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The Houston Texans first round draft selection of Andre Hopkins was truly a delight not only to the team but to the fans as well as he was taken as the 27th overall pick of the 2013 NFL Draft last Thursday night.

You see, no one outside of receiver Andre Johnson produced any outstanding statistics throughout the season. Yes, it's true that we did have quite a few pro bowl selections, but none of them put up the numbers that Johnson did.

DeAndre Hopkins, a 6-3, 214 receiver who was a huge success at Clemson , was once a defensive back. In high school in South Carolina he set season and career records for interceptions as a blue-chip high school star.

"I'm a physical wide receiver," Hopkins said. "whenever the ball is in the air, I feel like it's mine, no matter where it is or who's around me."

Hopkins became the first wide receiver the Texans drafted since Andre Johnson in 2003. The Texans had told him all along that they were interested; and during the draft he was able to see that they really were.

The Houston Texans are planning on getting back to the NFL playoffs and going to the Super Bowl in hopes of winning a championship.

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They were impressed by Hopkins consistency and improvement over three collegiate seasons. He is a young man who arrived on the Clemson campus as a defensive star, who didn't even know how to run a pass route. He had 54 receptions as a freshman, and as a junior last fall, he caught 18 touchdown passes and finished his career with 3,020 yards receiving.

"I feel like we have all the pieces to the puzzle to make it to the Super Bowl and I feel like I have a great cast around me to help grow as a rookie."