



## BRONCOS TRADE DOWN IN FIRST ROUND, DRAFT QB Josh Freeman of Kansas State Selected



Denver, May 15th, 2010: With the fourth overall pick in the first round, the Broncos liked what they saw in the players available. So much so, they traded down, picking up an extra second and third round pick from Dallas along with the swap of first rounders. In the deal, the Broncos moved down only eight spots in the first round, surrendering their own first and acquiring the 12th pick overall (originally Buffalo's pick), along with Dallas second round (47th overall) and Dallas' third rounder (74th overall).

"The first round is pretty deep," Denver head coach Hank Sienzant said in discussing the trade afterwards. "We felt the difference between the fourth overall player and the 12th player would not be that great, and it was worth trading down to acquire the extra picks."

With the pick acquired from Dallas, the Broncos selected **Josh Freeman**, a big (6-6, 250-lb) QB with a very strong arm and good athletic ability from Kansas State. He is tough and can make every NFL



throw. Freeman has the potential to be great, but is inconsistent and sometimes appears lost. It will be up to the Denver coaching staff to maximize his potential as Freeman has as much upside as any player in the game. A young player (born 1/13/1988), he is only 21 years old and won't turn 22 until after his rookie season ends.

Because he is coming out after his junior year, the Broncos view it as having Freeman in their system a year earlier than they would normally have a rookie, giving them extra time to develop his skills.

He is a near-perfect complement to the Broncos veteran QB Daunte Culpepper who likewise came out of college with a lot of untapped athletic ability and turned into a very good pro QB. The Broncos expect the raw Freeman to sit and learn from the veteran for a year or two before being thrown into the ISFL fires, although they admit their plans for Freeman are fluid at this point in time. "The more he shows he can handle, the more he will be given," one Bronco spokesperson said after Freeman's selection. "It isn't likely he will be the day one starter, however," they added.

The Broncos admitted after the selection that Freeman was the player they had targeted with the fourth choice all along, and were more than happy he was still available when they got to select him later in the first round, and also pick up two additional picks in the process. "It was a gamble in trading down in that someone could have selected Freeman, but he fell to us and it is a win-win-win situation for us today," as one Bronco staff member put it.



## BRONCOS GET DEFENSIVE IN ROUND TWO



Denver, May 16th, 2010: The Broncos followed up their selection of quarterback Josh Freeman in the first round with two defensive players in round two. Defensive lineman B.J.Raji of Boston College was the Broncos own selection with the 29th pick overall, while they came back later in the round to select cornerback Malcolm Jenkins of Ohio State.



**B.J.Raji** is a 6-1, 337-lb run stuffer that will be paired next to Tony Brown to shore up the Broncos interior defensive line. He has some pass-rush limitations that will probably make him a long-term two-down player, but he will be an effective bottleneck against opponents seeking to run up the middle. If necessary, he can also play a 3-4 defensive end, but is more suited to defensive tackle.

"Raji can be the run stuffer we need in the interior defensive line. We will expose him to defensive end play as well, but long term, we view Raji as a nose tackle or stay-at-home two-down defensive tackle in the 4-3," one member of the Broncos scouting department said after Raji's selection.

Raji is viewed by many as a potential future All Pro who showcased his skills for all to see at the Senior Bowl, where he was practically unblockable against some of the best guard and center prospects in the draft. Leading up to the draft, it was reported that B.J.Raji failed a drug test, and that caused Raji's stock to fall to the point where he was still available at the top of round two. Those rumors were later proven false, and the Broncos dismissed claims that they were the source of the stories.

**Malcolm Jenkins** is considered by many to be one of the best young cornerback prospects in this draft. He was selected with one of the additional picks acquired from Dallas when the Broncos traded down from fourth to twelfth in the first round. Jenkins is 6-0, and 205, and can also play safety. He isn't the fastest cornerback in this draft, but is a physical athletic corner who will support the run. Jenkins will play best in a zone scheme where he can use his short area quickness to press the receiver. He comes from a strong Ohio State cornerback pipeline and has the tools to be the next great one at the position.



According to a Broncos source, however, the Broncos are thinking about Jenkins a bit differently. "Jenkins can play cornerback or safety, and we believe his ultimate position will be safety, where Jenkins will get an opportunity to start for us immediately. In these days where the three-wide-receiver set is used more often, having a good man-to-man cover safety is more a necessity than ever. We believe Jenkins gives us that player."



