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THE MODERATOR: Thank you for joining us today on today's conference call with NFL Network analyst Daniel Jeremiah to preview the upcoming 2019 NFL scouting combine. Before I turn it over to Daniel for opening remarks and questions, a few NFL programming notes for the combine.

NFL Network provides live coverage of the 2019 NFL scouting combine on-field drills Friday, March 1, through Monday, March 4, starting Friday, Sunday and Monday at 9:00 a.m. eastern and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. eastern. Daniel is joined by Rich Eisen in the booth providing live coverage each day, along with NFL Network analyst Charles Davis, Kurt Warner, Michael Irvin, Deion Sanders, Steve Smith Sr., Willie McGinest, and more. Joining NFL Network's combine coverage this year are former all-pro offensive tackle Joe Thomas on Friday, March 1st, and recently retired Pro Bowl tackle for the Buffalo Bills, Kyle Williams, on Sunday, March 3rd.

One-hour Combine Today shows stream on NFL.com Friday, March 1st, through Monday, March 4th, recapping each day's action with Bucky Brooks, Maurice Jones-Drew, Lance Zierlein, Matt "Money" Smith, Colleen Wolfe and Cynthia Frelund. Combine Today streams at 4:00 p.m. eastern on Friday and Sunday, at 5:00 p.m. eastern on Saturday, and at 2:00 p.m. eastern on Monday.

Path to the Draft returns on NFL Network Wednesday, February 27th, and Thursday, February 28th, with two four-hour shows starting at 1:00 p.m. eastern with Bucky Brooks, Rhett Lewis, Andrew Siciliano, Ian Rapoport and more.

Finally, for the 15th year, the combine will conclude with Rich Eisen running the 40-yard dash in his trademark suit and tie. For more information on Run Rich Run and to submit your own videos of running the 40, visit NFL.com/runrichrun.

I'll now turn it over to Daniel for any opening remarks before we take questions. Daniel?

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Thanks, Andrew. Thank you, guys, for jumping on this call. I look forward to these conversations, talking about these players. It's my favorite time of the year. As we go to the combine, get



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a chance to see the entire draft class together, assembled in one place, it's always a lot of fun. It was great going on the team side of things and having a blast here on the media side of things.

When I look at this draft kind of big picture and then we'll get rolling on these questions, to me it's all about big guys. Premier talent and depth at the defensive line position, inside, outside, it's outstanding, and it carries deep into the draft.

Offensive line-wise, while there's not a premier guy, somebody that's a Top 5 lock that we've seen in some previous years, I think it's a really, really good group, especially once you get to the middle of the first round probably all the way to the middle of the 3rd and around the 4th round range, really good offensive line. And then tight end wise, one of the better tight end drafts we've had in a while with premier top-end guys as well as a lot of depth all the way through.

The linebacker position would probably be the thinnest. Inside linebacker position when you're looking at where it's a little bit light. I don't know that there's quite the same talent or depth at that position, so that would kind of give you a look at the class there.

And quarterback-wise, two of the more intriguing guys when you look at Kyler Murray and Dwayne Haskins, and then three other guys that I think are jostling for position, when you talk about Drew Lock from Missouri, Daniel Jones from Duke, and Finley from NC State. Be fun to watch all those guys compete in Indianapolis, and with that, we can get rolling and I'll take some questions.

If Bryce Harper signs with the Padres, please be sure to update me.

**Q. Question about one of those big guys. Perception of Ed Oliver's stock might be slightly down from the start of the college football season. How much would a strong combine performance maybe cause another recalibration of his value, and if that's there at No. 8, would he make less sense for the Lions compared to maybe say Rashan Gary, given Detroit's emphasis on playing that gap control front?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, thanks for the question.

Starting with Ed Oliver, look, he is so dynamic and so explosive, and it's frustrating to watch him because they play him a lot head up over the center, and you talk to some D-line coaches, when you have an athlete like that, they say, why would you line him up blocked. Let him get in a gap and let him get upfield where he can use that quickness and really be disruptive.

I think he'll benefit kind of from a move to that 3 technique full-time, park him in there and let him go. Some people, some teams believe they could put him outside and stand him up and see kind of could this be a Melvin Ingram type player for the Chargers on the edge.

He's got some versatility to more around there. In terms of the Lions, how they would use him, I think that's becoming less and less of a thing. I think there's so much of a premium in the quick passing game in the league right now that even some of these traditional two-gap teams, hold-the-point teams, you've got to find somebody that can get some penetration inside because they're finding ways to somewhat neutralize what you're doing off the edge. The ball is just out, you can't get home. So even some of those traditional teams I think are trying to make it work with somebody that's maybe a little bit undersized.

Rashan Gary is obviously much bigger guy, but I view Gary as kind of an end. I don't really want Gary in there two-gapping, either, I'd want to split him out wide and let him rush.

I don't know that either one of them is a perfect scheme fit there, but I think you're just trying to find somebody that can be disruptive and kind of craft that role around their skills.

**Q. I wanted to ask you about a couple of Alabama players real quick. First off, I noticed you had Josh Jacobs No. 1 running back, that seems to be consensus, but you had him as a Top 5 pick. What makes him that high of a value pick? And then Mack Wilson, you had him late in the first round. What's he have to do at the combine, whether in meetings or in drills, that solidifies him as a first-round pick?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, I think you're referencing like a mock draft from a while ago. I just updated my top 50, which is kind of what I think of the players. It's hard to defend the mock draft because we're all just throwing darts at a board, guessing what's going to happen. But in terms of Josh Jacobs, I think I have him as my sixth overall player. I'm a huge fan of him, and one of the knocks on him, he doesn't get a lot of touches at Alabama or as many as you would like because it's so crowded there, but I think if you gave

the league a do-over on Alvin Kamara, whose touches are almost identical to Josh Jacobs, we'd see Alvin Kamara go in the top 10, top 15 if you were to re-draft that year.

So if that's the only concern you have about him, I don't have any concern about the fact that he's got vision, he runs with power, he can make you miss, he can catch the ball out of the, he can block. There's really nothing he can't do. So the knock on him is that he doesn't have touches. I can spin that and say that's a good thing; there's still plenty of tread on his tires. So that's why I have him where I have him.

And then Mack Wilson, Mack Wilson dropped a little bit on my list. I thought his play kind of trailed off down the year at the end of the year. He's somebody that has all the athletic ability in the world. He's just -- we'll see at the combine. Can he have a great workout, kind of try and recapture a little bit of the momentum I think he might have lost there at the end of the year.

**Q. Where do you have Montez Sweat going from Mississippi State? He's an original Georgia kid from Atlanta, and then where do you see the Falcons at 14 in your latest mock?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, starting with Montez, Montez is -- man, that's how you want to draw up a defensive end, and that's what you want him to look like. He is tall and long and explosive. I got a chance to see him up close there at the Senior Bowl. Unique ability to be able to bend and wrap at the top of his rush once he gets to the very top to be able to flatten to the quarterback. You can watch the Auburn game, he just completely takes it over in terms of just abusing that tackle. He's got big-time get-off and burst.

Now, I wish he would get a little bit stronger in the run game. He can get too high at times and can get pushed around, but I think in terms of which specific team, I think he's going to be a top-20 pick. He's going to be in the mix for all those teams that are looking for edge rushers. How early does that start? Probably -- I would say probably around 8 with Detroit is where that conversation could begin. I could see Green Bay at 12 being a fit. Carolina at 16 would make some sense. Those are a couple spots where I could see him really fitting in.

And who was the other player that you're asking about?

**Q. The Falcons at 14.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, the Falcons could go in a lot of different directions. To me, you look in the secondary could be a place they could go. I think there's some real interesting corners who I don't really have a top-10-pick-type corner, but that's about the

range you could start to see some corners come off the board, and they might not have to go far for a guy like Deandre Baker, who I think can play inside, outside, has got outstanding ball skills and awareness. He would make some sense.

**Q. Just a general philosophical question for you on team building. What are your beliefs about potentially using a draft pick on a kicker?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: (Laughs) I would say I'm against it, quite simply. You know, early on, I should say. When you get into day three, I think at that point in time you can go for it.

Last year was unique in terms of the punter situation with Dixon, who was a unique guy. I would feel more comfortable in believing in a punter a little bit earlier. A placekicker is just -- I don't know, man; to me I've seen it crash and burn, and I wouldn't want to use a high resource on a placekicker. I'd rather draft one in the sixth or seventh round, bring in a free agent, and I've seen it more times than not, the odds are no different on that late-round pick versus that free agent of who's going to end up winning that competition.

I think what happened in Tampa probably spooked a lot of people around the league.

**Q. I wanted to ask you about Shareef Miller, the defensive end from Penn State. What are your thoughts on him, and what is going to be the most important aspect of this combine for him?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, I mean, to me it's just about athleticism, his ability to change direction, how explosive and athletic is he. I thought the effort and chase is outstanding. He's great just stacking tight ends. He can push the pocket. I see some power. I want to see just how athletic he is in some of the change-of-direction things. That will be the area where I think he could help himself a little bit. Right now I have him more kind of in that four-, five-round range. It'll be big for him just from an athletic standpoint to see what he looks like.

**Q. In terms of the Browns at No. 17, obviously they could go many ways, so I kind of want to narrow it down and give you a scenario, Greg Robinson stepping in for the last half of the season and playing pretty well. What do you think they should do at left tackle? He's going to be an unrestricted free agent. Would it be wise for them in your opinion to bring him back, or do you think they need to make a move in the first round at left tackle?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Well, trust me, nobody is happier to see him playing well than me, and I'm sure a lot of other folks who had high draft grades on him, so

hopefully that's a nice kick-save to kind of get things going because we know the ability has always been there, it's just getting the performance to match the ability. That's definitely an option for them. We'll see what the free agency holds there for him.

In terms of what could be there or what they could do, you can look at it defensively and look at some of the numbers and look at some of the holes and say, okay, they've got to go on the defensive side of the ball. But man, if -- to me if Dillard is there, who I think is the premier pass protecting left tackle, that would be hard to pass up at that point in time. So that would be one I would definitely have an eye on.

