

**OFF-SEASON FOOTBALL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER**  
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**OFL CALENDAR OF EVENTS • ACTUAL EMAIL DUE DATES**

SUN-OCT 26 <sup>th</sup>	2 Rounds Free Agent Live Bidding starting at 4:30 PM EDT
FRI-OCT 31 <sup>st</sup>	Phase 2 Email Free Agency Bids due to Mike Jaime
FRI-Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Phase 2 Email Free Agency Match/Release Instructions due to Mike Jaime
SUN-NOV 9 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter No. 10 shall be mailed with complete Free Agency results
SUN-Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trade Period opens
SUN-Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Free Agent waiver claims due to Jason Findlay by 7 PM CDT

**1<sup>st</sup> Round of Playoffs**

24 Baltimore @ Denver 17  
10 Kutztown @ Las Vegas 27  
21 Prairie @ Winnipeg 34  
9 Malvern @ Fresno 29

**Conference Championships**

20 Baltimore @ Las Vegas 17  
40 Fresno @ Winnipeg 23

**OFL Super Bowl XXVII**

Baltimore @ Fresno

**Live Free Agency Bidding – Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30 PM EDT**

More information inside this issue & review Pgs 9-11 in your Constitution

The purpose of our two (2) rounds of Live Bidding is to maximize the efficiency of the bidding process for the most coveted Free Agents. With up to 40 possible Free Agents being put up for bid each team enjoys an opportunity in real time to gauge the interest & value of the most sought after Free Agents.

Once completed, Available Funds will be adjusted, and all remaining Free Agents are eligible for Phase 2 bids by email. We offer you a few days to digest the results of Live Bidding before plunging into the email bids later in the week.

If you cannot participate Live next Sunday you must either provide instructions or someone to act on your behalf, otherwise you'll automatically lose any/all of your Free Agents that receive a bid.

As a general guideline & reference, though understand EVERY YEAR IS DIFFERENT depending on available funds & caliber of free agents, you may want to review last years' Free Agency results available on the web page thru this link:

[http://home.surewest.net/kchaase/index\\_files/Page474.htm](http://home.surewest.net/kchaase/index_files/Page474.htm)

While looking over 2007's bid results appreciate there are some terrific bids there and some ill-conceived ones. Just 12 months later a few appear astute while others quite insane.

Free Agent bidding is just one more aspect of the OFL that adds to the fun!

## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER..... By Matt Farmer

**1<sup>st</sup> & 10:** Believe it or not but the Super Bowl is going to be played next Friday. Bobby and I have had a heck of a time aligning the stars to play. However, it will be played on Friday. Because I have pretty much forgotten how to play the game, it is a foregone conclusion that Bobby will wipe me out.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Down:** I had to chuckle at the number of Fresno players picked up through the cut claims. It gave me a lot of pride to see I could help so many teams out! Many of those cuts were the result of financial pressure. It is really hard to stay competitive for a long period of time in this league. I had a great run of three straight years with two Super Bowl appearances. I am afraid the "dark days" are coming for Fresno.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Down:** Free agency is fast upon us. Now is the time, if you have not already done so, to make your list, check your funds, and come up with a strategy. Don't bid just to bid. Keep your teams needs in mind and be sure you are careful about future financial ramifications. It does your team no good to bet the farm on a free agent or two and realize you are still many players away from competing. There have been some very crazy bids in the past (I admit I have been as guilty as the next guy); do your best not to join that list.

**Timeout:** We still have not found a new member for the league. Because of that, I would like a volunteer to make the Denver free agency decisions. Can someone please step forward? I have had a couple of prospective coaches "kick the tires" but nothing too serious. I am going to renew our ad on the Action PC site. If you know anyone who is interested, please by all means put them in touch.

**4<sup>th</sup> Down:** I still have not completed a new coach profile. I still remain really busy with work (that work thing keeps interfering). This will come back. Please be patient. Until next month.

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### Free Agency Bidding Reminders

Foremost.... Review rules on pages 9 – 11 in your Constitution

Be Prepared.... Compile a list of Free Agents of interest to you ahead of time... like right now!

Available Funds for each team are listed below. Regardless of your Available Funds you're permitted to Match any/all bids placed by others on your players. In other words, you can Match bids that put you in the red, and enjoy until March to come up with the cash. If you've been following the news, just exercise some prudence if you go this route and not wind up like so many current financial institutions & home owners who maxed out their credit!

