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Let’s take a walk down memory road to see how bad the Jets are at drafting QBs before anyone wants to downplay probably losing out on Lawrence in the draft.

First up: Mark Sanchez

The Jets traded 2 draft picks and 3 players to Cleveland to take Sanchez #5 overall and actually had considerable success despite for 2 of the 4 seasons Sanchez started, despite him throwing more INT than TD and fumbling 43 times.



In 2011 the Jets took Greg McElroy in the 7th round to compete for the backup job.

He appeared in 2 career games (1 start) and was incredibly ineffective. He was cut in 2013.

(I witnessed him throw his only career TD against AZ after Sanchez was benched for throwing 3 INT)



Next came Geno Smith, who the Jets drafted 39th overall in 2012 to compete with Sanchez

Geno showed very few glimpses of potential but ended with just 28 TD compared to 36 INT and 17 fumbles in just 33 games

His time with the Jets ended when he got his jaw broken by a teammate



An often forgotten one is Bryce Petty, who the Jets drafted in the 4th round in 2015.

He was never viewed as a potential franchise QB, and his play confirmed that as the Jets won just 1 of 10 games he played in (7 starts).

After 3 seasons the Jets cut Petty.



Christian Hackenberg was a 2nd round pick in 2016 and never played a single down in the NFL.

He struggled mightily in preseason games and was traded to Oakland for a 7th round pick after 2 seasons. He then failed in the AAF (0 TD, 3 INT in 3 G) and is now moving on to baseball.



The most recent drafted QB is Sam Darnold.

He has shown glimpses of being very good but has failed to put together sustained success.

Between inconsistent play, horrible play calling, injuries/mono, and a lack of oline/weapons, Darnold hasn’t had much of any success.



These are just the QBs they've drafted since Sanchez in 2009. They've also signed Michael Vick, Ryan Fitzpatrick, and Josh McCown in that span to basically the same results (with Fitz's 2015 season being the outlier).