

Monday Confessional: Dez Bryant Edition

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What I'm about to say may be considered sacrilegious, at least to myself - as well as to legions of other Browns fans still feeling the sting of the Braylon Edwards era, and although I've already gone on the record - albeit in a very tentative manner - by endorsing Florida's Joe Haden as our top draft pick in this coming April's draft, and despite the obvious needs at several other positions around the team, including linebacker, safety, right guard, right tackle and cornerback, I have to admit something:

I really like Dez Bryant.

Let me say that again - I really like Dez Bryant.

And why would a self-professed critic of any NFL franchise, let alone an eternally rebuilding one like the Browns, endorse the selection of a wide receiver in the first round of the draft - perennially one of the biggest personnel risks - when needs at other positions are so glaringly obvious?

One simple reason - Bryant is a beast.

Actually, two - do the Browns currently have anything remotely comparable to Bryant among the current roster? Or, how about even someone in the same galaxy, at least in terms of raw talent?

Entering 2010, the Browns currently feature Mohammed Massaquoi, who definitely has some NFL potential, but is flanked by the underwhelming Chanci Stuckey and a great unknown in Brian Robiskie. Outside of this almost anonymous trio, the rest of the position features roster filler.

Of course, the situation at wide receiver has helped to establish a new narrative regarding Brady Quinn's play in 2009. Simply put, some would believe that the talent surrounding Quinn essentially derailed his progress as an NFL quarterback.

And while there certainly are some threads of truth held in this belief, it is also worth noting that Quinn is a terribly inaccurate passer.

I'm just saying...

Anyway, as for the case of Dez Bryant at Number Seven in April's draft, perhaps the debate has to shift towards first establishing the team's greatest need, then weighing the potential impact a rookie may have in alleviating the weakness.

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