

## 2010 Draft

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2010 DRAFT - Jeff Ireland      ROUND    PLAYER    POS    COLLEGE    BIO      1 (28) JARED  
ODRICK    DE/DT    PENN ST    6'5", 304#, 5.1      2 (08) KOA MISI    OLB (DE)    UTAH    6'3", 251#, 4.73  
3 (09) JOHN JERRY    OG (OT)    OLE MISS    6'5", 328#, 5.15      4 (28) A.J. EDDS    OLB    IOWA  
6'3.5", 246#, 4.71      5 (14) NOLAN CARROLL    CB    MARYLAND    5'11.5", 204#, 4.42      5 (32)  
RESHAD JONES    SS    GEORGIA    6'1", 214#, 4.56      7 (05) CHRIS MCCOY    OLB (DE)    M TENN  
ST    6'3", 261#, 4.7      7 (45) AUSTIN SPITLER    ILB/OLB    OHIO ST    6'2", 243#, 4.7      FA JON  
AMAYA    S    NEVADA    6'0", 203#, 4.51      FA TRAVIS IVEY    DT    MARYLAND    6'4", 325#, --  
FA VINCE OGHOBAASE    DT    DUKE    6'5", 303#, 5.48      FA A.J. WALLACE    CB    PENN ST  
6'1", 201#, --      FA ROB WALLACE    WR    SAN DIEGO ST    6'4", 225#, --      FA ROSS  
WEAVER    CB    MICHIGAN ST    6'1", 203#, --      FA MARLON MOORE    WR    FRESNO ST    6'1",  
282#, --      FA ANDY LEAVINE    OT    FLORIDA INT    6'5", 292#, --      FA KYLE HARRINGTON  
DT    U MASS    6'4", 290#, --

JARED ODRICK  
1 (28-028) DT/DE  
PENN ST  
6'5", 204 lbs  
5.1 40-time; Senior      VIDEO CLIP

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### OVERALL FOOTBALL TRAITS:

#### Production

2006: (12/0) 4 tackles.  
2007: (9/7) 16 tackles, 4 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 blocked kick.  
2008: (13/13) 41 tackles, 9.5 TFL, 4.5 sacks, 3 PBU, 1 FF

#### Height-Weight-Speed 2

Wide frame, good bulk and above-average top-end speed.

#### Durability 3

Broke two bones in left hand against Wisconsin only to come back a week later and dislocate his right ankle against Indiana in 2007. Missed the remainder of the 2007 season with the ankle injury.

#### Intangibles 4

Charged with disorderly conduct in March of 2008 after allegedly getting in a fight with three students.

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE SPECIFIC TRAITS:

#### Strength/Toughness 2

Stout and shows good strength at the point of attack. Extremely competitive and works hard to fight through blocks. However has some problems holding ground against double teams.

#### Quickness(hands/feet) 3

Anticipates snap count and has the quick first step to beat blockers to the point of attack. However, agility is less than ideal. Struggles to change directions and adequate at best lateral mobility. While has quick hands could improve ability to shed blocks quickly and be more productive with energy expends.

#### Versus the Run 3

Fires off the ball and strong initial surge. Heavy hands and can stack blockers up in one-on-one battles. However, mechanical at times and needs to do a better job of wading through traffic in pursuit.

### Pass Rush Skills 3

Average in this category. Quick first step and flashes the ability to penetrate but lacks ideal closing speed and can be a step late getting to the quarterback as a result. Struggles to counter once engaged.

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### TSN (SPORTING NEWS) INSIDER (\*\*)

#### Against the run:

Is big, strong at the point of attack, facing double-teams on nearly every play. Shows excellent hand quickness to beat one-on-one blocks with "swim" or "rip/pull" moves. Against double-teams, too often turns shoulders and makes it too easy to be washed down by the line. Is strong enough to make arm tackles while engaged with a blocker. Makes his share of plays chasing ball carriers inside the numbers. Must keep pads low and shoulders square against double-teams.

#### Pass rush:

Shows the strength, length and power to be a good bull rusher against one-on-one blocks. Has an angular frame and can get hands into passing lanes and knock down passes. Struggles to protect legs from cut blocks, and lacks the agility to change directions once upfield. Is not quick or agile on stunts and twists, and lacks the speed to chase down athletic quarterbacks when scrambling.

#### Initial quickness:

Shows outstanding initial quickness at the snap for a big man. Shows above-average lateral range in his pursuit down the line.

#### Run/pass recognition:

Shows excellent instincts, and plays smart in all situations. Was burned a few times early in career by screen passes, but learned from his mistakes and now is adept at sniffing out screens.

#### Pursuit/tackling:

Has only above-average lateral range in pursuit. Is an excellent tackler within the box. Shows strong hands and delivers a blow on contact.

#### Bottom line:

Odrick has the size, strength, instincts and athletic ability to contribute as a rookie. He has an angular, slightly higher-cut frame with adequate arm length. He is more of a straight-line athlete who struggles with his lateral quickness and agility on the move. He can play 3-technique tackle in base defense and nose tackle in passing situations. He is a solid pro prospect with some limitations. He best fits as a 5-technique defensive end for a team that runs a 3-4 scheme.

### NFL.COM ANALYSIS (\*\*)

#### OVERVIEW:

Odrick has a good combination of size and strength. He is more of a run-stopper with power to hold the point but needs to utilize his hands more consistently to separate to the ball. Odrick shows power to collapse the pocket as a pass rusher but again needs to expand his pass rush package with more moves and counters to contribute at the next level. He feels pad pressure well and constricts running lanes effectively. He has some limitations (lateral agility and speed) but plays with a good motor and often wins with effort. Odrick could be considered a versatile prospect as an end in a 3-4 front or tackle in 4-3 schemes. Odrick has upside if he can improve his overall technique at the next level.

#### ANALYSIS:

##### Strengths

Odrick's nice combination of size and strength making him a good fit inside in a 4-3 or as a 3-4 defensive end. Shows good initial quickness getting off the ball but is more of a straight-line guy. Competitive defender against the run. Productive player during his time in college. Has been a durable performer later in his career.

##### Weaknesses

Is only an average athlete with below-average lateral mobility. We question his change of distance in space. Odrick's struggles to separate and disengage from blockers, needs to expanded his pass rush package and range.

Grade: 8.7      SI ANALYSIS (\*\*)

#### Biography:

Three-year starter awarded All-Conference honors since his junior campaign being named as an All-American last year. Big 10 Defensive Player of the Year in 2009. Senior totals included 43/11/7 after 41/9.5/4.5 the prior year.

#### Positives:

Athletic, well-sized defensive lineman with potential at tackle or as a two-gap end. Bends his knees, plays with terrific leverage, and fires off the snap with a quick first step. Uses his hands to protect himself, shows good punch, and pushes blockers to the ground. Keeps his feet driving on contact, gets leverage on opponents, then bulrushes them off the line of scrimmage. Displays an array of moves getting off blocks. Knives to the inside, plays heads-up football, and constantly focused on by opponents.

#### Negatives:

Marginal pass rusher. Displays limited skill in pursuit.

#### Analysis:

Odrick has been a disruptive defender at Penn State and is a lineman who demands the full attention of the opposition. He's a solid athlete who plays with good fundamentals and is a prospect who hold a large degree of upside. Odrick has starting potential and should quickly produce as a rookie in the NFL.

#### Projection:

1st      CBS SPORTSLINE (\*\*)

**Pass rush:** Has good height, strength, agility and length to be a consistent penetrator. Bowled over many college linemen with his bull rush and seems to be in motion with the snap of the ball. Has some shiftiness and is able to penetrate with a swim or an inside-out move when blocked one-on-one. Uses his hands to discard linemen. Disrupts passing lanes with his long arms and big hands, keeping his eyes in the backfield. Can accelerate to the quarterback after initial contact but does not have elite quickness or change-of-direction ability to come back and make the sack or chase down plays in the backfield.

**Run defense:** Usually holds his ground inside or pushes back against double-teams. Disengages from blocks to get back into the play and has made stops four or five yards downfield. Not quick enough laterally, but uses his strength to move down the line while engaged on stretch plays. Must be more aware of protecting his knees from cut blocks.

**Explosion:** Good quickness and pop off the snap. Able to knock his man back a step or two into the pocket. Improved his get-off as a senior playing the three-technique and is able to consistently penetrate from that spot.

**Strength:** Brute strength makes him a tough assignment in pass protection for college linemen. Stacks his man and rips off in either direction to fill a hole. Pushes the pocket as a pass rusher, even when double-teamed. Plays tall but controls the line on almost every snap when straight-up or doubled.

**Tackling:** Solid wrap tackler inside because of his strength and length at the point. Lacks the change-of-direction ability to regularly rein in elusive ballcarriers or make plays from behind. His height also prevents him from consistently breaking down in space.

**Intangibles:** Work ethic and consistency of effort have been questioned in the past, but he appeared to turn a corner in 2009. Cited for disorderly conduct and fined for a February 2009 early morning fight in downtown State College.

NFL Comparison: Fili Moala, Indianapolis Colts

NFL DRAFT COUNTDOWN (\*\*)

#### Strengths:

Great size with a long frame --- Very good athlete --- Terrific speed and quickness --- Really fires off the snap --- Strong and powerful --- Active with a non-stop motor --- Does a nice job in pursuit --- Has a burst to close --- Uses his hands well --- Able to penetrate, get upfield and can collapse the pocket --- Aggressive --- Competitive --- Smart with superb instincts and awareness --- Hard worker --- Some schematic versatility.

#### Weaknesses:

Doesn't always play with proper leverage --- Not very agile and doesn't move well laterally --- Is not overly stout at the point of attack --- Feet go dead at times --- Gets neutralized by double-teams --- Has trouble getting off blocks once engaged --- Relatively average production and did not make a lot of impact plays --- Some minor durability

concerns.

#### Notes:

Last name is pronounced "ODD-rick" --- Was a three-year starter for the Nittany Lions --- Earned All-American honors in 2009 --- Named 1st Team All-Big Ten in 2008 and 2009 --- The Big Ten Defensive Player and Defensive Lineman of the Year as a senior --- Season was cut short by a broken hand and ankle in '07 --- The type who does everything well but nothing great --- Could project to either defensive tackle (three-technique) in a 4-3 or defensive end (five-technique) in a 3-4 --- Not particularly flashy but offers a nice mix of physical tools and intangibles.  
NATIONAL FOOTBALL POST (\*\*)

A long, powerful interior lineman who showcases a good first step off the ball, Odrick does a nice job crossing the face of opposing linemen and driving his legs through gaps inside. He does a great job keeping his pad level down, creating leverage on contact and working his hands inside. He has the power and technique to absolutely overwhelm linemen on contact and drive his way toward the ball. Odrick displays a great initial jolt on contact and showcases a feel for the game. He consistently finds the ball off the snap and does a great job controlling blockers on contact and closing run lanes on either side of him. But he needs to do a better job extending his long arms on contact and disengaging from blocks. He has a tendency to short-arm his way into contact and simply drive opposing linemen into the play with him before eventually muscling them off his frame. He displays good balance and leverage when working down the line and has the body control to slide laterally and then beat slide-down blocks. He times up the snap count well and consistently is the first defensive lineman moving off the ball.

