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Although the Pittsburgh and Chicago Cardinals franchises merged for the 1944 season, at the time of the draft they still were independent franchises, and each selected separately. Neither gave up its rights to any players while the merger was in effect. Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, which had been merged in 1943, alternately selected fourth (for their fifth, place finish) and ninth (last of the teams playing the previous season). Cleveland, which was given permission to resume operations for 1944, selected tenth. The expansion Boston Yanks franchise had the first overall selection in the draft, and then selected last in each following round. Again, some teams were given extra picks in the second and fourth rounds.

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