

1949 AAFC DRAFT

Secret Draft Held: July 8, 1948

“A secret, two-round draft was held for players who were to be seniors in the 1948 season. The purpose was for the struggling AAFC to be able to get a jump on wooing the top college players before the NFL teams could talk to them. Two of the selections were voided by AAFC Commissioner O.O. Kessing because the players were not seniors and had college eligibility remaining for the 1949 season. Dick Harris, the first selection of Baltimore, later was assigned to Cleveland by the Commissioner.” – *Total Football*, Edited by Bob Carroll, Michael Gershman, David Neft and John Thorn.

BALTIMORE COLTS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Drafted By</u>
1	Dick Harris	C	Texas	Baltimore Colts
2	Levi Jackson	B	Yale	Baltimore Colts

BROOKLYN DODGERS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Drafted By</u>
1	Chuck Bednarik	C	Pennsylvania	Brooklyn Dodgers
2	<i>Choice to the New York Yankees</i>			

BUFFALO BILLS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Drafted By</u>
1	Abe Gibron	G	Purdue	Buffalo Bills
2	Frank Tripucka	QB	Notre Dame	Buffalo Bills

CHICAGO ROCKETS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Drafted By</u>
1	Terry Brennan	B	Notre Dame	Chicago Rockets
1	Pete Elliott	B	Michigan	<i>From N.Y. Yankees</i>
2	Bill Fischer	G	Notre Dame	Chicago Rockets

CLEVELAND BROWNS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Drafted By</u>
1	Gene Derricotte	B	Michigan	Cleveland Browns

2	Dick Kempthorn	B	Michigan	Cleveland Browns
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LOS ANGELES DONS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Drafted By</u>
1	Dan Dworsky	C	Michigan	Los Angeles Dons
2	Jack Price	B	Baylor	Los Angeles Dons

NEW YORK YANKEES

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Drafted By</u>
1	<i>Choice to Chicago Rockets</i>			
2	Lou Kusserow	B	Columbia	<i>From Brooklyn Dodgers</i>
2	Johnny Rauch	QB	Georgia	New York Yankees

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Drafted By</u>
1	Ernie Stautner	T	Bsoton College	San Francisco 49ers
2	Jim Winkler	T	Texas A&M	San Francisco 49ers

Draft Held: December 21, 1948

“In determining the draft order, the divisional playoff game between Buffalo and Baltimore was added to the regular season finish. This made the order of selection for the first three teams that had tied during the regular season Baltimore (7-8), the Los Angeles Dons (7-7), and Buffalo (8-7). For the first time in the AAFC, there were several trades for selections. There were 29 rounds and again the teams with the lower finish in 1948 received more selections. Each team received a first-round choice. The Chicago Rockets, the New York Yankees, and Baltimore received a second round selection, and Brooklyn received a third-round pick. Every team then selected in each round through the sixteenth. Every team but Cleveland and San Francisco made choices from rounds 17 through 21, and then just Chicago Brooklyn, and New York from rounds 22 through 24. Each selected again in round 25, and each team except Chicago, Brooklyn, and New York from rounds 26 through 30.” – *Total Football, Edited by Bob Carroll, Michael Gershman, David Neft and John Thorn.*

BALTIMORE COLTS

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Overall Draft Order</u>
1	George Sims	B	Baylor	4
2	Bobby Gage	B	Clemson	14

4	Ralph Kohl	T	Michigan	25
5	Wally Jones	E	Kentucky	33
6	Frank Pattee	B	Kansas	41
7	Frank Folger	B	Duke	49
8	Bob Prymuski	T	Illinois	57
9	Everett Faunce	B	Minnesota	65
10	Kale Alexander	T	South Carolina	73
11	Paul Page	B	SMU	81
12	Jim Owens	E	Oklahoma	89
13	Warren Beson	C	Minnesota	97
14	David Moon	B	SMU	105
15	Jon Jenkins	T	Dartmouth	113
16	Johnny O'Quinn	E	Wake Forest	121
17	Clyde Geary	T	Connecticut Wes.	129
18	Al Sanders	T	Southern Mississippi	135
19	Guy Sundheim	C	Northwestern	141
20	Mernie Lazier	B	Illinois	147
21	Harry Larche	T	Arkansas State	153
25	Joe Grothus	G	Iowa	168
26	Byron Gillory	B	Texas	173
27	Bob Cox	E	North Carolina	178
28	Bob DeMoss	B	Purdue	183
29	George Pryor	F	Wake Forest	188

