

Pick	Team	Position	Player	College	2010 Impact (1-10)
1.	St Louis	QB	Sam Bradford	Oklahoma	5
The Rams desperately needed a player offensively to rebuild their franchise around for the future. Admittedly Suh could have more of an impact in 2010 but the Rams are more concerned with 2012 & beyond.					
2.	Detroit	DT	Ndamukong Suh	Nebraska	8
The Lions have finished 32 nd in yards allowed & points per game allowed in each of the last 3 years. Jim Schwartz has via free agency (Corey Williams, Kyle Vanden Bosch) turned the DL from a major weakness to a team strength.					
3.	Tampa Bay	DT	Gerald McCoy	Oklahoma	8
McCoy gives Raheem Morris the 1-gap penetrating DT that he desperately needs. The Bucs instantly become tougher vs the run & can easily find another pass rusher early in the 2 nd round or take a quality WR to groom with Josh Freeman.					
4.	Washington	LT	Trent Williams	Oklahoma	7
Williams' athleticism makes him a better fit for their blocking system which is why they passed on Russell. Regardless they have a foundation LT to protect Donovan McNabb. While this is a quality pick for Mike Shanahan they could have easily dropped down a few spots & picked up a 3 rd to address other needs while still getting a standout LT.					
5.	Kansas City	FS	Eric Berry	Tennessee	10
Berry immediately moves to the front for Defensive Rookie of the Year. The NFL is now a passing league & elite Safeties that have CB speed are in demand. Berry is a polished defender that will have an instant impact for a Chiefs defense that allowed a 25-15 TD/Int ratio in 2009.					
6.	Seattle	LT	Russell Okung	Oklahoma St	8
Pete Carroll gets the top rated LT on his draft board to replace the retiring Walter Jones. Okung improves 3 spots on the OL as he shifts Sean Locklear & Ray Willis to RT & RG. This will help Seattle balance out its offense (passed an NFL high 64.1%) & cut down on their 41 sacks allowed.					
7.	Cleveland	CB	Joe Haden	Florida	7
The Browns tried to trade up with the Rams to take Bradford & then hoped Berry would slide to them. They settled for the top CB on the board after not being able to trade down. Haden's poor 40 time (4.57) at the Combine was due to a back strain & he ran a 4.45 at his Pro Day. If he signs prior to training camp the Browns could move Sheldon Brown to FS.					
8.	Oakland	LB	Rolando McClain	Alabama	7
This is a good but not great move for the Raiders as McClain is a 3-4 ILB & not ideally suited for a 4-3. He has incredible instincts to offset the fact he's doesn't quite have the range for a MLB. The Raiders still need a LT & looking at their depth chart they really don't have big bodies on the DL to shield him. He will be an impact player in the NFL & the Raiders could make a play for Albert Haynesworth later however.					
9.	Buffalo	RB	CJ Spiller	Clemson	9
Spiller is an explosive playmaker who will touch the ball 20 times a game minimum for the Bills. GM Buddy Nix was part of the Chargers draft when they took Tomlinson followed up by Brees in the 2 nd Rd. The fact the Bills passed on a franchise LT is a surprise but they can be developed. Look for them to move for either Clausen or McCoy in the 2 nd Rd.					

10. Jacksonville DT Tyson Alualu California 5

The Jaguars desperately wanted to trade down but couldn't find a partner & just missed out on Spiller. Alualu is a surprise pick but the Jaguars wanted a player with high character that they could develop long term. He will start off as the #3 DT in a rotation & could very well see time at DE. Del Rio needs an impact player to help survive the 2010 season & Alualu will be under a lot of pressure to produce here.

11. San Francisco RT Anthony Davis Rutgers 7

Davis showed some character concerns with his Pro Day but those won't be an issue here as Mike Singletary will eliminate those. Davis will shift to RT & move Adam Snyder to RG improving the 49ers depth & durability on the OL. This is a good example of need being satisfied by best player available on a draft board.

12. San Diego RB Ryan Mathews Fresno St 8

Chargers GM AJ Smith has a reputation for being bold with his draft picks & moving up to get the players he wants. Mathews is widely regarded as being the top RB in the draft & he gives the Chargers a 3 down RB that they have missed with the rapid decline of Tomlinson. The only knock on this pick is how much San Diego gave up to move 12 spots (2nd, swapped 4th's & LB Tim Dobbins) to get a player to round out their offense.

13. Philadelphia DE Brandon Graham Michigan 6

The Eagles came into the draft with 12 picks & despite their youth movement, are still a very talented team. They moved up to draft another undersized DE to help out their pass rush (44 sacks) but he's likely to be a rotational player at this point. While Graham could get a look at SLB, Philadelphia could have been better served with Derrick Morgan here.

14. Seattle FS Earl Thomas Texas 7

The Seahawks came into the draft with only 2 Safeties on the roster. Thomas is a hybrid CB/S who will be an immediate boost to the #30 pass defense. This is quality pick that takes care of a huge hole in the roster. Thomas will be challenged early & often by opposing QB's but he has the speed to recover from rookie mistakes.

15. NY Giants DE Jason Pierre-Paul South Florida 2

The Giants opted for potential over production with Pierre-Paul over Derrick Morgan here. Pierre-Paul has tons of athletic ability but only has 1 year of 1-A experience in a lower tier conference for 6.5 sacks. He'll be a situational player in 2010 but he reminds us a lot of CIN's Michael Johnson from 2009 who had 17 tackles & 3 sacks.

16. Tennessee DE Derrick Morgan Georgia Tech 7

This is a great move for the Titans who are rebuilding their DL & Morgan will step right into Kyle Vanden Bosch's spot here. Morgan is a very polished pass rusher & a quality run stuffer that will fit right in here. Keep in mind that rookie 1st Rd DE's only average around 35 tackles & 3.5 sacks their 1st year.

