

Phinfever Miami Mock Draft 2.0

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We are now only 25 days away from the 2013 NFL Draft, and the excitement is starting to build and teams still work there way thru free agency and continue to add talent. Miami just added former Atlanta Falcons CB Brent Grimes on Saturday and will continue to look to possibly add a ORT or possibly trade for KC OLT Branden Albert, although that talk has died down greatly.

With the moves that the Dolphins have made, I wanted to put together my next to last mock draft for Miami. I will do one last mock for Miami the week of the draft. Now let take a look at my latest mock for Miami.

1) Tavon Austin, WR, West Virginia - The thought by many is that the Dolphins have addressed their needs at wide receiver with the additions of Mike Wallace and Brandon Gibson and the re-signing of Brian Hartline. That said, the Palm Beach Post has indentified Davone Bess as the top veteran in line to possibly be cut. He is going into the last year of his contract and there has been talk that the Dolphins are looking to trade Davone. Tavon Austin is probably the most explosive offensive player in this draft, and he would give the Dolphins something that Bess could never hope to give Miami, a player that can take it to the house any time he touches the ball from the slot WR position. This little nugget was in the Miami Herald this morning.

"The Dolphins are among the teams holding a private meeting with speedy, explosive West Virginia receiver Tavon Austin. He would be a bold choice at 12, considering receiver is not a need, and Miami might be able to get a right tackle or pass rusher at that spot, or possibly a corner, though none might be the ideal fit at 12."

2) Jamar Taylor, CB, Boise State - The Dolphins made a nice move in bringing in CB Brent Grimes, but the Dolphins will still look to bring multiple cornerbacks into the fold. Taylor has the size, quickness and a nice tight backpedal to fit nicely into the zone coverages the Dolphins play. Solid run defender.

2) Terron Armstead, OT, Arkansas-Pine Bluff - Miami is working to possibly sign ORT Eric Winston, but as of this moment, that seems to be a long shot. If it does not happen, the Dolphins will need to address the OT position, and Armstead has the athletic ability to play OLT or ORT. Tremendous athlete, as he had the best time in the 40 for OL personnel with a 4.71. Also did 31 reps at 225 lbs and had a 34.5 vertical.

3) Travis Kelce, TE, Cincinnati - Miami signed Dustin Keller to a one year deal, so the need for a TE is still there, especially with the major questions still on 2012 3rd round draft pick Michael Engew. Kelce has the size the Dolphins like at 6'5, 255 lbs. More importantly, he is a very good blocker and has the speed to get vertically in the seam of a defense. His final year with the Bearcats, he had 45 catches for 722 yards with a 16.0 yards per catch average and 8 TD's.

3) Corey Lemonier, DE/OLB, Auburn - The Dolphins still would like to bring in a pass rusher opposite Cameron Wake. They also seem to be very high on 2012 3rd round pick Olivier Vernon, who had 3.5 sacks in 2012 season. Still, the best way to make a secondary better is to put as much pressure as possible on the quarterback, and the Dolphins need more from that spot. Lemonier has 17.0 career sacks in his 3 years at Auburn, and has faced some of the best competition in the nation.

4) Brandon McGee, CB, Miami - As I mentioned earlier, the Dolphins will look to take multiple cornerbacks, and McGee has very nice size at 5'11, 193 lbs and the speed to match. Very fluid hips and can easily open up and run with wide receivers. Underacheived while at Miami, but has all the making of a Sam Shields type of cornerback. For those that are not familiar with this, Shields went the Miami and also struggled while at Miami, but blossomed once he got into the NFL.

5) Hugh Thornton, OG, Illinois - With the signing of OG Lance Louis, the Dolphins will likely go into the mid rounds before they look to bring an OG into the fold, but they will look to add talent to the position. This is a little blurb on Thronton from NFL.Com.

Strengths

Tenacious blocker once engaged either in the run game or pass pro, finishes blocks to the ground whenever necessary. Good quickness from his stance, can fire out to greet defenders. Very good upper body strength to latch onto and stone targets, possesses footwork to stay with them throughout the play. Quick feet and good straight-line speed also help him block down and reach second-level targets, also pulled for outside runs. Uses athleticism and length as an effective cut blocker in space to take out defenders.

5) Kenyon Barner, RB, Oregon - Miami will be featuring RB Lamar Miller in 2013, as Reggie Bush was allowed to leave via free agency. But Miami seems to be looking for a change of pace back and will be bringing in Clemson RB Andre

Ellington. Barner is a very similar back in style of play, size and explosive plays and playmakers.

7) Don Jones, SS, Arkansas State - Miami has shown a lot of interest in this SS prospect from Arkansas State. Very nice size at 5'11, 191 lbs with very good speed at 4.41 40.

7) Brandon Moore, DT/NT, Texas - Jeff Ireland likes keeping the DL stocked with talent, and the Dolphins went to Texas and found Kheeston Randle in the 7th round in 2012. Moore is a big, powerful man that can add depth to the DT position. Also, Paul Solaia will be a free agent after the 2013 season as well. Here is a little blurb from NFLDraftScout.com, the CBS Sportsline.com Draft site.

"STRENGTHS: Naturally large man with long limbs and good overall weight distribution. Scheme versatile. Flashes a powerful bull rush to push the pocket. Possesses just average burst but shows surprising straight-line speed once he gets going. Untapped potential."

7) Vince Williams, ILB, Florida State - Miami adds depth to the linebacker corps with this intense Seminole. Miami has talked about possibly adding a QB as well, so keep an eye on Vanderbilt QB Jordan Rogers. Props to ToneOz, one of our members that had Rodgers in his mock draft in the 7th round.

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