

NFL DRAFT/TEAM EVALUATIONS

	2010	OAKLAND RAIDERS <u>GRADE: B-</u>				
PICK NO.	PLAYER	COMMENTS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	SCHOOL
8	ROLANDO McCLAIN	This a appears to be the most solid Pick this team has made in quite some time. He is big, physical, athletic and smart. If he doesn't start from Day One of Training Camp I'll be shocked... and disappointed.	ILB	6'3	255	ALABAMA
44	LAMARR HOUSTON	HOUSTON finally found the consistent effort button as a senior, and it got him all the way into R2. He is very active, and athletic. I think he too, has a solid chance to start right away.	DT	63	305	TEXAS
69	JARED VELDHEER	Nice developmental Pick at perhaps the teams weakest position. If the CABLE GUY can work some magic he might be ready to play regularly by the middle of the season. But 2011 might be a more realistic starting point for his starting career.	OT	6'7	312	HILLSDALE
106	BRUCE CAMPBELL	This guy should be the other starting OT opposite VELDHEER in a season or two. He has incredible athleticism and potential. This is great Value and upside Pick.	OT	6'6	315	MARYLAND
108	JACOBY FORD	AL DAVIS is alive after all. He did get the fastest player at the COMBINE but waited until R4 to get him. I think he will be disappointed, because FORD is a track athlete who plays football. I just don't think he gets it on the grass. A reach here.	WR/RS	5'9	185	CLEMSON
138	WALTER McFADDEN	This guy could surprise as a cover CB. He has decent athleticism and quickness, but has that ability to find and respond to the ball in the air. Not a thumper, but he will tackle people.	CB	6'0	175	AUBURN
190	TRAVIS GOETHEL	GOETHEL had a very productive career at ASU, and then got the attention of NFL Personnel People with his work in El Paso and at the COMBINE. He's a solid/strong player with decent athleticism. He should impress early on ST, and then work into their LB rotation. Nice selection here.	OLB	6'2	240	ARIZONA STATE
215	JEREMY WARE	This Pick smacks of an AL DAVIS special. WARE blistered the turf running his 40 at his Pro Day. But there is nothing from his playing career that would suggest he is an NFL player.	CB	5'10	190	MICHIGAN STATE
251	STEVIE BROWN	BROWN is a solid selection this late. He is a decent athlete, with good strength and a solid work ethic. At the least he can make a roster for a year or two on ST. That will buy some time to determine if he has any potential from scrimmage.	SS	6'0	210	MICHIGAN
TRADE	QUENTIN GROVES	How can the RAIDERS not pick up at least one vet who has been a major disappointment to the team that Drafted him. We'll see if he steps up for the RAIDERS or not, but worth a shot.	DE			

The RAIDERS have turned into an annual joke source with their Drafting over the past decade. Overall this group breaks that pattern. There is a tendency to want to grade this effort too highly, because of how it compares to previous efforts. There are a few real reaches here, but it is a solid group offering some help this season, and even more potential down the road with the two OTs who were taken. And don't forget, they also got QB/JASON CAMPBELL during the long weekend, but primarily used a 2011 selection to do so. Enjoy it now RAIDERS Nation. They have traded away the heart of their 2011 DRAFT already for CAMPBELL & SEYMOUR.