

profootballsidekick.com 2026 NFL OFF-SEASON TEAM GRADES

Senior Draft Analyst Pete evaluates and grades off-season personnel changes on each team.

Team	Draft	Free Agency	Total Grade	Pete's Draft Grade Analysis	
1		A+	A+	100.0	Getting the first pick is one thing & getting a QB the quality of Mendoza is another. Great way to start their endless rebuild for new Coach Kubiak.
2		A++	B	94.8	14.5 sack stud Bailey, best TE in WR-like/top blocker Sadiq, then trade up for high value need in WR Cooper. Home run draft; rare A++ grade from us.
2		A+	B+	94.8	Harbaugh & Kiper had #5 pick Edge Reese as #2 player in draft - a steal; OT Mauigoa great value and need to start initially at weak Guard position.
2		A	A-	94.8	Nabbed the best Guard since Colts Quenton Nelson to bolster a weak interior offensive line. Great pick.
5		A	B+	93.0	Traded down twice from low 26th spot and picked up extra draft capital in a draft where picks 20 through 50 are fairly similar in player quality. Plus nice 10-pick haul.
6		A+	B-	91.3	Move #6 to #9 & still get their target OT Fano; then nab target WR Concepcion; masterful draft chess for the 2nd straight year for Browns.
6		B+	A-	91.3	We thought they'd go Edge rusher but potential mid-1st round OT falls in their lap at #28. Top value here & a good way to protect young QB Maye.
6		A-	B+	91.3	Only 1 of our 5 Senior Draft Analysts had Panthers going OT. Talented Freeling has 1 very good year as a starter so we see some risk here.
9		C+	A	87.8	Traded down from pick #30 to pick #33 and aquired a 5th round pick while likely getting the same caliber player day 2 at pick #33.
9		B	B+	87.8	Elite tackler LB Styles drops in their lap after Giants nab value pick Reese. This is a perfect outcome for the Commanders and Coach Quinn. Modest 6-pick draft overall.
9		B	B+	87.8	We expected an o-line pick here and Iheanacher is a good one and a need given current banged up LT Jones. WR decent in 2nd round. Further 8 picks pretty vanilla.
9		B	B+	87.8	WR Tyson rocketed up boards late in the process with #1 WR projection. We remain weary given his 3 impactful injuries. NFL tackling magnifies injury risk.
13		B	B	86.0	WR Tate is a security blanket for QB Ward. Trading back into 1st round for value Edge Faulk who was dropping was an astute move.
13		A	C	86.0	Eagles are great at the Draft & lately the luckiest. WR Lemon falls and they trade up to get their AJ Brown replacement. GM Roseman wins again.
15		B+	C	82.5	Spent 2 5th rounders to move up for top 5 talent S Downs at #11 overall was masterful. Gained 2 4th's to move down though UCF LB pick has question marks.
15		B	C+	82.5	No picks in the 1st round via Lawrence trade which makes their front 4 top end; he is good value for 2 years but 3rd year at \$28 mil at age 31 not good.
15		D+	A	82.5	Less than 20 start QB's bust 80% of the time. QB Simpson at #13? Good long term pick but needed OT & WR as Super Bowl window is closing.
18		B+	C-	80.8	Highly productive, chaos maker Bain of Miami drops here due to short arms concern. Of of the top value picks in the first round of the draft.
18		B+	C-	80.8	We thought they would go DT Woods; they nail it with dropping high production Edge Mesidor to replace departed F/A DE Oweh. Good pick here.
18		C-	B+	80.8	Filled a need given F/A losses at DT but recent injury prone Banks was not even in the 1st round in 4 of our 5 Senior Analysts boards.
18		B+	C-	80.8	No first round picks here due to the Parsons trade. Made a decent recovery though with quality CB (Cisse) and DT (McClellan) at key weak positions.
22		B	D+	77.3	2nd best S in draft, Thieneman is just what doctor ordered to replace Byard/Brisker. Tremendous ball skills, vision and box tackling. Home run pick.
22		C+	C	77.3	No picks in 1st after trading #30 for WR Waddle which helps young QB Nix, but at \$30 mil per year. We would have drafted a young, cheap WR at #30.
22		B	D+	77.3	Traded 3rd & 5th to move from #9 to #6 for a player possible at #9. Fills need but at a cost we can't justify; DT Woods regressed & inconsistent at best.
25		B-	D+	75.5	OT need was obvious so they fill a need but we would have taken other higher ranked options at #17 instead of Clemson's Miller.
25		F	A-	75.5	Traded 3rd & 5th to move up 2 spots to #26 for a G graded as 2nd/3rd round talent & a player we doubt the 49ers would have taken at #27 anyway.
27		C+	D+	73.8	OT Proctor is inconsistant & a reach at #12; a massive "fire hydrant" frame but he loves the buffet; we love the value/need of CB Johnson at #27. An OK 13-pick haul.
27		C	C-	73.8	Decent recovery given no 1st round pick which was given up in a 2025 trade for CB Sauce Gardner.
29		B	F	72.0	RB Price is a great runner & punt returner who is not much of a receiver. Not great value at #32 but fills a hole created by departing stud Walker.
29		D+	C	72.0	Traded their 1st round pick to Rams in '25 for Tennessee Edge Pierce who is now sunk in 4 domestic violence charges, some which are felonies.
31		D+	D+	68.5	RB Love will find few holes behind Cards line and they have no QB. And they will have to pay him \$13 million per year. This is not a good pick.
32		F	D+	63.3	No 1st round picks due to '25 trade (Browns) for star 2-way CB/WR Hunter which we hated. Hunter is now just a WR. The trade looks even worse now.

* Overall numeric grade: A+,100; A,96.5; A-,93; B+,89.5; B,86; B-,82.5; C+,79; C,75.5; C-,72; D+,68.5; D,65; D-,61.5; F,58