Odrick exhibits a strong, coordinated swat and can cleanly sidestep blocks inside or simply bull-rush opposing linemen into the quarterback's lap. But he isn't overly sudden when his initial rush is slowed and has a tendency to get too high when trying to disengage. However, he displays impressive power for a guy his size who consistently is able to find the ball off the snap and close run lanes inside. He looks like a versatile three-down type of lineman in the NFL and could play either as a 4-3 DT or 3-4 DE.

Grade: 6.9

"EXPERT COMMENTS"

#### ESPN SCOUTS INC

What he brings: Odrick is a unique prospect who does not have a great fit anywhere, but he could work out as a 5-technique in the Dolphins' 3-4 front. He has great initial quickness and a relentless motor, and he shows the ability to stick his feet in the ground and regain leverage to anchor against double-teams. While he needs polish as a pass-rusher, he provides depth on the Dolphins' front line.

What he brings: Randy Starks is coming off a very good year but is not getting any younger. Kendall Langford and Phillip Merling are active, physical players and Odrick will fit in well in this mold. The team still needs pass rush help, but if the Dolphins could not get a true nose tackle at this spot improving their depth at the 5-technique will go a long way toward helping out the nose tackle situation. \*\*

#### ESPN's Mel Kiper

This draft for me is really Jared Odrick and the rest. Odrick can be a really good player, another active, disruptive tackle in a draft full of them. \*\*

#### TSN War Room

Russ Lande's take: Odrick is a perfect fit at defensive end in Miami's 3-4 defense. He is a high-motor player with great quickness and hands. He will be an instant contributor for the Dolphins, and they have to be elated that he was still on the board.

Vinnie Iyer's take: Odrick is a steady, durable player with good intangibles, the kind of late first-round pick you would expect from a Bill Parcells draft. They'll get plenty of hustle from him, and he should be able to hold up as an every-down run stopper. \*\*

#### SI Analysis

The Dolphins are pumped up to see the best 3-4 defensive end in this year's draft still on the board after they traded all the way down to 28 from their original draft position of 12. Odrick should start at the five-technique position for Miami and fit the Bill Parcells' mold of tough, physical defensive ends who are stellar against the run while being able to provide a steady interior pass rush on obvious passing downs. \*\*

#### CBS Sportsline's Pete Prisco

The Dolphins needed help on their front line and they landed a good, solid player. He might not be a star, but in their 3-4 defense he is perfect.

Grade: B \*\*

#### CBS Sportsline's Rob Rang

By trading for Brandon Marshall, the Dolphins eliminated their primary need, but lost a second-round pick in 2010. They were able to get back into the second round in a deal with the Chargers. The Dolphins were still able to reinforce their defensive line with the selection of the steady and versatile Jared Odrick of Penn State, who some teams felt might go in the top 15. \*\*

#### MSNBC

The pick is fairly surprising, considering Kendall Langford and Randy Starks are the strength of Miami's front seven. Like Langford and Starks, Odrick projects as an end in the Dolphins' 3-4 defense. We can't totally knock the pick because Odrick is a high-motor defender with an Aaron Smith-like skill set. The 2009 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year -- beating out Brandon Graham -- Odrick recorded 11 tackles for loss and seven sacks as a fourth-year senior in 2009. \*\*

#### Pro Football Weekly's Nawrocki

Odrick lined up inside for Penn State and was very active and disruptive when he kept his pads low, but he too often rises and plays tall, which may make him more naturally setting the edge in a "30" front. Bill Parcells is a believer in building inside out and sought value over need by drafting a difficult-to-find five-technique. \*\*

#### National Football Post

Odrick looks like one of the safest prospects in this year's draft. He's got great value as a five-technique DT in the Dolphins' 3-4 scheme and is a really nice value at the end of round one. He knows how to stack and play off blocks on the edge and can add some pass rush ability on 3rd down as well. \*\*

#### FOX Sports

The main thing is that Bill Parcells wanted to trade out of the top of the draft and he accomplished that by dealing with the Chargers while also picking up the 40th overall pick. \*\*

#### NBC Sports

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#### Pro Football Talk

The Dolphins traded down 16 spots, and still got a great player for their defensive line. Penn State defensive lineman Jared Odrick has been one of our favorite prospects because he's smart, versatile, and looks like a classic 3-4 defensive end. The Dolphins essentially decided to build strength on strength by taking Odrick. We suspect they would have taken defensive tackle Dan Williams if he was available, but he was taken one pick before by Arizona. Odrick played defensive tackle at Penn State, but he should end in Miami. He joins Randy Starks, Kendall Langford, and Phillip Merling to form one of the deepest defensive end groups in the league. The Dolphins will have the flexibility to play more multiple fronts with four defensive linemen after this move. \*\*

#### SI's Peter King

I think, at the end of the day, the temptation of Derrick Morgan to rush the passer for Miami was outweighed by three things: The Dolphins couldn't be sure he'd develop into a double-digit sack guy. They badly wanted to recoup their second-round pick lost in the Brandon Marshall deal, which they did, getting the 40th pick from San Diego for moving down 16 spots in the first round. And they wanted a big body for the interior defensive line too. Thus the Jared Odrick pick. \*\*

#### RotoWorld

The Fins have used a two-gap scheme since Nick Saban was head coach, but it sounds like they'll install more four- and five-man fronts into the defensive game plan with Odrick, Randy Starks, and Phillip Merling all capable of getting inside penetration. Theoretically, this will help make up for Miami's lack of proven outside, edge rushers and hole at nose tackle. \*\*

#### WalterFootball.com

This doesn't fill a need at all, but Jared Odrick is the best player available. Still, I don't know where he's going to fit in. What are the Dolphins going to do about their pass rush? What about nose tackle and the free safety position? (Update: The Dolphins apparently will use Randy Starks at nose, so this pick makes a lot more sense now.) (Pick Grade: B) \*\*

#### Fantasy Source Blitz

Odrick might be the most underrated first-round defensive tackle, and he'll help a unit that struggled against the run in the second half of '09. Odrick had seven sacks with the Nittany Lions in 2009. Not an IDP play, but he bolsters Miami's bounce-back appeal as a last-round defense. \*\*

MiamiDolphins.com's Andy Cohen

Captain at Penn State. You earn that status on a Joe Paterno team and you know two things: You can really play and you can really lead. \*\*

Scout.com's Chris Steuber

Penn State tweener Jared Odrick. Odrick is a perfect fit at DE in the Dolphins 3-4 scheme. \*\*

NFL Fanhouse

The Chargers wanted to trade up to get their running back, and the Dolphins were happy to slide down and wait out Odrick, whose ability to play several different positions along the defensive line will play right into the hands of new coordinator Mike Nolan as he revamps the defense. \*\*

"DOLPHIN FAN SITE BLOG OPINIONS"

The Phinsider \*\*

Surprise and disappointment seemed to be the consensus feelings amongst Dolphin fans. But when you put aside the idea of drafting for need, it isn't hard to understand why this front office selected this versatile defensive lineman from Penn State. It's clear after hearing GM Jeff Ireland speak tonight that the Dolphins had Odrick at the top of their draft board when they got put on the clock at number 28. And if that's how they honestly felt, that Odrick was the best player available at the time, then you have to give them credit for sticking to their board. Upon being drafted by Miami, Odrick said all the right things. He spoke about how he's willing to play anywhere on the defensive line and how he's just looking forward to finding a place to live and getting to work.

PhinPhanatic.com \*\*

Odrick is a versatile defensive lineman who can play end and is solid against the run or who can move inside on passing downs. He plays three downs, he played at a major college program and produced and he was a high character guy. The more I think about it, the more I can understand why Miami would go in that direction. Reportedly, Miami may have also been interested in Dan Williams and hoped he would fall to them at 28. He didn't, so they went with the next best player on their board and picked Odrick whom they saw extensively at the Senior Bowl.

Dave's Bitchin' Look at the Miami Dolphins \*\*

Miami drafts Penn State's Jared Odrick, a defensive lineman who may be used at tackle or end. So see? They went out and got a replacement for JT. And its pretty much who everyone thought they would take. Okay, so neither of these is true. Odrick is not a pass rusher. And he wasn't even on most people's radar for the Phins. C'mon, unless you're a Penn State fan or a draft geek, you never heard of this guy. We do know that he's big and physical, won several honors, and actually GRADUATED from college (with a degree in sociology) last year. And for that, we give him loads of kudos. In keeping with the tradition of drafting a family with the first-round pick, Odrick told reporters his name is pronounced "Ah-drick" and went on to say "My dad only learned how to say our last name right when he was 19."

COMBINE INFO

40-Yard Dash - 5.09

3-Cone Drill - 7.22

20-Yard Shuttle - 4.59

Bench Press - 26.0

Vertical Jump - 29.0

Broad Jump - 106.0

KOA MISI

2 (08-040) OLB(DE)

UTAH

6'3", 251 lbs

4.73 40-time; Senior

VIDEO CLIP

(none)

ESPN INSIDER (\*\*)

OVERALL FOOTBALL TRAITS:

Production 2

2006: First-team all-conference defensive end helped Santa Rosa Junior College to a division title and a bowl invitation.

2007: (13/11) 67 tackles, 8 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 2 PBU, 2 FR. Played DE for the first two games, moving to tackle when injuries struck.

2008: (13/13) 68 tackles, 8.5 TFL, 3 sacks, 6 PBU, 3 FF, 1 FR. Second-team all-Mountain West.

2009: (12/12) 71 tackles, 9.5 TFL, 5 sacks, 3 FF. First team All-Mountain West.

Height-Weight-Speed 3

Adequate height, weight and top-end

**Durability**

2009: Misses season opener with back injury.

**Intangibles 2**

Lined up at defensive tackle, defensive end and outside linebacker while at Utah. Father played football for Hawaii. 2007: Academic All-MWC. 2008: Won Utah's defensive Iron Ute award.

**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER SPECIFIC TRAITS:****Instincts/Recognition 2**

Can be a step slow recognizing screens but shows above-average instincts overall. Keeps head up, locks long arms out and locates the ball quickly. Moving from end to outside linebacker should also help him read keys and locate the ball because won't get engulfed by offensive tackles as much. Showed good awareness and positioning in underneath zone coverage at Senior Bowl.

