

# TEXANS DRAFT NOTES

## Houston Texans 2013 NFL Draft Guide

### 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
<b>T</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Brennan Williams, North Carolina</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>D.J. Swearinger, South Carolina</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>
CB	2011	Brandon Harris, Miami	2	60
		Roc Carmichael, Virginia Tech	4	127
<b>LB</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Sam Montgomery, LSU</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>95</b>
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.

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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	4*		1	1	1	9*
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	2*	2		1	5	15*
CB	2	1	2	2	1	3		11
S		1*		1	3	3	2	10*
K/P					1			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>95</b>

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

### DEFENSE TRENDING IN HIGHER ROUNDS

S D.J. Swearinger continued a draft weekend trend for the Texans when the team selected him 57th overall. Including Swearinger and first-round pick WR DeAndre Hopkins, 14 of Houston's 17 first- or second-round picks since 2004 have been on the defensive side of the ball.

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

Year	Player	Pos.	Rd	Pk	College
2013	<i>D.J. Swearinger</i>	<i>S</i>	2	57	<i>South Carolina</i>
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*

### TEXANS ALL-TIME COMPENSATORY PICKS

OLB Sam Montgomery was selected with the 95th overall pick in the third round of the 2013 NFL Draft using a compensatory pick awarded by the NFL.

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.

The Texans have one more compensatory pick in this year's draft: 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
		<u>2013</u>		
3	95	Sam Montgomery	LSU	OLB
6	201	TBD		

**Bold** indicates made active roster that season

# TEXANS DRAFT NOTES - ROUND 1

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### 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

### LOOKING FOR ANOTHER FIRST-ROUND FACTOR

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	Brian Cushing, LB	16	16
2010	20	Kareem Jackson, CB*	16	16
2011	11	J.J. Watt, DE*	16	16
2012	26	Whitney Mercilus, OLB*	16	4
2013	27	DeAndre Hopkins, WR*		

Bold indicates current Texans

### TEXANS TAKE THE UNDER(CLASSMAN) AGAIN

WR **DeAndre Hopkins** continued a trend of sorts for the Houston Texans, becoming the fourth underclassman in a row to be selected in the first round by the team. The last player drafted in Round 1 by the Texans after completing his eligibility was LB Brian Cushing in 2009.

#### UNDERCLASSMEN DRAFTED BY TEXANS IN ROUND ONE

Year	Pk	Player	GP	GS
2003	3	<b>Andre Johnson, WR</b>	16	16
2004	10	Dunta Robinson, CB	16	16
2006	1	Mario Williams, DE	16	16
2010	20	Kareem Jackson, CB	16	16
2011	11	J.J. Watt, DE	16	16
2012	26	Whitney Mercilus, OLB	16	4
2013	27	DeAndre Hopkins, WR		

Bold indicates current Texans

### HOPKINS BREAKS DEFENSIVE TREND AT TOP

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 OT **Duane Brown** (26th overall, 2008) as the only offensive players selected in Round 1 over the last 10 years.

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2008	Duane Brown	T	1	26	Virginia Tech
2007	Amobi Okoye	DT	1	10	Louisville
2006	Mario Williams	DE	1	1	N.C. State
2005	Travis Johnson	DT	1	16	Florida State
2004	Dunta Robinson	CB	1	10	South Carolina
2004	Jason Babin	LB	1	27	Western Michigan

Defensive players in italics

### FROM ANDRE TO DeANDRE

WR **DeAndre Hopkins** was the 11th wide receiver selected by the Houston Texans in team history and just the second to be picked in the first round. His predecessor in the opening round (and new teammate), **Andre Johnson**, was the third overall pick in 2003.

Like Johnson, Hopkins was an early entrant into the NFL Draft, and like Johnson, Hopkins was highly productive in college

#### TEXANS FIRST-ROUND RECEIVERS COLLEGE STATISTICS

Year	Player	School	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
2003	Andre Johnson	Miami	92	1,831	19.9	20
2013	DeAndre Hopkins	Clemson	206	3,020	14.7	27

#### WIDE RECEIVERS DRAFTED BY TEXANS (11)

Year	Player	Round	Overall
2013	DeAndre Hopkins	1	27
2012	DeVier Posey	3	68
2012	Keshawn Martin	4	121
2010	Trindon Holliday	6	197
2010	Dorin Dickerson	7	227
2007	Jacoby Jones	3	73
2006	David Anderson	7	251
2005	Jerome Mathis	4	114
2004	Sloan Thomas	7	211
2003	Andre Johnson	1	3
2002	Jabar Gaffney	2	33

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### 2013 NFL DRAFT, ROUND 1, 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

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### 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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Thursday, April 25

(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 they 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 sup-

posed 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."

Thursday, April 25

(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."

Friday, April 26

(on the phone call he received last night from the Texans) "Oh man, it was special. My agent tapped me on the shoulder and said, 'This is might be it.' I don't think he wanted to tell me quite yet but it was a moment. Being there with my mother, my family members, it was special."

(on his first impressions of Houston and Reliant Stadium) "As soon as I got off the plane I was greeted by fans. I know that this is love-city. I can see that right now from the beginning."

(on if reality has sunk in yet) "Just a little bit. Looking at you guys, it's setting in now. I'm still enjoying it."

(on if he was surprised to be selected by Texans) "I really didn't have any idea. I'm not the type of player to look at stuff like that, I'm just going to come in and do my job. That's my mentality. Get picked, come in, and be the best wide receiver I can be."

(on if he followed the Texans last season) "A little bit, not a lot. I knew they were a good team and had the capability to win the Super Bowl."

(on if he has talked to Andre Johnson at all yet) "I haven't had the chance to talk to Andre yet. Me and Matt Schaub texted back and forth a couple times last night. J.J. Watt texted me and told me congratulations and be ready to come in and compete for a Super Bowl."

(on what he plans to say to Andre Johnson when he sees him) "That will be a conversation with me and Andre. I'm not exactly sure what I am going to say, but I'll let it play out."

(on what he brings to the Texans) "I bring a championship mentality. Whenever the ball is in the air I feel like it's mine no matter where it is or who is around me. I feel like I am a physical wide receiver and I bring an edge to the Texans."

(on what it means to him to share this success with his mother) "She is here because she's my mother and I love her more than any other woman. We've been through a lot as a family. So this time, right now, we're enjoying it. It's a relief off our shoulders. It feels like we can relax just a little bit, but still a lot of work to do."

