

# Broncos continue due diligence on QBs, will work out Sam Darnold in L.A.

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The Broncos found their starting quarterback in free agency and have a former first-round quarterback waiting behind him. But the team is keeping all of its options open heading into the 2018 draft.

“Wide open,” Broncos general manager John Elway said at the NFL owners meetings.

Among those, still, is snagging a quarterback at No. 5.

After introducing Case Keenum as the team’s prized addition in free agency last month, Elway said he planned to do his due diligence in evaluating this year’s top prospects, and that process would include having a private workout with Southern California’s Sam Darnold.

Elway kept his word. Friday in Los Angeles, the Broncos will work out Darnold.

During the week of April 16 — the Broncos’ first week of offseason workouts — former Oklahoma quarterback and Heisman winner Baker Mayfield is scheduled to visit with the team. And, as Elway indicated earlier, Denver is also expected to host former UCLA quarterback Josh Rosen on a pre-draft visit.

Each NFL team is allotted a maximum 30 pre-draft visits, and no on-field work or testing is allowed.

Since last December, Elway and his top personnel contingent of Matt Russell and Gary Kubiak have made the rounds from bowl games to pro days to get a closer look at future rookies. They stood on the sideline of Josh Allen’s Potato Bowl victory in Boise, Idaho, then watched Darnold in the Cotton Bowl a week later.

They saw Allen and Mayfield work with the Broncos’ coaching staff for nearly a week at the Senior Bowl in Alabama. They, along with coach Vance Joseph, met with all four of the quarterbacks at the NFL combine. They later attended the pro days of Mayfield and Rosen, and Kubiak headed to Wyoming for Allen’s pro day.

The Broncos’ big four, however, did not attend Darnold’s pro day and the quarterback opted to not throw at the combine.

“I watched Sam’s pro day on TV,” Joseph said. “I didn’t see it personally, but it was impressive also. Obviously, he is also a polished guy and a polished passer. It’s what you see on tape. He’s accurate, he can make every throw, he can play on the move. That’s important, also.”

Locals day. The Broncos hosted a pro day Tuesday to get a closer look at some local prospects, from nearby colleges and/or high schools. Among the participants were running back Phillip Lindsay, defensive end Derek McCartney and receiver Bryce Bobo of Colorado, long snapper Trent Sieg of

Colorado State, offensive lineman Austin Flear of Colorado Mesa and offensive lineman Ryan Cummings of Wyoming and Valor Christian High.

Michael Gallup, the former Colorado State receiver, was invited but unable to attend because of a scheduled private workout with the Tennessee Titans. Gallup spent nearly a week with the Broncos' coach staff on the North team at the Senior Bowl in January.

RB visit. According to an NFL source, the Broncos also visited with former San Diego State running back Rashaad Penny on Tuesday, an indication they're looking to add to the position in the upcoming draft. Penny, the 2017 Mountain West offensive player of the year, led the nation with 2,248 rushing yards last season and ranked fifth with a 30.6-yard kick return average.

# Five things history can tell the Broncos about the No. 5 overall pick in the NFL draft

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The most common piece of advice being tossed in the direction of John Elway these days isn't really advice at all.

The words being shouted from the airwaves, bar stools and all corners of the internet by Broncos fans are more plea than suggestion for the Broncos' general manager, and they go something like this: You can't miss with the No. 5 pick!

The Broncos, for the first time since selecting Von Miller with the second overall choice in 2011, are in position to add a game-changing player to their franchise at the top of the draft. But is No. 5 truly can't-miss territory? What does history say about the success that can be found with that pick? And can the Broncos draw on clues from the past in making their selection, should they choose to keep that No. 5 pick on April 26?