**Strength/Toughness 2**

Isn't big enough to consistently hold ground against the run if asked to line up at end in the NFL but plays with good leverage and stouter than size suggests. Above-average upper body strength and appears more than capable of setting the edge at the outside linebacker position.

**Range vs. Run 3**

Takes sound pursuit angles and shows good lateral mobility when scraping down the line of scrimmage but top-end speed and range appear just adequate on film.

**Tackling 3**

Flashes the ability to deliver the big hit and wraps up when gets hands on the ball carrier but doesn't show great body control or agility in space. Concerned about open field tackling.

**3rd Down Capabilities 3**

Physical and has shown the ability reroute tight ends at the line of scrimmage on film. Reason to be optimistic about ability to develop serviceable underneath man-to-man cover skills. While listed at 263 pounds on roster weighed 244 pounds at the Senior Bowl and appeared more fluid there than he did on film. Adequate range in zone coverage but doesn't appear fast enough on film to consistently turn and run with NFL tight ends and backs. Greatest strength is rushing the passer. Doesn't have elite closing speed but quicker than fast. Uses hands to prevent tackle from locking on to frame, gets underneath outside shoulder and then bends back inside. Flashes the ability to get under offensive tackle and drive them back into the quarterback's lap. Gets hands up when sees quarterback start throwing motion and times jumps fairly well. Has ample experience rushing out of a two-point stance.

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NFL.COM ANALYSIS (\*\*)

**OVERVIEW:**

Misi has good size and strength for the linebacker position. He has played both with his hand in the dirt as well as in a stand up position. He is a tough, hard-nosed competitor that will fit best as an outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense. Misi will need some work reading route progressions and will be a liability in pure man coverage. Wright is an aggressive defender that attacks the line of scrimmage to disrupt the run as well as rush the passer effectively. Misi is a good football player that will take some time to transition into the linebacker position, but should contribute on special teams as well as a backup as a rookie.

**STRENGTHS:**

Misi has the look, size and strength of an outside linebacker in a 3-4. Displays the toughness needed to hold the point of attack. Is a productive, smart player who always finds ways to contribute. Has the versatility to stand up or play with his hand down. No questions about his durability.

**WEAKNESSES:**

Only possesses average coverage skills and has limited experience in this area. Is more comfortable playing in a crowd, lacks some agility in space and grasps for air on occasion. Can struggle containing shifty backs on the perimeter. Is an inconsistent reactor, especially when reading in coverage.

SI ANALYSIS (\*\*)

**Biography:**

Three-year starter and All-Conference selection the past two seasons. Senior totals included 71/9.5/5 after 68/8.5/3 as a junior.

**Positives:**

Athletic defensive end best suited in a four-man front or as an outside linebacker in a 3-4 alignment. Breaks down well, plays with good knee bend, and gets leverage on opponents. Works his hands to protect himself, displays terrific quickness in his all-around game, and also shows a good degree of awareness. Fast up the field, immediately alters his angle of attack, and shows ability in pursuit, catching the ball-carriers from the back side. Fast in every direction of the field, possesses a burst bearing down on plays, and has a physical nature to his game. Effective dropped off the line of scrimmage and playing in space.

**Negatives:**

Cannot get off blocks once engaged at the point of attack. Lacks great first step quickness. Does not always show a nasty attitude on the field.

**Analysis:**

Misi is a solid prospect who's consistently improved his game over the past three seasons. He offers a good amount of upside potential and should eventually develop into starter at the next level.

Projection: 2nd

CBS SPORTSLINE (\*\*)

Read & React: Very good football instincts -- sniffs out screens, misdirection and cut blocks. Reads routes and knows where the hot read is in coverage.

Run defense: Explosive coming off the edge if untouched, flexible enough to chase down backs. Lacks the bulk to play end on early downs at the next level, but is strong enough as a linebacker on the edge to be an effective run stopper. Smart on containment and takes away the cutback lane. Punches linemen coming out to block, can disengage to make a play. Gets through trash to find the ball. Excellent chase and hustle down the line or downfield.

Pass defense: Very fluid in his drops, turns hips and gets deep quickly. Will struggle getting off lineman blocks, but seems to find creases to get to the ball in traffic. Good ball awareness whether blitzing or dropped into zone coverage. Gets his hands up when unable to reach the quarterback. Beats cut blocks with his hands and agile enough to recover. Strong enough to handle tight ends on the edge but needs to improve his hand usage on the line. Hustles back to get to open receivers in zones.

Tackling: Excellent tackler, strong upper body and brings his hips to explode into ballcarriers. Breaks down in space and has the agility to rein in elusive players. Tracks down quicker players from behind in space with pure hustle. Will be a force on special teams, playing inside on coverage units.

Pass Rush/Blitz: Played mostly defensive end for the Utes, quick off the edge and plays through the whistle. When standing up, he has nice closing speed to the QB and some shiftiness to defeat running backs inside or turn the corner on lineman outside. Also uses his hands to keep lineman off balance and get around their outside shoulder. Will need counter moves and learn how to blow up blocks in the backfield.

Intangibles: Team captain. High character player praised by his coaches for work ethic. Suffered back injury in preseason practice, worked hard to miss only the first game of 2009 season. TSN (SPORTING NEWS)  
INSIDER (\*\*)

**WAR ROOM ANALYSIS**

Strengths: Has good height and should be able to develop his frame. Shows nice burst off the edge; is relentless in pursuit. Shows ability to be disruptive behind the line of scrimmage. When not getting pressure on quarterback, gets hands up to bat down passes. Shows multiple pass-rush moves. Is strong tackler with instincts and moves to get by blockers and play down hill. Does a good job disrupting passing lanes and using his long arms.

Weaknesses: Lacks bulk to project to end. Lacks lateral quickness to play in open field as 3-4 outside linebacker. Must learn to play in coverage; will find that difficult because of stiff hip movement when needing to turn and run. Must improve playing with leverage out of two-point if he moves to OLB.

Bottom line: Misi was a very versatile college player, plugging in well at end and tackle when needed. He must make move to outside linebacker to find a place in the pros. If given time he could add the necessary bulk to stay at end, but he will make a more immediate impact as a linebacker. Misi is a good third-round pick for a 3-4 team that will ask him to attack the line.

NFL DRAFT COUNTDOWN (\*\*)

**Strengths:**

Outstanding motor and gives excellent effort --- Very athletic --- Quick and agile with great balance --- Super explosive with a burst --- Terrific strength --- Uses his hands well --- Comfortable in space --- Appears to have fluid hips --- A hard worker --- Versatile --- Still has a lot of upside.

**Weaknesses:**

Just average size --- Questionable instincts --- Has trouble getting off blocks --- Not a great run defender --- Inconsistent --- Minor durability concerns --- Mediocre sack production --- May not have a true position.

**Notes:**

Full name is Nawa'akoa Lisiate Foti Analeseanoa Misi --- A three-year starter for the Utes --- Named 1st Team All-MWC in 2009 after earning 2nd Team honors the year before --- Transfer from Santa Rosa Junior College, where he spent one season --- Father, Sione, played football for Hawaii --- A bit of a 'tweener who could project to either defensive end in a 4-3 or outside linebacker in a 3-4 at the next level --- Saw action at both end and tackle in college and was also used standing up at times --- Missed some time with a back injury in 2009 --- Didn't rack up eye-popping statistics or necessarily make a lot of game-changing plays but is a very intriguing prospect due to his impressive physical tools --- Classic Workout Warrior who will likely be selected earlier than he should be by some team that becomes infatuated with his potential.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL POST (\*\*)

Misi is a gifted athlete for his size who showcases impressive initial burst and natural closing speed when asked to make plays in pursuit. He works well downfield and has the range to make plays on the ball in space. But his natural burst and speed don't translate as well when he plays with his hand on the ground. He possesses an average first step as a pass rusher, allows his pad level to get too high and struggles to change directions off the edge. Misi looks more natural standing up when he uses his hands much better to gain leverage and is more effective when asked to disengage. He isn't powerful at the point of attack as a run defender. He struggles to sit into his stance and anchor on contact. He can be overwhelmed and is consistently driven downfield. He uses his long arms well to eventually shed blocks, but that takes place too far downfield. He looks like a tough, hard-working 3-4 OLB who has some natural speed for his frame. But I don't see the type of change of direction skills or lateral quickness for him to develop into an impact pass rusher.

Grade: 6.1

"EXPERT COMMENTS"

**ESPN SCOUTS INC**

What he brings: Misi is going to make the transition from defensive end to outside linebacker, but we believe it will be a smooth transition. He has experience rushing the quarterback out of a 2-point stance and we had many chances to see him move in space at the Senior Bowl, where he had a strong week. Although he doesn't have elite measurables, he is tough enough to set the edge against the run and he is a dynamic pass-rusher.

How he fits: Miami's two most productive pass-rushers at the linebacker position -- Joey Porter, who had nine sacks, and Jason Taylor, who had seven -- are gone. Cameron Wake provides a lot of pass-rush upside, but still needs a lot of grooming. Misi's transition from defensive end to outside linebacker will improve the team quickly versus the run and, the Dolphins hope, in time against the pass. \*\*

**ESPN's Mel Kiper**

Koa Misi could be good, but not right away because he'll need to spend a little time transitioning from defensive end to outside linebacker. \*\*

**SI Analysis**

Miami fills the need at outside linebacker opposite former CFL star Cameron Wake, taking Misi over the more highly touted Sergio Kindle from Texas. Misi is relentless and physical, possessing the non-stop motor and mindset that Bill Parcells always covets. \*\*

**CBS Sportsline's Pete Prisco**

The one thing you can expect is good players being drafted by the Miami Dolphins. Bill Parcells knows players. Misi is a good player. He will rush the passer from his 3-4 outside spot.

Grade: B+ \*\*

**CBS Sportsline's Rob Rang**

The Dolphins also might have landed one of the gems of the draft in pass rusher Koa Misi in the second round.

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**MSNBC**

An athletic defensive end at Utah, Misi will be moved to outside linebacker in the Dolphins' 3-4 scheme. Not a

prototypical edge rusher, he'll struggle to generate the sack numbers of Jason Taylor or Joey Porter. Unlikely to make an immediate impact on defense, Misi will be a liability in coverage as he transitions to linebacker. \*\*

#### Pro Football Weekly's Nawrocki

The Dolphins greatest need was arguably at the rush linebacker position, having cut Joey Porter and not resigned Jason Taylor. Misi does not have prototypical size or length, but he can convert his strength into power and has a motor that does not stop. He could compete with SLB Charlie Anderson for a starting job out of the gate. \*\*

#### WalterFootball.com

Bill Parcels takes a talented rush linebacker? Say it ain't so! Koa Misi fits the range and fills a huge need. Can't argue that. (Pick Grade: A) \*\*

#### Fantasy Source Blitz

The Dolphins are addressing needs on the defensive side of the ball. Once again, this will help add to their value as a last-round defense. \*\*

#### MiamiDolphins.com's Andy Cohen

Captain at Utah. This is a kid who learned his work ethic from a tough-as-nails father and who, says those who have watched him, is one of the most tenacious you'll ever see. \*\*

#### Scout.com's Chris Steuber

Utah OLB Koa Misi is the type of speed rusher Parcels values, and if he's able to stay healthy, he could be very effective. \*\*

#### JOHN JERRY

3 (09-073) OG (OT)

Ole Miss

6'5", 328 lbs

5.15 40-time; Senior

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VIDEO CLIP

ESPN INSIDER (\*\*)

#### OVERALL FOOTBALL TRAITS:

Production 2

2005: Signed with Ole Miss but attended Hargrave Military Academy.

