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after starting 17 games at right tackle with the Atlanta Falcons last season, but he didn't inspire much confidence.

In a division rich with talented linemen, the Cardinals might have trouble closing the gap on any of their competitors without a serious upgrade.

● Baltimore Ravens: Center

After losing three-time Pro Bowler Tyler Linderbaum to the Las Vegas Raiders in free agency, the Ravens seemed like a sure bet to bring aboard a mid-round rookie to take over at center. But Il picks passed by without a single one addressing the pivot.

For Eric DeCosta, the alignment between need and value simply never coalesced. The Ravens general manager said he was drawn to second-rounders Logan Jones and Jake Slaughter, but both were claimed earlier than he anticipated.

From there, the Ravens didn't see anyone available at the position on Day 3 who would be "an impact player for us this year," DeCosta said.

That abstention leaves Baltimore unsettled on the interior line, an area the team tried to solidify by taking offensive guard Olaivavega Ioane in the first round. Corey Bullock, Jovaughn Gwyn and Danny Pinter are now left to battle for the vacant first-string position. Even if a late add is necessary, DeCosta conveyed confidence that the matter would eventually be sorted out.

● Chicago Bears: Edge rusher

This might not constitute a true void comparable to the other selections on this list. Between Austin Booker and Dayo Odeyingbo, the Bears at least have reason to believe that the in-house options could prove capable of fixing the pressing problems with the pass rush.

But a leap forward isn't guaranteed from either Booker, a 2024 fifth-round pick who has yet to become a consistent force, or Odeyingbo, who didn't fare particularly well in his first season in Chicago before suffering a torn Achilles in Week 9.

With Ryan Poles using all of his first three selections this year on offense, it leaves a heavy burden on Montez Sweat to prop up a group that last season ranked 27th in pressure rate, according to Next Gen Stats.

Chicago doesn't appear particularly likely to swing a substantive move to re-



Falcons offensive lineman Elijah Wilkinson started 17 games at right tackle last season. MARK J. REBILAS/IMAGN IMAGES

juvenate its pass rush anytime soon, as the franchise resisted pushing its chips in for a Maxx Crosby trade or other marquee acquisition at defensive end.

● Las Vegas Raiders: Defensive tackle

John Spytek had plenty of ground to cover in his second draft. With only so many early picks at his disposal after taking quarterback Fernando Mendoza No. 1 overall, the Raiders general manager was bound to leave at least one or two areas relatively unsupported.

Boosting the outlook at defensive tackle and wide receiver ended up taking a backseat to the effort to replenish the secondary. Yet whereas the pass-catching crew still has several recent mid-round selections the new coaching staff can try to bring along, there's not a figure up front who looks in line for a breakthrough in new coordinator Rob Leonard's scheme.

That dynamic could make things distinctly difficult for Maxx Crosby and Las Vegas' splashy linebacker signings in

Quay Walker and Nakobe Dean. ● New England Patriots: Nose tackle

Perhaps a true go-to receiver for Drake Maye might seem like the real missing piece for the defending AFC champions. It might only be a matter of time, however, before that deficiency is addressed with a post-June 1 trade for A.J. Brown finally coming to fruition.

Yet New England isn't without some more minor short-term concerns elsewhere. After Khyiris Tonga departed in free agency, many assumed the Patriots would look outside in some form for a nose tackle, even if it didn't make a premium investment in the position.

Instead, it let the draft pass without adding competition for Cory Durden, who started Super Bowl 61 but remains largely unproven.

Unlike other teams on this list, New England might not feel compelled to take action on this front until much closer to the season at the earliest.

● New York Giants: Defensive tackle

When the Giants dealt Dexter Lawrence to the Cincinnati Bengals ahead of the draft, the move cratered a defensive line that already was in rough shape after conceding the second-most rushing yards of any team.

A run-stuffing defensive tackle seemed as though it would be on the agenda at some point on Day 2 or 3. The Houston Texans, however, made a point to jump ahead of New York early in the second round to grab Ohio State's Kayden McDonald.

The Giants didn't end up circling back to the position until the sixth-round selection of Bobby Jamison-Travis, leaving their front in a rather perilous position.

● Washington Commanders: No. 2 wide receiver

The Commanders have a lot of pass catchers they can trot out to work alongside Terry McLaurin. None, however, is particularly threatening as a secondary option in a passing attack.