And the big kid from Florida, too, is very, very talented, who could make some sense, although you probably feel a little bit more comfortable with him on the right side there.

That will be a big decision for them to make, do they go where they have some holes on that defensive side, or do they go ahead and look at that tackle. Jawaan Taylor was the one from Florida I was talking about.

**Q. No update on Bryce Harper quite yet. In terms of a pass catching running back or somebody who's got a little bit of versatility there, who do you see in the third round or later, somebody perhaps the Bears would focus in on?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, it's interesting, I was just going through this the other day and kind of looking at guys' pass production for these running backs. Yeah, as you can imagine, there's not a lot there. So these guys don't catch a ton of balls.

There's the kid from Washington State has a ton of production, James Williams. I think he had 83 catches. But he's a little bit later on down the list for me. I've seen enough in Miles Sanders that it wouldn't shock me -- maybe if he works out great he could climb his way all the way into the second round, but because there's so many names at running back, he's somebody I could see in that third-round range would be a nice sweet spot for him.

Bryce Love is somebody that didn't catch a ton of balls, but I think there's going to be a little bit of a discount on him because of the injury, and I think he does have some of the traits you could look for that could develop into that type of a role.

**Q. You have Kyler Murray ahead of Dwayne Haskins. I'm curious what separates the two in your opinion, and what you think the Giants might be thinking at No. 6.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, it's polar opposites with

these quarterbacks with those top two guys for me. I started out with Haskins ahead of Kyler Murray. Prototypical size for Haskins, pure pocket passer, can make every throw. Really turned it on late in the year, which was good to see. The concern a little bit there was just the immobility, being able to kind of get himself out of trouble if he gets under some heat, being able to move off of his spot and be consistent and be accurate. That was my concern with him.

Kyler Murray, my hang-ups were really two. One was his commitment, his focus on football, was that going to be there. I think it's impossible for a quarterback to juggle two sports. Even just leaving the possibility open-ended, I don't know how a team could have taken him in the first round if he didn't completely eliminate baseball from the conversation, and that's what it sounds like he's done. So that took care of the first concern for me.

And the second concern was the bulk. I didn't know how much this guy weighs -- you hear all these different numbers thrown around during the fall. Some folks told me he was going to be 185, 183 pounds, and that to me was a major concern. Just durability wise, I don't know if you can hold up at that size. That's a major issue for me. And then the information I've been given, I think Peter King even wrote about it today, was that he was up to 206 pounds. So I don't know what he played at in the fall. If he played at 195, 198, 200, I have no idea, but if he shows up and he's over 200 pounds and carries that well, that helps with some of the durability.

Kyler can make every single throw. He can drive the ball. Those hole shots against cover-two on the sideline between the corner and the safety, that's a big-boy throw. He makes those effortlessly. So he's got plenty of arm strength. I've seen him work through progressions. You see it more with Dwayne, but I've seen Kyler Murray show that he can do that.

And then the X-factor is just when he takes off, it's electric. So that to me was kind of the tiebreaker. I think Kyler Murray can do a lot of the things that Dwayne Haskins can do throwing the football, but then Kyler has that extra element with what he can do athletically.

**Q. Alabama has had a lot of success bringing back some players who might have been on the fringe of being able to come out in recent years. Do you think there's any players from Alabama that would have been better served by going back to school for one more year this cycle?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, that's a good question. They have so many guys to kind of go through. I would

say the one that -- I don't think Deionte Thompson finished up the season the way you'd want to finish it up. That Clemson game, there was -- put a lot of doubt in some people's minds, can he really run. That was a concern there.

I thought he kind of had some big games early on in the season where you got really excited about him. I want to say Ole Miss was one of those. But I thought he would have been one, go back, maybe get a little bit stronger, and then you go from being in that -- I have him kind of in the mid to late second-round range. He goes back to school and gets a little bit stronger and a little bit more consistent as a tackler as well as just making some more plays down the stretch, I think you're talking about somebody that's a first-round lock next year. So that would be one that I thought maybe could have benefitted from going back.

**Q. I saw you had Devin White as a possible fit for the Broncos in your first mock. How do you envision him potentially fitting into a Vic Fangio defense, and could he be that kind of impact player that Roquan Smith was for Fangio in year one last year?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, I think that's kind of the format, that's the blueprint for how you would use him. I'll tell you what, one of the things this year, getting the chance to do the Charger games for the radio throughout the season and getting to see a bunch of different teams around the league, when you have linebackers that can't cover, A, it's a liability, and you will get picked on repeatedly. It is tough to hide out there when you have a linebacker who can't cover. So to me you start right there.

He's going to be able to run and cover and help match up against some of the better tight ends and even some of these backs how they're using the passing game. That's a huge asset. And then Vic has a way, he can cut him loose as a blitz, too, and he's outstanding, not only kind of blitzing inside but coming off the edge. He's got a good feel, he's got real strong hands.

So I think he could be -- he'd be a big-time difference maker there for the Broncos.

**Q. Asking you about the four Canadians who took part in the All-Star games in January to see if they have any draft chance: Maurice Simba, the tackle from Concordia; Mathieu Betts, the defensive end from Laval; the defensive end from University of Calgary, Joel Van Pelt; and then Alexander Savard, a receiver from Laval.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, the only one of those that I've done work on so far is Betts, and he's got some

intriguing upside as a pass rusher, getting a chance there to see him down there at the East-West and doing a little bit of work, getting my hands on whatever tape I could get. He's got real natural feel as a rusher. He's able to kind of use some leverage and get underneath tackles, and he's got a nice little second move once he gets stoned.

He's somebody that's intriguing. I think he's on the radar of NFL teams as a potential draftable guy late. If not, then a priority free agent. But that's the one of the bunch that I've done. I will eventually get to the rest of them, I promise you.

**Q. You said earlier that this is a very deep defensive line class. Which players fit best for the Raiders? And knowing Mike Mayock personally, which kind of talent stands out to him the most?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Great question. There are so many defensive linemen, I think, that would fit and make sense for them, and we've talked about kind of the top-end guys at the beginning of the first round. The Raiders have those picks. And the bottom of the first round. So if they don't take one early, I still think there are some real intriguing players for them to keep an eye on there late in the 20s.

One name I'll throw out to you is L.J. Collier from TCU, who I think you're going to continue to see get more notoriety and attention as we go through the process.

In terms of what Mike would be looking for, I know how much he values kind of strength, toughness, power, effort. Those are the things that Mike has always talked about for a long time as long as I've known him, and you see L.J. Collier, he's got a nasty little shake bowl move, he's got quick hands, he can convert speed to power. He can play a little bit inside, he can play outside. He's got some versatility that way. So he would be one I think kind of in the bottom of one.

Jaylon Ferguson is another one with real heavy hands, who's kind of to me a little bit of a poor man's Chandler Jones. He's got unbelievable production when you look at it. I think he led the nation in sacks. He's another one I think you can kind of keep an eye on there at the end there in the end of the first round where they've got some options. So they can go a lot of different ways.

Early on with that first pick, if somehow, some way, we've seen it happen before, I remember having Leonard Williams as a top player in that year's draft and he fell to 6. Who knows, maybe Mike hits the lottery and Nick Bosa falls right in their lap. We'll have to wait and see.

**Q. Just curious, the Seahawks at 21, you talked**

**about defensive line obviously, that seems like an area of need for them, but curious if that would be a good spot for them and if you see anybody else that would fit.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, I mean, look, there are always going to be -- Pete Carroll is always going to be looking for long and real, real athletic explosive edge guys. Montez Sweat, if somehow he were to fall down to that range would make some sense. Brian Burns from Florida State, who has got probably one of the top two or three get-offs, just his burst off the line, he can really bend at the top of his rush. I just wanted to see him a little bit stronger, be able to convert that speed into power a little bit more. But I think that's about the range of the draft where you'll start to see him getting mentioned in that conversation.

Jachai Polite doesn't really fit from a tall, long perspective, but if you look at Seattle with Bruce Irvin's success early on there, I think Jachai Polite really could fill that role, is just a real, real dynamic, explosive kid off the edge.

**Q. Where the Carolina Panthers are concerned, it does seem they're going to be in a pretty solid spot to grab a good pass rusher at 16. As we know that they're getting more multiple than ever up front, what guys specifically would be the best fit for them as they go in that direction?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: That's a great question. In terms of being multiple and being able to do a lot of different things coming off the edge, you know what, I don't know where the limits are when you look at Montez Sweat, just in terms of athletically and all the different things he can do. To me, he would make a lot of sense there.

Cleland Ferrell is not quite as versatile, but he's somebody that -- he's such a skilled rusher that I think he would be a good fit for what they're looking for there, and that's kind of the sweet spot. That's right around the range for him. With Sweat you get a little better athlete, with Ferrell you're going to get a little more power, a little more strength and a little bit better against the run.

**Q. I know you talked about Jacobs earlier, but how does this running back class stack up to the last two years? And for the Eagles, who would be the best two or three fits given the way they look at the running back position?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, I mean, look, to me there's not a Saquon Barkley, who was just so rare, not a Leonard Fournette in terms of some of those guys that have been picked way high. I love Jacobs. To me he's the one guy I would feel great about turning in the card in the first round. After that, though, there's a lot of

depth once you get in that second-, third-round range, and when you look for some fits for Philadelphia, they've always placed a premium on being able to create explosive plays.

To me, I look at a guy -- you look at Darrell Henderson from Memphis, who's just got tremendous top speed and juice. He's somebody that can score from anywhere on the field. He's a little bit tight, but he'd be an interesting one.

Devin Singletary to me is -- I have him as the second-best back, and actually for comparison, I wrote down he's got a little Shady McCoy to him. So he can make you miss. He does a great job in tight quarters. He could be in a hallway and you can't get a finger on him. Just real loose, nice little nifty jump cut that he uses. I don't know that he really has that big time, big time top speed, but we saw some of those same comments made about LeSean when he was coming into the draft, and we know how that worked out, so those are two of the guys I think would be pretty intriguing for the Eagles.

