5, 199	4.33	Mississippi
13. Mike Thomas	5-8, 195	4.40	Arizona
14. Mo Massaquoi	6-1.5, 210	4.60	Georgia
15. Brandon Gibson	6-0.5, 210	4.53	Washington State

## Players of Interest to Cleveland:

### Michael Crabtree 6-1, 215 Texas Tech

In the high-powered Texas Tech offense, Michael Crabtree rewrote the record books. The 2008 Biletnikof winner (best WR in college), broke the reception record over a two year span by receiving 231 passes over that period. He is 6<sup>th</sup> all time in college football history in touchdowns with 41, and it broke the previous record of 34 in a two year span held by some guy named Larry Fitzgerald. He averaged 1.58 scores per game. Crabtree played high school ball at Dallas Carter High School, where he dominated Brian Chavez, Boobie Miles, and the rest of the Permian Panthers. He then followed high school with a dominating performance at Texas Tech. On top of all this, Crabtree is a cousin of Ricky Williams, so he has a hook-up in the NFL. Crabtree has a foot injury that has kept him out of many off season workouts. Many say that without that injury he would be the number one player on every team's board. The Browns will take a long look at Crabtree with five if he makes it that far., and with Braylon Edwards on the trading block, the Browns could use a star receiver... other than David Patten and Syndric Steptoe of course. In a recent interview following his visit with the Browns, Crabtree said he would like to play for the Browns because "they are very close to being a championship caliber team." I think Crabtree must have already been digging in cousin Ricky's stash.

### Jeremy Maclin 6-0, 188 Missouri

Maclin will bring the team that drafts him a duel threat, as a receiver and as a return man, much like "The Cube" did for the Browns in the 80's. In just 28 games at Missouri, Maclin gained 5,609 All purpose yards, which makes him one of only three players in NCAA history to average more than 200 yards per game. The 5,069 all purpose yards he gained at Missouri puts him 5<sup>th</sup> in Big 12 history behind Darren Sproles, Ricky Williams, Cedric Benson, and Wes Welker, which is not bad company to be in. Maclin is not a true number one receiver, but he will be a big play threat anytime he gets his hands on the ball. Maclin is slowly climbing the draft boards, and should be the second wide receiver off of the board.

### **Darius Hayward-Bay 6-1.5, 210 Maryland**

Hayward-Bay looks the part. He is big, and super fast. He has been clocked as low as 4.23 in the forty yard dash. He also has the ability to go up and get the ball. With all of the ability in the world, and the freakish athletic ability, scouts wondered why his production did not match. He has all the flashy potential of Clark W. Griswold Jr's 25,000 imported Italian twinkle lights. However, as Art said, "The little lights are not twinkling." Some think he is a one trick pony, only being a deep threat. Others attribute it to poor quarterback play. Whatever the reason, it has made Hayward-Bay a second round player with first round measurables. He has the stigma of being a track star in a football uniform like a Ashlie Lelie or a Tim Carter. Hayward-Bay must shed that label by showing he can run routes over the middle and fight off the line to succeed at the next level.

### **Brian Robiskie 6-3 210 OSU**

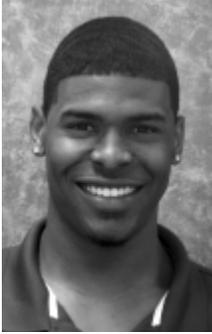
Brian Robiskie, of Chagrin Falls Ohio and regular at the Popcorn Shop and the Blossom Time Fair, is as NFL ready as any player in the draft. His father, Terry, a former NFL player and interim Browns coach (after Butch Davis pulled a Houdini....no not the kind in urbandictionary.com you sickos), and West 6th barfly has coached Brian to a polished finish. Brian is not the flashiest athlete, but his route running is excellent, his hands are soft, and his speed is more than adequate (4.45). Off the field, Robiskie is a two time Academic All American, so you know he's not going to hit a pedestrian while driving drunk the day after signing a huge contract. Robiskie would love to play for his hometown team, and the fans of the Browns would be very happy to see Brian available with their third pick.

### **Ramsey Bardon 6-6 230 Cal-Poly**

Ramsey is the most physically imposing receiver in the draft class. His size and ability remind many of Shannon Sharpe, who in a recent poll was found more annoying than hemorrhoids, car alarms, and Boston fans combined.



He is a rare talent coming from small time football. He caught more than 50 touchdowns in his career at Cal Poly. Bardon was truly a man among NERDS at Cal-Poly, and a man amongst boys in the All-Great West Football Conference (which should probably be renamed to the All-So-So Football Conference). The unanimous all America selection was a deans lister at Cal Poly and a member of the Celebrity Look A Like Club (I can't tell who he is going for...Chris Tucker, Usher, Ray Allen?). He was also the Cal-Poly Technical Institute all around athletic champ, although at Cal-Poly, that's like being Valedictorian at Panama City Community College.



*Chris Tucker/Usher/Jesus Shuttlesworth?*

## Tight End

### Current Situation:

What do you do when you are an NFL franchise coming off a 4-12 season that only has a handful of NFL caliber starters on your team? When you are the Browns, you trade away your most talented player. Now the 2008 season was a rough one for Winslow. After Testicle-Gate, where the Browns leaked a rumor that Winslow was suffering from a sexually transmitted disease rather than acknowledging yet another staph infection, the relationship was admittedly strained. However, Winslow's beef seemed to be with Phil Savage, who has now returned to Mayberry and will direct the upcoming Angels & Demons, so why couldn't the relationship with our most talented player be salvaged? Perhaps it had something to do with money. Winslow and Drew Rosenhaus were angling for a new contract, and man did they get it. Winslow received a six year, \$36 million contract extension from Tampa Bay with a staggering \$20 million guaranteed in the first three years. To put that in perspective, that is \$1.82 million in guaranteed money for every career touchdown catch, and \$20 million in guaranteed money for every career motorcycle injury. The Browns received a second and a fifth round choice from Tampa Bay in return for Winslow. Marty Rucker, known as "Mr. T", pitied the fool who thought he would contribute to the Browns. After a promising pre-season, Rucker played only five games, amassing a grand total of 2 catches for 17 yards. Steve Heiden got an early start on his off-season with surgery to repair a torn ACL and should be ready to bring his flat-top to training camp. Robert Royal was signed, but he is pretty much strictly a blocker. In fact, Royal only had 9 catches during his senior year IN HIGH SCHOOL.

### Top Players Available:

1. Brandon Pettigrew	6-5.5, 263	4.85	Oklahoma State
2. Cornelius Ingram	6-3.5, 245	4.68	Florida
3. Jared Cook	6-5, 246	4.50	South Carolina
4. Shawn Nelson	6-5, 240	4.56	Southern Mississippi
5. James Casey	6-3, 246	4.78	Rice

6. Chase Coffman	6-5.5, 244	4.82	Missouri
7. Richard Quinn	6-4, 265	4.85	North Carolina
8. Travis Beckum	6-3, 243	4.65	Wisconsin
9. Cameron Morrah	6-4, 244	4.66	California
10. Anthony Hill	6-5, 262	4.80	North Carolina State
11. John Phillips	6-5.5, 251	4.78	Virginia
12. Jared Bronson	6-4, 253	4.76	Central Washington

## Players of Interest to Cleveland:

### **Brandon Pettigrew, Oklahoma State, 6'5, 263**

Pettigrew is the consensus #1 rated tight end, and the only tight end likely to hear his name in the first round of this year's draft. Though the tight end position has evolved over the past few years, Pettigrew is a bit of a throwback. Pettigrew possesses excellent hands and is a willing and able blocker, but he does not have sprinter's speed. Indeed, his 4.8 40 yard dash at the Combine has some wondering whether Pettigrew will drop out of the first round of this year's draft. 112 receptions in his career at Oklahoma State was an all-time record for a tight end.

### **Jared Cook, South Carolina, 6'5, 264**

Cook is an outstanding prospect who has a unique combination of size and athleticism. Perhaps no player helped himself more at this year's Combine than Cook, who turned in a performance that included a 41 inch vertical leap and a 40 time in the range of 4.49 (reportedly ran a 4.37 in 2007). Cook also has surprising strength (23 reps) and a good frame to be able to help in the running game, but this will take some adjustment, as he was often split wide at South Carolina. 73 catches for 1,100 yards and seven touchdowns in his three year career at USC.

