

NFL DRAFT TEAM EVALUATIONS

| | 2009 DRAFT | DENVER BRONCOS C- | | | | |
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| PICK NO. | PLAYER | COMMENTS | POS | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | SCHOOL |
| 12 | KNOWSHON MORENO | I think this guy is pretty special and his selection here was a good value. He is an all-around Back whose size and style of play remind me of LT, and I don't mean the LB. It was time to move away from the SHANAHAN rotating RB system. Watch for this player to crack 2,000 yards per season in receiving and running yards. | RB | 5'11 | 217 | GEORGIA |
| 18 | ROBERT AYERS | Until he goes to a Pro Bowl I will insist that this guy was a nice R2 player, but not a solid First Rounder. Adjusting to a 3-4 OLB will be a chore for him I think. He is a good athlete with above average skills, but not the impact player he was portrayed as by many from the Senior Bowl on. | OLB/E | 6'3 | 273 | TENNESSEE |
| 37 | ALPHONSO SMITH | This player was worth the cost of next year's R1 Pick. The only knock on him is his size, but that never got in his way at WAKE. He has large hands and a keen instinct for the ball. He will come up and take on the running game. He is a shifty Punt Returner. He will have an ANTOINE WINFIELD career opposite CHAMP. Good Value Pick. | CB/PR | 5'9 | 190 | WAKE FOREST |
| 48 | DARCEL McBATH | He is a converted CB with excellent coverage skills, and is a willing tackler in run support. He could move in as the FS if DAWKINS has enough left in the tank to be in the box all game long. I think this was at least a Round too high. Call it a Reach. | FS | 6'0 | 197 | TEXAS TECH |
| 64 | RICHARD QUINN | I really like this Pick. QUINN was the second best all-around TE in this DRAFT. He is a bulldozer blocking in the running game. He also shows nice hands and body control as a receiver. He has WITTEN potential with coaching and proper use. | TE | 6'4 | 265 | NORTH CAROLINA |
| 114 | DAVID BRUTON | There are questions as to whether he is flexible enough to be more than a straight-line SS. He is a Special Teams standout, but they are hoping for more. Patience will be the key here. The hope is he can be groomed to replace DAWKINS in two seasons. | SS | 6'2 | 219 | NOTRE DAME |
| 132 | SETH OLSEN | This Pick tells you that their OL blocking philosophy is not changing. OLSEN is a flexible, intelligent player who must survive on technique within a zone blocking scheme. If nothing else, he has the size and athleticism to back up any position on the OL. But they are hoping he can win a starting job soon. | OG | 6'5 | 305 | IOWA |
| 141 | KENNY McKINLEY | Slightly undersized, McKINLEY established himself as a game breaker during his Gamecock career. He is a fine Kick Returner and an elusive receiver. He could be a valuable No. 3-4 WR when they spread the field on passing downs. Value here. | WR/RS | 6'0 | 190 | SOUTH CAROLINA |
| 174 | TOM BRANDSTATER | This Pick has gone under the radar, but with some solid QB Coaching (here's your chance JOSH) he could develop as a Pro QB. His mechanics are sloppy and inconsistent and he can't be considered a student of the game at this point. But he has shown potential and certainly has the arm strength and size to compete in the NFL. | QB | 6'5 | 220 | FRESNO STATE |
| 225 | BLAKE SCHLUETER | Once again, the kind of smart dedicated scrapper the BRONCOS traditionally look for in their OL scheme. He's too small, not strong enough, etc. He reminds me of SATURDAY of the COLT, who has turned out quite well after not being Drafted at all. I'll bet he backs up until his chance comes and then takes over the OC job. | OC | 6'2 | 286 | T C U |
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If you think my grade is a bit harsh let me explain that it has to reflect the CUTLER trade. These choices, plus KYLE ORTON, are basically what the BRONCOS get for giving up one of the young, emerging Franchise QBs in the League. They essentially used the No. 1 from next year that they received in the trade to Draft SMITH in R2. They got some fine young talent and some potential Pro Bowlers down the road, but it may not be special enough to offset the losses. And I was surprised that so little emphasis was placed on fixing their Defense, which was their weakest area last year. McDANIELS and XANDERS may have not been able to accomplish enough to get out of the hole they dug for themselves with the CUTLER fiasco.