



ARIZONA CARDINALS FOOTBALL CLUB

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The Cardinals wrapped up the 2009 NFL draft by picking S Rashad Johnson, CB Greg Toler, G Herman Johnson, OLB Will Davis, RB LaRod Stephens-Howling and G Trevor Canfield.

- Cardinals picks for the 2009 NFL Draft.

| <u>Rd.</u> | <u>Overall</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>College</u> |
|------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 31 st | Chris "Beanie" Wells | RB | Ohio State |
| 2 | 63 rd | Cody Brown | OLB | Connecticut |
| 3 | 95 th | Rashad Johnson | S | Alabama |
| 4 | 131 st | Greg Toler | CB | St. Paul's (VA) |
| 5 | 167 th | Herman Johnson | G/T | Louisiana State |
| 6 | 204 th | Will Davis | OLB | Illinois |
| 7a | 240 th | LaRod Stephens-Howling | RB | Pittsburgh |
| 7b | 254 th | Trevor Canfield | G | Cincinnati |

CARDS CONTINUE WITH DEFENSE IN ROUND 3:

- With their third round selection, the Cardinals chose Alabama safety Rashad Johnson with the 95th overall pick, their second consecutive selection on the defensive side of the ball. Johnson was the fifth safety taken in the draft and the third member of the Crimson Tide taken in the third round. He became the 21st player the Cardinals have selected from Alabama and the first since taking LB/DT Kenny King in the fifth round (141st overall) of the 2003 draft.

Alabama Players Taken in the Third Round

| <u>Player</u> | <u>Overall</u> | <u>Team</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| RB Glen Coffee | 74 th | San Francisco |
| C Antoine Caldwell | 77 th | Houston |
| S Rashad Johnson | 95th | Arizona |

- Johnson is the first safety selected by the Cardinals since they took two-time Pro Bowler Adrian Wilson in the third round (66th overall) of the 2001 draft (current free safety Antrel Rolle was drafted as a cornerback in the first round of the 2005 draft and played his first three seasons at corner).
- A two-year starter at safety for the Crimson Tide, Johnson is a former walk-on running back at Alabama who came from a little known 1-A high school in the town of Sulligent, AL. A town with a population under 2,000, Johnson said he graduated with in class of 54 total students.
- After redshirting in his first season at Alabama, Johnson made the switch to defense in 2005 and went on to become just the eighth player in Alabama's storied history to serve as team captain twice (as a junior and senior).
- Johnson started 31 of the 50 games he appeared in at Alabama, including the final 27 games at free safety. He totaled 224 career tackles, 11 interceptions (two returned for TDs), two sacks, 19 pass deflections and 12 tackles-for-loss. All 11 of his interceptions and 19 pass deflections came in his final two seasons.
- As a senior, was a unanimous All-SEC first-team selection, a second-team All-American and was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year by the Little Rock Touchdown Club. He was selected as the Tide's Defensive Player of the Year and was on the Bronko Nagurski Trophy (nation's top defensive player) and Jim Thorpe Award (top defensive back) watch lists. He totaled five interceptions for 125 yards, the fifth-best yardage total in team history, and tied the school single-season record by returning two interceptions for touchdowns.
- Johnson played a major part in Alabama's defense improvement from 31st in total defense in 2007 to third in the nation in 2008 as the Tide earned a berth in the Sugar Bowl.

- As a junior, earned first-team All-SEC honors and was chosen as a co-Defensive Player of the Year after starting all 13 games. He led the team in tackles with a career-high 94 and his six interceptions were the seventh-most in school history.

