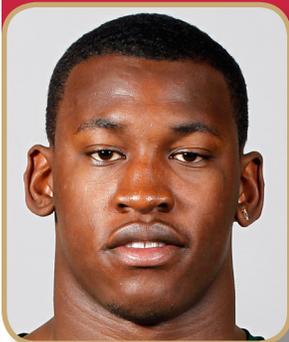


2011 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS DRAFT PICKS

Round	Overall Pick		PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	NOTES
1	7		Aldon Smith	OLB	Missouri	6-4, 258
2	45					
3	76					
4	108					
4	115	PICK ACQUIRED VIA TRADE FROM SAN DIEGO				
5	141					
6	174					
6	190	PICK ACQUIRED VIA TRADE FROM SEATTLE				
7	211					
7	231	PICK ACQUIRED VIA TRADE FROM DETROIT				
7	239	Compensatory Selection				
7	250	Compensatory Selection				



ALDON SMITH

LINEBACKER

6-4, 258
Missouri
Rookie

Born 11/30/89 | Raytown, MO
Raytown Senior HS, Raytown, MO
Acquired D-1 in '11



With great size and speed, Aldon Smith has the ability to line up at a variety of positions, whether its standing up or with his hand down. He is a tenacious pass rusher with initial quickness and the flexibility to bend back inside when he gets underneath the blocker. Smith also has above-average athletic ability and can redirect inside after starting outside. Smith adds an explosive pass rusher to the 49ers front seven.

American and named the Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year and Defensive Newcomer of the Year. He was also the recipient of Missouri's Defensive Lineman of the Year Award and Freshman of the Year Award. Played in 13 games (11 starts) and notched 64 tackles, 11.5 sacks, 19 TFLs, FF, FR and 5 PDs. His 11.5 sacks set the school record for most sacks in season, surpassing Justin Smith's 11.0 sacks in 2000. His 19 TFLs set the Big 12 Conference freshman record, topping Oklahoma's Tommie Harris' record of 16 TFLs in 2001. He redshirted in 2008.

TRANSACTIONS:

Originally a 1st-round (7th overall) draft choice by SF in 2011.

COLLEGE:

Played in 23 games (21 starts) and recorded 112 tackles, 17.0 sacks, 2 FFs, FR, INT and 7 PDs. His 17.0 career sacks rank 6th in school history and in 2009, set the school's single-season record with 11.5 sacks. In 2010, started all 10 games he played and was a first-team All-Big 12 selection, as well as the recipient of Missouri's Defensive Lineman of the Year Award. He was also on the watch lists for the Bednarik Award (nation's top defensive player), the Bronko Najurski Trophy (top defensive player) and the Ted Hendricks Defensive End of the Year Award. Registered 48 tackles while adding 5.5 sacks, 10 TFLs and a FF. As a freshman in 2009, was a Freshman All-American selection by the Football Writers Association of

PERSONAL:

- Attended Raytown Senior (Raytown, MO) HS and was a first-team All-State selection and the recipient of the Raytown's Defensive Most Valuable Player Award. Also a finalist for the Junious "Buck" Buchanan Memorial Award for the most outstanding player from the states of Missouri and Kansas.
- As a senior and team captain, registered 60 tackles, 21 TFLs, and 12.0 sacks, while adding 7 FFs, 1 blocked punt and 1 safety. Added 34 receptions for 570 yds. and 4 TDs as a tight end.
- Earned first-team All-Conference honors in basketball as he help lead his team to a 27-1 record.
- Born Aldon Smith (11/30/89) in Raytown, MO.
- Majored in real estate.

**General Manager Trent Baalke
Press Conference – 4-28-11
San Francisco 49ers**

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On whether the team turned down an opportunity to trade back:

“No. We did not have an opportunity to move up or move back. We had serious discussions with four or five teams, in or around us, and with each one we ran into a little bit of a roadblock. At the end of the day, all the teams that were in and around us just wanted to stand pat, so there just wasn’t an opportunity to do anything.”

On whether there was an opportunity to trade up:

“Up or back.”

On whether he said on a KNBR radio interview that he was talking to Atlanta about the deal they cut with Cleveland:

“Correct.”