## BRONCOS ADD TO BOTH LINES IN THIRD ROUND



Denver, May 17th, 2010: The Broncos drafted two defenders and one offensive lineman in the third round of the 2010 ISFL draft. With their own selection, the second pick in the third round, the Broncos selected **Eric Wood** (right) an offensive lineman out of Louisville. Wood is 6-4, 310, and can play either center or guard. He is very competitive and surprisingly agile for his size. "He is not a need pick," head coach Hank Sienzant said during the draft, "But we did not expect him to be there with the 58th pick overall. He was just too good to pass up at that spot." Wood will challenge Nick Cole at guard and Samson Satele at center for a starting spot. He may not start right away, but he will be a starter before too long. Wood is a safe, low-risk selection with the ability to be a Pro Bowl caliber player someday.



Later in the third round, with the pick acquired from Kansas City last year, the Broncos went back to the defensive side of the ball and acquired DE/LB **Robert Ayers** (below left) from the University of Tennessee. Ayers is 6-3, 272, and is naturally



athletic with raw strength. The Broncos love his versatility. He can carry 290 lbs and play a down DE in a 3-4, or play at his current weight in a 4-3, or play outside linebacker in a 3-4. The biggest knock on Ayers is he has only average instincts at best - Ayers can be late to find the ball and is not a creative player. However, the Broncos believe he is a steal at the 69<sup>th</sup> overall pick, and should be able to contribute for years for the Broncos.

With their final third round selection, acquired as the last piece of the puzzle from Dallas when they traded down on Saturday from 4th to 12th in the first round, the Broncos selected **Connor Barwin** (bottom right), another versatile athlete who can play numerous positions. Barwin is 6-3, 255, and played tight end at Cincinnati until his senior season, when he switched to defensive end and had 11 sacks. He is a hustler on every down, and has good first step quickness off the ball. He is still in the infancy stages as a pass rusher and has a limited arsenal of moves. It will be up to the coaching staff to coach Barwin up and get him to be a productive player. His pass-catching ability as a tight end is a plus.

With the acquisition of Barwin, that closes the books on the big Dallas trade the Broncos made in the first round. Dallas acquired outside linebacker Brian Orakpo with Denver's pick, while the Broncos sacrificed an opportunity to take potential franchise QB Matthew Stafford and traded down, selecting QB Josh Freeman, cornerback / safety Malcolm Jenkins, and defensive end Connor Barwin with the three picks acquired from Dallas.

Tomorrow the Broncos appear to be less active on the drafting front, as they only have one fourth round pick, but have two picks in the fifth round and two in the sixth round before finishing up with lone picks in the seventh and eighth rounds.





## BRONCOS CONTINUE TO DRAFT LINEMEN



Denver, May 19th, 2010: "We've been very happy with the way the draft has unfolded," head coach Hank Sienzant confided after the Broncos concluded their fifth round of drafting in the ISFL 2010 Player Selection Meeting.

After drafting three linemen in the first three rounds, the Broncos might've been expected to go in another direction. Nothing like that has happened to date. "We haven't been selecting directly for need, but as it's happened, the needs and the best players on our boards have aligned more often than not. We felt we've really improved the team with our first nine picks, and we still have four more picks to go."



In the fourth round, the Broncos added defensive lineman Evander "Ziggy" Hood, who can play inside or outside. And in the fifth round, they added defensive tackle Roy Miller, before beefing up the offensive line with T.J.Lang, who can play either guard or tackle.

**Ziggy Hood** was drafted at the top of the fourth round, with the Broncos own pick, the 85th pick overall. He's a 6-3, 300-pounder out of the University of Missouri who can play inside as a penetrating 4-3 tackle or outside as a 3-4 defensive end. He's not a great pass rusher, but will be a nice complementary performer as a defensive tackle alongside a good stay-at-home run defender. Evander "Ziggy" Hood improved every year at Missouri and is an impressive player on tape. He does not have one part of his game that stands out, but can contribute both versus the run and versus the pass. He is pictured to the left making the tackle on the BU player.