### **Chase Coffman, Missouri, 6'6, 244**

Despite an outstanding career at Missouri, Coffman is being dogged by injury concerns heading into this year's draft. A broken bone in his foot has kept Coffman sidelined and unable to work out prior to the draft. He is counting on his numbers to speak for themselves. 247 catches over his four year career set an NCAA record for tight ends, and his senior season total of 90 catches broke the one year Missouri old record set by Marty Rucker. Certainly Missouri's spread offense had much to do with Coffman's numbers, but you don't put those kind of numbers up without quite a bit of skill and potential. Indeed, Coffman has soft hands, great agility and the ability to gain yards after the catch. Additionally, one scout noted that Coffman's initial burst off the line "gave me a real shocker." At least, I hope that's what the scout meant by that.

### **Andrew Davie, Arkansas, 6-4, 256 lbs**

Andrew Davie is a late round prospect who may have some value as a long snapper. The only thing noteworthy about Davie is that he was named a member of the "Hard Working Hogs" in Spring ball of 2007, which coincidentally, is the name of my favorite gentlemen's club.



**LeBron James, Akron St. Vincent St. Mary, 6'6, 270**

Come on..tell me it doesn't make some sense? Think of the jersey sales alone!



## Offensive Tackle

### The Current Situation:

The Browns were blessed with health at the tackle position throughout the year. Joe Thomas and Kevin Shaffer played most of the season last year, adding some much needed consistency to the O-line. Joe Thomas went to his second straight pro bowl after playing a solid left tackle. He did not match his rookie season, but perfection is tough to duplicate. Kevin Shaffer on the other hand may have a name that sounds like he is one of the Chosen People...but clearly from his play...he is a mere gentile. Shaffer was a liability in both the running game and the passing game. After an absolutely terrible 2008 showing, and a huge contract, Shaffer was as welcome on the Browns roster as Boggs and "the sisters" were in the Shawshank shower room. Kevin has kindly been shown the door along with his massive paycheck. The Browns have signed veteran John St. Clair from Chicago and are relying on Ryan Tucker to return from injury and his stay at Smith Grove Insane Asylum where he roomed with Michael Myers(not the former Brown), Jason Voorhies, and some guy named Meigs. Hopefully, Ryan Tucker can come back and be a solid force at RT, or John St. Clair can fill the Right Tackle slot competently. The Browns will seriously consider a tackle at the number 5 slot. This is a deep class at OT, and if the Browns don't go after one at 5, they may take advantage of the depth and take one in round 2. Jason Smith, the top OT from Baylor would look very attractive if he slipped to 5 as well as Eugene Monroe from Virginia.

### Top Players Available:

1	Jason Smith	6-5, 309	5.22	Baylor
2	Eugene Monroe	6-5, 309	5.23	Virginia
3	Andre Smith	6-4, 332	5.25	Alabama
4	Michael Oher	6-4.5, 309	5.23	Mississippi
5	Eben Britton	6-6, 309	5.16	Arizona
6	William Beatty	6-6, 307	5.12	UConn
7	Jamon Meredith	6-4.5, 304	5.04	South Carolina
8	Phil Loadholt	6-8, 332	5.45	Oklahoma
9	Gerald Cadogan	6-5, 309	5.12	Penn State
10	Cornelius Lewis	6-3.5, 332	5.25	Tennessee State
11	Fenuki Tupou	6-5.5, 314	5.30	Oregon
12	Jason Watkins	6-5.5, 318	5.40	Florida
13	Xavier Fulton	6-4, 302	5.03	Illinois
14	Troy Kopog	6-6 309	5.3	Tulane
15	Joel Bell	6-7 315	5.25	Furman

## **Players of Interest to Cleveland:**

### **Jason Smith 6-5, 309 Baylor**

Jason Smith has quietly emerged as the top tackle prospect in a very deep class. He started his career as a tight end at Baylor, and he brings that elite athleticism to the tackle position. He has always been known as a tremendous pass blocker, but this season emerged as a dominant run blocker as well. Baylor gained 70% of their offensive yards on the ground running to his side as evidence of that dominance. Jason Smith has been dubbed the nickname, "Smooth", mostly due to the ease at which he is able to slide out to lead the sweep, but also because his younger brother's name is Nice. Smith had some knee trouble that hobbled him as a junior, but he erased all doubts and established himself as the best of the tackles this year after earning the first All-America honors for a Baylor lineman since 1995. Smith is a leader, a hard worker, and his upside has put him as the likely number 1 or 2 overall selection in this year's draft. If the Browns see him on the board at 5, they will be thrilled to put him on the right side to be the opposite bookend to Joe Thomas.

### **Eugene Monroe 6-5, 309 Virginia**

Eugene Monroe is the prototypical tackle. He is tall, has a good anchor, and is athletic enough to keep up with the quick pass rushers. Playing behind NFL stars Dbrickshaw Ferguson and Branden "Fat" Albert have helped him improve his technique and compete with the best. He comes from extremely "potent" blood lines. Eugene is one of 16 children, 10 of which are boys. His parents clearly missed the day they taught birth control in Sex Ed. Eugene Monroe is the only player in the draft that if it doesn't work out, can field a team of his own at home. One thing is for sure, Monroe better get drafted in the top 10 like he is projected too if he plans on being able to afford tickets for his family.

### **Andre Smith 6-4, 330 Alabama**

There was a time not too long ago that Andre Smith was the hands down number one tackle in the draft and possibly the number one pick overall. Then a series of inexplicable moves by the 330+ pound behemoth has made Andre Smith an enormous gamble, leading many teams to remove him from their draft boards completely. First the good. At 343 pounds, Smith shows unnatural footwork and speed for a man of that size. His run blocking is almost unfair. He blows defensive players off the line and opens holes that even Ron Jeremy could fit through. Now the bad. Prior to the Sugar bowl game, Andre Smith was suspended for making illegal contact with an agent (And no that's not the same kind of illegal contact as the Colonel in Boogie Nights). That is nothing to really be concerned about. What is concerning is that Andre Smith showed up at the combine, then announced to reporters that he wasn't ready to compete in any of the testing. This is the biggest job interview of the man's life, and he disappears without even testing. That's like showing up to a job interview with Goldman Sachs in jams, flip flops, and tank top that reads SUNS OUT GUNS OUT and demanding cash out of the interviewers pocket (RETAINER).



Smith then proceeded to do nothing to prepare for his pro day and had one of the worst workouts on record. At one point, he peeled off his shirt to run the short cone drills. I am a soft 200+, and I won't take my shirt off in a locker room for fear of ridicule. This guy peels off his shirt and reveals his 350 pound gooey body in front of 100 people ready to hand him 10 million dollars. Regardless of the odd behavior, Smith was the best lineman in college football this year. He is so skilled, even with his insanity, he will be picked in the first round, possibly in the top 10. Romeo Crenell would have shied away from this guy as he would have been serious competition at the pre game buffet, but Mangini is a bit more slender, so Smith has a shot to go to the Browns.

#### **Phil Loadholt 6-8 332 Oklahoma**

Loadholt gained a lot of notoriety this year protecting the blindside of Sam Bradford and the potent Oklahoma Sooners offense. He also gained a lot of notoriety as a petty criminal. Loadholt went to Garden City Community College, the alma mater of Browns great Benjamin Gay, not because he didn't have the talent to go to a D1 school, but because was a "non qualifier." "Non-qualifier" is code for slightly smarter than Mike Tyson, but not quite as smart as Evander Holyfield. While at GCCC, Loadholt was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. The details are sketchy, but rumor has it that it involved an old folk's home, and something called "pressed ham". When Loadholt got his grades up during his rigorous schedule at GCCC, he transferred to Oklahoma where he tandemed with Duke Robinson to protect and drive an offense that shattered records. With all of these indiscretions, the kid is a player. People wonder where someone who is 6-8, 335 pounds comes from. Well...from people like this.



