

# TEXANS DRAFT NOTES

## Houston Texans 2013 NFL Draft Guide

### HOUSTON IN A PALMETTO STATE OF MIND

WR **DeAndre Hopkins** became the first player from Clemson to be selected by the Texans in team history, but he will have one fellow Tiger in his corner when he arrives in Houston - Texans president **Jamey Rootes**.

Rootes served as student body president at Clemson and was a member of the Tigers' two national title-winning soccer teams in 1984 and '87.

Representing the other side of the Palmetto State, Texans owner **Bob McNair** is a 1958 graduate of the University of South Carolina, and Pro Bowl CB **Johnathan Joseph** is also a Gamecock.

Hopkins is the

### FIRST-ROUND FACTORS

When WR **DeAndre Hopkins** joins his new team, he will be joining one with a tradition of first-round picks contributing early on. Of the 12 players drafted in the first round prior to this year, all but one saw action in every game as a rookie and all but two started at least 14 games in their first season.

#### TEXANS FIRST ROUND DRAFT PICKS

Year	Pk	Player	GP	GS
2002	1	David Carr, QB	16	16
2003	3	<b>Andre Johnson, WR</b>	16	16
2004	10	Dunta Robinson, CB	16	16
2004	27	Jason Babin, OLB	16	16
2005	16	Travis Johnson, DT	15	3
2006	1	Mario Williams, DE	16	16
2007	10	Amobi Okoye, DT	16	14
2008	26	<b>Duane Brown, DT</b>	16	16
2009	15	<b>Brian Cushing, LB</b>	16	16
2010	20	Kareem Jackson, CB	16	16
2011	11	J.J. Watt, DE	16	16
2012	26	<b>Whitney Mercilus, OLB</b>	16	4
2013	27	DeAndre Hopkins, WR		

**Bold** indicates current Texans

### THE LAST TIME THE TEXANS DRAFTED A...

Below is a look at the last time the Texans drafted a player at each position:

Pos.	Year	Player, College	Rd	Overall
QB	2011	T.J. Yates, North Carolina	5	152
RB	2010	Ben Tate, Auburn	2	58
FB	2002	Jarrod Baxter, New Mexico	5	136
<b>WR</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>
TE	2010	Garrett Graham, Wisconsin	4	118
C	2012	Ben Jones, Georgia	4	99
G	2012	Brandon Brooks, Miami (Ohio)	3	76
T	2012	Nick Mondek, Purdue	6	195
S	2011	Shiloh Keo, Idaho	5	144
CB	2011	Brandon Harris, Miami	2	60
		Roc Carmichael, Virginia Tech	4	127
LB	2012	Whitney Mercilus, Illinois	1	26
DE	2012	Jared Crick, Nebraska	4	126
DT	2010	Earl Mitchell, Arizona	3	81
K	2012	Randy Bullock, Texas A&M	5	161

**Bold** indicates players drafted by the Texans in 2013.

### DEFENSE TRENDING IN HIGHER ROUNDS

WR **DeAndre Hopkins** broke a bit of a draft day trend for the Texans when the team selected him 27th overall. Prior to this year's draft, 13 of Houston's 15 first- or second-round picks since 2004 have been on the defensive side of the ball.

Hopkins joins RB **Ben Tate** (2nd round, 58th overall, 2010) and T **Duane Brown** (1st, 26th, 2008) as the only offensive players selected in Rounds 1 and 2 over the last 10 years.

#### HOUSTON TEXANS FIRST- AND SECOND-ROUND DRAFT PICKS, 2004-11

Year	Player	Pos.	Rd	Pk	College
2013	DeAndre Hopkins	WR	1	27	Clemson
2012	<i>Whitney Mercilus</i>	<i>OLB</i>	1	26	<i>Illinois</i>
2011	<i>J.J. Watt</i>	<i>DE</i>	1	11	<i>Wisconsin</i>
2011	<i>Brooks Reed</i>	<i>OLB</i>	2	42	<i>Arizona</i>
2011	<i>Brandon Harris</i>	<i>CB</i>	2	60	<i>Miami</i>
2010	<i>Kareem Jackson</i>	<i>CB</i>	1	20	<i>Alabama</i>
2010	Ben Tate	RB	2	58	Auburn
2009	<i>Brian Cushing</i>	<i>LB</i>	1	15	<i>USC</i>
2009	<i>Connor Barwin</i>	<i>DE</i>	2	46	<i>Cincinnati</i>
2008	Duane Brown	T	1	26	Virginia Tech
2007	<i>Amobi Okoye</i>	<i>DT</i>	1	10	<i>Louisville</i>
2006	<i>Mario Williams</i>	<i>DE</i>	1	1	<i>N.C. State</i>
2006	<i>DeMeco Ryans</i>	<i>LB</i>	2	33	<i>Alabama</i>
2005	<i>Travis Johnson</i>	<i>DT</i>	1	16	<i>Florida State</i>
2004	<i>Dunta Robinson</i>	<i>CB</i>	1	10	<i>South Carolina</i>
2004	<i>Jason Babin</i>	<i>LB</i>	1	27	<i>Western Michigan</i>

