

**NFL DRAFT /TEAM EVALUATIONS**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>SAN DIEGO CHARGERS <u>GRADE: B+</u></b>				
<b>PICK NO.</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>HEIGHT</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
12	RYAN MATHEWS	SMITH probably overpaid to move up for MATHEWS, but he got his man. MATHEWS should shine with his running style and the CHARGERS running game being a match made in heaven. SPROLES can now be the change-of-pace weapon.	RB	6'0	220	FRESNO STATE
79	DONALD BUTLER	Another great fit for their scheme. Butler should be able to parlay his talent into a starting job by 2011, and contribute right away in sub packages and on Special Teams.	ILB	6'1	245	WASHINGTON
110	DARRELL STUCKEY	Underrated performer, partly because KU was so bad on D in 2009. He is a solid tackler, with better than average cover skills. He too could be challenging for a starting spot... right now.	S	5'11	205	KANSAS
146	CAM THOMAS	Got lost in the DL rotation at UNC, but he is athletic for his size and is massive and strong. Don't be surprised if he is starting by mid-season as the long term replacement for JAMAAL WILLIAMS. Showed great competitive spirit and attitude in Mobile.	NT	6'4	330	NORTH CAROLINA
168	JONATHAN CROMPTON	WHITEHURST is gone, and here is his replacement. CROMPTON really improved his play under the KIFFIN regime at Tennessee, which indicates potential in a Pro O. VOLEK may be in last season as RIVERS back-up.	QB	6'3	222	TENNESSEE
235	DEDRICK EPPS	If he can get past his injury history in college, he is a solid all-around TE with very good measurables and a versatile skill set. He can stick as an affordable, No. 3 TE for now.	TE	6'3	250	MIAMI (F)

It is highly arguable that A. J. SMITH overpaid to move up and grab MATHEWS. But when he starts and gains over 1,000 yards as a Rookie the price to get him will be forgotten. His presence also allows the team to use SPROLES in spot duty, in multiple roles, which is what makes him most valuable. Their first 4 Picks may all be starters by the beginning of the 2011 season, which would be crazy good for a Play-Off team. They got value for every Pick they made. And it cannot be forgotten, that as usual DAY 4 of the DRAFT has yielded a very solid looking group of roster candidates as well. This is how SMITH works the annual player selection process. And his annual performance on DRAFT weekend validates his expertise and value to this franchise, which watches its budget carefully under the guidance of the SPANOS family.