

Analyzing the NFL Combine

Business Problem



NFL teams scout players each year at the NFL Combine.

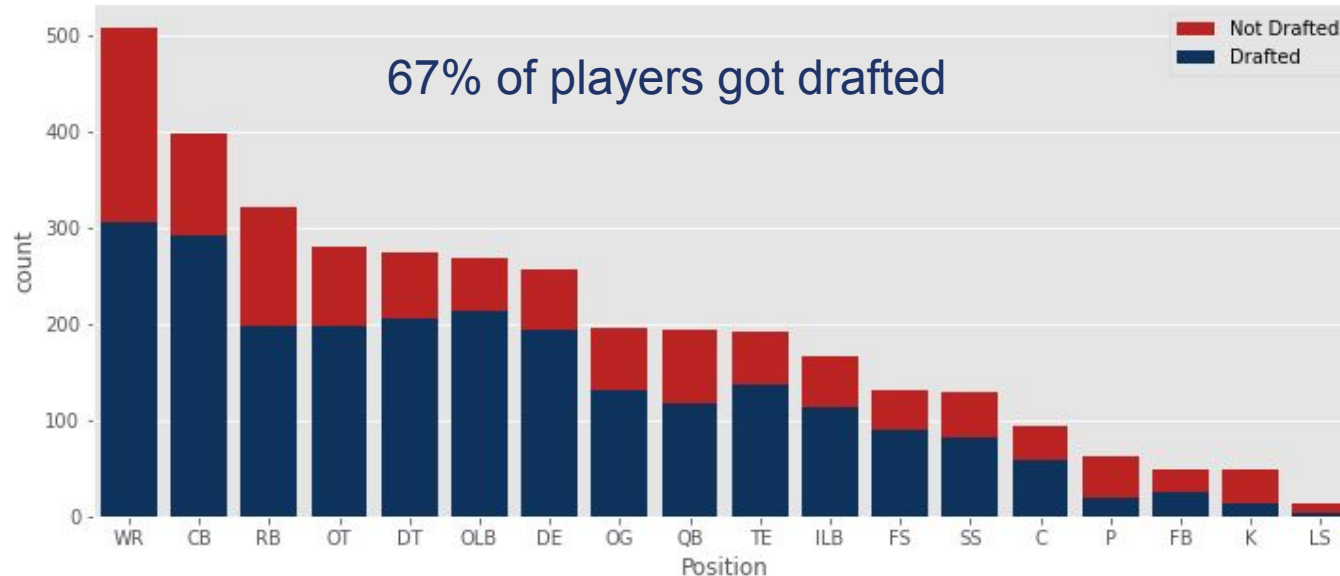


Goal: Create a model that an NFL team could use to shape their draft strategy.

Data: NFL Combine

Includes 6 athletic tests. Data includes 3575 players from 2009 to 2019.

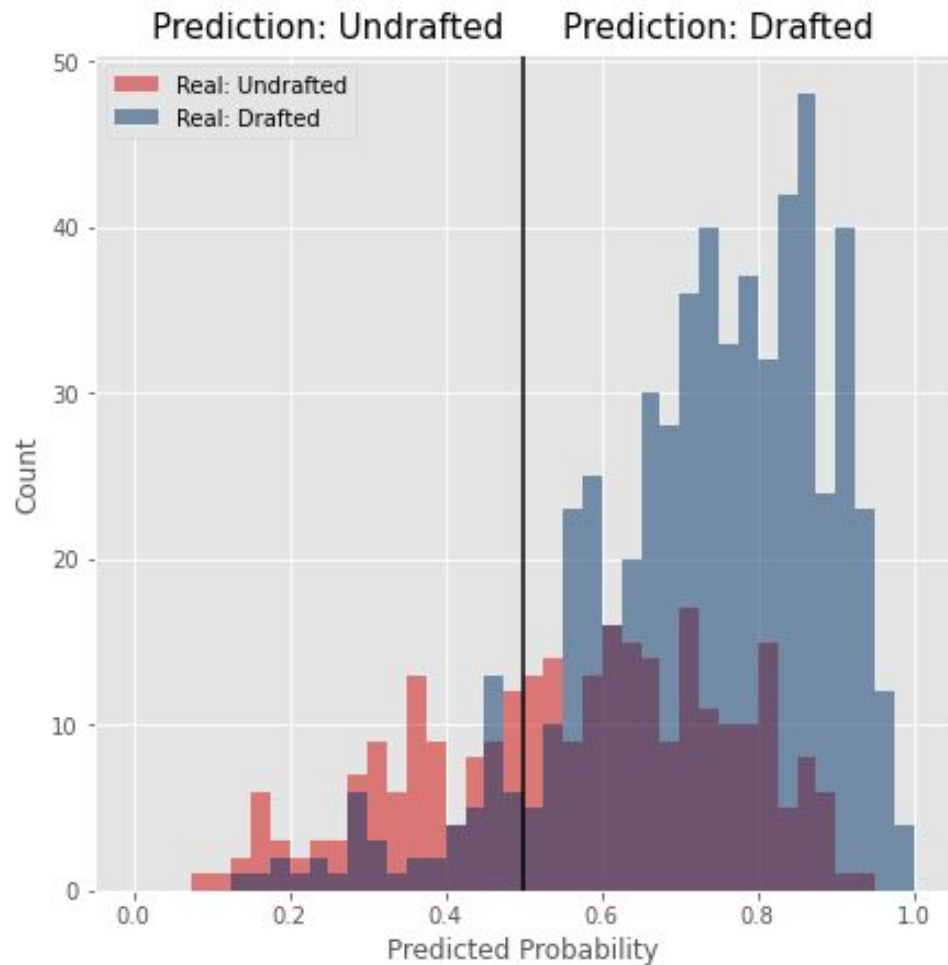
Data also includes physical characteristics and last school attended.