## Available Funds for Free Agent Bidding

Antelope	2075		Medicine	8488
Baltimore	(-976)		New Jersey	6210
California	3550		New York	11084
Denver	10517		Pittsburgh	8951
Durham	5942		Prairie	4464
Florida	2125		Ringgold	12475
Fresno	2233		Round Rock	44473
Kutztown	2270		Sacramento	7371
Las Vegas	6425		San Francisco	5014
Malvern	3735		Winnipeg	8843

Free Agency is an opportunity for you to IMPROVE your team. Failure to utilize free agency is akin to failing to participate in the rookie draft. You wouldn't "pass" in a round to draft a player, so why do so in Free Agency? If you have sufficient extra funds, you can't spend them anywhere else so might as well upgrade your roster. Trust me, your real life creditors will not accept OFL dollars for your debts, and the OFL does not pay interest on your OFL Treasury Account. ☺

Live Bidding – We'll open a Chat room about 4 PM Sunday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> with Bidding starting at 4:30 EDT. Those few minutes before the bidding begins are for saying hello & exchanging comments, however once the bidding begins its all business and no chitchat. With cooperation we should be completed in about 2 hours.

Bidding teams have two (2) Minutes to submit their Bids & owning team has one (1) minute to decide whether to match or release the high bid.

Colin & Lance will again coordinate the bidding, and bids must be IM'd directly to them, not posted in the chat room <g>. They'll compile & post the top bidders (not just the high), so everyone has a reference as to what others valued the players at.

Bidding teams shall be charged \$50K for each Bid they place on another team's Free Agents. This \$50K bidding fee is immediately payable to the owning team of that Free Agent, and immediately subtracted from bidding teams' Available Funds.

Phase 2 Email Bids – These should be emailed on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> directly to Mike Jaime at: [OFLNews@aol.com](mailto:OFLNews@aol.com)

Do not email those bids until I send out specific instructions a few days prior to those bids being due.

Be sure you understand the consequences of placing No Trade Clause and/or Signing Bonus with your bids, and above all- appreciate the impact of Salary on your current or projected Superstars.

With the exception of Superstars resigned to 50% salary increases (front page of last Newsletter) all players whose contract expired with 2008 OFL season are eligible for bidding. If you require current up to date rosters of all teams to determine who is available in Free Agency email Jason Findlay directly at: [jayfindlay@mts.net](mailto:jayfindlay@mts.net)

**MONEY MATTERS..... THIS MONTH**  
Report errors in Money Matters ASAP to Mike Jaime

<b>OFL FRANCHISE</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Art</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Art</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Art/ Photo</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Cut Bonus</b>	<b>Traded Money</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Claims</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total XXVII- 9</b>
Antelope				+ 300		+ 100		+ 400
Baltimore			FEB	+ 300		- 200		+ 100
California	MAR	MAR	MAR	+ 300		+ 300		+ 600
Denver	JULY			+ 300				+ 300
Durham				+ 300				+ 300
Florida	DEC	JAN	DEC	+ 300				+ 300
Fresno	JAN	FEB	JAN	+ 300		+ 500		+ 800
Kutztown	FEB			+ 300				+ 300
Las Vegas	JAN	APR	FEB	+ 300				+ 300
Malvern	FEB		MAR	+ 300		- 600		- 300
Medicine	AUG							
New Jersey	+ 1000	+ 1000	+ 1000	+ 300		- 200		+ 3100
New York								
Pittsburgh	FEB	AUG		+ 300		- 300		
Prairie			FEB	+ 300		+ 100		+ 400
Ringgold				+ 300				+ 300
Round Rock	+ 1000	+ 1000		+ 300		+ 200		+ 2500
Sacramento		FEB	FEB	+ 300				+ 300
San Francisco				+ 300		+ 100		+ 400
Winnipeg	JAN	JAN	+ 1000	+ 300				+ 1300

NOTES: Teams enjoy the next 3 months to submit their 2008 articles/photos to earn \$1 million each, for up to maximum of \$3 million total for the franchise. Month '08 credits earned are shown above.