Even as Washington went full bore into the remaking of the defense this off-season, the receiving corps still was afforded some help. Third-round pick Antonio Williams could have a significant role right away as a slot target.

Yet with new coordinator David Blough having made an avowed commitment to getting Jayden Daniels under center more often to create balance and boost the run game, there might only be so many opportunities for the Clemson product to get on the field.

SCOREBOARD

All times Eastern

MLB

American League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
N.Y. Yankees	20	11	.645	-
Tampa Bay	18	12	.600	1½
Baltimore	14	15	.483	5
Toronto	14	16	.467	5½
Boston	12	19	.387	8
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	16	16	.500	-
Detroit	15	16	.484	½
Chi. White Sox	14	17	.452	1½
Minnesota	13	18	.419	2½
Kansas City	12	18	.400	3
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Athletics	16	14	.533	-
Seattle	16	16	.500	1
Texas	15	16	.484	1½
L.A. Angels	12	20	.375	5
Houston	11	19	.367	5
National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	22	9	.710	-
Miami	15	16	.484	7
Washington	14	17	.452	8
Philadelphia	10	19	.345	11
N.Y. Mets	10	20	.333	11½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cincinnati	19	11	.633	-
Chicago Cubs	19	12	.613	½
St. Louis	17	13	.567	2
Milwaukee	15	14	.517	3½
Pittsburgh	16	15	.516	3½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Dodgers	20	11	.645	-
San Diego	19	11	.633	½
Arizona	16	13	.552	3
Colorado	14	17	.452	6
San Francisco	13	16	.448	6
Tuesday's Scores				
Tampa Bay 1, Cleveland 0	Baltimore 5, Houston 3	Cincinnati 7, Colorado 2	Philadelphia 7, San Francisco 0	St. Louis 11, Pittsburgh 7
Toronto 3, Boston 0	N.Y. Mets 8, Washington 0	Atlanta 5, Detroit 2	Chi. White Sox 5, L.A. Angels 2	Seattle 7, Minnesota 1
Milwaukee 13, Arizona 2	N.Y. Yankees 3, Texas 2	Kansas City 4, Athletics 1	Chicago Cubs 8, San Diego 3	Miami 2, L.A. Dodgers 1
Wednesday's Scores				
Chi. White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2	Cleveland 3, Tampa Bay 1	Seattle 5, Minnesota 3	Texas 3, N.Y. Yankees 0	Toronto 8, Boston 1
Miami 3, L.A. Dodgers 2	Chicago Cubs 5, San Diego 4	San Francisco at Philadelphia, PPD Rain	Houston at Baltimore, PPD Rain	Colorado 13, Cincinnati 2
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 4	Washington 14, N.Y. Mets 2	Atlanta 4, Detroit 3	Arizona 6, Milwaukee 2	Athletics 5, Kansas City 2
Thursday's Games				
Detroit at Atlanta	Houston at Baltimore	St. Louis at Pittsburgh	Colorado at Cincinnati	San Francisco at Philadelphia
Washington at N.Y. Mets	Arizona at Milwaukee	Kansas City at Athletics	Toronto at Minnesota	
Friday's Games				
Arizona (Gallen 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Rea				

3-1), 2:20 p.m.
Texas (Gore 2-2) at Detroit (Flaherty 0-2), 6:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Misiorowski 1-2) at Washington (Irvine 1-3), 6:45 p.m.
Cincinnati (Singer 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Keller 2-1), 6:45 p.m.
Baltimore (Rogers 2-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Warren 3-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Burrows 1-3) at Boston (Crochet 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ray 2-3) at Tampa Bay (McClanahan 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wheeler 0-0) at Miami (Perez 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Corbin 0-0) at Minnesota (Woods Richardson 0-4), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Sheehan 2-0) at St. Louis (Liberatore 0-1), 8:15 p.m.
Atlanta (Holmes 2-1) at Colorado (Quintana 1-2), 8:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Scott 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Urena 0-3), 9:38 p.m.
Cleveland (Cantillo 1-1) at Athletics (Ginn 0-0), 9:40 p.m.
Chi. White Sox (Schultz 1-1) at San Diego (Marquez 3-1), 9:40 p.m.
Kansas City (Ragans 1-4) at Seattle (Woo 1-2), 9:45 p.m.

