

# Cody Brown

## 2009 Arizona Cardinals Draft Selection

### Round 2, Selection 31 – 63rd overall

### OLB – Connecticut - 6-2, 244

#### OVERVIEW:

A three-year starter at right defensive end, Brown's blitzing skills and range dropping back in pass coverage could see him shift to outside linebacker in the NFL.

Since the time he arrived on campus, Brown was expected to do great things. As a senior, he did so consistently. "He's played very, very well," head coach Randy Edsall said. "He's played up to the level of my expectations. He's playing with the consistency that I want him to play with."

Brown, the team's Defensive Most Valuable Player in 2008, guided a unit that had a great turnaround from the previous season. The Huskies finished Brown's final campaign ranked sixth in the nation in total offense, allowing just 278.0 yards per game compared to 351.4 yards in 2007 (ranked 37th in the NCAA). His stellar performance in the trenches resulted in the front wall giving up only 109.8 yards per game rushing (second in the Big East/16th in the NCAA), compared to its 62nd national ranking in 2007 (157.4 ypg).

Brown served as team captain during his senior year at Coral Springs High School. He was named first-team All-Broward County and All-State honorable mention, adding *Miami Herald* Sweet Sixteen recognition. He helped the team to the district playoffs, recording 88 tackles with nine sacks in 2004. He was selected to play in the BCAA All-Star Classic and the Dade-Broward All-Star Game. In addition to football, he earned two letters in basket-ball, picking up All-Broward County honors.

Brown enrolled at Connecticut as a 215-pound defensive end in 2005. He appeared in the team's first ten games, playing behind senior Shawn Mayne on the left side, where he earned one starting assignment vs. Cincinnati. He finished his first season with 20 tackles (10 solos) that included one sack and five stops for loss.

Brown emerged from 2006 fall camp as the Huskies' starting right defensive end. The 233-pound defender registered 24 tackles (8 solos), as he led the team with 4.5 sacks and also made 7.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage.

Brown added 15 pounds of muscle to his frame, starting all 13 games at right end in 2007. He led the team with 16.5 stops for loss, the sixth-best season total in school history. He also paced the Huskies with 7.5 sacks and collected 50 tackles (35 solos) with three pass deflections.

Brown continued his progression to the elite ranks in college football as a senior. The unanimous All-Big East Conference first-team pick was named the team's Defensive Most Valuable Player. He led the team with a career-high 11 sacks and matched his 2007 figures with 16.5 tackles for loss, both good for second place on the conference chart. He also delivered 56 tackles (33 solos) and tied for eighth in the NCAA with a school season-record tying five forced fumbles. His eight pass deflection were the second-highest total of any defensive end in the major college circuit.

#### CAREER NOTES:

Brown started 33 of 42 games during his Connecticut career, including 32 at right defensive end and one other contest on the left side...Recorded 150 tackles (86 solos) with 24.0 sacks for minus 151 yards and 45.5 stops for losses totaling 196 yards...Caused six fumbles and recovered two others...Blocked a punt and deflected 13 passes...His 45.5 tackles behind the line of scrimmage rank third in school history behind Uyi Osunde (49.0, 1999-2003) and Maurice Lloyd (47.5, 2001-04)...His 24.0 quarterback sacks tied Gary Stills of West Virginia (1996-98) and Mike Mamula of Boston College (1993-94) for 11th on the Big East Conference career-record list and placed him second in school history, topped by Mark Michaels (27.0, 1982-85)...Brown's five forced fumbles in 2008 tied the school season-record that was first set by Alfred Fincher in 2004 and rank sixth on the Big East's annual record books, surpassed by Elvis Dumervil of Louisville (10 in 2005), Dwight Freeney of Syracuse (8 in 2001), Claude Harriott of Pittsburgh (7 in 2002), Grant Wiley of West Virginia (7 in 2003) and Diamond Ferri of Syracuse (6 in 2004)...Brown's 16.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage in both the 2007 and '08 campaigns rank sixth on the school season-record list...His 11 quarterback sacks as a senior are topped by Mark Michaels (13.0 in 1984) and Steve Beal (13.0 in 1978) on the Huskies' annual record chart...Became the first true freshman to start on Connecticut's offensive or defensive line since the program was elevated to FBS.

**2008 SEASON:**

All-American third-team selection by The NFL Draft Report...Unanimous All-Big East Conference first-team choice...Named the team's Defensive Most Valuable Player...Started all thirteen games at right defensive end, recording a career-high 56 tackles (33 solos)...Led the team and ranked second in the conference with eleven sacks for minus 62 yards, the third-best season total in school history...Paced the Huskies and finished second in the league with 16.5 tackles for losses totaling 72 yards, tying his 2007 mark for sixth place on the school annual record books...Tied the school season record and ranked tied for eighth nationally with five forced fumbles...Blocked a punt and recovered one fumble, as he also deflected eight passes...Helped the team rank sixth in the nation and lead the Big East in total defense, allowing only 278.0 yards per game.

**2007 SEASON:**

Brown started all 13 games at right defensive end, picking up second-team All-Big East Conference honors from The NFL Draft Report...Recorded 50 tackles (35 solos), as he led the team with 7.5 sacks for minus 42 yards and 16.5 stops for losses totaling 60 yards...Deflected three passes and recovered one fumble.

**2006 SEASON:**

Started six games at right defensive end...Recorded 24 tackles (8 solos) with 7.5 stops for losses of 47 yards...Led the team with 4.5 sacks for minus 39 yards.

**2005 SEASON:**

Played in 10 games behind Shawn Mayne at left defensive end, starting vs. Cincinnati... Recorded 20 tackles (10 solos) with five stops for losses of 17 yards, including an 8-yard sack, as he also deflected two passes and caused one fumble... Became the first true freshman to start a game on either the offensive or defensive lines during UConn's Division I-A era.

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

Attended Coral Spring (FL) High School, serving as team captain during his senior year...Named first-team All-Broward County and All-State honorable mention, adding *Miami Herald* Sweet Sixteen recognition...Helped the team to the district playoffs, recording 88 tackles with nine sacks in 2004...Selected to play in the BCAA All-Star Classic and the Dade-Broward All-Star Game...Earned two letters in basketball, picking up All-Broward County honors.

**PERSONAL:**

Sociology major...Born Cody Dion Brown on 11/09/86...Resides in Coral Springs, FL.

**PLAYER STATISTICS:**

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS												
STATS	GP	GS	TK	SO	AS	FR	FC	INT	TFL	PBU	SACK	BK
2005	10	01	20	10	10	0	1	0-0	5.0-17	2	1.0- 8	0
2006	06	06	24	8	16	0	0	0-0	7.5-47	0	4.5-39	0
2007	13	13	50	35	15	1	0	0-0	16.5-60	3	7.5-42	0
2008	13	13	56	33	23	1	5	0-0	16.5-72	8	11.0-62	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>45.5-196</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24.0-151</b>	<b>1</b>