**Q. You hit on just about every first-round pass rusher, but one more Ferrell question for you. What's his ceiling as a sack guy? Can he be a double-digit sack guy in the NFL, or is he a little more limited than some of the other top edge rushers?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Well, one of the things that I love about Ferrell is he never stops, and that to me is the most underrated trait in a pass rusher is persistence, when you see guys -- you can talk about speed and power and hands and their ability to bend, all that stuff, but there's also -- every year when you watch a sack tape of the top pass rushers, they collect four or five that are just pure effort and just never stopping, and I think you're going to get some of those from Ferrell. I think he can be a -- if you want to put a number on it, I don't think he's going to be a 14-, 15-, 16-sack guy, but I think he can be a really, really good 10- to 12-sack guy who's going to also hold up in the run and not going to have to come off the field, and to me that's pretty valuable.

**Q. I know your top 50 is loaded with defensive linemen and offensive linemen. Would it be a reach on very many of these skill players if some teams are saying, this is who we need? Are there not that many available this year? And specifically, I also wanted to ask about how Will Grier could fit into that.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: I'll work backwards. I don't think Will Grier will get into the first round. I think for me, I see him kind of more in that middle-round range. He does not have kind of a "wow" trait. He's a good all-

around player, but there's just nothing that's going to wow you in terms of an arm strength standpoint, ability to really kind of create, which we've seen become a little bit more important at that position recently.

And then really kind of nit-picky, but to me, he took a lot of sacks when you watch him. I just want to see him be a little bit more decisive and get the ball out of his hand. He is very accurate, has good touch at all three levels, but I want to see him just get the ball out, not take so many sacks, and he just doesn't have that "wow" trait in my opinion to put him in that discussion.

When you look at skill players, I think that wide receiver-wise, you have two that I believe will go in the first round. Even with the foot injury I think Marquise Brown will still go in the first round. D.K. Metcalf is going to go in the first round. After that it's become kind of a flavor thing.

We talk about receivers being like a basketball team, what kind of -- if you have big guys, okay, maybe you're looking for a little more explosive player, smaller player, and if you have small guys you want a bigger guy and you need a slot guy. It's whoever you're looking for. There's all kinds of flavors, and I think you'll see a bunch of those skill players roll off the board second, third, fourth round. There will be a boat-load of them.

**Q. What are your thoughts on Ashton Dulin, the wide receiver from Division II Malone that just dropped its program? And which of the 10 Ohio State players do you believe have the most to prove this week in Indianapolis? Are there one or two that cross your eye behind Bosa and Haskins?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, starting with Ohio State, to me, I'm anxious -- the guy I'm anxious to see more than anybody else, you just go to the wide receiver position, McLaurin is fun to watch, but Parris Campbell, to me, A, what's he going to run because I've heard nothing but explosive he is, and you can see it when you watch the tape. But doesn't run a variety of routes and his hands are a little bit inconsistent, so I want to see him catch the ball. That's one thing I'll be looking for from him. But man, he's going to put on a show once he gets on the 40 line.

And then were you asking about Ashton Dulin from Malone?

**Q. Yes.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, to me, he's a late-round guy. But he's fun to watch, a lot of fly sweeps. You see him as a punt returner, he is not real sudden, but he breaks tackles, he's tough. He had some kind of "wow" diving catches when you study him. I kind of put him in that range of like a practice squad grade is the best

way I can equate it, and some guys will value that sixth, seventh round, others might view it as a free agent, but I think he's somebody that definitely has some redeeming qualities you can work with.

**Q. A couple of Iowa State guys I was wondering about, Hakeem Butler and David Montgomery. Hakeem Butler seems to be all over the map, maybe slipping into the first round. Is there anything he can do during the combine to I guess move himself really into that first-round conversation? And then what are you kind of looking for from David Montgomery?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, sure, I'll start with Butler. I mean, he's got rare size and length, and he has some circus catches, as you know when you study him. His catch rate is just ridiculous. He's outstanding down in the red zone.

The concerns, he's a little bit kind of a long strider, a little bit plodding as a runner. When you get to the top of your route, can he get in and out. It's tough -- there's a reason why we don't see that many 6'6" wide receivers in the NFL. It's tough to get in and out of your break at that size. That's going to be something he can display at the combine. Can he drop his weight and can he get in and out of the break smoothly. That's going to be kind of his question mark, and we'll see what his top-end speed is. He's one of those guys, it's tricky because he really gains ground with that long stride. He might end up being faster than a lot of people expect.

I don't have him in that first-round range, but I think he's somebody that -- again, he answers some of those questions at the combine with his ability to get in and out, he can move up a little bit. And then Montgomery, he is just fun to watch. He's one of my favorite players in this draft. I go back through my list, and I've got -- gosh, I think 365 players done, and I try and go through and highlight four or five guys at every position that I just kind of like, these are my kind of guys, and if you're running a team, I'd want somebody like this, the way they play the game with the passion, the toughness. There's just something about them, I'd want them on my team, and David Montgomery is one of those guys for me. He's my third running back, vision, patience, stop-start quickness. He's got a lot of natural instincts as a runner, and as a pass protector, he'll miss some cut blocks. That's an area he can continue to improve and get better, but to me, if he's fully healthy and gets the -- passes everything he needs to pass from that standpoint, I think he's a no-brainer as a second-round pick, and I think he'll be a day-one starter.

**Q. University of Miami has six players invited to the combine, defensive tackle Willis, defensive end Joe**

**Jackson, cornerback Michael Jackson, safeties Jaquan Johnson and Sheldrick Redwine and running back Travis Homer. Who do you think will be drafted and about when? And are you looking forward to seeing any of them, and just an assessment?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, sure. I'll kind of go through a couple of them I'll highlight here. When you look at the pass rusher, to me he's just a big, strong power rusher. I'm looking at where I have him here. I have him kind of in that third-round range, Joe Jackson. He's got tremendous power. He's got a little nifty little dip move coming off the edge, flashes some speed. I wrote down he's a bully, and I mean that in the nicest way possible. But he's got to win early. He doesn't really have a second move once he gets engaged. It's going to be all power from that standpoint, so just kind of developing a countermove will be big for him, but I kind of view him in that third-round range.

The two safeties, I've had so many conversations with teams, and this is a question that comes up all the time. Who would you rather have, would you rather have Jaquan Johnson or Redwine, both Miami safeties and a little different skill sets with them. So I was excited to watch them, and I ended up watching them, I gave them the exact same grade, so I now realize why teams are asking how would you sort those guys out.

But Johnson is fun to watch, playing in the middle of the field, he's got tremendous burst. There's no hesitation, no fear. For a guy that's 186 pounds, he'll throw his weight, throw his body into people. Seemed to me when you watch him on tape, you can see him really directing traffic. He seems like kind of the leader back there getting everybody where they need to be.

And then Redwine, a little more prototypical in terms of a little bit bigger, a little bit stronger. He's a real physical, sure tackler, excellent blitz. You see him in the middle of the field some as well as over the slot.

I wanted to see those guys in person to see how they would kind of separate themselves watching them move around. But as of right now, they're riding together, and then below them, I would have the corner in Mike Jackson. He's a physical kid, but there are some issues there where I thought, especially against the run he got stuck on some blocks. He's a solid player. I kind of had him more in that fifth-, sixth-round range.

**Q. I know we're not supposed to do follow-ups, but you didn't say anything about Johnson and the safeties. Did you have the round about?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Oh, about the round? Yeah, to

me, I have them, they're like third, fourth round is where I have their grade.

**Q. You mentioned the tight ends earlier, how you liked that class. I was just curious, if the Lions at No. 8, I know they've been linked to T.J. Hockenson a little bit, but if they go defense or another position at No. 8 and look to bolster the tight end position maybe in day two, is there some guys right there that can be impact players and maybe who fit that description?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, I can find you tight ends in every round in this draft. It's a really, really good group. I'll give you a couple guys. Kahale Warring from San Diego State, who is going to be 6'5" plus, 250 pounds, he's got really, really soft hands. He can really roll. Excellent change of direction and athlete. He's a work in progress. He's not played a lot of football. I want to say he was water polo in high school. But he's somebody that -- the best is ahead of him and he's limitless in terms of athleticism. I actually saw him in the gym over the summer before I knew anything about him. I'd go down to a place in San Diego for my son at Fitness Quest 10 with Todd Durkin, which is -- he's trained Drew Brees, L.P., training -- Sproles is in there, we saw a bunch of NFL players work out there is what I'm getting at. And I go in there over the summer and I see this dude, and I go, Todd, who the heck is that, and I thought it was an NFL player, and it was Kahale Warring, tight end from San Diego State. He's going to pass the eye test. He's probably going to go off the board in the second or third round. That's one that's interesting.

Then Kaden Smith from Stanford, who has probably more contested catches than anybody in this draft. I mean, he's -- you're not going to run away from a ton of people, but he works in the seams and he catches balls and absorbs contact as well as anybody you're going to see. So he's somebody that can play in line, you can flex him out. He's going to be another one that's going to be to me in that two, three range.

**Q. I saw where you were saying that the Ravens might be a candidate to trade back at No. 22. Just wanted to know, I guess, more about why you feel that way, and if they stay at 22, who are some guys you see might be fitting for them at that spot?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure. I mean, just having been in that organization and knowing that group, I know Eric is a very bright guy, and he knows about value and where you can find value in the draft. To me in my opinion, there's a lot of value to be had in that second-round range, and so for them currently not to have a second-round pick after the Lamar Jackson trade, it makes sense to me to see them kind of slide back and collect picks. I mean, they historically have done a very good

job in those middle rounds, so if you could pick up a second-round pick and maybe even another three or a four, they've drafted a lot of good football players in that range. So that would be something that would make sense to me.