An examination of the past 30 picks at the fifth spot, from cornerback Rickey Dixon in 1988 to wide receiver Corey Davis last year, reveal some interesting trends, cautionary tales and, yes, hope that one great choice can change a franchise for years to come. Here are five things to know about the No. 5 pick:

## 1. Success far from guaranteed

Three players selected in the fifth position of NFL draft since 1988 are now enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame: cornerback Deion Sanders (2011), the late linebacker Junior Seau (2015) and running back LaDainian Tomlinson (2017). Those three players combined for 25 Pro Bowl selections. Another former fifth overall pick who will likely be fitted for a gold jacket, cornerback Patrick Peterson, has been selected to seven Pro Bowls.

Success outside that group is mixed. The other 26 players drafted fifth overall in that period have been named to a combined 20 Pro Bowls. That number, of course, includes recent selections still early in what look to be promising careers. Three of the last four No. 5 picks — linebacker Khalil Mack (2014), offensive lineman Brandon Scherff (2015) and cornerback Jalen Ramsey (2016) — have already registered six Pro Bowl selections among them, and plenty more appear to be in sight.

Still, there are 15 players selected in the No. 5 spot in the last 30 drafts who never made a Pro Bowl. Only one of those players, the rookie wide receiver Davis, was still playing in the NFL last season. The number of Pro Bowl appearances a player racks up certainly isn't the only baseline for success, but the number does show that even at the top of the draft, the guarantee of production can be elusive.

## 2. Cornering the market

The position most frequently taken with the No. 5 pick over the past 30 years has been cornerback. Nine of them have been selected at that spot since 1988. Throw in safeties Eric Berry (2010) and Sean Taylor (2004), and more than one third of the fifth overall picks in the last three decades have been defensive backs.

The cornerbacks picked at No. 5 have also yielded impressive longevity. Excluding Ramsey and Peterson, who are still active, the average career length of cornerbacks taken fifth overall is 11.3 seasons. If long-term impact is an important factor in selecting a player in the top five, history suggests the cornerback spot could be a safe bet.

### 3. Quarterback a rare choice

Perhaps the biggest question surrounding the Broncos' draft plan is whether they will use the fifth pick on a quarterback after signing veteran Case Keenum to a two-year deal last month. As for what the historical data says about taking a quarterback at No. 5, there simply isn't much available.

Only two quarterbacks have been selected fifth overall since 1988: Kerry Collins (1995) and Mark Sanchez (2009). Collins led the Giants to the Super Bowl in the 2000 season and Sanchez guided the Jets to back-to-back AFC championship games in 2009 and 2010, but neither player was able to become a true franchise quarterback. Even when taking the fifth pick's neighbors, Nos. 4 and 6, into account, only Philip Rivers (No. 4 in 2004) has become a true franchise cornerstone in the last 30 years.

That data gives credence to the idea that, even at the top of the draft, the historical volatility of quarterback success makes selecting one a major risk, if not a total crap shoot.

### 4. Patience needed

Davis, the Titans' selection at No. 5 in 2017, became the first player drafted at that spot not to be selected to the NFL all-rookie team since defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey in 2008. Dorsey could fairly be considered one of the handful of "busts" from the fifth spot over the last 30 years, but many others who started slowly eventually flourished.

Two of the three Hall of Fame players drafted at No. 5, Seau and Sanders, also missed out on all-rookie honors. So did running back Ricky Williams, who, despite not fully meeting the lofty expectations set for him, had four 1,000-yard seasons in his career, including an NFL-high 1,853 rushing yards in 2002.

### 5. Twice as nice?

The Broncos would do well to replicate the success of their only other No. 5 pick in the franchise's NFL draft history. In 1972, Denver selected tight end Riley Odoms out of the University of Houston.

Odoms earned three Pro Bowl appearances and two first-team All-Pro nods while playing all 12 seasons of his career with Denver. He played in 153 games for the Broncos and caught 41 touchdown passes.

# Busy Broncos have Darnold, Penny, Bierria, Baker and locals in their sights

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It may be early-April. The Broncos players may be still two weeks away from beginning their team-supervised strength and conditioning program.

But these are no idle times for the Broncos' football operations department.