On why that wasn’t an opportunity in your mind:

“Because Atlanta didn’t want to do a deal with us. They did the deal with Cleveland to ensure they got the player of their choice.”

On what he likes most about Aldon Smith:

“We like a lot of things about him. He’s young. We understand that it’s going to be a learning process. He’s not played on his feet a lot, he’s played some. So, to make the conversion from defensive end to outside linebacker is going to take some time. It does for all these guys. As we’ve all come to learn that most of these 3-4 linebackers come from the defensive end position at the collegiate level.”

On whether there is a moment in the evaluation process where you realize a certain player works for your system:

“There are a lot of qualities to like in him. Obviously, once again, he’s young. There are growing pains that go along with that. Those are all things we took into consideration, but he comes from a strong foundation. He comes from a strong program. Just the uniqueness in his physical talents and the ability for us to mold him into the type of player that we see him becoming is really what it came down to.”

On whether there was a missing element to the type of defense defensive coordinator Vic Fangio wants to run and whether there is any thought into who the team wants to pair with Aldon Smith:

“That’s up to the new staff once they get their hands on our current players. With reference to him, it was a chance to add a pressure player with prototype size to the position to a roster that was in need of some help in getting to the passer.”

On what the addition of Aldon Smith says about Manny Lawson:

“None of that is to be determined yet. This is a young guy, Tim (Kawakami). He’s 20 years old. We’re not expecting for him to come in here and be a superstar from day one. Like I said, there’s a learning curve. All of these guys go through it. It’s hard to find a guy to come in to play the 3-4 outside linebacker position from the collegiate level that is game ready. Simply because there aren’t many 3-4 defenses played at the 3-4 level.”

On how hard it is to draft a player seventh overall who might not be quite as ready to go as opposed to other players:

“I don’t look at the short term, I think I’ve mentioned that. I’m looking at the long-term vision of the San Francisco 49ers, where we are today and where we want to be. If you look in the short term and you’re worried about job security and all that, you make bad decisions. We feel very good about the pick, very good about him developing sooner than later. We’re not looking at this as a project. This is a guy that has a lot of talent that we’re going to get on the field and get into the rotation as quickly as we can. I just understand when we make the decision like this, as we did up in the room, that there is a learning curve and we’re willing to go through it with him because of the talent that he has.”

On whether Aldon Smith’s learning curve will be similar to T Anthony Davis and G Mike Iupati on the offensive line last year, in terms of learning in training camp:

“Yeah, I think that’s a very good comparison. You never know until you really get your hands on them how quickly they’re going to develop. We feel good that the development is not going to be a, this isn’t a huge learning curve, it’s a learning curve. But the physical attributes of the player are going to allow him to play sooner than later.”

On what the 49ers are hoping to get from Smith as opposed to the pass rushers the 49ers have drafted in the first round in recent years, such as [current Seahawks DE] Kentwan Balmer and LB Manny Lawson:

“Well Kentwan was a defensive tackle, not a defensive end, and Manny was more of a rush-outside linebacker that was a little bit different in how we envision using Aldon. So the difference, this guy, once again, prototype size, 6:04.2, 6:04.3, 263 pounds, runs a sub-4.8 [40-yard dash], he’s got a 35-plus [inch] arm length. He’s got the physical attributes you’re looking for. He can play with power, he can turn speed to power. He’s raw and he’s certainly going to be raw when it comes to playing on his feet and learning his position, but feel good, once again, about the potential in that area.”

On whether he takes pride as a general manager in making a pick that nobody knew they were going to make:

“I think we take pride in the fact that there was no discussion outside of our own building and that says a lot about the quality of the people inside our building, that this stuff doesn’t get out. And that’s important for us to be able to, on draft day, make the best decisions for the 49ers.”

On what he hopes to get out of current 49ers players, including QB Alex Smith, coming back to the facility tomorrow and whether he will be in on those meetings:

“I don’t have anything to get out of any meeting, I have a draft to get ready for tomorrow, so.”