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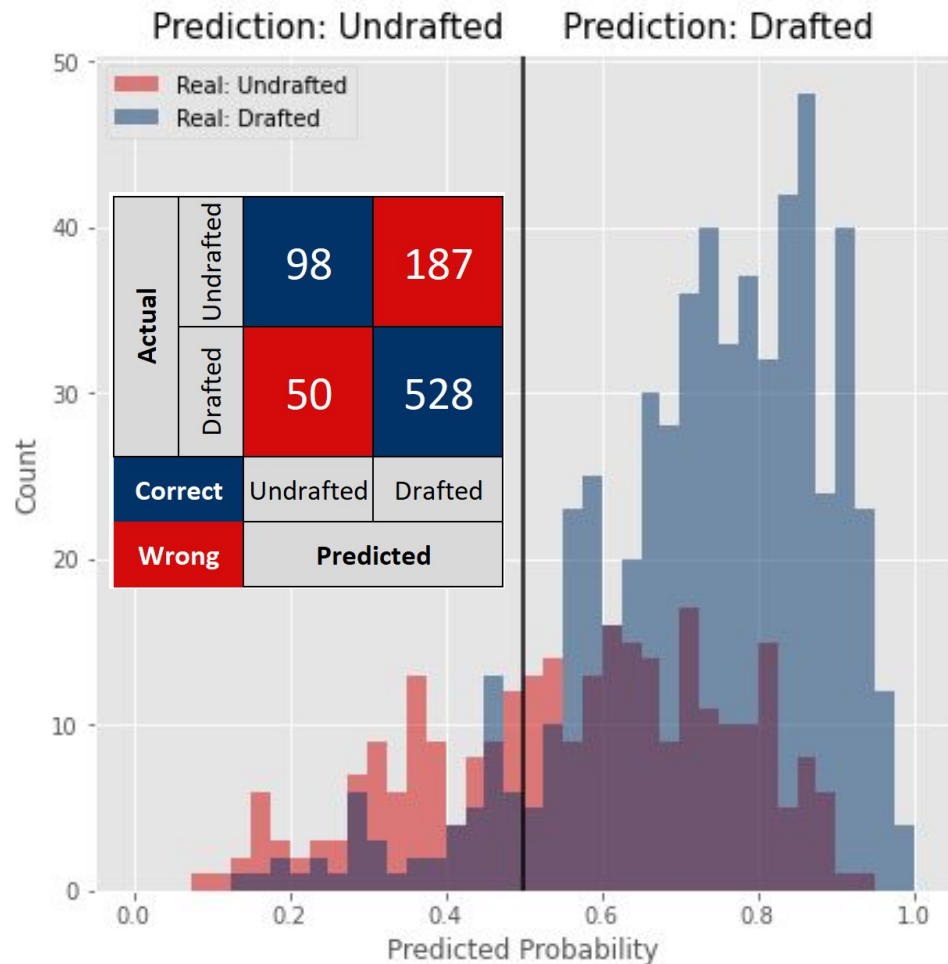