2006: (12/12) Started every game at right guard and earned freshman All-SEC honors from league coaches.

2007: (12/9) Played in all 12 games, including nine starts at right guard.

2008: (13/13) Moved to right tackle and started all 13 games.

2009: (12/12) Started in all 12 games, eight at right tackle and four at right guard.

#### Height-Weight-Speed 3

Massive, wide-body ROT/OG with marginal foot speed. Has size that cannot be coached but also has lots of work to do in the weight room.

#### Durability 2

No major injuries to our knowledge. Has played in 49 games during career.

#### Intangibles 2

Comes from good football bloodlines. Brother Peria Jerry was a first-round pick by Atlanta in 2009. Two of his cousins Eddie Strong and Dwayne Rudd played in the NFL and another cousin, Jamarca Sanford, is currently starting at safety for Ole Miss and is also an NFL prospect.

#### OFFENSIVE GUARD SPECIFIC TRAITS:

##### Awareness 2

Good game experience and versatility. Good instincts. Knows his assignments. Knows when to peel off of combo blocks and pick up stunts and blitzes.

##### Toughness 3

Massive offensive lineman who can envelop some smaller defenders at the point of attack. Plays to the whistle and effort is never in question. However, he does not play with much of a mean streak. More of a leaner than a fist fighter or mauler.

##### Pass Protection 2

Wide frame and long arms makes it difficult to get around him, especially inside. Moves well enough in the

short area and can steer defensive linemen when he gets into their pads. Adequate anchor versus bull rush when he's set and in position. However, he's not a natural knee-bender. He possesses marginal mirror-and-slide skills and would be a liability on the perimeter. He is a leaner who really become vulnerable when off-balance.

### Run Blocking 3

Widebody OL with good agility for size. Does a nice job when asked to pull from the OT position in NFL and should be effective on pulls and traps in NFL. Gets in good position and almost always executes his assignments. He's a leaner, though. Does not show explosive power. Is not a great finisher. Lacks a mean streak and is content to wall off the defender.

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NFL.COM ANALYSIS (\*\*)

### OVERVIEW:

Jerry is a massive lineman that moved to tackle for his senior year at "Ole Miss" but will need to move back inside to guard for the next level. He can engulf and overpower opponents once he gets his hands on them but can also struggle against speed when playing on the edge. He is not a natural knee bender and tends to let his pad level get too high on a lot of blocks. He is more of a mauler and brawler than an explosive blocker and knocks opponents off the ball. He could stand to lose some weight if he wants to become a full-time player at the next level.

### STRENGTHS:

Jerry possesses great size and rare bulk for an offensive lineman. Has long arms, making him even more difficult for pass rushers to navigate around. Has really good natural strength. Can be an effective run blocker due to size. Has some impressive short area quickness for a big man.

### WEAKNESSES:

Lacks adequate agility and lateral range making him susceptible to a speed/quick pass rusher with counter moves. Struggles blocking in the open field. Lacks the endurance to be consistently dominant during long drives. Needs to watch his pad level. Does not physically dominate as much as we'd like to see given his size.

SI ANALYSIS (\*\*)

### Biography:

Four-year starter experienced at both the right guard and right tackle positions. All-Conference selection the prior two years.

### Positives:

Large, small-area blocker best in confined quarters. Stays square, possesses a wide body, and opponents struggle to get around him. Blocks with a wide base, bends his knees, and easily controls defenders at the point of attack. Pushes defenders off the ball and works blocks until the whistle blows. Lacks flexibility, agility, and struggles to finish blocks. Does too much leaning on defenders or over-extending. Cannot slide out off the edge and possesses poor footwork.

### Negatives:

Lacks flexibility, agility, and struggles to finish blocks. Does too much leaning on defenders or over-extending. Cannot slide out off the edge and possesses poor footwork.

### Analysis:

Jerry is a powerful offensive lineman whose size and style are best suited to play in a small area. Could eventually develop into a starting guard if he improves and blocks more consistently with sound mechanics.

Projection: 5th

CBS SPORTSLINE (\*\*)

Pass blocking: Strong punch at the snap as a pass blocker. Sticky hands and can control the pass rusher when he locks on. Can bend at the waist instead of his knees, especially as he wears down. Doesn't consistently place his hands accurately or move his feet actively when in pass protection and too often is left leaning or attempting to recover due to slipped blocks. Has to show more consistent lateral agility and balance to be considered an offensive tackle -- instead of a guard -- in the NFL.

Run blocking: Good initial pop at the line of scrimmage to stun the defender and can overcome his opponent with his strength and mass as a run blocker. Shows some nastiness and looks to pancake his opponent if he senses he's off-balance. Relies on his mass to gain movement at the point of attack.

**Pulling/trapping:** Surprising agility to get out and around the line. Good initial quickness off the snap, but loses speed quickly and struggles to adjust to moving targets at the second level.

**Initial Quickness:** Good first-step quickness for the down block, but this is not one of Jerry's relative strengths. Can struggle with smaller, quicker defenders, at least until he gets his hands on them.

**Downfield:** Intimidating presence at the second level and can wall off defenders from the ballcarrier. Struggles to adjust in space, and too often whiffs at the second level.

**Intangibles:** Massive man. Not just big, but very strong. Broke the Ole Miss record with 34 repetitions of 225 pounds last year -- a difficult feat considering his long arms. Too heavy and carries unnecessary weight around the middle, which clearly caused him to labor in the second half of games during the 2008 season. Played last season in the 350-360-pound range, but Ole Miss coaches would have liked him closer to 325. The brother of Atlanta Falcons 2009 first-round pick Peria Jerry, a former All-SEC defensive tackle for the Rebels.

NFL Comparison: Leonard Davis, Cowboys

TSN (SPORTING NEWS) INSIDER (\*\*)

## WAR ROOM ANALYSIS

**Strengths:** Has good size and long arms. Shows strong hands. Is a solid athlete. Can move the pile when playing with proper aggression. Moves well in the open field and is light on his feet. Shows good flexibility to bend knees to block with good leverage. Shows good speed to make blocks downfield. Is quick off the snap, using a quick and powerful hand punch. Moves laterally well to reach linebackers on the second level. Stays low and drives legs on short-yardage power runs. Is durable and tough.

**Weaknesses:** Has a major weight issue. Too often relies on technique instead of power, playing soft, especially in pass protection. At times in pass protection, kicks off the line too deep and allows too much space between pass rusher and himself, making it tough to negate double-moves. Struggles to pick up stunts.

**Bottom line:** Jerry is a good lineman but hasn't learned how to dominate. He will slide down draft boards because he hasn't learned to control his weight. He has the ability to play guard or tackle. At times in '08, he looked as good as teammate Michael Oher, a '09 first-round pick of the Ravens.

NFL DRAFT COUNTDOWN (\*\*)

### Strengths:

Outstanding height and bulk with long arms --- Powerful and naturally strong --- Stout at the point of attack --- Gets a great push in the run game --- Dominant once locked on --- Solid instincts --- Durable --- Has lots of quality experience --- Offers some versatility --- Great bloodlines.

### Weaknesses:

Inconsistent --- Heavy feet --- Is not a natural knee-bender --- Not very quick or agile --- Struggles with speed --- Limited range and doesn't do well in space --- Not very explosive off the snap --- Motor runs hot and cold --- May lack a killer instinct --- Conditioning and stamina are issues.

### Notes:

Was a four-year starter for the Rebels --- Named 2nd Team All-SEC in 2008 and 1st Team in 2009 --- Brother, Peria, is a defensive tackle for the Atlanta Falcons and his cousin, Jamarca Sanford, is a safety with the Minnesota Vikings --- Two other cousins, Eddie Strong and Toward Sanford, also played football at Ole Miss --- Another cousin, Dwayne Rudd, played at Alabama, was a first round pick and played in the NFL from 1997 to 2003 --- Saw action at both right tackle and guard during his college career but will probably fit best inside at the next level --- A prototypical mauler with rare size who should excel in a power offense.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL POST (\*\*)

A king-sized lineman who plays RT on the Ole Miss offense, Jerry simply lacks the athleticism to consistently reach the corner vs. speed off the edge. He showcases good lateral mobility and redirection skills for his size but lacks the quickness to hold up on the outside in the NFL. He has the makings of a physical inline guard at the next level where he can use his power and strength to maul defenders in the run game. Jerry possesses long, strong arms and powerful hands. Once he locks on in the run game, he does a great job pumping his legs and driving defenders off the ball. He can certainly anchor at the point of attack in the pass game, and once he gets his hands on an opponent, the battle is over. He is a Leonard Davis-type guard at the next level.

Grade: 6.9

"EXPERT COMMENTS"

ESPN SCOUTS INC

What he brings: Jerry was a tackle in college and projects to move to the guard position at the next level. He is limited athletically with a nice wide body and functional inline strength to anchor on the interior.

How he fits: Justin Smiley and newly-acquired Richie Incognito are experienced and tough players. Smiley will start while Incognito, Jerry, Nate Garner and Donald Thomas can compete for the other spot. Offensive guard was a definite need at this point in the draft. \*\*

CBS Sportsline's Pete Prisco

He is a physical guard who can excel in the run game. I think he has a chance to push for time as a rookie. He won't back down from a scrap.