(on what he thinks his role on the team will be) "I'm not sure exactly, I'll have to talk to coach about that. I'm just going to come in and compete for a spot and be the best wide receiver I can be. I feel like if I come in and try to beat whoever is in front of me it will make the whole team better."

(on coming into a strong offense) "Of course, we've got a great quarterback in Matt (Schaub), and great running backs and great wide receivers. I just have to come in and do my job. We've got a lot of pieces to the puzzle to win the Super Bowl and I feel like I have a great cast around me to help me grow as a rookie."

(on his development as a player through college) "Coming into college I didn't play wide receiver, I played DB. Everything was new to me; I didn't know how to run too many routes. I took coaching in and I studying film, I wanted to be the best wide receiver on the team once they told me I was playing wide receiver. I just focused on all the details to become a good wide receiver."

(on if Matt Schaub texted him last night) "Yeah, he texted me last night after I got picked."

(on what Matt Schaub said to him last night) "He was just telling me con-

gratulations and to come in and be ready to help this team win basically."

(on why he switched from defensive back to wide receiver in college) "Because there was a need at Clemson for wide receivers at the time."

(on if there were signs that he would make a good wide receiver) "In high school, I had the state record for interceptions in a season and career, so they kind of knew when the ball was in the air, I was going to try and get it."

(on if it was exciting for him to transition to this new position) "It was. I just wanted to be able to help out my team. It doesn't matter where it was. If it was on kick return or punt return, anywhere, I just wanted to help the team win."

(on how tough of a transition it was to switch to wide receiver) "It went well. We had great coaches. Coach (Dabo) Swinney, the head coach, he used to be a wide receivers coach. At the time, I had a young wide receivers coach, but Coach Swinney, he was tough in the meeting room to kind of grow me up a little bit."

(on if he looked up to any particular defensive backs growing up) "Not really."

### **Offensive Coordinator Rick Dennison**

(on how excited he is to add a new offensive weapon) "That's the beauty of it. With his skill set, we do what we do. We've got a guy that competes and competes for the ball and does what we do. He's very physical, which is what we demand of our wide receivers. It's not a matter of developing anything new. It's as he just stated, get him in here and let him compete and grow from there."

### **WR DeAndre Hopkins**

(on competing with the other wide receivers in Houston for a starting spot) "It's going to help out the team, me coming in and trying to beat those guys out. Like I said, this is a chain-effect. I'm coming in and I'm making them better. They're making me better at the same time. It helps out the team overall."

(on what word he would use to describe himself) "It would be relentless because I play with an edge. I feel like I'm relentless out there on the field."

(on whether his aggressiveness comes from his background as a defensive back) "Yeah, just a little bit. I try not to get too many penalties, but yeah, that's where it comes from."

(on the physical edge required of this offense) "I mean a great running back like Arian (Foster), I have to be downfield blocking to make his runs longer. He's got to get that open space and I have to be able to help him out."

(on how he plans from learning from the veteran receivers like Andre Johnson) "I'm not going to bug them too much, he's a grown man he has his own life. I'm going to make sure that he teaches me what he knows so that I can be in his position come 11 years from now."

(on DE J.J. Watt and what he brings to the other side of the ball) "Oh man, he brings the edge that people don't want to run to his side. I want to be that on the other side of the ball. I feel like he's a leader of this team even though he's a young man. He's a great player, he's somebody I've been watching since he first started playing."

# TEXANS DRAFT NOTES - ROUND 2

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### SECOND ROUND FACTS & FIGURES

Time of Round 2 .....	2:00
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<b>Second-Round Breakdown</b>	
<b>By Conference</b> .....	SEC (8)
.....	ACC (4)
.....	Conference USA (4)
.....	Big Ten (4)
.....	Pac-12 (3)
.....	Big 12 (2)
.....	Mountain West (2)
.....	Independents (1)
.....	Southland (1)
.....	Sun Belt (1)
<b>By Position</b> .....	Defensive Back (7)
.....	Linebacker (6)
.....	Running Back (5)
.....	Wide Receiver (3)
.....	Tight End (3)
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.....	Defensive Tackle (2)
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.....	Quarterback (1)
Offense .....	13
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### 2013 NFL DRAFT, ROUND 2, PICK-BY-PICK

Rd.	Pick	Overall	Club	Player	Pos.	College
2	1	33	Jacksonville	Johnathan Cyprien	DB	Florida International
2	2	34	Tennessee (from KC via SF)	Justin Hunter	WR	Tennessee
2	3	35	Philadelphia	Zach Ertz	TE	Stanford
2	4	36	Detroit	Darius Slay	DB	Mississippi State
2	5	37	Cincinnati (from OAK)	Giovani Bernard	RB	North Carolina
2	6	38	San Diego	Manti Te'o	LB	Notre Dame
2	7		Cleveland (Exercised in Supplemental Draft)			
2	8	39	New York Jets	Geno Smith	QB	West Virginia
2	9	40	San Francisco (from TEN)	Cornelius Carradine	DE	Florida State
2	10	41	Buffalo	Robert Woods	WR	Southern California
2	11	42	Oakland (from MIA)	Menelik Watson	OT	Florida State
2	12	43	Tampa Bay	Johnathan Banks	DB	Mississippi State
2	13	44	Carolina	Kawann Short	DT	Purdue
2	14		New Orleans (Forfeited)			
2	15	45	Arizona (from SD)	Kevin Minter	LB	LSU
2	16	46	Buffalo (from STL)	Kiko Alonso	LB	Oregon
2	17	47	Dallas	Gavin Escobar	TE	San Diego State
2	18	48	Pittsburgh	LeVeon Bell	RB	Michigan State
2	19	49	New York Giants	Johnathan Hankins	DT	Ohio State
2	20	50	Chicago	Jon Bostic	LB	Florida
2	21	51	Washington	David Amerson	DB	North Carolina State
2	22	52	New England (from MIN)	Jamie Collins	LB	Southern Mississippi
2	23	53	Cincinnati	Margus Hunt	DE	Southern Methodist
2	24	54	Miami (from IND)	Jamar Taylor	DB	Boise State
2	25	55	San Francisco (from GB)	Vance McDonald	TE	Rice
2	26	56	Baltimore (from SEA)	Arthur Brown	LB	Kansas State
2	27	57	<b>HOUSTON</b>	<b>D.J. SWEARINGER</b>	<b>DB</b>	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>
2	28	58	Denver	Montee Ball	RB	Wisconsin
2	29	59	New England	Aaron Dobson	WR	Marshall
2	30	60	Atlanta	Robert Alford	CB	Southeast Louisiana
2	31	61	Green Bay (from SF)	Eddie Lacy	RB	Alabama
2	32	62	Seattle (from BAL)	Christine Michael	RB	Texas A&M

### HOUSTON IN A PALMETTO STATE OF MIND, PART II

S D.J. Swearinger completed a one-two combination from the state of South Carolina in the 2013 NFL Draft for the Houston Texans. Swearinger, a University of South Carolina alum, joins former Clemson Tiger WR DeAndre Hopkins at the top of the Texans' 2013 Draft class.

