Miami Draft picks and UDFA signings

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The 2012 NFL Draft has come and gone. Here are the players the Dolphins drafted and the Undrafted Free Agents the Dolphins signed.

Miami Draft Picks

1) Ryan Tannehill, QB, Texas A & M, 6'4, 222 lbs, 4.62 40

2) Jonathan Martin, ORT, Stanford, 6'5, 312 lbs, 5.27 40

3) Olivier Vernon, DE/OLB, Miami, 6'2, 261 lbs, 4.80 40

3) Michael Egnew, TE, Missouri, 6'5, 262 lbs, 4.62 40

4) Lamar Miller, RB, Miami, 5'11, 212 lbs, 4.40 40

5) Josh Kaddu, OLB, Oregon, 6'3, 240 lbs, 4.65 40

6) B.J Cunningham, WR, Michigan State, 6'1, 211 lb, 4.59 40

7) Kheeston Randall, DE/DT, Texas, 6'4, 293 lbs, 5.0 40

7) Rishard Matthews, WR, Nevada, 6'0, 212 lbs, 4.62 40

Undrafted Free Agents Signed by Miami

Jeff Fuller, WR, Texas A & M, 6'3, 223 lbs, 4.53 40

Derek Moye, WR, Penn State, 6'4, 209 lbs, 4.52 40

Jonas Gray, RB, Notre Dame, 5'9, 223 lbs, 4.55 40

Jacquies Smith, DE, Missouri, 6'3, 253 lbs, 4.77 40

Derrick Shelby, DE, Utah, 6'3, 266 lbs, 4.96 40

Jarrell Root, DE, Boise State, 6'3, 267 lbs, 4.97 40

Chas Alecxih, DT, Pittsburgh, 6'4, 296 lbs, 5.41 40

Terence Brown, OT, Brigham Young, 6'4, 318 lbs, 5.05 40

Josh Samuda, OG Massachusetts, 6'3, 312 lb, 5.10 40

Derrick Dennis, OG, Temple, 6'3, 315 lbs, 5.44 40

Dustin Waldron, OG, Portland State, 6'5, 305 lbs, 5.32 40

Kelcie McCray, SS, Arkansas State, 6'2, 202 lbs, 4.52 40

Albert Evans, SS, Purdue, 6'0, 209 lbs, 4.74 40

Joseph Wylie, FS, Tennessee State, 6'1, 211 lbs, 4.64 40

Cameron Collins, OLB, Oregon State, 6'2, 238 lbs, 4.76 40

Shelly Lyons, OLB, Arizona State, 6'2, 238 lbs, 4.69 40

Miami Dolphins Undrafted Rookies Jeff Fuller, WR, Texas A & M, 6'3, 223 lbs, 4.53 40

Notes: Father, Jeff Sr., starred for the Aggies and spent six years as a safety for the 49ers (1984-89) before injury ended his career. Chose the Aggies over offers from Texas, Oklahoma, Florida and LSU, among others. As a true freshman in 2008, Jeff started 8-of-11 games and totaled 50 receptions for 630 yards (12.6-yard average) and nine touchdowns. Did not play against Oklahoma (quad). Started 7-of-9 games played in ’09 and managed 41-568-7 (13.9). Broke his right fibula against Utah State and missed four games. Started all 13 games in ’10 and totaled 72-1,066-12 (14.8). Sustained an ankle sprain against Oklahoma and was slowed the final four games of the regular season. Logged 70-828-6 (11.8) in 13 games (12 starts) in ’11. Has two career fumbles. Was medically excluded from the Combine for a right foot injury.

Positives: Looks every bit the part — outstanding size, stature and length (very long arms and a big wing span). Functionally strong to defeat the jam. Moves fluidly and is flexible in and out of breaks. Advanced route runner. Big catching radius. Has big, soft hands to pluck the ball out of the air and can make one-handed grabs. Terrific leaping ability and body control. Is tough and will play with pain. Mature, intelligent leader by example. Has NFL bloodlines.

Negatives: Lacks elite top-end speed — will struggle to separate vertically. Drops have been too prevalent — lets some throws into his body and concentration lapses. Does not consistently catch on contact or win “50-50” balls. Average elusiveness and creativity after the catch. Can improve blocking technique. Faltered in the clutch (see Missouri). Regressed as a senior. Has not been able to stay healthy — nagged by leg, hamstring, ankle, toe and hamstring injuries — and durability could be an issue.

Summary: Big, inconsistent, outside-the-numbers, possession/red-zone receiver whose stock tumbled during a disappointing, injury-plagued senior season when he too often appeared distracted. Flashes playmaking ability but must overcome drops and prove he can stay healthy to fulfill his potential.