With their own fifth round pick, the second pick in that round, the Broncos selected **Roy Miller**, a true defensive tackle who gives his all on every play. He emerged as a force as a senior at the University of Texas, playing alongside Brian Orakpo, who went fourth overall. The 6-foot1 1/4, 308-pound Miller was an All Big 12 pick as a senior after posting career highs in tackles (49), tackles for loss (11), sacks (5.5), quarterback hurries (28) and pass breakups (4). Miller has excellent quickness and is an under-rated run stuffer. He is pictured to the right wearing number 99. The Broncos believe Miller could be the steal of their draft in a couple of years.



With their other fifth round pick, acquired last year from Detroit as partial payment for John Thorton, the Broncos selected another lineman, this time from the offensive side of the ball. **T.J.Lang** played at Eastern Michigan and didn't get the national exposure of some other rookies. But at 6-4, 305, he is athletic and quick, and can play either tackle or guard. A tough, scrappy competitor, he plays with tenacity and a physical style well suited to the Broncos game. He doesn't take plays off and is very intense. He will definitely upgrade the Broncos offensive line and could be a starter sooner rather than later. He is expected to compete at guard with the Broncos, although he could play tackle in a pinch.

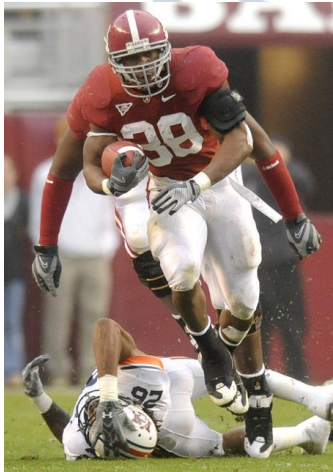


## BRONCOS HAPPY WITH DRAFT OUTCOME



Denver, May 19th, 2010: The Broncos added five more players in the draft's final three rounds, and profess to be very happy with their draft results. "We felt everything fell into place in this draft. And we couldn't believe some of the players that fell to us," said a Broncos war-room insider at the end of Broncos draft.

According to this source, at one point the Broncos had a short list of seven players and had to decide how to rank them, as they felt they would only get one or two at most of those seven. As it turned out, they got five of the seven, starting with Roy Miller at pick 114 and ending with Michael Johnson at pick 170. We've learned the only two players on their short list that they failed to acquire in that span were Darius Reynaud (who went to San Diego at 142), and Zack Miller (who went to Carolina at 133).

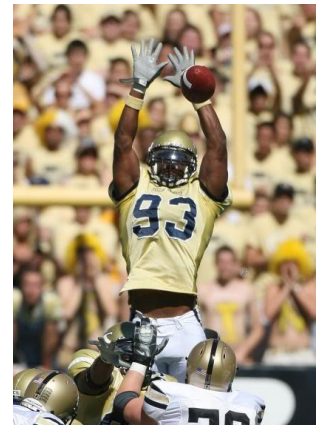


Topping that short list was 22-year-old running back **Glen Coffee**, a 6-0, 210-pounder out of Alabama who runs with a lot more power than one would expect from a player his size. He says he plans to put on another ten pounds to better handle the ISFL rigors. Coffee was a first team SEC player as a junior, having rushed for 1383 and ten TDs, adding another 118 yards and an 11th touchdown on receptions. He ran a disappointing 4.58 combine forty, part of the reason he fell to the ISFL sixth round. He isn't the type of back who will juke a defender and make a cut and go, instead he is more like a punch in the mouth. As Coffee says, he'd rather run over defenders than run around them. Denver took Coffee at the top of the sixth round, with their own pick. The Broncos expect Coffee to push Lendale White and Ricky Williams this year, with the goal of eventually replacing Ricky Williams as the second back and maybe pushing Lendale for the lead back role down the road.

With a pick acquired from the Jets for a seventh rounder last year, the Broncos selected a smallish linebacker out of USC, **Kaluka Maiava**, a 6-0, 232-pounder who plays hard snap-to-whistle (right). He's a hard-working 22-year-old overachiever who is the least well known of the USC graduating linebackers (the other two are Brian Cushing and Ray Mauluga), but is a very good player in his own right. He moves well laterally and has good playing speed. Because of his lack of size, he isn't ever going to be a great run-stuffer, but the Broncos envision him as a blitzing and cover linebacker who could be a great asset on passing downs. He will have to prove he can be an every-down player.