BROOKLYN DODGERS

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Overall Draft Order</u>
1	Joe Sullivan	B	Dartmouth	2
2	Len Szafaryn	T	North Carolina	10
2	Bill Walsh	C	Notre Dame	11
2	Lou Ferry	T	Villanova	12
3	Wally Tripplett	B	Penn State	16

4	Dolph Tokarczyk	G	Pennsylvania	23
5	Joe Quinn	G	Cornell	31
6	Leo Skladany	E	Pittsburgh	39
7	Lynn Chewing	B	Hampden-Sydney	47
8	Bob McCurry	C	Michigan State	55
9	Chuck Klemovitch	G	Columbia	63
10	Bob Duncan	E	Duke	71
11	Hilary Chollet	B	Cornell	79
12	Bill Davis	G	Duke	87
13	Roland Dale	T	Mississippi	95
14	Murray Alexander	E	Mississippi State	103
15	Howard Derrick	B	Tenn-Chattanooga	111
16	Dale Armstrong	E	Dartmouth	119
17	Tank Younger	B	Grambling	127
18	Mitchell Holgren	T	Hartford	133
19	Frank Weaver	B	Moravian	139
20	Eddie Price	B	Tulane	145
21	John Geosits	T	Bucknell	151
22	Tom Brennan	G	Boston College	157
23	Jack McBride	E	Rice	160
24	Bobby Folson	E	SMU	163
25	Bill Long	E	Oklahoma State	166

BUFFALO BILLS

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Overall Draft Order</u>
1	Bill Kay	T	Iowa	6
3	Hugh Keeney	B	Rice	15
3	Vito Kissell	B	Holy Cross	19
4	Wilbur Volz	B	Missouri	27
5	Frank Gaul	G	Notre Dame	35
6	Frank Guess	B	Texas	43

7	Harold Ensminger	QB	Missouri	51
8	Vic Vasicek	G	Texas	59
9	Alex Verdova	B	Ohio State	67
10	Al Russas	E	Tennessee	75
11	Ernie Settembre	T	Miami	83
12	Milt Kormarnicki	C	Villanova	91
13	Butch Songin	QB	Boston College	99
14	Leon Cooper	T	Hardin-Simmons	107
15	Clayton Tonnemaker	C	Minnesota	115
16	Rob Goode	B	Texas A&M	123
17	Art Donovan	G	Boston College	131
18	Jim Goodman	T	Maryland	137
19	Merlin London	E	Oklahoma State	143
20	Marty Breen	C	Canisius	149
21	John Simon	G	Penn State	155
25	Bernie Hanula	T	Wake Forest	170
26	Bobby Deuber	B	Pennsylvania	175
27	Floyd Lewis	G	SMU	180
28	Tom Cochran	B	Auburn	185
29	Joe Leonard	T	Virginia	190

CHICAGO HORNETS

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Overall Draft Order</u>
1	Stan Heath	QB	Nevada-Reno	1
2	George Blanda	QB	Kentucky	9
3	<i>Choice to Buffalo – They drafted Hugh Keeney with the pick.</i>			
4	Jim Finks	QB	Tulsa	22
5	Carmen Falcone	B	Pennsylvania	30
6	Sam Tamburo	B	Penn State	38
7	Ralph Hutchinson	T	Tenn-Chattanooga	46
8	Jim Cain	E	Alabama	54

9	Tino Sabucco	C	San Francisco	62
10	Warren Huey	E	Michigan State	70
11	Norm Van Brocklin	QB	Oregon	78
12	Jay Van Noy	B	Utah State	86
13	Tom Wham	E	Furman	94
14	Ivan Snowden	T	Texas A&I	102
15	Abbie Reynolds	B	Texas Tech	110
16	Dick Monroe	C	Kansas	118
17	George Guerre	B	Michigan State	126
18	John Phillips	B	Southern Mississippi	132
19	Verda Smith	B	Abilene Christian	138
20	Clayton Davis	C	Oklahoma State	144
21	George Benigni	E	Georgetown	150
22	R.M. Patterson	T	McMurry	156
23	Bill Kemplin	E	North Texas State	159
24	Bill Cadenhead	B	Alabama	162
25	Phil Poole	G	Mississippi	165

