

**NFL DRAFT TEAM EVALUATIONS**

<b>2009 DRAFT</b>		<b>PITTSBURGH STEELERS C+</b>					
<b>PICK NO.</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>POS</b>	<b>HEIGHT</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	
32	EVANDER HOOD	A solid value pick at the end of R1, and at a position where I felt very strongly they needed to add youth. He is athletic enough to learn to play E in the 3-4. He can penetrate and will only need to be a bit less of a skater when blocked.	DE	6'3	300	MISSOURI	
79	KRAIG URBIK	They have tried over the past few DRAFTS to get themselves a OG to replace FANECA. Though not as flashy as FANECA, URBIK should fit in nicely with their blocking style and offensive scheme. Watch for him to start by 2010. Nice selection here.	OG	6'5	330	WISCONSIN	
84	MIKE WALLACE	I really like this Pick. He is a good sized receiver who makes some very nice catches. And he has incredible speed. Watch him on KR's this year. He also could be an upgrade replacement for the recently departed NATE WASHINGTON. He has better hands and is even faster. I'd like to see the race between WALLACE and SANTONIO in Training Camp this summer.	WR/RS	6'0	200	OLE MISS	
96	KEENAN LEWIS	There are some nagging questions about LEWIS, especially in coverage, but he has the size, speed and hip-turn to get the job done. They will be patient, but I am sure they see him stepping in for TOWNSEND by 2010. Risk/reward Pick.	CB	6'1	205	OREGON STATE	
168	JOE BURNETT	This team has never been afraid of Drafting small, but athletic CBs... met Mr. BURNETT. He is a ball hawk and dangerous Punt Returner. He should see part time work in the return game and perhaps the Dime package. Good value at this Pick.	CB/PR	5'9	190	CENTRAL FLORIDA	
169	FRANK SUMMERS	The STEELERS like to have a hybrid FB/RB on their roster rather than two FBs. This is a nice shot at that. SUMMERS has shown flashes as a runner and a blocker. He has also shown he can catch the ball. CAREY DAVIS better watch out for his job.	FB/RB	5'10	243	UNLV	
205	RA'SHON HARRIS	This is a bit of a reach, but he certainly has the size and skill set to fit as a 3-4 DE in their scheme. They should be able to hide him on the practice Squad while they try to turn up his motor a bit. Not a terrible Pick, but not my choice here.	DE	6'4	300	OREGON	
226	A. Q. SHIPLEY	A high Value Pick here for 3 reasons. He went to Penn St and a local guy is always good in Pittsburgh. He is tough as nails and a battler. He has talent and smarts. His only drawback may be the inability to play anywhere but OC because of his size and short arms. But fundamentally sound scrappers are always welcome.	OC	6'1	305	PENN STATE	
241	DAVID JOHNSON	He is certainly athletic enough to get Drafted in R7, but I am not sure how he fits into their scheme, unless he too is going to be considered as a FB, with a FB/TE designation. I can't debate this guy late in the DRAFT.	TE/FB	6'2	260	ARKANSAS STATE	

I always try to be cautious in criticizing STEELERS Drafts. They always find guys who can play in their scheme, and after a year or two of Coaching they move into the lineup somewhere. But truth be told, they also strike out on 2-3 guys every year, who disappear from the League within two seasons. This looks like their usual DRAFT. I would have preferred some other guys at certain slots, but they will generate 3-4 eventual starters from this group over time and continue their solid Play-Off level performance year in and year out. So let's label it just above average and call it a day.