The Palmetto State is also well-represented in the Texans' front office. Texans owner Bob McNair is a 1958 graduate of the University of South Carolina, while team president Jamey 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.

Pro Bowl CB Johnathan Joseph is also a Gamecock.

### SOUTH CAROLINA TRADITION IN TEXANS SECONDARY

S D.J. Swearinger became the third former South Carolina Gamecock to be drafted by the Houston Texans, all three of whom have played defensive back.

The Texans selected CB Dunta Robinson with the 10th overall pick in the 2004 NFL Draft and took CB Fred Bennett with the 114th overall pick in the fourth round of the 2007 NFL Draft.

In addition, Pro Bowl CB Johnathan Joseph is also a Gamecock.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYERS DRAFTED BY HOUSTON TEXANS

Pos.	Year	Player	Rd	Overall
S	2013	D.J. Swearinger	2	57
CB	2007	Fred Bennett	4	114
CB	2004	Dunta Robinson	1	10

### THE HIGHEST-DRAFTED SAFETY IN TEXANS HISTORY

After being selected with the 57th overall pick in the 2013 NFL Draft, S D.J. Swearinger became the highest-drafted player at his position in Houston Texans history.

Prior to this year, the earliest pick ever used by the Texans on a safety prospect was a fourth-rounder in 2004, when the team chose S Glenn Earl from Notre Dame with the 122nd overall pick.

#### SAFETIES DRAFTED BY TEXANS (10)

Year	Player	Round	Overall
2013	D.J. Swearinger	2	57
2011	Shiloh Keo	5	144
2009	Troy Nolan	7	223
2008	Dominique Barber	6	173
2007	Brandon Harrison	5	144
2005	C.C. Brown	6	188
2004	Glenn Earl	4	122
2004	Jammal Lord	6	175
2003	Curry Burns	7	217
2002	Ramon Walker	5	153

### HIGH SCHOOL TEAMMATES REUNITED IN THE NFL

Two members of Houston's 2013 Draft class will at least have the advantage of knowing a familiar face when they join the team. Second-round pick S D.J. Swearinger and third-round OLB Sam Montgomery were high school teammates at Greenwood High in their home town of Greenwood, S.C. Both players were members of Greenwood High's Class of 2009.

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(on his initial reaction) "It was just a relief. I was just ready to know where I'm playing football next year and playing next to Ed Reed. I'm blessed, truly blessed right now, words can't even describe it."

(on looking up to Ed Reed) "Oh yeah, most definitely. I watched Ed Reed before every game. Him and Sean Taylor both. That's definitely a guy that I'm looking forward to learning from him and feeding off him."

(on when he started watching Ed Reed play) "Back in high school I started watching him. Sean Taylor and Ed Reed are some of my idols that I looked up to when I was in high school. I want to just keep it going in the NFL."

(on how much interaction he had with the Texans prior to the draft) "At the Combine I had a great visit and great meeting with them. Their DB coach (Vance Joseph) is great. I got a phone call last week that said they were very interested in me and I said that I would love to go and play with my idol and that it'd be great."

(on the timeline of talking with the Texans) "Last week they called me to confirm my numbers and their coach, Coach Kubiak, he talked to me and said he gave me a lot of hope when he was talking to me, so I was looking forward to it."

(on playing for Steve Spurrier at South Carolina) "Coach Spurrier is a great coach. I appreciate Coach Spurrier and appreciate all of my DB coaches, but it was great playing for a coach like Coach Spurrier. I had a special career and I did a lot of great things that got me here where I am today. I really appreciate Coach Spurrier."

(on the pride he takes in being a physical player) "I take a whole lot of pride in being physical. Since I was little, it's been a strong part of my game to be a physical force in the middle and to control the middle. I think I've done a great job of that, and I'm just ready to take my game to a whole other level and get to the biggest level of football."

(on how he thinks he will fit into the defensive back scheme with Ed Reed and Danieal Manning) "I'm looking forward to learning from both guys. Definitely Ed Reed, they have a great d-line with J.J. Watt, and their quarterback (Matt Schaub). I'm going to a great organization."

(on what does such a competitive secondary bring to the defense) "Wide-outs think twice about coming across the middle. You have to be a physical force, and I think I would be a great force in the middle and I think our defense will put a lot of fear in the offense's part."

(on playing for defensive coordinator Wade Phillips) "I've heard a lot of great things about Coach Phillips. I can't wait for the opportunity to get out there and get coached by him. It's a blessing and I'm just ready to play football."

(on if he has ever met Ed Reed) "No I haven't."

(on how excited he is to meet Ed Reed) "Oh, man, I don't know, I don't even know how excited I am. I'm just ready."

(on what he wants to learn from the veteran safeties) "The ability to read the quarterbacks and he's had a lot of career picks and I'm looking forward to learning and looking to what he sees from the quarterbacks, so I'm looking forward to that."

(on how many times he went up against DeAndre Hopkins in college) "DeAndre (Hopkins) was an outside receiver so I didn't really line up against

him at all except for once my sophomore year. He got me on a double-move and I still remember that. But that's great, both DeAndre is from the ACC and I'm from the ACC so this is a great fit."

(on former South Carolina cornerback and current Texan Johnathan Joseph) "I really haven't watched him play. I've heard a lot of things about him so I'm looking forward to meeting him."

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(on how D.J. Swearinger fits into the defense) "D.J. Swearinger is very athletic in the mold of safeties that we like. He can play the strong safety or free safety. He can cover a slot guy if you need him to. He's very versatile that way. He's smart, tough, aggressive, all the things you're looking for."

(on Swearinger's hitting ability) "He's a big hitter. Like I say, he's a tough, physical player but he has good range. He can play free safety. He's got great range overlapping or he can play strong safety and get in the box. He also fits in your sub-package. That's what G.Q. (Glover Quin) played for us, when the sub-package is playing over the tight end and being able to play the running game too. He fits well in there. We played that at least 50 percent of the time, so it's almost like adding a starter."

