

Top Five NFL Draft Prospects By Position **BY MATTHEW HATFIELD --- Thursday, April 14th, 2005**

Every year I rate the top five players by each position. I also do it for fullbacks, kickers, and punters, but it will not be listed here. On the left side you will find my top five by position, while on the right is Mel Kiper Jr.'s.

Quarterbacks:

Me:

1. Charlie Frye - Akron
2. Aaron Rodgers - Cal
3. Alex Smith - Utah
4. Andrew Walter - Arizona St.
5. Adrian McPherson - Florida St.

Honorable Mention: Derek Anderson (Oregon St.) and Dan Orlovsky (Connecticut).

Mel:

1. Alex Smith - Utah
2. Aaron Rodgers - Cal
3. Jason Campbell - Auburn
4. Charlie Frye - Akron
5. Kyle Orton

Running Backs:

1. Cedric Benson - Texas
2. Ronnie Brown - Auburn
3. Cadillac Williams - Auburn
4. J.J. Arrington - Cal
5. Vernand Morency - Oklahoma St.

Honorable Mention: Ryan Moats (La. Tech), Kay-Jay Harris (West Virginia), Alvin Pearman (Virginia), and Ciatrck Fason (Florida).

1. Ronnie Brown - Auburn
2. Cadillac Williams - Auburn
3. Cedric Benson - Texas
4. J.J. Arrington - Cal
5. Ryan Moats - La. Tech

Wide Receivers:

1. Mike Williams - USC
2. Braylon Edwards - Michigan
3. Troy Williamson - South Carolina
4. Mark Clayton - Oklahoma
5. Tie - Jerome Mathis (Hamp.)/Matt Jones (Ark.)

1. Mike Williams - USC
2. Braylon Edwards - Michigan
3. Troy Williamson - So. Carolina
4. Roddy White - UAB
5. Mark Clayton - Oklahoma

Tight Ends:

1. Heath Miller - Virginia
2. Kevin Everett - Miami (FL)
3. Alex Smith - Stanford
4. Billy Bajema - Oklahoma St.
5. Joel Dreessen (CSU)/Adam Bergen (Harvard)

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2. Alex Smith - Stanford
3. Kevin Everett - Miami (FL)
4. Bo Scaife - Texas
5. Garrett Cross - Cal

Offensive Tackles:

1. Alex Barron - Florida St.
2. Jammal Brown - Oklahoma
3. Khalif Barnes - Washington
4. Calvin Armstrong - Washington St.
5. Michael Muñoz - Tennessee

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2. Khalif Barnes - Washington
3. Jammal Brown - Oklahoma
4. Michael Roos - E. Washington
5. Adam Snyder - Oregon

Offensive Guards:

1. Logan Mankins - Fresno St.
 2. Elton Brown - Virginia
 3. Marcus Johnson - Ole Miss
 4. Scott Young - BYU
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 2. Evan Mathis - Alabama
 3. Scott Young - BYU
 4. Logan Mankins - Fresno St.
 5. Chris Kemoeatu - Utah
- Honorable Mention: Dan Buenning (Wisconsin) and Justin Geisinger (Vanderbilt).

Centers:

1. David Baas - Michigan
 2. Ben Wilkerson - LSU
 3. Richie Incognito - Nebraska
 4. T/Spencer, Scott Mruzckowski (B. Green), Vince Carter (Oklahoma)
1. Chris Spencer - Ole Miss
 2. David Baas - Michigan
 3. Jason Brown - No. Carolina
 4. Eric Ghiaciuc - C. Michigan
 5. Junius Coston - NC A&T

Defensive Ends:

- 1A. David Pollack - Georgia
 - 1B. Marcus Spears - LSU
 3. Erasmus James - Wisconsin
 4. Jonathan Goodard - Marshall
 5. Matt Roth - Iowa
1. Dan Cody - Oklahoma
 2. *Shawne Merriman - Maryland
 3. *Demarcus Ware - Troy
 4. Marcus Spears - LSU
 5. Erasmus James - Wisconsin

Defensive Tackles:

1. Travis Johnson - Florida St.
 2. Anttaj Hawthorne - Wisconsin
 3. Mike Patterson - USC
 4. Luis Castillo - Northwestern
 5. Shaun Cody - USC
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Outside Linebackers:

1. Derrick Johnson - Texas
 - 2A. *Shawne Merriman - Maryland
 - 2B. *Demarcus Ware - Troy
 4. Darryl Blackstock - Virginia
 5. Michael Boley - Southern Miss
1. Derrick Johnson - Texas
 2. *Thomas Davis - Georgia
 3. Darryl Blackstock - Virginia
 4. Kevin Burnett - Tennessee
 5. Matt McCoy - San Diego St.
- Honorable Mention: Kevin Burnett (Tennessee)

Inside Linebackers:

1. Channing Crowder - Florida
 2. Barrett Rudd - Nebraska
 3. Kirk Morrison - San Diego St.
 4. Robert McCune - Louisville
 5. Odell Thurman - Georgia
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 3. Alfred Fincher - Connecticut
 4. Channing Crowder - Florida
 5. Adam Seward - UNLV

Cornerbacks:

1. Antrel Rolle - Miami (FL)
 - 2A. Adam Jones - West Virginia
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 2. Antrel Rolle - Miami (FL)

- 2B. Carlos Rogers - Auburn
- 4. Fabian Washington - Nebraska
- 5. Justin Miller (Clemson)/Corey Webster (LSU)

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- 4. Marlin Jackson - Michigan
- 5. Justin Miller - Clemson

Safeties:

- 1A. Thomas Davis - Georgia
- 1B. Josh Bullocks - Nebraska
- 3. Brodney Pool - Oklahoma
- 4. Ernest Shazor - Michigan
- 5. Sean Considine - Iowa

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- 3. Gerald Sensabaugh - No. Carolina
- 4. Oshiomogho Atogwe - Stanford
- 5. Sean Considine - Iowa

Honorable Mention: Jim Leonhard (Wisconsin), Gerald Sensabaugh (North Carolina), and Jamaal Brimmer (UNLV).



Cal QB Aaron Rodgers is projected to go #1 overall to the San Francisco 49ers by both me and Mel Kiper Jr.