

## **First round fallers**

As we draw closer to the NFL Draft, and with the office mock drafts in the books, we have decided to look into the likely first round picks that could take an Aaron Rodgers sized nosedive down draft boards.

Mekhi Becton – The man mountain looks like a stalwart prospect, but your best ability in the NFL is availability. With that, the recent news of his positive drug test at the NFL Combine could send his stock down on many draft boards. Let Josh Gordon be a cautionary tale. The talent and size may well be too tempting to pass up on, but there may be a few twitchy fingers in the NFL draft room basements come Thursday.

K'Lavon Chaisson – The LSU star looks set to be a Cowboy or Falcon on many draft boards, but the opinion in the office prevails that this Edge class is not special once you pass Chase Young. They all have glaring flaws, and the upside is not earth shattering. He has performed well in big moments but has yet to produce a pass rush grade above 80.0 in any of his games.

AJ Epenesa – A late first rounder on many boards, his solid and frankly unspectacular play may see him fall to the middle of the first. Make no mistake; Epenesa will give you production due to his NFL readiness, but his lack of overall speed should see him fall down the boards with the league besotted with adding speed at all levels to combat the track superstars lining up on offence.

Yetur Gross-Matos - The production and lack of dominance on tape is the worry with Gross-Matos; a first round prospect on the edge needs to consistently win against the tackles. GM consistently struggled to exert his dominance against superior O line play.