In terms of if they stuck at 22, some guys that would make sense, we'll see what happens in free agency, but Bush, the linebacker from Michigan, Devin Bush, he's somebody that when I watched him, I said, okay, this is a Baltimore Ravens type player, maybe not the prototypical height, but he's got some serious thump. He's an excellent blitzer. He can run, cover and blitz. He would make a lot of sense there. If something were to happen with CJ Mosley in free agency, I would think that one would make a lot of sense there.

And then wide receiver-wise, we'll see what happens with D.K. Metcalf and where he ends up going, but that's a big, physical, strong receiver that -- Lamar, as he continues to develop, he's going to hopefully -- the hope there is you're going to see him become a little bit more accurate. In the meantime, I think finding somebody that not only can run but somebody with a huge catch radius like D.K. Metcalf would make a lot of sense there.

**Q. I was wondering if you had any general thoughts on the Pac-12 group of prospects at the combine and anybody in particular you're looking to see how they perform?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, I mean, I continue to be impressed with Chris Petersen and the Washington program. When you look at the job that he's done of identifying players and developing players and pushing them out, it seems like every year they continue to do it. You look at the secondary, all the guys they've had picked over the last several years, they've got another one coming up in Byron Murphy who's got a chance to be a first-round pick. He's very, very instinctive, great ball skills, he's tough. I don't think he's going to run as fast as some of the other corners they've had in recent years, and that maybe will drop him into the second round, but that's somebody that I'm a big fan of.

Taylor Rapp, the safety from Washington, again, I keep using the same words, but instinctive. They do a great job there of identifying really natural, instinctive football players, and Taylor Rapp is somebody who doesn't miss tackles. He can play a variety of positions. You can play him as a nickelback or he could play a little bit over the slot if you wanted him to. He could be a high safety, could be a force player. He's just a really, really good player.

And then Kaleb McGary is another one, the big tackle there at Washington, who's played on the right side. If you sort through the medical stuff there -- he's had a

heart issue, but he's almost 6'7", 320 pounds. He's quick, he's strong, he's tough. There is a lot to work with with him. To me when I watch him, he reminds me a little bit of Whitworth watching him at LSU where you kind of envision and you maybe could see where that was going with him. To me, McGary is somebody that has that type of upside and ability.

In terms of the conference as a whole, just been really, really impressed with that group and what they've done up there at that school.

**Q. I just wondered what you thought of the two lowa tight ends, maybe some of their differences, and what is it about lowa that just keeps producing top NFL talent at that position?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, it's impressive. When you look at offensive linemen over the last several years, it's been said, but to me, you look at guys come out of the Big Ten, and then I would include Notre Dame as maybe the unofficial extra team there, but you knew what you were buying. There's a pretty good hit rate there with offensive linemen there, and now you look at the tight end position at Iowa, that collection is starting to get pretty big. Stanford has had a good group of guys, as well, over the years.

But Iowa, you know you're going to be getting somebody that's been coached hard, that's tough, that can play in line. They're not just flexed out all the time, so they have the ability to put their hand on the ground, and they've had quite a track record.

I love Hockenson. I think he's the safest player in the draft. And part of the benefit for him in terms of what I gave him and where I ranked him, I did him the day after watching Rob Gronkowski live in person in the playoff game against the Chargers, and I saw Gronk completely dominate a football game without really having to catch the ball. He was just so dominant in the run game. And then I flip on this kid, and he's not as tall as Gronk, and I don't compare anybody to Gronk, he's on a whole different level in terms of what he can do, but I saw this kid with that same temperament and nastiness in the run game and controlling the run game, and then on top of that, he does nothing but get open and catch everything they throw to him.

He's going to be a very valuable player with a very high floor as well as a high ceiling for me.

And then Fant is more athletic version. He's more explosive. He's functional in the run game. He's okay. You can get by with him there no problem. He's not deficient, but he's not the killer that Hockenson is. That would be the difference there.

And I think Hockenson has a little bit more natural hands. With Fant, he's got a little bit of a habit, he's jumping for balls that are on his body. Sometimes that shows you a guy doesn't have total confidence there in his hands.

That would be a little bit of a difference there, but I think these guys would be first-round picks, day-one starters and big-time impact guys.

**Q. Tennessee doesn't have anybody at the combine. I'm just wondering if you've seen anybody from Tennessee having a real shot at being drafted and then your thoughts on Preston Williams and Jalen Hurd.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: First of all, I hadn't even put that together yet. Charles Davis is not going to want to see me because Appalachian State has somebody at the combine and Tennessee doesn't. Apologies in advance to Charles.

A couple of those guys, Preston Williams, who's not going to be there, either, because of some of the off-the-field issues that he's had, there's not a more talented wide receiver than him in the draft. I mean, he is tall, he is smooth, he's explosive. You see him as a kickoff returner, what he can do. He has got some -- he has got unique, unique talent and ability, you've just got to sort through the off-the-field stuff, and that's why I kind of push him down a little bit as I continue to try and learn more about him. But you see special one-handed catches. I mentioned the big-time juice as a returner. He's an easy mover at 6'4", 213 pounds. So he's somebody teams are going to do their homework on, and if they can feel good about him off the field, he could work his way into the second round. He's that type of ability that that's kind of in the mix.

And then Jalen Hurd to me, he's one of the more intriguing guys in the whole draft. He goes to Baylor, plays some receiver, and he has some drops, but you can still see he's very sudden, especially kind of getting in and out of the break. He's very, very explosive out of the break point. But when they put him back at running back and let him run, you're kind of like, whoa, okay, this is a guy that ran for over a thousand yards in the SEC, and you can kind of see that. To me, I wrote down in my notes, he's like a jumbo athlete, what you used to do in recruiting. I don't even know if they do that anymore. But I put him down, I said, he's a jumbo athlete. He can kind of be a little bit of a big slot receiver, you can use him on the fly sweeps and the jet sweeps, pitch to him, shovel, just get the ball in his hands because with the ball in his hands he's outstanding. He is great after the catch, and then you see those running back skills kind of take over.

There was a stat that I had looked up; last year there

were 421 wide receiver carries, the most in modern history, and those went for 6.4 yards per catch, so that's all coming on those fly sweeps. That's not even counting when you're in the gun and you see the speed shovel, which has been a real popular play. Having a guy like that, you could use him in that role as well as you could put him in the backfield. I think it's a pretty valuable skill set he possesses.

**Q. Just wondering with the Browns if they decide to go defense there, who do you like at No. 17? And would you consider trading up for one of the better defenders?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, I mean, there's so much depth and talent in this group. One name that I would keep an eye on is Simmons. Jeffery Simmons to me is one of the -- if healthy, now, he's coming off the of the ACL, just happened. He's a top-5 player in this draft, no doubt. To me, he's one of the three best players in the whole draft. So if you look at John Dorsey and kind of going on upside and trying to go for it, be aggressive, that's kind of his mantra as of late, Jeffery Simmons would be a home run pick.

Now, there's the high school video of the issue that he had, and that's out there. Everything I've been told by people that have gone to the school there at Mississippi State, he's been a model citizen. There have been absolutely no issues there. He's been on the honor roll. You won't find anybody to say anything bad about him, but they have to kind of navigate through that. But as a talent, where they're picking, if for some reason at 17 Jeffery Simmons was there, even though you have to potentially redshirt him for the year, that might be too tempting to pass up in that situation. So that would be one I would keep an eye on. He's somebody that would be -- man, he would be a dynamic player next to Ogunjobi in there.

**Q. Back to the quarterbacks for a second, hypothetically if Haskins and Murray were in the same draft last year with those five guys, where do they shape up compared to the Rosens, Darnolds, Allens, Mayfields? Where would you have these two guys with those two guys in the same draft, and is it possible, could you really see a world where the Giants don't pick a quarterback two years in a row in the top six?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: I'll start with the first part of the question. In terms of grades, now this is the grade I had on them coming out, not what they've done. I have Darnold with the highest grade. Then it was Rosen, then it was Mayfield, and then I gave the same grade to Josh Allen as my fourth quarterback last year as I gave to Kyler Murray this year. So they would be tied for my fourth, and then I would have Haskins would be behind them and then Lamar Jackson would be behind him.

So that would be the order I have stacking those guys in with last year's class based purely off the grade.

It would be -- man, for the Giants, if they don't take a quarterback again all the way up here, you know, it would be interesting. We saw it, though, with Cleveland, trying to build up the team, and then eventually get that quarterback later on. The difference is that Cleveland didn't have a capable guy on campus already in Eli Manning, so I think it's a little different from that standpoint.

It would be something they would have to answer a lot of questions about, I'll put it to you that way, if they were to escape the top 10 without a quarterback in back-to-back years. My thing is the -- the question isn't do you take one, it's if you have one that you like, you might even have to just move up a little bit just to guarantee you get the guy that you like. That'll be a tough decision for them to make, but it would be very tough on that organization to have had two cracks at it and not come away with a quarterback.

**Q. There's a few Wisconsin guys that have played through injuries for most of last year, David Edwards being the most notable one, and then some late-round guys like Ryan Connelly and Andrew Van Ginkel. I was wondering how you go about -- how do you approach evaluating tape when you know the prospect isn't really playing at a hundred percent, and for those guys in particular, pre-draft and workouts like the combine and pro day, are they particularly important for those guys?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, I mean, you want to see it. You want to see are they back to health, and do you see the player you saw previously. It's a great reminder for me because I'm putting my head down just getting through 300 plus players, and after this process, it's helpful then to go back and say, hey, was this -- he's somebody like Edwards; I did not watch him previously, so that's like -- you even saying that right now, I'll highlight him, and I'll be able to circle back and watch more of him previously. Even not even health, sometimes it can just be performance, where there's a difference from one year to the next.

After the combine, to me, that's that time where you get a chance to see him at the combine, see how they move around, okay, they catch your eye, this looked different than what I saw in the fall. You start doing your homework and realize, okay, there's reasons for that, and you see if that same player can emerge when you go back and watch some older tape. So that's something that a lot of teams will be doing.

When I watched Edwards against Michigan, and Winovich just was all over him, and that was a tough

one for me to get over. It'll be good on guys like that to kind of revisit them and go back and watch some older tape.

