

Buffalo Bills Mock Draft 1.0



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The Buffalo Bills 2020 season was one for the ages; The Bills navigated the Pandemic fueled season with ease compared to the rest of the league. With limited in-person practice, meeting times cut short, and different rules varying around the country; regarding testing, attendance, etc., the Bills were able to lean on their continuity and culture having the same coaching staff in place, and the same scheme. The Bills won their division with a 13-3 record, sweeping the Dolphins, Jets, and Patriots enroute to their first division title in 25 years and the second overall seed in the AFC Conference. The Bills not only hosted a playoff game in front of 6,800 fans, they won 27-24 versus the Colts on Wildcard weekend for the first time since 1995. The Bills only played in front of their home fans twice during the 2020-2021 season, but they made them count as the Bills took care of the Baltimore Ravens in the Divisional round 17-3, before ultimately losing in the AFC Championship to the Kansas City Chiefs 38-24 in Arrowhead.

The NFL salary cap fell 8% from the 2020 season because of a significant loss of revenue around the league without fans and a normal NFL season generating full revenue. Attendance alone dropped 92% because of the COVID-19 restrictions. With a set cap of \$182.5 million in 2021, General Manager Brandon Beane had to make some tough decisions as his roster was already up against the cap. Lucky for the Bills and their fans, Beane was a wizard this off-season coming up with creative ways to restructure contracts and bonuses, which created cap room to keep many of their own free agents and sign a few other free agents around the league to deals that won't prohibit them in the future or put them in cap harm going forward. Many players bet on themselves signing small, one-year deals to stay with the Bills, build off last year and possibly cash in next free agency, in Buffalo or elsewhere.

The Bills continue to build a winning culture and while the local sports radio talk show hosts still don't believe in culture and how it's defined, it's still noticeable as the players and coaching staff all play for one-another. As teams start to win and have success in the league, it's harder to keep your roster together. It's inevitable that players will come and go but it's important to identify your core and keep them together as long as possible, and that's exactly what Beane has started to do. It's a good problem to have; and for the Bills and their fans; "In Beane we trust." The Bills will be paying Josh Allen the big bucks soon and the decisions will get harder as the cap gets tighter but having your franchise quarterback obviously trumps all.

While the Bills were able to leap-frog New England last year and win the division, it would be naive to think the Bills will just win the division with ease again. The Patriots loaded up this off-season with free agent spending and also getting back many key contributors who opted out last season which many overlook. The Dolphins will be better with what appears to be a solid coaching staff foundation and a boatload of early draft picks. The Jets as well may get lucky with a new coaching staff and a quarterback with the second overall pick. The Bills will have their hands full within their division but ultimately you need to go through Kansas City, which to date the Bills haven't been able to. The Bills are scheduled to play at Kansas City during the regular season this year and it would go a long way for their confidence if they can beat them, should they meet down the line in the playoffs again.

The Bills were able to get a ton done this past March to create cap-space to be able to sign their own free agents. Mitch Morse, Tre'Davious White, Mario Addison, and Vernon Butler all restructured their contracts creating cap space for the Bills. The Bills were able to bring back linebacker Matt Milano on a \$41.5 million dollar, four-year deal. Right Tackle, Daryl Williams was able to stay, signing a three-year \$24 million deal. Guard Jon Feliciano will be back, signing a three-year \$14.4 million deal. The entire starting offensive line will be back and that can only help quarterback Josh Allen. The list of their own doesn't stop there as many players took pay-cuts to stay on the Bills because they all believe it's a championship caliber roster. LB Andre Smith, CB Levi Wallace, RB Taiwan Jones, WR/KR Isaiah McKenzie and OG Ike Boettger all will be returning. With the cap going down, many players are betting on themselves on short-term contracts by playing with a good team in hopes to cash in next offseason when presumably the salary cap makes a significant jump back up because of the new television revenue deal.

Not everyone was able to stay, as the Bills did cut WR John Brown to save cap-space. Brown could never give them a full 16 game schedule as he was banged up quite often; though when healthy, Brown was very productive for the Bills. Lee Smith was traded for a 7th round pick which net the Bills \$2.25M in cap-savings. While a great blocker and loved in the locker-room, Smith offered nothing in the pass game. When you see what Travis Kelce did to Buffalo in the AFC championship, you realize the Bills need to get more Tight End production. This also led to the Bills deciding not to bring TE, Tyler Kroft back who also could never stay healthy. Other notable players that won't be back but were all replaced in one way or another include: OL Ty Nsekhe, WR-KR Andre Roberts, OL Brian Winters, QB Matt Barkley, Quinton Jefferson, RB T.J. Yeldon, DE Trent Murphy, CB Josh Norman, S Dean Marlowe and P Corey Bojorquez.

The Bills were able to upgrade this off-season, albeit un-sexy to the casual fan. They acquired solid depth, and backup players that have started or played significant snaps elsewhere. Buffalo isn't used to being a free agent destination but winning changes everything. With Josh Allen's playing style and not afraid to take a hit or scramble, getting a backup quarterback was key. If Allen were to go down for a handful of weeks Matt Barkley (BDB) wasn't going to get it done. Barkley was beloved in the locker-room and most of the community (except where he lived) but needed to be replaced. To address this, the Bills made a shocking move signing Mitchell Tribusky from the Bears. With over 50 NFL starts; Tribusky is young and the hope is he can keep your team afloat should Allen get injured. Jake Fromm

still needs time to develop and if Tribusky signs a big contract to compete for a starting job next season, the Bills could be in-line to receive a compensatory draft selection.

John Brown was replaced with a more versatile receiver in Emmanuel Sanders. Brown was basically a one trick pony who ran two routes well. Sanders comes to the Bills signing a one-year \$6 million deal. Sanders is a two-time Pro Bowler who had 726 yards and 5 touchdowns with the Saints last season. Sanders can run a variety of intermediate and deep routes and continue to help groom Gabriel Davis for the long term. Sanders does turn 34 this year making him one of the oldest players on the roster. I wouldn't be shocked if the Bills added another pass catcher this draft to keep Josh Allen's receiving options plentiful. Running back Matt Breida was added to the roster to bring much needed speed to the backfield. It's unknown how much he'll play as last season the Bills only dressed Devin Singletary and Zack Moss most of the time and used their third running back spot on special teamer Taiwan Jones. The Bills need a homerun threat with more speed on offense and Breida is a good pass catching back who can be electric. Signing Breida was a low-cost signing with upside in the Bills offense as Brian Daboll likely will have Breida return to his form when he played well in San Francisco and not Miami. The Bills were rumored to be in on Tight End Zack Ertz but that cost and rumor didn't come to fruition. The Bills were able to sign Jacob Hollister at Tight End, who is an upgrade to Tyler Kroft and a former teammate of Josh Allen. Hollister adds competition to the tight end room and gives Allen another option should Dawson Knox not progress as they hope. Receiver Brandon Powell was signed from Atlanta to compete for special team's snaps and provide receiver depth.