Grade: B \*\*

CBS Sportsline's Rob Rang

Massive OL John Jerry is a mauler and fits the typical Bill Parcells prototype. \*\*

NFL.COM

The Dolphins opt for a developmental offensive tackle to bolster their depth along the line. Jerry has good size and strength, while possessing the ideal skill set to move inside to guard. With his versatility and talent, Jerry could develop into a solid contributor in time. \*\*

RotoWorld

Jerry played right tackle for most of his college career, but the in-the-trenches brawler projects to guard in the pros. He started all four years and possesses impressive length and girth at 6-foot-5, 332 with 34 1/4-inch arms. With Justin Smiley on the outs, Peria's brother could push for snaps right away. \*\*

WalterFootball.com

I'll never forget that Thursday night game against the Panthers when the Dolphins ran out of bodies on the offensive line. This team needed depth up front, and John Jerry fits the scheme. (Pick Grade: B) \*\*

MiamiDolphins.com's Andy Cohen

Captain at Ole Miss. A 6-foot-5, 350-plus pounds leader? Got a feeling his teammates are going to pay attention to him. \*\*

Scout.com's Chris Steuber

Ole Miss guard John Jerry offered great size and versatility in the third round and could eventually be moved to tackle if needed. \*\*

A.J. EDDS

4 (09-073) OLB

Iowa

6'3.5", 246 lbs

4.71 40-time; Senior

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ESPN INSIDER (\*\*)

OVERALL FOOTBALL TRAITS:

Production 2

2006: (10/1) 9 tackles, 1 FF.

2007: (12/12) 80 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 1 INT, 4 PBU, 1 FF.

2008: (13/13) 59 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 INT, 4 PBU, 2 FR, 1 FF.

2009: (13/13) 78 tackles, 4.5 TFL, .5 sack, 5 INT, 4 PBU. Second-team All-Big Ten.

Height-Weight-Speed 2

Possesses good height and bulk to frame along with above-average top-end speed.

Durability 1

Durability does not appear to be an issue as he has had no injuries that we are currently aware of throughout career.

Intangibles 2

Voted team captain for senior season. Three year academic All-Big Ten selection (2007-09) and recipient of the

Forest Evashenski Scholastic Achievement Award given to the player who displays a high degree of efficiency both in the classroom and on the field.

#### OUTSIDE LINEBACKER SPECIFIC TRAITS:

##### Instincts/Recognition 2

Does a good job finding and reacting to the play. Recognizes outside run and does a good job of keeping outside leverage. Disciplined and rarely bites on play action. Seen communicating and lining up teammates pre snap. Needs to show quicker recognition of screens both out of the backfield and on the perimeter to receivers.

##### Strength/Toughness 3

Plays with good leverage and balance. Locks out arms to stack tight ends when lined up along the line of scrimmage. Needs to show more violence and tenacity at the point of attack and will run around blocks on occasion. Can set the edge working against tight ends but can get engulfed by bigger offensive tackles or when taking on double teams. Gives consistent effort in pursuit.

##### Range vs. Run 4

Shows good lateral movement when keeping shoulders square and working down the line. However, is tight in the hips when asked to turn and run when changing directions. Closing burst is average. Takes good angles in pursuit and wades through trash well.

##### Tackling 2

A strong overall tackler. Not a consistent drive through tackler and lacks explosiveness in hips to deliver violent strike. Fundamentally sound in the open field and does a nice job of breaking down to secure tackle.

##### 3rd Down Capabilities 3

He is a mixed bag in this area. On one hand, very reliable dropping into coverage. Gets proper depth in drop zone and keeps head on swivel to locate crossers in his area. Also shows awareness to find and get underneath throwing lanes. Does a nice job of carrying slot receivers or tight ends to the safety in cover two scheme. Possesses above average ball skills and can consistently come down with interception. On the flip side, he has limitations in man coverage and is not much of a pass rusher at this point. Lacks power and does not display a variety of pass rushing moves coming off the edge. Does not have closing burst to consistently get home when having clear run at quarterback.

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NFL.COM ANALYSIS (\*\*)

#### OVERVIEW:

Edds has been a productive three year starter for the Hawkeye defense. He wins with intelligence, toughness, instincts and technique rather than elite athleticism. Edds has decent range in pursuit and is aggressive to the pile. He is effective leveraging tight ends but needs added strength and power to set the edge versus larger offensive lineman. Edds needs to react quicker as route progressions unfold but has enough athleticism and instincts to be an effective zone coverage defender. He may be a liability in man schemes versus athletic tight ends and backs. Edds is a reliable open field tackler but not explosive on contact. Edds is a good football player that will likely contribute on special teams as well as giving valuable depth in his rookie season.

#### STRENGTHS:

Edds possesses good length and above average strength for the next level. He's a tough, competitive player. Was the vocal leader of his college defensive unit. Plays with good instincts and a high level of intelligence. Has been productive during his career.

#### WEAKNESSES:

Edds needs an expanded pass rush package to be a more effective blitzer. He's inconsistent reading route progressions. Not great in zone coverage and may really struggle against athletic targets in man coverage. Needs added bulk to more consistently deal with the inside power running game.

SI ANALYSIS (\*\*)

#### Biography:

Three-year starter who totaled 78/4.5/.5 as a senior when he intercepted five passes and broke up four more. Junior totals included 59/4.5/2 after a career best 80 tackles as a sophomore.

**Positives:**

Athletic linebacker with nice size and upside potential. Efficient, takes proper angles to the action and shows good instincts in his overall game. Effectively reads plays, fluid moving to the sidelines, and wraps up ball-carriers at the point of attack. Strong, defeats blocks and brings ball-carriers down on initial contact. Holds his ground when block by large offensive lineman. Breaks down well and uses his hands to protect himself. Above-average skills in pursuit. Plays with a nasty attitude and attacks assignments.

**Negatives:**

Not fluid or quick pedaling in reverse. Lacks the explosive change of direction. Struggles making plays with his back to the ball.

**Analysis:**

Edds possesses solid size/speed numbers and plays with a large degree of strength. Best up the field or in the box, he must improve his play in coverage and has the skill to eventually develop into a starter at the next level.

Projection: 3rd

**CBS SPORTSLINE (\*\*)**

**Read & React:** Recognizes play-action and misdirection and gets to the flat in a hurry to cover screens. Seems to run routes for tight ends and running backs. Very good reacting to the ball whether lined up at the nine-technique or in the stack.

**Run defense:** Gives little ground against linemen and tight end blocks on the edge. Keeps containment on his side of the field to make a tackle or funnel plays inside. Can punch and rip off consistently to make plays. Throws his shoulder into fullback in the hole but doesn't always anchor well. Chases plays across the field, taking good angles to the ball. Must use his hands consistently to protect his legs from cut blocks. Does not always break down in space and lacks the change-of-direction skills to compensate against elusive backs.

**Pass defense:** The former tight end is agile in coverage, and covers receivers and tight ends the flat very well. Can get deep or attack to the sideline. Runs with most tight ends down the seam and reads their eyes to turn and look for the ball. Reacts quickly to throws in his area. Able to knock passes away before or after the receiver gets his hands on the ball. Very good hands for the interception.

**Tackling:** Strong wrap-up tackler in the open field and around the line of scrimmage. His size and length means few missed tackles, as well as having the ability to chase down backs from behind. Brings hips to stop ballcarriers in a hurry when heads-up.

**Pass Rush/Blitz:** Stacks up tackles and tight ends on the edge, and will still come after the quarterback if sent or the signal caller is looking deep downfield. Will defeat running back blocks with his hands and strength. Won't miss the sack or quarterback hit once in position. Lacks great pass-rush moves or the speed to turn the corner against better tackles.

**Intangibles:** Major contributor since his redshirt freshman season and a leader on the defense the past two years -- by actions more than words. Solid character and weight-room work ethic.

NFL Comparison: Ben Leber, Chargers

TSN (SPORTING NEWS) INSIDER (\*\*)

**WAR ROOM ANALYSIS**

**Strengths:** Has great size. Is smart, tough and physical. Plays the run with good strength within a short area. Is a strong, wrap-up tackler near the line of scrimmage. Shows solid awareness, anticipation and ball skills as an underneath zone defender. Plays with great effort on every play. Maintains good discipline.

**Weaknesses:** Is a marginal athlete with limited quickness, range and speed. Struggles to shed blockers. Shows marginal lower-body flexibility, lateral quickness and change-of-direction skills. Is a liability in man-to-man coverage because of his lack of speed and ability to track passes over his shoulder. Struggles to come-to-balance as a coverage player on special teams. Doesn't always wrap up ballcarriers.

**Bottom line:** Edds has the size and functional athletic ability to serve as a backup outside linebacker in a 3-4 scheme and special teams player. However, he lacks the upside to ever develop into a starter or quality backup long term.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL POST (\*\*)

A big, thickly built linebacker, Edds displays good power inside the box and has the ability stack and shed on contact. Does a nice job extending his arms, keeping his base low and using his hands to disengage at the point of attack. Reads and reacts quickly to plays at the line of scrimmage and has the initial burst to make his way into the backfield and close on the football. Isn't a real sudden athlete on contact but fights for every inch and does a great job playing with inside leverage and finding the football. Displaying really impressive instincts and always seems to be flowing toward the action. Exhibits surprising fluidity for his size in space and does a nice job cleanly flipping his hips and getting out of his breaks.

But he isn't an overly explosive athlete and struggles quickly getting back up to speed when asked to turn and run down the field. Frequently asked to play in space in Iowa's nickel packages, he possesses good body control and balance in zone coverage. Showcases the ability to bump off the line and takes a liking to really beating on the tight end off the snap. Looks like a guy who could win a spot at as strong-side linebacker in the NFL. Edds is never going to be a star, but he has the ability to beat tight ends in the run game and be a productive starter for an NFL defense.

Grade: 6.4

"EXPERT COMMENTS"

#### ESPN SCOUTS INC

What he brings: Edds is a bit of a reach here but not a surprise. He has the instincts and intelligence that a guy like Bill Parcells covets at the linebacker position. He is a bit limited as far as overall athleticism and range but compensates with great angles in pursuit and ability to hold up in coverage.

How he fits: The Dolphins definitely needed OLB depth and additional talent in this draft. While Edds lacks the upside and playmaking talent of Koa Misi, his toughness and smarts will complement Misi well. He'll be in competition with Cameron Wake, but both of these players will have a real chance to start for the Dolphins as the season progresses. \*\*

#### NFL.COM

The Dolphins add A.J Edds to provide depth to their linebacker corps and special teams units. Though he isn't regarded as a great athlete, Edds is a high-motor player with the toughness and competitiveness to excel as a back up. \*\*

#### CBS Sportsline's Jon Dove

Miami gets a nice pick with AJ Edds. He is a solid player that is always in the right position. He isn't the most athletic but he works hard. He is a Parcells guy.