Take Tuesday. The Broncos brought in San Diego State running back Rashaad Penny and Washington weakside linebacker Keishawn Bierria for formal day-long visits at the team's UHealth Training Center. The Broncos will meet with Ohio State linebacker Jerome Baker on Thursday, according to a source.

Someone had to be making final-day arrangements for the John Elway-led Broncos' brass to attend a private workout for USC quarterback Sam Darnold on Friday in Los Angeles.

The staff also held workouts Tuesday for local draft-eligible players on the Broncos' practice grounds. Among those who attended were University of Colorado running back Phillip Lindsay, receiver Bryce Bobo, defensive end Derek McCartney, Wyoming offensive lineman Ryan Cummings and Colorado State longsnapper Trent Sieg.

Not among the others were Arizona State (and ThunderRidge High School) guard Sam Jones, who visited with the Arizona Cardinals last week, or Colorado State receiver Michael Gallup and quarterback Nick Stevens, who were participating in a private workout for the Tennessee Titans on Tuesday.

Whew. By itself, the private workout in Los Angeles does not mean Darnold is viewed as No. 1 among the Big Four by the Broncos. Just one of the Big Four.

Elway and his contingent that includes head coach Vance Joseph, director of player personnel Matt Russell and consultant Gary Kubiak attended the Pro Day workouts of Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield and UCLA's Josh Rosen three weeks ago.

Elway could not attend Josh Allen's Pro Day workout at Wyoming on March 23 because of a conflict with the NFL's competition committee meeting in Orlando. However, Elway saw Allen for a week of practices at the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., in late-January.

Elway was still at the league meetings in Orlando pulling off a trade for former USC safety Su'a Cravens last Wednesday when Darnold's USC Pro Day was held in rainy Los Angeles.

Darnold was also the only member of the Big Four who didn't throw March 3 at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis. Elway, thus, hasn't seen Darnold throw since he attended the Cotton Bowl on December 29, when Ohio State thumped Darnold's Trojans, 24-7. Darnold threw a pick six and lost two fumbles among his eight sacks in that game.

And so the private workout between the Broncos – who have the No. 5 overall pick in the upcoming draft – and Darnold was arranged.

Darnold may well be Elway's No. 1 choice. But not because of the private workout. If Elway does deem Darnold as the franchise-caliber quarterback in this draft, he most likely would have to trade up from the No. 5 spot to get him.

Penny might be had in the second or third round. He was the NCAA's leading rusher last season with 2,248 rushing yards. He played on the South team in the Senior Bowl, rushing for 64 yards on nine carries and taking a swing pass 73 yards for a touchdown in a 45-16 romp over the Bronco-coached North team.

Bierria is a 6-1, 230-pound, inside Will backer in the 3-4 system who is projected for Day 3 in the draft. Baker is a 6-1, 229 inside Will linebacker who is projected to go in rounds two through four.

# Call it what you will, Broncos hope Su'a Cravens can do what's needed

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In trading for Su'a Cravens the Denver Broncos added a safety who hasn't played a regular-season game since December 2016 and who plays a position where both of the team's starters are still on the depth chart.

In fact Cravens says his best position is strong safety, where Justin Simmons happens to play for the Broncos. Though the Broncos consider their safeties interchangeable in the base defense, the bottom line is Simmons is simply one of the team's best emerging players.

At the other spot is Pro Bowl safety Darian Stewart, who has missed just one regular-season game in the past three seasons. So, at least until coach Vance Joseph or general manager John Elway says otherwise, the Broncos took a flyer on Cravens to help fill in at other areas of the defense.

"I feel like I'm a versatile player," Cravens said this week. "I think I'm a guy that can cover running backs and tight ends. I'm heavy in the run game and can blitz. Whatever they need me to do, I'll be ready to go."

The Broncos likely added Cravens to help cover the 63 percent of snaps they spend in something other than their base defense. When T.J. Ward had a similar role on the team, he would line up at safety or at weakside linebacker. He was tasked with covering running backs and tight ends and rushing the quarterback.