CLEVELAND BROWNS

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Overall Draft Order</u>
1	Jack Mitchell	QB	Oklahoma	8
3	Albin Collins	B	LSU	21
4	Bill McLellan	T	Brown	29
5	Ed McNeill	E	Michigan	37
6	Tom O'Malley	B	Cincinnati	45
7	Phil Alexander	T	South Carolina	53
8	Mike Canneveno	B	Ohio State	61
9	Doak Walker	B	SMU	69
10	Norb Adams	B	Purdue	77
11	Negley Norton	T	Penn State	85
12	Frank Burns	B	Rutgers	93

13	Clarence Self	B	Wisconsin	101
14	Walt Kersulis	E	Illinois	109
15	Bobby Jack Stuart	B	Army	117
16	Dinky Bowen	B	Georgia Tech	125
25	Larry Cooney	B	Penn State	172
26	Jack Lininger	C	Ohio State	177
27	Verne Gagne	E	Minnesota	182
28	Jim Moran	B	John Carroll	187
29	Joe Soboleski	T	Michigan	192

LOS ANGELES DONS

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Overall Draft Order</u>
1	George Taliaferro	B	Indiana	5
3	Hosea Rogers	B	North Carolina	18
4	Bob Meinert	B	Oklahoma State	26
5	Billy Grimes	B	Oklahoma State	34
6	Joe Geri	B	Georgia	42
7	Bill Renna	C	Santa Clara	50
8	Bill Austin	T	Oregon State	58
9	Mike Rubish	E	North Carolina	66
10	Jerry Krall	B	Ohio State	74
11	Chuck Drazenovich	B	Penn State	82
12	Larry Klosterman	G	North Carolina	90
13	Tom Blake	G	Cincinnati	98
14	Dick Lorenz	E	Oregon State	106
15	Bob Bastian	G	USC	114
16	Art Steffen	B	UCLA	122
17	Tom Gannon	B	Harvard	130
18	Larry Hatch	B	Washington	136
19	Jerry Tiblier	B	Mississippi	154
20	Gene Frassetto	T	California	148

21	Jim Clark	G	Mississippi	154
25	Ed Ralston	B	Richmond	169
26	John Donaldson	B	Georgia	174
27	Lloyd Eisenberg	T	Duke	179
28	George Pastre	T	UCLA	184
29	Joe Ethridge	G	SMU	189

NEW YORK YANKEES

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Overall Draft Order</u>
1	Bobby Thomason	QB	Virginia Military	3
2	John Panelli	B	Notre Dame	13
3	Sherman Howard	B	Nevada-Reno	17
4	Dick Rifenburg	E	Michigan	24
5	George Maddock	T	Northwestern	32
6	Don Panciera	QB	San Francisco	40
7	Dan Garza	E	Oregon	48
8	Brian Bell	B	Washington & Lee	56
9	Al Mastrangeli	C	Illinois	64
10	John Goldsberry	T	Indiana	72
11	Ben Bendrick	B	Wisconsin	80
12	Frank Van Deren	E	California	88
13	Eddie Berrang	E	Villanova	96
14	Bob Doormink	T	Washington State	104
15	Jack Glenn	T	Georgia Tech	112
16	Jack Bruce	B	William & Mary	120
17	Gil Johnson	B	SMU	128
18	Barney Hafen	E	Utah	134
19	Hal Jensen	B	San Francisco	140
20	Tommy Kalmanir	B	Nevada	146
21	Al Beasley	G	St. Mary's	152
22	Ernie Tolman	E	USC	158

23	Gerry Morrical	T	Indiana	161
24	Bob Hood	E	Alabama	164
25	Ross Nagel	T	St. Louis	167

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Overall Draft Order</u>
1	Chester Fritz	T	Missouri	7
3	Frank LoVuolo	E	St. Bonaventure	20
4	Mike De Noia	B	Scranton	28
5	George Brodnax	E	Georgia Tech	36
6	John Hamberger	T	SMU	44
7	Dan Steigman	C	North Carolina	52
8	Bernie Reid	G	Georgia	60
9	Fred Wendt	B	Texas-El Paso	68
10	Dick Flowers	T	Alabama	78
11	Bob Lund	B	Tennessee	84
12	Jon Baker	G	California	92
13	Jim Reichert	G	Arkansas	100
14	Don Garlin	B	California	108
15	Pete Wissman	C	St. Louis	116
16	Homer Hobbs	G	Georgia	124
25	Paul Schoults	B	Miami (OH)	171
26	Jack Kelly	T	Louisiana Tech	176
27	Jasper Flanakin	E	Baylor	181
28	Rudy Smith	T	Louisiana Tech	186
29	Gordon Long	B	Arkansas	191