**Michael Johnson** (right) is another player who is going to have to prove he can play the run, although he will upgrade the Broncos pass rush almost immediately. Viewed as a one-dimensional pass rusher for the most part as he comes out of Georgia Tech, the 6-7, 260-pounder did not have the collegiate production one would expect from a player of his size and talents. Johnson was once thought of as a potential top-ten pick. Having fallen all the way to the top of the seventh round, where the Broncos selected him with the 170<sup>th</sup> pick overall, however, the Broncos took Johnson with the thinking that the risk / reward ratio had tipped well in their favor. As one Bronco behind-the-scenes



spokesperson noted, "It's only a seventh round pick, and in return we got a youngster (only 22) who could be a late bloomer who can hopefully start for us for ten years." While it remains to be seen if the undersized Johnson can bulk up to play the run effectively as a 4-3 DE, he also is athletic enough to allow a move perhaps to outside linebacker in the 3-4. Johnson's good quickness in short space and explosion off the line can possibly enable him to develop into a blitzing linebacker.



With the seventh round pick acquired from the Steelers for the aging cornerback Shawn Springs, the Broncos got almost ten years younger with the selection of tight end **Joey Haynos** (left) out of the University of Maryland. The 6-7, 245-pound Haynos isn't the fleetest afoot, but is an excellent blocker who understands leverage in the running game and who has soft hands and can find the seams in a zone defense. Over his last two collegiate seasons he caught 67 passes for 687 yards and three touchdowns. He isn't ever going to be the number one tight end in a pro offense, but he is a solid player who has some upside.

With their final pick in the regular draft, the Broncos took a gamble on a player who caught their eye at USC - the 5-11, 190-pound **Cary Harris** (pictured right). Harris started 34 games for USC, appearing in a total of 52 in his collegiate career. He is a very good athlete with good football skills, but is not very fast for a cornerback (4.6 combine time in the forty), which scared a lot of teams off. He also appears to shy away from contact at times. However, the Broncos have a very good player on their roster who is almost a Harris-clone in CB Terrell Thomas, likewise a USC product. If Harris can play like Thomas has to date, and the Broncos believe he will, the Broncos will have an eighth-round steal.



In the supplemental draft, the Broncos took two young projects, Kevin Ogletree and Duke Robinson in what was effectively the ISFL's ninth and tenth rounds.



**Kevin Ogletree** is a wideout out of Virginia who goes 6-0 and 196. More than fast enough at 4.4, he has a lanky frame with room for additional muscle mass. He is quick as well as fast, and makes the tough catch in traffic. Will body catch unnecessarily, and drop some uncontested catches. He needs to improve his route running and show more consistency catching the ball to emerge as a pro talent. He is only 22 years old.

**Duke Robinson**, an exceptional collegiate guard, had an extremely poor bowl game, causing his stock to drop like a rock. But the Broncos believe his true value is what he showed over four consistent years starting for Oklahoma - including ten games as a true freshman - not the one bad game he had to end his collegiate career. At 6-5 and 335-pounds, Robinson is big enough to play guard or right tackle. Viewed as a road grader in the run game, Robinson will have to work on his pass blocking and his conditioning, which was something that did scare some teams off. He was viewed as a potential first rounder earlier in his career, and was one of the three finalists for the Outland Trophy, given to the nation's top collegiate lineman in his final college campaign. Robinson is 23 years old.





## Complete Bronco Draft List



### ROUND - PICK    PLAYER, COLLEGIATE TEAM, POSITION

Round 1 - 12	Josh Freeman, Kansas State, QB
Round 2 - 29	B.J. Raji, Boston College, DL
Round 2 - 47	Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio State, DB
Round 3 - 58	Eric Wood, Louisville, OG
Round 3 - 69	Robert Ayers, Tennessee, OLB
Round 3 - 74	Connor Barwin, Cincinnati, DE
Round 4 - 85	Ziggy Hood, Missouri DE
Round 5 -114	Roy Miller, Texas, DT
Round 5 -131	T.J. Lang, Eastern Michigan, G
Round 6 -141	Glen Coffee, Alabama, RB
Round 6 -168	Kaluka Maiava, USC, ILB
Round 7 -170	Michael Johnson, Georgia Tech, DE
Round 7 -182	Joey Haynos, Maryland, TE
Round 8 -197	Cary Harris, USC, CB
Supp 1 - 225	Kevin Ogletree, Virginia, WR
Supp 2 - 243	Duke Robinson, Oklahoma, G