(on the opportunity he has to come in and learn from Ed Reed and Danieal Manning) "We've got veteran players that are outstanding players. Hopefully some of that rubs off all the time. I think we have some outstanding coaches that will do a good job with him too. The little things as far as learning to be a pro and those kinds of things, those guys can really help them with and getting them settled in the first year. Some of the things that younger guys need to go through, those guys can give them the experience they need by talking to them about it."

(on not getting to have the first round pick on defense this year for the first time) "Yeah, what happened? What happened? No, I was all for the guy we took. I thought it was an outstanding choice. Whatever is best for the team is what I want and I think DeAndre Hopkins is going to be great for this football team. The more they can score on offense, the more they can keep the ball, the better defense we can play."

(on if D.J. Swearinger and Ed Reed can be featured on the field together) "Yeah, we can have them all on the field at the same time. He still has to work in and show us that he can do the things we think he can do, but he fits that mold that he can play either safety. Not everyone is healthy all the time. He can play in our sub-package, which he would be your starter almost. He can vie for that. I think he'll compete real well."

(on D.J. Swearinger's hitting ability) "It's pretty easy to watch him for coaches. It's pretty easy to watch a guy who strikes like he does and moves like he does and is athletic as he is, but as physical as he is too. That always adds to your team."

(on where D.J. Swearinger was rated on the board compared to any outside linebackers) "I think he was the highest-rated player the board at this time. That was part of it too. You always try to take a football player and this guy is a football player."

# TEXANS DRAFT NOTES - ROUND 3

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### THIRD ROUND FACTS & FIGURES

Time of Round 3 .....	2:00
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<b>Third-Round Breakdown</b>	
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..... Big East (7)	
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..... Big 12 (3)	
..... ACC (2)	
..... Big Ten (2)	
..... Mountain West (1)	
..... Mid-American (1)	
..... MAIAA (1)	
..... Southern (1)	
..... SWAC (1)	
..... WAC (1)	
<b>By Position</b> .....	Defensive Back (11)
..... Wide Receiver (5)	
..... Offensive Tackle (4)	
..... Defensive Tackle (4)	
..... Linebacker (3)	
..... Tight End (2)	
..... Defensive End (2)	
..... Guard (2)	
..... Quarterback (1)	
..... Running Back (1)	
Offense .....	15
Defense .....	20

### 2013 NFL DRAFT, ROUND 3, PICK-BY-PICK

Rd.	Pick	Overall	Club	Player	Pos.	College
3	1	63	Kansas City	Travis Kelce	TE	Cincinnati
3	2	64	Jacksonville	Dwayne Gratz	CB	Connecticut
3	3	65	Detroit	Larry Warford	OG	Kentucky
3	4	66	Oakland	Sio Moore	LB	Connecticut
3	5	67	Philadelphia	Bennie Logan	DT	LSU
3	6	68	Cleveland	Leon McFadden	DB	San Diego State
3	7	69	Arizona	Tyrann Mathieu	DB	LSU
3	8	70	Tennessee	Bledi Wreh-Wilson	DB	Connecticut
3	9	71	St. Louis (from BUF)	T.J. McDonald	DB	Southern California
3	10	72	New York Jets	Brian Winters	OG	Kent State
3	11	73	Tampa Bay	Mike Glennon	QB	North Carolina State
3	12	74	Dallas (from CAR via SF)	Terrance Williams	WR	Baylor
3	13	75	New Orleans	Terron Armstead	OT	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
3	14	76	San Diego	Keenan Allen	WR	California
3	15	77	Miami	Dallas Thomas	OT	Tennessee
3	16	78	Buffalo (from STL)	Marquise Goodwin	WR	Texas
3	17	79	Pittsburgh	Markus Wheaton	WR	Oregon State
3	18	80	Dallas	J.J. Wilcox	DB	Georgia Southern
3	19	81	New York Giants	Damontre Moore	DE	Texas A&M
3	20	82	New Orleans (from CHI via MIA)	John Jenkins	DT	Georgia
3	21	83	New England (from MIN)	Logan Ryan	DB	Rutgers
3	22	84	Cincinnati	Shawn Williams	DB	Georgia
3	23	85	Washington	Jordan Reed	TE	Florida
3	24	86	Indianapolis	Hugh Thornton	OG	Illinois
3	25	87	Seattle	Jordan Hill	DT	Penn State
3	26	88	Green Bay	Corey Lemonier	LB	Auburn
3	27	89	<b>HOUSTON</b>	<b>BRENNAN WILLIAMS</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>
3	28	90	Denver	Kayvon Webster	DB	South Florida
3	29	91	New England	Duron Harmon	DB	Rutgers
3	30	92	St. Louis (from ATL)	Stedman Bailey	WR	West Virginia
3	31	93	Miami (from SF via GB)	Will Davis	DB	Utah State
3	32	94	Baltimore	Brandon Williams	DT	Missouri Southern
3	33	95	<b>HOUSTON (compensatory)</b>	<b>SAM MONTGOMERY</b>	<b>DE</b>	<b>LSU</b>
3	34	96	Kansas City (compensatory)	Knile Davis	RB	Arkansas
3	35	97	Tennessee (compensatory)	Zaviar Gooden	LB	Missouri

### CONTINUING THE CAROLINA CONNECTION

Both of Houston's third-round picks had connections to the Carolinas, continuing a theme for this year's Draft class. OT **Brennan Williams** played at North Carolina, while OLB **Sam Montgomery** grew up in Greenwood, S.C. before playing at LSU.

First-round pick WR **DeAndre Hopkins** played at Clemson and hails from Central, S.C., and second-rounder S **D.J. Swearinger** grew up in Greenwood and played at South Carolina.

#### HOUSTON TEXANS 2013 DRAFT CLASS

Rd.	Pk	Player, Pos.	College	Hometown
1	27	DeAndre Hopkins, WR	Clemson	Central, S.C.
2	57	D.J. Swearinger, S	South Carolina	Greenwood, S.C.
3	89	Brennan Williams, OT	North Carolina	West Roxbury, Mass.
3	95	Sam Montgomery, OLB	LSU	Greenwood, S.C.

### ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER LINEBACKER

Third-round OLB **Sam Montgomery** was the 15th linebacker selected by the Texans in team history. The selection also kept alive the Texans' streak of picking a linebacker in every draft in team history.

It also marks the third consecutive year in which the Texans have drafted a college defensive end with the aim of converting him to a 3-4 outside linebacker. Houston did so with **Brooks Reed** in 2011 and **Whitney Mercilus** in 2012.

### WILLIAMS CONTINUES TACKLE TREND

With the selection of OT **Brennan Williams** in the third round (89th overall), the Texans extended their string of consecutive drafts in which they have taken an offensive tackle to three. Williams is the ninth tackle drafted by the Texans in team history and the sixth to be taken in the first three rounds.