Grade: B \*\*

#### CBS Sportsline's Rob Rang

Iowa OLB A.J. Edds could surprise as a third-day find. \*\*

#### MSNBC

A poor man's Chad Greenway, Edds fits the Bill Parcells profile with ideal size and plenty of athleticism. He was a playmaker in coverage for the Hawkeyes, intercepting an impressive five passes as a senior to earn second-team All-Big Ten honors. Edds projects as a "Ted" linebacker in time, and will play behind Karlos Dansby initially. \*\*

#### TSN's VINNIE IYER

Bill Parcells gets a blue-collar, big, physical linebacker who will work well at one of the inside spots in Miami's 3-4 scheme. The Dolphins have done a good job lining up good building blocks for their highly specified front seven. \*\*

#### WalterFootball.com

A Bill Parcells player if there ever was one, Bill Parcells is a tough linebacker who should play inside in the 3-4 (or SAM if they use some 4-3 looks). I had Edds as a third-round prospect, so this is good value. (Pick Grade: A) \*\*

#### MiamiDolphins.com's Andy Cohen

Captain at Iowa. Anybody who knows Iowa coach Kurt Ferentz knows the importance he places on leadership. Edds, by the way, will also knock you into tomorrow. \*\*

#### NFL Fanhouse

The Dolphins seemed to favor four-year college players with intangibles, and Edds (pronounced "EEDS") has plenty of toughness and competitiveness. What he doesn't have as much of as some of the other LBs the Dolphins could have taken here is athleticism. Miami sees Edds as its kind of player and believes it has something to work with, but it remains to be seen whether he has the raw skills to succeed in the NFL. \*\*

NOLAN CARROLL

5 (14-145)  
Maryland

CB

5'11.5", 204 lbs  
4.42 40-time; Senior

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NFL.COM ANALYSIS (\*\*)

#### OVERVIEW:

Carroll is a big, strong athlete with great intangibles. He has a good combination of size, strength and athleticism for the position. Nolan is a tough, hardnosed competitor who needs to refine his secondary techniques. He is best in press man coverage, where he can jam and re-route receivers. Carroll is an intelligent player to grasp football concepts but lacks great natural instincts. He is a willing run support player but can be inconsistent making the sure open-field tackle. He possesses average ball skills and has missed several opportunities to make the interception. Carroll has tools to develop but needs time to improve his overall reactions in combination coverages.

#### STRENGTHS:

Big corner with a muscular build. Possesses smooth hips and changes direction without losing momentum. Explodes out of his breaks and has an extra gear to close the gap in man coverage. Gets his hands on receivers at the line and re-routes them in press coverage. Vocal leader who pumps up his teammates.

#### WEAKNESSES:

A bit late recognizing routes and gets caught looking into the backfield too often. Over-aggressive at times and is susceptible to double moves. Does not have good hands and struggles to make plays when the ball is in the air. Misses too many tackles in the open field and is inconsistent in run support. SI

#### ANALYSIS (\*\*)

#### Biography:

Started two games as a senior before being sidelined with a broken leg. Finished the year with 10 tackles. Started four games as a junior and recorded 37 tackles besides breaking up eight passes.

#### Positives:

Incredibly athletic defensive back still developing on the football field. Effectively diagnoses the action, fluid flipping his hips off the line, and loses nothing transitioning with opponents. Fast enough to stay anywhere on the field with receivers and aggressive throughout the action. Quickly comes up the field to defend running plays or screens.

#### Negatives:

Possesses just average ball skills. A bit slow out of his break to defend the throw.

#### Analysis:

Carroll is a size/speed prospect who's shown flashes of ability throughout his college career yet never fully put together a complete game. He is a solid developmental prospect who could end up as a team's dime back.

#### Projection: FA

CBS SPORTSLINE (\*\*)

**Read & React:** Still developing in this area. Understands what the receiver is trying to do and has experience at that position. At his best facing the quarterback and has a good burst to close. Has the straight-line speed to chase receivers across the field.

**Man Coverage:** Physical defender. Will use his hands and body lean to disrupt the timing and route-running of his opponent. A bit high in his backpedal and has a hitch when turning, which negates his straight-line speed. Good size to handle bigger receivers on slants and crossing patterns.

**Zone Coverage:** Improving awareness for zone coverage. Keeps an eye on the underneath receiver and but protects the back end as well. Comes off his man to react to the ball being thrown, but is not so aggressive as to open holes for the quarterback.

**Closing/Recovery:** More fast than he is quick, but has enough of a burst to close downhill and knock the ball away. Competes for the jump ball and has an explosive vertical. Quick, active hands to knock the ball free, but was moved to cornerback from receiver for a reason -- had zero interceptions and nine passes broken up the 2008-09 seasons. Has to show better hand-eye coordination and a greater focus on interceptions than the big hit.

**Run Support:** Fights through receiver blocks to get involved, but is still learning the nuances of the position. Only

marginal rip technique to disengage. Good agility to elude bigger blockers. Willing open-field tackler that provides a pop upon contact.

Tackling: One of his better areas. Physical and makes the secure stop in the open field. Good strength for the drag-down tackle. Times hits well and can knock the ball out of the receiver's hands to break up the pass. Quality special teams defender that posted seven tackles in 2007.

Intangibles: Has struggled with durability throughout his career and missed all but two games in 2009 with a broken right tibia. Underwent surgery on September 18 to have a screw inserted to stabilize the bone. Emerged as a team leader and was voted captain in 2009. Graduated with a degree in Family Science in December.

TSN (SPORTING NEWS) INSIDER (\*\*)

#### WAR ROOM ANALYSIS

Strengths: Has good playing speed and loose hip movement despite thick build. Plays with good pad level and technique on backpedal, which allows him to flip and chase without giving up a step. Does a good job of maintaining technique; can change direction and adjust to double moves. Is aggressive against the run; not afraid to go between the tackles. Uses hands and foot quickness to elude WR blocks. Is excellent at breaking down at the point of attack and keeping feet while striking through the ball carrier. Has experience as a kick returner.

Weaknesses: Lacks an explosive closing burst; must rely on smarts and positioning to be effective in off coverage. Doesn't use size well in press coverage. Often gives receiver free release off line of scrimmage, but is more than capable of jamming and knocking receiver off line. Broke a leg the second game of senior season and didn't return. Previous injury problems limited him to six starts.

Bottom line: Carroll was impressive in the first game of his senior season, so it was a disappointment when he was injured in Week 2. Despite minimal game experience, he has good skills and technique and is a good tackler for a true corner. He must become more physical in press coverage by using his size and strength. Carroll's excellent pro day should help to convince teams he is recovered from his injury, and it demonstrates his hard work off the field. Carroll will need time to develop, but he has the potential to become a solid No. 2 corner.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL POST (\*\*)

An intriguing size/speed corner, Carroll is still raw and looks like a much better athlete than a defensive back at this stage. He lacks ideal footwork off the line and has a tendency to open up his hips prematurely and sidesaddle his way downfield. He struggles keeping his feet under him and can be slow to get out of his breaks. He displays good range when asked to track the ball in zone coverage. But he isn't instinctive and doesn't put himself in position to make many plays. Carroll missed most of the 2009 season with a broken leg and although he possesses impressive size/speed numbers, he looks like nothing more than a practice squad candidate in year one.

Grade: 5.6

"EXPERT COMMENTS"

#### ESPN SCOUTS INC

Carroll is blessed with great size and top-end speed. He has all the physical skills to develop into a very good starter, but he lacks natural instincts at times and can get caught out of position. In addition, he only played two games this year before breaking his leg, but if able to recover, he will bring excellent return at this spot.. \*\*

ESPN's Mel Kiper

I thought the Dolphins reached a couple of times. Perhaps Nolan Carroll can recover to become a pretty good player. \*\*

CBS Sportsline's Jon Dove

Carroll's stock dropped due to injuries but he has a lot of talent. Carroll will need time to adjust but he has potential.

Grade: B \*\*

TSN's Vinnie Iyer

Carroll got drafted because of his speed, agility and instincts. Because he's short on experience, he'll need to earn his keep on special teams before seeing regular duty in nickel or dime packages. \*\*

RotoWorld

Though prone to injury, Carroll is worth a flier due to impressive measurables. He proved his health by testing extremely well this offseason after missing all but two games in 2009 with a fractured tibia. Carroll, though, didn't have a single interception in college. He's an upside pick who won't be hard to cut ties with as an end-game fifth-rounder. \*\*

WalterFootball.com

A reach, but not a big deal in the middle of Round 5. This doesn't fill much of a need either. (Pick Grade: C) \*\*

MiamiDolphins.com's Andy Cohen

Captain at Maryland. Carroll's mother, Jennifer, was the first black Republican woman elected to the Florida Legislature. His father, Nolan Sr., was a master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Need we question what we're getting with this kid? \*\*

RESHAD JONES

5 (32-163) SS

Georgia

6'1", 214 lbs

4.56 40-time; Junior

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ESPN INSIDER (\*\*)

#### OVERALL FOOTBALL TRAITS:

##### Production 2

2006: Redshirted.

2007: (13/2) 57 tackles, 3 TFL, 3 PBU, 2 INT.

2008: (13/12) 76 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 3 PBU, 5 INT, 1 FR; 2 PR, 38 yards (19.0 avg.); Secondteam All-SEC.

2009: (13/13) 73 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 7 PBU, 4 INT, 1 FF.

##### Height-Weight-Speed 2

Prototypical height, good bulk and good top-end speed.

##### Durability 2

2009: Injures hamstring in summer but durability is not a concern at this point.

##### Intangibles 2

2009: Named to Athletic Director's Honor Roll for summer semester. 2008: Named the Most Improved Defensive Back at the end of spring. 2007: Named Most Improved Defensive Back at end of spring.

#### SAFETY SPECIFIC TRAITS:

##### Instincts/Mental Toughness 4

Vocal and can be seen communicating with teammates before and after plays. Took a lot of heat for missing tackle on Georgia Tech RB Roddy Jones' game-winning touchdown in 2008 and turned the adversity into motivation. Doesn't appear to dwell on mistakes but too aggressive at times. Takes chances to make big play and struggles to recover when gamble doesn't pay off. Can bite on play fakes. Inconsistent effort. (See Texas A&M RB Christine Michael's 3rd QTR TD run in Independence Bowl.)

##### Run Support 2

Plays with an edge and flies downhill when reads run. Big hitter. Willing to throw body around and undercut legs of bigger ball carriers. Flashes the ability to shed blocks quickly and big enough to line up in the box. Good balance and can fight off cut blocks. Generally wraps up on contact but somewhat inconsistent in this area and can get caught trying to deliver the big hit instead of wrapping up.

##### Fluidity 4

Lacks ideal agility as a safety in deep coverage. A bit stiff in space and doesn't show great burst coming out of breaks. Has some experience lining up over slot receivers but would struggle if asked to consistently match up with NFL slot receivers in man coverage. Inconsistent footwork and can get caught flat footed.

##### Closing Burst 3

Adequate recovery speed. Closes quickly (for his size) when attacking the line of scrimmage but takes too long to transition out of backpedal. Explodes into ball carrier/receivers and can jar the ball loose.