Loadholt could be a huge scoop in round two for the Browns, but if last year is any indication, with 8 OT's off the board in round one, the Browns might not get a chance at Loadholt in round 2.

### **Jamon Meredith 6-4 304 South Carolina**

When scouts describe Meredith, the first thing that comes out of their mouth is that he is the smartest offensive linemen in the SEC. Clearly being able to read a playbook and recognize blitz schemes is important, however there is a reason that Harvard's pro day is as empty as John Claytons dance card. Meredith has earned a bevy of academic honors, but it is safe to say at 6-4 304 pounds he did not suffer the same amount of wedgies as MIT students with similar academic achievement. In fact, according to Meredith, the only player to best him on a consistent basis was Adams college's own Frederick "Ogre" Polowatski.



*"I hate Nerds"*

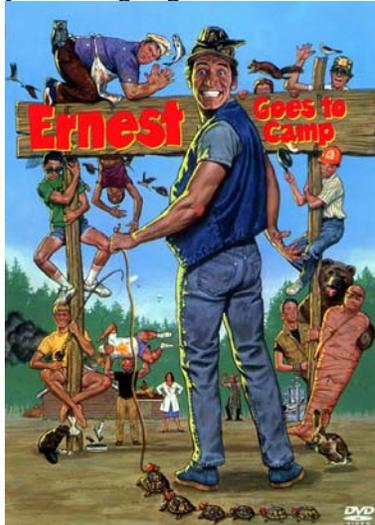
On top of the smarts, Meredith is quite an athlete, but lacks the anchor needed against stronger bull rushers. He has run sub 5 forty times, but needs to add some bulk before dominating at the left tackle spot. Meredith merits early second round consideration, and the Browns may take a look at number late in day one or early on day 2.

## Offensive Guard/Center

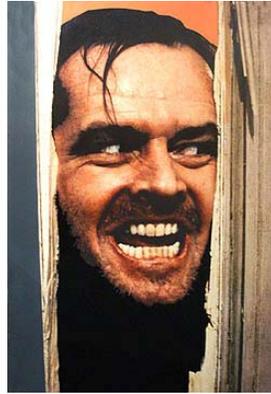
### Current Situation:

Talk about unsung heroes...I don't think there's any position on the field that is more thankless than offensive guard or center. This should be really fun to write about.

Here's the situation: The Browns offensive line was a disappointment (because that word is going to be used so much in this report I will never use it again. I promise not to *displease* you.) Not to point out the obvious, but 4 wins can be traced right back to lack of offensive production. The Browns were 30<sup>th</sup> in the league in points, 31<sup>st</sup> in overall yards, 31<sup>st</sup> in passing yards, and 26<sup>th</sup> in rushing yards. I took the liberty of crunching the numbers and it turns out what we have here is Eggs Erroneous! Yes, from Earnest Goes To Camp. (And you thought guards and centers were boring!)



It seems that even Jim Varney could have helped the offense this year, may he rest in peace. Needless to say their performance was *disenchanting*. Aside from decent play from the tackles, the middle of the line was less than inspiring. The Browns started by cleaning up some loose ends. They cut Kevin Shaffer, Seth McKinney was "lost" to free agency, and Lennie Friedman to retirement (wasn't his career sort of a partial retirement anyway?) Added were: John St. Clair (let's hope he doesn't hang out on the street that bears his name) from the Bears, Floyd "Pork Chop" Womack from the Seahawks at guard, Kurt Quarterman from what looks like the Giants practice squad, and Dustin Fry from free agency by way of the St. Louis Rams who drafted him in the 5<sup>th</sup> round. That leaves Rex Hadnot, Eric Steinbach, Isaac Sowell, Hank Fraley, Ryan Tucker, and long snapper extra-ordinaire Ryan Pontbriand! The addition of Womack and St. Clair should help provide some stability to the line this year, and hopefully if the Browns hold on to him, Ryan Tucker will be healthy and a welcome addition unless he, like, totally goes crazy or something!



## Top Players Available:

### Guards:

1. Duke Robinson	6-5, 329	5.27	Oklahoma
2. Andy Levitre	6-2.5, 305	5.24	Oregon State
3. Kraig Urbik	6-5, 328	5.33	Wisconsin (OT)
4. Herman Johnson	6-7, 364	5.51	LSU (RT)
5. Trevor Canfield	6-4.5, 307	5.30	UConn
6. Louis Vasquez	6-5, 333	5.40	Texas Tech
7. Andy Kemp	6-5, 313	5.41	Wisconsin
8. Tyronne Green	6-2, 309	5.30	Auburn
9. Roger Allen	6-2.5, 326	5.45	Missouri Western
10. Jaimie Thomas	6-4, 323	5.25	Maryland (C)
11. Anthony Parker	6-2, 297	5.10	Tennessee
12. Travis Bright	6-4, 316	5.24	BYU
13. Ray Feinga	6-4, 337	5.35	BYU
14. Greg Isdaner	6-4, 325	5.44	West Virginia
15. Paul Fanaika	6-5, 327	5.45	Arizona State

### Centers:

1. Alex Mack	6-4, 311	5.15	California
2. Max Unger	6-4.5, 309	5.30	Oregon (OT)
3. Eric Wood	6-4, 310	5.23	Louisville
4. Antoine Caldwell	6-3, 309	5.23	Alabama
5. Jonathan Luigs	6-4.5, 301	5.14	Arkansas
6. A.Q. Shipley	6-1, 304	5.23	Penn State
7. Edwin Williams	6-2, 308	5.47	Maryland

8. Cecil Newton	6-2, 305	5.20	Tennessee State
9. Jon Cooper	6-2, 291	5.18	Oklahoma
10. Alex Fletcher	6-2, 297	5.35	Stanford

## Players of interest to Cleveland:

### **Andrew Levitre, 6'2", 305**

Levitre is slightly undersized but projects as a solid guard prospect. He plays with a mean streak, and spent most of his time at tackle during his college career at Oregon State. He was a 2008 Conference First Team selection. He is extremely durable but scouts are worried about his lack of speed and his athletic ability. Levitre is an above average run blocker though, which would fit the Browns well, as they've struggled in that department. He's also pretty bright, which Mangenius will like. He graduated early with a double major in finance and sociology. He also has a solid future supplementing his NFL income with erectile dysfunction commercials. Levitre for Levitra!

### **Kraig Urbik, 6'5", 328**

Other than not knowing how to spell his first name, Urbik should be a solid guard on some NFL team's roster. He is the right size and weight to play guard effectively in the NFL but scouts are worried about his lack of speed. He has a strong motor, finishes blocks, and plays with the proverbial "mean streak." (Thank God!) Urbik is uber durable and has good upperbody strength and above average lower body strength. (a stat he used with much success on the girls at Wisconsin.)

### **Max Unger, 6'4", 309**

Unger is a solid line player who spent time at center and left tackle during his college career at Oregon. His size is adequate but as most guys who go as mid-round line players he lacks the speed to be an overwhelming force. Unger is durable though, and tied for second in the nation with 51 consecutive starts. Mangenius will like that Unger is a team player. He is known to be willing to play wherever he can help the team the best. He works hard on and off the football field. Sounds like the kind of blue collar guy Clevelanders love.

### **Eric Wood, 6'3", 310**

Wood...ha! Wood...ok, sorry. Wood earned first team All-Big East honors in 2007 and 2008. Wood was named Louisville team captain in 2008 and is known as being reliable on and off the field. Wood is quick, although a bit top heavy. He is said to have less than ideal lower body strength but he gets by with the combination of great upper body strength and quickness. He is solid in run blocking and pass protection.