**Q. You saw Lamar Jackson and the Ravens up close and personal late in the season. They've talked a ton about building their offense around Jackson. From what you've seen, what are the pieces that are essential for them to add offensively to sort of bring out the best in Jackson and maybe a few names in the draft that might fit that?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, to me, I would love to see them just continue to get faster and more explosive offensively. What he can do with his legs is exceptional, and what they can do with their offensive line and their run game if they got cranked up later in the season, what it does, it provides you opportunities for big home run plays down the field. Now, they were able to get one, I saw it in the Charger game at the end of the regular season, you get the big tight end screaming across the field and you get a long 60-yard touchdown. But to me getting more dynamic and explosive at the receiver position where you can pay off all this running with some home runs. Not only is it great to have the explosive plays, but when you've got a quarterback who's not going to be a 70 percent passer and is trying to sustain drives, you've got to convert four or five 3rd downs, it's going to be tough early on in his career. So being able to get some of those home runs, have some of those shorter play drives makes a lot of sense.

So when I try and find out some receivers that make sense, I mentioned D.K. Metcalf a little bit earlier, and then you get to a guy like Parris Campbell who can fly, Mecole Hardman to me from Georgia would be a great fit there. Not only can he give you the receiver stuff, he can help you in the return game. He not only has the speed element, he is really tough. So the production is not going to be there for a lot of these Georgia players because there's so many mouths to feed, but he is a real dynamic, explosive player. I think he'd be a great fit in Baltimore.

**Q. I know you already mentioned Josh Jacobs, Mack Wilson and Deionte Thompson, but who are some Alabama players with the best chance to improve their draft stock at the combine?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: That's a great question. You know, a guy that's going to be interesting is Miller, Christian Miller. We'll see what happens with him. How is he going to move around, how is he going to test. I know one thing, he is tall, he's long. You see him as a rusher. He's got great hands. He can finish. He's a little bit stiff in coverage. That's one of those things if you're a team looking at him as an outside

linebacker, you want to see how does he do going through those drills, can he change direction, can he show you a little more fluid. That could be something that he could prove that could really help himself in that department, so he's one I would definitely keep an eye on. You might start hearing his name buzz a little bit more after the combine because he's a pretty intriguing player.

**Q. After the Patriots bypassed on a quarterback up high in last year's draft, can you see them going at that position at No. 32 or perhaps moving up in the first round? And beyond quarterback of the future, which other positions do you think they need to prioritize with the six picks they have in rounds 1 through 3?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, predicting what the Patriots are going to do is impossible. I've been trying it on the media side for six years, and it's tough to do. So I don't know exactly what they'll be thinking in terms of trying to find that quarterback right now.

If they were going to be looking at some guys at 32, and I look at Daniel Jones to me if he were to fall down that far would make a lot of sense for them. He's somebody that's just -- he's very bright. He's going to be able to kind of swallow the information you're going to have to swallow in that offense in due time. He's got touch and accuracy, does not have a huge arm, but just a real smooth rhythm quarterback, which is something they value in a big way.

Outside the first round, if they wanted to go one in the rounds after that, to me Ryan Finley from NC State, who's almost a little bit of a poor man's Jared Goff, same build, kind of that skinny frame, but great anticipatory thrower, very accurate and tough. That would be another name that would kind of make some sense that would fit in with what they've done there at the position. So those would be a couple quarterbacks I would keep an eye on.

And then tight end, you've got to start thinking about tight ends. We'll see what Gronk decides to do, but a guy like -- if the two Iowa kids are gone, if Hockenson and Fant are gone, I have Irv Smith right in that range from Alabama who I think would be a great fit there, and he'd be able to kind of plug in. You can play him in line, you can move him, just a real smooth, clean route runner who's pretty nifty after the catch and has some toughness that I know they covet there. He'd be somebody that would make some sense.

**Q. Kyler Murray wasn't really tipping his hand Saturday about what he's actually going to do at the combine. What tests do you see him potentially passing on, and what's the biggest gain**

**he can make this week or what's maybe the biggest question mark that he can answer for people?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Well, I mean, the obvious answer is he's got to get heightened and weighted. That's going to be what people are waiting to see; how tall is he, how big is he. I saw some people speculating, oh, maybe he'll -- Lamar Jackson refused to run. Maybe he refuses to get measured. There's no chance. I've never seen that done. They won't let you do it at a pro day. Scouts won't let you work out if you don't get heightened and weighted at a pro day. It might be two days after the combine, but that's our responsibility to find out if there's any changes there.

I've never seen it in my eight years in scouting. I've never heard of it where a player has been at the combine and refused to get a height and weight. So I don't buy that.

What will he do on the field? We've seen several top quarterbacks not throw over the years. We've seen some of them do it. That to me selfishly as somebody who's going to be sitting there calling it, I sure as heck hope he throws because he's got a live arm and he'll be fun to watch. I do hope he does decide to do that.

But the other question is you go through -- some guys will go through the physical testing, run your 40, jump, do all that stuff, so then at your pro day you can focus on just throwing. He's got a lot of decisions to make with that stuff.

I would encourage him to run at some point in time. I thought last year Lamar Jackson -- we knew he was fast, and I think he wanted to put the emphasis on him as a thrower. I understand that. But I think if you've got something that's pretty special, which Lamar had with his speed and Kyler has with his speed, why not take the opportunity to show that off. So hopefully he'll decide to do that.

**Q. How would you evaluate three Penn State players: Trace McSorley, Connor McGovern and Amani Oruwariye?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, to me McSorley to me is just kind of somebody who's probably going to find his way in the middle to late rounds in this draft. Accuracy-wise was kind of the one area where you want to see him just be a little bit more consistent. He obviously doesn't have that prototypical size. But he's somebody that's ultra competitive. When it's the money downs, when it's the money time of the game, throughout his career he's found a way to get that done. I kind of envision for him a career like Colt McCoy has had where he's hung around the NFL for a long time. I could see McSorley kind of being in that boat and being a really, really good backup that can get you through a game or two if you need him two.

McGovern is a fun one for me. I mentioned earlier about kind of highlighting guys, some of my favorite guys. He's one that I highlighted. He can really uproot defensive linemen. He's a drive blocker. He's nasty. He's a finisher. He's got the ability to play any of those three interior spots. He's very, very football smart and savvy when they're running twists and games on him. He's somebody that I think is going to probably fall in that second-round range, at worst I would think maybe the third round. But I think he's a plug-and-play guy who's ready to go.

I need to do a little bit more work on the corner. The big question I had with what I have seen so far was could he really run. That was my knock and my concern. That will be big for him at the combine.

**Q. With Philip Rivers getting up there in years, Chargers are obviously going to be looking at the quarterback position. I'm wondering some quarterbacks that make sense in day two, in day three in terms of scheme fit for the Chargers.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, we mentioned late in the first round, I think you'd be in the Daniel -- potentially could be in the Daniel Jones, Drew Lock range. I don't know that the Chargers will be able to see either one of those quarterbacks if he got to the second round.

In terms of -- maybe an interesting name would be Jarrett Stidham, who is going to need some time to develop, but just in terms of a skill set, just got a big arm. He's a great athlete. Be able to move around a little bit. He just needs to be a little more consistent. He missed too many lay-ups when you watch him on tape.

But arm strength, athleticism, by all accounts he's a great kid. I've enjoyed my interaction with him. Having Philip in place for a couple more years, I think you could maybe take a shot on somebody like that who could be a developmental guy you would get in that -- to me, it's probably more in that third-round range, but it wouldn't stun me if he found his way into the second round, but I would say that third round would be more of that sweet spot for him.

**Q. Two-part question with LSU guys. I see you've got Devin White at nine in your most recent one. What about him makes him a talented inside linebacker? I heard you earlier talk about him and kind of the inside linebacker depth and things like that. In terms of past linebackers, what is his talent level at, if it's exceptional, and I saw you had Greedy kind of outside the first round, said it was kind of hard to evaluate him. What makes it hard to evaluate about him, too?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, Devin White, look, speed, range, the ability to cover, the effort, the leadership, all those traits you're looking for in a modern linebacker. Obviously the leadership, the effort has been there through the test of time. But the ability to cover and run is so huge right now at that position. So that's what makes him unique.

I had a little bit higher grade on Roquan last year, but Devin is not far behind that, and I think he's somebody that if you're looking -- wherever he goes, he's going to plug and play, he's going to be a Rookie of the Year candidate who's going to collect a ridiculous number of tackles and explosive plays.

Greedy Williams was tough for me, maybe one of the -- literally I would say if not the toughest, one of the three toughest evaluations for me in the whole draft because I see the height, I see the length, I see the ball skills and the overall athleticism, which I really, really like. He's fluid, he's smooth. I just -- from a short area, that short area quickness you want to see, and some of that feistiness I don't really see that as much as I'd like to see. Against the run, he's not -- he hasn't been good. He's a liability against the run. So not having kind of that physicality, a little bit more of an edge to him, that's my concern as well as some of that kind of short-area explosiveness. Those would be my two areas of concern with him.

And really you talk to teams around the league, they're all over the map. There's some teams that view Greedy as the no-doubt top corner, and there's some teams that have him buried. So he's a pretty polarizing player.

**Q. I want to throw you a bit of a curve ball. I know you've got a lot of questions regarding Alabama players and rightfully so. It's 11 in, and with Deionte Thompson not playing or not competing, that's 10, but have you had an opportunity, and I wanted to get your take since you've been scouting for so long, to get your take on Tua Tagovailoa. He's a left-handed quarterback. There's not a lot of left-handed quarterbacks in the NFL. In terms of Tua, what does he need to work on, and I'm curious to get your thoughts and a small scouting report on the future of Alabama football going forward at the quarterback position.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, no, he's pretty darned good. I mean, I got a chance to meet him and watch him work out at the Elite 11 in Los Angeles over the summer, and he's somebody -- I actually brought my son, who was 14 at the time, and got to meet -- all the top college quarterbacks were there and got to spend time with them, and he spent -- not just, hey, will you take a picture with my son, my son knows all these

kids. He's a big football fan. So all the guys were nice to him, took a picture with him. Tua talked to my son for probably 10, 15 minutes, so he's my son's favorite college football player. He's a special guy, just how engaging he is.