Derek Moye, WR, Penn State
6'4, 209 lbs, 4.52 40

Notes: A first-team all-state selection as a Pennsylvania prep. Also won state titles in the 200- and 400-meter dashes as a senior in addition to playing baseball and basketball. Redshirted in 2007. Appeared in 10 games in ’08 and made three catches for 71 yards (23.7-yard average) and one touchdown. Started all 13 games and led the team in catches and receiving yards with 48-785-6 (16.4) in ’09. Was the team’s best receiver in ’10, hauling in 53-885-8 (16.7) in 13 starts. Was sidelined for ’11 spring practice with a concussion. In ’11, hauled in 40-654-3 (16.4) to lead all Penn State receivers for a third straight season. Played in 11 games (10 starts) and missed two games after fracturing the fifth metatarsal on his left foot. Had five career rushes for 44 yards and four punt returns for 64 yards. Team captain. Only one career fumble.

Positives: Is tall and presents a sizable target. Controlled, balanced mover. Can box out defenders on inside slants. Tracks throws over his shoulder. Knows where the sticks are. Has hustler traits — see Alabama ’10 when chased interceptor Robert Lester 75 yards and forced a fumble. Solid character. Hardworking and accountable.

Negatives: Extremely small hands. Average athletic ability. Stiff lower body. Subdued if he gets jammed up. Unsudden off the line — builds to pedestrian speed (cannot separate vertically). Lets some throws into his body. Limited functional strength and competitiveness. Average blocker. Does not project as core special-teams player.
Summary: Tall, angular, smooth-muscled, possession receiver whose production was affected by poor QB play. Lacks exceptional traits for the pro game, and best chance to stick will come as a No. 4 or No. 5 receiver in a West Coast system.

Jonas Gray, RB, Notre Dame
5'9, 223 lbs, 4.55 40

Notes: Named to the Parade All-America team his senior season after rushing for more than 2,600 yards and 32 touchdowns as a Michigan prep. Was also a member of the state championship basketball team and lettered in track. Saw action in seven games as a true freshman in 2008, mostly on special teams, but rushed 21 times for 90 yards (3.4-yard average) and zero TDs. Played in eight contests, earning a start against Purdue, in ’09 and posting 34-119-0 (3.5) and grabbing four passes for 54 yards (13.5-yard average) and no scores. Recorded 20-100-0 (5.0) on the ground and caught 1-13-0 (13.0) in seven games during the ’10 season. Missed five games with a left knee injury (sprained MCL). Was having a breakout senior season in ’11, rushing 114-791-12 (6.9) and grabbing 6-38-0 (6.3) in 11 games (four starts) before suffering a season-ending torn ACL in his right knee against Boston College. Has seven fumbles in 200 career touches and gained 5.8 yards per carry. Was medically excluded from the Combine because of injuries to both knees.

Positives: Equipped to run between the tackles with a rocked-up physique. Good feet to make subtle lateral cuts. Flashes short-area quickness. Deceptive, competitive speed (see 80-yard TD vs. Pittsburgh). Productive in limited opportunity. Has some upside and considerable tread remaining on the tires.

Negatives: Tight hips. Average vision, instincts and burst. Can do a better job pressing the line and running behind his pads. Negates run strength when he wastes steps laterally. Too much pitter-patter. Fumbles have been an issue. Was never a featured back. Can improve route running and blocking. Summary:Big, nimble-footed back who looks the part with a compact, muscular build, but shows too much finesse in his game. Was on the rise before a torn ACL injury curbed his ascent, and has to embrace a big-back role and learn to run with power in order to maximize his potential. Could turn out to be a surprise value pick if he can stay healthy and learn to protect the ball better.

Jacquies Smith, DE, Missouri
6'3, 253 lbs, 4.77 40

Notes: First name is pronounced “ja-QWEESE.” The Texas prep played in all 14 games (one start against Colorado) as a true freshman in 2008 and registered 46 tackles, three tackles for loss and one sack with two passes defended. Wore uniform No. 53 his first year. Posted 39-4-1 1⁄2 with one pass batted down, one interception (43-yard touchdown) and two forced fumbles in 13 games (five starts) in ’09. Started all 13 games in ’10 at right defensive end and recorded 35-10-5 1⁄2 with three passes batted down, two forced fumbles and a blocked kick. Made 11 starts in ’11 and tallied 39-9-5 with four passes batted down and four forced fumbles. Missed two games early in the season with a dislocated left elbow. Graduated in December in just 3 1⁄2 years. Team captain.

Positives: Quick take-off to gain a step at the snap. Flashes quick hands to slap and swim. Tries to get his hands in passing lanes. Very good balance and body control. Plays hard and runs to the ball — makes tackles in backside pursuit (good closing speed). Rushed from the outside and inside. Solid personal and football character.

Negatives: Lacks ideal bulk and has ordinary length and small hands. Average eyes and instincts. Lacks exceptional strength or athletic traits to compensate for tweener size. Average explosiveness and power. Needs to refine hand use and counters — not violent. Does not accelerate off blocks. Can be run at and gets outmuscled by double-teams. Average sack production. Disappears for stretches.