*Defensive players in italics*

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WR **DeAndre Hopkins** became the 11th wide receiver drafted by the Texans in team history. That brings his position into a tie with cornerbacks as the second-most frequently drafted in team history.

Linebacker leads the way with 14 selections all-time and is the only position that the Texans have selected in every draft in team history.

Below is a look at the Texans' draft selections by position and round in the NFL Draft since 2002, not including the Supplemental Draft:

Pos.	Draft Round							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
QB	1		1		1	1	2	6
RB		1	2	2	1	1		7
WR	2*	1	2	2		1	3	11
TE		1		3	1			5
OT	1	1	3		1	1	1	8
OG			2			2		4
C/LS			1	1	1		1	4
DE	2	1		1				4
DT	2		2		1	2	1	8
LB	3	2	1	2		1	5	14
CB	2	1	2	2	1	3		11
S				1	3	3	2	9
K/P					1			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>91</b>

\* Indicates positions at which the Texans selected players in 2013.

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### 2013 NFL DRAFT, PICK-BY-PICK

Rd.	Pick	Overall	Club	Player	Pos.	College
1	1	1	Kansas City	Eric Fisher	OT	Central Michigan
1	2	2	Jacksonville	Luke Joeckel	OT	Texas A&M
1	3	3	Miami (from OAK)	Dion Jordan	DE	Oregon
1	4	4	Philadelphia	Lane Johnson	OT	Oklahoma
1	5	5	Detroit	Ziggy Ansah	DE	Brigham Young
1	6	6	Cleveland	Barkevious Mingo	DE	LSU
1	7	7	Arizona	Jonathan Cooper	OG	North Carolina
1	8	8	St. Louis (from BUF)	Tavon Austin	WR	West Virginia
1	9	9	New York Jets	Dee Milliner	CB	Alabama
1	10	10	Tennessee	Chance Warmack	OG	Alabama
1	11	11	San Diego	D.J. Fluker	OT	Alabama
1	12	12	Oakland (from MIA)	D.J. Hayden	CB	Houston
1	13	13	New York Jets (from TB)	Sheldon Richardson	DT	Missouri
1	14	14	Carolina	Star Lotulelei	DT	Utah
1	15	15	New Orleans	Kenny Vaccaro	S	Texas
1	16	16	Buffalo (from STL)	E.J. Manuel	QB	Florida State
1	17	17	Pittsburgh	Jarvis Jones	LB	Georgia
1	18	18	San Francisco (from DAL)	Eric Reid	S	LSU
1	19	19	New York Giants	Justin Pugh	OT	Syracuse
1	20	20	Chicago	Kyle Long	OG	Oregon
1	21	21	Cincinnati	Tyler Eifert	TE	Notre Dame
1	22	22	Atlanta (from STL)	Desmond Trufant	DB	Washington
1	23	23	Minnesota	Sharrif Floyd	DT	Florida
1	24	24	Indianapolis	Bjoern Werner	DE	Florida State
1	25	25	Minnesota (from SEA)	Xavier Rhodes	CB	Florida State
1	26	26	Green Bay	Datone Jones	DE	UCLA
1	27	27	<b>HOUSTON</b>	<b>DeANDRE HOPKINS</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>CLEMSON</b>
1	28	28	Denver	Sylvester Williams	DT	North Carolina
1	29	29	Minnesota (from NE)	Cordarrelle Patterson	WR	Tennessee
1	30	30	St. Louis (from ATL)	Alec Ogletree	LB	Georgia
1	31	31	Dallas (from SF)	Travis Frederick	C	Wisconsin
1	32	32	Baltimore	Matt Elam	S	Florida

### MORE THAN 7,000 ATTEND DRAFT PARTY

The Texans opened the doors to Reliant Stadium on Thursday evening for the 2013 Draft Party presented by Coors Light, and a sellout crowd of 7,207 filled the Verizon West Club to count down to the team's pick at no. 27 overall. The event was free, with tickets available for download from HoustonTexans.com.