##### Ball Skills 3

Times jumps well and can highpoint the ball. Tracks the deep ball well and uses long arms to get hand on

the ball when caught in trail position. Flashes the ability to snatch the ball out of the air but drops too many passes should catch. (See 3rd QTR of Independence Bowl and 2nd QTR of 2009 Oklahoma State game)

1 = Exceptional

2 = Above average

3 = Average

4 = Below average

5 = Marginal

NFL.COM ANALYSIS (\*\*)

#### OVERVIEW:

Jones is a big strong safety with good athleticism. He has been a productive starter for Georgia over the past two seasons. Jones has decent range in pursuit but lacks great speed, lateral agility and quickness in man coverage schemes. He is better attacking the line of scrimmage than in space and maybe best in the box. Jones is quick to the fill the alley and shows good pop and power as a tackler. He can over run or not take the proper angle at times and this gets him out of position to maintain leverage on the ball. Jones will drop some balls he should catch and shows average balls skills for the safety position. Jones has enough size and athleticism to be a solid NFL safety but there are concerns that may affect his draft status.

#### STRENGTHS:

Jones possesses great overall size, height and bulk for the strong safety position. Has good athleticism and top-end speed. Has the strength and toughness necessary to effectively come up in run support and is comfortable playing down in the box. Is a highly-competitive player. Was a very productive and durability performer for the Bulldogs.

#### WEAKNESSES:

Jones can be an inconsistent reactor at times, and get cut off by blockers. He is often caught out of position and takes false steps. Occasionally showed inconsistent effort. Needs to play with a better motor. Does not possess adequate ball skills for an NFL free safety and drops catchable interceptions.

#### SI ANALYSIS (\*\*)

#### Biography:

Two-year starter awarded All-Conference honors as a sophomore. Totals last season included 73/4/7 after 76/5/3 in 2008. Recorded 57 tackles as a true freshman when he started two games.

#### Positives:

Athletic safety prospect with a large degree of upside to his game. Explosive and flashes on the scene in run defense. Covers a lot of area on the field, gets vertical, and makes some very athletic plays in midair. Displays a burst of closing speed, stops ball-carriers dead in their tracks, and plays to his size. Forces the action up the field and can be an intimidating defender.

#### Negatives:

Shows hesitation in coverage, misses assignments and usually late getting to the sidelines. Marginally instinctive and does not display a feel for coverage.

#### Analysis:

Jones is a nice-sized safety who showed ability of the past three seasons and forces the action moving downhill. He needs a lot of work on his coverage skills, yet he has the underlying ability to be a player at the next level.

#### Projection: 2-3

CBS SPORTSLINE (\*\*)

**Read & React:** A bit inconsistent in this area, as he's aggressive to come up in run support. Can be tricked by good play-action, though he shows the change-of-direction agility and straight-line speed to recover. Rarely out of position, even if fooled initially. Ballhawk who keeps his eyes trained on the quarterback and has the burst to close on underneath routes.

**Man Coverage:** A bit high-cut and lacks the foot quickness and loose hips to come down and cover NFL receivers out of the slot, but has good straight-line speed and fair change-of-direction ability for centerfield. Fluid athlete that competes for the ball.

**Zone Coverage:** Typically a good zone coverage defender, but follows the quarterback's eyes and will drift out of position at times. Changes direction pretty well for a defender of his size and closes quickly on the ball. Has good range to get to the sideline from the opposite hash. Intimidating hitter who protects the middle of the field. Significantly improved his angles in pursuit in 2009.

**Closing/Recovery:** Even with his size, this ranks as one of Jones' better traits. Has a second gear to recover when trailing deep. Good leaping ability. Explosive vertical with good height, long arms and good hand-eye coordination to make the interception. Can plant his foot in the ground and drive downhill to close on underneath routes. Believes the ball is his and competes hard for the interception. Will sneak his hands between the receiver's to knock the ball away in an attempt to tip it to himself.

**Run Support:** Improved significantly in this area in 2009, but remains a bit of a work in progress. Reacts aggressively to the run, exploding upfield through the trash to close on the ballcarrier at or near the line of scrimmage. Crashes in a bit out of control and elusive backs with vision can see him coming. Turns quickly and pursues hard when he misses tackles. Takes good angles in pursuit and can track down the faster ballcarrier.

**Tackling:** Too inconsistent in this area, considering his athleticism, size and strength. Flashes the ability to be textbook hit-lift-drive tackler capable of the eye-popping hit. Likes to lower his shoulder to make big hit and sometimes fails to wrap up. Typically supplies such an explosive collision that ballcarriers aren't able to maintain their feet, but could see some slipped tackles in the NFL. Good strength for the pull-down tackle.

**Intangibles:** Good toughness and durability. After redshirting in 2006, played in every game in his college career. Characterized as immature and inconsistent early in his career, but developed into a team leader and one of the steadier players on a defense that underachieved in 2009.

TSN (SPORTING NEWS) INSIDER

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## WAR ROOM ANALYSIS

**Strengths:** Jones is athletic with the quickness, speed and closing burst to make plays against the run and pass. Flashes the ability to get upfield quickly in run support and deliver violent hits. Has the size and strength to fight through blocks from receivers and tight ends in the open field. From deep alignments, reads and reacts to passes quickly and closes aggressively. Can cut or reach in front of receivers to break up the pass or intercept it.

**Weaknesses:** Does not consistently fly upfield in run support. Is more of a hitter than a fundamental tackler. Must improve his backpedal in coverage. When aligned 10-plus yards off the ball in off-coverage, Jones can be inconsistent.

**Bottom line:** Jones, a junior, could have improved as a player and helped his draft stock by staying at Georgia for his senior season. However, he is an athletic safety with the tools to be productive in any scheme. He must become more consistent and improve his tackling technique to reach his potential.

NFL DRAFT

COUNTDOWN (\*\*)

**Strengths:**

Excellent Size --- Great Athlete --- Terrific Strength --- Tough --- Very Physical --- Will deliver the knockout hit --- Explosive with a burst to close --- Good hands and ball skills --- Fantastic leaping ability --- Does a real nice job in run support --- Fights through trash well --- Versatile.

**Weaknesses:**

Questionable instincts and awareness --- Not a reliable tackler --- Can be too aggressive at times --- Is not assignment sound --- Takes some bad angles --- Average timed speed --- A bit stiff and doesn't transition fluidly --- Poor pad level --- Will struggle to match up in man coverage.

**Notes:**

Was a two-year starter for the Bulldogs --- Named 2nd Team All-SEC by the Associated Press in 2008 --- Could project to either free or strong safety --- The next in an impressive line of UGA safeties, following in the footsteps of Terreal Bierria, Jermaine Phillips, Sean Jones, Thomas Davis and Greg Blue --- A very talented prospect with some impressive physical tools but still must learn to play under control and be more consistent --- Raw but has the ability to earn a starting job in the NFL.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL POST (\*\*)

Jones is a tall, good-looking strong safety who displays a sudden first step out of his stance when asked to attack downhill and generates good power on contact as a tackler. He's a physical hitter with a strong upper body. He will go for the knockout punch too often instead of wrapping up but overall is a sound tackler when asked to close in pursuit. He's also a good last-line defender who breaks down well and can wrap up in space. Jones is an above-average straight-line athlete for his size who gets up to full speed quickly and does a good job taking proper angles toward the ball. But he's still a bit slow when asked to diagnose plays and lacks the second gear to make up for a false step. He showcases a natural initial bend in his stance but allows his pad level to get too high when asked to turn and run.

Jones plays too leggy when trying to get back out of his breaks and struggles to stay compact with his footwork and generate a burst when trying to quickly change directions. He possesses good ball skills downfield, and once he sees the

play he does a nice job tackling the ball, high-pointing the throw and coming down with the play. But too often he loses sight of the ball when trying to transition out of his breaks and lacks ideal overall ball awareness when trying to get his head around. Jones possesses an intriguing frame and above-average straight-line speed once he gets going but isn't instinctive and fails to quickly redirect and change directions because of his elongated footwork.

Grade: 5.8

"EXPERT COMMENTS"

#### ESPN SCOUTS INC

There are concerns about Jones' instincts and overall aggressiveness in coverage. However, he could be one of the steals of this draft. He has prototypical size and speed. He is willing to step up in run support and is becoming a playmaker in coverage. . \*\*

#### NFL.COM

The Dolphins continue to upgrade their secondary. This kid had 11 career INTs. He's an explosive hitter with good ball skills. One concern is that he misses too many tackles looking for the big hit. Needs to improve his instincts in the deep half of the field. \*\*

#### MSNBC

Jones ran in the 4.5 range at the Dogs' Pro Day and picked off four passes as a senior to lead Georgia, also chipping in an impressive 93 tackles. He can play in the box and cover the deep middle, and will have a shot at immediate playing time at free safety. A lot of good players fell to the late fifth and sixth rounds simply because of the draft's unreal depth. \*\*

#### CBS Sportsline's Jon Dove

Reshad Jones comes from Georgia and has good experience. He has playmaking ability but needs to be more consistent.

Grade: C+ \*\*

#### TSN's Vinnie Iyer

Although Jones has great athletic potential, he'll need to improve as a tackler to see the field consistently. He's a good project for Bill Parcells and Tony Sparano. \*\*

#### ESPN's Tim Graham

... could find his way into the starting lineup. Hard-hitting Georgia safety Reshad Jones was projected by many to be a third-round draft pick. The Dolphins got him in the fifth. \*\*

#### WalterFootball.com

Leave it to Bill Parcells to find a Round 2-3 prospect at a position of need in the fifth round. (Pick Grade: A) \*\*

#### MiamiDolphins.com's Andy Cohen

Georgia doesn't select season-long captains, only single-game captains. Word has it the way he delivers punishing tackles and big plays, that will get him all the respect that he needs. \*\*

#### NFL Fanhouse

The pick to watch, though, is fifth-round safety Reshad Jones, a big-time hitter who takes a lot of risks but also makes a lot of high-impact plays. If the Dolphins can turn the tough trick of getting Jones to play under control (i.e., not miss tackles) while not sapping him of his energy, they'll have a monster in the secondary. \*\*

#### CHRIS MCCOY

7 (05-214) OLB/DE  
Middle Tennessee St  
6'3", 261lbs  
4.70 40-time; Senior

VIDEO CLIP

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SI ANALYSIS (\*\*)

#### Biography:

All-Conference selection as a senior and named Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Year after totals of 64/20/7. Junior numbers included 25/5/3.

#### Positives:

Athletic college defensive end finally hitting his stride. Plays with good balance, fires off the snap, and tough to knock off his feet. Shows terrific quickness in his overall game, fierce moving up the field and effectively diagnoses the

action. Plays with good lean, immediately alters his angle of attack and makes plays down the line of scrimmage. Fluid if asked to twist or stunt and works hard to make plays.

#### Negatives:

Possesses more of a short area burst of speed, which he struggles to sustain. Slowed by blocks or handled by tight ends.