MLB Leaders

American League

Batting Average - Alvarez, Houston .355; Guerrero Jr., Toronto .340; McGonigle, Detroit .327; Diaz, Tampa Bay .324; Jung, Texas .320; Langeliers, Athletics .316; Ward, Baltimore .313; Rice, New York .309; Simpson, Tampa Bay .307; Clement, Toronto .305.
Home Runs - Judge, New York 12; Murakami, Chicago 12; Alvarez, Houston 11; Rice, New York 10; Henderson, Baltimore 9; Trout, Los Angeles 9; Langeliers, Athletics 8; Montgomery, Chicago 8; Caminero, Tampa Bay 8; Walker, Houston 7.
RBI - Alvarez, Houston 26; Aranda, Tampa Bay 25; Walker, Houston 23; Soler, Los Angeles 23; Murakami, Chicago 23; Rice, New York 23; Trout, Los Angeles 20; Judge, New York 20; Diaz, Tampa Bay 20; Montgomery, Chicago 20.
Stolen Bases - Caballero, New York 12; Ramirez, Cleveland 11; Witt Jr., Kansas City 10; Simpson, Tampa Bay 10; Chisholm Jr., New York 9; Arzarena, Seattle 7; Keaschall, Minnesota 7; Mullins, Tampa Bay 6; Acuna, Chicago 6; Trout, Los Angeles 5.
Wins - Soriano, Los Angeles 5; Williams, Cleveland 4; Schiltler, New York 4; Matz, Tampa Bay 4; Fried, New York 4; Martin, Chicago 4; Kirby, Seattle 4; Springs, Athletics 3; Munoz, Seattle 3; Skubal, Detroit 3.
ERA - Soriano, Los Angeles 0.84; Schiltler, New York 1.51; Martinez, Tampa Bay 1.70; Messick, Cleveland 1.73; Martin, Chicago 1.95; deGrom, Texas 2.01; Fried, New York 2.09; Wacha, Kansas City 2.51; Gausman, Toronto 2.57; Warren, New York 2.59.
Strikeouts - Cease, Toronto 49; Soriano, Los Angeles 49; Schiltler, New York 49; Williams, Cleveland 44; Gore, Texas 42; deGrom, Texas 40; Weathers, New York 40; Ryan, Minnesota 39; Gilbert, Seattle 39; Gausman, Toronto 38.
Saves - Bednar, New York 9; Dominguez, Chicago 7; Baker, Tampa Bay 7; Erceg, Kansas City 7; Hensley, Baltimore 7; Smith, Cleveland 6; Jansen, Detroit 6; Chapman, Boston 5; Munoz, Seattle 5; Romano, Los Angeles 4.

National League

Batting Average - Edwards, Miami .339; Gonzales, Pittsburgh .330; Lopez, Miami .325; Pages, Los Angeles .324; O'Hearn, Pittsburgh .323; Harris II, Atlanta .320; Albies, Atlanta .316; Johnston, Colorado .315; Arraez, San Francisco .315; Hicks, Miami .311.
Home Runs - De La Cruz, Cincinnati 10; Wood, Washington 10; Cruz, Pittsburgh 9;

Stewart, Cincinnati 9; Muncy, Los Angeles 9; Schwarber, Philadelphia 9; Olson, Atlanta 8; Moniak, Colorado 8; Walker, St. Louis 8; Happ, Chicago 7.
RBI - Stewart, Cincinnati 29; Hicks, Miami 27; Olson, Atlanta 26; Hoerner, Chicago 26; Cruz, Pittsburgh 25; Pages, Los Angeles 25; Baldwin, Atlanta 25; De La Cruz, Cincinnati 24; Swanson, Chicago 23; Abrams, Washington 21.
Stolen Bases - Nunez, Washington 13; Cruz, Pittsburgh 10; Marsee, Miami 10; De La Cruz, Cincinnati 8; Tatis Jr., San Diego 7; Hoerner, Chicago 7; Turang, Milwaukee 7; Stewart, Cincinnati 7; McCarthy, Colorado 6; Acuna Jr., Atlanta 6.
Wins - Sale, Atlanta 5; Ashby, Milwaukee 5; Roupp, San Francisco 5; Wrobleksi, Los Angeles 4; Skenes, Pittsburgh 4; Soroka, Arizona 4; Rea, Chicago 3; Glasnow, Los Angeles 3; Holmes, New York 3; Marquez, San Diego 3.
ERA - Ohtani, Los Angeles 0.60; Wrobleksi, Los Angeles 1.50; Holmes, New York 1.75; Elder, Atlanta 1.95; Dollander, Colorado 2.25; Sale, Atlanta 2.31; King, San Diego 2.41; Glasnow, Los Angeles 2.45; Roupp, San Francisco 2.55; McLean, New York 2.55.
Strikeouts - Misiorowski, Milwaukee 51; McLean, New York 45; Sanchez, Philadelphia 43; Luzardo, Philadelphia 41; Ashcraft, Pittsburgh 39; Burns, Cincinnati 39; Dollander, Colorado 39; Sale, Atlanta 38; Glasnow, Los Angeles 38; Imanaga, Chicago 38.
Saves - Miller, San Diego 10; Sewald, Arizona 7; O'Brien, St. Louis 7; Pagan, Cincinnati 6; Fairbanks, Miami 5; Iglesias, Atlanta 5; Duran, Philadelphia 5; Diaz, Los Angeles 4; Megill, Milwaukee 4; Vodnik, Colorado 4.

