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	Team	Position	Name	School	Needs
1	ST LOUIS	QB	SAM BRADFORD	OKLAHOMA	QB, WR, DT, CB

This pick is based on Bradford easing worries about his arm with his Pro Day on 3/25. He is the only consensus franchise QB & bringing in AJ Feeley in FA allows him to learn from a West Coast QB & let someone else take the beating behind a bad OL

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2	DETROIT	DT	NDAMUKONG SUH	NEBRASKA	DT, OLB, CB, RB

Combined with the recent FA additions to the DL the drafting of Suh would turn a major weakness from LY into a strength here. Suh would be the Haynesworth for Schwartz & the Lions can get an OT in the 2nd RD.

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3	TAMPA BAY	FS	ERIC BERRY	TENNESSEE	DT, CB, WR, S

Berry had the luxury of learning the Tampa-2 from former TB & Tenn DC Kiffin LY. He has all the skills necessary to walk onto the field as a starter & is very versatile.

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4	WASHINGTON	OT	RUSSELL OKUNG	OK ST	LT, QB, DE, WR

The Redskins new commonsense approach under GM Bruce Allen isn't a real big surprise. Both he & Shanahan know the foundation of a solid team begins up front & Okung replaces the retired Pro Bowler Chris Samuels immediately.

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5	KANSAS CITY	OT	BRYAN BULAGA	IOWA	LT, WR, TE, ILB

The Chiefs have a slew of needs but by taking Bulaga they shift Branden Albert to RT & give Matt Cassell some semblance of protection. Iowa HC Ferentz is a good friend of the staff & front office & will know Bulaga can fit right now.

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6	SEATTLE	DT	GERALD MCCOY	OKLAHOMA	LT, RB, QB, DT

Seattle has a major need at LT but with McCoy sliding they get a solid value here. Pete Carroll knows the defensive strength is at LB & by taking McCoy he improves them & look at upgrading other spots with the #14 pick.

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7	CLEVELAND	CB	JOE HADEN	FLORIDA	QB, CB, ILB, S

The Browns will try hard to trade up for Bradford & Berry would be an ideal fit for them as well. Haden's disappointing 40 yd dash was more a function of bad technique & not a lack of speed & remains the best CB in the draft.

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8	OAKLAND	OT	BRUCE CAMPBELL	MARYLAND	LT, DT, OLB, OG, C

Cable is an OL coach by trade & while Campbell didn't merit a single vote for ACC All-Conf team by anyone he has the measurables that the Raiders crave. While he is a bit raw he can develop into a starting LT.

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9	BUFFALO	LT	TRENT WILLIAMS	OKLAHOMA	LT, NT, ILB, OG

The Bills OL was devastated by injuries in 2009 & were down to their 3rd string OT's. While the defense is switching to a 3-4 the OL needs more help and Chan Gailey can focus on the run game to rebuild the team.

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10	JACKSONVILLE	DE	DERRICK MORGAN	GEORGIA TECH	DE, OLB, S, WR

The Jaguars only had 14 sacks LY & Del Rio was very close to being released after going 1-4 in DEC. WR will be debated intensely here but they need to fix the mistakes from the 2008 Draft in DE's Groves & Harvey.

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11	DENVER	WR	DEZ BRYANT	OKLAHOMA ST	OLB, QB, CTR, WR

Denver fully expects to trade Marshall and will replace talent with talent here. McDaniels is fully aware of Bryant's issues and will have the leadership on hand to fix that.

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12	MIAMI	NT	DAN WILLIAMS	TENNESSEE	NT, OLB, S, WR

The Dolphins have a glaring need to pick up a WR to develop with Henne & Ga Tech's Thomas will get serious consideration. However the suspension of NT Ferguson leaves a huge hole & Williams is a natural 3-4 NT to inject into the defense.

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13	SAN FRANCISCO	OT	ANTHONY DAVIS	RUTGERS	RT, S, OLB, CB

SF wanted to draft a RT in 2009 but Crabtree was too good to pass up. They can draft Davis, improve the run game & protection for the spread offense & use 2010 to decide if Staley should slide to RT in 2011.

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14	SEATTLE	RB	CJ SPILLER	CLEMSON	LT, RB, QB, DE

This pick is the Seahawks wild card & they will dangle it out for trade. They could reach a bit for former USC OT Brown here but Carroll stays put & adds speed into his offense with the best RB in the draft.

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15	NY GIANTS	MLB	ROLANDO MCCLAIN	ALABAMA	ILB, OG, CB, QB

The Giants defense was highly rated prior to 2009 but injuries, age & a DC the players didn't buy into contributed to the team giving up 85 points in its L2 games. McClain is a solid run stuffing presence who is the best player available at the Giants positions of neeed.

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16	TENNESSEE	OLB	SEAN WEATHERSPOON	MISSOURI	DE, WLB, WR, DT

TEN's defense is entering a rebuilding stage on the front 7 at this point & Weatherspoon is an ideal fit to replace Keith Bulluck. Witherspoon has the production (400+ tackles), athleticism (775 full squat) & football IQ to make an instant impact here.

