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EARLY ENTRIES FOR 2020 NFL DRAFT (1/12/20)

Name	POS	SCHOOL
Salvon Ahmed	RB	Washington
Cam Akers	RB	Florida St
Grayland Arnold	S	Baylor
Devin Asiasi	TE	UCLA
Trajan Bandy	CB	Miami
Mekhi Becton	OT	Louisville
Eno Benjamin	RB	Arizona St
Tyler Biadasz	C	Wisconsin
Ross Blacklock	DT	TCU
Lynn Bowden	WR	Kentucky
Hunter Bryant	TE	Washington
Quintez Cephus	WR	Wisconsin
Ezra Cleveland	OT	Boise St
Nick Cole	DE	Alabama
Nystran Colon-Castillo	C	Missouri
Karmen Curl	S	Arkansas
DeeJay Dallas	RB	Miami
Cameron Dantzier	CB	Mississippi St
Gabriel Davis	WR	UCF
Quartney Davis	WR	Texas A&M
AJ Dillon	RB	Boston College
JK Dobbins	RB	Ohio St
Jacob Eason	QB	Washington
Jordan Elliott	DT	Missouri
Darrynton Evans	RB	Appalachian St
Jake Fromm	QB	Georgia
Jonathan Garvin	DE	Miami
Willie Gay	LB	Mississippi St
Alohi Gilman	S	Notre Dame
Yetur Gross-Matos	DE	Penn St
Javelin Guidry	CB	Utah
KJ Hamler	WR	Penn St
Harrison Hand	CB	Temple
CJ Henderson	CB	Florida
Matt Hennessy	C	Temple
Kylin Hill	RB	Mississippi St
Isiah Hodgins	WR	Oregon St
Daray Holmes	CB	UCLA
Noah Ibinoghene	CB	Auburn
Trishon Jackson	WR	Syracuse
Jerry Jeudy	WR	Alabama
Jaylon Johnson	CB	Utah
Tony Jones	RB	Notre Dame
Solomon Kindley	OG	Georgia
Cole Kmet	TE	Notre Dame
CeeDee Lamb	WR	Oklahoma
Javon Leake	RB	Maryland
Jordan Love	QB	Utah St
Justin Madubuike	DT	Texas A&M
Kyle Mackway	TE	South Carolina
Deshawn McCleese	TE	Virginia Tech
Cole McDonald	QB	Hawaii
Anthony McFarland	RB	Maryland
Xavier McKinney	S	Alabama
Houston Miller	DE	Texas Tech
Kenneth Murray	LB	Oklahoma
Nelane Muli	OG	Fresno St
Jeff Okudah	CB	Ohio St
Albert Okwuegbunam	TE	Missouri
Colby Parkinson	TE	Stanford
Donovan Peoples-Jones	WR	Michigan
James Pierre	CB	Florida Atlantic
Jalen Reagor	WR	TCU
Deblone Renfro	CB	Texas A&M
Amik Robertson	CB	Louisiana Tech
Kendrick Rogers	WR	Texas A&M
Henry Ruggs	WR	Alabama
Cesar Ruiz	C	Michigan
Stanford Samuels	CB	Florida St
Laviska Shenault	WR	Colorado
Aryn Spass	P	Auburn
Geno Stone	S	Iowa
D'Andre Swift	RB	Georgia
Tua Tagovailoa	QB	Alabama
JJ Taylor	RB	Arizona
Jonathan Taylor	RB	Wisconsin
Andrew Thomas	OT	Georgia
Jeff Thomas	WR	Miami
Michael Turk	P	Arizona St
Josh Uche	LB	Michigan
Quez Watkins	WR	Southern Miss
Curtis Weaver	DE	Boise St
Cody White	WR	Michigan St
Jedrick Willis	OT	Alabama
Isiah Wilson	OT	Georgia
Antonio Winfield	S	Minnesota
David Woodward	LB	Utah St
Chase Young	DE	Ohio St

NFL PLAYOFF BOX SCORES

2018 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-ATPY	I-F	
2	LA Rams	54'	26	19	26-77	26-41-301	1-0
1	New Orleans (OT)	-3	23	19	21-48	26-41-242	1-0
2	New England	56	37	36	48-176	30-46-348	2-0
1	Kansas City (OT)	-3'	31	18	12-41	16-31-249	0-0

2017 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-ATPY	I-F	
2	Minnesota	-3	7	22	18-70	28-48-263	2-1
1	Philadelphia	39	38	27	30-110	26-33-346	0-0
3	Jacksonville	46	20	22	32-101	23-36-273	0-0
1	New England	-7'	24	22	19-46	27-39-298	0-1

2016 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-ATPY	I-F	
4	Green Bay	60	21	24	17-99	27-45-287	1-1
3	Atlanta	-4	44	30	30-101	27-38-392	0-0
3	Pittsburgh	50	17	22	20-54	31-47-314	1-1
1	New England	-5	36	26	27-57	32-42-384	0-0