NBA

Playoffs - First Round

Sunday's Scores

Toronto 93, Cleveland 89
San Antonio 114, Portland 93
Boston 128, Philadelphia 96
Houston 115, L.A. Lakers 96

Monday's Scores

Orlando 94, Detroit 88
Oklahoma City 131, Phoenix 122, Oklahoma City wins series 4-0
Denver 125, Minnesota 113, Minnesota leads series 3-2

Tuesday's Scores

Philadelphia 113, Boston 97, Boston leads series 3-2
N.Y. Knicks 126, Atlanta 97, New York leads series 3-2
San Antonio 114, Portland 95, San Antonio wins series 4-1

Wednesday's Scores

Detroit 116, Orlando 109, Orlando leads series 3-2
Cleveland 125, Toronto 120, Cleveland leads series 3-2
Houston 99, L.A. Lakers 93, L.A. Lakers lead series 3-2

Thursday's Games

New York at Atlanta
Boston at Philadelphia
Denver at Minnesota

Friday's Games

Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Houston, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

Playoffs - First Round

Monday's Scores

Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2
Vegas 5, Utah 4 (OT), series tied 2-2

Tuesday's Scores

Boston 2, Buffalo 1, OT, Buffalo leads series 3-2
Minnesota 4, Dallas 2, Minnesota leads

series 3-2
Edmonton 4, Anaheim 1, Anaheim leads series 3-2

Wednesday's Scores

Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2, Montreal leads series 3-2
Philadelphia 1, Pittsburgh 0, OT, Philadelphia wins series 4-2
Utah at Vegas

Thursday's Games

Dallas at Minnesota
Edmonton at Anaheim

Friday's Games

Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Vegas at Utah, 10 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

Eastern Conference

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	7	1	22	21	6
Inter Miami CF	5	1	19	19	15
Chicago	5	2	17	17	8
New England	5	3	16	17	12
Charlotte FC	4	2	14	18	18
Toronto FC	3	3	13	17	19
N.Y. City FC	3	4	12	19	16
Columbus	3	4	13	14	13
Cincinnati	3	4	12	19	23
D.C. United	3	4	13	11	15
NY Red Bulls	3	4	12	16	25
CF Montreal	3	6	9	13	20
Atlanta	2	7	7	9	17
Orlando City	2	7	7	12	29
Philadelphia	1	7	2	5	9

Western Conference

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	9	1	27	25	6
Vancouver	8	1	24	25	5
Los Angeles FC	6	2	20	17	6
Seattle	6	1	19	12	4
Minnesota	5	3	17	11	14
Real Salt Lake	5	3	16	17	14
Colorado	4	5	13	22	18
FC Dallas	3	4	13	18	15
Houston	4	5	12	12	18
LA Galaxy	3	4	12	15	16
San Diego FC	3	5	11	17	17
Portland	3	5	10	13	19
Austin FC	2	4	10	14	19
Saint Louis	1	5	3	6	16
Sporting KC	1	7	1	4	7

Saturday's Games

San Jose at Toronto FC, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Sporting KC, 2:30 p.m.
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 4:30 p.m.
Orlando City at Inter Miami CF, 7 p.m.
CF Montreal at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at NY Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles FC at San Diego FC, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.

