

NFL DRAFT / TEAM EVALUATIONS

	2010	HOUSTON TEXANS <u>GRADE: C-</u>				
PICK NO.	PLAYER	COMMENTS	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	SCHOOL
20	KAREEM JACKSON	They had to take a CB early because of finally parting ways with DUNTA. Whether this is the guy is still up for debate. He rose up the prospect lists after the COMBINE & Pro Day, but was it really enough to make him worth the 20th Pick of the DRAFT?	CB	5'10	195	ALABAMA
58	BEN TATE	TATE came on strong as a Senior and showed he can run between the tackles, get to the outside and is a natural hands catcher. He is also a solid blocker in pass pro. He might not be sexy, but should bring them solid value.	RB	5'11	220	AUBURN
81	EARL MITCHELL	I really like the hustle and energy that MITCHELL generates. He is quick off the ball and uses that, plus his lack of height, to burst past blockers and penetrate the backfield. I hope he is stout enough to eat blockers & help OKOYE get free more often.	DT	6'2	315	ARIZONA
102	DARRYL SHARPTON	I think this a couple of Rounds high for SHARPTON. He is fairly athletic, and really hustles around the field. But his lack of size allows Offenses to overpower him. Should help right away on Special Teams, but they needed more this high in Round 4.	LB	5'11	235	MIAMI (F)
118	GARRETT GRAHAM	The Coaches must like OWEN DANIELS so much, that they had to have his BADGER-clone. GRAHAM is a good catcher, who is really an H-B. He's a willing blocker, but he isn't going to overpower anyone at the pro level.	TE/H-B	6'3	243	WISCONSIN
144	SHERRICK McMANIS	I was impressed with this guy's practice and play on Orlando. He has decent size and functional speed. He will pop receivers, and come up in run support. He's a good value at this Pick.	CB	5'11	195	NORTHWESTERN
187	SHELLEY SMITH	SMITH is nothing special, but he is athletic and that fits their zone-blocking scheme. SMITH will need to get a bit stronger, but could carve himself a career. Decent Pick in R6.	OG	6'3	300	COLORADO STATE
197	TRINDON HOLLIDAY	They've tried JACOBY JONES as a tall RS, so now they are going with a smurf. But a very fast smurf. He is solid enough to touch the ball on reverses, and has decent hands to catch.	WR/RS	5'5	165	LSU
227	DORIN DICKERSON	They say they are switching him to WR, which looked like a misfit in Mobile. He is best as a mismatch coming out of the slot, or as an H-B. But he is a good athlete, with some offensive potential, which justifies Round 7.	WR/H-B	6'2	225	PTT

Some of these Picks cry out of a team that thinks it is almost at a Play-Off level, and needs certain things to get over the hump. Let's hope they are right because Picks like JACKSON, GRAHAM, HOLLIDAY & DICKERSON are need picks and must fill some perceived roster holes right away. I'm OK with most of this group, but not overly impressed that they will push this team up to the double-digit win level. I think they could have, should have done better.