17. San Francisco OG Mike Iupati Idaho 6

By drafting Iupati in conjunction with Anthony Davis the 49ers are sending a message to the rest of the NFL that they are intent on running the ball in 2010 with Frank Gore. SF will also continue on implementing the spread offense under OC Jimmy Raye here to maximize Alex Smith & Michael Crabtree's talents & a stout OL is a must here.

18. Pittsburgh Ctr/OG Maurkice Pouncey Florida 6

The Steelers have struggled to replace Jeff Hartings since he retired after the 2006 season. Pouncey is the top rated Center in the draft & he'll get a year to learn the system with Justin Hartwig staying at Center. Pouncey will likely earn a starting spot as an OG in 2010 as the Steelers focus on running the ball.

19. Atlanta LB Sean Weatherspoon Missouri 7
The Falcons have a rising star MLB with Curtis Lofton & wanted a WLB to groom behind Mike Peterson. Weatherspoon was incredibly productive at college pulling in 110+ tackles in 3 straight years. He has an immensely strong lower body (squats 770) & has the potential to develop into a quality 3 down LB here.
20. Houston CB Kareem Jackson Alabama 7
With Mathews off the board the Texans let their board come to them & fulfilled a critical need here. Jackson is a quality cover CB who will need a bit of refinement in his footwork. Gary Kubiak felt that Jackson's upside at CB was greater than Kyle Wilson's versatility in the return game here.
21. Cincinnati TE Jermaine Gresham Oklahoma 7
The Bengals have never had an impact TE for Carson Palmer (Reggie Kelly is a blocking TE) in the receiving game. Cincinnati's offense was taken apart in the playoffs due to a lack of weaponry in the passing game outside of Ochocinco. Gresham is a hybrid TE/WR that should pay dividends quickly & open up more defenses for Cedric Benson.
22. Denver WR Demaryius Thomas Georgia Tech 6
Thomas was only able to work out for teams four days before the draft due to a broken foot he sustained preparing for the Combine. He is very raw right now & doesn't have much experience in running the route tree at the moment but he has Calvin Johnson potential. Thomas does have a mid-4.4 time officially recorded & this will be a big learning year for him coming out of an option offense.
23. Green Bay OT Bryan Bulaga Iowa 7
Bulaga fills a massive need for the Packers as while they brought back both Chad Clifton & Mark Tauscher they are under 1 year contracts. Both players have age & injury issues & Bulaga will be the swing OT early in the year. This is another great example of a team letting the draft come to them & not panicking to fill a need.
24. Dallas WR Dez Bryant Oklahoma St 8
By drafting Dez Bryant the Cowboys have arguably the most complete offense in the NFC, especially if they resign Flozell Adams to a reduced contract after the draft. Bryant has phenomenal athleticism & there will be a solid support structure in place to help. This also gives the Cowboys the latitude to admit the Roy Williams mistake & remove him in 2011.
25. Denver QB Tim Tebow Florida 2
First off the Broncos really didn't overpay for Tebow as they deserve to be commended for working down & they used their extra picks here. However the opportunity cost in a draft this deep to bolster their defense & receiving game for a developmental QB is pretty huge. Tebow is a great pickup in terms of work ethic & character though. He won't be tasked with significant time in 2010 but his impact this year will be minimal.
26. Arizona NT Dan Williams Tennessee 7
The Cardinals were expected to make a play for one of the impact 3-4 OLB's but they got massive value with Williams here. The Cardinals got a steal here as Williams was expected to go as high as #10 in the draft. The Cardinals locked up a pure 3-4 NT to be the foundation of their defense for the next 10 years.
27. New England CB Devin McCourty Rutgers 7
McCourty is a very versatile player who will come in & play nickel CB, return kicks & work as a gunner on punts. Bill Belichick is well aware that Shawn Springs doesn't have many miles left on his legs & McCourty gives him insurance & security vs a schedule loaded with high octane passing teams.

28. Miami DE Jared Odrick Penn St 7

The Dolphins did a good job of moving down & getting picks later in the draft. After just missing out on Dan Williams they opted to pick up a 3-4 DE to solidify their front 7. Odrick has a good reputation as a run stuffer & it wouldn't be a surprise to see him start early in the season as he is big enough to survive at NT.

29. NY Jets CB Kyle Wilson Boise St 7

Rex Ryan took the loss to Indianapolis in the playoffs to heart. By picking up Kyle Wilson they come into 2010 with arguably one of the best secondaries in the NFL. Wilson also has some special teams ability just in case Leon Washington isn't up to speed to start the season.

30. Detroit RB Jahvid Best California 8

This is a very smart move by the Lions as they picked up a starting RB for the price of moving down 28 spots in the 4th Rd & a 7th Rd pick. Best does have a question mark due to concussions but the Lions needed a replacement for Kevin Smith who destroyed his knee late in 2009. Best will allow Matt Stafford & the Detroit offense to grow in 2010.

31. Indianapolis DE Jerry Hughes TCU 7

The biggest lesson the Colts learned in 2009 was that they didn't have a viable pass rushing threat other than Robert Mathis & Dwight Freeney. Hughes is the quick twitch, undersized DE prospect that fits in the system who can hold his own vs the run & will become the #3 DE in the rotation.

32. New Orleans CB Patrick Robinson Florida St 7

The Saints just missed out on Hughes who would have stepped right in at SLB for them. Robinson is a surprise move here but he bolsters 2 spots here. He is a pure CB who will take over as the nickel CB & allow last years 1st Rd DC Malcolm Jenkins to shift to FS in case the team can't resign Darren Sharper. By sticking to their draft board they also kept the Vikings from taking a player they wanted with the 2nd pick in the 2nd round.