

## Draft 201 – A Study of the 2011 CFL Draft Section One - Catch the Ball Man!

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Back to school! Here's the Ridley Scouting series leading up to the 2011 CFL Draft.

This article is looking at the receivers available. Receivers are an interesting mix as they really benefit from the one on one drills at the CFL E-Camp. Getting to see each receiver in one place going head to head against the top defensive backs will really place these athletes into an order for each team. The beauty of the draft is that each team views each player differently and will put them into different places on their draft board.

Ridley Scouting views players from all around North America and both rates and grades them. We publish a portion of our player ratings four times a year. That list isn't necessarily where those players will be drafted as there are so many factors that lean in on things such as possible interest from the NFL, whether a team wants a guy available now or one that will return to school for another year and the draft depth at a specific position. The player ratings are based on six categories, while our grading system goes a little farther in depth.

With 750 available players for the draft only 48 will be selected. To help break that 750 down there are between 50 and 60 players at the CFL sponsored E-Camp and another 70 to 80 players involved at the National Invitational Combine held the same week. Both events are held in Toronto with heavy participation from the CFL scouting and coaching staffs.

This time we'll look at the receivers:

#### **5 Year Trend:**

42 receivers/tight ends have been taken in the draft (2006 to 2010)

2007 was the odd year with 12 taken

8 of those 42 were taken in the first round

8 more were taken in the second round

#### **Expectations:**

Using the years that saw 8 teams participate in the CFL Draft over the past decade, we can expect 9 receivers to be drafted and 3 to be taken in the first two rounds.

So here's a sampling of the players to watch as we get closer to the 2011 CFL Draft.

**Jade Ettienne** is a good receiver, what he does at the E-Camp will really place him when it comes to the draft. The added media coverage on him thanks to the CFL Scouting Bureau placing him on their Top 15 List. He's not stand out-ish, more of a steady receiver with potential to be a possession guy. Eager to see what his testing numbers show and how he does in the one on ones at E-Camp.

Saskatchewan – 7 GP 28 receptions for 721 yards and 6 TDs

2009 – 2 receptions for 22 yards

2010 First Team All-Canadian

**Nathan Coehoorn** is a Elgaard/Cahoun/Clermont type that takes big hits, gets up and runs the next route. Those that saw the East-West Bowl will understand that and those around Canada West have known it for years.

Calgary – 8 GP 28 receptions for 416 yards

2009 – 8 GP 41 receptions for 765 yards and 4 TDs

2009 First Team All-Canadian

**Anthony Parker** is a versatile player that can fill a variety of positions. During his time he has run the ball, returned kicks, and has huge hands that (outside the Vanier Cup game) catch the ball well.

Calgary – 5 GP 22 receptions for 367 yards and 2 TDs

2009 – 8 GP 46 receptions for 816 yards and 5 TDs

2009 Second Team All-Canadian

**Marco Iannuzzi** is a speedster that wanted a Harvard degree more than he wanted to play for a pass happy school. Is leaving Harvard as the all time leader in kickoff return average and single season kickoff return average. No small feat for such a history as Harvard has with football. Had two kickoff return touchdowns in 2010.

Harvard – 4 GP 6 receptions for 119 yards and 2 TDs

2009 – 10 GP 22 receptions for 233 yards and a TD

**Liam Mahoney** is a Chris Bauman type in a smaller frame. Great hands, runs good routes and makes plays. His past two CIS seasons were nearly identical in production, he'll be a consistent player at the next level as well.

Concordia – 9 GP 49 receptions for 609 yards and 6 TDs

2009 – 7 GP 45 receptions for 619 yards and 4 TDs

2010 Second Team All-Canadian

**Tyrell Francisco** is a great sized TE that would be a great addition to an offensive scheme. An injury will keep him in the States for another year. Was pre-season all conference.

Weber State – Injured, missed season

2009 – 12 GP 12 receptions for 131 yards and 3 TDs

**Mark McConkey** is a son of a coach that runs solid routes, I could see him as a late round pick and will be interesting in somebody's training camp. Not sure he's on a roster come Canada Day but potential is there. He was a prized recruit leaving high school.

Regina – 8 GP 45 receptions for 509 yards and a TD.

2009 – 8 GP 36 receptions for 464 yards and a TD

**Daud Semalulu** is a NCAA return player that hasn't put up the numbers due to sitting out his transfer year. Was at VMI and scheduled to be their starter two years ago but returned to Canada before having to commit to a 2 year stint in the American military. Fast player, good hands, a real sleeper.

Ottawa – DNP

2009 – Transfer Year

2008 – 3 GP 1 reception for 75 yards and a TD