Tackle Bobby Hart was signed to a one-year deal to provide an upgrade at swing tackle for the Bills. Hart will compete with Ryan Bates for a roster spot. Hart comes to the Bills from the Bengals with 66 career starts. The Bills have invested heavily on the offense line and have one of the better depths in the league. Jamil Douglas the former Tennessee Titans lineman was brought in on a one-year deal to provide depth at the guard position. Douglas can play center or even tackle as well, his versatility is something Beane and McDermott covet along the offensive line. It wouldn't surprise me if the Bills trade a lineman at cut-down day, late summer for a draft pick like they have in past seasons building future draft capital.

The Bills continued to make more depth moves signing former Panther Efe Obada to a one-year deal. Obada had 5.5 sacks last year in a reserve role which fits what the Bills do with their defensive-line rotation. This seems like more of a patch work addition as the Bills continue to search for a replacement for Jerry Hughes, who is getting older. Tyrell Adams was signed to a one-year deal. The former Houston Texan started 12 games last year at the linebacker position amassing 122 tackles. Adams gives the Bills a much needed backup to Tremaine Edmunds who took a small step back last year due to injury. Should the Bills get banged up at the linebacker position again this season, they'll be bringing a capable NFL starter off the bench. The same can be said for former Raider Marquel Lee who will compete for a backup role in training camp who was also brought in.

Punter Matt Haack from Miami signed a three-year deal with the Bills. It's unknown why the Bills didn't bring Corey Bojorquez back, perhaps he wanted to play closer to home or they couldn't afford his restricted free agent tender. Bojorquez was one of the better punters in 2020. Haack is a

downgrade but not by much. Haack offers a better career statistic of punting the ball inside the twenty than Bojorquez but gives up yards in net average, something the Bills must be ok with.

The compensatory selection process likely won't come into play next year as the Bills added more money onto the roster in free agency than players lost. The compensatory process awards extra draft picks based on players lost and gained in free agency from year-to-year.

The 86th annual NFL draft scheduled for April 29th- May 1st this year in Cleveland, Ohio with locations including First Energy Stadium, home of the Cleveland Browns, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and Great Lakes Science Center. With COVID restrictions seemingly loosening NFL GM's draft rooms will be back in limited capacity unlike last season. The NFL memo states that 10 staff who are fully vaccinated can be in the draft room. It'll be interesting to see if trades ramp up this year as last season there weren't many trades with GM's drafting from home.

The Bills will enter the draft with seven draft selections.

Round 1: Pick 30

Round 2: Pick 61

Round 3: Pick 93

Round 5: Pick 161 (From Las Vegas Raiders)

Round 5: Pick 174

Round 6: Pick 213

Round 7: Pick 236 (From Carolina Panthers)

The following table represents a trade value chart. The Bills head into the draft picking late in the first round and missing a fourth round pick. The Bills will be limited in what they can do, so don't look for the Bills to be trading up many spots. If anything they'll trade down for a few extra picks or trade up only a few spots. Example – Should the Bills want to trade up for someone they like that's falling down the draft board; Pick 30 (620) and Pick 61 (292) would net you 912 points which should be good enough to trade up to 19 overall with Washington. Sending your 1st and 2nd round pick to move up 11 spots would have to take a special player for Beane to consider it but as we know he loves making his deals.

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RD1		RD2		RD3		RD4		RD5		RD6		RD7	
PK/TM		PK/TM		PK/TM		PK/TM		PK/TM		PK/TM		PK/TM	
1 JAX	3000	33 JAX	580	65 JAX	265	106 JAX	82	145 JAX	33	185 LAC	15.8	229 NO	1
2 NYJ	2600	34 NYJ	560	66 NYJ	260	107 NYJ	80	146 NYJ	31.4	186 NYJ	15.4	230 SF	1
3 SF	2200	35 ATL	550	67 HOU	255	108 ATL	78	147 HOU	31	187 ATL	15	231 MIA	1
4 ATL	1800	36 MIA	540	68 ATL	250	109 HOU	76	148 ATL	30.6	188 NE	14.6	232 TEN	1
5 CIN	1700	37 PHI	530	69 CIN	245	110 CLE	74	149 CIN	30.2	189 PHI	14.2	233 HOU	1
6 MIA	1600	38 CIN	520	70 PHI	240	111 CIN	72	150 PHI	29.8	190 CIN	13.8	234 PHI	1
7 DET	1500	39 CAR	510	71 DEN	235	112 DET	70	151 CAR	29.4	191 DEN	13.4	235 CIN	1
8 CAR	1400	40 DEN	500	72 DET	230	113 CAR	68	152 DEN	29	192 DAL	13	236 BUF	1
9 DEN	1350	41 DET	490	73 CAR	225	114 DEN	66	153 DET	28.6	193 CAR	12.6	237 DEN	1
10 DAL	1300	42 NYG	480	74 WAS	220	115 DAL	64	154 NYJ	28.2	194 SF	12.2	238 DAL	1
11 NYG	1250	43 SF	470	75 DAL	215	116 NYG	62	155 SF	27.8	195 HOU	11.8	239 DEN	1
12 PHI	1200	44 DAL	460	76 NYG	210	117 SF	60	156 MIA	27.4	196 NYG	11.4	240 PHI	1
13 LAC	1150	45 JAX	450	77 LAC	205	118 LAC	58	157 MIN	27	197 NE	11	241 LAC	1
14 MIN	1100	46 NE	440	78 MIN	200	119 MIN	56	158 HOU	26.6	198 LAC	10.6	242 NE	1
15 NE	1050	47 LAC	430	79 LV	195	120 NE	54	159 LAC	26.2	199 MIN	10.2	243 ARI	1
16 ARI	1000	48 LV	420	80 LV	190	121 LV	52	160 ARI	25.8	200 LV	9.8	244 WAS	1
17 LV	950	49 ARI	410	81 MIA	185	122 NE	50	161 BUF	25.4	201 NYG	9.4	245 PIT	1
18 MIA	900	50 MIA	400	82 WAS	180	123 PHI	49	162 LV	25	202 CIN	9	246 WAS	1
19 WAS	875	51 WAS	390	83 CHI	175	124 WAS	48	163 WAS	24.6	203 HOU	8.6	247 ARI	1
20 CHI	850	52 CHI	380	84 PHI	170	125 MIN	47	164 CHI	24.2	204 CHI	8.2	248 IND	1
21 IND	800	53 TEN	370	85 TEN	165	126 TEN	46	165 IND	23.8	205 TEN	7.8	249 JAX	1
22 TEN	780	54 IND	360	86 NYJ	160	127 IND	45	166 TEN	23.4	206 IND	7.4	250 SEA	1
23 NYJ	760	55 PIT	350	87 PIT	155	128 PIT	44	167 LV	23	207 KC	7	251 TB	1
24 PIT	740	56 SEA	340	88 LAR	150	129 SEA	43	168 MIN	22.6	208 CHI	6.6	252 LAR	1
25 JAX	720	57 LAR	330	89 CLE	145	130 JAX	42	169 CLE	22.2	209 LAR	6.2	253 DEN	1
26 CLE	700	58 BAL	320	90 MIN	140	131 BAL	41	170 JAX	21.8	210 BAL	5.8	254 PIT	1
27 BAL	680	59 CLE	310	91 CLE	136	132 CLE	40	171 BAL	21.4	211 CLE	5.4	255 NO	1
28 NO	660	60 NO	300	92 GB	132	133 NO	39.5	172 SF	21	212 HOU	5	256 GB	1
29 GB	640	61 BUF	292	93 BUF	128	134 MIN	39	173 GB	20.6	213 BUF	4.6	257 CLE	1
30 BUF	620	62 GB	284	94 KC	124	135 GB	38.5	174 BUF	20.2	214 GB	4.2	258 MIA	1
31 KC	600	63 KC	276	95 TB	120	136 KC	38	175 KC	19.8	215 TEN	3.8	259 TB	1
32 TB	590	64 TB	270	96 NE	116	137 TB	37.5	176 TB	19.4	216 PIT	3.4		
				97 LAC	112	138 DAL	37	177 NE	19	217 TB	3		
				98 NO	108	139 NE	36.5	178 GB	18.6	218 NO	2.3		
				99 DAL	104	140 PIT	36	179 DAL	18.2	219 ATL	2		
				100 TEN	100	141 LAR	35.5	180 SF	17.8	220 GB	1.7		
				101 DET	96	142 GB	35	181 KC	17.4	221 CHI	1.4		
				102 SF	92	143 MIN	34.5	182 ATL	17	222 CAR	1.1		
				103 LAR	88	144 KC	34	183 ATL	16.6	223 ARI	1		
				104 BAL	86			184 BAL	16.2	224 PHI	1		
				105 NO	84					225 PHI	1		
										226 NYJ	1		
										227 DAL	1		
										228 CHI	1		