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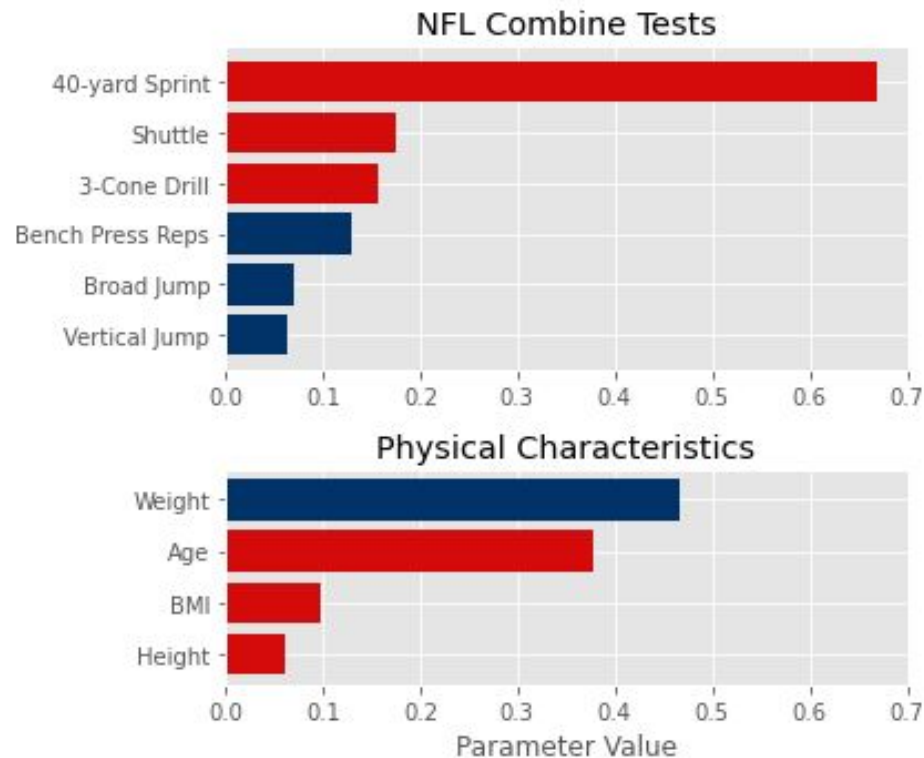
Model has low false negative rate.



Results

40-yard sprint is most important test at the Combine.

Heavier, younger players are preferred.

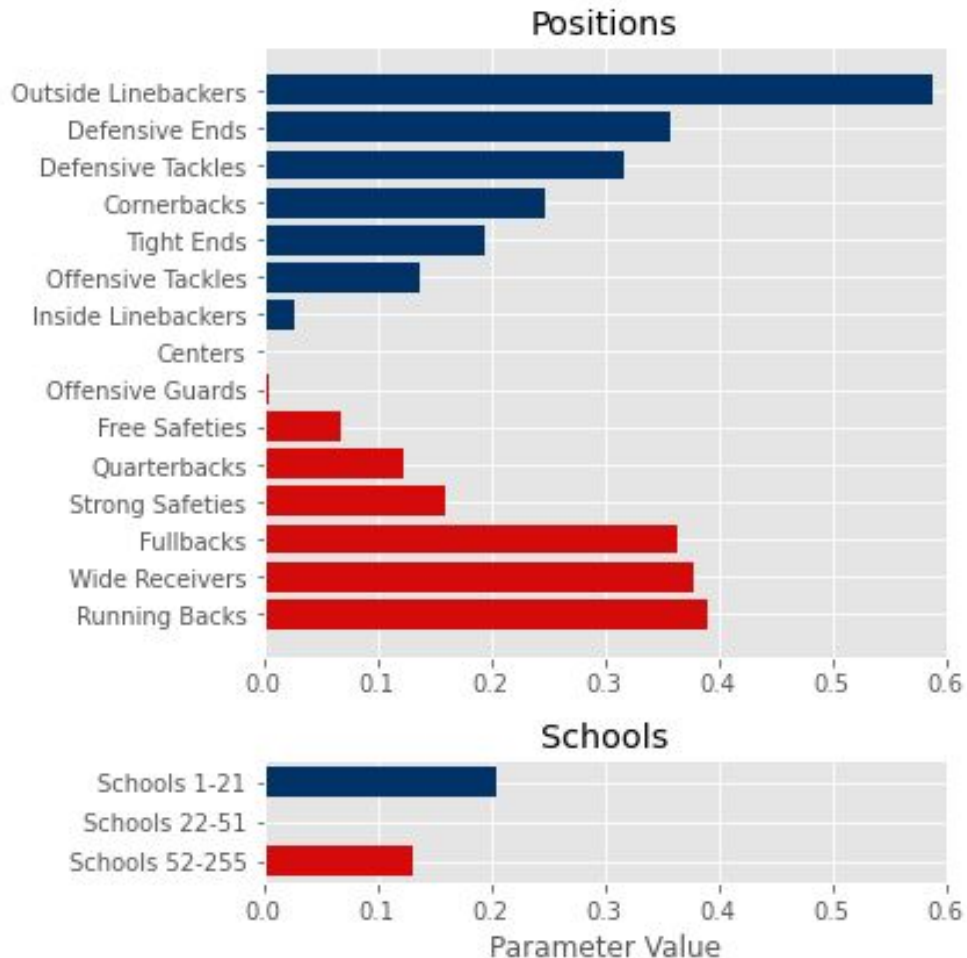


Results

Outside linebackers and defensive linemen are drafted at higher rates.

Running backs and wide receivers drafted at a lower rate.

Players from larger football programs are drafted more often.



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Thank You

Any Questions?

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