Summary: Tweener-sized, athletic, competitive speed rusher whose speed isn’t special. Might warrant interest as a 3-4 outside linebacker, but is most effective attacking up the field on passing downs.

Derrick Shelby, DE, 6'3, 266 lbs, 4.96 40

Notes: red twice in track as a Texas prep. Redshirted in 2007. Started 10 of the 12 games in which he played in ’08, recording 31 tackles, 3 1⁄2 tackles for loss and one sack with two passes batted down and a forced fumble. Made nine starts as an undersized nose tackle before moving to his natural left end position for the Sugar Bowl. Started the first 10 games of the ’09 season at left end, before suffering a season-ending torn ACL against TCU. Posted 44-8-3 with one forced fumble. Saw action in 12 contests in ’10 as he rehabbed his knee injury, starting the final seven games of the campaign at left end, and posted 39-6 1⁄2-2 with three passes batted down and three forced fumbles. Missed the New Mexico game with an ankle injury. In ’11, started all 13 games at right end and logged 55-10-5 with seven batted passes and one interception. Scored a pair of touchdowns — recovered a fumble in the endzone against Brigham Young and returned his first career interception 21 yards for a score.

Positives: Sizable wing span. Athletic — exhibited some explosion and agility at the Combine, posting a 351⁄2-inch vertical leap and a 7.09-second 3-cone drill. Has strength, knee bend and lateral agility to stack blocks, disengage and grab ballcarriers. Shows ability to play behind the line of scrimmage. Good balance and short-area quickness. Has played end, tackle, both the left and right side and also has rushed from a two-point stance. Four-year starter.

Negatives: Average weight-room strength, initial quickness and foot speed. Inconsistent eyes and instincts. Lets his pads rise and gets knocked around. Can do a better job protecting his legs. Shows lower-body stiffness when required to break down, redirect or play in reverse. Not a creative pass rusher. Loafs on the back side. Talks too much.

Summary: Solidly built, experienced, loping mover with length and surprising athletic ability, though his pass-rush skills are average. Could compete for a reserve job as a 4-3 left end.

Dustin Waldran - OT - Portland St Overview

Waldron is an NFL prospect from Big Sky member Portland State, making a name for himself through speed and athletic ability. Though he is somewhat undersized, Waldron has been working on getting stronger, and his ability to anchor no longer seems to be a weakness. He is an extremely smart player. Analysis Strengths

A raw player, Waldron plays well in space and delivers a good blow when sustaining on his man. He bends well and uses polished technique despite his level of competition. Flexibility is the key to his game, and he is able to sit well in his set. He can recover when beat and has the ankle flexibility to torque himself around well when a defender gets a step on him. Weaknesses

Waldron has not blocked top-level, powerful competition at Portland State. He will have an adjustment period, and it remains to be seen whether he can position himself and sustain on blocks in the run and pass game at the next level.

Chas Alecxih - DT - Pitt Overview

Alecxih was a former walk-on who earned a scholarship at Pitt. He has size for the position and could even be moved outside to end in a 3-4 scheme based on his athletic ability. He is savvy when playing both the run and pass and is a reliable and productive tackle. He is effective in all areas but not great in any. He has third- or fourth-round talent as a big body up front. Analysis Strengths

Alecxih plays with a motor and is quick off the line of scrimmage. He is an urgent player who has versatility to play along the line. He is a solid worker and finds the ball when engaged. He can bull rush when going after the quarterback. Weaknesses

Alecxih doesn't use his hands well to fight blocks and can labor to get downfield in chase. He is an OK tackler up front but struggles in space. His athletic ability can be exposed in the open field.

Terence Brown, C, Brigham Young
6'4, 318 lbs, 5.05 40

2011 RIMINGTON TROPHY PRESEASON WATCH LIST: Terence Brown, BYU, has been named one of 43 players selected to the 2011 Preseason Rimington Trophy Watch List, given annually to the the Most Outstanding Center in NCAA Division I-A College Football. A 6-foot-4, 330-pound native of Summerville, S.C., Brown has started every game the past two seasons for the Cougars. He started at right guard as a sophomore before moving to center this past season. Brown is one of four returning starters on the 2011 BYU offensive line. A three-year letterman, Brown received All-Mountain West Conference honorable mention in 2010 and College Football News All-Sophomore Team honorable mention in 2009. - BYU football Josh Samuda, OG, Massachusetts
6'3, 312 lb, 5.10 40

(No info available) Derek Dennis, OG, Temple
6'3, 315 lbs, 5.44 40

Notes: Third cousin, Dexter Coakley, was a 10-year NFL linebacker and three-time Pro Bowler for the Dallas Cowboys and St. Louis Rams (1997-2006). Also, OL Tre Johnson, a Temple grad and Redskins Pro Bowler, is a close family friend. Derek won a pair of basketball state championships as a New York prep in addition to playing guard, tight end and defensive end on the football field. As a true freshman in 2007, started 10-of-12 games at right guard. Hyperextended his left elbow in early September ’08 but managed to start 6-of-12 games — three at left guard, three at left tackle. Saw action in three games in ’09, drawing one start at right tackle, but a torn left ACL cost him the final nine contests (was granted extra year of eligibility). Returned to start 7-of-12 games in ’10

— four at OLT, two at ORG and one at OLG. Made all 13 starts at left guard in ’11.