For purposes of this mock I'll try to draft based on whom I think the Bills staff will select, mixed with need, and who I may want. The Bills are allotted thirty pre-draft visits and because of the COVID-19 restrictions, are of the virtual variety. Unlike last season many teams were able to hold a workout in which GM's and scouts were on hand. Every year three or four players will come from this list. Below is a list of draft prospects who have had some sort of contact this spring that have been confirmed. Skype and Zoom meetings continue to be the new normal so this draft will be harder to mock but we are slowly getting back to normal. "We're just doing it different," said General Manager Brandon Beane. "(Our staff) is very busy. We're doing a lot of zoom calls with our coaches and trying to connect with these college players whatever way possible and try to fill in as many holes as we can." The video conference time has a one-hour time limit, with teams allowed three meetings with one player. "Our coaches have really done a good job. The cool thing is they can record these sessions, so even if I'm not on one I can go back and watch our offensive line coach with a prospective lineman for example and watch their interaction." Beane said.

SR - Senior Bowl meeting.
EW - East-West Shrine meeting.
COM - Combine meeting.
INT - Interested.
VINT - Very Interested.
PRO - Pro Day or campus meeting/workout.
LOC - Local visit. Prospect making a local visit.
PRI - Private visit. Prospect making an official 30 visit.
WOR - Private Workout. Members of an organization working out a player in private.
STM - Some Type of Meeting.
% - indicates more than one meeting at an event.
^ - has met with team at more than one event.
- indicates meeting set up outside of the 2017 Senior Bowl or the 2017 East-West Shrine Game



Frank Darby, Wide Receiver, Arizona State (VIR)
Demetric Felton, Wide Receiver, UCLA (VIR)
Darren Hall, Safety, San Diego State (VIR)
Teven Jenkins, Offensive Tackle, Oklahoma State (VIR)
Isaiah McDuffie, Linebacker, Boston College (VIR)
Dazz Newsome, Wide Receiver, North Carolina (VIR)
Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, Outside Linebacker, Notre Dame (VIR)
Jaret Patterson, Running Back, Buffalo (VIR)
Asante Samuel Jr., Cornerback, Florida State (VIR)
Anthony Schwartz, Wide Receiver, Auburn (VIR)
Jamien Sherwood, Safety, Auburn (VIR)
Ihmir Smith-Marsette, Wide Receiver, Iowa (VIR)
JaCoby Stevens, Outside Linebacker, LSU (VIR)
Mike Strachan, Wide Receiver, Charleston (VIR)
Tommy Tremble, TE, Notre Dame (VIR)
James Wiggins, Safety, Cincinnati (VIR)
Avery Williams, Cornerback, Boise State (VIR)



On to the Mock!

The Bills are set to pick 30th overall. Though I don't anticipate them trading up unless someone they love falls, I also don't anticipate them trading back unless it nets them a selection this year and next year instead to push back the contracts a year. Last season these college kids did a great job adjusting to the NFL with limited practice reps, meetings, and organized team activities because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year the players will be able to be on the field a bit more as restrictions relax. The Bills are in prime position to go best available at any position and find pieces that can help you this year chase a championship. Picking 30th does have its advantages. Teams picking in the early second generally like to trade up to the late first to acquire a player that has a 5th year option. All first round picks have 5th year options whereas, rounds 2-7 are four-year contracts.

1st Round – (30th Overall)

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah – Linebacker/Strong Safety – Notre Dame – 6’2 221 lbs.



The Buffalo Bills select Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah with the 30th selection of the first round in the 2021 NFL draft. The Bills were able to keep linebacker Matt Milano this off-season and add some depth behind Tremaine Edmunds at the middle linebacker position but the hybrid linebacker and box safety is something they are missing. While not the biggest to play the linebacker position, the NFL is slowly becoming versatile with a variety of different defensive looks. Owusu-Koramoah is just a guy who will be on the field for you doing a little bit of everything and just making plays, whether it's in the 4-3 base set, or a nickel package, with three safeties. In today's NFL you need to be able to cover Tight End's and be able to match up anywhere on the field including the slot and that's exact what Owusu-Koramoah can do for you. The Bills met with Owusu-Koramoah in late March and scouted him a few times during the season. Owusu-Koramoah had some positive words about the Bills organization "Crazy organization, crazy as in good. That's a program that I find myself that I'd fit perfectly into." In the Bills nickel base scheme, there isn't a starting spot open for Owusu-Koramoah, however, he'll be on the field whether it's in a base package or box safety in sub packages. There's a lot he could do for the Bills with the Patriots stockpiling the TE position and the Bills having to get by Travis Kelce and the Chiefs. Owusu-Koramoah could be a middle first round pick or fall to the end of round one. Should he fall the Bills should jump at this versatility to give defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier and coach Sean McDermott more options to match up. At Notre Dame the talented linebacker played some safety, and some nickel corner. "Playing a lot of man coverage this year helped me out in my transition to the league as the NFL has become more a pass happy league. More teams are running 70%, 80% sub third down packages. I think that's just where my game peaks at. That third down sub, whether it's inside, outside, nickel, box – wherever it is" he said "I think the duality is what NFL teams are looking for as the league progresses into more of a pass league." Being able to cover the slot receiver one play and rush off the edge the next is what many teams around the team will be wanting to employ on their defense. Last season the Bills were high on a similar player Kyle Duggar who ultimately got drafted by New England.

