2015 NFL Mock Draft 2.0

1. Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Jameis Winston, QB Florida State

I am still not sure if they are sold on Winston yet, but for now I am going to put him here. He had a good combine and improved his ‘image’ there as well. The only thing I’m worried about on the field is his INTs, he throws way to many 50/50 balls, and that’s why they were down a lot in the first half. But I wouldn’t be surprised if the Bucs decided to get Leonard Williams here because he is the best and safest player in the draft and still has a lot of potential.

1. Tennessee Titans – Leonard Williams, DT, USC

Like I said before Williams is the best player and safest player in the draft; and still has a lot of potential. He would be a great addition to their defensive line and could become one of the best defensive lineman in the league.

1. Jacksonville Jaguars – Randy Gregory, OLB, Nebraska

I’m a little worried about his weight, but trainers said that Gregory was up to 250 pounds before scaling back his weight in preparation for the combine. He also has some problems with injury and needs to get better against the run but he is an outstanding pass rusher and can learn from Chris Clemons in Jacksonville.

1. Oakland Raiders – Kevin White, WR, WVU

White would give second year QB Derek Carr a much needed big physical red zone target, and someone that can take the top off of defenses. He also surprised a lot of people running 4.35 in the 40 yard dash, placing 3rd overall in his position group.

1. Washington Redskins – Dante Fowler Jr, OLB, Florida

Fowler is one of the bigger edge-rushers in this draft, and that’s what new GM Scot McCloughan likes. He had impressive numbers at the combine and has a ton of potential because he moved around a lot at Florida, so when he gets to focus on one position he could become an elite player in 2 to 3 years.

1. New York Jets – Marcus Mariota, QB, Oregon

Mariota looked good at the combine, but it’s really going to matter during his pro day to work one on one with coaches to show that he can run an NFL offense and make the tough throws you have to make in the NFL.

1. Chicago Bears – Danny Shelton, NT, Washington

He could be the new face of the Bears and could become an elite NT in the NFL. He would be a perfect fit for the Bears defense under new defensive coordinator Vic Fangio.

1. Atlanta Falcons – Vic Beasley, OLB, Clemson

Beasley was very impressive at the combine, having the fastest time at his position and would be a great fit for Dan Quinn’s defense, who likes to use speedy edge rushers in his defense. Even though teams shouldn’t base a lot off the combine, Beasley will likely move up some draft boards after his impressive performance.

1. New York Giants – Brandon Scherff, OT/OG, Iowa

While Scherff didn’t participate in the combine drills because of a hamstring injury, he is still the best offensive lineman in the draft and the Giants need to upgrade their offensive line to protect Eli Manning. But they could be tempted to draft who will be picked next…

1. St. Louis Rams – Amari Cooper, WR, Alabama

Brian Quick played well last year for the Rams, and Tavon Austin hasn’t panned out as well as they hoped. So they still need an elite receiver and Cooper could add a different dimension to their offense.

1. Minnesota Vikings - DeVante Parker, WR, Louisville

With all the things going on with AP and speculation of him not returning to the Vikings next season, they need to help out 2nd year QB Teddy Bridgewater in some way. If Peterson isn’t there they won’t have as good as a run game next year so the Vikings could make up for it with adding an elite receiver. Yes, Parker is not an elite receiver yet but I think he has the most upside out of all the WRs, plus Bridgewater threw to Parker just a season ago playing together at Louisville.

1. Cleveland Browns – Malcom Brown, DT, Texas

The Browns just miss out on the big three at wide receiver, but general manager Ray Farmer passed on wide receivers last year when it was an obvious need. Malcom Brown would immediately upgrade their defensive line, another position of need. Brown has surprising quickness and burst for his 319-pound frame.

1. New Orleans Saints – Shane Ray, OLB/DE, Missouri

Edge rusher is a major need for the Saints, and with Ray not working out at the combine could hurt is stock a little because he didn’t get to show he could play OLB in the NFL. Ray mostly relies on his speed to get to the QB so he would have to add some pass rushing moves to get to the QB also.

1. Miami Dolphins – La’el Collins, OT, LSU

Dolphins addressed their offensive line last year but could also add Peat to make the Dolphins line one of the top in the NFL and to protect Tannehill. Collins is a huge player but can also move. He is also very versatile and can play anywhere along the line other and center.

1. San Francisco 49ers – Arik Armstead, DT, Oregon

Armstead could be a forced to be reckoned with coming up the middle and would vastly improve the 49ers pass rush and run defense.

1. Houston Texans – Dorial Green-Beckham, WR, Oklahoma

If the Texans decided to move Andre Johnson or even keep him, DGB would be a great add. Johnson is getting older and DGB would be a great receiver to pair up with DeAndre Hopkins. Green-Beckham has some of the field issues but could become a Calvin Johnson type player. He is fast and is also a big/tall red zone target like Megatron.

1. San Diego Chargers – Melvin Gordon, RB, Wisconsin

Surprise? Maybe but the Chargers might lose Ryan Mathews to free agency, and the Chargers should move to an every down back instead of having a committee in my opinion. Gordon would take some pressure off of Phillip Rivers and could play every down for the Chargers.

