Corey's mock NFL draft — version 2.0 (continued)

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Editor's Note: The first part of Baker City Herald sports editor Corey Kirk's second look at the NFL draft, which starts this evening, ran in the April 21 issue.

12. Las Vegas Raiders (7-9) — Jerry Jeudy, Alabama, WR

Honestly it is a crap shoot between Jeudy, teammate Henry Ruggs III and Oklahoma's CeeDee Lamb. If I had my GM hat on and I was picking for the Raiders, I would go with Jeudy. He just oozes with potential and the idea that he would get to team up with his Crimson Tide brethren in Josh Jacobs. His ability as a deep threat sounds so appealing for somebody like John Gruden.

(Mock Draft 1.0: Jeudy

The Indianapolis Colts traded their 13th pick for San Francisco 49ers DL DeForest Buckner on March 18

13. San Francisco 49ers (13-3) — CeeDee Lamb, Oklahoma, WR

Though they had to part ways with arguably their most consistent defensive linemen in recent years, they have enough talent to fill that void. What became the most gaping need was the lack of threat they had in throwing the ball during their Super Bowl loss to the Kansas City Chiefs. Head Coach Kyle Shanahan has had success with guys at the WR position, and Lamb would be best available at this position. Outside of Deebo Samuel, the 49ers are in dire need of help at the position, and Lamb would make an impact almost immediately.

(Mock Draft 1.0: IND, Lamb

14. Tampa Bay Buccaneers (7-9) — Javon Kinlaw, South Carolina, DL

Let's face it, people, Tampa Bay not only shocked the NFL, they shocked the entire sports world by the signing of Tom Brady. Now that their offense seems to be locked, they need to look to the other side of the line. Devin White was a great addition last season in the middle, so what makes the most sense is Kinlaw with this pick. He wreaks havoc on the line, and presents a physical presence that Tampa hasn't seen since Gerald McCoy.

(Mock Draft 1.0: Jordan Love, Utah State QB)

15. Denver Broncos (7-9) — Henry Ruggs III, Alabama, WR

Ruggs III lands back with Denver in my mock draft as I don't see him getting past Lamb or Jeudy in draft stock. However, I am not discounting his talent as this dude is FAST. Drew Lock is in need of some more talent to throw to, and as the third best WR in this draft, this would be a steal of a pick for the Broncos.

(Mock Draft 1.0: Ruggs III

16. Atlanta Falcons (7-9) — C. J. Henderson, Florida, CB

As Kinlaw gets taken by the Bucs with the 14th pick, the Falcons are faced with filling a different need as they don't see anybody on the defensive line worth nabbing here. So they go with the second best player in the secondary. Ever since their Super Bowl appearance, the Falcons have been struggling tremendously on defense. So going with Henderson would be safe to grab with this pick.

(Mock Draft 1.0: ATL- Javon Kinlaw, South Carolina)

17. Dallas Cowboys (8-8) — Xavier McKinney, Alabama, S

Now that Henderson is off the board, a player like McKinney is someone that Jerry Jones would salivate for. He is versatile in the secondary, where he could fill in at any need for the Cowboys. Though he isn't the greatest tackler in the draft, he provides value to a very bleak secondary.

(Mock Draft 1.0: DAL- C.J. Henderson, Florida, CB)

The Miami Dolphins traded S Minkah Fitzpatrick and a 2020 4th-round draft pick for a 2020 1st-round pick and a 2021 6th-round draft pick on September 16, 2019

18. Miami Dolphins — K'Lavon Chaisson, LSU, LB

Chaisson still is a victim of team needs and remains here at the 18th pick for the Dolphins. His senior season at LSU was incredible and shows that he can bounce back from his major injury his junior year. Do I see him going earlier based on talent alone? Absolutely. He is someone I would keep my eye on come draft day.

(Mock Draft 1.0:MIA- K'Lavon Chaisson, LSU, LB)

The Las Vegas Raiders traded LB Khalil Mack to the Chicago Bears for a 1st-round pick in 2019, for 1st-, 2nd- and 6th-round picks in 2020 on Sept. 1, 2018.

19. Las Vegas Raiders — AJ Terrell, Clemson, CB

The Raiders really need to bump up their defensive line and their secondary. After losing Karl Joseph in free agency to the Browns, I see them going after a guy like Terrell with this pick to help fill that void. Terrell would need to get his footing transitioning in the NFL, but the skillset is there for him to prosper. Raider fans should be excited for this pick!

