Where Kansas football players are projected to land in the 2025 NFL Draft

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The NFL Draft has finally arrived.

In Lawrence, all eyes are on several former Kansas standouts who are expected to be drafted in the later rounds in the coming days.

The 2025 NFL Draft starts with the first round at 7 p.m. Thursday in Green Bay, Wisconsin, but no KU player is expected to be selected until at least Friday (and most likely Saturday).

The second and third rounds will be held Friday, while rounds 4-7 will occur Saturday.

Kansas could have as many as five players (Devin Neal, Cobee Bryant, Bryce Cabeldue, Mello Dotson and Logan Brown) selected in the 2025 draft.

That would be the most KU players selected since the 1977 NFL Draft, when seven Jayhawks were picked.

Here's a closer look at the five KU players in contention to be drafted and where they are projected to go according to two different mock drafts from The Athletic and Pro Football Focus.

RUNNING BACK DEVIN NEAL

The Athletic: Round 4, pick No. 131, New **Orleans Saints**

PFF: Round 4, pick No. 107, Jacksonville **Jaguars**

Devin Neal, KU's all-time leading rusher, is projected anywhere from the end of Round 3 to Round 6 in most mock drafts. In these two mocks, Neal was selected in the fourth round.

Neal ran for 1,266 yards and had 17 total touchdowns last season. He ended his career with 4,343 rushing yards and 53 total touchdowns.

He ran a 4.58 in the 40-yard dash. NFL.com draft analyst Lance Zierlein projects Neal as an "average backup or special teamer" in the NFL. Here's what he wrote about the Kansas

"Workload runner with NFL size and four years of steady production to help elevate the program. Neal runs with a nice blend of patience and decisiveness to choose the right lanes and maximize each carry.

"He lacks top-end burst and speed, which will shrink the field for him, but he's a fall-forward runner with good contact balance and a nose for short-yardage conversions. ... His blue-collar

approach isn't exciting, but it is effective and Neal has the ability to develop into a backup three-down back."

CORNERBACK COBEE BRYANT

The Athletic: Round 7, pick No. 218, Atlanta **Falcons**

PFF: Round 4, Pick No. 105, New York Giants

The range of outcomes for the three-time firstteam All-Big 12 member varies greatly, perhaps no more shown than in these two mock drafts.

Bryant ended last season with four interceptions, 11 passes deflected, one forced fumble and 26 total tackles.

Zierlein projects Bryant as an "average backup or special-teamer" in the

"Thin but highly competitive cornerback with plenty of ball production and penalties to sift through," he said about Bryant. "First and foremost, Bryant wants the football and does what he can to find it. He's adequate in man coverage but struggles against big receivers in space. His instincts and ball skills shine in zone, where he reads route development and quarterback intentions.

"His low weight and skinny build will put him below the threshold for some teams, while his length, toughness and strong performance at the East-West Shrine Bowl will put him in play for others. Bryant has the potential to see nickel snaps as a pro if he can trust his technique and limit the penalties.'

MELLO DOTSON

The Athletic: Undrafted

PFF: Round 4, pick No. 121, Tampa Bay **Buccaneers**

Like Bryant, the evaluation for Dotson is all over the place. The quieter of the star CB duo had a stellar season for KU last year.

He had a Big 12-leading five interceptions, including two interceptions

returned for touchdowns. Zierlein projects Dotson as a "candidate for bottom of roster or practice squad" in the NFL. Here's his whole scouting report.

"Instinctive outside corner with impressive ball production. Dotson has adequate NFL size and a good feel for reading routes underneath, but he struggles to stay connected if the play travels beyond the first

level.

"He has good instincts and eyes in zone coverage. He triggers on throws with efficiency and ballhawking angles to take it away. He lacks speed and could struggle making plays downfield. Dotson's size, instincts and ball production will earn him consideration from zone teams, but playing in the league will require improved tackling and a specific scheme fit.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN LOGAN BROWN

The Athletic: Round 4, pick No. 118, Atlanta **Falcons**

PFF: Round 5, pick No. 170, Buffalo Bills

Kansas offensive lineman Logan Brown had an excellent season for the Jayhawks last vear. He made Second team All-Big 12 and earned honorable mention for Big 12 Offensive Lineman of the Year.

Brown started 11 games at right tackle. Zierlein thinks highly of him, projecting him as a "good backup with the potential to develop into a starter."

Here's his full scouting report on Brown.