This year's Draft Party also featured a charitable component, as the team announced that the proceeds from the silent auction held during the event would be donated to the United Way of Texas' West, TX Relief Fund. Texans fans responded, and the auction raised more than \$12,000 - a record for the event. The team has pledged to match the amount raised, which will result in a contribution of \$25,000 to the relief fund.

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### 2013 COMPENSATORY CHOICES AWARDED

A total of 32 compensatory choices in the 2013 NFL Draft have been awarded to 16 teams. The Houston Texans were awarded two compensatory picks: the 33rd picks in the third (95th overall) and sixth rounds (201st overall).

Under the rules for compensatory draft selections, a team losing more or better compensatory free agents than it acquires in the previous year is eligible to receive compensatory draft picks.

The number of picks a team receives equals the net loss of compensatory free agents up to a maximum of four. The 32 compensatory choices announced today will supplement the 222 choices in the seven rounds of the 2013 NFL Draft.

This year, the compensatory picks will be positioned within the third through seventh rounds based on the value of the compensatory free agents lost.

Compensatory free agents are determined by a formula based on salary, playing time and postseason honors. The formula was developed by the NFL Management Council. Not every free agent lost or signed by a club is covered by this formula.

Two clubs this year (Indianapolis and the New York Giants) will each receive a compensatory pick even though they did not suffer a net loss of compensatory free agents last year. Under the formula, the compensatory free agents lost by these clubs were ranked higher than the ones they signed (by a specified point differential based upon salary and performance).

### 2013 COMPENSATORY PICKS BY TEAM

Atlanta	4	<b>Houston</b>	2	New York Giants	1
Baltimore	4	Kansas City	2	Oakland	1
San Francisco	3	Miami	2	Philadelphia	1
Tennessee	3	Seattle	2	<u>Pittsburgh</u>	<u>1</u>
Cincinnati	2	Green Bay	1	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>
Detroit	2	Indianapolis	1		

### 2013 COMPENSATORY PICKS BY ROUND

Rnd	Pick-O'all	Team	Rnd	Pick-O'all	Team
3	33-95	<b>Houston</b>	7	33-239	Philadelphia
	34-96	Kansas City		34-240	Cincinnati
	35-97	Tennessee		35-241	Seattle
4	33-130	Baltimore		36-242	Seattle
	34-131	San Francisco		37-243	Atlanta
	35-132	Detroit		38-244	Atlanta
	36-133	Atlanta		39-245	Detroit
5	33-166	Miami		40-246	San Francisco
	34-167	Green Bay		41-247	Baltimore
	35-168	Baltimore		42-248	Tennessee
6	33-201	<b>Houston</b>	43-249	Atlanta	
	34-202	Tennessee	44-250	Miami	
	35-203	Baltimore	45-251	Cincinnati	
	36-204	Kansas City	46-252	San Francisco	
	37-205	Oakland	47-253	New York Giants	
	38-206	Pittsburgh	48-254	Indianapolis	

### FREE AGENTS LOST AND SIGNED IN 2012 BY CLUBS WITH 2013 COMPENSATORY PICKS

**ATLANTA** - **Lost:** Kelvin Hayden, Curtis Lofton, James Sanders, Eric Weems. **Signed:** None.

**BALTIMORE** - **Lost:** Ben Grubbs, Jarret Johnson, Brandon McKinney, Haruki Nakamura, Cory Redding, Tom Zbikowski. **Signed:** Sean Considine, Corey Graham.

**CINCINNATI** - **Lost:** Andre Caldwell, Nate Livings, Mike McGlynn, Frostee Rucker, Jerome Simpson. **Signed:** Jason Allen, Jamaal Anderson, BenJarvus Green-Ellis.

**DETROIT** - **Lost:** Drew Stanton, Eric Wright. **Signed:** None.

**GREEN BAY** - **Lost:** Matt Flynn, Scott Wells. **Signed:** Jeff Saturday.

**HOUSTON** - **Lost:** Jason Allen, Mike Brisiel, Joel Dreessen, Mario Williams. **Signed:** Bradie James, Donnie Jones.

**INDIANAPOLIS** - **Lost:** Jamaal Anderson, Pierre Garcon, Dan Orlovsky, Jeff Saturday, Jacob Tamme, Philip Wheeler. **Signed:** Mike McGlynn, Brandon McKinney, Cory Redding, Samson Satele, Drew Stanton, Tom Zbikowski.