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17	SAN FRANCISCO	S	TAYLOR MAYS	USC	S, CB, OLB, RB

Mays had an outstanding combine & was tracked as low as 4.24 on his 40. He can be exposed a bit in space in coverage but he has the athleticism to fit right in with Singletary's defense.

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18	PITTSBURGH	OG/OT	MIKE IUPATI	IDAHO	OG, CB, DT, DE

PIT has struggled with it's power run game the L2Y & Roethlisberger takes too many unnecessary chances holding onto the ball. They also need to upgrade at CB but Iupati's nasty streak & versatility is an ideal fit for the Steelers.

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19	ATLANTA	CB	PATRICK ROBINSON	FLORIDA ST	CB, DE, OG, LB

While the Falcons did pay a lot for Dunta Robinson they are competing with the Saints for the NFC South. Robinson is a solid player with good size who won't be intimidated by the Saints passing threats.

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20	HOUSTON	CB/S	EARL THOMAS	TEXAS	CB, RB, DT, CB

The Texans have a huge hole in the secondary with Robinson departing. They can satisify their RB needs in the 2nd RD but they need to stock up in the back 4 if they ever hope to beat the Colts.

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21	CINCINNATI	WR	GOLDEN TATE	NOTRE DAME	WR, TE, DT, S

Despite upgrading the #2 WR spot with Antonio Bryant the Bengals still need to upgrade the slot WR position. Tate is electric with the ball, had a better than expected combine and isn't an off the field distraction.

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22	NEW ENGLAND	OLB	BRANDON GRAHAM	MICHIGAN	OLB, RB, WR, OG

Graham is a natural fit in the Patriots scheme & can play inside or outside. The lack of a pass rush forced Belichick to take chances he normally wouldn't (IND) in 2009 & with 3 2nd RD DC's he can upgrade the OL & RB positions.

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23	GREEN BAY	OT	CHARLES BROWN	USC	RT, CB, OG, P

GB resigned Clifton to what is essentially a 1 year deal loaded with incentives. Brown will come in & take the RT spot in 2010 & shift to LT next year.

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24	PHILADELPHIA	OLB	SERGIO KINDLE	TEXAS	LB, DE, OG, CB

The Eagles have struggled for years to put together a solid LB corps. Kindle will allow the defense to stay unpredictable in its blitz schemes & shore up the defense vs bigger RB's.

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25	BALTIMORE	CB	KYLE WILSON	BOISE ST	CB, WR, TE, DE

BAL added Boldin for 3rd & 4th RD DC's & we expect Mason to resign. The Ravens are now free to address their biggest need in secondary depth. Wilson has a chance to be the #2 CB in 2010 on opening day.

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26	ARIZONA	DE/OLB	JASON PIERRE-PAUL	USF	LB, DE, FS, QB

Pierre-Paul is a high risk/high reward prospect with just 1 year of 1-A football & has 6.5 sacks. He is very athletic with lots of upside & Whisenhunt needs to address the OLB position here.

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27	DALLAS	WR	DEMARYIUS THOMAS	GEORGIA TECH	FS, WR, OT, NT

Thomas posted a 19.5 ypc in an option offense & has been quietly compared to Calvin Johnson. A broken foot is keeping him from working out for teams but by picking him up here the Cowboys can move on from the Roy Williams mistake.

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28	SAN DIEGO	DT	BRIAN PRICE	UCLA	RB, DT, CB, DE

The Chargers run defense struggled to replace NT Jamal Williams (now with DEN) allowing 118 ypg (4.5). Price gives them the big body to anchor the front 7 & they can address their RB issues in the 2nd RD though Fresno St Ryan Matthews will be tempting.

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29	NY JETS	DE	EVERSON GRIFFEN	USC	DE, RB, WR, FS

Griffen can fit any of the 3-4 LB spots & can handle the 3-4 rush DE spot. The Jets value versatility & the team needs to add some youth in the front 7 though Golden Tate is also a consideration.

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30	MINNESOTA	DT	JARED ODRICK	PENN ST	CB, FS, DT, RB

Odrick gives the team protection in case Pat Williams retires or is suspended along with Kevin Williams. This is a rare chance for a team to replenish a strength with a player who would go much higher in other years.

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31	INDIANAPOLIS	C	MAURKICE POUNCEY	FLORIDA	OG, CTR, DT, CB

GM Bill Polian placed the Super Bowl loss at the feet of the OL & the team needs to start thinking about replacing Ctr Saturday. IND released OG Ryan Lilja & Pouncey can learn the system on the go as a rookie.

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32	NEW ORLEANS	DE	CARLOS DUNLAP	FLORIDA	OLB, DE, FS, TE

The Saints need to replace Charles Grant at DE & give them more of a pass rushing presence. Dunlap has a bit of risk about him & the team may consider Jermaine Gresham as Shockey has health issues.