On whether he will be in those meetings with current players tomorrow:

“Not to my knowledge. In fact, this is the first I heard about it. But we’re excited, obviously, to have all of our players come back. There’s no; it’s time to get back to coaching and that’s what these coaches want to do, a lot of them haven’t even met their position players yet. So Alex coming back, obviously he’s welcome back, we want all our players back and that, but as far as tomorrow, what I’m going to get out of the players coming back, I’m going to spend very little time with our own players tomorrow because we have a draft to get to.”

On whether Aldon Smith was the number one player on their board:

“Just as I believe before the draft not to give away anything that we’re doing, I’m certainly not going to let you know how our draft board was stacked. Was he the highest player on our draft board? No, okay. Was he valued at the pick? Yes.”

On how seriously he considered a quarterback:

“We considered it. We’ve had discussions for the better part of three months getting prepared for this draft on exactly how we were going to approach pick seven and what we were willing to take at that pick and who we were willing to take at that pick. So, there’s been a lot of discussions. Did we have any quarterbacks valued at that level? Obviously the answer is no. So, of those that were available at that pick.”

On how high of a priority it is to get a quarterback:

“I realize and I understand and we understand as an organization that we need to get a quarterback. Again, when that takes place, how it takes place, that’s all been discussed internally and it’s going to stay internal.”

On whether he takes into account who can make an impact in 2011 and how it fits in the short term:

“I think we have looked at every option available to us and when you look at free agency and you look at trade opportunities or possibilities, you look at players still on the board. There are players out there and situations out there that are going to allow us to address the position. But we’ve got to let it play itself out.”

On the lockout ending and how that has developed for him:

“I don’t think that’s been decided yet exactly when it’s going to start. We’re prepared for when it starts and we have to be because of the needs we have. That’s our job to be prepared. So, we’re prepared if that happens tomorrow, if it happens a week from now, a month from now, we’re prepared.”

On how Aldon Smith compared to Robert Quinn:

“Well, I think the pick speaks for that. I’m not going to get into the comparison of the two athletes. The pick once again speaks for how they were rated on our board. We like both players. We just had Aldon rated higher.”

On whether there was a member of the coaching staff that weighed in with insight to Smith:

“We go through a very thorough process and once again, everybody in our building is involved in this process. We interview the players. The coaches interview the players. The scouts interview the players. We flew Aldon out here for a visit. He spent the whole day with our coaching staff, part of the day with myself, part of the day with the position coaches and part of the day with the head coach. We went a very thorough interview process with him. We also went to his workout. Coach Harbaugh and I flew to Missouri for the workout to watch him specifically, along with the quarterback. It’s a process. It’s not one guy making the decision. At the end of the day it is, but it’s a very thorough process.”

On whether Smith coming back quickly from his injury says something to you:

“I think you always have to – this is a tough game. It’s a physical game and I think you always have to appreciate the players that have a little bit of a warrior mentality. You’re not always going to be 100 percent. In fact, if you poll the players, I think most of them will tell you the only day that they’re 100 percent is the first day of training camp. From there, it’s just monitoring their bodies and dealing with the aches and pains that go along with playing the position. But when you have a guy that’s willing to go out there knowing he’s probably going to come out as a junior and still battle through it and get himself back on the field, yeah, that does show you something about his character and his will.”

On whether he can say that he’s not trading Smith in the next few days:

“I wouldn’t say absolutely sure to anything. We’re always looking to improve this football team, but are we looking to trade Aldon Smith? Absolutely not. We wouldn’t have picked him if we were thinking of trading him.”

**Head Coach Jim Harbaugh
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On why Aldon Smith over other players:

“Well Tim (Kawakami, San Jose Mercury News), the draft is full of good players. Good players without comparing them all, we took the guy we liked the most as a football player, as a person. We think he has tremendous upside, excited about adding a Missouri Tiger to our football team, another one on our defensive line to go with [DT] Justin Smith. The way he rushes the passer, the way he plays the run, his ability to play on his feet that he has done and we project him to be able to do. He’ll be an outside linebacker in our 3-4 scheme, add to our defense, add to our pass rush.”