**KANSAS CITY** - **Lost:** Brandon Carr, Le'Ron McClain, Kyle Orton, Barry Richardson. **Signed:** Peyton Hillis, Brady Quinn.

**MIAMI** - **Lost:** Will Allen, Chad Henne, Kendall Langford. **Signed:** Richard Marshall.

**NEW YORK GIANTS** - **Lost:** Mario Manningham, Aaron Ross, David Tollefson. **Signed:** Martellus Bennett, Sean Locklear, Shaun Rogers.

**OAKLAND** - **Lost:** Michael Bush, Jason Campbell, Samson Satele, Trevor Scott. **Signed:** Mike Brisiel, David Tollefson, Philip Wheeler.

**PHILADELPHIA** - **Lost:** Juqua Parker, Steve Smith. **Signed:** Demetress Bell.

**PITTSBURGH** - **Lost:** William Gay. **Signed:** None.

**SAN FRANCISCO** - **Lost:** Blake Costanzo, Joshua Morgan, Madiou Williams. **Signed:** Mario Manningham.

**SEATTLE** - **Lost:** Atari Bigby, John Carlson, David Hawthorne, Charlie Whitehurst. **Signed:** Matt Flynn, Jason Jones.

**TENNESSEE** - **Lost:** Cortland Finnegan, William Hayes, Jason Jones. **Signed:** None.

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### COMPENSATORY PICKS BY TEAM (1994-2013)

Baltimore	37
Green Bay	31
Dallas	30
Philadelphia	30
Tennessee ***	30
St. Louis **	27
Buffalo	26
New England	26
Pittsburgh	26
NY Giants	22
San Francisco	22
Cincinnati	20
Indianapolis	20
Seattle	20
Jacksonville	19
San Diego	18
Tampa Bay	18
Chicago	17
Detroit	17
Miami	17
Minnesota	17
Oakland	17
Arizona	16
Atlanta	15
Kansas City	15
Carolina	14
Washington	12
New Orleans	10
Denver	9
NY Jets	9
Cleveland	6
<b>Houston</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>619</b>

\* 1994 was the first year that compensatory draft choices were awarded.

\*\* St. Louis picks include those awarded to Los Angeles Rams.

\*\*\* Tennessee picks include those awarded to Houston Oilers.

### TEXANS ALL-TIME COMPENSATORY PICKS

The Texans have been awarded two compensatory picks in this year's draft: the 33rd pick in the third round (95th overall) and the 33rd pick in the sixth round (201st overall). Houston was awarded four compensatory picks prior to this year's draft.

A list of Houston's all-time compensatory picks is below.

		<u>2004</u>		
Rd	Pick	Player	College	Pos.
	6	200 Charlie Anderson	Mississippi	LB
	7	248 B.J. Symons	Texas Tech	QB
		<u>2006</u>		
	7	251 David Anderson	Colorado State	WR
		<u>2011</u>		
	7	254 Cheta Ozougwu	Rice	OLB

**Bold** indicates made active roster that season

### ORIGINAL TEXAN STEVE MCKINNEY TO ANNOUNCE HOUSTON'S SECOND-ROUND PICK

Former Texans C **Steve McKinney** will announce the team's second-round pick in the 2013 NFL Draft on Friday, April 26.

McKinney was one of 32 NFL alumni selected to announce picks from the podium at Radio City Music Hall in New York. Among the others chosen are six Pro Football Hall of Famers, including three from the Class of 2013.

An original Texan, McKinney was the first unrestricted free agent to be signed in team history in March 2002. He started the first 67 games in franchise history and was with the team until 2007. A Galveston native who grew up in Houston, McKinney was a third-round pick of the Indianapolis Colts in 1998 out of Texas A&M.

The tradition of NFL alumni announcing picks started in 2011. Former Texans cornerback Aaron Glenn announced the team's selection of Brooks Reed in the second round of that year's draft. Former Texans linebacker Danny Clark announced the pick of DeVier Posey in the third round at the 2012 draft.

- *From HoustonTexans.com*

### 23 PLAYERS TO ATTEND DRAFT

Twenty-three top prospects are confirmed to attend the 2013 NFL Draft at Radio City Music Hall in New York, the NFL announced on April 10.

That includes a 2013-best four players from BCS National Champion Alabama: T **D.J. Fluker**, RB **Eddie Lacy**, CB **Dee Milliner**, and G **Chance Warmack**, and four players from Florida State, QB **E.J. Manuel**, DE **Bjoern Werner**, T **Menelik Watson**, and CB **Xavier Rhodes**.

