

NFL DRAFT /TEAM EVALUATIONS

	2010	PITTSBURGH STEELERS <u>GRADE C+</u>				
PICK NO.	PLAYER	COMMENTS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	SCHOOL
18	MAURKICE POUNCEY	Nothing fancy, but a good solid Pick. Most everyone will tell you they expect him to win a starting job and hold it for a decade. With the way the STEELERS look to build their roster that is good value at the Pick.	OC	6'4	305	FLORIDA
52	JASON WORILDS	Another HOKIES DE who must adjust to standing up as a 3-4 OLB. The history of such moves is a mixed bag. While the STEELERS try to coach him up to the change he must contribute on Special Teams. A reach I think.	OLB	6'1	255	VIRGINIA TECH
82	EMANUEL SANDERS	SANDERS caught a lot of balls for the Mustangs and has also flashed return skills. He is quicker than fast, but manages to use that quickness to get separation from DBs. He can get YAC with his moves.	WR/RS	5'11	185	SMU
116	THAD GIBSON	See Pick 52 above. GIBSON had a very productive career for the Buckeyes, but most of it was with his hand down on the ground. Will he have the speed to cover the ground needed as an OLB? We'll see.	OLB	6'2	245	OHIO STATE
151	CHRIS SCOTT	This guy could be a very good fit for the STEELERS style of play and blocking style. His footwork was good enough to play outside for the Vols, and he could be dominant inside at OG. Might be able to also back-up at RT in a pinch.	G/T	6'4	320	TENNESSEE
164	CREZDON BUTLER	I thought BUTLER had a very mediocre Senior season at Clemson, but they still saw enough in him to use a R5 Pick on him. Could be a reach, but if he returns to his form of 2008 he could be quite a bargain.	CB	6'0	190	CLEMSON
166	STEVENSON SYLVESTER	Time for another LB, but remember this guy is really being added to assist the Special Teams coverage units, which were poor in 2009. I might not have made the pick, but it is almost Round 6. And after R5 almost anything goes.	OLB	6'2	230	UTAH
188	JONATHAN DWYER	This DRAFT got better the further along it went. DWYER has a chance to be the kind of between-the-tackles runner they have not had since THE BUS retired. His selection here is great value.	RB	5'11	230	GEORGIA TECH
195	ANTONIO BROWN	This Pick is a very big upside selection. BROWN may not be a speedster, but he is quick, has good hands and very elusive especially on Punt returns. If they decide to go young he's their No. 5 WR/RS.	WR/RS	5'10	185	CENTRAL MICHIGAN
242	DOUG WORTHINGTON	I am of the strong opinion that this is a great Pick in R7. WORTHINGTON is very long and athletic. He practices & plays hard. I also think the 5-Technique DE slot is ideally suited for his size & skill set.	DE	6'5	290	OHIO STATE

I believe they reached a bit with some of their OLB projections in the first 4 Rounds, but at the least the guys they took should be able to help them on their coverage units, which were a weak spot in last year's disappointing season. POUNCEY, DWYER, WORTHINGTON could bring immediate impact to them as starters, or rotation players. It will be up to the coaching staff to turn this into a special DRAFT, by coaching up a couple of LB to be the next JAMES HARRISON. It was also a good move to trade a later Pick to get BYRON LEFTWICH back in town to hold things down while BIG BEN is suspended. If they play their Rookies instead of red-shirting them this group could help in multiple ways.