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Packers, meeting their needs

Results of the 2024 NFL Draft

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GREEN BAY – After wrapping up the 2023-24 season in the NFL Divisional Round of the playoffs, the Green Bay Packers had a pretty good idea of what their needs would be for the 2024 NFL Draft, taking place in Detroit, Mi., on April 25-27.

First round pick

The Packers utilized their first round selection at pick 25 to sign offensive lineman Jordan Morgan from the University of Arizona.

The 6'5" Marana, Ariz. native acquired multiple honors his senior year, including AP First-Team All-PAC-12.

Morgan said, "It's such an honor. I cannot wait to get out

there and protect Jordan (Love)."

After announcing the departure of veteran tackle David Bakhtiari from the franchise, the Packers utilized their first round pick on a player who they believe will be able to fill the role of protecting quarterback Jordan Love as he enters his second season as the starting quarterback.

Everything falls into place

When it came time for the Packers to take the stage in the second round, they elected to trade their round 2, pick 41 to the New Orleans Saints in favor of receiving round 2, pick 45; round 5, pick 168; and round 6, pick 190.

The Packers then utilized their round 2 pick to select Texas A&M Linebacker Edgerrin Cooper.

Cooper's achievements his senior season include All-SEC First Team and Walter Camp All-America First Team.

This pick comes after the off season announcement of the notable departure of linebacker De'Vondre Campbell from the Packers franchise.

The Packers then kept the second round in the SEC, utilizing pick 58 to scoop up Georgia Safety Javon Bullard who racked up a career high 10 tackles against Auburn in 2023 and had two interceptions against TCU.

Down the list

In round 3, the Packers used pick 88 to select USC running back Marshawn Lloyd to pair with veteran AJ Dillon and Josh Jacobs, acquired in the offseason

to replace the loss of Aaron Jones.

Lloyd was more than happy to express the grit and power he will bring to the Packers offense.

"I'm the best running back in the Draft, for sure, and I think Green Bay got the best running back in the Draft," said Lloyd.

Pick 91 was used to scoop up another dominant SEC linebacker, Ty'ron Hopper from Missouri. Hopper was a 2023 finalist for the Dick Butkus award.

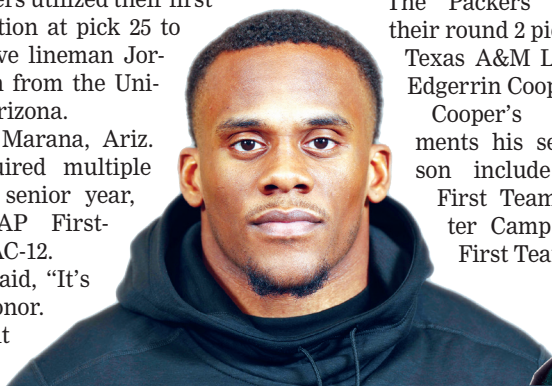
In another effective trade for the Packers, the Jets agreed to trade their round 4, pick 111 to the Packers to acquire pick 126 and round 6, pick 190.

With this bump on the leaderboard, the Packers selected Oregon safety Evan Williams.

Williams transferred to Oregon from Fresno State for his senior season and was able to collect honors such as Coaches All-PAC-12 second team.

Again, the Packers elected to trade up, focusing on quality over quantity in their selections, giving round 5, pick 168 and round 6, pick 219 to the Buffalo Bills in order to acquire round 5, pick 163, which they used to again secure their protection for Love

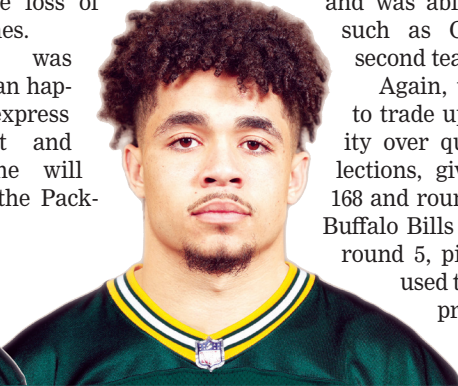
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Lloyd



Morgan



Williams

Green Bay Packers photos

Southwest stays strong in battle with Ashwaubenon



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GREEN BAY – On Tuesday, April 30, the Green Bay Southwest Trojans (2-3-3 overall, 1-2 conf.) girls soccer team took

charge in the second half of their game against the Ashwaubenon Jaguars (7-4-0 overall, 0-3 conf.) to take the lead and finish 2-0.

"Last year we lost to these guys 1-0 in a tough game, so we wanted to bounce back and lean

into that as we head into some even tougher games this weekend," said Green Bay Southwest Head Coach Jay Draves.

The Trojans started out the battle strong, getting off three shots in the first two minutes of

the game.

However, Ashwaubenon quickly retaliated, showing their strength by sending Payton Bodart-Frelich on a run down the sidelines to build in the attack and get a shot off in the fourth minute.

From this point forward, the majority of the first half was a battle of possession between the midfielders.

After several attempts to send

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Southwest's Autumn Nolle attempts to force a turnover in the midfield during their Tuesday, April 30, game against Ashwaubenon.

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