Though some of the Broncos' 2017 defensive numbers were good -- they finished No. 3 overall -- opposing tight ends and running backs did far too much damage in the passing game and the unit surrendered too many touchdown passes (29) as a whole. Last season, they allowed a league-high six touchdown receptions to opposing running backs and were one of just three teams to have surrendered at least 1,000 yards receiving to opposing tight ends. The nine scores they allowed to opposing tight ends tied the unit for fourth-most in the NFL.

Joseph and defensive coordinator Joe Woods have said this matchup problem is "something we need to look at."

At his best, Cravens is an athletic, safety-linebacker hybrid who can play at different spots in a defense. But since the Redskins drafted him in the second round of the 2016 draft, injuries have limited Cravens to just three starts and a total of 11 games. He has been plagued by elbow and knee injuries and missed the 2017 season with a concussion.

Cravens said Monday he was medically cleared to return to the field in December.

"I think I'm a strong safety, but as far as where I think I'm the best, that's not really my call," Cravens said. "There are guys upstairs that get paid the big dollars to make those decisions, so wherever they decide to put me I'm just grateful to be on the field."

In AFC West play, Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce has been a particular thorn in the Broncos' side. Of Kelce's 12 career 100-yard receiving games, three have come against the Broncos, including a 133-yard effort last season. Two of Kelce's top three games -- 160 yards receiving on Christmas night in 2016 and last season's 133 -- have come against the Broncos.

"It's a matchup league," Joseph said. "... We want to be able to create, and deal with, the matchups we have."

"If you love football and you like to watch a defense that flies around, then you watch the Broncos," Cravens said. "From what I've seen last year and years prior to that, they play hard. Everybody flies to the ball, but it seems like everybody has fun. I want to be a part of an atmosphere that's energetic and guys that just want to win no matter how they get it done. I feel like that's what they have here."

# NFL to distribute Next-Gen stats to all teams in 2018

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The NFL has followed through on promises to distribute its Next-Generation statistics leaguewide, a significant victory for its growing analytics community.

The data, collected via RFID tracking devices in the shoulder pads of every player during every game, could provide the basis for a new era of player evaluation and strategy.

According to a competition committee report distributed at last week's owners meetings, data from all games in 2016 and 2017 will be distributed to each team on or about April 16. Teams will then receive a weekly report when the 2018 season begins.

The NFL has collected tracking data since 2014 but initially retained it for internal use. At the time, the competition committee was uncertain how it could be used and whether it would create a competitive imbalance based on the amount of resources various clubs applied to it.

The data included information such as speed of individual players, total yardage run by a ball carrier and the distance between receivers and defensive backs. It was occasionally used by the league's broadcasters but did not gain much traction.

In 2016, each team began receiving reports on its own players in its own games, but nothing from opponents and nothing from other games. Teams found minimal value in that data set because there was no way to put it in context with the rest of the league.

# Derek Wolfe says neck healthy, but worries about new targeting rule

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The move grabs attention before the words.

In an exclusive interview with Denver7, Broncos defensive end Derek Wolfe stared at the iPhone camera, and moved his neck from side-to-side and up and down. He smiled while performing the simple act that spoke volumes about his health.

"I feel great, dude," Wolfe, 28, said. "I am lifting weights, heavy. I am doing 500-pound dead lifts, doing big squats. I had 225 pounds on my back doing straight leg squats the other day. I am good. I am using 150 pound dumbbells for bench press, I am good. Whatever they want (in offseason workouts). They want me to put a helmet on? I will go. I am ready."

Declarations in April provide pause -- the team's strength sessions begin April 16 -- but this moment can be interpreted as only positive news for the Broncos.

When Wolfe entered the cramped visiting locker room in Oakland on Nov. 26, his future hung in the balance. He never returned to an NFL field last year, his season lost to ankle, finger and neck injuries. Wolfe admitted to suffering from spinal stenosis in the C7 segment of his neck. Per spine-health.com, this signals a nerve root has become compressed, causing pain on the arm. Wolfe suffered numbness.

