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Under Armour Senior Bowl Has Strong Presence in 2010 NFL Draft

84 players off of 2010 rosters, including 10 first round picks, highlight class

Mobile, AL. (April 26)---The format for this year's NFL Draft may have changed, but it was the same old story for the Under Armour Senior Bowl. After three days, seven rounds and 255 picks, the annual senior showcase game once again proved why it stands alone as the nation's premier pre-draft event. In all, 84 players off of the 2010 Senior Bowl rosters were selected in the 75th annual NFL Draft. That's a number that represents 33 percent of all players drafted.

A total of ten players from the 2010 Under Armour Senior Bowl rosters were selected in Thursday's first round of the NFL Draft, marking the ninth straight year that the Senior Bowl has produced 10 or more first round selections. Since 1999, the Senior Bowl has had 132 first round draft choices and a total of 1,047 draftees in all.

What makes the Senior Bowl's ten selections more impressive is the fact that half of the first round picks (16) were underclassmen. The Senior Bowl featured the first senior player at seven different positions (DE, OG, QB, C, CB, LB, S) and the first overall player at two different positions (DE, OG).

"To have the first senior player at seven different positions really speaks volumes for the level of talent we brought in this year," Senior Bowl President and CEO Steve Hale said. "We are very pleased with the results of this year's draft and look forward to continuing to position the Senior Bowl as an extremely beneficial opportunity for players and the National Football League here in Mobile."

The first Senior Bowler chosen was California defensive tackle Tyson Alualu, who came off the board with the tenth overall pick by the Jacksonville Jaguars. With Alualu's selection the Senior Bowl has now had a top ten pick the last 14 straight years. Other Senior Bowlers to hear their name called in Thursday night's first round included Senior Bowl MVP Brandon Graham (13th—Philadelphia), Idaho guard Mike Lupati (17th—San Francisco) and Florida quarterback Tim Tebow (25th—Denver), who was one of only two quarterbacks to be chosen in the first round.

"The Senior Bowl helped me a lot. Coming from a smaller school from the WAC, I had a lot to prove because a lot of people thought I was good because I was going against lesser competition," Lupati said. "When I went to the Senior Bowl I went against the best of the best in the nation. It was a great experience to play with the best and learn from them."

Twenty seven more Senior Bowlers heard their names called during the second and third rounds on Friday night. Ole Miss running back Dexter McCluster (36th overall) and Alabama cornerback/kick returner Javier Arenas (50th overall) were both chosen by the Kansas City Chiefs in the second round.

The former SEC standouts were among thirteen Senior Bowlers to be drafted in the second round. Arenas' teammate, defensive tackle Terrence Cody, also went in the second round as the 57th overall selection by the Baltimore Ravens.

Day three of the NFL Draft saw the most Senior Bowl players chosen. In rounds four through seven, 47 Senior Bowl alums got the call they had been waiting for—putting the finishing touches on another successful draft for the showcase event in the process.

30 of the NFL's 32 franchises selected at least one Senior Bowl player over the last three days, providing further proof of the strong relationship that exists between the league and the event. The Philadelphia Eagles chose the most Senior Bowlers with eight selections, followed by the New England Patriots with six and the Denver Broncos with five. A total of 10 teams selected four or more Senior Bowl players.

The Miami Dolphins, who coached the South squad in the 2010 Under Armour Senior Bowl, chose a total of four players from this year's rosters. In fact, the Dolphins' first four draft choices were players they evaluated in Mobile: Jared Odrick (1st round-Penn State), Koa Misi (2nd round-Utah), John Jerry (3rd round-Ole Miss) and A.J. Edds (4th round-Iowa).

"It is something that I always liked," Dolphins General Manager Jeff Ireland said. "It is a very important process. You really get to spend some important time with those kids and this is the first time I have been able to be a part of coaching it.

"Just being able to be around as much as we were, you really get to be able to find out a lot more about the kids and we really felt it was a competitive advantage for us over other teams to get to know these kids the way we did."

The future stars of the 2011 NFL Draft class will take the field for the 62nd annual Under Armour Senior Bowl on Saturday January 29, 2011. For more information contact the Senior Bowl office at 251-438-2276 or visit www.seniorbowl.com.

2010 Under Armour Senior Bowl First Round Selections

Player	Position	School	Pick	NFL Team
Tyson Alualu	DT	California	10	Jacksonville
Brandon Graham	DE	Michigan	13	Philadelphia
Mike Iupati	OG	Idaho	17	San Francisco
Sean Weatherspoon	LB	Missouri	19	Atlanta
Tim Tebow	QB	Florida	25	Denver
Dan Williams	DT	Tennessee	26	Arizona
Devin McCourty	CB	Rutgers	27	New England
Jared Odrick	DT	Penn State	28	Miami
Kyle Wilson	CB	Boise State	29	NY Jets
Patrick Robinson	CB	Florida State	32	New Orleans

2010 Under Armour Senior Bowl Selections—Round By Round

Round 1: 10

Round 2: 13

Round 3: 14

Round 4: 11

Round 5: 13

Round 6: 10

Round 7: 13

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