Medicine & New York opted not to participate in 1<sup>st</sup> cuts, or 1<sup>st</sup> claims, thus by rule do not earn \$300K bonus.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Period Cut Claims – Prepared by Jason Findlay**

**Round 1**

<b>#</b>	<b>Claiming Team</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Cut By</b>	<b>Pos</b>
1	California	No Claims		
2	New Jersey	McKinnie, Bryant	Antelope	T
3	Round Rock	No Claims		
4	Ringgold	No Claims		
5	Antelope	No Claims		
6	New York	No Claims		
7	Medicine	No Claims		
8	Florida	No Claims		
9	San Francisco	No Claims		
10	Sacramento	No Claims		

11	Pittsburgh	Porter, Joey	Fresno	OLB
12	Durham	No Claims		
13	Kutztown	No Claims		
14	Prairie	No Claims		
15	Denver	No Claims		
16	Malvern	Thomas, Bryan	Round Rock	DE
17	Las Vegas	No Claims		
18	Winnipeg	All other claimed players selected		
19	Baltimore	Chavous, Corey	Round Rock	CB
20	Fresno	No Claims		

### Round 2

#	Claiming Team	Player	Team	Pos
1	New Jersey	Surtain, Patrick	California	CB
2	Pittsburgh	Olson, Benji	Fresno	G
3	Malvern	Rucker, Mike	New Jersey	DE
4	Baltimore	Bryant, Antonio	Baltimore	WR

### Round 3

#	Claiming Team	Player	Team	Pos
1	New Jersey	Young, Bryant	San Francisco	DT
2	Pittsburgh	Dunn, Jason	Fresno	TE
3	Malvern	Mulitalo, Edwin	Fresno	G
4	Baltimore	Drummond, Eddie	New Jersey	RB

### Round 4

#	Claiming Team	Player	Team	Pos
1	New Jersey	Glenn, Tarik	Prairie	T
2	Pittsburgh	All other claimed players selected		
3	Malvern	Nedney, Joe	California	K
4	Baltimore	All other claimed players selected		

### Round 5

#	Claiming Team	Player	Team	Pos
1	New Jersey	All other claimed players selected		
2	Malvern	Bennett, Michael	Fresno	RB

### Round 6

#	Claiming Team	Player	Team	Pos
1	Malvern	Carr, David	California	QB

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**PRELIMINARY 2009 OFL DRAFT BOARD – Thru Trade #4**  
**Slots 1 – 18 are set, 19 – 20 dependent on Super Bowl result**

OFL FRANCHISE	# 1	# 2	# 3	# 4	# 5	# 6	# 7	# 8
01 California Quakes								
02 New Jersey Patriots				NY				
03 Round Rock Crusaders						MLV		
04 Ringgold Renegades								
05 Antelope Mud Fish			MLV	LV				
06 New York Cobras					LV			
07 Medicine Mad Hatters		FF			FF			
08 Florida Dragons								
09 San Francisco Buccaneers			RNG					
10 Sacramento Scorpions			NJ				NJ	BLT
11 Pittsburgh Assassins		FF			FF			
12 Durham Thunder Lizards	FF			FF				
13 Kutztown Belchers	WPG	WPG	WPG	WPG	CAL	WPG	WPG	
14 Prairie Wildfire	NJ	PIT	NJ	NJ	NJ	PIT		
15 Denver Destroyers					PIT			
16 Malvern Monarchs			RC	RNG				
17 Las Vegas RatPack								RNG
18 Winnipeg Vigilantes	NY	NY		SF	NY			
19 Baltimore Slaughter								
20 Fresno Fuel	FLA	NJ	PIT	CAL	SF			

**\$TEAL\$ & DEAL\$.....**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Trade Period shall open Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>

1. MALVERN trades their 4<sup>th</sup> & previously acquired San Francisco's 3<sup>rd</sup> round picks to RINGGOLD for \$ 2 million.
2. DURHAM trades their 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> round picks to FRESNO for CB Champ Bailey.
3. PITTSBURGH trades their 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> round picks to FRESNO for CB Rhonde Barber.
4. MEDICINE trades their 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> round draft picks to FRESNO for DT Pat Williams.

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**Looking Ahead to the Rookie Draft**  
**Offensive Skill Players – Whispers and Rumors**  
**By- Calvin Opheim**

For those of us who are not in the playoffs, it's time to look forward to the rookie draft. This article focuses on offensive skill players.

