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NFL ANNOUNCES 32 COMPENSATORY DRAFT CHOICES TO 15 CLUBS

A total of 32 compensatory choices in the 2012 NFL Draft have been awarded to 15 teams, the NFL announced today.

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 221 choices in the seven rounds of the 2012 NFL Draft (April 26-28), which will kick off in primetime for the third consecutive year.

The first round will be held on Thursday, April 26 and begin at 8:00 PM ET. The second and third rounds are set for Friday, April 27 at 7:00 PM ET followed by rounds 4-7 on Saturday, April 28 at Noon ET.

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.

Three clubs this year (Atlanta, San Diego and Buffalo) 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).

Thirty compensatory picks were awarded to clubs based upon the compensatory pick formula. By rule, two additional choices were awarded at the end of the seventh round to bring the total number of compensatory selections to 32, equaling the number of NFL clubs. The two additional picks were awarded to St. Louis and Indianapolis based upon the 2012 draft selection order.

The following 2012 compensatory draft picks have been determined by the NFL Management Council:

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<u>ROUND</u>	<u>ROUND CHOICE/ OVERALL SELECTION</u>	<u>TEAM</u>
3	33-95	Oakland
4	33-128	Minnesota
	34-129	Oakland
	35-130	Baltimore
	36-131	New York Giants
	37-132	Green Bay
	38-133	Green Bay
	39-134	Minnesota
	40-135	Dallas
5	33-168	Oakland
	34-169	Baltimore
	35-170	Indianapolis
6	33-202	New York Jets
	34-203	New York Jets
	35-204	Cleveland
	36-205	Cleveland
	37-206	Indianapolis
	38-207	Carolina

33-240	Pittsburgh
34-241	Green Bay
35-242	New York Jets
36-243	Green Bay
37-244	New York Jets
38-245	Cleveland
39-246	Pittsburgh
40-247	Cleveland
41-248	Pittsburgh
42-249	Atlanta
43-250	San Diego
44-251	Buffalo
45-252	St. Louis
46-253	Indianapolis

Following are the compensatory free agents lost and signed last year by the clubs that will receive compensatory picks in the 2012 NFL Draft:

<u>ATLANTA</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Harvey Dahl, Michael Koenen
	<u>Signed:</u>	Ray Edwards, Reggie Kelly
<u>BALTIMORE</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Chris Chester, Dawan Landry, Le'Ron McClain, Donte' Stallworth, Josh Wilson
	<u>Signed:</u>	Vonta Leach, Bernard Pollard, Ricky Williams
<u>BUFFALO</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Paul Posluszny, Donte Whitner
	<u>Signed:</u>	Brad Smith, Tyler Thigpen
<u>CAROLINA</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Jeff King, Richard Marshall, Matt Moore
	<u>Signed:</u>	Ron Edwards, Olindo Mare
<u>CLEVELAND</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Abram Elam, Matt Roth, Chansi Stuckey, Jason Trusnik, Lawrence Vickers, Floyd Womack, Eric Wright
	<u>Signed:</u>	Brandon Jackson, Dimitri Patterson, Usama Young
<u>DALLAS</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Stephen Bowen, Sam Hurd
	<u>Signed:</u>	Abram Elam
<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Daryn Colledge, Korey Hall, Brandon Jackson, Cullen Jenkins, Jason Spitz
<u>INDIANAPOLIS</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Charlie Johnson, Clint Session
<u>MINNESOTA</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Ray Edwards, Ben Leber, Tarvaris Jackson, Sidney Rice
	<u>Signed:</u>	Remi Ayodele, Charlie Johnson
<u>NEW YORK GIANTS</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Kevin Boss, Barry Cofield, Steve Smith
	<u>Signed:</u>	David Baas, Steve Weatherford
<u>NEW YORK JETS</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Drew Coleman, Braylon Edwards, Shaun Ellis, Brad Smith, Steve Weatherford
<u>OAKLAND</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Nnamdi Asomugha, Robert Gallery, Bruce Gradkowski, Zach Miller, Thomas Howard
	<u>Signed:</u>	Kevin Boss, Stephen Heyer
<u>PITTSBURGH</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Nick Eason, Keyaron Fox, Matt Spaeth
<u>SAN DIEGO</u>	<u>Lost:</u>	Kevin Burnett, Darren Sproles
	<u>Signed:</u>	Travis LaBoy, Takeo Spikes

TOTAL 2012 NFL COMPENSATORY DRAFT PICKS

Cleveland	4
Green Bay	4
New York Jets	4
Indianapolis	3
Oakland	3
Pittsburgh	3
Baltimore	2
Minnesota	2
Atlanta	1
Buffalo	1
Carolina	1
Dallas	1
New York Giants	1
St. Louis	1
San Diego	1
TOTAL	32

NFL CLUB SUMMARY OF COMPENSATORY DRAFT PICKS, 1994-2012 *

Arizona	16
Atlanta	11
Baltimore	33
Buffalo	26
Carolina	14
Chicago	17
Cincinnati	18
Cleveland	6
Dallas	30
Denver	9
Detroit	15
Green Bay	30
Houston	4
Indianapolis	19
Jacksonville	19
Kansas City	13
Miami	15
Minnesota	17
New England	26
New Orleans	10
NY Giants	21
NY Jets	9
Oakland	16
Philadelphia	29
Pittsburgh	25
St. Louis **	27
San Diego	18
San Francisco	19
Seattle	18
Tampa Bay	18
Tennessee ***	27
Washington	12
TOTAL	587

* 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.