On how much of a speed rush Smith will add:

“Right, well I think a lot of that’s going to be up to us as coaches, up to Aldon, his drive to be the best. We’ve watched a lot of tape on him and we had him here for a visit. I’m

really impressed with him as a person, he's an all-American young man. Just great wiring, many blessing from mom, dad and God. You just feel like he's going to be someone who's obviously going to add to our football team and make us a better football team. Has some real upside. All those reasons and more."

On whether he got the impression that Smith was a hard-nosed player after coming back from a broken leg quickly:

"A lot of things come through on the tape and that's the thing that you can evaluate the most thoroughly. That struck a chord with me. I know usually bones take 4-6 weeks to heal. You could tell he was playing on it, limping at times. There's a toughness aspect there both mentally and physically that I was impressed with. Strong, tough guy who shows he loves football. All of those things when I say the wiring, kind of the all-American type of young man, that's what I mean by that. Another thing that I'm really excited about is his wingspan. It's [Heat G] Dwyane Wade like, it's plus eight inches from his height where you get his wing span number. He's very rarely on the ground unless he's going in to make a tackle. Very rarely does he go to the ground. He's got an uncanny ability with his balance, putting his hand down and being able to get back up, redirect without going to the ground. So, tremendous balance, tremendous hustle he has when he's pursuing the football if he's coming from the back side. Not afraid to go into a pile of bodies headfirst and make the tackle. A lot of things that show up that are character toughness things that you see on film. So, I would agree with him."

On the temptation to draft a quarterback:

"Like I said to Tim [Kawakami], there's a lot of good players in the draft, especially when you're picking in the top 10. We got the guy that we thought was the best available player, the best fit, the kind of guy we want to be a 49er. No disrespect to any other players in the draft, there are and already have been a lot of good football players picked."

On whether teams called to possibly trade picks:

"There's been calls, the phones were being picked up, answered, talked to. Yes, there were calls."

On whether they wanted to pick Smith then instead of taking calls for trade possibilities:

"You asked if there was talk, there was talk. We did what we thought was the best thing for our football team. That's our job to do and like I said, it's up to us as coaches, up to Aldon, up to our football team to make it right, make that pick, something we'll all remember."

On how much of a relief it is to be able to communicate with players now:

"A big relief to know that we're going to be around some of our guys tomorrow. Some of the 49ers, get some people in this building, get some football going. So, we'll look forward to it. We're allowed to call players today. We've been calling them and just letting them know that the building is open tomorrow for them to come in."

On whether there is any chance that Aldon Smith will be traded:

“No, there is no chance of that. You’re probably aware of the rules.”

On whether they implement the system to allow trades:

“Question answered.”

On whether he will be an immediate starter:

“He certainly has got the ability. He certainly will have the license to do that. But like any position on our football team, they’re earned. They’re not anointed. Like I said before, up to Aldon, up to our coaching staff and there’s other players that have the license and the ability to do that as well that are already on our football team.”

On how much of a learning curve there will be from moving from defensive end to linebacker:

“There’s definitely a learning curve, you’re talking about playing predominately in a three-point stance which he’s done in college. But there were times that he was on his feet that we could see it. So, it’s not a blind projection. But there will be a learning curve and there will be times on our defense when he’ll play in a three-point stance. In the nickel when you go to a defensive end position or even an inside shade on the defensive line. So, he’s got quite a bit of versatility.”

On whether the pick was a need for the 49ers or in the NFL in general:

“Football teams need pass rushers, need defensive players. I guess I don’t understand your question other than to say, yes you’re right. There’s a need there for defensive players. I don’t know if we’re saying anything revolutionary though.”

On his reception at the 49ers Draft Party and whether the fans knew who Aldon Smith was:

“That was my first impression was just all of the jerseys, the red, the excitement, the enthusiasm for the 49ers, for football. That was good to be around that energy.”

On whether the fans knew who Aldon Smith was:

“I didn’t poll every person at the convention center. Yeah, they seemed to and I explained who he was and I’m sure they’re watching the TV, I’m sure they know him. They know him now.”

On whether there was anyone else they would have drafted if they moved back:

“That’s kind of the same question that Tim [Kawakami] asked me. There’s a lot of good football players in the draft in the first 10 where we were picking. Not comparing, not singling anything out. We had the seventh pick, when it came to our pick we picked the player that we thought could help our football team the most. I think that’s the relevant thing. Anything else is really not relevant.”