NWSL

W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	5	1	0	15	11
Portland	4	1	1	13	10
Utah	3	2	1	10	9
Seattle	3	2	1	10	7
Angel City	3	2	0	9	11
Washington	2	1	3	9	9
Houston	3	2	0	9	9
Orlando	2	2	2	8	5
Gotham	2	2	2	8	4
North Carolina	2	1	2	6	6
Denver Summit	1	2	3	6	6
Bay	2	3	0	6	10
Chicago	2	4	0	6	4
Kansas City	2	4	0	6	11
Louisville	1	3	1	4	10
Boston Legacy	0	5	0	1	9

Wednesday's Scores

Boston Legacy 2, North Carolina 2
Washington 1, Louisville 0
Gotham 2, Chicago 0

Friday's Games

Seattle at Houston, 8 pm

Saturday's Games

Washington at Orlando, 4 pm
Kansas City at North Carolina, 6:30 pm
Utah at Angel City, 8:45 pm

Sunday's Games

Portland at Chicago, 1 pm
Denver Summit at Boston Legacy, 3 pm
Louisville at Gotham, 5 pm
Baylor at San Diego, 7 pm

UFL

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
DC	4	1	0.800	172	99
Orlando	4	1	0.800	104	77
Dallas	3	2	0.600	134	130
St. Louis	3	2	0.600	112	116
Louisville	2	3	0.400	120	110
Houston	2	3	0.400	85	138
Columbus	1	4	0.200	106	126
Birmingham	1	4	0.200	93	130

Thursday's Game

St. Louis at Louisville Kings

Friday's Game

Houston Gamblers at Columbus Aviators

Saturday's Game

Dallas at DC

Sunday's Game

Birmingham at Orlando Storm

GOLF

PGA Tour Statistics

Season Points

1, Scottie Scheffler, 2,031. 2, Matt Fitzpatrick, 1,994. 3, Collin Morikawa, 1,719. 4, Cameron Young, 1,671. 5, Jacob Briggeman, 1,495. 6, Chris Gotterup, 1,299. 7, Akshay Bhatia, 1,282. 8, Rory McIlroy, 1,226. 9, Ludvig Aberg, 1,143. 10, Si Woo Kim, 1,074.

Scoring Average

1, Scottie Scheffler, 69.30. 2, Jake Knapp, 69.57. 3, Rory McIlroy, 69.60. 4, Collin Morikawa, 69.62. 5, Jacob Briggeman, 69.86. 6, Matt Fitzpatrick, 69.87. 7, Cameron Young, 69.99. 8, Xander Schauffele, 70.03. 9, Chris Gotterup, 70.10. 10, Nicolai Hojgaard, 70.10.

Driving Distance

1, Aldrich Potgieter, 325.20. 2, Gary Woodland, 323.50. 3, Michael Brennan, 323.10. 4, Chris Gotterup, 320.10. 5, Jesper Svensson, 319.90. 6, (tie), Jake Knapp and Marco Penge, 319.80. 8, Rory McIlroy, 319.70. 9, Rasmus Hojgaard, 319.00. 10, Nicolai Hojgaard, 317.10.

Driving Accuracy Percentage

1, Si Woo Kim, 71.75%. 2, (tie), Russell Henley and Corey Conners, 70.76%. 4, Matt Fitzpatrick, 70.20%. 5, Andrew Putnam, 69.77%. 6, Lucas Glover, 69.66%. 7, Collin Morikawa, 69.51%. 8, Aaron Rai, 69.46%. 9, Tommy Fleetwood, 67.60%. 10, Kensei Hirata, 66.94%.

Greens in Regulation Percentage

1, Justin Rose, 71.98%. 2, Ryo Hisatsune, 71.69%. 3, Matt Fitzpatrick, 70.99%. 4, Johnny Keefer, 70.75%. 5, (tie), Collin Morikawa and Dylan Wu, 70.51%. 7, Scottie Scheffler, 70.49%. 8, (tie), John Parry and Daniel Berger, 70.22%. 10, Kurt Kitayama, 70.12%.

Total Putts Per Round

1, Chandler Phillips, 27.27%. 2, Robert MacIntyre, 27.35%. 3, Eric Cole, 27.41%. 4, David Lipsky, 27.50%. 5, Scottie Scheffler,