#### OFFENSIVE TACKLES DRAFTED BY TEXANS (9)

Year	Player	Round	Overall
2013	Brennan Williams	3	89
2012	Nick Mondek	6	195
2011	Derek Newton	7	214
2008	Duane Brown	1	26
2007	Brandon Frye	5	163
2006	Charles Spencer	3	65
2006	Eric Winston	3	66
2003	Seth Wand	3	75
2002	Chester Pitts	2	50

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(on whether he is surprised or not) "I mean, I'm not surprised and am surprised. It's really a toss-up and I'm just really excited to be going and going to Houston."

(on why he thinks he was selected by the Texans) "Coach said I'm a physical player. I have a mean streak. I'm a little nasty and I'm the kind of offensive lineman they like, so I think I'll fit right in."

(on how much he knows about the Texans) "Not as much as I'd like to. I'm not from particularly close, but I'm eager to learn because that's where I'm going to be."

(on his comfort level with playing in zone schemes) "I'm very comfortable, actually. We ran a pro-style offense for most of my career there at North Carolina. Most of it was actually with T.J. Yates. I'm really comfortable with the schemes. I went over some of it with the coaching staff down at the combine and I'm just looking forward to it."

(on if he has talked to T.J. Yates during the draft) "I talked to him a little bit. We actually have the same agent, so we've been in touch."

(on how he's feeling after his labrum surgery) "I'm feeling great. I have no complaints."

(on if he is completely healed from his labrum surgery) "Everything is completely healed; it's just about getting all the strength back and which is just about done."

(on the important of following in his father's footsteps) "It was extremely important. It was an expectation that we always had to make it to this level. I'm truly blessed to be where I am today but now it's time for me to carve out my own footsteps."

(on if his father gave him any secrets to having a long NFL career) "He had a pretty long career so I'm going to keep them to myself but he's given me a lot along the way."

(on how he describes himself as a player and an offensive lineman) "As a player, I think I'm athletic. As an offensive lineman, I think I can play any position that I needed to play. Like I said earlier, I've got a mean streak and an aggressiveness that I don't think a lot of people have and I think that will help me a lot."

(on where his mean streak comes from) "I don't know where it comes from. It probably comes from having a pretty good chip on my shoulder from the get go. I'm from Massachusetts and we don't exactly put out a lot of Division I talent, so I've kind of been looked down upon for most of my career. Even now, I've got something to prove and I look forward to getting in and cracking some heads."

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(on what he likes about T Brennan Williams and his plans for him) "Brennan was a guy that we targeted early in the draft, in the process. He impressed us off of film. He's a big man; he's got long arms, two big things that you look for. He's really a pretty good athlete from that standpoint, but I really liked his play-style. I thought he fit what we did. He's aggressive. He's a finisher. He's really a pretty physical player, just as he is. He's very, very active, which is something that we really value around here. I liked him right from the start and I'm excited to get him where we did. As far as his shoulder, he missed the last four games of the year with a torn labrum, had surgery for it. At the combine, he wasn't able to participate, but was able to do everything and was cleared medically by his doctors and did a workout. We feel pretty good about that. We feel good. As far as where he fits into our plans, he'll come in and compete initially at the right spot. We've got kind of an up-in-the-air situation with Derek Newton being injured. We're not quite sure when he'll be able to come back. Ryan Harris probably figures into the mix a little bit. We'll put Brennan in there right off the bat and compete and we can only get better through that competition."

(on if Brennan Williams' aggressiveness and his mean streak were visible on film) "Yeah, you do see it on film. Like I said, that's what I mean by a finisher. He's a finisher. You see all kinds of guys all along the line. Some are perfectly content to keep their guy out of the play and as long as that happens, then that's the baseline and they're pretty happy. Brennan likes to put people in the ground and wear them out over the course of the game. He did it fairly consistently. It makes it fun to watch college film that way. He is a physical player and an aggressive player. That is definitely one of his positive attributes."

(on what advantages a player has with a parent that played in the NFL) "I think it's got to be an advantage. Not having a parent who played myself, I'm not exactly sure. I think they've got to come into the situation a little more grounded and a little more aware of what to expect. I think that would be the one thing, not just from the initial shock but the preparation and the work and how much of a profession it is at this level. I think that would be the biggest advantage from that standpoint."

(on if Williams played right tackle in college) "He did. He played the right tackle."

(on if playing the right side in college will ease his transition to the Texans and if he has played a similar scheme) "Yeah, I don't know them to be a follower of our scheme, but they ran some wide zones and that type of thing that we ran. It does fit into that. He is on the right side. He should be fairly comfortable with the initial footwork and those types of things. Of course, as this plays out, if he comes out and wins the position outright, great. If not, he's got to learn to play left (tackle) too. That's how it works. We'll be working from both sides and that angle right fairly quickly. Maybe not focusing on swinging left to right or vice versa, but at some point we'll have to work towards that."

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(on how it feels to be drafted) "It feels great. It's an amazing feeling."

(on how excited he is to be a part of Houston's defense) "I'm so ready. I know the Ninja (DE Antonio Smith) is there. I met the guys and I've got a real great feel for the place. I know I felt like home there. I love the coaching staff and I'm ready to help those guys win games."

(on if he's a fan of Texans DE Antonio Smith) "Definitely I'm a fan of the Ninja (DE Antonio Smith). I plan to take his teachings and make Ninja Sonic out of it. I'm ready to go there with my teammate (S) D.J. (Swearinger), we're fixing to have fun on the field."

(on if he feels like his style of play fits in with the Texans) "Yes, sir. Relentless to the ball, a lot of passion and just surrounded by great people. I can do nothing but learn great from these guys. I'm so ready to go down there and get ready to play, get some pads on."

(on what he feels is his best quality as a player) "My effort, being relentless and just never giving up. I feel like those key things are just my best qualities. I never give up and I always fight hard to the end."

(on how he feels about rushing and dropping into coverage as an outside linebacker) "I feel like whatever they need me to do, I'm prepared for. They can ask me to do anything and I will train my hardest to be the best at it for the Texans."

