

Local teams score nicely in NFL draft

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Chicago, IL - With the first round of the NFL draft concluding a little after 11:30 p.m. local time Thursday night, April 28, the region's local teams, the Washington Redskins and the Baltimore Ravens, both made out quite nicely. The Ravens took a brute of an offensive tackle, and the Redskins drafted a tall, high-flying wide receiver.

The Ravens entered the draft with the number 6 pick, and a roster needing help in a few spots. One of those spots was the offensive line. With quarterback Joe Flacco tearing his ACL last season after taking a beating against St. Louis, their primary concern was taking a big brute to protect him. Due to the first 5 picks before them, they were in a position to take Ronnie Stanley of Notre Dame, or Laremy Tunsil of Ole Miss. In all mock drafts, Tunsil was a projected top 5 pick, but just before the draft, a video surfaced on his Twitter account, showing him smoking marijuana. Perhaps due to that, the Ravens went with Stanley. Stanley stands 6'6 and weighs 315 pounds. He played left tackle in college. Stanley displays fantastic footwork, and has proved he can contain the edge. He demonstrated a great ability to get to the second level and attack linebackers.

The Redskins sat at the 21st overall pick, and actually traded one spot down with the Texans to number 22. Despite some needs on the defensive side of the ball, the Redskins chose the best player available, Josh Doctson, a receiver from TCU. At first, the pick didn't make much sense as the 'Skins had receivers such as Pierre Garcon, Deshaun Jackson, and Jamison Crowder on the roster. However, looking into contracts ending after this upcoming season, it proved to be a great pick. Garcon and Jackson are both entering the last year of their contracts, and both will demand big money. Other positions also have big contract years. So, Doctson is a nice security blanket for the Redskins. At the combine, Doctson ran a 4.5 second 40 yard dash, and at 6'2, that's pretty quick. He displayed great ball skills while it was in the air, and will be another weapon for quarterback Kirk Cousins to utilize in a dynamic passing offense.

The draft resumes tonight at 7 p.m. with the second and the third rounds.

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