2015 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-ATPY	I-F	
2	Arizona	47'	15	21	16-60	23-41-227	4-3
1	Carolina	-3	49	21	37-152	19-28-324	1-0
2	New England	-3	18	20	17-44	27-56-292	2-0
1	Denver	45	20	12	30-99	17-32-145	0-1

2014 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-ATPY	I-F	
4	Indianapolis	52	7	17	19-83	12-33-126	2-1
1	New England	-7	45	28	40-177	23-35-220	1-0
2	Green Bay	44	22	19	30-135	19-34-171	2-0
1	Seattle	-8'	28	20	35-194	15-30-203	4-1

2013 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-ATPY	I-F	
2	New England	54'	16	19	16-64	24-38-256	0-0
1	Denver	-6'	26	27	28-107	32-43-400	0-0
5	San Francisco	40'	17	16	28-161	14-24-147	2-1
1	Seattle	-3	23	14	29-115	16-25-193	0-1

2012 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-ATPY	I-F	
4	Baltimore	51'	28	25	33-121	21-36-235	0-0
2	New England	-7'	13	28	28-108	29-54-320	2-1
2	San Francisco	-3'	28	21	29-149	16-21-224	0-1
1	Atlanta	48'	24	27	23-81	30-42-396	1-1

2011 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-ATPY	I-F	
2	Baltimore	50	20	19	31-116	22-36-282	1-0
1	New England	-7	23	25	31-96	22-36-234	2-1
4	NY Giants	41	20	20	26-85	32-58-267	0-0
2	San Fran (OT)	-2	17	15	28-150	12-26-178	0-2

HANDICAPPING NOTES FOR THIS WEEK'S NFL CONFERENCE FINAL GAMES

Q&A about this upcoming round of the playoffs and our researched answers:

How do the home teams fare in this round? You would expect the home teams to have an edge and they are 43-34-1 56% ATS in the Finals since 1977. Vegas has been giving some extra compensation for the home field advantage in this round. From 1977-'89 the home teams were 15-7 ATS. Since 1990 they are just 28-29-1 ATS. There have been only 4 seasons when a #1 seed didn't advance which were 2008, 2010, 2012 and last season. Remember, these teams do not have the advantage of an extra week of preparation like they did in the Divisional Rnd last week.

How often are the spreads over a td in the Finals? There have been 26 teams that have been favored by 7 points or more since 1990 in the Conference Final round. The big favorites are 11-15 ATS in that span, including just 5-11 ATS the last 16 occurrences (New England failed to cover versus Jacksonville in '17). Kansas City & San Francisco both find themselves as at least TD chalk TY.

Is covering in the Divisional round an advantage when your opponent failed to cover? Actually, it is just the opposite. There have been only 22 times since 1987 when a team has won in the Divisional round but did not cover. The public has a short term memory and those teams usually fall out of favor and the spread compensates for their loss. These teams have actually gone 13-7-2 ATS in the finals including a 2-gm sweep by DEN and SEA in '13 as both failed to cover in their DIV matchups.

How do teams fare in this round following an OT win in the Divisional round? There have been 7 occurrences dating back to 2001 when a Divisional round game went into OT. Arizona was in that role a year ago and were hammered against CAR a week later. In '03 both CAR and PHI won their respective Divisional round matchups in OT before meeting in the NFC Championship a week later (14-3 CAR win).

How do teams with the better SU record fare in this round? In the last 24 years, teams with the better SU records are 26-25-1 51% ATS. However, in the last 6 years the team with the better record has gone 6-3 ATS and won 8 or 9 outright (lone loss was LY with NE beating KC).

How do home underdogs in the AFC/NFC Title game rounds fare? Talk about RARE. Since 1986 there have been a grand total of 9 home dogs in this round (30 years!!!). Amazingly in 1997 there were TWO and both lost as DEN and GB won as AF's. The NYG were a HD as a #1 seed in 2000 and won while PIT lost as a #1 seed HD in 2004. In the L9Y it has happened 5 times with Arizona winning in '08, Chicago losing to GB in 2010, Atlanta losing to SF in '12, Denver knocking off NE in '15 and the Eagles winning in '17 against the Vikings.

No #1 seeds - Since 1990 when the NFL made the switch to 6 playoff teams the only 2 seasons when a #1 seed did not advance to the Conf Finals was 2008 and 2010. Both #1 seeds have advanced to the SB in 4 of the past 6 snns. Prior to that, both teams reached on just 3 occasions since 1990.

Over/Unders - In the L17 years the Conference Finals has gone Over 22 of 34 games (push in '14 between IND/NE). Since 1988 when both teams went Over in their DIV round they are 9-5 Over in the Conf Finals. Also of note is that in the 5 games since 1993 when both teams went Under the total in the DIV round, they also are a perfect 5-0 Over in the Finals. In 2011 and 2013 both Conf Finals went Under the total which was the first time since 2003.

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