## **Quarterbacks**

There are four quarterbacks of note in the upcoming draft. Quarterbacks are typically high risk reward players. In the OFL though, the risk is largely mitigated as you get to see two seasons before you draft. Below are some comments that were gathered from NFL personnel scouts and via the rumor mill.

### **JaMarcus Russell**

“Contract stalemate delayed his ascension, but showed promise in start against San Diego”

“Didn't start until the finale, but he's a building block”

### **Brady Quinn**

“Could not get on field except for one series in final game”

“Anderson's emergence kept him on bench”

### **Trent Edwards**

“Lots to work on, but leadership and poise aren't included in list”

“The quarterback of the future was solid under center, cornerstone”

### **Kevin Kolb**

“Heir apparent to McNabb, spent most of season as number 3 quarterback”

“McNabbs successor? Not clear with no real action”

## **Running Backs**

Drafting a running back is also easier in the OFL as you get to see two seasons before you draft. This helps to reduce the higher risk of injuries that running backs experience.

### **Adrian Peterson**

“Standout rookie season”

“Evoked memories of Bo, struggled against 8-man fronts”

## **Marshawn Lynch**

“Instant star”

“Proved capable of handling a full load, great pick, cornerstone”

## **Selvin Young**

“Latest in the line of unheralded running backs from Denver to have success”

## **Wide Receivers**

Following the same theme as for quarterbacks and running backs, in the OFL you get the benefit of knowing how many receptions these wide receivers have in two NFL seasons before you draft them.

## **Calvin Johnson**

“Made some big plays, dropped some balls, struggled with the offense and back injury”

“Often struggled early in games, but should improve a lot”

## **Dwayne Bowe**

“Hit a wall late in the season”

“Instant impact, was stellar”

## **Ted Ginn**

“Became a starter at midseason, good hands but needs to work on pass routes and deep patterns”

“Showed glimpses of potential, but not enough”

## **Anthony Gonzalez**

“Missed playing time midseason with thumb and foot injuries”

“Filled in nicely for Marvin Harrison”

## **James Jones**

“Big target with breakaway speed, third among rookies in receptions”

“Turned out to be one of the best wide receivers in draft”

## **Sidney Rice**

“Nice season with 31 receptions”

“Flashed big-play ability but must be durable”

## **Tight Ends**

Yet again in the OFL you get the benefit of knowing how many receptions these tight ends have in two NFL seasons before you draft them.

## **Greg Olsen**

“Finished with 39 receptions”

“Has star potential, if anything he was underutilized, lived up to expectations”

## **Zach Miller**

“Closed with a rush to catch 44 passes”

“Lead all rookie Tight Ends with 44 receptions”

## **Summary**

So all in all, a draft that looks pretty promising. There appears to be good depth at wide receiver and running back (especially if Ryan Grant has another big season). Two quality receiving tight ends are available. The overall strength of the quarterbacks will be determined based on play in the upcoming NFL season.

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**A Review of Another PCA FB Leagues Draft..... MAFA  
By- Calvin Opheim**

MAFA is a 26 team Action PC Football League. The league uses a salary cap based on the PCA player salaries. Sometimes it is interesting to see rookie drafts from other leagues. Here is a listing of the first round of the 2008 rookie draft.

- 1) Patrick Willis – LB
- 2) Joe Thomas – T
- 3) Adrian Peterson – RB
- 4) Gaines Adams – DT
- 5) JaMarcus Russell – QB
- 6) Amobi Okoye – DT
- 7) LaRon Landry – S
- 8) Jon Beason – LB
- 9) Tanard Jackson – S
- 10) Marshawn Lynch – RB

This was my pick and I was thrilled to get a quality running back here.

- 11) Darrelle Revis – CB

I had this pick as well and selected a possible shutdown cornerback over Dwyane Bowe. Only time will tell if this was a good decision or not <g>.

- 12) Calvin Johnson – WR
- 13) Dwayne Bowe – WR
- 14) David Harris – LB
- 15) Paul Posluszny – LB
- 16) Michael Griffin – S
- 17) Ted Ginn – WR
- 18) Eric Wright – CB
- 19) Joe Staley – T

My third pick in round one, I selected a possible anchor to my offensive line. You may be wondering, how do you get three first round picks? Obviously I'm in rebuilding mode <g>.

