

## Was Dion Jordan the right pick this year? Week 3 TV Map.

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I think it is interesting to see overall #1 pick OT Eric Fisher, overall #2 pick OT Luke Joeckel, and overall #4 pick Lane Johnson seriously struggling when this was the year of the offensive tackle. With so little offensive playmakers available in the draft, and since offensive tackles are usually low risk and high reward in the draft, this was the year to draft one. Or was it?

The Dolphins did not have a chance to draft either Fisher or Joeckel as it would have taken the farm to move up to either position.

Overall #1 pick Eric Fisher has struggled in the preseason (144 out of 157) and the regular season (66th out of 68). On Thursday night in his 3rd regular season game, Fisher gave up two sacks and five pressures and looked clearly overmatched to where the Chiefs had to slide players over to help him out. Overall #2 pick Luke Jockel has had his troubles as well. The Jaguars slid him to the right side as well, and so far ranks 46th out of 68 tackles. He's given up 2 sacks and 5 hurries, but he is doing better than Fisher.

Overall #4 OT Lane Johnson is nearly rock bottom in performance and ranks 64th out of 68 tackles. He actually has done decently in run blocking, but his pass blocking is poor. He has performed progressively poor in all 3 games that he has played for the Eagles.

While I do not expect these poor performances to continue as these 3 have the talent to improve, but when you invest a top 5 pick in an offensive tackle you expect them to start right off the bat and be productive. The same would be said for a DE/OLB drafted at the overall #3 position and that would be our own Dion Jordan. I really like this kid and he shows real playmaker ability. The Dolphins have wanted a complement to Cam Wake and I think they may have found it ... but he is a developmental type of player as well. He needs to add more weight and needs to get healthy. I think he can turn into another Jason Taylor and a player like that is clearly worth an overall #3 draft pick.

Let's not forget to mention that Ireland was able to move up into the overall #3 position at a steal. The Raiders wanted DJ Haden and knew they could get him lower in the draft, and they were not getting any takers to trade with them. They were going to take Haden with the overall #3 draft pick until Ireland called on a whim. Ireland got the player he wanted and the Raiders got their man along with a mid 2nd round pick. Win-win for both teams.

So, back to my original question: "Was Dion Jordan the right pick this year?" They say that it takes 3 years to analyze a draft, but if the analysis is between Dion Jordan and Lane Johnson, then I would say that the Dolphins made the right choice. Ireland had a LT and a DE/OLB high on his list and he picked the better player. There were all ready a lot of rumors that Ireland wasn't a big Johnson fan as he didn't fit our offense.

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