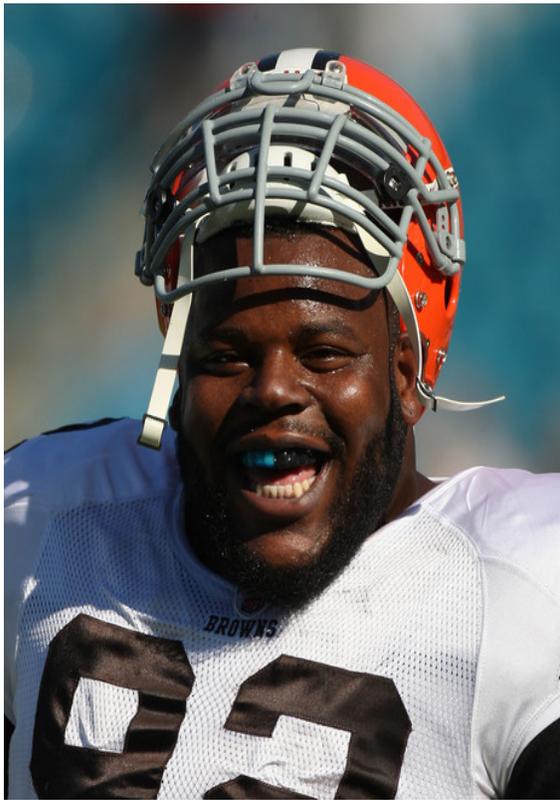
### **Greg Isdamer, 6'3", 325**

Isdamer parked his 325 frame at left guard for West Virginia for 3 years. His size is good enough to succeed at guard in the NFL but he lacks overall strength and agility to be an elite player at the next level. He will get by, though, because of his ability to recognize plays and pick up blitzes.

## Defensive Tackle

### Cleveland Situation:

Let me ask you a question: If you walked by this man in a room would you notice him?



If you are Eric Mangini, apparently the answer is no. Which begs the question, just how many 400 pound men with Mohawks does Eric Mangini come into contact with? For all the things that didn't work out for the Browns during the 2008 season, the trade for Shaun Rogers was an unqualified success. Rogers dominated at the point of attack, not only tying up multiple blockers on every play, but actually beating those double and triple teams to amass 5 sacks and 76 total tackles. Rogers was a Pro Bowl selection and on a better team would have garnered consideration for Defensive Player of the Year. More than that, he gave hard effort even after the season was clearly over. All of that goodwill was lost when Eric Mangini reportedly attended an awards banquet in Cleveland and snubbed Rogers, later saying 'I didn't know he was there.'" Rogers requested his release but the Browns wisely tried to lure him back in (reportedly with a Twinkie on a string.) Early word out of Berea is that the Mankok regime really likes Ahytba Rubin, the 2nd year defensive tackle out of Iowa State. After the Browns used their 6th round pick,

Rubin played sparingly. He needs to get stronger at the point of attack, but early word is that Rubin could be used to spell Rogers at NT and allow the gentle giant to move outside on certain downs.

### Top Players Available:

1. B.J. Raji	6-1.5, 337	5.13	Boston College
2. Peria Jerry	6-2, 299	4.95	Mississippi
3. Ziggy Hood	6-3, 300	4.89	Missouri
4. Ron Brace	6-3, 330	5.52	Boston College
5. Fili Moala	6-4, 305	5.10	Southern California
6. *Sen'Derrick Marks	6-2, 306	5.03	Auburn
7. Alex Magee	6-3, 298	5.07	Purdue
8. *Ricky Jean-Francois	6-2.5, 295	5.20	LSU
9. Dorrell Scott	6-3, 312	4.95	Clemson
10. Corey Irvin	6-3, 301	5.00	Georgia
11. Mitch King	6-1.5, 280	4.89	Iowa (DE)
12. Vance Walker	6-2, 308	5.35	Georgia Tech
13. Terrance Taylor	6-0, 306	5.27	Michigan
14. *Chris Baker	6-2, 326	5.03	Hampton (DE)
15. Roy Miller	6-2, 310	5.09	Texas

### Players of Interest to Cleveland:

#### **B.J. Raji, Boston College, 6'2, 337**

Raji is not just a space clogger in the middle, but has real ability to penetrate behind the line and make plays, as evidenced by 8 sacks and 16 tackles for losses during an outstanding senior season. Raji was the recipient of the Mary M. and William H. Sullivan, Jr. '37 Scholarship at BC. Given that Raji was academically ineligible during his junior season, I'm guessing the Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan Scholarship wasn't just for academic achievement. Maybe BJ won the Caddy Day Tournament? One scouting report said that the previous coaching staff thought Raji was the laziest player on the team. Raji seemed to turn it around during his senior campaign, but there is some concern whether that was only to attract NFL attention. With a fat contract in hand, scouts wonder if he will be hungry. I don't know, he looks pretty hungry to me...



**Ron Brace, Boston College, 6'3, 334**

Teaming with Raji at Boston College to form the most formidable defensive tackle duo since Crush and Rush, Brace and Raji led Boston College to a fifth place national ranking in total defense and seventh overall against the run. Brace had an outstanding senior season to vault himself up on draft boards. A poor Combine performance had Brace's stock performing about as well as my portfolio (thank you, thank you very much...there's your brief interlude for intellectual humor...now back to the fart jokes). Despite the sub-par performance at the Combine, Brace has the size and strength (32 reps at 225lbs) that teams are looking for in a NT and should be off the board somewhere in Round 2.

**Terrance Knighton, Temple, 6'3,321**

Knighton earned his way into this year's draft the same way Judge Smails' wife earned fifty bucks...the hard way. Knighton was not originally invited to the Combine, but when he went down to the Texas vs. The United States All Star Game in El Paso, as he put it, "I dominated." Knighton has the size and athleticism that scouts love, as he turned in an impressive 4.7 in the 40 yard dash at the Combine. He needs to work on his strength, however, as he only (ONLY?!?!?) was able to do 21 reps of 225 lbs. in the bench. Knighton had a productive career at Temple, and started 3 of 4 years. Knighton also has the best Philip Finch potential of any defensive tackle in this year's draft, as he blocked four kicks during his career at Temple.



## Defensive End

### Current Situation:

Last spring, the Browns made a splash on day one in the draft by trading for productive Green Bay defensive end Corey Williams. Together with the Shaun Rodgers, and opposite Robaire Smith, the stage was set for a dominant defensive line. Shaun Smith would provide valuable backup minutes. On paper, it looked like one of our most solid positions. Then, Robaire Smith tore his Achilles and was done for the year, and Shaun Smith laid his biggest hit on Brady Quinn who called him out for being a lazy, fat, loudmouth (which is a pretty solid assessment by the way). The coaching staff was hoping the lights would come on for Williams who was in his first season in the 3-4 defense. Unfortunately for the Browns and for the fans who had to watch them the lights never did come on. They stayed darker than an asshole's asshole. On top of that Corey Williams suffered a nagging shoulder injury that contributed to his unremarkable play. What once looked like a dominant position turned into another hole in a roster with more cracks than a Turkish Bathhouse. For 2009, the Browns hope the return of Robaire Smith, and a healthy Corey Williams with a year of 3-4 experience, will solidify the end position. Louis Leonard will return for another season of mediocrity. Mangini has signed one of his former Jets CJ Mosely to give Leonard company in mediocrity. The Browns will certainly look to add depth with 3-4 specific D ends in the draft.

### Top Players Available;

#### 4-3 D Ends

1.	Brian Orakpo	6-3, 263	4.70	Texas (OLB)
2.	Tyson Jackson	6-4, 296	4.95	LSU (DT)
3.	*Aaron Maybin	6-4, 249	4.88	Penn State (OLB)
4.	*Everette Brown	6-1.5, 256	4.73	Florida State (OLB)
5.	Connor Barwin	6-3.5, 256	4.66	Cincinnati (OLB/TE)
6.	Robert Ayers	6-3, 272	4.80	Tennessee (OLB)
7.	Michael Johnson	6-7, 266	4.75	Georgia Tech (OLB)
8.	Larry English	6-2, 255	4.85	Northern Illinois(OLB)
9.	*Paul Kruger	6-4, 263	4.86	Utah (OLB)
10.	Jarron Gilbert	6-5.5, 288	4.87	San Jose State
11.	Lawrence Sidbury	6-2.5, 266	4.64	Richmond (OLB)
12.	Matt Shaughnessy	6-5, 266	4.88	Wisconsin
13.	*Brandon Williams	6-2, 261	4.92	Texas Tech
14.	Will Davis	6-2, 261	4.88	Illinois
15.	David Veikune	6-2.5, 257	4.87	Hawaii (OLB)
16.	Henry Melton	6-3, 265	4.65	Texas
17.	Stryker Sulak	6-4.5, 251	4.77	Missouri (OLB)
18.	Phillip Hunt	6-2, 260	4.80	Houston
19.	Michael Bennett	6-3.5, 265	4.97	Texas A&M