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(on his plans for Sam Montgomery and how he played at LSU) "First off, the characteristics of the young man are this: he's big, strong, powerful, explosive individual. His play strength is (the) exception, it's about average. As far as the run game, he has that play strength that you need to play early in this league. I think he'll blend in well as far as the run game and setting the edge in our package. The other thing is when we look at our outside backers, we look at pass rush as a priority in our defense. He does bring an element of rush off the edge that is, once again, probably undeveloped and raw, but he has the basic ingredients and that is he can rush speed to power. He's an explosive player, like I said; the play strength will help him make the transition quicker than later. The one thing that he will have to learn is that he will have to learn to drop a little bit and things that he hasn't done as a defensive end at LSU, understanding that they don't cultivate OLBs in college, so we have to pull from the defensive end position. Basically, you have to give and take with their ability to drop out in space, something they haven't done. That remains to be seen. That's something we'll have to work on. As far as playing the run and having pass rush skills and having the play strength that's above average in college, he has a foundation to be a good outside backer for us."

(on if he envisions Montgomery lining up over the tight end initially) "That's a great question. What we'd like to do is we'd like to start him out on the tight end as a SAM position. First, we have to find out can he drop and how adequate he can be. If he can make the transition and drop to the point where first and second down, he's not hurting the football team and he's okay or at least adequate in his job. The other things that he brings to the table could make him an outstanding player and a potential star for us someday. That's what we see, starting him out at SAM. We've got to find out. Then, if he can't, we always have the easy transition to move him over to the weak side and say you rush 95 percent of the time, which we know he can do off the edge as he did as a d-end in college. We try the most difficult task first. We throw him in the fire and see if it works. At the least, we see him as having sub-rush value which right now, with Connor Barwin moving on and having Brooks Reed and (Whitney) Mercilus, the only other outside backer we have on campus is Bryan Braman. This guy, Bryan has talent, speed and ability, but this guy right now possesses a very raw power in speed to power rush that could help us as far as depth and pass rush as the year goes on. So he does fill a void."

(on whether he would ideally have a three-man linebacker rotation on the outside) "That's exactly what we had last year with (Whitney) Mercilus. We had Connor (Barwin), Brooks Reed and Mercilus in a three-man rotation. Playing some in the first half, resting some in the second half and if anybody got hurt obviously they filled in, which he did towards the end of the year for three or four games. Ideally in our system, we would like to have three outside backers to be able to rotate. You need that for depth anyway because you will get injuries and they will get tired. So that's an ideal situation, yes."

(on whether he saw any discrepancy in effort on Montgomery's part in college) "No, actually he plays fast and he's physical. I think if anything, the young man is guilty of being a little naive, and therefore the fact that he's really an honest guy and tells you like it is and probably would tell you a lot more than he needs to tell you or open up and take all day talking to you. He's a guy with a big personality and at the end of the day there's not many players that would tell you something negative about themselves and not even know they're doing it. And that's just me talking to you right

now. I'm probably trying to analyze what he told you at the combine or what you heard. He likes to talk."



## DeANDRE HOPKINS

### WIDE RECEIVER

Height: 6-1 | Weight: 214 | 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, CBSSports.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	RECEIVING						
	GP	GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
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>



## D.J. SWEARINGER

### SAFETY

Height: 5-10 | Weight: 208 | College: South Carolina |  
 Hometown: Greenwood, S.C. | Rookie |  
 First with Texans |  
 Acquired: D2-'13 |

**TRANSACTIONS:** Drafted by the Houston Texans with the 57th overall pick and 25th pick of the second round of the 2013 NFL Draft on April 26, 2013.

#### Career Notes:

- Started 33-of-52 games at South Carolina, where he was primarily the free safety, but also lined up in the slot in the nickel packages and at times, either cornerback spot over the course of a game
- Finished with 244 tackles (184 solos) that included 6.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage and three quarterback pressures
- Caused four fumbles and recovered two others, advancing one 65 yards for a vs. Alabama-Birmingham, the longest return of a fumble recovery in school history
- Had six interceptions for 94 yards, returning two interceptions for touchdowns and also deflected 16 passes
- Gained 126 yards on six kickoff returns (21.0 avg)

#### 2012 (Senior):

- A second-team All-Southeastern Conference selection, Swearinger started 12 games at free safety, helped the Gamecocks finish 11th in the nation in total defense (315.5 yards per game), as he recorded 79 tackles (62 solos) with three stops behind the line of scrimmage and one quarterback pressure
- Caused and recovered two fumbles
- Deflected seven passes and gained 72 yards on a pair of interceptions
- Credited with a pair of pass breakups in the season-opening win at Vanderbilt, including one on a fourth-down play on the Commodores' final drive, securing the victory
- Had an interception in the win over East Carolina
- Grabbed a fumble and rambled 65 yards to pay dirt in the win over Alabama-Birmingham
- Logged 10 tackles at LSU and credited with a team-leading 10 tackles including eight solo stops in the win over Tennessee
- Had a season-best 13 stops that included 10 solos vs. Arkansas and, with his 69-yard interception return for a score, was named the Walter Camp Foundation National Defensive Player of the Week and the SEC co-Defensive Player of the Week...Posted a dozen tackles vs. Wofford, giving him 35 tackles over a three-game stretch
- Had two pass breakups and forced a fumble in the Outback Bowl vs. Michigan

#### 2011 (Junior):

- Started all 13 games at safety, recording a career-high 80 tackles (58 solos) with 1.5 stops for losses of four yards, as he caused a fumble, intercepted three passes and deflected three more
- Also chipped in on special teams with two kickoff returns for 39 yards
- Played the first two games of the season at strong safety, before moving to play the free safety spot for the rest of the season
- Had seven tackles vs. both Georgia and Navy
- Logged his first interception of the year vs. Kentucky
- Had the best game of his Gamecock career at Mississippi State and was named the SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week after totaling a career-best 12 tackles and intercepting a pass in the waning minutes of the game to preserve the 14-12 win
- Added his third pick in as many games when he intercepted a Tennessee pass near the goal line
- Credited with nine tackles vs. Florida and eight more vs. The Citadel
- Registered seven solo tackles and forced a key fumble in the Capital One Bowl win over Nebraska

#### 2010 (Sophomore):

- Played in all 14 games, starting eight, as he saw action at both free and strong safety
- Finished fourth on the team with 66 tackles (51 solos), including two for loss and had five pass breakups
- Also returned four kickoffs for a 21.8 yard average
- Had four tackles and a forced fumble at Auburn
- Tied for the team lead with a nine tackles in an upset win over top-ranked Alabama in his first career start
- Made seven tackles, including a tackle for loss at Kentucky
- Delivered seven tackles coming off the bench vs. Arkansas
- Made first start at strong safety vs. Florida and had six tackles and a pass breakup
- Picked off a pass vs. Troy and returned it 22 yards for his first career touchdown, as he was also in on five tackles in the game