The players confirmed to attend this year's NFL Draft:

	Name	Pos	School
1.	Ezekiel Ansah	DE	Brigham Young
2.	Tavon Austin	WR	West Virginia
3.	Jonathan Cooper	G	North Carolina
4.	Eric Fisher	T	Central Michigan
5.	Sharrif Floyd	DT	Florida
6.	D.J. Fluker	T	Alabama
7.	Luke Joeckel	T	Texas A&M
8.	Lane Johnson	T	Oklahoma
9.	Dion Jordan	DE	Oregon
10.	Eddie Lacy	RB	Alabama
11.	E.J. Manuel	QB	Florida State
12.	Dee Milliner	CB	Alabama
13.	Barkevious Mingo	DE	Louisiana State
14.	Cordarrelle Patterson	WR	Tennessee
15.	Eric Reid	S	Louisiana State
16.	Xavier Rhodes	CB	Florida State
17.	Sheldon Richardson	DT	Missouri
18.	Geno Smith	QB	West Virginia
19.	Desmond Trufant	CB	Washington
20.	Kenny Vaccaro	S	Texas
21.	Chance Warmack	G	Alabama
22.	Menelik Watson	T	Florida State
23.	Bjoern Werner	DE	Florida State

(on his thoughts about WR DeAndre Hopkins) "Well, he's a very physical receiver. He's very strong, has very good ball skills. He catches the ball naturally. He has good run after catch, just a complete player for us."

(on if they looked into the combine trashing of his hotel) "Enough to know that it was a non-issue."

(on what they did to investigate the hotel issue at the combine) "We had Larry (Kirksey) check it out, our wide receivers coach, and of course, the security people. We feel real comfortable about the kid and his background and everything that he's done at Clemson. It has all been very, very positive."

(on Hopkins' production at Clemson) "Especially last year, his route content was very large. Like you said, he was productive, but he got better every year; he got more and more catches. Obviously last year was his best year. 18 touchdowns is quite a few for one season. The thing, to us, that stuck out in our minds watching him and the more you watched him was he is very competitive. He'll catch the ball in a crowd, it doesn't matter to him. He can go up and get the ball. He competes and wears the DBs out. He's physical and that's what translates and that's what we believe that we carry week-to-week; that's what we ask our guys to do, to compete. He really fits that mold for us."

(on his excitement level that Hopkins was still on the board) "I was just holding my breath. As we went through it, he was the guy that I really liked amongst the wide receivers crew. It's a good group and he was the one that I would prefer that we had. I was holding my breath at the end and when we had our option, it was a great to have him there."

(on his expectations for his rookie year) "He fit in with the group and like you said, we know he'll compete. He'll go out there with the rest of our guys and compete and get his chance to take his snaps and get his balls. He beat man coverage just by being physical. He has great length and great ball skills. He plays fast, has explosion in his routes. I think he'll do a great job for us."

(on Hopkins being productive every single year at Clemson) "That's the thing, every year he got more and more production, caught more balls and it didn't look like anything was too big for him. I'll say it that way, whatever he's asked to. When you look at his bowl game performance, when the stage got bigger, he just kept playing bigger and bigger."

(on if there is any NFL player that Hopkins best compares to) "I hate to compare them all. There are quite a few. I had a guy that was texting me Roddy White from Atlanta, thought he played a lot like him. To me, he goes out there and 'I want the ball' and he's going to catch the ball when it gets in his zip code. That's the thing that I like about him."

(on if he liked Hopkins' speed) "He's fast enough to win. If it's a contested ball, we feel like he's going to come down with it. His length is great, long arms. He can be covered and still catch the ball."

(on if they like Hopkins' blocking ability and if they will expect to use him to block too) "We try to build them all like that. Most of our guys or all of our guys are built in that manner because that's what we believe. He'll play without the ball too. He'll go out and block and he'll do what he's supposed to all snaps, not just when the ball is coming his way."

(on if he was excited to draft an offensive player in the first round after drafting a defensive player first in each draft since he's been the coordinator) "Yes, see I didn't even think you guys were up here. No, we're just trying to get a better team, whatever it is. It's obviously nice for us to have that pick just because of that guy. Whatever the team needs and that's what we're going through. We go through the same process every year. We work through everybody that's available and fortunately for us, we had a chance to pick him."

(on Hopkins' physicality and blocking abilities) "He's a big man. Obviously you guys know that he played basketball early on at Clemson which is a pretty good feat also. He's gained some weight and so now he's at 214. When DBs went up to press him, whether it be run or pass, they had a problem. That's what I saw. They were getting thrown around and he did a really nice job. You can see his strength on film."