20. Orion Martin	6-2, 262	4.78	Virginia Tech
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3-4 specific D Ends

1. Jarron Gilbert,	6-5, 288	4.87	San Jose State 1 <sup>st</sup> -2
2. Tyson Jackson	6-4, 296	4.95	LSU 1 <sup>st</sup> -2
3. Alex Magee	6-3, 298	5.03	Purdue 2nd
4. Fili Moala,	6-4, 303	5.07	USC 4th
5. Everette Pedescleaux,	6-6, 305	4.97	Northern Iowa 4 <sup>th</sup> -5th
6. Zach Potter,	6-7, 279	4.9	Nebraska 5th
7. Khalif Mitchell,	6-5, 318	5.08	E. Carolina 5th
8. Kyle Moore	6-5 272	4.81	USC 5th
9. Matt Shaughnessy	6-5, 266	4.86	Wisconsin 6th
10. Pannel Egboh	6-7, 276	4.9	Stanford 6th
11. Rulon Davis	6-5, 280	5.0	Cal 6th
12. Will Johnson	6-4 280	4.9	Michigan 6 <sup>th</sup> -7th
13. Nadar Abdullah	6-4 292	5.0	OSU 6 <sup>th</sup> -7th

**Players of Interest to Cleveland:**

**Brian Orakpo 6-3, 268 Texas**

One name that has been tied to the Browns at number 5 has been Brian Orakpo. The Browns pass rush is worst in the NFL. Hey, you gotta be tops at something. Orakpo is a pass rushing specialist. He was a DE in college that projects to stand up and be an outside linebacker in the 3-4 scheme. He is considered a weight room warrior, which in the past has led to some big misses in the draft, most recently Manigini's 2008 selection of Vernon Gholston. On the field, he was the winner of the Nagursky (top defensive player in nation), the Lombardi (top lineman), Hendricks (top DE), and high scorer in Karaoke Revolution at Barnstormers in Austin where he's been known to belt out Night Rangers "Sister Christian" in perfect pitch.



"Motoring....."

Orakpo's measurable's are absolutely off the chart. He ran a 4.6 forty, had a vertical of 39 inches and lifted 225 31 times. In a recent workout exhibition he benched 515 pounds and squatted 600 pounds. Orakpo only started one season, but his production matched his freakish athleticism as he was a consensus All-American choice and led the nation in sacks with 11.5. I really think Orakpo would be a sure thing for us at 5 if it was not for Mangini's experience with Gholston. If ever a teams needs matched a players talents, it is the Browns and Orakpo. Time will tell, but I am cautiously optimistic when I think of a D line of Rodgers, Williams, and Smith....MLB's DQ and Eric Barton...and OLB's Wimbley and Orakpo. Hookem.

### **Jarron Gilbert 6-5, 288 San Jose State**

They say a picture is worth a 1000 words. I wonder how much a youtube video is worth. If you haven't seen this, check out [www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXDSPbZ\\_OUw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXDSPbZ_OUw). It is a video of Jarron Gilbert jumping out of the shallow end of the pool and landing on his feet on the side of the pool. I don't know if having that talent helps you get to opposing quarterbacks, but I know it can't hurt. Gilbert was basically an unknown talent until the video surfaced on the web. Kind of like Paris Hilton. After people started looking at his ability on the video, people took notice. Kind of like Paris Hilton. On top of the hype, the kid had a dominating season at San Jose State. He led the nation with 22 tackles for loss for 116 yards, of which 9.5 were sacks. Gilbert fits perfectly in a 3-4 scheme, with the size to occupy gaps and blockers, and the ability to get to the quarterback without running around the end. The buzz around Gilbert will probably lead to him getting drafted too soon, but his upside is tremendous, and he could turn out to be a star on Sundays, and not just youtube.

### **Fila Moala 6-4, 303 USC**

"Moala has good sized frame with solid bone structure. He has a barrel chest, long muscular arms, thick thighs and calves, wide waist, and hips." Believe it or not, that quote is from a football publication and not OUT Magazine. Once you get past the barrel chest, you get to a brawler on the line of scrimmage. Moala does not have the numbers to wow you as his best contribution was gobbling up blockers for Clay Matthews, Rey Maulauga, and Brian Cushing to make plays. Fila has had some off the field struggles, including trouble staying academically eligible and getting involved in a bar fight. I have to ask, who in their right mind picks a fight with a guy who is 6-4, 303, especially one with a barrel chest and thick thighs and calves. Regardless, he will make a solid 3-4 end and a potential 1<sup>st</sup> day pick.

### **Rulon Davis 6-5, 280 Cal**

Rulon Davis served this country as a Marine in Iraq. He is undoubtedly one of the biggest badasses in the draft. As a result, I openly admit this assessment of his talent will be biased, so that in the rare chance the Browns draft him, and the even rarer chance he reads this (although, there is a good chance, as even in the down economy, subscriptions are skyrocketing), he will not find me and pulverize me. Davis is a great athlete with a great work ethic. He is raw, with very little playing time under his belt due to his late start, but in seven starts as a senior, Rulon had 4 sacks and two forced fumbles. Davis fits the 3-4 End scheme or the 4-3 End scheme, but his best football may be yet to come. It's hard not to root for a guy like this, and he will be a second day guy with some upside.

### **Will Johnson 6-4 280 Michigan**

Will Johnson is rocketing up draft boards after putting up 225 pounds 47 times at Michigan's Pro Day. That absolutely smokes the combine and pro day record held by fellow Wolverine Jake Long with 42 last year. I weigh nearly 225 pounds, and I know how hard it is to lift myself out of bed in the morning. This guy could lift me over his head 47 times. Scary. During the season, Johnson was very solid and won Michigan's top lineman award, which is impressive considering the line was made up of two potential draft picks this year in Terrance Taylor and Tim Jamison, as well as a sure first day pick next year Brandon Graham. On top of the brute strength, Johnson then turned in a 4.9 forty time. The athletic and academic Michigan man has gone from obscurity to an intriguing second day prospect.

## **Inside Linebackers**

### **Current Situation:**

2008 revealed an emerging talent last year in Dqwell Jackson who led the league in tackles, an impressive stat when you look at the names directly behind him on that list. DQ is a star in the making and will benefit from improved talent around him. Another thing that became apparent last year was that while Leon Williams might be a physical presence, his football IQ is on par with a NASA scientist's. He cannot be relied upon to read offenses and react to play fakes. Andra Davis, who has been a mainstay at MLB has finally reached his shelf life and was not resigned. Andra leaves the Browns after a solid yet unspectacular career as a consistent contributor on poor teams. He will always be remembered as a guy who loved playing in Cleveland and for his outstanding performance against the Bills the blizzard of 2007. In the draft, Beau Bell became one of the most talked about 4<sup>th</sup> round picks in Browns history last year. While he made a whopping three tackles on special teams last year, the jury is still out on how much he can contribute once healthy. Not being able to beat out the linebackers in front of him makes me have as much faith in Beau Bell as I have in Miley Cyrus wearing white on her wedding day. The new regime has brought in an influx of Jets players, including veteran ILB Eric Barton to compete for a starting spot and David Bowens for depth, both signings about as sexy as the Carney Wllson playboy pictorial...



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. Also on the roster are special teams guys like Kris Griffith and Titus Brown, who I mention for no other reason than to be thorough. The Browns will most likely address LB in the draft and it may come as early as 5. While Rey Meleuga and James Laurinitis are the tops guys in the class, number 5 is too early to draft them so unless the Browns move down, they will look for a guy slipping into round two.