#### 2009 (Freshman):

- Played in all 13 games and recorded 19 tackles, including 13 solo stops
- Credited with a pass breakup and one quarterback hurry
- Posted three tackles vs. Alabama and three solo stops at Arkansas

#### High School:

- Attended Greenwood (S.C.) High School, playing football for head coach Shell Dula
- Excelled as a quarterback in the run-option system
- As a sophomore, he rushed for 400 yards and logged 68 tackles with five interceptions
- Ran for 516 yards nine touchdowns and posted 93 tackles and an interception as a junior
- A second-team All-State selection as a senior, he rushed for 904 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior quarterback and caught 20 passes for 210 yards as a receiver...Also had 77 tackles, broke up eight passes and caused two fumbles as a safety
- Closed out his career by recording an interception in the Shrine Bowl Game of the Carolinas
- Was rated a three-star prospect that was considered the 20th-best safety in the nation and the 14th-best prospect in South Carolina by Rivals.com
- Received a three-star prospect grade and was regarded as the nation's 82nd-best safety according to Scout.com
- Considered the state's ninth-best player by Super Prep and named to Prep Star's All-Atlantic Region squad in 2008

#### Personal:

- Retailing Business major
- Born Dayario Jamal Swearinger

#### Swearinger's Career Defensive Statistics

Year	Tackles							Interceptions				Fumbles	
	G	GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sk	Yds	No	Yds	Lg	TDPBU	FF	FR
2009	13	0	19	13	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2010	14	8	66	51	15	0.0	0.0	1	22	22	1	5	1
2011	13	13	80	58	22	0.0	0.0	3	0	0	3	1	0
2012	12	12	79	62	17	0.0	0.0	2	72	69	1	7	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>

#### Swearinger's Career Kickoff Statistics

Year	Kickoff Returns				
	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2010	4	87	21.8	25	0
2011	2	39	19.5	23	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>



## BRENNAN WILLIAMS

### OFFENSIVE TACKLE

Height: 6-6 | Weight: 318 | College: North Carolina |  
 Hometown: West Roxbury, Mass. | Rookie |  
 First with Texans | Age as of Kickoff Weekend '13: 22  
 Acquired: D3a-'13 |

**TRANSACTIONS:** Drafted by the Houston Texans with the 89th overall pick and 27th pick of the third round of the 2013 NFL Draft on April 26, 2013.

#### Career Notes:

- In 21 games as the starting right offensive tackle for North Carolina, Williams registered 108 knockdowns and 15 touchdown-resulting blocks
- Was teammates in 2009 and 2010 with current Houston Texans QB T.J. Yates at North Carolina

#### 2012 (Senior):

- Earned honorable mention All-ACC accolades from the league's coaches for his play at right tackle
- With Williams on the field for the first eight games, North Carolina allowed just five sacks, but in four games without him in the lineup, his replacements yielded six sacks...The Tar Heels still led the league and ranked ninth in the nation in fewest sacks allowed (11 for minus 75 yards)
- Helped North Carolina finish 14th in the FBS rankings and second in the ACXC with an average of 485.6 yards per game, as their average of 40.6 points scored was also second-best in the conference and eighth in the country
- Graded out at 87 percent with nine knockdowns in the win at Miami
- Had a season-best 23 knockdowns and helped pave the way for 339 rushing yards in the win over Virginia Tech
- Added four knockdowns in just 16 snaps vs. Idaho
- Played 62 snaps with four knockdowns vs. East Carolina and was on the field for all 64 snaps at Louisville and finished with 10 knockdown blocks
- Had a team-high 14 knockdowns in 82 plays at Wake Forest
- Saw action on 39 snaps with six knockdowns vs. Elon

#### 2011 (Junior):

- Appeared in all 13 games, grading 81 percent for the season on 667 total snaps at right tackle
- Finished with 30 regular-season knockdowns, third-best on the team, as he helped pave the way for Giovani Bernard to gain 1,253 rushing yards, the first time a Tar Heel back has rushed for over 1,000 yards since 1997
- Helped the team's passing attack average 254.4 yards per game, as the front wall allowed 27 sacks for losses of 206 yards
- Played 56 snaps vs. Duke, grading out at 82 percent
- On the field for 54 snaps and graded 78 percent at North Carolina State
- Posted an 83 percent mark and had four knockdowns at Clemson
- Saw action on 55 snaps and graded 85 percent with three knockdowns
- Graded out at a team-best 92 percent on 44 snaps vs. Louisville and produced four knockdowns with an 84 percent grade vs. East Carolina
- Graded out at 83 percent on 46 snaps at Georgia Tech and posted five knockdowns in just 39 snaps vs. Virginia
- Played 38 snaps vs. James Madison and graded 83 percent with four knock-downs

#### 2010 (Sophomore):

- Appeared in 10 contests as a reserve at right offensive tackle
- Played 108 snaps and helped the Tar Heels rank 26th in the nation with an average of 264.0 yards per game passing
- Saw action on 19 snaps in the Music City Bowl victory against Tennessee
- Graded out at 75 percent on nine snaps with a knockdown vs. East Carolina
- Had a knockdown at Rutgers and graded 75 percent vs. Georgia Tech
- Played 22 snaps vs. Louisiana State and graded a team-high 80 percent

#### 2009 (Freshman):

- As a true freshman, was on the field for only 78 snaps while playing in six games, including the Meineke Car Care Bowl vs. Pittsburgh
- Also appeared in the Duke, Virginia, Georgia Southern, Florida State and The Citadel games
- Logged an 80-percent grade on 19 plays vs. Duke and posted a 78-percent grade and one knockdown block vs. Georgia Southern

#### High School:

- Attended Catholic Memorial (Roxbury, Mass.) High School, lettering four times in football for head coach Alex Campia
- The senior team captain was a member of the "Super 26" team in 2008 as voted by the Massachusetts State Coaches Association and garnered Prep Star and Super Prep All-American honors
- Rated the eighth-best offensive lineman in the country (seventh-best offensive guard) by Rivals.com and a member of the recruiting service's Rivals 250 squad in 2008
- Scout.com considered him to be the 15th-best offensive lineman in the nation and the second-best overall player in the state of Massachusetts
- The two-time All-Conference selection as a junior and senior, he was named All-Scholastic by the Boston Globe and Boston Herald

#### Personal:

- Communications major
- Son of Jacquelyn and Brent Williams
- Father played in the NFL from 1986-1993 with the New England Patriots, Seattle Seahawks and New York Jets as a defensive end



## SAM MONTGOMERY OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

Height: 6-3 | Weight: 262 | College: LSU |  
Hometown: Greenwood, S.C. | Rookie |  
First with Texans | Age as of Kickoff Weekend '13: 23  
Acquired: D3b-'13 |

**TRANSACTIONS:** Drafted by the Houston Texans with the 95th overall pick and 33rd pick of the third round of the 2013 NFL Draft on April 26, 2013.