#### Analysis:

McCoy comes off a tremendous senior season and went from draft afterthought to potential late round pick. He now projects to outside linebacker in a 3-4 alignment and is a solid developmental prospect.

Projection: 6th

CBS SPORTSLINE (\*\*)

Read & React: Must improve here to be more than a role player or special teamer. Hesitates and takes too many false steps on misdirection plays or meeting elusive ballcarriers. Best when hustling to the ball when it is directly in his path.

Run defense: Generally strong anchor on the edge and keeps blockers at bay with his length. Good upper-body strength to punch off block to chase down ballcarriers. Keeps containment on the outside, and gets to the corner with speed and hustle. Provides backside run support with length and speed. Does not feel trap blocks, getting washed out of too many plays. Gets stuck in trash. Runs a bit upright at times, and needs to consistently keep his knees bent to flow to the ball and improve his change of direction ability.

Pass defense: Occasionally dropped into zone coverage. Better running straight-line than in his hip turn but still has quickness to get deep in his drops. Capable of running (and matching up physically) with many tight ends at the next level, but inexperienced in man coverage. Attacks receivers making catches in front of him, but must improve awareness of routes behind him in zones. No interceptions in his career.

Tackling: Good chase tackler, willing to push back piles or be the second or third man in. Hustles to opposite sideline when needed to prevent huge plays. Not explosive into the ballcarrier, but has strength and length to secure tackles laterally or from behind. Very good closing speed on plays in the backfield, including sacks. Slows down backs with arm tackle, but is only average in his strength and ability to corral elusive backs one-on-one in space.

Pass Rush/Blitz: Can explode off the snap when in full pass-rush mode, but lacks flexibility to turn the corner. Gives nice secondary effort to bring down the quarterback. Pushes back tackles with his strength but won't overwhelm NFL linemen. Needs to vary his pass rush moves, though his inside spin move can be effective. Hands are not violent enough to disengage from solid blocks. Must work on defeating the cut block with his hands, though he can recover quickly enough to get back into the play.

Intangibles: Worked his way up the depth charts during his time in Murfreesboro; some scouts consider him a one-year wonder. Good effort on the practice field and during games. Also puts in his time in the weight room. Loads of upside without any character red flags.

TSN (SPORTING NEWS) INSIDER (\*\*)

## WAR ROOM ANALYSIS

Strengths: Smart football player, consistently reads the play correctly in the backfield, in particular with backside containment responsibility. Flashed the quickness off the snap to penetrate gaps and put blockers out of position. When playing with leverage, demonstrates strength to stack and shed blocks in time to tackle the ball carrier on runs to his side.

Weaknesses: Lacks speed and skill set to be a consistent pass rusher, rarely shows the burst required to gain the edge, and does not use his hands properly to attack blockers. Tends to play upright and with a narrow base, and waits for blockers to come to him as opposed to being aggressive and establishing position off the snap.

Bottom line: McCoy was a disappointing player to evaluate on film, as he at times showed flashes of strength and quickness at the point of attack, but generally played too passively and with poor technique. Once or twice a game he flashed the ability to penetrate off the snap and disrupt the play in the backfield, but he was capable of being much more productive against the level of talent he faced in college. He is being billed as a 3-4 outside linebacker, but with his frame he could add significant weight and may be better suited to play 3-4 end for a team like San Diego that values quickness over strength. Regardless of his skill set, he needs to take his intensity up several notches if he is to make an NFL roster.

"EXPERT COMMENTS"

## ESPN SCOUTS INC

He is a great fit in the Dolphins' 3-4 defense as a rush end. He brings great upside thanks to his length and

closing burst.. \*\*

NFL.COM

McCoy, from Middle Tennessee State, is another small-school defensive end projected to convert to outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense. McCoy has a quick first step, is a natural bender and has a great motor. Like most of these small-school conversion projects, he's undersized. \*\*

CBS Sportsline's Jon Dove

McCoy has a chance to develop into a good pass rusher out of the 3-4 linebacker position. Needs time to develop. Grade: C- \*\*

WalterFootball.com

Bill Parcells drafted an athletic rush linebacker with size? Say it ain't so. (Pick Grade: B) \*\*

MiamiDolphins.com's Andy Cohen

Captain at Middle Tennessee. Lead by example? All he did was the lead the Sun Belt Conference last season with 20 tackles behind the line of scrimmage including seven sacks. \*\*

AUSTIN SPITLER

7 (45-252) ILB/OLB  
OHIO ST  
6'2", 243 lbs  
4.70 40-time; Senior

VIDEO CLIP

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TSN (SPORTING NEWS) INSIDER (\*\*)

WAR ROOM ANALYSIS

**Strengths:** Has good size and long arms that he can develop. Shows the strength to hold the point of attack against single run blockers. Has solid instincts against the run and anticipates well as a short zone defender. Can play either the strong side or the middle. Also contributes on special teams, further boosting his stock.

**Weaknesses:** Spent one year as a starter, and came off the field often for a nickel subpackage. Didn't produce much and got most of his stats when left unblocked. Is just an average athlete with limited speed, range and man-to-man coverage skills. Lacks closing burst, acceleration and open-field recovery. Is a so-so tackler, especially when on the move. Offers little as a pass rusher.

**Bottom line:** Spitler started for the first time as the Buckeyes' strongside linebacker as a senior after serving as backup in the middle as an underclassman. He will draw late-round interest because of his size, versatility and special teams value, but his limited athletic potential will relegate him to reserve role. Think of former gritty Big Ten players, such as former Titan Robert Reynolds (a fifth-rounder out of Ohio State) and second-year Steeler Mike Humpal (sixth round from Iowa).

CONSENSUS DRAFT SERVICES \*\*

Overview

Solid linebacker who toiled in the shadow of James Laurainaitis for 3 years. Named co-captain as senior. Special teams standout as underclassman. Intelligent - Big 10 All-Academic performer.

Strengths

Good size and strength to play OLB position. Able to shed blocks and make plays inside the tackles. Good mobility allows him to play sideline to sideline. Great in preparation - rarely misreads or bites on misdirection.

Weaknesses

Will often gamble on rush and over-commit, taking himself out of the play. Not the same level of natural ability and production as Laurainaitis or Hawk and may suffer in comparison.

Projection

4th - 5th round. Combine and pro day performances will be important to his overall rating. He should make his biggest impact as a cover man on special teams. "EXPERT COMMENTS"

ESPN SCOUTS INC

Spitler projects as a reserve inside linebacker. He should make his biggest impact as a cover man on special teams. . \*\*

CBS Sportsline's Jon Dove

Spitler lacks the speed and size to develop into an NFL starter.

Grade: D- \*\*

MiamiDolphins.com's Andy Cohen

Captain at Ohio State. That title at that school carries the same weight as Odrick at Penn State. And when you consider that Spitler didn't start until his senior year, what does that tell you about how he's perceived by his coaches and teammates? \*\*

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ROOKIE

#### FREE AGENT ADDITIONS

JONATHAN AMAYA - CB

NEVADA

6'0, 203#, 4.51

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TRAVIS IVEY - DT

MARYLAND

6'4", 325#, --

#### Overview

Travis Ivey started all 12 games as a senior at DT and received an invite to the Texas vs. Nation all-star game. Ivey stayed healthy his senior year after battling leg and foot injuries earlier in his collegiate career. Didn't start playing football until his junior year of HS, as he was a basketball player prior to that.

#### Strengths

Ivey has excellent size and above-average athleticism for the NT position. He's a space eater with the strength to hold position well. Has exceptional lower-body strength to anchor and drive. Athletic player with good explosiveness to be disruptive in the backfield. Can shoot the gap. Has long arms and is adept at knocking down passes.

#### Weaknesses

Inconsistent player who really hasn't shown the production that a player with his skills should. He's more than just a space eater, yet he struggles to make plays. He doesn't play with an attitude and seems content to just push people around without an intent to get to the ball. Had trouble earning a starting position prior to senior season. Really needs to be coached up and motivated.

#### Projection

With more teams playing a 3-4, he'll get some attention with his size and athleticism, but his lack of production and motivation will keep him from being a high draft pick. Look for him to hear his name in the second half of day 3 of the 2010 NFL Draft. He'll need some time with good coaching before he can be a productive NFL player, but he could get there if he sets his mind to it.

02/16/2010 - PRO POTENTIAL: DL Travis Ivey - Another Terrapin who battled injuries during his college career, Ivey started the final 16 games of his tenure in College Park. He'll get a look at the next level with a strong performance at the NFL Combine, and was set to play in the Texas vs. the Nation game on Feb. 6.

02/04/2010 - Texas vs. the Nation, Wednesday: Maryland nose tackle Travis Ivey measured in at 6-foot-4, 341 pounds this week. He looked strong in the middle and rejected a pass with his 10-plus inch hands in Wednesday's practice. Andre Neblett (Temple) is a smaller player (6-0, 297) who displayed hustle and strength inside all week as a pass rusher. - Chad Reuter, The SportsXchange, NFLDraftScout.com \*\*

VINCE OGHOBAASE - DT

DUKE

6'5", 303#, 5.48

04/02/2010 - PRO DAY RESULTS: Seventeen teams turned out for the event to watch nine Duke players and four others from small schools in the area. Oghobaase (6-5 1/4, 303) ran a 5.29 and 5.35 in the 40 and a 4.75 in the short shuttle. He kept the rest of his numbers from the combine. - Gil Brandt, NFL.com \*\*

A.J. WALLACE - CB

PENN ST

6'1", 201#, --

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ROBERTO WALLACE - WR  
SAN DIEGO ST  
6'4", 225#, --

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03/21/2010 - PRO DAY RESULTS: San Diego State hosted scouts from 12 NFL teams to watch 16 players work out on campus outdoors on FieldTurf, except for the broad and vertical jumps which were held indoors in the weight room. Two Aztecs, wide receiver Roberto Wallace and safety Nick Sanford, made a case for themselves on Friday with solid workouts. Wallace (6-foot-3 7/8, 223 pounds ) ran a 4.53 (against wind) and 4.41 seconds (with wind) in the 40-yard dash, had a 36 1/2-inch vertical, 10-foot-3 broad jump, 4.12 short shuttle, 6.80 three-cone drill, and did 19 bench presses at 225 pounds. Wallace worked out after the pro day, as well, and displayed great athleticism but didn't show very good hands in catching. - Gil Brandt, NFL.com \*\*

ROSS WEAVER - CB  
MICHIGAN ST  
6'1", 203#, --

01/02/2010 - CB Ross Weaver - The senior captain has been used mostly as a nickel back this season. Weaver has been an on-and-off starter since his freshman season. \*\*

MARLON MOORE - WR  
FRESNO ST  
6'1", 182#, --

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