Wolfe predicted a full recovery, but surgery was ultimately required. That made this interview more illuminating. Wolfe acted pain free for the first time I have interviewed him since the Super Bowl 50 season. There were no qualifiers, no reservations, simply a veteran ready for a reboot.

Wolfe finished with 31 tackles and two sacks last year. He averaged 5.5 sacks and 50 tackles the previous two seasons. A return to that production could help lift a defense that broke under the strain of an underwhelming offense and ill-timed mistakes. Change of possession points and playing without a lead left the Broncos compromised. Denver ranked 22nd in points allowed per game (23.9) and sacks (33).

General manager John Elway targeted specific needs this offseason, adding a starting quarterback in Case Keenum, an inside pass rusher in Clinton McDonald, a right tackle in Jared Veldheer, a nickelback in Tramaine Brock, and a hybrid safety (Su'a Cravens). Elway has challenged his top players to improve, and Wolfe understands, saying it is the boss' way of "motivating us."

Wolfe remains prepared to rebound. But what about a team that is attempting to avoid its first back-to-back losing seasons since 1972?

"I think the moves we made are great. Getting the quarterback spot settled was big. Nothing against Trevor (Siemian), but we needed something there," said Wolfe, who admitted last year was humbling, while noting it's time to "get our confidence and edge back" this season. "The offensive lines -- we made

some moves. We made some moves on defense. It's going to be interesting to see what happens. I am ready."

Part of Wolfe's optimism centers on off-field changes. Wolfe praised the hiring of new strength coach Loren Landow. He is admittedly biased after working well and seeing positive results under Landow's tutelage.

Beyond adjusting to new teammates, Wolfe must adapt to rule changes. The NFL's new targeting rule created a stir among players, who could now be subject to ejection for leading with their helmet. It is intended to make the game safer, but players wonder how it will be enforced.

"I don't know what's going to happen. It's going to be interesting. We will see in the preseason how they evaluate it. What does leading with your head look like for offensive linemen and defensive linemen? I am concerned about that," Wolfe said. "Every single play we are crashing heads. If you take that out, you are going to see guys needing prosthetic arms and elbows because our arms and elbows will be destroyed. This is a physical game. Get over it. Toughen up, right?"

# Jordan Taylor will miss OTAs following hip surgery

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Jordan Taylor went viral years ago with a one-handed catch in training camp. He went underground -- or more specifically into the Pat Bowlen Fieldhouse -- to help Peyton Manning recover from a foot injury. Manning bought him a suit for Super Bowl 50 travel. Last season, Taylor found his niche on the field, providing sanity on punt returns after the Isaiah McKenzie experience went off the rails.

Coach Vance Joseph views Taylor as the starting punt returner, albeit with competition. The first thing Taylor must do is get healthy. He underwent surgery on one hip labrum and is rehabbing the other. Reached on Monday, Taylor told Denver7 he will be sidelined this offseason. Phase 1 begins April 16-19, with training camp set to start the week of July 23.

"The hips are coming along slowly, but making progress every week," Taylor told Denver7. "It looks like an extended amount of time. I'll be out through this offseason especially."

Taylor, who sports long hair and is a fan favorite who goes by the nickname "Sunshine," caught 13 passes for 142 yards last season. He delivered two touchdowns in 2016, and last season posted a 9.4 yards per attempt on 11 returns, including a long of 24.

Taylor can find optimism in Matt Paradis' recovery. Paradis underwent surgery on both hips after the 2016 season, and returned healthy for training camp. Paradis feels better than ever, and is enjoying his first offseason since early in his college career without hip pain or rehab.

"Yeah, hopefully I'll be just like him," Taylor said.

The Broncos will likely look to add receiver depth in the draft or through a late free agent. They cut ties with Cody Latimer and Bennie Fowler this offseason, and Taylor is out for several months. Denver remains hopeful that last year's third-round draft pick Carlos Henderson can bounce back after missing last season following thumb surgery.