### Career Notes:

- Started 26-of-31 games he appeared in at right defensive end, recording 104 tackles (47 solos)
- His 32.5 stops for losses of 145 yards tied Chad Lavalais for eighth in school history
- His 19 sacks for minus-114 yards are tied with Marcus Spears (2001-04) and Chuck Wiley (1994-97) for sixth on the LSU all-time record list
- Deflected four passes and credited with 14 quarterback pressures
- Also caused three fumbles and recovered another

### 2012 (Junior):

- A second-team All-American selection by the Walter Camp Foundation and Sports Illustrated, receiving third-team honors from The NFL Draft Report, Associated Press and CBS Sports
- A consensus All-Southeastern Conference first-team choice who was named SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week recognition for his performances vs. South Carolina, Auburn and Washington
- Shared the team's Percy E. Roberts Outstanding Defensive Player Award with Barkevious Mingo and was the recipient of LSU's Toby Caston Award for outstanding performance during 2012 spring drills
- Appeared in all 13 games, starting 10 contests at right defensive end, coming off the bench in the Mississippi State and Mississippi games
- Recorded 37 tackles (18 solos) as his eight sacks for minus 43 yards ranked fifth in the conference and also tied for the 10th-best season total by a Tigers defender
- Was also fifth in the league with 13 stops for losses of 57 yards, as he helped the team finish ninth in the nation in run defense (101.6 yards per game) and eighth in total defense (307.6 yards per game)
- Caused a pair of fumbles and recovered another
- Deflected two passes and had three quarterback pressures
- Montgomery registered four tackles, a 3-yard sack and 1.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage in LSU's 41-3 win over Washington. He also added three pressures as the Tigers held Washington to only 12 first downs and 183 yards of total offense
- His second SEC Player of the Week honor came after he accounted for four tackles (3 solos) with 3.5 going for losses for minus 14 yards in a 12-10 win at Auburn...His first tackle-for-loss resulted in a safety and a 2-0 LSU first quarter lead...Included in the 3.5 tackles for loss was a sack for minus-5 yards.
- Montgomery had three tackles including two sacks and a forced fumble in a 23-21 defeat over third-ranked South Carolina...He had a sack for an 11-yard loss on a third down attempt for South Carolina late in the fourth quarter to help preserve the victory for the Tigers
- Earned a sack for the third straight game vs. Ole Miss and registered a sack and a pass breakup vs. Mississippi State
- Had another sack, recovered a fumble and earned three tackles vs. Alabama...Closed out his career with five tackles and a 6-yard sack, causing a fumble on that play in the Chick-fil-A Bowl vs. Clemson

### 2011 (Sophomore):

- Football Writers Association and FoxSportsNext.com, adding second-team honors from The NFL Draft Report and Sports Illustrated, while also picking up third-team accolades from the Associated Press and Rivals.com
- All-SEC first-team pick by the league's coaches who was chosen SEC Co-Defensive Lineman of the Week vs. Alabama and SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week vs. Kentucky
- Started 11 of the 14 games he appeared in at right defensive end, registering 49 tackles (23 solos), as his nine sacks for minus-55 yards led the team, ranked sixth in the league and tied Melvin Oliver (2005), Marcus Spears (2004), Gabe Northern (1995) and Ron Sancho (1987) for fourth place on the school season record chart
- Also paced the Tigers with 13.5 stops for losses of 63 yards, adding 11 pressures, two pass deflections and a forced fumble
- Tallied two tackles for loss and one sack vs. Arkansas
- Credited with a 3-yard sack vs. Western Kentucky and an 11-yard sack along with three solo tackles vs. Georgia in the SEC Championship Game
- Named SEC Co-Defensive Lineman of the Week with Arkansas' Jake Bequette after he set a career-high with two sacks and tied his career-best with six total tackles at Alabama
- Posted six tackles vs. Auburn and added 1.5 stops for loss that included a 15-yard sack
- Named the SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week after his performance vs. Kentucky when he produced six tackles and two stops behind the line of scrimmage that included 1.5 sacks
- Combined with Tyrann Mathieu to record a sack vs. Northwestern State as he finished with five tackles
- Made four tackles with a team-high 1.5 stops-for-loss and a forced fumble recovered by Eric Reid in the Oregon contest

### 2010 (Redshirt Freshman):

- Named Freshman All-SEC by the league's coaches after he started the Tigers' first five games at right defensive end
- Made 18 tackles with two sacks for minus-16 yards and six stops for losses of 25 yards
- Produced six tackles and two stops-for-loss vs. West Virginia
- Tallied six tackles with 1.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage vs. Mississippi State
- Recorded his second sack against Vanderbilt
- In the North Carolina game, he delivered four tackles and a 9-yard sack.

### 2009 (Freshman):

- Red-shirted as a freshman

### High School:

- Attended Greenwood (S.C.) High School, playing football for head coach Shell Dula with fellow Texans rookie S D.J. Swearinger
- Delivered 65 tackles that included 15 sacks and 20 stops behind the line of scrimmage as a junior
- The two-time All-State choice registered 85 tackles, 11 sacks and 15 stops-for-loss as a senior
- Rated the second-best defensive end in the country by ESPN and sixth by Rivals.com, as that recruiting service also considered him the third-best pass rusher in the prep ranks
- Super Prep rated him the second-best prospect in the state of South Carolina
- Named to the Atlanta Journal Constitution's Super Southern 100 and the Mobile Press Register's Super Southeast 120
- Concluded his high school career as a member of the White squad that competed in the Under Armour All-American Bowl in Orlando, Fla.
- Also lettered in basketball

### Personal:

- Sports Administration major
- Son of Debra and Sidney Montgomery
- Nickname is "Sonic" Sam for his affection of the video game "Sonic The Hedgehog"
- Born Sidney Sammuul Montgomery

### Montgomery's Career Statistics

Year	Tackles						Interceptions		Fumbles				
	G	GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sk	Yds	QBP	No	Yds	PBU	FF	FR
2010	5	5	18	6	12	2.0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	14	11	49	23	26	9.0	55	11	0	0	2	1	0
2012	12	10	37	18	19	8.0	43	3	0	0	2	3	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>