### **Top Players Available:**

1. Rey Maualuga	6-2, 249	4.82	Southern California
2. James Laurinaitis	6-2, 244	4.80	Ohio State
3. Scott McKillop	6-1, 244	4.77	Pittsburgh
4. Darry Beckwith	6-0, 242	4.77	LSU
5. Jasper Brinkley	6-1.5, 252	4.72	South Carolina
6. Franz Joseph	6-1, 243	4.82	FAU
7. Stanley Arnoux	6-0, 232	4.61	Wake Forest
8. Dannell Ellerbe	6-1, 236	4.65	Georgia
9. Jason Phillips	6-1, 239	4.69	TCU
10. Worrell Williams	5-11, 240	4.79	California
11. Antonio Appleby	6-3, 250	4.75	Virginia
12. Gerald McRath	6-3 231	4.49	S. Miss

## Players of Interest to Cleveland:

### Rey Meualuga 6-2, 249 USC

Listening to coaches and scouts talk about Rey Meualuga, the man with twice as many vowels as consonants in his name, you would think they are talking about the greatest linebacker since Dick Butkus. One NFL coach called him the “most menacing” linebacker he had ever seen on film. Another said that he has that rare combination of agility and strength that allows him to “be a sledgehammer or a ballerina.” One more scout said “he plays football like he was raised by a pack of wolves.” I am not sure how all these comments help you play football, but they make for good soundbites. Rey ran a disappointing 4.8 forty yard dash, and by all accounts is stranger than Sinead Oconnor, but his production speaks volumes. He has been called the next Junior Seau on numerous occasions, only without the porn stache and sack dance. The Browns will most likely pass on Rey at 5, but with some trades, or moving down, could look to get him in the middle of round 1.

### James Laurinaitis 6-2 244 The Ohio State University

Laurinaitis was the face of a very talented OSU defense over the last three years which saw him earn All America honors and total 366 tackles. Clearly, for James, it will be hard to achieve the success his father enjoyed as Animal from The Legion of Doom in the WWF, and the Road Warriors in the WCW. I mean aside from a bust in Canton, what achievement in the NFL will ever compare to the moment when his father teamed up with Hawk and the Big Boss man to take down IRS and the Natural Disasters, (typhoon and earthquake in the 1990 Summerslam). James' athleticism is not elite, and he disappeared in some big games, leading scouts to believe his best football was played in Columbus. On top of that, OSU LB's aren't exactly living up to their billing. Since Chris Spielman enjoyed success in the league, NFL 1<sup>st</sup> round busts include Craig Powell (former Brown who lasted all of two years in the league), Andy Katzenmoyer (now a personal trainer in central Ohio), AJ Hawk (jury still out), and Bobby Carpenter (jury in...stinks). This has made some scouts hesitant to give Laurinaitis better than late 1<sup>st</sup>, early second round consideration. If he slips to the Browns at 36, the Browns could use a player with his toughness and pedigree in the middle of their defense.



*Just imagine the guy on the right in Orange and Seal Brown.*

### **Scott McKillop 6-1 244 Pitt**

As a freshman, McKillop stepped in for the injured HB Blades and instantly secured his spot as a starter making 13 tackles in his very first game. He has been undeniably productive over the past two year totaling over 288 tackles and earning two time Big East Defensive Player of the Year Honors. He is not a stud athlete, or a physical specimen like some of the other prospects this year. At the combine weigh in, He did not “wow” scouts when he took his shirt off the way Jenna Jamison would. But he will wow you when you turn the film on of him....the way Jenna Jamison would . He is a super productive player that relies on instincts to be dominant on the field. Without the athletic wow factor, McKillop will be a 2-3 rounder and a solid player in the NFL.

### **Jasper Brinkley 6-1.5, 252 SC**

Jasper Brinkley is one half of a very talented football family. He has a twin brother that goes to USC named Casper. That’s right, his parents named the twin brothers Jasper and Casper. Could be worse...Rondald and Donald, or Neil and Bob. Jasper transferred from JUOCO in 2006 and immediately dominated the Gamecocks defense with 107 tackles. He tore his MCL the following season before returning to 2006 form this year. Brinkley is a run stuffing, hard hitting, and sure tackler. He is not rangy, and will most likely be a two down guy, but his hard hits are famous in South Carolina. Most notably, he absolutely pummeled Gods Gift to mankind Tim Tebow, who is still “playing as hard as any player in the country will ever play” in an open field one on one tackle. The Browns have shown interest in Brinkley and are keeping a close eye on his knee before taking a chance on him in round 3 or 4.

### **Franz Joseph 6-1, 242 Florida Atlantic**

Joseph transferred to Florida Atlantic from BC to help his mom who was in financial troubles. I am not sure what a college student with no income can do about that, but honorable nonetheless. His coaches say that he is relentless in the film room studying opponents, which might account for the fact that he has studied so little in the classroom. As of this publication, Joseph hasn’t even declared a major, let alone come anywhere near the amount of credits needed to complete one. Franz won MVP honors at the Texas Vs. The nation all star game which if you were one of the five people, besides me to watch, you need to get a life. Franz did not show a ton of athleticism and speed at his pro day to merit anything less than a second day look. However, he absolutely attacks blockers and plugs holes with reckless abandon. At his private workout he said, “just put a running back in front of me and le me go.” This is an attitude that has been lacking on the Browns defense. A thumper like Franz could compete for a starting role over the next few seasons.

## **Outside Linebacker**

### **Current Situation:**

Since the invention of the 3-4 defense, the outside linebacker has been the linchpin. We’re used to seeing guys like LT coming off the edge, chasing QBs like they were an eight ball of blow, and making them suffer. Even in today’s NFL, guys like Shawne Merriman (cheater) and James Harrison wreak the kind of havoc in the backfield that is

at the heart of the 3-4. And what of the Browns? Shaun Rogers, all 380 pounds of him, was the Browns leader in sacks last year, with a whopping 4.5! Not exactly the kind of chiseled horse you envision as the biggest threat in the 3-4 defense. Things got so bad that we found ourselves saying out loud that we hoped Willie McGinest doesn't retire because he was the best the Browns have (fortunately, that thought passed). McGinest actually performed well, but the pre-season injury to Antwan Peek forced McGinest into much more playing time than was anticipated, and by the end of the year, Willie looked as spent as last week's allowance. Kamerion Wimbley again demonstrated that he has exactly the same number of moves, one, as I had during my single days with the ladies (get as drunk as possible and hope for the best). Alex Hall is what we thought he was. For a seventh round pick, Hall is a solid special teams contributor who has the opportunity to help out on defense. But when a team and fans (as we seemed to be) are counting on the 7th rounder to provide a pass rush that is non-existent among our more highly touted and talented players, something is wrong. When a rookie 7th round pick is one of your two most exciting players on defense, you should start to worry. The Browns picked up David Bowens from the Jets, a journeyman with experience who will provide depth. Pass rush is the key to any defense. A good pass rush can cover up a host of problems in the secondary. Until the Browns find their LT to chase the passer, the rest of the defense will be exposed. Come on, somebody on our team must love blow!

### Top Players Available:

1.	Aaron Curry	6-2, 254	4.56	Wake Forest
2.	Brian Cushing	6-3, 243	4.74	Southern California
3.	Clay Matthews	6-3, 240	4.67	Southern California (DE)
4.	Clint Sintim	6-3, 256	4.78	Virginia
5.	Marcus Freeman	6-0.5, 239	4.74	Ohio State
6.	Cody Brown	6-2, 245	4.85	UConn (DE)
7.	Jonathan Casillas	6-1, 228	4.50	Wisconsin
8.	Kaluka Maiava	5-11.5, 229	4.77	Southern California
9.	Tyrone McKenzie	6-1.5, 235	4.77	South Florida
10.	Zack Follett	6-2, 236	4.75	California
11.	DeAndre Levy	6-2, 236	4.55	Wisconsin
12.	Nic Harris	6-3, 238	4.78	Oklahoma (SS)
13.	Jason Williams	6-2, 240	4.45	Western Illinois
14.	Lee Robinson	6-2, 249	4.78	Alcorn State
15.	Ashlee Palmer	6-1, 223	4.60	Mississippi

### 3-4 Rush Specific OLB's

1. Brian Orakpo, Texas (6-3, 263 )
2. Brian Cushing , USC (6-3, 243)
3. Everette Brown, Florida State (6-2, 256)
4. Connor Barwin, Cincinnati (6-4, 256)
5. Clay Matthews, USC (6-4, 240)
6. Larry English, Northern Illinois (6-2, 255)

