



DAY 1: STEELERS 2012

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A closer look at the player the team selected on the first day of the 2012 draft in New York:

1 David DeCastro

Overall No. 24

Pos: G • Ht: 6-5 • Wt: 316 • School: Stanford

About the pick: First guard drafted in the first round by the Steelers since Kendall Simmons in 2002. ... Started all 39 games he played at right guard at Stanford, where he helped protect QB Andrew Luck, the No. 1 player in the draft. Can also play center. ... Finished his career with 316 knockdowns and 68 TD-resulting blocks. His consistency grade of 96.88 percent was the highest by any offensive lineman in Pac-12 (nee Pac-10) Conference history. ... Had a perfect grade for blocking consistency in two games in '11 — Colorado and Washington. ... Was a first-team All-American by the Associated Press, Sporting News, American Football Coaches Association, Football Writers Association and NFL Draft Report. ... DeCastro did not allow a sack last season and was part of an offensive line that allowed just 11 sacks. ... Had a great game against Washington and all-conference DT Alameda Ta'Amau, holding him without a tackle for the first time in his 39-game career. ... Became a starter in '09 at Stanford after retaining his freshman eligibility. Became a second-team All-American in his second season, when he started 13 games and set a school standard with a blocking consistency grade of 90.15. Helped the Cardinal rush for 2,779 yards in '10, second-highest total in school history. ... Majored in management science and engineering.... Attended Bellevue (Wash.) High School.