

Cleveland Browns NFL Draft Preview

Written by {ga=tommoore}

Wednesday, April 24 2013 6:19 PM - Last Updated Thursday, April 25 2013 8:51 AM



Today is the day that Cleveland Browns fans have been waiting for.

After months of hearing about big boards, fluid hips, short arms, tight ankles, combines, Pro days, 40-yard dash times, game changers, sleepers, and more mock drafts from the likes of Mel Kiper, Todd McShay and Mike Mayock, it is finally time for the NFL Draft.

Heading into tonight's action, the Browns hold the No. 6 pick in the first round, as well as pick Nos. 68, 104, 139, 164, 175 and 227.

This will be the first draft for the team under CEO Joe Banner, the first draft with general manager Mike Lombardi in the building since 1996, and the first draft in franchise history where the owner is facing a federal investigation for his business practices.

In other words, just another day in Cleveland sports.

Cleveland Browns NFL Draft Preview

Written by {ga=tommoore}

Wednesday, April 24 2013 6:19 PM - Last Updated Thursday, April 25 2013 8:51 AM

So what will the Browns do when they finally get on the clock at approximately 9:30 p.m.?

Unlike last year, when it seemed pretty likely that the Browns were going to address their shortcomings on offense in the first few rounds of the draft, the team could go in several directions this weekend.

It all starts with what the teams in front of them do. No one has ever gone bankrupt underestimating the stupidity of teams like Kansas City, Jacksonville, Oakland and Detroit, teams (along with Philadelphia) that are drafting before the Browns have their first turn. The Lions and Raiders are expected to go defense with their selections (unless they don't, of course), while the Chiefs could be looking at offensive tackles [Luke Joeckel](#) or [Eric Fisher](#) with their first overall pick. With a first-year coach in Chip Kelly, there seems to be no consensus on what the Eagles may do.

We get the sense that the Browns would like to trade down if at all possible and try to pick up another draft pick while also getting someone they like. If Joeckel or Fisher are still on the board, that could become easier as teams like San Diego (No. 11) and Miami (No. 12) are reportedly looking for an offensive tackle and may be willing to deal and the Browns know they can make a trade and still get someone they want.

The Jets could be another trade partner as they would seem to need a cornerback now that they have trade Darrelle Revis. If Alabama's [Dee Milliner](#) is there at No. 6, the Jets could be on line 1. There is always the possibility the Jets may be tempted to make a move for a quarterback and with New York holding the No. 9 and No. 13 pick, there could be something there.

Cleveland Browns NFL Draft Preview

Written by {ga=tommoore}

Wednesday, April 24 2013 6:19 PM - Last Updated Thursday, April 25 2013 8:51 AM



[Thaddeus White](#)



[Jurrell Addison](#)



[Brandon Barber](#)

[Brian Winters](#)