On how much of a priority it is to draft a quarterback:

“Like any position it’s a priority. It’s a priority.”

On whether there is any interest of trading up today”

“All things are possible.”

On how many players will be in tomorrow:

“First answer, I don’t know how many will be here. We haven’t been communicating with these guys. So, we’ll find out how many are in town. It’s still voluntary for them to come into the facility. I’m hopeful that we’ll get some guys back in the building. Get some of our football players around our coaches.”

On whether there are any players that he would like Aldon to meet with:

“All of our guys would be the answer. That would go for all of the youngsters that we pick. Get them in and get them acclimated to our guys, our way of doing things as soon as possible.”

On whether there was any pressure to draft QB Blaine Gabbert at number seven:

“To me, irrelevant talking about other guys. Did we look at all of the players in the draft, all of them, every single guy? I think that’s what you ask. Was there pressure to look at a player like Blaine or all of the other players? Yeah, there’s a lot of pressure to do that. You want to make sure that you’ve done your research and done your homework. Then when it comes time to your pick, you make the best pick for your football team and that’s what we feel we did. We’re excited about it.”

On whether he talked to QB Alex Smith today:

“Yes, did talk to Alex today and he’s coming by tomorrow.”

On how much productivity the 49ers need from Aldon Smith as the seventh overall pick:

“Everything he’s got, his best. That’s all we ask any of our players, to give us everything they’ve got.”

**LB Aldon Smith
Conference Call – April 28, 2011
San Francisco 49ers**

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On whether he had any idea that the 49ers were going to pick him that early in the draft:

“I had no idea. This is amazing man, it’s amazing.”

On whether he visited the 49ers in Santa Clara:

“Yes I did, I had a visit with them.”

On whether he had any inkling during that visit that he might get drafted seventh overall, how his visit went and who he met with:

“My visit was really good. I met with Jim Leavitt, the linebackers coach. I met with coach Harbaugh, the defensive coordinator [Vic Fangio], I met with everybody. I met

with the special teams coach [Brad Seely]. We all went for dinner actually. But after I left that visit I definitely didn't know I was going to be picked at number seven or that they really had that much interest, but I enjoyed the trip and it's going to be amazing to be in San Francisco."

On the type of player he is and the impact he expects to have right away with the 49ers:

"I'm an athletic player. I'm a pass-rush guy who gets to the quarterback. I'm expecting to come in and make a contribution on defense and learn the system and be a part of the team."

On whether he thought he would be drafted as a linebacker and whether he was prepared to be moved to a linebacker:

"I wasn't, but I visited with a lot of 3-4 teams on my visits, so I really wasn't sure where I was going to go."

On what he knows about LB Patrick Willis:

"I know, Patrick Willis, the guy who trained him at API (Athletic Performance Inc.), his name is Barry, he trained me too. He works me out and I know a little bit about Patrick Willis. He was a great player at Ole Miss and it's going to be crazy to play with him. It's going to be exciting."

On how eager he is for the NFL lockout to end so he can get to work learning the 3-4 position:

"Wherever it goes, I'm definitely excited to be playing football again and I can't wait to be back out there."

On how close he is to DT Justin Smith:

"He played at Missouri. I know him; I don't know him personally, but I think one thing I love about him is I broke his sack record my freshman year in Missouri."

On what it means to come to the 49ers who have a new coach with at an energized time for the franchise:

"I'm definitely excited. Me and coach Harbaugh had a great visit and I just want to make the organization proud and make them happy they picked me."

On who called him on the phone with the pick:

"Coach Harbaugh talked to me."

On what Harbaugh said to him:

"He said, 'How are you doing?' Just to let me know, asked different questions and let me know they were going to be taking me."

On whether he thought at any point that his former Missouri teammate QB Blaine Gabbert would get picked by the 49ers:

“I did not know where Blaine was going to go and I’m not sure he went yet because I’ve been doing all these interviews. I think he went to Jacksonville. But Blaine’s going to do great wherever he goes and I’m excited for him.”