As a player, I have not done a full workup on him. I just know having seen him throw live, there's a guy that can make every single throw and a really good anticipatory thrower, which is something I believe is tough to teach. He throws with outstanding anticipation, which is good to see.

Now, hopefully what does he need to work on? I'd have to do more work to be able to tell you that, but hopefully he can get over this little injury bug, some of these issues he's had to deal with in his lower half and have a nice clean season next year.

**Q. With the Cowboys not picking until later in the second round, what do you think are some of the positions and players who they should most be watching this week? And on a different note, we've talked a lot about Kyler and his height and shorter QB's. What about someone like Tyree Jackson? What benefit or disadvantage do you think that much height is in this draft?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, I'll start with the last part there with Tyree. If you did a cut-up, you could put a cut-up of 10 throws that he makes that are just ridiculous. This is a quarterback from Buffalo, for those who don't know. He's on the move. You'll see him on the move to the right and throw all the way across the field, deep down the field, ridiculous arm. He made a big-time throw in the Senior Bowl game, as well. This is somebody who did not have a quarterback coach growing up. He would watch YouTube clips and try and teach himself some different drills and try and develop himself that way, where some of these kids have their private coaches all growing up. He didn't have that.

So I think there's significant room for him to grow. Mechanically he's going to need some work. It's hard as a tall, long quarterback. There's just a lot of moving parts there.

I know he's been working with Jordan Palmer and they're working on trying to tighten him up a little bit. That will help some with his accuracy going forward. So that's something that I think he can get better on. I think he can improve in that area. So he's somebody that's intriguing in the middle rounds to me in this year's draft.

When I look at the Cowboys, we'll see what happens with DeMarcus Lawrence and that whole situation. Looking for some names in the second-round range,

hard to believe but Clemson has got actually a fourth defensive lineman. We're going to see three go in the first round, and the fourth one is Austin Bryant, who's about 6'4", close to 270 pounds, and he's got some pass rush, as well. They'll line him up over the slot and let him play in some space. Really, really good over tight ends. He is just kind of the forgotten man in their group. Really good against the run, can set the edge. He's somebody in that second-round range that gives them a little bit of another weapon there up front.

**Q. The Titans are such a weird team, it's difficult to figure out where they should prioritize this draft with an obvious need for pass rush and offensive explosiveness at the skill position. Where do you think they should prioritize their needs, and what player do you think is the best fit in the first round?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Good question there. You know, when you look at them, to me, just trying to find some more difference making players, some more blue chip explosive dynamic players, and when you kind of look up front, and I feel like I kind of mentioned some of these names already, but someone with a little juice, a little twitch off the edge, I would like to see, I'd be okay if they went in that direction. We've talked about Montez Sweat. We'll see if he's there. Ferrell is more of that kind of physical rusher, and then we talked a little bit earlier about Polite, who's maybe not the size specs you're looking for there, but got a real fast fall there off the edge. Just try to find some difference makers, some guys that can make some plays there in that front.

And then when you kind of look over on the offensive side of the ball, maybe another complementary receiver. You'd want to get explosive. Those two kids with Metcalf and Marquise Brown, you pair them up going forward with what you have, and Corey Davis going forward, that would be a pretty good young nucleus to work with.

**Q. You know the Chargers quite well, obviously. What do you see them doing, and what do you think their needs are as the combine and draft approach here?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, I mean, they're in a pretty good spot with a lot of key positions taken care of. I think trying to find a true free safety, it's a team that really -- Derwin James can do it, but you kind of take away from what he can do at the line of scrimmage, which is what really makes him special. When you can use him as a blitzer, you can cover tight ends and he can be a force player against the run, that's where I think Derwin James is so dynamic. So trying to complement that with a true middle-of-the-field safety, I look at Nasir Adderley from Delaware, who I think would be a perfect complement skill set wise who can

play in that deep middle and range and make a bunch of plays. That would be a place you can look.

Also, when you look at the linebacker position, getting somebody that can really run and can cover, I don't think it's a deep group at the linebacker spot, and I don't think you'll see one of those top two linebackers, Devin Bush and Devin White. I've said it's kind of the two Devins and then it's a big drop-off this year at the linebacker position. Mack Wilson could be a consideration there, although that might be a little bit early for him.

So that's something maybe you look at in the rounds in those middle rounds, trying to find somebody that can come in there and compete. And the other spot I would say is just trying to find a tackle, is there an offensive tackle that's going to be there. I thought maybe early on in the process, you hoped that maybe a guy like Andre Dillard could fall that far or could maybe land in your lap. I don't know that that would happen. I think you probably would be looking more at a guy like Dalton Risner from Kansas State or McGary from Washington, Titus Howard is a small school player from Alabama State, who I kind of have factored into that second-round range. Who knows, he could creep up into that conversation in the bottom of the first round, wouldn't totally shock me, but those would be some position players you'd be looking at there at the end of the first round.

**Q. You touched on Kyler Murray. I want to go another direction with the Dolphins. They are going to run 3-4 and 4-3. What players in their range in the first would make sense for them?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, picking there at 13, and you kind of look at that Patriots defense and what they've done there and what they value, they've done a nice job of getting guys that are heavy handed that can set the edge, but also you can get some power rush with them, and to me, the way I describe that, that sounds like Ferrell. I mean, that's exactly how he fits. I mean, to me I watch him and I think he's kind of a classic Patriots player who would make a lot of sense there for Miami in that spot.

And then maybe outside the first round, another guy who I think just scheme-wise would make some sense there because of different things he can do is a guy like L.J. Collier who I mentioned a little bit earlier from TCU. He's a real physical, physical player, quick hands, strong hands, got some power, and you can move him around a little bit. So that versatility I think would play well.

**Q. I noticed you had Jonah Williams to the Vikings at 18 in your mock. Can he play inside and outside**

**at tackle and guard, and what do you like about his skill set?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, to me it's a little bit similar situation. He's not the same player coming out as Zack Martin, but it's the same conversation being had. Is he a tackle or is he a guard. I think there's a chance he could hold up at tackle and be a functional starting tackle. I think he's got a chance to be special inside. I think to me that's where he fits best. Some of these length issues, he's not a real long guy, shows up, shows up in the Clemson game this year, showed up in the Clemson game last year, where guys kind of get into his chest and he struggles a little bit on the edge. I like him kicking inside. He is a dominating run blocker. Talk about somebody that can get his hands on people and work up to the second level, combo blocks, he's instinctive, he runs his feet on contact. Played a lot of football there at Alabama. I know some teams actually like him at center. I wrote him up and said, I think he's got a chance to be a perennial Pro Bowl guard with the way that he plays. I love the nasty that he has.

I've got to come up with a new scouting term if anybody wants to help me because we used to call it typewriter feet, but apparently typewriters aren't a thing anymore, so I've got to find another way to describe that, someone that's got that quick pitter-patter with his feet. He's just a real quick-footed guy.

**Q. I was looking at your recent list, it looked like you had Rashan Gary and Devin Bush drop off a little bit on your recent list. I was wondering if you could touch on them and the four other Michigan players going to the combine, Winovich, Gentry and David Long and Higdon?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure. Starting with Gary and Bush, Rashan Gary to me is -- he's a little bit more athlete than football player at this point in time. You'll see a rare, rare, rare combination of size and speed. Very explosive. The production doesn't necessarily match the skill set. So that to me kind of going back through, watching more tape on all these guys, as you go through the process, I view him as a top-10 player. Wouldn't shock me if he was the second pick in the draft because there's tremendous upside with him from a skill set standpoint. I think the ceiling for him is like a Cam Jordan, who seemed to be one of the better defensive ends in the NFL. He was a big heavy end. I know some people say he should kick inside. I like him better on the edge. That's where he fits for me. But kind of the -- a lot of disruption, not a lot of production. That's why he dropped a little bit on my list.

And then really, I think when you look at Bush, I'm a big fan of his. He dropped a couple spots more by other players moving around around him that kind of impacts him in this way. That's why there's a little bit of

movement there.

As we kind of go through the players, Higdon, it's such a crowded running back group, I have him a little bit lower on my list. He gets a chance to run through some big holes when you study him. I just want to see how much juice, how much stop speed he has. I thought he was a no-frills runner. His feet will die a little bit on contact. He's got some body catches out of the backfield. So you've got a smaller back, you've got to be special in other areas, and I didn't really see that. So I'll be anxious to see him in person to see what kind of juice he has.

Gentry, the big tight end, he came out early, I believe. I thought he should have stayed in. I didn't think he should have come out with the draft class at that position as good as it is. I thought he could have been better served to go back. Former quarterback, he's got a big body, big catch radius, but more kind of a just wall-you-off and pluck, not a lot of separation, not a lot of run after the catch. Obviously he's enormous, so you've got something to work with there. But that's more of a project to me, that's more kind of a fifth-, sixth-round type project.

Winovich, I don't know if you're going to find anybody that plays harder than him. He could be an extra in a "Point Break" movie. He looks exactly like the brother, Patrick Swayze's brother in that movie with his hair flying around. That was the first thing I thought of. Don't ask why. But he goes 100 miles an hour. He's an Energizer bunny. He's fun to watch play. He's got -- we call it in scouting kind of that push-pull. He is able to push you back and then pull you down to the ground, and he did that several times when you get a chance to study him, and he's just a really, really solid player that was -- for me one of the funner guys, more fun guys to watch through the process.

And there was one more I think I missed. Who was the other one?

**Q. David Long.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Oh, yeah. David Long, no, I've got to refresh my memory here. You've got to tell me the position.

**Q. Sorry, cornerback.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: No, you know what, I have not done him yet, so I still have to do him. I believe he's a San Diego kid, isn't he?