- 20) Brady Quinn – QB
- 21) Anthony Gonzalez – WR
- 22) Trent Edwards – QB
- 23) Ryan Grant – RB
- 24) Leon Hall – CB
- 25) Jamal Anderson – DE
- 26) Selvin Young – RB

So if everything goes according to the plan, round one will bring me a top-tier running back, a shutdown cornerback, and a solid tackle. Of course we all know what happens to our best laid plans <g>.

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## **Twenty Years, One Hundred One Wins** **By- John Buffolano**

Well twenty years have come and gone. As well as many coaching changes. The latest departure was John Borell. Anyone having met John, found him to be very interesting at first chance. My first chance meeting John was back in January of 1989, with my first draft. When John made his choice, he related how this player came from his hometown back in Ohio. Meanwhile my first choice ever in the OFL, was the immortal Vance Mueller somewhere in the 7<sup>th</sup> round.

As a matter of fact, at the draft gathering at Hank's house, there were at least 10 of the 16 coaches present. If memory serves me correctly also there Hank, our gracious host, the Raiders Mike Jaime, from the Great White North came Colin and Darryl, Eugene from Pittsburgh, John Sedeyn, and myself. Don't recall off hand who was there that day.

The drafts were usually held at Hank's place, out of convenience, due to Hank's lack of mobility. He did not drive. That 2<sup>nd</sup> year, other coaches made the trip across country. The esteemed Larry Birnbaum, whom our Coach Of The Year award is named after, the kid from Indiana Ken, and John Anderson.

Afterwards the drafts were taken to the road. First of the road trips were Allentown. Soon were to follow were stops at Canton Ohio, Chicago and Las Vegas. Oh did I forget to mention Philadelphia. The Treadway Inn which in reality was a welfare hotel with drafty windows and phones that would not dial out, unless it was a standard area code of the day. Oh yes it was the most bitterest of winter days that year, and lost the linkage to my transmission and got a flat to start the day.

So now that twenty years have passed, I racked up 101 wins. That a grand total of 2.05 wins a season. And 10% of my wins came in one season. Yes the dice were hot that year.

So to all the coaches I have met and known thru the years, many I can consider my friends and family, it is hard to see one of my dearest OFL comrades depart. So to you John, I raise a glass of the best and say to Via Con Dios mi amigo and let there always be stars in future.

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## **Some Plays I Remember** **By- John Buffolano**

Watching football thru the years with my father, there were always plays that you remember. I was Giants fans and my father was just a football fan. He always loved the games in the rain where players never had a clean jersey. He always said if you didn't get muddy, you didn't play that day.

We watched games on TV every Sunday. It seems that Soldier Field in Chicago was always a quagmire, like Lake Michigan emptied into it. Then again it is located near the banks of Lake Michigan. No matter how muddied that field was Gale Sayers always seem to keep is feet.

Who can't forget that snowy day in New England when the Dolphins and Patriots were embroiled in a scoreless game. That was until New England called a timeout and the snow tractor came out to clear a path for PK John Smith. During the timeout you can see Miami coach Don Shula

screaming at the officials alerting them to the situation. Needless to say Smith made the field goal on the only clear spot on the field.

We always enjoyed watching the Rams with Roman Gabriel at QB. Gabriel I believe was one of the first of the tall quarterbacks. It was game against the Eagles in the late 60's or early 70's when CBS analyst Tom Brookshier called the down and distance at 2<sup>nd</sup> and a half mile to go, after a couple of penalties. At that point play by play man Pat Summerall, who I feel was one of the best announcers of that time made the comment, "How many 2<sup>nd</sup> and 41 plays are in the playbook. Never the less, Gabriel found Jack Snow down the sideline for 35 yards. In another Rams game, I don't recall the opponent, might have been the Cowboys, when RB Les Josephson took the handoff and ran up the middle into the pile. Well Josephson a somewhat smallish back got lost in the pile and snuck out to the left and took in for a TD. Apparently someone thought they heard the whistle. Like they say always play till you HEAR the whistle.

Who can't forget the Saints and Seahawk game, when the late Craig Heywood ran over, rather steamrolled S Vann McCoy for about a 70 yard run. I don't think McCoy returned for the rest of the season.

One of the pass plays that I will never forget is one of the Browns games. Frank Ryan was the QB and tossed a crossing route to WR Gary Collins. Collins was in the clear and made the catch. And guess what? This being the 60's Collins took one step to many and ran smack into the goal post. They were on the goalline in those days.

