

Texans Minicamp Weekend with Draft Picks

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The Houston Texans have just finished up with the Team's weekend minicamp and head coach Gary Kubiak is impressed with his draft picks. As a native of South Carolina I was very excited to see the Texans use their first 2 draft picks on players from the state of South Carolina. DeAndre Hopkins from Clemson, and D.J. Swearinger from the University of South Carolina.

"I think our evaluation was pretty good," offensive coordinator Rick Dennison said. "He's right where we want him. We just have to keep developing and keep working at it." D.J. Swearinger, the Texans second Draft pick (57th overall), impressed coaches as well. The safety out of South Carolina made an interception that caught the attention of defensive coordinator Wade Phillips. During team drills, Swearinger picked off a pass from quarterback Case Keenum and ran it back for a touchdown.

"Swearinger is a really good athlete and made a really nice interception this morning," Phillips said. "He seems to be feeling the defense real well... He's very instinctive. He's just learning the defense like everybody else, but he seems to catch on quickly, and he made an interception today where he was playing in another area but made the play. He's a naturally good player that needs to keep developing, but we like him."

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not have to think a lot,” Swearinger said after a mini-camp practice. “Once you’re out here thinking a lot, you seem to make mistakes, so I want to get knowledge that I can in the meeting room so that when I come out here, it’s just fluid.”

The other players drafted include: Brennan Williams (OT North Carolina), Sam Montgomery (DE LSU), Trevardo Williams (DE Connecticut), David Quessenberry (OT San Jose State), Alan Bonner (WR Jacksonville State), Christopher Jones (DT Bowling Green), and Ryan Griffin (TE Connecticut).