**Q. Yeah, he's a West Coast kid.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, I have yet to do him. I'm done with every position except for corners. I've got about eight corners I need to watch, and he's one of them.

**Q. I was wondering what you're looking to see from Justin Layne at the combine and maybe if you had a second to go over the other Michigan State guys, Khari Willis, L.J. Scott and Felton Davis. If he's unable to participate in the on-field workout because of his achilles, what's his outlook on being drafted?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, I'll start here with the corner, who I think is a really, really good player. Justin Layne I have kind of in that second-round conversation. There's no wasted movement. He's smooth, he's patient, he can play the deep ball. He's got outstanding instincts. You see him, he's got nice plant and drive. You see a little burst there.

Obviously the size you're looking for at the position. He's somebody who I think could -- if he runs well, you're going to hear a lot about him coming out of the combine because his tape is really good. He's somebody that I'm definitely intrigued by.

L.J. Scott was tough to do because there's just no room. You're watching a running back, and it's just -- there's people in his lap every time he touches the football. Tough to get an evaluation from him. Obviously you kind of go back to when he was younger and see some of the production.

The one thing I do like about him, he's in there a lot on pass pro. A lot of these teams are free releasing these backs. You get a chance to see him in pass protection, he's square, he's solid. That's one of the better things he brings to the table. So he's definitely somebody that to me is going to be a late-round guy, and you hope that you're going to get the younger version of the player.

You might have had another player in there. I can't remember who else you asked about.

**Q. Khari Willis and then Felton Davis, with him probably not being able to test in the on-field test.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, Khari Willis, I've got to see this speech because talking to buddies around the league, they said you've got to watch his Big Ten Media Day speech, so that's on my to-do list. I just wrote down, he needs to play in the box. He'll play some over the slot. I just had questions about his speed. You'll see him be very competitive in coverage against a tight end, but that to me is -- I had him kind of as a late-round guy in that mix in the safety stack. He was a little bit down there, but I do have a to-do list down there on the Big Ten Media Day, so I will get on that shortly.

And yeah, I don't anticipate there's going to be

participation there with the other one. It'll be interesting to watch all these guys up close and in person.

**Q. You talked about the depth in this defensive line class. Are there players who will be available in the 20s this year who in past years might be a top 10, top 15 player?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: You know what, it's interesting, I think there's going to be very interesting guys there that are going to be -- the depth is outstanding, but I don't know that you would say the guys you're going to get there would have been top 10 players because we've had depth at other positions in those previous drafts. But I do think you're going to get solid value type guys in the 20s, just really, really good football players, and I don't think that's -- I don't think you're getting some top-10 type player, but you're going to be able to find a really, really solid football player. That's where the Jachai Polites of the world come into the mix there, I think, kind of find their way into that 20 range. He's one that comes to mind. We'll see.

Between Sweat and Ferrell, we'll see where those guys go. Brian Burns, kind of a wild card, probably factors in that range, as well, and Jaylon Ferguson would probably be in the mix, as well.

**Q. Right now it seems like both Josh Allen and Quinnen Williams are kind of the consensus three guys at the top of the draft. The Jets at No. 3, is it a matter of whoever is left for them at that point, or are there some other guys you could envision going to the Jets at 3 there?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Well, I think that makes a lot of sense. The only other thing I could think of is when you just look at their most valuable possession is Sam Darnold, and finding some offensive linemen has got to be in the mix at some point in time. A year after trading up for the quarterback, this might be a year where you try and trade down to collect some picks to help the quarterback, and if you're able to trade down, now you start getting to some of these offensive linemen that can help protect your franchise quarterback, and to me getting some extra picks and getting some offensive line help, that's not a bad strategy for them to go with.

If you come away with a Jawaan Taylor or Andre Dillard, Cody Ford, somebody like that who can help give him a chance, that would make some sense to me, as well, and those are three really, really good defensive players and there's a need there, but I think the quarterback has to be in consideration, how can you help him.

**Q. I know you talked a little bit about the defensive tackles, but I was hoping you could kind of**

**differentiate the group in the first round as far as maybe tears in the first couple of rounds, and then evaluate those two Clemson D-tackles among that group and how you think they break down and which one you think should go higher.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, I'll start with the two Clemson guys. If it was 10 years ago, Dexter Lawrence would probably be a top-10 pick because he's a 6'4", 340-pound dominant run player, who if you're a 3-4 team and you put him on the nose and you're going to struggle to run the ball against him. He's so big and so powerful. Now, he's more of a push-the-pocket guy as a pass rusher, and that's going to ding him a little bit. He hasn't shown a lot.

Now, he comes off the field in some of their sub stuff because they've got so many athletic defensive linemen they can roll through there, but pass rush wise, the limitations there are going to probably cause him to go behind Christian Wilkins. To me finding an interior interrupter and a pass rusher is huge. Look at what the Rams have been able to do. He's not on that level, but Christian Wilkins is very disruptive, as a pass rusher inside as well as a run defender, just getting in the backfield, generating some negative plays, generating pressure, quick hands, quick feet. He's somebody that I think is going to be very highly thought of around the league because of his ability to play in the backfield.

I would have him over the top there of his teammate in Dexter Lawrence. When you look at tiers, I mean, in the first round tier, Quinnen Williams, Christian Wilkins, Ed Oliver, Rashan Gary, who I think is more of an edge guy, Jeffery Simmons, and I think Lawrence probably factor in there in the 20s or the late one, and then you get into that next tier for me, you start getting into Jerry Tillery from Notre Dame, I really like Armon Watts from Arkansas, who's just real, real strong-handed guy who's solid on tape. Gerald Willis from Miami, Dre'Mont Jones from Ohio State, that's kind of that next week when you're looking at some of those interior guys. L.J. Collier to me, I have him on the edge, but some people at 280 pounds will look at him maybe as a 3 technique, so he's in that range, as well. I really like that second-round group of defensive tackles.

**Q. Can I get your take on the two Ole Miss receivers or the two guys that are in contention for the first round? D.K. is a little bit of an athletic freak, but I think it's fair to say he was never really the top receiver on this Ole Miss team.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure. You know, he's just got -- he's got a rare blend of size and speed. I mean, you just flip on the Alabama game and see that one-handed catch on the 75-yard touchdown, first play of the game, you kind of see what he has from a size,

speed, explosiveness situation.

I compared him to Demaryius Thomas. There's some development that still needs to take place there. You don't see him run every route on the route tree, but in the meantime you can get him on slants, you can get him on goes, anything where he's staying on the move because he is a little bit tight. You've got a home run hitter who also can help you down in the red zone with his size and physicality. That's what you're going to like about him.

Now, when you look at AJ, living in the slot in there, there's a lot of bubbles or a lot of RPOs, quick hitters. I love him with the ball in his hands because he's so physical and tough. He traps the ball well over his shoulder. I saw some face-up drops, meaning he's facing the quarterback, and a couple too many drops for me in those situations.

But again, both those guys are going to require some development, just in terms of what they were asked to do, but AJ to me, one of those bigger slot receivers we've seen kind of become the rage, even though he's not 6'3", but he's 220 plus pounds and big and strong and physical in there, I think he'll have a smooth transition.

**Q. I know you touched on Jarrett Stidham earlier, but I was wondering what you felt he really needed to show at the combine this week, and then also wanted to ask about one of his targets at Auburn, wide receiver Darius Slayton and just your general thoughts on him.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, I'll start here on Slayton. Going through my notes here. You know, on Slayton, outside guy, did a nice job getting off the line of scrimmage, little stutter release. He did a nice job of adjusting to the ball on his back shoulder. One of the things which will get me to Stidham, there's a lot of plays where you watch him where he's uncovered, but unfortunately the ball doesn't make it to him. So I think there's some upside with him beyond what you see. I think there's more there.

With Stidham, to me, just being more consistent. He can make some special throws, on the move and drive the ball. It's just making the lay-ups, being more consistent with the simple things, which to me at the combine, it's not the greatest place to display that. You're throwing to a bunch of guys you don't know. That's something he'll have a chance at his pro day throwing with his guys. He needs to have one of those workouts where everything is just smooth and easy and don't make the easy things hard because he can flash the ability to make the hard things easy.

**Q. I want to get your thoughts on the two Iowa defensive players at the combine, Amani Hooker and Anthony Nelson. What do you think they project right now, and what can they do to help themselves in Indy?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, I'll start with Nelson. Obviously you start with kind of that big frame that he has, that size. The effort is outstanding. I wrote down Isaac Rochell. If you remember, I got a chance to see him with the Chargers, but that's the player he reminded me of coming out of Notre Dame. He has a 4.3 end, he can widen and bowl. He doesn't have that elite burst, plays up on his toes a little bit, but to me, when you look at fits, teams that play with that big five technique end that you want to kind of hold the point of attack and then hopefully you get some upside there with him giving you a little bit of pass rush, as well, that's something that I think he brings to the table. Grade-wise I kind of have him in that fourth-round range is where I see him there.

And then was it Hooker was the other one, right?

**Q. Yeah.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Hooker, I know he's a big -- he plays down low. He's going to play over the slot, that big nickel. He's at his best when you kind of let him float and he can just use his instincts and make plays. I wrote down in my notes he almost looks bored when he's playing as the high safety. He likes to kind of be down there in the action and mix it up and get involved in the run game there a little bit with some physicality.

To me, again, I kind of have him as he's going to be a special teamer. He's going to be somebody that makes your team as the third or fourth safety and hopefully kind of grow into more than that with the ability to kind of play in that role. I don't know if you want him running around with slot receivers, but a lot of teams will play with that big nickel and kind of let him flow underneath and be a force player. That's where he's most comfortable.

**Q. Two Penn State players who surprisingly left early were offensive lineman Ryan Bates and D-lineman Kevin Givens. Have you had a chance to look at those two guys? I know you mentioned Miles Sanders earlier as a pass catcher, but what do you think about his running style?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, I'll start with Bates. I watched those guys, left tackle, average foot quickness, more of a position blocker in the run game. He's late with his punch. He'll open up his gait a little bit. He's just raw and developmental. So to me, he's kind of in that fifth-, sixth-round range if you're kind of trying to guess this early on in the process where somebody like that can go.