(on Andre Johnson telling the media that he wanted the team to draft a wide receiver and if he said anything to him) "No, he didn't say anything to me. He didn't have to. We're just trying to get better as a team. When Dre talks, in general he doesn't talk very much."

(on if there was any consideration of trading the pick) "There was some debate back and forth. I was ready to take him. I'll just say it that way. When it came to our turn and he was ready, I voted to take him. There is always play back and forth."

(on how strong was the back and forth to pick Hopkins) "For me, it was take the pick. Everybody has their own opinion if we slip. To me, when we went into this thing, in my viewpoint, this was the wide receiver, the best one that gets us better as an offense. I was ready to take that pick."

(on his initial reaction when the Texans called him) "You know it was like a moment, it was, I was honored to be called to be a part of the Houston Texans. It was a great moment."

(on if he had an idea that Houston is where he would end up) "Kind of. I've been hearing the buzz, that Andre Johnson needed another wide receiver on the other side of him. When he said that, I was like, 'I'm that guy. I can help this team win a championship.' They have great management and I feel like that was the right move."

(on playing with Andre Johnson) "Oh man, it's going to be an honor. It's going to be great learning from a veteran."

(on being the second receiver drafted from the Texans) "What does it mean to me? I've got big shoes to fill and I'm going to go out there and give them my all for us to win a championship."

(on his expectations coming into season) "I really don't have expectations, personally. I want to win a championship. That's my expectation, to come in and help us win a championship."

(on if he feels he has a chance to earn a starting spot) "Yeah, without a doubt I feel like I do."

(on if he prides himself on being able to show up at big moments in the game) "Yeah it is. I'm a level-headed player. I don't really get too emotional to any game because I feel like that would take me out of it. So big moments, my teammates trust me, they come to me, and it's what I do being a football player."

(on why he was so consistent at Clemson) "Practice and heart; practicing like it's the game, making everything look the same. Going out and practicing and practicing hard."

(on the story of his nickname 'Nuke') "Yes, when I was young my mother said that's the only brand of pacifier I would suck on, so I guess it was kind of clever for her to call me Nuke."

(on his physical style of play) "That's natural to me, I feel like. I played defense in high school. When the ball is in the air I feel like it's mine. No matter who it is or the situation, I feel like I have to come down with the ball or at least knock it away. I'm always trying to get a hand on the ball, and I have a pretty good vertical. I'm able to get the ball at the high point."

(on if the Texans asked for his side of the hotel room story from the Combine) "No, they didn't because they knew I didn't have anything to do with it so I didn't hear a call from too many teams about it because it was cleared two months ago."

(on his basketball skills helping his football career) "It has a little bit of credit but it's a big difference when you're out there and you're getting hit and you have to work to catch the ball. But it's kind of similar when the ball's up in the air for a rebound. You always have to be on your toes to go up to the ball; same situation as football as a wide receiver. I'm always trying to get the ball at the highest point like a rebound."

(on who he feels his game compares most to) "I don't really feel like I compare to anybody. I feel like I'm a unique player. I feel like I'm my

own. I feel like I have some different things to bring."

(on his thoughts on Andre Johnson) "He's a great wide receiver. He's a physical guy. He goes out there. I feel like we have the same mentality. When the ball is in the air, it's ours. He plays with a great mentality, a competitive side that everybody should play with. He's a guy that I've looked up to since he's been in the NFL."

(on what he knows about the Houston Texans) "I know they have a good team, all around, a pretty solid team—a championship-contending team. That's all I really know. Every year they're getting better, they're improving. So, I'm happy to walk into a situation where they're getting better."

(on what he knows about the city of Houston outside of football) "I do not know anything about the city of Houston, but it's going to be great flying in and getting to see everything for the first time."

(on who he's watching the draft with) "Family and friends, just the local people."



## DeANDRE HOPKINS

### WIDE RECEIVER

Height: 6-1 | Weight: 200 | College: Clemson |  
 Hometown: Central, S.C. | Rookie |  
 First with Texans | Age as of Kickoff Weekend 2013: 21 |  
 Acquired: D1-'13 |

**TRANSACTIONS:** Drafted by the Houston Texans with the 27th overall pick in the first round of the 2013 NFL Draft on April 25, 2013.

