WILKER'S WEEKLY:

POST-FREE AGENCY MOCK DRAFT SEES LIONS AND JETS TRADE UP (MOCK DRAFT 2.0)

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1.1 | Las Vegas Raiders: QB Fernando Mendoza, Indiana

It's only a matter of time until the Heisman winning National Champion is the first name called.

1.2 | New York Jets: ED Arvell Reese, Ohio State

Despite having linebacker versatility, Reese will play on the edge as a top five pick. He had 6.5 sacks with the Buckeyes last season.

1.3 | Arizona Cardinals: ED David Bailey, Texas Tech

Bailey, who had 14.5 sacks with the Red Raiders last season, would be a nice way to jump start Mike Lafleur's rebuild, while it's also been rumored Josh Sweat wants out of Glendale.

1.4 | Tennessee Titans: RB Jeremiyah Love, Notre Dame

With Calvin Ridley returning for 2026, running back is the most glaring need for Tennessee.

1.5 | New York Giants: OG Francis Mauigoa, Miami

Jaxson Dart looks to be the future in New York, so protecting him should be priority 1. Andre Thomas and Jermaine Eluemenor are sound bookends, but Mauigoa helps build the interior.

1.6 | Cleveland Browns: WR Carnell Tate, Ohio State

The Browns need a quarterback, but there aren't any viable options at No. 6. Instead, preparing for their future QB by adding a weapon like Tate could be a sound idea.

1.7 | Washington Commanders: LB Sonny Styles, Ohio State

The Commanders' second level has struggled for the last few years, as Bobby Wagner is far from the player he once was. Styles has all-time athleticism and missed one tackle all year.

1.8 | New Orleans Saints: WR Jordyn Tyson, Arizona State

Kellen Moore is an offensive mind, and if it wasn't for a laundry list of injuries, Tyson would figure to be a lock for the WR1.

1.9 | Kansas City Chiefs: CB Mansoor Delane, LSU

The Chiefs lost both starting cornerbacks, and they have their pick of the litter at No. 9. Delane conceded a 40% completion rate and didn't allow a touchdown all year.

1.10 | Cincinnati Bengals: SAF Caleb Downs, Ohio State

Derwin James, Kyle Hamilton, Caleb Downs. Elite talents slip at safety due to the nature of the position, and the Bengals happily take advantage.

1.11 | Miami Dolphins: ED Rueben Bain Jr., Miami

Keeping a player in state? Try in city. Bain had 9.5 sacks for the Hurricanes, and despite major concerns surrounding arm length, new HC Jeff Hafley grabs a top talent.

1.12 | Detroit Lions: OT Monroe Freeling, Georgia

Trade: DET trades Pick 17 (1) and Pick 50 (2) to DAL for Pick 12 (1) and Pick 92 (3)

After parting ways with Taylor Decker, the Lions have a void at left tackle. Freeling could go even higher than No. 12 given his athletic traits, and Dan Campbell's squad trades up to account for their biggest need.

1.13 | L.A. Rams: WR Makai Lemon, USC

The Rams ran 13 personnel (3 TE) 16% more than the next team because they didn't have a third receiver. Lemon fixes that issue.

1.14 | Baltimore Ravens: C Spencer Fano, Utah

Fano to center is a popular trend of late, and the Ravens just lost Tyler Linderbaum.

1.15 | Tampa Bay Buccaneers: TE Kenyon Sadiq, Oregon

The Buccaneers opt to replace Mike Evans with an athletic freak of a tight end.

1.16 | New York Jets: SAF Dillon Thieneman, Oregon

Aaron Glenn had two top safeties in Detroit, and pairing Thieneman with Minkah Fitzpatrick emulates that.

1.17 | Dallas Cowboys: CB Jermod McCoy, Tennessee

Trade: DET trades Pick 17 (1) and Pick 50 (2) to DAL for Pick 12 (1) and Pick 92 (3)

The Cowboys need cornerback help, and McCoy was spectacular in 2024 before missing all of '25 with a torn ACL.

1.18 | Minnesota Vikings: SAF Emmanuel McNeil-Warren, Toledo

After cutting Harrison Smith, the Vikings need to find a replacement.

1.19 | Carolina Panthers: LB C.J. Allen, Georgia

Christian Rozeboom needs upgrading if the Panthers want to retain their division crown.

1.20 | Dallas Cowboys: DT Caleb Banks, Florida

The Cowboys are moving to a 3-4, so adding a 6-foot-6, 330-pound nose tackle would do them a world of good.

1.21 | Pittsburgh Steelers: QB Ty Simpson, Alabama

Mike McCarthy was reported to have been brought in for his ability to develop quarterbacks. Whether Aaron Rodgers returns or not, Simpson could be the long-term starter.

1.22 | L.A. Chargers: OG Vega Ioane, Penn State

The Chargers continue their offensive line rebuild.

1.23 | Philadelphia Eagles: WR Omar Cooper Jr., Indiana

Whether A.J. Brown stays or goes, the Eagles can do better than Hollywood Brown at WR3.

1.24 | Cleveland Browns: OT Caleb Lomu, Utah

The Browns possibly landed their WR1 and left tackle for the next decade in the same draft.

1.25 | Chicago Bears: ED Akheem Mesidor, Miami

Other than Montez Sweat, no Bears edge defender eclipsed five sacks last year.

1.26 | Buffalo Bills: DT Peter Woods, Clemson

Ed Oliver played four games last year, and T.J. Sanders had only one sack. Buffalo needs more interior pressure.

1.27 | New York Jets: CB Aveion Terrell, Clemson

Trade: SF trades Pick 27 (1) to NYJ for Pick 33 (2), Pick 103 (4), and Pick 140 (4)

The Jets move up to make a third first round selection after not nabbing a single interception last season.

1.28 | Houston Texans: OG Kadyn Proctor, Alabama

The Texans need to protect C.J. Stroud in what will be a pivotal year for his future as the starter.

1.29 | Kansas City Chiefs: WR KC Concepcion, Texas A&M

Rashee Rice has played 12 games in the last two seasons, and Travis Kelce will likely retire after this season.

1.30 | Miami Dolphins: CB Brandon Cisse, South Carolina

The Dolphins add physicality and athleticism after selecting Bain at No. 12.

1.31 | New England Patriots: ED Keldric Faulk, Auburn

Mike Vrabel opted for 280+ pound Dre'Mont Jones over the pass rush of K'Lavon Chaisson, and Faulk checks the size box on the edge.

1.32 | Seattle Seahawks: CB Colton Hood, Tennessee

Seattle lost Riq Woolen and Coby Bryant in free agency, so replacing their presence in the defensive backfield will be key.



Fernando Mendoza, a quarterback for the Indiana Hoosiers lunges with the ball. Mendoza is anticipated to be the first pick in the 2026 NFL draft.

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Arvell Reese, a linebacker for Ohio State University, projected to be the second or third pick in the 2026 NFL draft. Reese has played for the Ohio State Buckeyes since 2023.

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