Owusu-Koramoah is not only fast and can control the outside run game, but can also get downhill quick and take chances which leads to big plays near the line of scrimmage. Athletic enough to handle man-coverage duties and rush the passer on delayed blitzes. With his athletic ability Owusu-Koramoah can switch directions with ease and climb past blocks which maintaining his speed. In the past two years Owusu-Koramoah has forced five fumbles, and recovered four of them and has been described as a "heat seeking missile" from some scouts. In 2019, his first year as a starter Owusu-Koramoah led Notre Dame with 13.5 tackles for loss and tied for the team lead in tackles with 80 and sacks with 5.5, not to mention his two forced fumbles and four pass breakups in 13 games. As a junior

“JOK” as his teammates call him won the Butkus Award as the country’s top linebacker and was a first-team Associated Press All-American and ACC Defensive Player of the Year. The talented junior led the Irish with 11 tackles for loss and three forced fumbles while chipping in with 62 tackles, 1.5 sacks, one interception and three pass breakups in 12 starts.

The Bills are creative enough to draft Owusu-Koramoah and find a way to get him on the field to unleash and maximize his talents against both the run and pass. More and more of these players are being drafted early. Last season Isaiah Simmons and Jeremy Chinn were both early selections who play similar. We saw the Tampa Bay Buccaneers win a Super Bowl with an undersized linebacker who was all over the field in Lavonte David. While the Bills do need help on the edge, they also could use a guy that can be all over the field that you have to account for every single time you line up.

Other Possibilities (Round 1)

*List includes a list of second round targets the Bills could go after depending on spot Bills end up selecting.

Greg Newsome II – Cornerback – Northwestern – 6’0 192 lbs.

The Bills cornerback depth outside of TreDavius White has been a patchwork job throughout the McDermott tenure. While they got good production, they tend to allocate around \$4-7 million for the CB2 spot. With Josh Allen’s contract coming up and White signed long term, it would be very wise for the Bills to invest in a rookie corner to pair with White. Levi Wallace is back for only another year, and Taron Johnson is a free agent after the 2021 season leaving just White and Dane Jackson signed into 2022. The Bills might go heavy at corner this draft and a guy I like the most is Greg Newsome II from Northwestern. The Bills typically only draft corners that have a ton of starts in their college career. White played 48, Jackson 46, Taron Johnson 47, and Siran Neal 44. Greg Newsome II only has 17 to his name and is not something Beane typically looks at but they’ve had a lot of contact with Newsome II. Tre White ran a 4.47 coming out and was 192 lbs. Newsome is the same size but ran a 4.38. Newsome would be able to come in right away and platoon with Levi Wallace much like Wallace has had over his last few seasons with Kevin Johnson, Josh Norman, and EJ Gaines. Newsome II is a confident corner and one that plays with a chip on his shoulder. “When a team drafts me, first of all, they’re going to get the best corner in the country,” he said following his pro day workout on March 9. “I don’t take that lightly. I know that I am the best, and the reason why I know that is I can do it all.” The first round could possibly have five corners go with Patrick Surtain II, Jaycee Horn, Caleb Farley, and Asante Samuel Jr. In three seasons in the Big Ten conference, Newsome only played in 21 games with his 17 starts, but when he was on the field he made a huge difference. With only one interception in his career he still broke up 25 passes and made 71 tackles. Being a corner that tackles and is willing to get his nose dirty is rare in today’s NFL but is a huge sticking point to play on McDermott’s defense, as everyone on the roster at the corner position can tackle. In the 2020 season Newsome was only targeted 34 times. Hard to make interceptions when the quarterbacks aren’t throwing at you. Newsome only allowed 12 receptions in 2020, a remarkable 31.7% passer rating against because not one reception went for more than 20 yards. “I can play man, I can play zone, I can do it all, literally,” Newsome said. “In our scheme (in college), we’re more of a let guys catch the ball in front of us and rally and tackle and not give up the deep ball, but you could see the way I played this season, I was not OK with letting guys catch the football. I just think that an NFL, when they see my versatility and see that I can do it all, I don’t see why I won’t be the first corner off the board.” Newsome is a perfect fit for McDermott’s zone-based coverages, which puts a huge importance on the corners making tackles. Newsome may get drafted in the 20’s, so if Buffalo

wants him they'd have to move up. Here's hoping he slides because of some injury history and the Bills can land him at 30 overall.

Joseph Ossai – Defensive End – Texas – 6'4 256 lbs.

It's no secret the Bills need to get better pass rush from the defensive edges and middle, all while getting younger. Should the Bills go the pass rushing route, I like Joseph Ossai from Texas. Jerry Hughes will be 33 years old this season and Mario Addison will be 34. Addison took a pay cut to stay on board and will continue to help last year's second round pick A.J. Epenesa who made more plays down the stretch. Outside of those three the Bills typically use a defensive rotation. Daryl Johnson has flashed on occasion and the Bills added Efe Obada from the Carolina Panthers this off-season. Ossai like Obada was born in Nigeria and could provide a nice transition into the league. Many mock drafts have the Bills going edge with the first pick and there's a handful of talented edge players all projected to be available in the late first round pick, many with one flaw or another. While everyone saw Tampa Bay man-handle the Kansas City Chiefs offensive line in the Super Bowl, we often forget that the Chiefs were playing with back up tackles and one guard. While not fully discrediting what Tampa Bay was able to do, the Bills do need to get better getting to the quarterback, as they ranked 15th last year with 38 sacks (Tampa Bay had 48).

Ossai started twice as a true freshman in 2018 recording 20 tackles and one sack. As a sophomore Ossai had 90 tackles, 13.5 for a loss, and five sacks earning All-Big 12 honors. Ossai was the MVP of the team's Alamo Bowl win over Utah intercepting two passes. As a junior in 2020 and team captain, Ossai finished tied for third in the country with 16 tackles for loss and led Texas with 5.5 sacks in nine starts. It's hard to really tell how impactful players were in 2020 as many schools played less games because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ossai played nine games his 2020 season and opted out of the bowl game to prepare for the draft. With the ability to use his long arms and high motor constantly going, Ossai is able to use his lateral quickness and create sack opportunities. While still learning how to play with his hand in the dirt, Ossai has quickly picked up a variety of pass rushing moves such as a slide-and-swim move which helps him keep his pad-level low and use his upward strike and long arms to attack on the edges. Some teams will have to work with Ossai because of his limited time at defensive end. One AFC team stated "They will tell you in the building that this kid is just as non-stop in practice as he is in the game. There is no front there. He loves to ball and he's getting better quickly." Ossai has the upside to be a starter in this league and should the Bills select him and put him in the rotation to develop, both he and Epenesa could be there as pass rushers for years to come. Should the Bills pass on defensive end, I think they have enough to get by this season and could be back to the drawing board next free agency and draft.

Teven Jenkins – Offensive Tackle – Oklahoma State – 6'6 317 lbs.

At 6'6 317 lbs. Jenkins is a big kid who is very capable of bullying opponents at the point of attack. With experience at guard, and both tackle positions, Jenkins' versatility is something the Bills always covet along the offensive line. The Bills were able to keep Daryl Williams this off-season to solidify the right side, but they need to be looking at the future to keep their prized possession, Josh Allen, in one piece. The Cody Ford experiment seems better suited for guard which allows the Bills to draft the best player available at pick 30. While the Bills have kept both Daryl Williams and Jon Feliciano this off-season on three-year deals, it's essentially a one or two-year deal because the Bills can get out of the contracts with how the guaranteed money is structured. It wouldn't hurt to get another young lineman on a rookie deal to pair with Dawkins and Ford.