# Evolution of offense is tailored to defenders like Su'a Cravens

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It seems logical that the notion of a "chess-piece" player should not be confined to offense. Rather, the concept can also apply to the defensive players who are schemed and used to counter the blizzard of routes run by potential pass-catching targets in this air-centric era of pro football.

Su'a Cravens can be a chess piece.

Bigger than most safeties, lighter than most linebackers, but with the speed to cover running backs and the size to hold his own against tight ends, Cravens boasts a skill set and a collection of physical attributes that makes him uniquely suited to provide a defensive response to the evolution of offensive football.

"I'd have to thank the Patriots for that," Cravens said, "because you go against a team that goes five-wide, and three of the five wide are tight ends, you can't put a nickel back on a tight end, because it's a jump ball, and it's big-boy football right there. It's a mismatch the entire game.

"You can't have the big, run-through-wall linebackers that can't guard out of the backfield, because the running backs are getting shifty and they're starting to use them a lot like receivers -- look at Cleveland with Duke Johnson, look at the Patriots when they had Dion Lewis and Danny Woodhead. So it's nothing new. It's always been a matchup plan."

It's nothing new, except that defenses have a better understanding of how to use Cravens, who might have been labeled a "tweener" in previous decades but has a sound, secure role in a defense now -- that of a coverage-first player who can prevent running backs and tight ends from running roughshod through the back lines of defense.

"I think guys like me, and a guy that you previously had, T.J. Ward, he was one of the best to do it, [Arizona's] Deone Bucannon, you need guys like that on your team to be able to stay on the field all three downs so that they can cover those guys," Cravens said, "because if they don't, it's going to be a mismatch on every play."

In the short term, he is likely to be used as a linebacker in the Broncos' sub packages, filling a role that was handled by Ward during the 2015 and 2016 seasons when the Broncos used six defensive backs.

Prior to his season out of the sport, such a role would not have interested Cravens; he saw himself as a strong safety, pure and simple. But a year away infused a new appreciation for the game.

"This is one of the things I was saying: My love for the game and my personal feelings for it affected the way that I handled things," Cravens said. "So if you asked me last year, I'd tell you, 'No, I'm not a linebacker. I don't like the position. I don't know why I'm playing it, but I'll just do it.'"

"But now, for me, if they want me to play linebacker, I will play linebacker. If they want me to blitz and take on guards and tackles and get off double-teams, I will do whatever they need me to do. So I feel like I'm a strong safety, but I realize that I also have a skill set that suits the 'backer position."

Eventually, he could play his way into a role as strong safety. He will have time, as he is likely to be younger than much of the Broncos' draft class with three years left on his rookie deal.

"I don't feel like I've reached my ceiling. I don't think I've even scratched the surface," Cravens said. "I'm only 22 years old, so I think the Broncos are basically getting a rookie that has NFL experience. I just can't wait to go out there and show them that I'm an open book, I'm ready to learn, and I'm ready to take on any challenges that they present me."

# Former Yale Linebacker With NFL Dream Trains Hard In Colorado

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Some of the greatest NFL players in recent history have trained under new Broncos strength coach Loren Landow. Now a young man from Yale University, of all places, has traveled across the country hoping Landow can help him achieve his NFL dreams.

But let's face it. Working out in a hot gym is probably not how you'd expect an economics graduate from Yale to be spending his afternoons. Sweating, pushing, grunting. But for Foye Oluokun, the suit and tie will have to stay in the closet. He's not done with his helmet and shoulder pads just yet.

"My happiness and what I really enjoy doing for the next couple of years or however long I can do it. I've always loved sports my whole life and that's really what I want to do."

To many in the football world, Foye would seem like a dreamer. A long shot. He wasn't invited to play in the Shrine Game. There was no Senior Bowl. No Combine. But that doesn't mean no shot.