ROUND 4 PICK TOLER MAKES ST. PAUL'S HISTORY

- In the fourth round, the Cardinals went outside of NCAA Division I, selecting cornerback Greg Toler with the 131st overall selection.
- Toler comes from St. Paul's College, a Division II school outside Lawrenceville, VA. He is the first player from St. Paul's ever taken in the NFL Draft.
- In taking Toler, the Cardinals again proved they are not opposed to taking players from smaller schools. In 2008, the Cardinals selected three players from schools outside Division I-A for the first time since the draft went to seven rounds in 1994 (CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, RB Tim Hightower and OT Brandon Keith). Rodgers-Cromartie was named to the PFWA All-Rookie team while Hightower tied for the NFL lead and set a Cardinals rookie record with 10 rushing touchdowns in 2008.
- The Cardinals have reason for optimism in selecting Toler. The team has had success drafting cornerbacks from outside of Division I-A, with Rodgers-Cromartie and with former Division I-AA Southern University standout Aeneas Williams. Williams was a six-time Pro Bowler for the Cardinals and was drafted by Arizona in the third round (59th overall) of the 1991 draft.
- Leaving Northwestern (Washington, D.C.) High School, Toler was not academically eligible to enter college. He worked at a JC Penney store and played semi-pro football before getting a chance to play at St. Paul's, a school that at one time had its football program eliminated by budget cuts in 1987. St. Paul's is without a weight room and players wore the same cleats in games and in practice.
- Toler spent his first year at St. Paul's improving his grades and after a successful career on the football field, will graduate from St. Paul's in May with a degree in Criminal Justice.
- Toler started 40 games at St. Paul's, setting school records with 14 interceptions and 36 pass breakups. His average of .80 pass breakups per game was the top career mark for active Division II players in 2008.
- In his first collegiate season, Toler earned All-CIAA first-team honors and was on the league's All-Rookie team. As a junior, he again earned first-team All-CIAA honors when he intercepted one pass and did not allow a pass reception in four of the 10 games he started. As a senior, Toler earned All-CIAA and Little All-American first-team honors after recording a career-high 51 tackles, six interceptions and a school record three blocked kicks, returning one blocked punt for a touchdown. His total of 19 passes defended as a senior tied for the CIAA lead while ranking second nationally.

ANOTHER "UNDERDOG" STORY FOR THE CARDINALS

- A small-school cornerback with a 4.35 speed in the 40-yard dash...sounds familiar. In fact, some scouts have compared Toler to Cardinals 2008 first round pick Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie. In an interview with CBSSports.com, Toler spoke of those comparisons with columnist Pete Prisco, saying: "They say we're both corners with good size and speed who came from small schools. But he let his game do his talking and I'll do my talking with mine. People can watch me on Sunday to see how good I will be."
- In a separate interview with the Carroll County Times, Toler again made the Rodgers-Cromartie comparison, telling writer Aaron Wilson, "I'm taking that small-school route and, hopefully, I'll get the chance to prove that football is football on any level. Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie took this route into the NFL, and I'm looking to do the same thing. All I want is a good shot."
- Another comparison that could be made for Toler is Kurt Warner. At 24 years old, Toler is considered old for an NFL rookie. After high school, Toler did not have the grades to enter college so, for a short time he stocked shelves at a local JC Penney store before going on to a stint in semi-pro football for the D.C. Explosion.
- Just like Cardinals 2008 fifth-round pick Tim Hightower, Toler was not invited to the NFL combine in Indianapolis, leaving him with limited opportunities to reveal his potential to NFL scouts. Prior to the

draft, Toler worked out for 19 NFL teams, including the Cardinals. His Pro Day workout was held at the University of Richmond, Hightower's alma mater.