Playing in 37 career games with 35 starts is something Brandon Beane puts a lot of stock in when recruiting collegiate players. Oklahoma State ran a pass heavy air raid type offense the past two seasons and Jenkins played a big part holding down that right side of the line. Jenkins has created good habits of striking his hands and controlling defenders quickly when he knows the defense is trying to get to the quarterback. It wasn't any secret that Oklahoma State was passing often, and Jenkins was able to hold up in pass protection. As a run blocking tackle, Jenkins was able to establish quick twitch finishes which allowed him to get up-field and engage quickly at the point of attack. One negative on Jenkins is that even though he's 6'6 he doesn't have the longest arms which may slide him into the guard position at the NFL or with proper polish he could be a future right tackle starter. In 2019 Jenkins helped Chuba Hubbard break the 2,000-yard mark. In the 2020 season Jenkins opted out mid-year due to injuries and wanting to prepare for the NFL draft. When invited to the Senior Bowl, Jenkins was able to bully some defensive lineman and really elevate his stock.

Elijah Moore – Wide Receiver – Mississippi – 5'10 178 lbs.

If the Bills are looking for a sexy pick and decide to go receiver in first round there's a handful of guys I like, but Elijah Moore would be one that I think will be a great fit in Buffalo. While many mocks have the Bills selecting a running back, I think a receiver is a sneaky pick, and one with a reported 4.35 forty-yard dash speed couldn't hurt. Keep Josh Allen stacked with options and increase speed on offense, whether it's at the running back position or tight end position. With Cole Beasley getting older and taking a beating in the slot and Emmanuel Sanders 34 years old this season, it couldn't hurt to continue to add depth behind Stefon Diggs, Gabriel Davis, and Isaiah Hodgins. Moore is a super competitive slot wide receiver with the talent and mindset to handle a heavy amount of targets and show-out in the process. While not the biggest, he's stronger than it appears and has extreme short-area quickness and crisp routes which help him gain separation and get deep. While Isiah McKenzie fills this role in Buffalo, he isn't nearly the route runner that Moore is. Moore would be a great understudy to Cole Beasley and offer you a ton of speed and versatility at the receiver position. Like I've said a few other times, Kansas City is the class of the AFC, and the Bills would be extremely wise to keep adding to the spread offense and successful passing game that worked for them last season and hope they can catch lightning in a bottle with Moore.

As a true freshman Moore was able to get on the field with the likes of A.J Brown and D.K. Metcalf and even started four games producing 36 receptions, 398 yards, and two touchdowns. Moore was also able to contribute as a returner with an 18.5-yard average. In 2019 Moore led his team in yards grabbing 67 passes for 850 yards and six touchdowns, elevating his yards per catch from 11.1 average to 12.6. In the 2020 season Moore led the nation with 10.8 receptions per game and 149.1 yards per game, and a school record 86 catches, breaking current Tennessee Titan A.J. Brown previous record by amassing 1,193 yards and eight scores. Moore finished his last three collegiate games with a 13 catch, 200 yard per game average and has continued to sharpen his route running the past three seasons. Against top competition Moore played well, catching 11 of 12 targets against Alabama. Moore is able to catch contested balls and withhold hard hits similar to Cole Beasley. Per Pro Football Focus, Moore is a "faster Cole Beasley." "I love learning positions," Moore said. "I'm going to learn to embrace wherever you put me. I'm very open. I love to be coached. I'm going to work extremely hard. If I'm not good at it now, I'll be great at it later." I'd prefer the Bills to draft a receiver with their first pick, but again, I'm greedy and could see how good this pass offense can be with a four wide spread and additional speed on the field.

Christian Barmore – Defensive Tackle – Alabama – 6'4 310 lbs.

An intriguing option I like is if the Bills address the interior defensive line is Christian Barmore from Alabama. While the Bills are set at defensive line for this season, they can be thinking down the road on this move as Barmore will enter the rotation, learn for a year and then play a big role in 2022. With Vernon Butler taking a pay cut and only signed for 2021 and Star Lotuleli eating up a big chunk of salary the Bills may look to add Barmore to pair with Ed Oliver on the inside. Lotuleli can be cut after the 2021 season with \$4.5 million in cap savings. Harrison Phillips, while a fan favorite is someone I'd definitely move on from as well. The Bills need to get more pressure; it doesn't matter if it comes from the outside or inside. If Oliver and Barmore are able to get pressure, it'll make the defensive end jobs that much easier. Barmore was a beast this past season and in just two seasons of college football turned himself into a mid-late first round pick. Barmore had 8.0 sacks in 2020, up from 6.0 the year prior to go with three forced fumbles. In the National Title game versus Ohio State Barmore had five tackles, two for loss and a sack, earning game defensive MVP honors. Per Pro Football Weekly "He has long levers for arms, and he also shows exciting flashes of explosiveness off the line of scrimmage. His most consistent trait is his power, and he uses this in conjunction with his length to establish a strong anchor against offensive lineman." Barmore's size will allow him to play next to Oliver; while not a true nose-tackle type player that Lotuleli is, Barmore is big enough to move over and play next to Oliver and get production in both the run and pass game.

On the radar: (OLB) Zaven Collins, (OT) Alex Leatherwood, (CB) Asante Samuel Jr (OG) Wyatt Davis, (WR) Rashod Bateman, (DE) Gregory Rousseau, (DE) Azeez Ojulari, (WR) Rondale Moore, (CB) Caleb Farley, (DE) Jayson Oweh, (OT) Landon Dickerson.

2nd Round – (61st Overall)

Landon Dickerson – Center/Guard – Alabama 6'6 333 lbs.



With their 2nd round selection, pick 61 overall the Bills select, Center Landon Dickerson from Alabama. Current center Mitch Morse has solidified the offensive line recently but took a pay-cut to stick around in a cap crunch year. Morse has a long history of concussions and one more could put his season or even career in jeopardy. Jon Feliciano re-signed at guard but the way his contract is structured isn't a long-term solution either. While the Bills are deep at the offensive line, don't put it past Brandon Beane to trade away some of that depth for future draft picks at the end of the summer like he has done in years past. Dickerson offers versatility that Beane looks for and Dickerson would have the time on his side to perhaps even start the season on the PUP list with the depth on the roster allowing Dickerson to heal his torn ACL. Dickerson tore his ACL during the SEC Championship game. Three weeks later, he suited up for the National Championship game and snapped the final two snaps in victory formation.

"It wasn't about me; it was about being out with the team one more time. I'll admit it was a little selfish on my end because I did want to be out there dressed up going through pregame warmups,

talking with my guys one last time. This was a special tram. Just being able to be a part of that and be around those guys for that moment and that game, it's almost like a Disney movie. It's one of those things I'll remember the rest of my life" Dickerson said.