And then I know I did Givens here, too. Givens was edge or was he an inside guy?

**Q. He played primarily defensive tackle but he also flipped out to the edge against Wisconsin, Iowa, some other run-heavy teams.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, here he is, Kevin Givens. 3 technique, he got swallowed up a little bit, I thought he played small. I didn't see a lot of power. I thought the effort was average and collected some garbage sacks. I kind of gave him a practice squad developmental type grade to me, so I did not have him as a draftable player. That's where I was on him.

And then Miles Sanders, just going back to him, man, what are you going to do, it's not his fault he was stuck behind Saquon Barkley. He's a really, really good player. In talking to teams around the league, they're fired up with him. The burst, he's got lateral quickness, he's loose. You see him in pass protection, which is nice to see. He can anchor down. He had one mental error that I saw, but other than that was solid in that area, and he's just got some real burst, 215 pounds and he can scoot. He's somebody that's -- ceiling wise it wouldn't shock me if he fought his way into the second round if he kind of aced the tests from here to the draft.

**Q. I wanted to ask you kind of a two-part for Iowa State. You talked about Hakeem Butler earlier. What do scouts or NFL personnel want to see from a guy like that? And then I don't know if you've seen cornerback Brian Peavy from Ohio State, but a guy that graded out well but is a little undersized. If you haven't seen him, what does a 5'9" corner have to do to make a team?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, I'll start with the last one there. I have not done the corner yet, but when you're a corner that's that undersized, you've got to have special traits. So when I think of special traits, speed, ball skills, some real twitch and maybe a little edge to you. You look at guys that have been short that have found a way to find roles, Nickell Robey-Coleman is one with the Rams who I think he didn't even get drafted. He ran in the 4.3s. But he's been able to hang around the NFL because he has that explosiveness. So that's something you're looking for.

Any time with any undersized player, you've got to have something to overcome that. It's like a running back that's 200 pounds and is a high 4.6, that's tough to sell, man. If you're an undersized guy, you've got to have a little magic to you, no matter who position you're playing.

When you go back to Butler, anytime that the second

number is a 5 would be a huge win for him. If he runs anywhere in the 4.5 range, that would be great. Even in the low 4.6's at his size, you'd feel okay there. So that would be something to keep an eye on him with, more so even in the top end speed because he's a strider, he'll build up speed and I imagine might surprise us with the 40. I want to see change of direction, let's watch what he does in shuttle drills, let's see how he does running routes, and can he get in and out of the break.

**Q. Our Washington State guys, you've already mentioned Andre Dillard and James Williams. I'm curious your thoughts on Gardner Minshew. What does he need to do this week at the combine to give himself a shot to be drafted, and do you have him potentially hearing his name called in April's draft?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Oh, yeah, I have a draftable grade on him. I actually did more work on him the other day, and man, he's fun to watch. He's like -- he's a little bit of a poor man's Baker Mayfield. He's frenetic, energetic, he's always bouncing around. I was trying to come up with a comp for him, and I tweeted out the other day, he looks like Scott Skiles when he was playing in the NBA, just a little ball of energy.

But he's a point guard. Everything is -- he's accurate, especially underneath intermediate. He's got a quick mind. You see him work through the progressions well. Arm strength just average, size just average, but he's somebody I know talking to the folks that got to be around him at the Senior Bowl that they just love being around him. He's the kind of guy you want in the building, and absolutely I think he'll get drafted. I wouldn't be opposed if somebody decided to do that in the first round. I think you've got somebody that's got some skills you can work with going forward there. He's a fun one to watch.

Who knew Washington State would have a top tackle, in my opinion the top tackle in the draft. Used to be we tried to avoid offensive linemen from the air-raid, but they've done a nice job of finding this kid and developing him, and Dillard is a big-time dude.

**Q. DJ, I'm curious about Virginia DB Juan Thornhill. Given he was productive at both corner and safety, how do you see that ultimately impacting where he falls in the draft, and most guys have him as a second- to fourth-round grade. What does he need to do this week to kind of get to the high end of that grade?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Well, look, the 40 is more important for the corner position than any other position in football. You can get away with -- I can show you a long list of receivers that have run slow that

have been really successful. It's a much shorter list of corners that have run slow and had long, productive careers. That's a number that scouts put more into.

I'd say even the workout for corners is more important than it's ever been because you just don't see a chance to see these guys play all the techniques that you're going to see at the NFL level. At the combine is kind of the first opportunity you get to put them through the paces. As with any of these corners, the 40 will be big for him. But you start with somebody with position flexibility and he'll have the ability I think to be one of those big nickels, could drop down there and do that, as well as be your high safety in a pinch, can play outside at corner. There's a lot of things he can do, and to me, I don't see him in that first-round range, but to me more in that third-round range is the sweet spot.

**Q. It looks like Clemson will have three sure-fire first-rounders in the defensive linemen, but I wanted to ask you about their corner who showed up in the title game, Trayvon Mullen. What do you think are his chances of sneaking into the first round?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, you know, I talked about Greedy Williams being a tough evaluation. Mullen is another one. It's just tough because this year he wasn't challenged much. You watch the Alabama game, and that's the shining moment. You see the pick and the sack in that game. They played a lot of press coverage this year, I see a little bit of tightness when he has to open up. Last year I went back and watched '17 tape because he just didn't get challenged this year, and you see him more in off coverage, showed the ability to do some of that.

Height, weight, speed, you like what you see there. He's just somebody that's tough to get a feel for, and again, he's another one like Greedy Williams, talk to teams around the league and they're split on Mullen with where they have him. But I do think, would he go in the bottom of the first round? If he runs really, really well, and I think he will test well, that wouldn't shock me if he ran his way into the bottom of the first round, but to me, I have him more in that second-round range.

**Q. The Chiefs have a lot of work to do on the defensive side of things, but who are some offensive guys, maybe linemen, running backs, wide receivers that the Chiefs could be looking at in the middle to late rounds?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Cool, that's a good question. When you look at running backs in the middle rounds, there's a lot of really good options that you can look at. It's kind of just what flavor do you want. Some guys that I'm a big fan of, when you look at Justice Hill from Oklahoma State who's one of the smaller guys with

big-time juice, just ultra twitched up, he's a home run hitter in the backfield.

Then you've got somebody like Ryquell Armstead from Temple, who is going to carry 220 plus pounds and has that acceleration in the hole, no hesitation, just hits it. He is a tough, physical runner who I like. So that's kind of the small back that's a little bit of the bigger back, and then Jalin Moore, who I'm going to be biased about, is from App State, who got hurt this year coming off of an injury, but some of the best balance you'll see of any running back in this draft. He'll make you miss. You just watch him against Penn State in that game to open the season, spinning off tackles, making people miss, lowering his shoulder. He had a late touchdown in that game that almost won the game. He's another one that's real interesting in those middle rounds, so there will be a lot of options there.

I should mention Elijah Holyfield, as well, who is a fun player to watch from Georgia. Obviously Evander Holyfield's son, and talking to some folks down there in Georgia, they said if you came out to our practice and we told you that there's one kid on the field whose dad was the heavyweight champion of the world, it wouldn't take you 30 seconds to figure out who it is, just with the way he plays. Those are some really good options there in the middle rounds.

**Q. I wanted to see if I could ask you a couple Cincinnati centric questions. A running back from this area, David Montgomery, you nudged him into your top 50. I know the knock on him is on top end speed. I wonder if he runs well in Indy if you think he could get into first round area, and secondly, more Bengals specific, of the tackles, offensive tackles that you have first-round grades on, is there one that would kind of lend himself better to being a right tackle for a year or two and then switching to the left side?**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Sure, I'll start with the tackle position first. To me, a guy who makes a lot of sense who I think could hold up and initially be an awesome right tackle, I think might even develop into being a really good left tackle is Jawaan Taylor from Florida. He can handle speed in pass protection. He can redirect easy in the run game. He's got some serious torque to be able to latch on and turn and dump guys. He's a really, really good football player who has played on the right side, and I think has the ability eventually if you needed him to, I think he could survive over there on the left side.

And with David Montgomery, if David Montgomery runs in the 4.4s, I have no problem if somebody decided they wanted to take him in the first round because he has everything else: Vision, patience, make you miss.

He can run you over. He is a skilled, skilled running back.

To me, the lack of top end speed is the one knock, and if -- sometimes when you see these guys as they go into this portion of the process they see him lean up, it wouldn't shock me, I have him listed at 216 pounds, if he came in at 210 and really tried to help himself run and were to rip off a fast time, I think he belongs in that conversation.

**Q. You had mentioned earlier that tight end was a very deep class this year, and I don't know if you've kind of looked at Foster Moreau and what his grade is for you in this draft. You mentioned a little bit about running back, too, and in your mock it seems like it's a little light. What do you think that is there, and if you have looked at Nick Brossette from LSU and what your grade might be there.**

DANIEL JEREMIAH: Yeah, sure, I've done Brossette. I'll start with Foster Moreau, the tight end. He's another one of the guys that's highlighted on my list as somebody that if I'm running a team I want this guy on my team because he's just so tough and physical. You watch him on punt coverage, he's down there consistently one of the first guys down there racking up tackles. He's a little bit stiff as a route runner but he's dominant in the run game. He's just physical. He's just all man. I wrote down macho man on my paper because this dude is just throwing dudes all over the place. So he's one of my favorite players to watch in the draft. He's going to be a mid-round pick. To me he's fourth, fifth round, but he's somebody that you want those types of guys on your team. He's going to help on special teams, as well.

With Brossette, breaks a lot of arm tackles, runs hard, just didn't see a lot of wiggle. That was a little bit of my concern, how much burst does he have, how elusive is he. Those are some of the knocks there. He is effective as a cut blocker in the pass game, and look, to find a guy that carries 220 pounds and runs hard, there's always going to be place for him. I have him kind of in that fifth-round type range.