#### Career Notes:

- Appeared in 39 games, starting 32 contests for the Clemson Tigers
- Had 206 receptions for 3,020 yards (14.7 avg) and 27 touchdowns, adding 32 yards on a pair of kickoff returns and 82 yards on 12 punt returns (6.8 avg), along with recording three tackles (2 solos) to amass 3,134 all-purpose yards, an average of 80.4 yards per game
- The only player in Clemson history with multiple 100-yard receiving performances in bowl games (105 vs. South Florida in the 2010 Meineke Car Care Bowl; 107 vs. West Virginia in the 2011/12 Orange Bowl; 191 yards vs. Louisiana State in the 2012 Chick-fil-A Bowl), as he tallied 32 receptions for 403 yards and three touchdowns in three postseason appearances
- His 206 receptions rank seventh in Atlantic Coast Conference history and second on the school career list, topped by only Aaron Kelly (232; 2005-08), as they are the only Tigers to ever catch 200 passes for the university
- His 3,020 receiving yards are the sixth-highest total by an ACC player and established a school all-time record, breaking the previous mark of 2,733 yards by Aaron Kelly
- Hopkins is just the sixth player from an ACC institution to gain 3,000 yards receiving in a career, joining Conner Vernon of Duke (3,749; 2009-12), Peter Warrick of Florida State (3,517; 1996-99), Torry Holt of North Carolina State (3,379; 1995-98), Clarkston Hines of Duke (3,318; 1986-89) and Jerricho Cotchery of North Carolina State (3,119; 2000-03)
- His 27 touchdown grabs tied Herman Moore of Virginia (1988-90) for eighth on the conference all-time record chart, as it also set a school record, topping the previous high of 20 scoring catches by Aaron Kelly
- His 13 100-yard receiving performances rank tied for 13th on the ACC career record list

#### 2012 (Junior):

- A semi-finalist for the Biletnikoff Award, given to the nation's top receiver, Hopkins was also a Maxwell Award Watch List member, earning second-team All-American honors from The NFL Draft Report, Athlon, CBS Sports.com, Lindy's, Phil Steele, and Scout.com, in addition to being named third-team by the Associated Press and honorable mention from Sports Illustrated
- The unanimous All-Atlantic Coast Conference first-team pick started all 13 games at split end, leading the league and ranking sixth in the nation with an average of 108.1 yards receiving per game
- Led the team with 82 receptions for 1,405 yards and 18 touchdowns, also pacing the ACC with 24 catches that netted 20 yards or longer
- Scored at least one time in each of his final 10 games
- His 82 grabs tied Sammy Watson (2011) for second on the school and eighth on the ACC season-record list, as Aaron Kelly holds the Clemson mark with 88 catches in 2007
- His 1,405 receiving yards set a new school record and is the second-best season total in ACC annals, as he topped Sammy Watkins' previous Clemson mark of 1,219 yards in 2011 and falls behind Torry Holt of North Carolina State (1,604 in 1998) on the conference list
- His 18 touchdown catches set both school and conference annual records, surpassing the ACC mark of 17 scores by Clarkston Hines of Duke (1989) and 12 touchdowns by Sammy Watkins in 2011
- Attempted one pass vs. Georgia Tech and recorded a solo tackle vs. Boston College
- Hopkins opened the season with thirteen receptions for 119 yards and a score vs. Auburn and closed out his career with another 13 grabs for 191 yards and a pair of touchdowns vs. LSU in the Chick-fil-A Bowl...His 13 catches set the school game-record, topping the old mark of 12 grabs by Airese Currie vs. Middle Tennessee State in 2003
- In the Tigers' second game, he pulled in six passes for 105 yards and three touchdowns vs. Ball State and scored three more times via four snares for 128 yards vs. Duke...His three scores tied a school game-record that was first established by Dreher Gaskin vs. Auburn in 1953, followed by Tony Horne vs. Texas-El Paso in 1997 and then by Rod Gardner vs. North Carolina in 2000
- Caught 11 passes for a career-high 197 yards and a score vs. Boston College, breaking the previous school game-record of 182 yards by Rod Gardner vs. North Carolina in 2000
- His fourth 100-yard receiving performance for the season came the next week, as he hauled in seven balls for 173 yards and two touchdowns, also scoring on a two-point conversion vs. Georgia Tech.
- His 173 yards rank fifth on the school game-record chart.