Dickerson's rehab is going well and stated he would be ready for an NFL training camp, but teams may be a bit more cautious than wanting to see him do cartwheels in the back of his quarterback Mac Jones Alabama pro day. Dickerson spent his first three years at Florida State, starting at guard as a true freshman in 2017, before moving to Alabama as a graduate transfer in 2019 and started at guard but moved to center. "He was a hard worker and a very outgoing dude" said fellow offensive lineman Alex Leatherwood (whom the Bills are also interested in). "He fit like a glove whenever he came. He was a very vocal leader and harped on the things we needed to do to get to go places we wanted to go. I feel like that's a great thing to have going to the next level." Dickerson was an All-American during the 2020 season winning the nation's top center award called the Rimington. Dickerson's injury history of two torn ACL's could slide him into the Bills lap in the second round, as teams will be leery, potentially not getting any substantial impact his rookie season if the Bills decide to let him rehab a bit more. According to PFF, Dickerson only was charged with giving up one sack in his three seasons. During the 2020 season alone, Dickerson only gave up five total pressures and zero holding penalties. Dickerson is extremely strong at the point of attack and is powerful in the run and pass game and is an out-spoken vocal leader that would fit in nicely with the Bills group.

Other Possibilities: (Round 2)

Baron Browning – Linebacker – Ohio State – 6'2 245lbs.

Baron Browning turned heads at his pro-day running an impressive 4.53 forty-yard dash which solidified his impressive senior bowl showing. Senior Bowl director Jim Nagy described Browning as having possibly "the highest ceiling" of any outside linebacker in the draft this year and his measurable seem to also match the expectations. Browning has all the measurable's and instincts to be a productive NFL pass rusher. With a 40 inch vertical, and a near 11-foot broad jump, to go with a 4.53 forty-yard dash, Browning put up elite combine numbers. Browning is able to play any of the three linebacker positions which Brandon Beane will love, but his ability to get sideline to sideline in a hurry is what will really help Browning at the next level. His 2019 season was his most productive, registering 43 tackles, 11 for a loss, and five sacks in just 11 games. His 2020 season which was shorter due to the COVID-19 schedule was impressive with 30 tackles, and three for a loss, with two forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries. Browning isn't an every-down defender just yet, so will be in the mix for the rotation for the Bills. Consider Browning a luxury pick for the Bills, while they have a few starters already, decisions will need to be made on the depth behind Tremaine Edmunds and Matt Milano. Draft a boom-or-bust linebacker with immense talent to get after the quarterback and stop the run with a late second round pick is a risk the Bills should consider making. The Bills will be in best player available mode and there's truly not one position they shouldn't think about adding aside from Quarterback and Kicker.

Eric Stokes – Cornerback – Georgia – 6'1 194 lbs.

Eric Stokes is an option for the Bills with the 61st overall pick. General manger Brandon Beane said after Levi Wallace re-signed with the team "We're excited to get Levi back. He's done a great job his first three years here. And we have brought in competition and he's handled it very well." Wallace only signed a one-year deal and the Bills should be going heavy at cornerback this draft. It's no guarantee that Wallace will continue to re-sign team friendly deals and remain in the mix for the Bills.

The Bills have spent the past few seasons, platooning the spot opposite Tre White and have been getting some solid results, however it might be time to lock up someone on a rookie deal since you are paying Tre White \$18 million. Stokes ran the fastest corner time with a blazing 4.25 and 4.28 at the Florida combine-style event and Georgia's pro-day this March. "People are finally seeing my speed; they're finally acknowledging it" said Stokes "They can actually see that I'm really that fast so it's amazing." Stokes has appeared in 36 games for the Georgia Bulldogs with 25 starts to his credit. Stokes ended his career with four interceptions, all during the 2020 season and 26 pass breakups. Like Greg Newsome II whom I talked about earlier, Stokes wasn't tested often and when he was, the results weren't favorable for the opposition. Stokes was in coverage 299 snaps last season and only gave up 16 completions on 28 targets, for an opposing QB rating of just 43.6. Per Pro Football Focus, Stokes had five games in 2020 where he gave up 10 yards or less. "He goes about his business very quietly and rarely gives opponents clean opportunities" one scout said. The Bills might be drawn to Stokes length having a slightly longer reach than the other cornerbacks all projected within the first two rounds. Stokes would fit in perfectly with McDermott's zone-based coverages but would have to work on his tackling ability at the next level. "It doesn't matter what scheme I'll be in, it's only my fourth year of playing true defensive back, so you can throw me into any type of scheme and I will try to adapt the best way I can. It might be a little rough from the start, but once I get in there. I'm going to be good to go." Stokes said.

Alex Leatherwood – Offensive Tackle/Guard – Alabama – 6'5 312 lbs.

Should the Bills pass on Landon Dickerson in the second round and solidify the interior, they could be looking at Dickerson's fellow teammate Alex Leatherwood to solidify the outside of the line. Leatherwood is an athletic left tackle with big upside. Leatherwood needs to get stronger at the point of attack and would be a great selection to come in and learn under Dion Dawkins and Daryl Williams and ideally take over the swing tackle role until he's ready to supplant Daryl Williams on the right side. For a large man, Leatherwood ranked in the 94th percentile with an impressive 4.96 forty-yard dash at 312 lbs., his pro-day numbers were very impressive, putting him in the 90th percentile for many categories which show his power and speed. The Bills may see Leatherwood as a guard, much like Cody Ford. With Jon Feliciano not guaranteed to be a long-term solution the Bills could be looking at Alex Leatherwood. Leatherwood was a unanimous first team All-American and All-SEC honors as a senior in 2020.

Dyami Brown – Wide Receiver- North Carolina – 6'1 189 lbs.

Dyami Brown is a receiver the Bills have had contact with this off-season, however, it's unknown if this was prior to the Emmanuel Sanders signing or not. With that being said, Sanders will be 34 this season and Dyami Brown could be a replacement for Sanders. Brown's deep ball talent were utilized well as Brown led the ACC in yards per catch in 2019 and yards in 2020. During the past two seasons, Brown caught 106 balls for 2,133 yards and 20 touchdowns. Brown is more of a John Brown type player that doesn't have any short area quickness but is a deep ball guy that can separate with ease. With a 4.44 forty-yard dash, Brown would add some much-needed speed to the Bills offensive depth chart. Whether or not the Bills want to invest a second or third round pick on a one trick pony receiver is ultimately up to them but with a late second round pick, Brown is someone I'd consider adding to the receiver depth chart while they have Sanders and McKenzie on one-year deals. The Bills lack home-run threat receivers and even more so that John Brown is gone. What better way to replace a Brown with a Brown? Dyami would be able to develop his short game route tree with no rush to provide an immediate impact during the 2021 season. He would also be able to gain some experience by getting on the field in four or five receiver sets and produce when called upon without much pressure as a rookie.

Patrick Jones II – Defensive End – Pittsburgh – 6’4 261 lbs.

As a senior in 2020 Patrick Jones II produced career highs in tackles with 42, tackles for loss with 12.5, and sacks with 9.0. However, the production on the field came in a lesser conference. After an unimpressive Senior Bowl, and a tweaked hamstring during his Pro Day (causing a 4.80 forty-yard dash), mock drafts have Jones II all over the place. Improving the pass rush is a priority for the Bills and his on the field production shows just that. Jones II has a lot to learn at the next level and is another second rounder with boom-bust potential that wouldn’t be rushed onto the field and can ease into the rotation as the season goes on, much like that of A.J. Epenesa last season. With proper coaching, Jones could be a productive defensive end in the league. Some teams will look at Jones as an outside linebacker in a 3-4 scheme and his versatility being able to drop in coverage may help him slide up draft boards.