1. Kansas City Chiefs – Landon Collins, SS, Alabama

The chiefs desperately need a receiver after none of their receivers had a touchdown in 2014. But they should not reach for a receiver at this spot, instead they should draft Landon Collins. With Eric Berry’s future in question and with Ron Parker hitting free agency, Collins makes since here as a value and fit. (He is projected to be drafted from anywhere from the 15th – 25th pick.) He can be the anchor at safety until Berry can hopefully return, and in that future they can play alongside one another.

1. Cleveland Browns – Jaelen Strong, WR, ASU

Strong would be a great fit for the Browns, for whoever is under center. Whether it be Hoyer, Manziel, or even Josh McCown if they land him. Strong could be a Josh Gordon, Vincent Jackson, Mike Evans, Brandon Marshall, or Alshon Jeffery type player which is exactly what the Browns are looking for. All three of those QBs like playing with tall/home run threat receivers, and that’s exactly what Strong would bring.

1. Philadelphia Eagles – Jalen Collins, CB, LSU

The Eagles need corner help even if they do sign Byron Maxwell the Eagles could form a scary secondary with Collins and Maxwell. Collins has great speed and size and could become the leagues next best cornerback.

1. Cincinnati Bengals – Shaq Thompson, LB/S, Washington

The Bengals could either fix their linebacker spot or their safeties as Thompson could play either position in the NFL. If they decided to put him at linebacker they could move Vontaze Burfict to ‘Mike’ linebacker and put Thompson into Burfict old spot.

1. Pittsburgh Steelers – Ronald Darby, CB, Florida State

Darby was outstanding at the combine and is also very good on tape as well. He is confident, patient, uses his speed well, and doesn’t gamble on plays. Teams also started to shy away from Darby’s side of the field later in the season. The Steelers are getting old at CB and Darby could start right away for them.

1. Detroit Lions – Michael Bennett, DT, Ohio State

With the potential to lose 3 defensive tackles in free agency, I think they have to draft one pretty high. Michael Bennett is a little bit undersized but can be a dominate force inside, and would be a great replacement is they lose anyone in free agency.

1. Arizona Cardinals – Benardrick McKinney, ILB, Mississippi State

One of the main positions of need on the Cardinals defense is ILB. The Cards don’t know if they will get Daryl Washington back next season or not so they should find a replacement for him here and improve their defense even more.

1. Carolina Panthers – D.J. Humphries, OT, Florida

The Panthers found out how important Jordan Gross was to them after he retired before the 2014 season. Cam Newton got destroyed last season behind his offensive line, and they need to protect their franchise QB. Humphries would be a great pick and has the most upside out of all the offensive lineman in the draft this season.

1. Baltimore Ravens – Todd Gurley, RB, Georgia

With Justin Forsett set to hit free agency, the Ravens need to add another running back. Gurley tore his ACL his last season at Georgia and is arguably the best back in the draft. He is a fast and physical running back and gets a lot of yards after the catch. The Ravens also just released their speedy return man Jacoby Jones, and need a return man, and Gurley has said he would like to return kicks in the NFL, so this would be a perfect match.

1. Dallas Cowboys – Trae Waynes, CB, Michigan State

A lot of the Cowboys defensive backs have not worked out, and has been a pressing need for a while now. Waynes is considered one on the best CBs in the draft and did great at the combine. Waynes is good but has a weak lower body and struggled getting through transitions against underneath routes. Pure 40 speed is good for cornerbacks, but he's not the top-10 player I saw many hyping up. He can cover bigger receivers but has to learn to not play with his hands as much in the NFL.

1. Denver Broncos – Cameron Erving, C, Florida State

Erving was struggling at the beginning of the year playing LT but later made the transition to center mid-season and it solidified the entire FSU offensive line. Will Montgomery is entering free agency is the Broncos have a massive whole to fill, and Erving showed he can handle pass protection calls in a pro-style offense.

1. Indianapolis Colts – T.J. Clemmings, OT, Pittsburgh

The Colts need to protect the franchise QB Andrew Luck, who was taken a beating for 3 years now. Clemmings is still very raw but a lot of upside. He’s only played on the offensive side for 2 years, but would start right away as either a left or right tackle for the colts.

1. Green Bay Packers – Denzel Perryman, ILB, Miami

With the Packers releasing A.J. Hawk they have to draft an ILB in the first two rounds. Perryman is a sideline-to-sideline ILB and is a physical player. He would immediately upgrade their defense and could be someone to build their defense around.

1. Seattle Seahawks – Marcus Peters, CB, Washington

The Seahawks are going to lose CB Byron Maxwell in free agency, and the Seahawks need to replace him with a #1 corner because QBs will be throwing away from Richard Sherman a lot. Marcus Peters is arguably the best CB in the draft, and if it weren’t for his off-the-field issues he would probably be a top-10 pick. The Seahawks can trust Peters to lock down the opposite side of the field of Richard Sherman.

1. New England Patriots – Ameer Abdullah, RB, Nebraska

Without having a running back go in the first round since 2012, I have 3 going in the first round this season. The Patriots may lose both Steven Ridley and Shane Vereen due to free agency. So, the Patriots would have a big need a running back. Abdullah had a good showing at the senior bowl and could be an every down back in the NFL. He has a major fumbling issue, but that’s a thing they can fix, even though it might take a while.