"From the outside looking in, my story, I'm a long shot. But growing up with me and being around me, I wouldn't think I'm a long shot at all."

"I don't think he's a long shot. I think he has the potential to play on Sundays," said Landow, his trainer.

A guy with his education is far more likely to have a boss named Charles Schwab or Dean Witter than Bill Belichick or Vance Joseph. Until those last two guys look at his tape. Or check out his 40 yard dash time. Or just meet the young man.

"Depending on what you want me to do I'm going to do it. I've always been that way. I'm a winner. Whatever the team wants me to do, that's what I'll do."

So how does a young man from a middle class family in St. Louis and graduate of Yale end up training here in Denver chasing his NFL dreams? It turns out his high school coach Gus Frerotte, the former journeyman NFL quarterback, told him if he wants to play in the NFL, go see Landow.

"He said 'I know this really great trainer, he trained Christian McCaffrey. Really good guy. I think you should go out there,'" Oluokun said.

"He played with Ezekiel Elliott, same high school. And Gus had worked with him and knew that I prepared guys for the NFL," Landow said.

So where does all of this work and this sweat and this training lead? We'll find out in late April if Foye gets drafted. If that doesn't happen, maybe he's signed as a free agent. It doesn't really matter how he gets his shot. As long as he gets his shot.

“Going to Yale, people tell you you can’t do this, you played in too small of a conference. But, you know, you have to kind of block that out. You’ve got to block that out.”

“Foye can 100 percent play at the next level. He has the tools. It’s going to be interesting to see what teams look at him, how teams view him as an Ivy Leaguer. But I don’t think that would hurt him. And they’re going to see the numbers that he put out on his pro day and they’re going to be very impressed,” Landow insists.

“My chances are whatever I make of them. If I go out and perform well, I think I’ll make it. If I don’t perform well, I won’t make it. That’s the business of the game. I’m prepared for it. That’s just how it’s going to be.”

For now, Wall Street will have to wait for Foye Oluokun.

# Sam Darnold to work out for the Broncos this week

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The Broncos have made it clear they're willing to use the fifth pick in the draft on a quarterback, despite signing Case Keenum in free agency.

And they're going to take a look at one candidate for that spot this week.

According to Albert Breer of SI.com, Southern Cal quarterback Sam Darnold will work out for the Broncos Friday in Los Angeles.

The Broncos are in an interesting spot, with at least two if not three quarterbacks expected to be off the board by the time they choose. They're also on the Baker Mayfield world tour, and should be looking at all the top prospects so they're prepared for anything when the first round starts.

# DeMarcus Ware was just joking about a return but would like to coach

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DeMarcus Ware did take some calls early this offseason, inquiring whether he was interested in a comeback. So it figures that the pass-rusher would field a phone call or two if he really was considering a return. Alas, Ware said Tuesday his tweet about a comeback was an April Fool's joke.

"I was playing around, April Fool's," Ware said of his tweet. "I got some old workouts [and posted them on social media] and told everybody I was going to come back. And then last night, Jerry Jones and his jet were out there at an event. He said, 'Hey, why don't you finish that April Fool's and come off the jet,' so I ended up walking out and was like, 'Hey, he came and got me.' I was like maybe that isn't going to go off right with a lot of guys, but I'm a funny guy, and it's about having fun. That's what I did. I'm not coming back. I'm not coming back. That's for sure."

Ware, 35, retired after the 2016 season, walking away with 138.5 sacks in his 12-year career.

"I miss the game, but I've hung my cleats up and put a suit on, so I've got a new uniform," said Ware, who is representing the Cowboys as a NFL Draft Community Ambassador.

Ware, though, does want to coach. He has worked with some of the Cowboys' pass-rushers in the past and hopes to continue in that role.

"I'm going to really give back now, helping out the guys and mentoring guys," Ware said. "If they want to work on pass rush, breaking down film and really work on how to be a champion, so working with guys any way that I can. If there's a job out there, if anybody's watching, holler at me or let me know."

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