Positives: Is NFL-strong to generate movement in the run game. Engages quickly and churns his legs. Down-blocks effectively and washes out defenders. Can work his hips to torque defenders. Has a stout base to withstand a charge. Able to slide and cut off the rush. Uses his hands well and shows a heavy punch. Has played inside and outside. Raised his game vs. better competition.

Negatives: Small hands. Is slow afoot with limited suddenness in his movement. Top-heavy and stiff in the shoulders. Average balance. At times, gets lax and punches with stationary feet. Rises when he pulls and footwork gets clumsy. Inconsistent second-level fits/sustain. Has underachiever traits — needs to be pushed and adopt a more professional work ethic off the field. Summary: Good-sized, strong, short-area mauler who should draw interest from power-running teams such as the Steelers, Jets, 49ers, Bengals, Cardinals and Browns and possesses eventual starter potential. Dustin Waldron, OG, Portland State

6'5, 305 lbs, 5.32 40

Notes: Was all-state as an offensive and defensive lineman as an Oregon prep. Also lettered in track and basketball, winning state titles in 2007 as a member of the football and track squads. Saw action in eight games as a true freshman in ’08, starting the final two games at left tackle. Made all 22 starts at left tackle in ’09 and ’10. Started and played in seven contests at left tackle in ’11, missing the season opener and the final three games with undisclosed injuries. Positives: Is quick into blocks and maneuvers to sustain. Knows how to work angles and runs his legs on contact. Extremely intelligent and hardworking. Solid character. Tough, determined and very focused with make-it qualities. Negatives:

Very upright. Average finishing strength and power. Marginal base and contact balance — can be walked back and struggle to hold ground. Has not faced top competition. Summary: Lean, underpowered college left tackle who packed on 25 pounds following his junior season but is still adjusting to carrying the extra weight and functionally applying it on the field. Lacks ideal arm length and agility to handle the flanks in the pros, but could develop as a zone-blocking guard. Kelcie McCray, SS, Arkansas State

6'2, 202 lbs, 4.52 40

Notes: Also played basketball and was a quarterback as a Georgia prep. Redshirted in 2007. Saw limited action in 12 games in ’08 and posted 13 tackles, two pass breakups and zero interceptions with one forced fumble. Was the starting strong safety in all 12 games in ’09, logging 58-4-4 with 4 1⁄2 tackles for loss and one forced fumble. Posted 79-2-2 with one tackle for loss in 12 starts from his SS position in ’10. A 13-game starter at strong safety in ’11, he totaled 70-4-4 with 1 1⁄2 tackles for loss.

Positives: Nice length. Fluid, fast and athletic. Flexible hips and ankles for his size. Good balance and body control — demonstrates the ability to break down in space. Fits in the run game. Reliable tackler. Pedals under control and transitions smoothly. Can extend and snag interceptions away from his body. Three-year starter. Smart and dependable. Solid citizen.

Negatives: Thinly built — needs to bulk up and get functionally stronger. Bench-pressed just 12 reps of 225 pounds at the Combine and does not generate pop on contact as a tackler. Average instincts and anticipation — breaks late off the hash. Mismatched vs. receivers in man coverage. Game lacks urgency and violence. Not an explosive athlete or impactful playmaker. Vertical leap (301⁄2 inches) was lowest amongst all defensive backs at the Combine.

Summary: Lean, high-cut, sinewy defender with good speed and tackling ability, though his skill set smears the line between strong and free safety. Instincts, play strength and dull suddenness limit his ceiling, but could provide depth and contribute on special teams. Albert Evans, SS, Purdue

6'0, 209 lbs, 4.74 40

Notes: Also participated in basketball and track, in addition to being an all-state running back as an Indiana prep. Moved from safety to linebacker in early in 2008 and appeared in 11 games as a reserve and special-teams player, recording two tackles. Was returned to safety during ’09 spring practice, seeing action in all 12 games in the fall and posting 30 tackles, two pass breakups and zero interceptions. Made 10 starts at free safety in ’10, recording 37-2-1 with four tackles for loss, two sacks and two forced fumbles. Suffered a sprained MCL in his right knee against Minnesota and missed the next two contests.