

A Final Look at Who Should Get the Most Help from the 2011 Draft by Tony Villiotti

The 2011 draft, and all the wheeling and dealing that goes with it, is now in the history books. In advance of the draft **DRAFTMETRICS** determined the expected help each NFL could expect from the draft given (1) the number of choices they have, (2) the location of their choices in the draft order and (3) historical averages. **DRAFTMETRICS** has redone its calculations to take into consideration the final draft order resulting from the many draft day trades. Both the pre-draft and draft day listings by team are shown in the following two tables.

There were modest changes between the pre-draft and post-draft calculations:

- The Patriots dropped from 1st to 2nd, as they deferred some of their value into 2012 through the use of trades
- The Redskins had the biggest improvement going from 15th to 4th as they were able to add four additional draft choices during the course of the day
- The Saints moved from 26th to 17th, mortgaging their 2012 1st round pick to acquire RB Mark Ingram
- The Chiefs moved from 22nd to 13th as a result of their trade with the Browns
- The Falcons fell from 20th to 30th due to the price tag to acquire the #6 choice in the draft from the Browns
- The 49ers moved from 3rd to 9th due principally to the trade to acquire the pick used for Colin Kaepernick
- The Browns dropped from 5th to 12th, largely due to some of the value it acquired in trades being received in the 2012 draft
- The Jets had the lowest expected value from the draft due to their draft position (30th) and the trading of their 2nd draft choice in 2011 when they acquired Antonio Cromartie

Sometime in the next week or so, **DRAFTMETRICS** will take a more detailed look at the various trades that occurred during the draft.

The tables rank the NFL teams in the order of their 2011 Expected Draft Value. In determining the order, a number of factors were considered and each is shown in the table. Prime consideration was given to the number of five year starters but all factors were given some weight. The ranking process is subjective, though, and we encourage the reader to express his/her opinion.

The tables include:

- Each team's rank, based on its EDV
- The number of picks for each team
- The number of players expected to have one year or longer, three years or longer and five years or longer careers

- The number of players expected to start eight games or more for one year or more, three years or more and five years or more
- The number of players expected to be selected to the Pro Bowl or as an All Pro at least once.

Pre-Draft Team Rankings in Order of Expected Help from the Draft

Rank	Team	# of Picks	Number of Players								
			Career Length			Starter Years			Rookie Starters	Pro Bowl	All Pros
			1+	3+	5+	1+	3+	5+			
1	Patriots	9	8.3	6.9	5.6	5.4	3.8	2.7	1.9	1.1	0.6
2	Broncos	7	6.2	5.1	4.2	4.0	3.0	2.3	1.7	1.1	0.6
3	49ers	12	9.6	7.0	5.2	4.8	3.1	2.2	1.5	1.0	0.5
4	Bills	9	7.6	5.9	4.5	4.3	3.0	2.1	1.5	1.0	0.5
5	Browns	8	7.0	5.5	4.3	4.1	2.9	2.1	1.5	1.0	0.5
5	Cardinals	8	7.0	5.5	4.3	4.1	2.9	2.1	1.5	1.0	0.5
7	Bengals	8	6.8	5.3	4.2	3.9	2.8	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.5
7	Cowboys	8	6.8	5.3	4.2	3.9	2.8	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.5
7	Texans	8	6.8	5.3	4.2	3.9	2.8	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.5
10	Titans	9	7.6	5.8	4.4	4.1	2.8	2.0	1.4	0.9	0.5
11	Vikings	9	7.4	5.6	4.2	3.9	2.6	1.9	1.3	0.9	0.5
12	Eagles	10	8.2	6.0	4.5	4.1	2.6	1.8	1.1	0.6	0.3
13	Chargers	8	6.9	5.4	4.2	4.0	2.6	1.8	1.2	0.6	0.4
14	Panthers	8	6.7	5.2	4.0	3.7	2.5	1.8	1.2	0.8	0.4
15	Redskins	8	6.3	4.6	3.5	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.2	0.9	0.4
16	Lions	5	4.7	4.0	3.2	3.1	2.2	1.7	1.3	0.8	0.4
17	Rams	7	5.9	4.6	3.5	3.4	2.3	1.7	1.1	0.6	0.3
18	Ravens	9	7.6	5.7	4.2	3.9	2.4	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.4
19	Jaguars	7	6.3	5.0	3.8	3.6	2.3	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.3
20	Falcons	9	7.2	5.2	3.9	3.6	2.3	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.3
21	Packers	9	7.4	5.4	4.0	3.6	2.3	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.3
22	Chiefs	8	6.8	5.1	3.8	3.5	2.3	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.3
23	Bucs	8	6.6	4.9	3.7	3.4	2.2	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.3
23	Giants	8	6.6	4.9	3.7	3.4	2.2	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.3
23	Seahawks	8	6.6	4.9	3.7	3.4	2.2	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.3
26	Saints	6	5.1	4.1	3.3	3.1	2.2	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.3
27	Colts	6	5.3	4.2	3.2	3.0	2.0	1.4	0.9	0.5	0.3
28	Steelers	7	6.0	4.5	3.4	3.1	2.0	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.3
29	Dolphins	8	6.4	4.6	3.4	3.1	1.9	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.3
30	Bears	6	5.3	4.2	3.2	2.9	1.9	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.3
31	Raiders	7	5.8	4.2	3.1	2.8	1.7	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.2
32	Jets	6	5.0	3.7	2.7	2.4	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.2

Post-Draft Team Rankings in Order of Expected Help from the Draft

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Following are the historical averages for the period from 1991 through 2004 by Value Group that were used in the calculations. Draft classes after 2004 were excluded in order to allow a relatively complete evaluation of the included draft classes.

Probabilities by Value Group 1991-2004

	Value Groups						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Draft Positions	1-13	14-28	29-48	49-74	75-114	115-200	201+
Number Drafted	180	210	280	364	560	1204	831
Length of Career:							
At least 1 season	100.0%	100.0%	99.3%	97.3%	94.5%	80.5%	62.9%
At least 3 seasons	99.5%	92.9%	90.7%	86.5%	76.1%	55.5%	34.2%
At least 5 seasons	91.8%	82.9%	77.5%	72.5%	56.4%	37.2%	22.0%
Years as a Starter:							
At least 1 season	96.7%	91.0%	79.3%	68.1%	50.9%	31.4%	18.4%
At least 3 seasons	85.2%	69.5%	62.5%	49.2%	29.5%	16.8%	9.9%
At least 5 seasons	73.6%	56.2%	47.9%	33.2%	20.5%	9.1%	5.9%
Starter as a rookie	65.4%	44.3%	34.6%	20.9%	10.2%	4.8%	1.9%
Post-Season Honors:							
Pro Bowl 1 or more times	47.8%	24.3%	18.9%	11.3%	4.6%	4.7%	1.8%
All Pro 1 or more times	24.2%	14.8%	10.4%	6.3%	2.5%	2.3%	0.5%