The Super Bowl always provided the big plays. From Bart Starr to Max McGee for a TD. McGee hadn't play much that year. McGee was famous for his tussels with Vince Lombardi. In first meeting with Packer players, Lombardi was explaining how bad the Packers were the previous season. Lombardi said we are going back to the basics and said "Gentlemen this is a football". To which McGee replied "Coach can you go a little slower".

Then probably the best play ever from the Super Bowl was the blocked field goal that fell into the hands of kicker Garo Yepremian. It was the Dolphins run of perfection for the year. The Dolphins went 14-0 in the regular season and swept the playoff games. Well Yepremian threw an interception, no flipped the ball into the hands of CB Mike Bass who ran it back for a TD. Well the Dolphins finished the game with a perfect 17-0 season. In 2008, the New England Patriots went 18-0 and until they met up with Giants who derailed the visions of perfection.

Speaking of the Giants, they have had their share of big plays. OJ Anderson with his upper cut to keep a drive alive. Incarcerated Mark Ingram picking up 18 yards on a 4<sup>th</sup> and 16. The sack and safety of Jeff Hostetler was the turning point in the Buffalo game. Bruce Smith sacked him and tried to strip him to no avail. This kept the Giants in the game and would eventually win the game by one point on a last second FG by Scott Norwood which went wide right.

The Giants in 2008 won the Super Bowl, but it was the scramble by Eli Manning who tossed a pass to David Tyree who caught the ball by holding it to his helmet. This set up the winning score and ending the perfect season of the Patriots.

I'm sure we all have our favorite moments, but these are just a few mine.

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## **Top Rookies of 2009**

### **By- John Buffolano**

Can I have your attention please.....thank you. There are two mistakes in this years draft. Adrian Peterson is not available as is Steve Smith. Adrian Peterson is a free agent and Steve Smith is.....excuse me. It has just come to my attention that Adrian Peterson and Steve Smith are both in this draft. Seems there are two of the players with the same name. Could cause some confusion though.

Well as this past season went, New Jersey was the odds on favorite to claim the 1<sup>st</sup> overall pick. But somewhere along the way the Quakes of California went on to claim the coveted honor. So figuring Peterson is going number one overall, I got to looking at the picture. The Jason Taylor trade of last year brought in a bushel of draft picks, so thru 3 rounds, the Patriots have a total of 7 picks. As the surviving knight told Indiana Jones, "You must choose, but choose wisely". So maybe after 20 years I might have it right.

So lets look at this years top picks. From what our advance scouts have reported, there are three QB's , that have a chance to be OFL stars. First up is Trent Edwards. Edwards has a good enough arm and can escape the pocket with his mobility. Only QB to get significant NFL playing time. Next we have the probably the biggest player at QB. JaMarcus Russell has the size and the arm to launch the vertical game for the NFL Oakland Raiders. But will his holdout hinder his further advancement and progress. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> QB is Brady Quinn. Quinn has not had the playing time so far, but Quinn possess good skills to be a NFL starter in the near future.

Sure Adrian Peterson is the top running back. He is the perfect combination of speed and power. Try to put an arm on him, and your arm is 7 yards downfield. You need to wrap in up and drag him. Defending Peterson is like a Beatles' song; A Little Help From My Friends. Some of the other running backs to look forward to drafting are Marshawn Lynch who is also a very capable receiver. Ryan Grant came from out of nowhere to star for the Packers. Ahmad Bradshaw despite his off field issues is a solid back with speed and power, who can also catch the ball out of the backfield, and he can return kicks. And as for the FB position you have Kenton Keith and Brian Leonhard, both of whom can also carry the rock effectively.

Among the WR's you have Dwayne Bowe, Ted Ginn Jr, Anthony Gonzalez, Calvin Johnson and Sidney "Minute" Rice. Bowe gives you a nice size target with good hands. Ted Ginn Jr will now have his time to shine in Miami and will be solid receiver, who also returns punts. Anthony Gonzalez is the perfect possession receiver who will keep the chains moving. What else can you say about a player who sleeps in a tent with little air pressure. Calvin Johnson is the probably the best receiver in this draft. Speed, height and strength who is capable of going the distance on each play. Sidney Rice will provide a good target with decent speed. A receiver to keep your eye is Domenik Hixon, who also returns kicks and can also run with the ball.