'Traits-based developmental tackle with only one full season as a college starter. Brown is high-cut but is unusually quick laterally and athletic in space for a player who plays so upright. He gets to zone-blocking landmarks and is forceful with move contact, but his pad level limits his consistency as a man-to-man blocker.

"His protection improved rapidly in-season, but he still needs to develop an inside-out approach with pass sets and learn to recognize rush games more quickly. The bad looks really bad but the good can look really good. The ceiling and floor are both moving upward and Brown has early swing tackle value with a chance to develop into an NFL starter."

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN BRYCE CABELDUE

The Athletic: Round 4, pick No. 133, Kansas **City Chiefs**

PFF: Undrafted Bryce Cabeldue has

been a late riser in many mock drafts after a stellar showing at Big 12 Pro Day.

He played left tackle for Kansas last season, starting in 12 games for KU and appearing in 48 of 50 total games during his time in Lawrence. He previously played mostly right tackle.

Zierlein projects him



Kansas Jayhawks running back Devin Neal (4) runs as Baylor Bears safety Devin Lemear (20) pursues during the first half at McLane Stadium on Nov. 30, 2024.

has a "good backup with the potential to develop into starter.'

Here's his full scouting report on Cabeldue. 'Collegiate right tackle who is built like a guard and should make the move inside as a pro. Cabeldue is not much of a knee-bender but he's low-cut, which helps him maximize his balance. He has good pop on contact and can maul his way to wins. He's more athletic than expected inside the box, but his range as a blocker will trail off.

"He plays with an attacking mindset and takes the action to opponents, but he needs to play with inside hands to minimize his lack of length in pass pro. He projects as a backup guard and his toughness plays in his favor."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual meeting (the "Annual Meeting") of the Members of EMCNLMHC will be held Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at

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1. To vote for the election of directors who have been nominated as candidates to the Board of Directors:

Term Ending

2. To vote to accept or reject the following proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation:

Three years, term expiring in 2028

A. In Article XI, Section 11.1, the last sentence is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following, "No notice (other than in the Company's Articles of Incorporation and on the applicable policy page provided to Company policyholders) of annual meetings of the members shall be required to be given except as otherwise provided by law, but such notice may be given by the chief

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EMC NATIONAL LIFE MUTUAL HOLDING COMPANY /s/Michelle M. Struck, Vice President, Operations & Corporate Secretary

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS Child In Need Of Care Proceedings Under Chapter 38 of K.S.A. the Interest of Case No.22JC00257 In the Interest of

Date of Birth 07/27/20

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION SERVICE
NOW, on the date of the file stamp, the above-entitled matter comes on upon the Affidavit of Donald W. Hymer, Jr., Assistant District Attorney, stating that the name and whereabouts of the natural father and grandparents are unknown; that all attempts to find their addresses have been unsuccessful, and personal service on said father, and grandparents has not been made.

The Court finds that publication notice should be had pursuant to the Kansas

Code for the Care of Children IS THEREFORE BY THE COURT CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that publication notice shall be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper in Johnson County, Kansas, legally empowered to publish legal notice.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT Apr 25,May 2 2025

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something we'd be interested in," then-KU athletic director Sheahon Zenger told The Star.

So, a rivalry that had its roots in the Civil War came to a close. When the 2011 game was played, the Border War was the second-most played game in college football history at 120 meetings. It also matched Minnesota-Wisconsin as the sport's longest uninterrupted series at 105 games.

The rivalry peaked in 2007 when the Jayhawks and Tigers met as top-3 teams in the regular-season finale. The winner would become No. 1 because top-ranked LSU had fallen the previous day. It was the first KU-Mizzou game played at Arrowhead, before 80,537, the second-largest in stadium history. That game drew the largest TV audience of any game during the regular season. Mis-

souri won 36-28 and ascended to the top spot, only to fall to Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship Game the next week. A series four-game revival was announced by the schools in 2020 and comes in two sections.

Lawrence will get the

2026 game, and it picks

up again in 2031 in Co-

lumbia and Lawrence in

The schools have already resumed the basketball series that also ended after Missouri entered the SEC. Four of six games have been played, all at campus sites starting in 2021. The next two games will be played at T-Mobile Center in Kansas City. Missouri athletic direc-

tor Laird Veatch has double-motivation to beat the Jayhawks. He played football for the Jayhawks' other big rival, Kansas

"With my background, there's nothing sweeter than beating the Jayhawks," Veatch said. "I'm very much looking forward to the game.'

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