7. Clint Sintim, Virginia (6-3, 256)
8. Lee Robinson, Alcorn State (6-2, 249)
9. Cody Brown, Connecticut (6-2, 244)
10. Julius Williams, Connecticut (6-2, 252)
11. Victor Butler, Oregon State (6-2, 248)
12. Pierre Walters, Eastern Illinois (6-4, 269)
13. Slade Norris, Oregon State (6-2, 232)
14. Jovan Belcher, Maine (6-2, 243)
15. Phillip Hunt, Houston (6-1, 244)
16. Moise Fokou, Maryland (6-1, 233)
17. Jamaal Westerman, Rutgers (6-2, 257)

## **Players of interest to Cleveland:**

### **Aaron Curry, 6'1", 254**

"The safest pick in the draft," Curry is a beast, who won the Butkus Award for the nation's top linebacker. Curry is a monster, who combines speed, size, and strength to routinely disrupt offensive plays. He has a nose for the ball and possesses the ability to diagnose plays quickly. Another reason Curry is a "safe" pick is that he did not miss one game throughout his four year career at Wake Forest. His father is a former NFL player and his brother plays at East Carolina, so football runs through his veins. Basically this guy is going to be an above average to outstanding linebacker in the NFL for the next 7 years...now that's a safe pick.

### **Paul Kruger, 6'4", 263**

Kruger has the size to play linebacker in the NFL. Luckily for him, he also has the speed to be effective. Kruger diagnoses plays quickly and uses his quick feet to meet the play and deliver an explosive tackle. He is durable, having survived a knife attack in January of 2008. He also had a kidney removed after a childhood car accident. (which is probably why he's so fast...less weight) Kruger is known as a good guy who works hard, which is basically the opposite of his dad, Freddy.



### **Clay Matthews, 6'3", 240**

Are you kidding me? If he's available and the Browns don't take this guy they've got no clue, no feel for history, or destiny, or feel-good stories. Despite the fact that his Dad, a former Brown, would give everyone a free Pontiac, Matthews is actually a pretty damn good football player. He was a walk on at USC, and basically worked his way from a nothing to second team All-Pac 10 his senior year. You don't have to worry about Matthews' dedication to the sport. Matthews relies on his instincts and quick reads to get

a jump on plays and finally his strong tackling to finish them. He plays with a chip on his shoulder and would be a solid addition to the Browns' linebacking corps.

### **Marcus Freeman, 6'0", 239**

O-State baby! Freeman was a 3 year starter for Ohio State. He improved leaps and bounds while playing for the buckeyes, a trend that could continue in the NFL. Freeman is solid dropping into pass coverage or rushing the passer. He is a strong tackler, but he suffers from a slight hesitation at times while discerning plays, which forces him to rely on his strong upper body and good speed to recover.

### **Zach Follett, 6'1", 236**

Follett was named first team All-Pac 10 his senior year. He is known as a hard hitter who does well locating and meeting the ball. Follett has excellent upper body strength but is hindered by a lack of range. He struggles somewhat in pass coverage and doesn't match up well with athletic tight ends, but is a strong pass rusher and possesses the strength and speed to keep NFL right tackles on their toes. Most importantly, Follett likes wood-cutting and carves life size statues of teammates during the off season. What he does with them...I'm not sure.

## **Cornerback**

### **Cleveland Situation:**

When the Browns sent Leigh Bodden to Detroit in the Shaun Rogers trade, they effectively decided to throw young corners Eric Wright and Brandon McDonald into the ocean and see what would happen. Unfortunately for the Browns, the cornerback ship was hijacked by Somali pirates, as both Wright and McDonald struggled mightily. Inexperience combined with an utter lack of pass rush led to a difficulty with giving up the big plays. McDonald showed some flashes of brilliance, including a two interception game vs. the Eagles, returning one for a touchdown. Off-season additions have included Corey Ivy (wish we had him four years ago...we did!), and you may remember Hank Poteat from watching him get beaten like a red-headed stepchild time and again by Kelly Holcomb when Poteat was a member of the Steelers. Needless to say, the CB position remains a concern.

### **Top Players Available:**

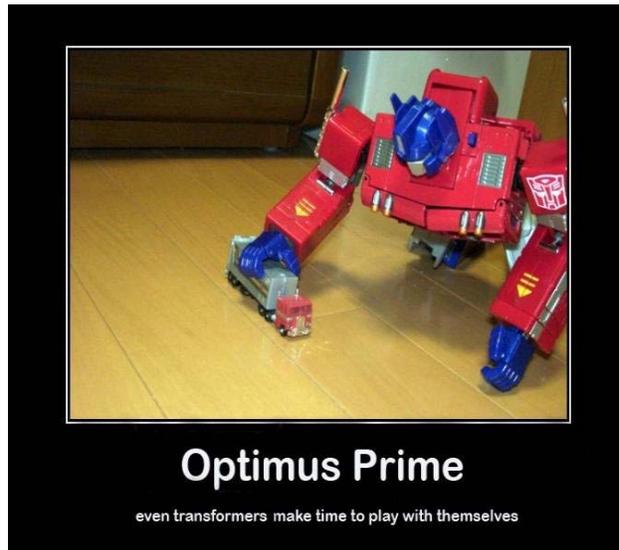
1. Malcolm Jenkins	6-0, 204	4.62	Ohio State (FS)
2. Darius Butler	5-10.5, 180	4.35	UConn
3. Vontae Davis	5-11, 203	4.49	Illinois
4. Alphonso Smith	5-9, 193	4.58	Wake Forest
5. Sean Smith	6-3.5, 214	4.53	Utah
6. Jairus Byrd	5-10, 207	4.65	Oregon (S)
7. D.J. Moore	5-9, 192	4.60	Vanderbilt
8. Coye Francies	6-0.5, 185	4.60	San Jose State

9. Kevin Barnes	6-0, 187	4.45	Maryland
10. Mike Mickens	5-11.5, 184	4.45	Cincinnati
11. Keenan Lewis	6-1, 208	4.53	Oregon State
12. Victor 'Macho' Harris	5-11, 198	4.63	Virginia Tech
13. Asher Allen	5-9.5, 194	4.45	Oregon
14. Cary Harris	5-11.5, 187	4.60	Southern California
15. DeAngelo Smith	5-10.5, 194	4.60	Cincinnati (FS)
16. Chris Owens	5-10, 181	4.51	San Jose State
17. Donald Washington	6-0, 197	4.56	Ohio State
18. Bradley Fletcher	6-0.5, 196	4.52	Iowa
19. Captian Munnerlyn	5-8.5, 182	4.52	South Carolina
20. Bruce Johnson	5-9.5, 170	4.52	Miami

## Players of Interest to Cleveland:

### Malcolm Jenkins, The Ohio State University, 6'0, 204

Jenkins is unquestionably the top cornerback in this year's draft, and he is a legitimate top 5 prospect. A consensus All-American in his junior and senior seasons, Jenkins caused four fumbles, deflected eighteen passes and had eleven interceptions during his collegiate career...this guy had hands on balls more often than a curious 14 year old boy.



### Vontae Davis, Illinois, 5'11, 203

Vontae is the younger brother of Vernon Davis. You may remember Vernon from such draft reports as the Kevin and Ryan's 2006 Draft Report. Like his brother, Vontae has jaw-dropping athleticism, which means you will hear a lot about "upside" from the draft gurus come April 25th. Unlike his brother, Mike Singletary has never made Vontae cry (as far as we know). Vontae has 4.4 speed and also bench pressed 225 lbs. 25 times. Ron Zook said Vontae "wasn't challenged enough" in college, which sounds like the same excuse yuppie parents give for their stupid kids.

### Darius Butler, UCONN, 5'10, 183

A four year starter and two year captain at Connecticut, Darius Butler may be the best cornerback prospect you haven't heard of. In the Big East, UCONN remains under the radar, but it has a number of prospects in this year's draft (including most of the women's basketball team). Butler is under 4.4 in the 40 yard dash. A bit undersized, Butler is more likely to make an immediate impact as a cover corner, and may struggle in run support.