Some of the tight ends to keep an eye are Kevin Boss who provides excellent hands and not much of a blocker. Greg Olson and Matt Spaeth are probably the most complete tight ends in the draft.

On the offensive line you have at the pivot you have Samson Satele who provides strength and agility and Ryan Kalil a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation NFL'er who I feel is more finesse than power but gets the job done.

At the guard and tackle positions we have Ben Grubbs a guard and Joe Thomas a tackle who will be the stalwarts of offensive lines for years to come. Thomas is franchise type tackle who has a bit of chip on his shoulder, while Grubbs on the inside takes on all comers and many of them have paid for their efforts to get the QB. Grubbs is also an excellent blocker on the run.

As we look on the defensive side of the ball, the most impressive of the players is ILB Patrick Willis. Not many players come into the OFL as rookies are rated 10. So do want the running back on the inside linebacker, you decide who is the best. Also on the inside you have David Harris and Jon Beason, who also plays outside. These two youngsters will be rock that their teams defenses will built on for years to come. Harris has a nose for the ball and is a superb run defender and Beason can give you the coverage playing the pass. All three, Willis, Harris and Beason, should be 1<sup>st</sup> rounders in the upcoming OFL draft. A sleeper pick for ILB is another 2<sup>nd</sup> generation player in H B Blades.

The OLB position this year seems to be wait and see position. As mentioned before, Jon Beason who also plays inside, is the top rated LB on the outside. The young guns to keep an eye will be Chris Gocong, Justin Durrant, Chad Greenway, Lawrence Timmons, and Clinton Sessions. In need of a long snapper who also plays the outside you have Zak DeOssie. Once again another 2<sup>nd</sup> generation player. At this rate, we will all age faster than we need to.

On the defensive line, the youngest player ever to be drafted, was a teenager. Yes a teenager named Akobi Okeye who was 19. The previous youngest player was Courtney Hall who was just over 20 years old. Okeye also born in Nigeria, like the legendary nightmare, Christian Okeye, if he lives up to that, then you have a young star ready to shine. Also on the front line you have DE Gaines Adams a standout pass rusher, DT Adam Carriker a runner stopper, who also didn't fall far from the football tree. The three to watch here are DT Brendon Mebane who plays the run extremely well, Jay Richardson who will grow into a complete line defender and CJ Mosely who can really get after the passer.

Cornerbacks this year have a pair to build your secondary with, Aaron Ross and Darrelle Revis. Both are surehanded when it comes to catching the ball, and both we lay it on the line to stop the run. Revis is the more polished of the two, but I think Ross has just a bit more speed in closing on the ball in coverage. Along with Revis and Ross is Michael Griffen who is adapt at CB and well as safety. Griffen who is solid against the run at the safety position but is probably better at corner. The two top safeties in my opinion are Tanard Jackson who is a sure handed defender and LaRon Landry who is a strong run supporter.

In closing this draft has plenty of points to fill out roster with, if you are looking for only one year, but there is also plenty of youth to build with. I should know I have been trying to build for 21 years.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

\* Playoff \* 10-19-2008

Temp:71 Wind:5-15

Line:Even

MVP:Barber

2006 Fresno (1-0) 7 10 10 13 40  
 2006 Winnipeg (0-1) 3 6 7 7 23

1	8:19	Fresno	TD Bulger 2 pass to Caldwell (Stover) (5-43-2:51)	7-0
1	1:09	Winnipeg	FG Carney 44 (8-51-7:00)	7-3
2	8:45	Fresno	TD Bulger 7 pass to Gonzalez (Stover) (14-70-7:10)	14-3
2	4:41	Winnipeg	TD Taylor 12 run (no good) (12-77-3:54)	14-9
2	0:01	Fresno	FG Stover 46 (4-23-0:46)	17-9
3	13:25	Fresno	FG Stover 34 (3-8-1:25)	20-9
3	5:30	Fresno	TD Bulger 10 pass to Gonzalez (Stover) (9-73-4:35)	27-9
3	5:11	Winnipeg	TD Hester 101 kick return (Carney) (0-0-0:00)	27-16
4	13:58	Fresno	FG Stover 39 (12-61-6:10)	30-16
4	9:22	Fresno	TD Barber 1 run (Stover) (4-35-2:43)	37-16
4	4:49	Winnipeg	TD Huard 14 pass to Edwards (Carney) (14-77-4:22)	37-23
4	2:33	Fresno	FG Stover 47 (5-11-2:09)	40-23