On the radar: (CB) Elijah Molden, (CB) I. Melifonwu, (C) Josh Myers, (TE) Hunter Long, (OG/C) Creed Humphry, (DE) Payton Turner, (OT) Brady Christensen, (OLB) Jabril Cox, (OG/C) Trey Smith.

3rd Round – (93rd Overall)

Marvin Wilson – Defensive Tackle – Florida State - 6’4 303 lbs.



With the 93rd overall pick, the Bills look to bolster their defensive tackle depth chart with Marvin Wilson. Wilson may slide down the board because his production as a senior was down immensely compared to his first two years. Wilson only played six games in 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic shortened season injury. Wilson wasn’t productive, registering only two tackles for a loss and one sack in six games played. Florida State transitioned to a 3-4 scheme in 2020 and Wilson wasn’t as productive as in years’ prior when Florida State ran a 4-3 scheme. Wilson had five sacks his junior year with 8.5 tackles for loss. The Bills run a 4-3 scheme and Wilson would better fit in at the 3-tech position, the same as Ed Oliver, but is strong enough to play the 1-tech defensive tackle behind Star Lotulelei, whom the Bills may be looking to rid themselves of an expensive contract after the 2021 season. Wilson would provide immediate competition to Ed Oliver and Harrison Phillips. Selecting Wilson would be another luxury type pick that Beane has done well with in the middle rounds. Should Wilson revert to his sophomore and junior level production he would have been a day-one selection. Wilson was graded a top 10 defensive tackle in both 2018 and 2019 according to Pro Football Focus before his senior season was cut short due to injury and scheme change. Wilson’s best fit is in a 4-3 attack-style defense, starting off as a rotational defensive tackle and that’s exactly what the Bills would be able to provide on this lottery ticket.

Other Possibilities: (Round 3)

Benjamin St- Juste – Cornerback – Minnesota – 6’3 210 lbs.

The Bills should be looking to bolster their cornerback depth wherever they can in the 2021 draft and Benjamin St- Juste might be an option for the Bills somewhere on day two. The Bills need to find a long-term solution to pair next to Tre’Davious White and if Levi Wallace was the answer, the Bills would have made it a priority to extend him to a longer contract. The Bills likely see Wallace as a fringe starter that they have been getting solid production from platooning at the position with various veterans. St-Juste is a big corner, something the Bills aren’t normally accustomed to, however the Bills may be looking at getting bigger at the position to help handle the tight ends in the AFC that pose serious matchup nightmares. St-Juste didn’t have one interception in college while he learned the position and didn’t take many chances but was always around the ball. With a 4.51 forty-yard dash St. Juste might be better suited to play a third safety type role or in the red-zone to start. What the Bills will love about St-Juste is that he is an extremely good tackler out the gate and will be able to get on the field on a rotation basis. During the Senior Bowl, St-Juste draft stock elevated leading the National Team in pass breakups. With the second longest wingspan and arms in the defensive backfield class, St-Juste is able to press and be physical at the line of scrimmage. Beane has had pretty good success with his mid-late round selections at the cornerback position and St-Jude might be another option for the Bills later in the draft.

D’Wayne Eskridge – Wide Receiver – Western Michigan – 5’9 190 lbs.

I’m dead set, fingers crossed hoping the Bills continue to sharpen their swords at the receiving position. While not a pressing need, it’s a passing league and you have a young quarterback on the rise. What better way to continue putting up points by adding speed and pass catchers to the offense? The Bills need to get faster on offense. While they have a bunch of productive receivers, they lack the home-run threat of being able to take a two-yard screen, 80 yards for a score. D’Wayne Eskridge is an explosive deep threat and a clear home run hitter from anywhere on the field he touches the ball. As a senior in 2020 in only six games Eskridge caught 33 passes for 768 yards and eight scores, averaging an insane 23.3 yards per reception. Eskridge is dynamic in the return game and won Special Teams Player of the Year in the MAC conference, as well as First Team All-MAC honors as a receiver. Eskridge may slide down the draft board due to being 5’9, 190 pounds and playing against lesser competition, but that shouldn’t scare the Bills away as Eskridge turned heads at his Pro Day with a 4.38 forty-yard dash. “He’s not a great route-runner, will struggle with contested catches and lacks desired size, but he can really fly and has home run potential from anywhere on the field.” Said NFL.com draft analyst Lance Zierlein. The Bills need their Tyreek Hill and obviously this is hard to find but take a swing and add some speed and see if you can develop his route-running tree and help your offense out. Eskridge has experience playing cornerback as well and one of the best special team’s gunners in the entire draft. Beane should be drooling over this prospects athletic ability and being able to help the Bills in a variety of ways.

Demetric Felton – Wide Receiver – UCLA – 5’9 189 lbs.

Like Eskridge above, Felton is another smaller wide-receiver the Bills have been sniffing around this draft process. Felton did a bit of everything for the UCLA Bruins in college and if offensive coordinator Brian Daboll is looking for some versatility, look no further than Demetric Felton. Felton can line up as a running back, slot receiver, or split out wide. Felton was able to rack up 132 carries, 22 receptions, and eight kickoff returns in six games in 2020 after an 86 carry, 55 reception 2019 season. Felton more than Eskridge would be an Isiah McKenzie type gadget guy with Eskridge being the traditional receiver. With a 4.42 forty-yard dash Felton’s blazing speed will have to have defenses account of him on any given play. McKenzie is only signed for one more season with the Bills and if the

Bills want a McKenzie replacement or additional speed added Felton would be an option. Felton would be another luxury pick for the Bills as they may be content with Matt Breida and Isaiah McKenzie to give them the production Felton is capable of.

On the radar: (S) Hamsah Nasirildeen, (WR) Anthony Schwartz, (TE) Tommy Tremble, (DT) Marlon Tuipulotu, (SS/OLB) JaCoby Stevens, (FS/CB) Isreal Mukuamu, (DE) Osa Odighizuwa, (DE) Payton Turner, (DT) Dayo Odeyingbo, (DT) Tyler Shelvin. (WR) Dazz Newsome

5th Round (161st Overall)

Rodarius Williams – Cornerback – Oklahoma State – 6’0 189 lbs.



With the 161st overall selection, the Bills select Rodarius Williams, cornerback from Oklahoma State, older brother of Greedy Williams, a Cleveland Browns corner I liked coming out a few years back. If the Bills don't go cornerback early in this draft, they'll address it with a couple of picks in the 5th round. Cornerback is very deep this 2021 draft. Brandon Beane has a history of turning mid-late round picks into productive NFL players at the cornerback position. Levi Wallace was undrafted, Taron Johnson, was a fourth round selection and last year Dane Jackson was a seventh round selection. Williams, like Tre White, Wallace, Johnson, and Jackson all have one thing in common, games played at the collegiate level, all over 38. Williams suited up for 44 games with Oklahoma State, a trait that Brandon Beane likes when bringing corners onto the Buffalo Bills. Williams has managed to stay healthy since taking over the starting corner spot as a redshirt freshman and is able to use his length to his advantage and aggressive nature. Williams isn't the faster player in the world and lacks change of direction skills to stay pace with shiftier receivers but is able to use his length and strength to hold receivers at bay. "I'm getting great feedback from scouts, they watch my film and are impressed with how I move on the field and tackle and make plays" Williams said at his Pro Day. Williams finished his career with 169 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, two interceptions, 27 passes defensed in his four seasons at Oklahoma State. During the 2020 season Williams posted the fourth-best coverage snaps played per catch allowed among outside cornerbacks. Williams allowed one catch every 24 snaps according to Pro Football Focus, which puts him only behind Jaycee Horn, Olajiah Griffin and Patrick Surtain, two of which are projected first round picks. With Williams' deep speed posing as a problem, it's a good thing the Bills primarily play zone coverage and want their corners to tackle.