**Asher Allen, Georgia, 5'9, 194**

Allen turned in the fastest 40 yard dash time of the top cornerback prospects, coming in at a 4.33. Allen surprised some with his decision to leave after his junior season because the Atlanta native is not quite yet a finished product. Allen did not record any interceptions in 2008. Standing only 5'9, Allen lacks elite height and did often lose out on jump balls to taller receivers. At various spring practices, Allen did however, receive both the 'Biggest Surprise' award and the 'True Grit' award at Georgia. These sound made up to me. They sound like one of those participation awards that everyone gets at camp.

**Domonique Johnson, Jackson State, 6'1, 197**

Johnson draws immediate comparisons to last year's #16 pick, Domonique Rodgers-Cromartie because of each player's stature, playing in the Football Championship Subdivision (Rodgers-Cromartie at Tennessee State), and, well, their first names (scouts aren't too bright). Johnson started as a sophomore at Missouri but transferred when his Coach reportedly questioned his dedication after Johnson joined a fraternity. What kind of world do we live in where football guys get criticized for joining a fraternity? Wasn't the whole fraternity system developed for jocks? Johnson wanted to transfer to a place where football players are not only allowed to join a fraternity, they are expected to do so. Johnson wound up at Jackson State after his first transfer choice, Adams College, fell through when the fraternity's house burned down in a freak fireball accident.



## Safety

### Current Situation:

There was noticeable excitement last year about the prospect of lining up two young talented safeties side by side. The Browns have been looking for a solid safety tandem since Eric Turner and Stevon Moore, or Chris Rockins and Ray "We are gonna win" Ellis. Sean Jones has been injury prone, but a beast against the run, and surprisingly

hawkish in pass coverage. His inability to recover from play fakes has been his Achilles heal. Brodney Pool has all the athleticism in the world. He had a fairly productive campaign last year, but after his 4<sup>th</sup> concussion in three seasons, his already limited football knowledge might have been knocked out of him on a tackle of the Giants Brandon Jacobs. With Sean Jones on the shelf for most of the season, Mike Adams filled in admirably, but is certainly no Felix Wright (taste it Don Bebe).



Nick Sorenson also saw considerable playing time (way too much if you ask me) at safety where his only real job was to blitz. The Browns have let Sean Jones go to the Eagles via free agency and are either going to address this position in the draft or by signing a free agent like Lawyer Malloy prior to training camp to find a player to play alongside Pool, who is one big hit short of being a drooling vegetable. If the Browns address this position in the draft, they will look long and hard at OSU cornerback/safety Malcolm Jenkins. This pick would solidify a young backfield that is on the verge of becoming something special. Jenkins will immediately improve the Browns secondary against the pass and protect the young corners around him. This pick makes a whole lot of sense for the Browns. So much sense, it definitely won't happen.

## Top Players Available:

1. Louis Delmas	5-11.5, 202	4.53	Western Michigan
2. Patrick Chung	5-11, 212	4.54	Oregon
3. Rashad Johnson	5-11, 203	4.55	Alabama
4. William Moore	6-0, 221	4.54	Missouri
5. Chip Vaughn	6-1.5, 221	4.51	Wake Forest
6. Darcel McBath	6-0, 198	4.62	Texas Tech
7. Michael Hamlin	6-2, 214	4.65	Clemson
8. Sherrod Martin	6-1, 198	4.52	Troy (CB)
9. C.J. Spillman	6-0, 197	4.50	Marshall
10. David Bruton	6-2, 219	4.46	Notre Dame

## **Players of Interest to the Cleveland:**

### **Louis Delmas 5-11.5, 202 Western Michigan**

In a very weak safety class, Louis Delmas has risen to the top. Delmas is on the smaller size, but plays like he is 6'5". This Napoleon complex has probably led to his trouble with concussions. He only plays the game one way, violently. He contributed to some of the biggest collisions in college football last year...usually coming out on the right side. He is slightly undersized but he makes up for it with top notch recognition skills. Delmas is known as a fiery competitor who doesn't back down from larger players on the football field. His coach said, "Just watching him practice and the speed at which he practices, I mean we've got to tone him down. The other day, I actually had to get him off the field." Scouts wonder whether his lack of concern for his body will end up getting leaving him on the IR every year. It has led two more than two concussions, and probably has something to do with his rather poor Wonderlic score (11). If the Browns were to nab Delmas early in round two, they would have two safeties (Pool and Delmas) with a combined concussion total in the double digits, and a combined wonderlic score of the same. Not exactly what you are looking for in the last line of defense.

### **Darcel McBath 6-0, 198 Texas Tech**

Poor Darcel McBath not only had to play against the vaunted offenses in the Big 12 this year, but he had to practice on a daily basis against Michael Crabtree. As a result, his confidence might be a little shaken. The good news for McBath is that if he gets drafted by the Browns, he will be up against a weaker offensive attack in practice than he faced daily in college. McBath has the body of a strong safety, but plays centerfield like a free safety. He nabbed 6 interceptions last year, and provided excellent run support tallying 70 tackles. He has 4.5 speed and is good at directing coverage from his safety position. Oh, and he lists his hobbies as Madden and basketball, which is pretty unique for a college football player I would think. McBath is likely to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> round selection and someone the Browns will think about with their second and third picks unless they have big plans for Nick Sorenson.

### **Patrick Chung 5-11, 212 Oregon**

Patrick Chung is the top Strong Safety in this class following a very productive career at Oregon. He holds the record for most games played in as a defensive player with 51. He is a complete rock, coming in second on the team in bench pressing at only 5-11, 212. He has run a forty in the 4.42, and did 25 reps of 225 at the combine. Those are scary numbers for a safety. Scouts are concerned with his height in matching up with taller tight ends, but his athleticism and intelligence in the backfield should make up for that deficiency. As a senior, he made 92 tackles, 7 tackles for loss, two sacks, and returned an interception for a touchdown. Not bad for a guy who is supposed to be too short. Additionally, I am concerned with the fact that Chung hails from Kingston, Jamaica, and while I hate to stereotype, I imagine the young Jamaican has an affinity for the wacky tobacco....so actually...he should fit in perfectly in the NFL. Look for Chung to be a second round pick., and hanging out with Gerard Warren in no time.

### **William Moore 6-0, 220 Missouri**

If ever the term quit while you're ahead pertained to anyone, it is William Moore, and a term everyone wish applied to John Mayer (please just go away). After a junior

campaign that saw Moore collect 8 interceptions, of which he returned four for touchdown, he quickly gained national recognition as the nation's top defensive playmaker. Had he entered the draft last year, his name would have been called very early in the first round. Unfortunately for Moore, he returned to Missouri for his senior year and had a very average season, never showing the flashes of athleticism and knack for the ball he did as a junior. Sure, the kid will have his college degree...but really, what are you doing with yours that's so impressive I ask? Teams hoping to get the Junior year version of Moore will take a chance on him in round two or three.

#### **David Bruton 6-2 219 Notre Dame**

I feel bad for David Bruton. Because he went to Notre Dame, you can be pretty sure that he has been coached poorly defensively. Charlie Weiss cares about that side of the ball about as much as he cares about wearing his pants below his belly button. This is too bad for Bruton, because he has the size, speed, and leadership qualities that should make him a top pick. He turned heads at the combine with a 4.40 forty, and a vertical jump of 41.5 inches. At 6-2, with that speed he should cover a lot of ground in the center of the football field. His production was good, tallying over 90 tackles, and four interceptions as a senior. With flashy combine numbers on top of excellent size, and the leadership quality of a captain, Bruton is as hot as Brady Quinn's abs.

#### **Rashad Johnson, 5'11", 203**

Johnson earned first team All-SEC honors in 2008. He has decent size and speed, but plays faster than he looks. He reads plays quickly and anticipates quarterbacks very well. Johnson doesn't look to be strong enough to play close to the line in the NFL and projects as more a roaming safety due to his closing speed. He trouble wrapping up opponents, and hurts himself by not always taking good angles while in pursuit. Johnson walked on at Alabama and was number 7 on the depth chart at running back. The guy worked his way to the number one on the safety depth chart. That is the kind of resilience that will make Johnson a good pro, especially at special teams.