	FF	WIN
First Downs	23	23
Rushes	40-172	26-140
Passes	29-17-192	31-18-221
Sacked	1-7	3-21
Fumble	0	3
Penalties	3-31	9-52
Turnovers	1	4
Time	34:27	25:33
Third Down	5-13	6-9
Fourth Down	3-3	1-2
Net Offense	357	340

Injuries: none

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Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Sk	25	In	Td	Rate	Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Sk	25	In	Td	Rate
Bulger	29	17	192	1	2	1	3	98.6	Huard	31	18	221	3	1	1	1	77.5
Rushing	Att	Yds	Ave	FD	10	Lg	TD	Rushing	Att	Yds	Ave	FD	10	Lg	TD		
Barber,T	33	153	4.6	10	3	12	1	Taylor,F	18	103	5.7	5	2	13	1		
Strong,M	2	14	7.0	2	1	10	0	Green,A	7	33	4.7	3	0	6	0		
Jones,J	5	5	1.0	0	0	5	0	Huard	1	4	4.0	0	0	4	0		
	40	172	4.3	12	4	12	1		26	140	5.4	8	2	13	1		
Receiving	No	Dp	Yds	Ave	FD	25	Lg	TD	Receiving	No	Dp	Yds	Ave	FD	25	Lg	TD
Gonzalez	8	0	59	7.4	4	0	11	2	Winslow	5	0	57	11.4	4	0	16	0
Mason	5	0	110	22.0	4	2	41	0	Johnson,A	5	3	83	16.6	4	1	34	0
Strong,M	2	0	16	8.0	2	0	11	0	Ward,H	4	0	44	11.0	2	0	18	0
Barber,T	1	0	5	5.0	0	0	5	0	Edwards,B	2	1	21	10.5	1	0	14	1
Caldwell	1	0	2	2.0	1	0	2	1	Green,A	2	0	16	8.0	1	0	11	0

Fumbles	No	Rec	TD
McAlister	0	1	0
Vrabel	0	1	0
Sharper	0	1	0

Kick Returns	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
Arrington	4	87	21.8	31	0
Bennett,M	1	0	0.0	0	0

Punt Returns	No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
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Kicking	Fg	Lg	Xp	Pts
Stover	4-4	47	4-4	16

Punting	No	Yds	Ave	Tb	20	Bk	Lg
Koch	1	36	36.0	0	0	0	36

Defense	Tkl	Sk	Def	Stf	Hur	FF	INT
Thomas,A	8	1	0	0	0	1	0-0
Spikes	7	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Barber,R	6	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Pryce	4	1	1	0	1	0	0-0
Taylor,S	4	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Bailey,C	4	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Williams,K	3	1	1	0	0	1	0-0
Porter,J	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
McAlister	2	0	2	0	0	0	0-0
Thompson,L	2	0	0	0	0	1	0-0
Williams,P	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Sharper	1	0	0	0	0	0	1-9
Tripplett	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Moore,D	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Peterson,M	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Harrison,R	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Vrabel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Curry,D	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Haggan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

Fumbles	No	Rec	TD
Huard	1	0	0
Ward,H	1	0	0
Hester	1	0	0

Kick Returns	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
Hester	7	224	32.0	101	1
Sims,R	1	2	2.0	2	0

Punt Returns	No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
Hester	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

Kicking	Fg	Lg	Xp	Pts
Carney	1-2	44	2-3	5

Punting	No	Yds	Ave	Tb	20	Bk	Lg
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Defense	Tkl	Sk	Def	Stf	Hur	FF	INT
Peterson,J	9	1	0	1	0	0	0-0
Little	8	0	0	1	0	0	0-0
Strahan	7	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
Schobel,A	5	0	0	0	4	0	0-0
Sheppard	4	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Seymour	4	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Fletcher-Ba	4	0	0	1	0	0	0-0
Hope	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Ferguson,J	3	0	0	1	0	0	0-0
Reed,E	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Vasher	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Haynesworth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Hester	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
James,E	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Minter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Hart,C	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Rogers,S	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Briggs	0	0	1	0	0	0	1-12