Other Possibilities:

Tre Brown – CB/KR - Oklahoma

Joshuah Bledsoe – FS - Missouri

Jamien Sherwood SS/OLB - Auburn

Taron Jackson – DE – Coastal Carolina

Robert Rochell – CB – Central Arkansas

Malcolm Koonce – DE - Buffalo

Khyiris Tonga – DT - BYU

Tamorrion Terry – WR – Florida State

D’Ante Smith – OL – East Carolina

James Wiggins – FS/KR - Cincinnati

5th Round (174th Overall)

Deommodore Lenoir – Cornerback – Oregon – 5’10 199 lbs.



With the 174th overall selection, the Bills select Deommodore Lenoir, cornerback from Oregon. I’d like to again re-iterate Brandon Beane has a history of turning mid-late round picks into productive NFL players at the cornerback position. Lenoir suited up for 42 games with the Oregon Ducks, a trait that Brandon Beane likes when bringing corners onto the Buffalo Bills as previously mentioned. After meeting with the Bills during a pre-draft visit, Lenoir had a lot of positive things to say about the Bills. Lenoir believes that iron, sharpens iron and with the Bills having “some of the best receivers in the league” and going up against them every day in practice will only help in the long run. “It’s not always going to start off green for you, so just keep working and eventually, you’ll get there. That’s what I believe in trusting the process.” Lenoir said. At Oregon Lenoir played both zone and man coverage, in the slot, safety, and even in the box. Aggressive by nature, Lenoir likes to take on big body running backs and receivers and doesn’t shy away from tackling. Lenoir would be best suited starting in the NFL in sub-packages, using his versatility to be able to move around the field and cover on assignment. Lenoir would best fit in an attacking defensive, with heavy zone coverage tendencies which require corners to make the tackle, this is exactly what the Bills covet. Lenoir ran an impressive 4.45 forty-yard dash at Oregon’s Pro Day.

Other Possibilities:

Thomas Graham Jr, CB – Oregon

Caden Sterns – SS - Texas

Bobby Brown – DT –Texas A&M

Sadarius Hutcherson OG – South Carolina

Tommy Doyle – RT/OG – Miami (OH)

Royce Newman OG/C – Ole Miss

6th Round – 213th Overall

Tarron Jackson – Defensive End – Coastal Carolina – 6’2 260 lbs.



The Bills continue to add depth and competition in the defensive end room with Tarron Jackson, a defensive end from Coastal Carolina. As a two-star recruit coming out of high school, Jackson signed with Coastal Carolina and started three seasons for them. During Jackson’s junior and senior seasons primarily playing on the edge Jackson was able to produce with 56 tackles, 12.5 for a loss, and 9.5 sacks in 2019 and 54 tackles, 14 tackles for a loss, and 8.5 sacks with four forced fumbles in 2020. Jackson was named to the All-Sun Belt Conference first team two years in a row. During the Senior Bowl against better competition Jackson struggled a bit and didn’t stand out but didn’t really hurt his stock either. Jackson is a high energy player that has exceptional locker-room presence. With only a 29.5 inch vertical and 1.7, ten yard split, Jackson’s athletic ability is capped. Jackson could earn a living in the NFL as a defensive rotational player who is smart, high energy off the bench, and always moving. Think of Jackson as an NBA 6th man type guy who will play his role and do his job and bring energy each and every play. Jackson’s experience should get him drafted late on day three and if he can gain a few pounds and get into the 270-275 range he could move around the defensive line offering more flexibility for a coaching staff which is something he was able to do at Coastal Carolina.

Other Possibilities

Michael Strachan – WR -Charleston

Jaret Patterson – RB - Buffalo

Alaric Jackson – OT/OG - Iowa

Garrett Wallow – S/OLB - TCU

Kayode Awosika – OL - Buffalo

Isaiah McDuffie – LB – Boston College

7th Round – 236th Overall

Dax Milne – Wide Receiver – BYU – 6’0 190 lbs.



The Wide Receiver position is littered all over this mock draft as it’s a very deep position and one I think the Bills shouldn’t be afraid to address. With their last section in the 2021 draft the Bills select Dax Milne, receiver out of BYU. Milne was the top receiving option for the BYU Cougars and potential 2nd overall pick Zach Wilson in 2020 finishing the season with 1,188 receiving yards on 70 receptions and eight scores. It would be a “Bill Belichick-esque” type move to bring in the wide receiver of a player who worked extremely well with a quarterback who could potentially be in your division for a while. With a seventh-round pick, it’s something Brandon Beane should consider as an added bonus to go along with his production. Milne also has some experience as a return guy, but not much. Milne isn’t a burner but is able to run great routes and use his quickness and agility with his explosive foot speed to get off the line and break on routes. Per The Draft Network’s Drae Harris “The point of agility, simply put, cannot be understated when discussing Milne’s game. This is an extremely underrated WR in this regard. Few WR’s in this draft class have the ability to win against single coverage as effectively and as many times as Mine does.” I agree with this sentiment. Zach Wilson likely doesn’t have the success he had without trusting and counting on Dax Milne to win. According to PFF, Milne ranks second in the country at getting open against single coverage with a 94.2 rating, behind only Kyle Pitts of Florida with 96.0. DeVonta Smith ranks third with 93.0, both projected as top ten picks. Milne ran a 4.54-40-yard dash at BYU’s Pro Day at 4,600 feet above sea level elevation. Milne would be great addition to learn from one of the best route runners in the league in Stefon Diggs. Milne isn’t a “sexy” pick but gets the job done, runs great routes and would be a potential third down asset to the Bills should he be able to get on the field as a rookie. Milne’s toughness and “dog” mentality fits the Bills and a big time competitor and willingness to learn.

Other Possibilities

Frank Darby – WR – Arizona

Darren Hall – CB/FS – San Diego St.

Avery Williams CB – Boise State

Javian Hawkins – RB - Louisville

Robert Jones – OT/OG - MTSU

Andre Mintze – OLB – Vanderbilt

Undrafted Free Agents:

Antonio Nunn – WR – Buffalo

Evan McPherson – K – Florida

Luke Farrell – TE – Ohio State

Jack Klenk – OG – Buffalo

Tristen Hoge – OG – BYU

Jordyn Peters – CB – Auburn

Max Richardson – LB – Boston College

Marquiss Spencer – DT –Mississippi State

Naquan Jones –DT – Michigan State

Ryan McCollum – C/OG – Texas A&M

Jake Fuzak – OT – Buffalo

- Gregory Kowalczyk