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Special Edition

Offseason Draft Review and grade for every team in the PML
Division by Division

We will be kicking the review off
with the NFC North

Taking a look at the NFC North we will start with the Bears. They came into the draft with 9 total picks, with 7 of those picks being 4th round or later, so safe to say they will be mainly drafting depth and development. In the 1st round they hit big at pick 22, getting arguably the best WR in the draft, George Pickens out of Georgia. He will come in and immediately be the 2nd best WR in this roster and take over the Number 2 spot opposite Allen Robinson II. In the 3rd round they went back to the WR well and, got a really good route technician that can come compete and push for the slot spot on the WR Depth Chart. For all of the rest of their picks they

took prospects and developmental players. 2 and some possibles is what I would call this draft class.

Offseason Grade - Bears: C+

Continuing on to the Lions, we have another 9 draft pick team for the 2022 draft. They started their draft off good with drafting a CB, due to their Number 2 CB is on a contract year. Can't be mad at teams hedging for their futures. They drafted LSU standout RB-John Emery Jr in the 2nd which then prompted the Lions to put RB-Swift on the trading block. I guess out with the old and in with the new. They doubled back around and drafted another Height, weight, speed CB to add to the roster in the 3rd. Looking like one of the better draft classes so far. They drafted a depth and developmental big hitting SS in the 4th to replace the current backup SS on a contract year. At this point the Lions are playing with "House Money." In the later rounds they threw some flyers at a couple RBs making the total drafted 3, which is a bit much. They did manage to snag a solid development WR in the 7th that I feel will contribute eventually.

Offseason Grade - Lions: A

Continuing on to the Packers, they 4 picks in the first 3 rounds. Since this team is under new management, this should be a better draft for them. They drafted one of the top pass blocking interior O-Linemen in the draft in the 1st and, came back around and took the mountain of a man, OT-Daniel Faalele out of Minnesota in the 2nd. They also took a QB in the 2nd to possibly compete for the starting job over even take over a year from now. They got good depth value in OC-Harry Miller out of THE Ohio State, in the 3rd. I had a late 2nd to early 3rd round grade on him. As for their later round picks, they took a bunch of SEC players in hopes that one of them would hit on a DEV upgrade.

Offseason Grade - packers: A+

Finishing off the NFC North, our last stop is with the Vikings. Taking a look at their draft, they had all their normal pick minus their 5th round pick. They took one of the top WRs in the draft in Justyn Ross in the 1st round. For most teams this would be a negative due to the talent already at the position but, the Vikings are set at most, if not all positions, so they were in the position to

take best available. With both of their top 2 DT and best run stuffing DTs both on contract years, at also makes sense for why they took a run stuffing DT in the 2nd. They misdrafted on taking another WR in the 3rd but, did get value from a falling OT in the 4th. They got the “Mackey Award winning TE,” in Brant Kuithe, in the 6th and a developmental “user” LB in the 7th. Not a bad draft overall.

Offseason Grade - Vikings: A-