(Mock Draft 1.0: LVR- Xavier McKinney, Alabama, S)

The Los Angeles Rams traded their 2020/2021 first round picks and a 2021 4th-round pick for Jacksonville Jaguars CB Jalen Ramsey on Oct. 2019.

20. Jacksonville Jaguars — A.J. Espesa, Iowa, EDGE

The Jaguars seal up their defensive front with the addition of Espesa. Josh Allen and Derrick Brown paired together is scary. It would make sense to see them go with a cornerback here but the talent slightly drops off after Terrell gets picked. They can grab a different cornerback in the later rounds.

(Mock Draft 1.0: JAX- A.J. Terrell, Clemson, CB)

21. Philadelphia Eagles (9-7) — Justin Jefferson, LSU, WR

I see this pick staying the same for Philadelphia, as their WR core is left with an open spot with the departure of Nelson Agohlor to Las Vegas. Jefferson gives them a youthful boost. Pairing him with a quarterback like Carson Wentz, we are going to see a great development in this guy.

(Mock Draft 1.0: Jefferson)

The Minnesota Vikings traded WR Stefon Diggs and their 2020 7th round pick for the Buffalo Bills 1st/5th/6th pick in the 2020 draft, and their 2021 4th-round pick on March 16, 2020.

22. Minnesota Vikings (10-6)- Pick Acquired in Stefon Diggs trade) — Tee Higgins, Clemson, WR

The Bills gained a franchise WR in Diggs, and the Vikings parted ways with their former disgruntled player. Now they are able to push the restart button on the WR to pair off with Adam Thielen. Higgins would be a tremendous pick here for the Vikings as he complements the Vikings offense. He can play in any scenario, and that gives Higgins a faster track to an impactful role in Minnesota.

(Mock Draft 1.0: Higgins)

23. New England Patriots (12-4) — Cole Kmet, Notre Dame, TE

The Patriots are still reeling from the departure of Tom Brady, and it makes sense to stack up some weapons for whoever will be under center in the future. Kmet would be an upgrade at tight end since they lost Rob Gronkowski in retirement. Hopefully his skills in blocking will improve over time.

(Mock Draft 1.0: NE- A.J. Espesa, Iowa, EDGE)

24. New York Jets (4-12) — Andrew Thomas, Georgia, OT

I think Thomas is going to fall due to the talent that is in this draft, but I don't want to discredit his ability. He is going to start immediately, and will be a crucial piece to the success of QB Sam Darnold and RB Le'Veon Bell.

(Mock Draft 1.0: NO- Ross Blacklock, Texas Christian, DT)

24. Minnesota Vikings (10-6) — Trevon Diggs, Alabama, CB

Diggs will be going to his brother's former team once again in this mock draft, as his skill set outweighs some of his weaknesses he presents on the field. He will take a couple of years to develop into a perennial threat, but he really could make an impact for the Vikings with the proper practice. The Vikings take care of two needs to be fulfilled in a matter of picks, and will draft an offensive linemen in a later round.

(Mock Draft 1.0: Diggs)

On Aug. 31, 2019, the Miami Dolphins traded OL Laremy Tunsil, WR Kenny Stills, a 2020 4th-round draft pick and a 2021 6th-round draft pick to the Houston Texans. In return they received OL Julien Davenport, CB Johnson Bademosi, a 2020 1st-round draft pick, a 2021 1st-round draft pick and a 2021 2nd-round draft pick.

26. Miami Dolphins— Jaylon Johnson, Utah, CB

After getting themselves a quarterback of their future, and a talented linebacker, the Dolphins are able to fulfill their greatest need in this pick. Jackson wreaks havoc in the secondary and has a higher ceiling than most expect. He will be a great fit for the Dolphins.

(Mock Draft 1.0: Johnson

26. Seattle Seahawks (11-5) — Cesar Ruiz, Michigan, OL

Ruiz will still be the one the Seahawks grab with this pick as he can fill the needs of two offensive line positions so his impact will be felt immediately there in Seattle. Between him, Austin Jackson and James Jones the Seahawks really have a good problem here on who to select, but Ruiz provides the most upside.

(Mock Draft 1.0: Ruiz)

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