#### 2011 (Sophomore):

- Received All-American honorable mention and All-ACC first-team honors from The NFL Draft Report, as the sophomore appeared in 14 games, starting 11 contests at split end
- Finished second on the team and sixth in the conference with 72 receptions for 978 yards (13.6 avg), as his yardage total is the sixth-highest in a campaign by a Tiger
- Scored five times and had 13 catches for 20 yards or longer
- His 72 catches placed fifth on the school season-record chart behind his own 82 catches in 2012, Aaron Kelly (88 in 2007), Sammy Watkins (82 in 2011) and Rod Gardner (80 in 1999)
- His average of 69.9 yards receiving per game placed sixth in the ACC for 2011
- Had at least five receptions in eight games, including five for 73 yards and a score vs. Wofford; seven for 83 yards and a touchdown vs. Auburn; and five for 78 yards along with 29 yards on two punt returns vs. Florida State

- Pulled down nine tosses for a season-best 157 yards and a touchdown vs. North Carolina, as his 157 yards rank eighth on the school game-record list
- Gained 124 yards on five snatches vs. North Carolina State, totaled seven for 92 vs. Virginia Tech in the ACC title clash
- Closed out the year with 10 receptions for 107 yards and a touchdown vs. West Virginia in the Orange Bowl

#### 2010 (Freshman):

- Received Freshman All-American third-team accolades from Phil Steele and The NFL Draft Report, as the Freshman All-ACC receiver and punt returner was named the Tigers' Rookie-of-the-Year
- In addition to playing football, he suited up for the Tigers basketball squad after the football season...He was a member of Clemson's NCAA Tournament team, but did not travel to the tourney
- On the gridiron, he became the first freshman since Derrick Hamilton in 2001 to lead the team in receptions, snaring 52 tosses for 637 yards (12.25 ypc) and four touchdowns, securing eight passes that gained at least 20 yards
- Had two kickoff returns for 32 yards and two punt returns for 33 yards, in addition to posting a solo tackle vs. Presbyterian
- Appeared in 12 games, starting eight at split end while sitting out the Maryland clash
- His receptions and yards gained set new school freshman season records
- Gained at least 100 yards in three of his final four appearances, starting with 106 yards on eight grabs vs. Florida State; 124 yards with a score on seven catches vs. South Carolina and pulled in nine throws for 105 yards vs. South Florida in the Meineke Car Care Bowl

#### High School:

- Attended D.W. Daniel (Central, S.C.) High School, playing football for head coach Randy Robinson
- Registered 57 receptions for 1,266 yards and 18 touchdowns on offense and 28 interceptions, returning five for touchdowns on defense
- In addition to his performance on offense and defense, Hopkins had 11 punt returns for 289 yards and three touchdowns, along with two kickoff returns for 119 yards and one score as a senior
- For the 2009 campaign, he scored seven times receiving, twice on interception returns, three more on punt returns, once on a kickoff return, and one more time on a fumble return, en route to garnering Class AAA Back-of-the-Year accolades
- Rated the 12th-best receiver in the nation and the state's eighth-best overall prospect by Rivals.com, Scout.com regarded the versatile performer as the 14th-ranked cornerback in the prep ranks and ESPN rated him the country's 29th-best athlete
- Super Prep's sixth-ranked athlete in the state of South Carolina, Hopkins received All-State first-team honors from the Charlotte Observer and The State, adding All-Southern honors from the Orlando Sentinel
- A finalist for state "Mr. Football" accolades, he was twice named All-State (defense) by the Associated Press
- Participated in the Offense-Defense All American game and the Shrine Bowl
- Two-time Seneca Daily Journal Player-of-the-Year and Anderson Independent Player-of-the-Year choice, in addition to receiving Class AAA All-State honors from the High School Sports Report as a junior and senior
- Added co-Region Player-of-the-Year recognition as a senior and was a three-time all-region pick
- Led D.W. Daniel High to a 37-4 record during his gridiron career
- Was also a four-year starter for the school's basketball team, a three-time All-State choice who tallied over 1,300 points, 400 rebounds, 600 assists, and 200 steals in his career

#### Personal:

- Majored in community recreation, sport, & camp management major
- Uncle, the late Terry Smith, had 162 receptions as a Clemson Tiger from 1990-93

#### Hopkins' Statistics at Clemson

Year	GP	RECEIVING					Lg	TD
		GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	Yds		
2010	12	8	52	637	12.3	45	4	
2011	14	11	72	978	13.6	50	5	
2012	13	13	82	1,405	17.1	62	18	
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>3,020</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>27</b>	

  

Date, Opp	Kickoff Returns					Punt Returns				
	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2010	2	32	16.0	16	0	2	33	16.5	31	0
2011	0	0	0.0	0	0	10	49	4.9	22	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>