CARDINALS GO BIG IN ROUND 5

- In the fifth round, the Cardinals selected LSU offensive guard Herman Johnson with the 167th overall pick. Johnson was the third player from LSU taken in the 2009 draft and the second taken in the fifth round (FB Quinn Johnson, 145th, Green Bay).
- At 6-7 and nearly 400 pounds during his senior season, Johnson was one of the biggest players in college football and the biggest player to ever wear the Tigers uniform. At the time of his birth, Johnson was the largest baby ever born in the state of Louisiana, weighing in at 15 pounds and 14 ounces. Johnson stood at 6-foot-5 by the time he was 14 years old. The coaching staff at Denton High School gave him the nickname "House" due to his size.
- At the Senior Bowl weigh in on 1/19/09, Johnson tipped the scales at 382 pounds, making him the heaviest player to ever weigh in at college football's all-star game.
- Earned first-team All-America honors from the Associated Press following his senior season, adding second-team honors from the Sporting News and the Walter Camp Foundation.
- Earned first-team All-ACC honors following both his junior and senior seasons. As a junior, allowed just one quarterback pressure and no sacks on 442 total pass plays.
- After appearing in two games as a true freshman in 2004, was granted a medical hardship due to an infection that resulted from a spider bite on his toe. Over the next four years, went on to appear in 50 contests, starting the final 38 of his collegiate career. After starting his first three games at right guard, switched to left guard as a sophomore in 2006 where he started the final 35 games.
- As a senior at Denton (TX) High School, Johnson was named first-team All-State, was rated 30th on Rival.com's National Top 11 list and was also rated as Rival's third-best prep tackle in the country. Denton is the hometown of Cardinals Strength and Conditioning Coach John Lott.

BACK TO DEFENSE IN ROUND 6

- The Cardinals used their sixth round pick (204th overall) to select their fourth defender in the last five rounds, taking Illinois outside linebacker Will Davis.
- Davis's mother, Pearine, is the Deputy Minister of State in Liberia and played basketball for the Liberian national team and the University of Liberia. His uncle, John Davis, played soccer for Liberia.
- An all-around athlete, Davis began his college career with the Illini as a wide receiver and tight end before switching to the defensive side of the ball in 2006. A defensive end in college, Davis will convert to an outside linebacker for the Cardinals.
- In his freshman season at Illinois, appeared in eight games as a wide receiver and tight end.
- Switched to defensive end in his sophomore season and went on to appear in 37 games, collecting 95 tackles 15 sacks and four forced fumbles during his collegiate career. Davis recorded a career-high 9.5 sacks as a junior in 2007.
- Considered one of the top prep players in the country during his time at Eleanor Roosevelt (Greenbelt, MD) High School where he earned first-team All-State, all-metro, all-league, and all-county honors starting on both sides of the ball. As a senior, was named to the SuperPrep top-25 team after recording 21 receptions for 579 yards (27.6 avg.) and 10 touchdowns as a wide receiver. On defense, Davis totaled 136 tackles and 24 sacks.

CARDS GET TWO MORE ON OFFENSE IN ROUND 7

RB LaRod Stephens-Howling

- With their first of two seventh round selections, the Cardinals chose Pittsburgh running back LaRod Stephens-Howling with the 240th overall pick.
- In four seasons with the Panthers, Stephens-Howling piled up 1,959 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns on 429 attempts. A solid receiver out of the backfield, he added 52 receptions for 453 yards and a

touchdown. Stephens-Howling's most productive season at Pitt came in 2006 when he rushed for 893 yards and nine touchdowns on 178 carries and added 19 receptions for 231 yards and a touchdown. As a kickoff returner, he gained 775 yards and one touchdown on 34 returns (22.8 avg.) in his career.

- As a prep athlete, Stephens-Howling attended Greater Johnstown (PA) High School and was named the Pennsylvania MVP at the Big 33 All-Star game, one of the most prestigious high school all-star contests in the nation. As a student, he was named to the National Honor Society, Minority Scholars Club and National Honor Roll.

G Trevor Canfield

- With their final pick of the 2009 NFL Draft, a compensatory pick awarded by the league, the Cardinals chose Cincinnati guard Trevor Canfield at 254th overall. The 254th pick is the latest pick for the Cardinals since 1992 when the Arizona had the 313th overall pick in the 12th round. The draft went to seven rounds in 1994.
- Canfield was the sixth Cincinnati player drafted in 2009 and just the fourth Bearcat ever taken by the Cardinals. The last time the Cardinals drafted a player from Cincinnati was in 1974 when they took running back Reggie Harrison in the ninth round (215th overall).
- A three-time second-team All-Big East selection for the Wildcats, Canfield started at both left guard and right guard, making 39 consecutive starts and starting 42 of 47 total games played.
- Midway through his junior year of 2006, successfully made the switch from right guard to left guard, earning second-team All-Big East honors despite the change in positions.