

NFL DRAFT TEAM EVALUATIONS

	2009 DRAFT	DETROIT LIONS C+				
PICK NO.	PLAYER	COMMENTS	POS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	SCHOOL
1	MATTHEW STAFFORD	Looks for all the world to me like ROMO/CUTLER type QB and should serve them well over time. They need to be prepared to sit him behind CULPEPPER for at least half the season. Then let him cut his teeth down the stretch.	QB	6'2	225	GEORGIA
20	BRANDON PETTIGREW	Not a glaring need, but too good to pass up at this spot. He is an all-purpose TE and should be productive soon. He can have JASON WITTEN impact which will be very helpful for CALVIN & STAFFORD. High value Pick.	TE	6'6	263	OKLAHOMA STATE
33	LOUIS DELMAS	Was he the best player left on the Board? Probably not, but he should start and be around a long while. He s a very sound player with the toughness that you cannot teach. He is coachable and will improve from year to year.	S	5'11	202	WR. MICHIGAN
76	DeANDRE LEVY	And now it begins to look like the ghost of MATT MILLEN is in the Draft Room. LEVY is a solid, smart player when healthy but not the bruising MLB they needed here. No one I know had him close to being a Top 100 Prospect.	LB	6'2	235	WISCONSIN
82	DERRICK WILLIAMS	A high value Pick at this slot. He s a solid receiver with some shake-and-bake in the open field. He is also a versatile return man. He could also be their trigger man if they put in some kind of Wildcat/Spread Offense package	WR/RS	6'0	195	PENN STATE
115	SAMMIE LEE HILL	I am a bit skeptical about the value at this slot, but he has the potential to bring some SHAUN ROGERS assets to the DL. He will need to adjust to the pro level of play, but if coached up, patiently he has the size to excel inside.	DT	6'4	330	STILLMAN
192	AARON BROWN	Other than his skills as a returner I do not get this Pick. He has below average speed and size, and does not seem suited for success at the pro level. Good kid, with good attitude, but this team needs talent first. This is a reach.	RB	6'1	195	T C U
228	LYDON MURTHA	Another former TE who is a more impressive athlete than he is a football player. He will be a coaching project with some upside if they can refine his minimal skills. With their OL needs this is an OK Pick at this slot.	OT	6'7	307	NEBRASKA
235	ZACH FOLLETT	A highly thought of prospect last fall, who fell out of favor due to injury and size concerns. He is athletic and has pursuit and cover skills. May never be a starting LB, but he should have value on pass-downs and Special Teams.	OLB	6'2	238	CALIFORNIA
255	DAN GRANKOWSKI	I don't get this Pick. Considering they grabbed PETTIGREW in Round 1 and they have decent back-ups already on the roster this seems wasteful. He is a much better athlete than football player. Perhaps he can develop, but...	TE	6'6	255	MARYLAND

This was an OK DRAFT, but they needed to, and could have done better with almost half of their Picks. LEVY and BROWN were big reaches for my taste. When you go winless you can pretty much use help everywhere so it is best to take the Best Available/Regardless of Position. It should also be noted that when your team is winless you can't DRAFT enough talent to fix everything in one year. This looks like a better overall effort than the last few by MILLEN. At least they didn't trade away half of their DRAFT sliding around for overrated players as in the past. The next key for this organization is to develop most of these guys, instead of discarding half of them in two seasons