On whether he can recall the circumstances of when he first learned he had sacking ability and who the coach was who gave him that talk:

“It was actually coach [Missouri defensive line coach Craig] Kuligowski from my freshman year. We had to play Colorado and I got three sacks in that game, and after that he kind of told me that I have a gift and I’ll be good at it.”

On what he would tell 49ers fans he would bring to the team right away:

“I’ll bring some sacks, some energy to my athletic side. I still got a lot more. The sky’s the limit for me and I’m going to work hard to reach it, so I guess you could just take that.”

On whether he hopes he can step in and have a big role right away seeing that the 49ers 2010 rookies had a big impact last season:

“It does. I’m going to go in there and learn from the rookies that were there last year and I’m going to see the tools that they used. They had success and I’m going to use the same tools and hopefully I have the same success they had.”

On what the deciding factor was in his decision to enter the draft after his sophomore year, especially after the leg injury he had last year:

“The leg injury, it was; after I healed up from the leg injury I was back to moving normal. Before I got hurt, I was on pace to do some good things and I felt like once I’m healthy, I’ll be 100 percent and I’ll be fine and I’ll be able to make some plays and make some things happen. So that and just me feeling like it was time for me to come out is the reason I chose to come out.”

On whether he is 100% healthy now:

“I’m 100 percent now. I’m all good, I’m all great.”

On where the gift of being a pass rusher comes from:

“I think it’s just natural, I really don’t know. I just started football and it was something I was good at.”

On how he felt the rest of last season because of his leg injury and how it affected him:

“I actually came back and it was still broken. It was tough playing with it, but I love my teammates, I love the game and nothing is going to stop me from playing. If I could go out there enough, if I could walk a little bit, then I’ll be able to play a game on it.”

On whether playing through pain and playing somewhat injured helped him in the draft process:

“I think it let people know that I had heart and that I love the game and that I’m not a wimp, that I’m a tough guy.”

On how much he followed the ongoing lockout and labor situation in the NFL and how it concerned him:

“I followed it a little bit, but I definitely wasn’t paying too much attention to it because I can’t control it. It is what it is and wherever it goes I’m sure it’s going to get dealt with soon and I’m excited.”

On when he hurt his leg last year and when he came back from injury:

“I hurt my leg in the third game of the season versus San Diego State. I missed three games and I played the rest of the games after that. I came back the Oklahoma game, which was week six, and I played the rest of the games after that.”

On whether the 49ers told him what position he might be playing, either the strong side or weak side linebacker:

“I’m not sure yet, I haven’t really been told too much about that. Wherever I’m at I’m going to learn it and I’m going to do it.”

On whether he was on the strong side as a defensive end in college:

“In college, yes.”

On whether he will be coming out to the San Francisco 49ers tomorrow:

“I might be coming out tomorrow. I’m not sure, I don’t know yet.”

On who his agent is:

“Tom Condon.”

On what he knows about the 49ers defense and what he was able to pick up during his visit:

“I learned a lot. [DT] Justin Smith plays there, [LB] Patrick Willis plays there and I know a lot about, I learned a lot when I was there. When I was there we actually watched a little bit of film. We didn’t watch too much film of the 49ers, we watched some of my film.”

On how well he can hold the edge compared to his pass rushing, and whether it is a challenge for him:

“I wouldn’t say it’s a major challenge and I think I won’t have a problem holding the edge. They didn’t run that much in the Big 12, but when they did, I was able to stop the run.”

On whether there is a current NFL player he compares himself to:

“I want to be like [Bears DE] Julius Peppers. I watch him a lot and I like [Packers LB] Clay Matthews. I like how he plays the game. Those two players I would definitely say.”

On what will be the hardest transition for him from the college game to the pro game:

“Mainly just learning the game. Probably that’s about it.”

On whether he did any dropping back into coverage at Missouri:

“Some of the packages that I had I was dropping back, but it wasn’t something that I did a lot.”

On whether he has a favorite sack:

“My favorite sack? I sacked [former Texas QB] Colt McCoy my freshman year when we played Texas. That was probably one of my favorite sacks.”

On how much he weighs right now:

“263.”