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An NFL Draft Guide for Fantasy Football Enthusiasts

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INTRODUCTION AND SPECIAL THANKS

Every year that I begin this process I am so full of energy and can't wait to get started and by the end of it I am absolutely destroyed both mentally and physically. Over the course of three to four months I spend up to six hours a night compiling the ORANGE Report. Honestly though, I wouldn't trade it for the world based on the the support I've received for my efforts. To know that my work is appreciated and helpful to others makes all the hard work truly worth it.

When I first started this three years ago it was an after thought, a way for readers to take a project I developed the same year, the Rookie Draft Board, and bring it with them to read at their leisure. The response to this release far surpassed the support for the Rookie Draft Board though, by magnitudes. Last year, the second season the ORANGE Report was released, the support grew even more. It was easily the most rewarding project I have undertaken during my time with Dynasty League Football (DLF). In the lead up to this year's release the support has once again been phenomenal. As opposed to people reacting after its release I now regularly field questions from people wondering when it will be released, what they can look forward to or even requesting sneak peaks. I can't explain how great this feels. This is what pushes me forward to keep doing something that is so taxing.

This support also makes me want to make the product I produce better. This year I've totally revamped the look and feel of the report. You'll immediately notice a new theme, bolder colors and a whole new layout. I've kept what I feel works but made some small tweaks and added some great feature. The big feature I am excited about is a box following every player evaluation that helps quantify the attributes I'm seeing and gives some transparency into why players are ranked the way they are. One important thing to notice with this is that if a player is a "Character Concern" their score has been lowered by two percent across the board. This helps account for negative impressions that NFL executives may have and seems to work quite well. I've made sure to the the player's original score in parentheses though just for reference. I've also added a new label to the labels I've used for the previous two year. This new label is entitled "Combine Leader" and is assigned to a player who ranks in the top five participants from his position for three or more of the drills tracked in this report. I've also added a few extra little tweaks and additions that I feel just make for a more solid reading experience and product.

In the end though I couldn't possible do this alone. The support I receive is critical to the success of this project and its long term viability. This process is truly symbiotic, I couldn't do this without the support of so many people. It's not an exaggeration when I say I can't possibly thank everyone I really want to. So many people sacrifice, help or otherwise support me in creating this report that it isn't fair to them without at least rying to thank as many as possible, so here goes nothing:

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QUARTERBACKS
The Face Of A Franchise

Position Grade: 8.2

Marcus Mariota   `QB1`

Oregon   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-4"**	Weight:	**222**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.52**	Vertical:	**36"**	Broad:	**121"**
3 Cone:	**6.87**	Shuttle:	**4.11**	Bench:	**-**

| Projected NFL Round: | 1-2 |
| Projected Fantasy Round: | 1-2 |

| **Top 10** | Combine Leader |

Every year there seems to be two or three quarterbacks that establish themselves as the top of not only their position, but of their draft class as well. This year is no different with both Marcus Mariota and Jameis Winston at the top of the mountain this year. Despite how closely matched they are in terms of skill, ultimately I think that Mariota will be the better long term option both in the NFL and for fantasy owners. Mariota has

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excellent arm strength and can put the ball anywhere on the field. He also has great passing mechanics that are both fluid and compact at the same time. He has a great pocket awareness and does a good job of feeling pressure, no matter what direction it may be coming from. Once Mariota feels the defense getting too close he is able to tuck the ball and run quite well, gaining large chunks of yardage at a time on the ground. In all honesty, his mobility is a huge reason he is so highly regarded as a prospect.

Like more and more quarterback prospects coming out of college each year, Mariota has worked exclusively out of the shotgun throughout his career. This in itself is not

a huge deal but timing will be an issue early on. He has also had some issues with accuracy which have cropped up from time to time.

With all due respect to Winston, what ultimately separates Mariota as a prospect for me are his mobility and maturity. When scrambling, or as a ball carrier, you always get the sense with Mariota that he can make a big play at any second. He has excellent speed for a quarterback and has the elusiveness to match. In terms of his maturity, Mariota has consistently been a team leader and more importantly he has been able avoid getting in trouble, unlike Winston. Some pundits have tried to simplify the decision as a choice between a quarterback who led his team to win a National Championship and one who ended up losing in the National Championship Game. Frankly, to base a decision such as this on one game from a player's career is asinine. It discredits his body of work as a whole and discounts the fact that players will inevitably have bad games from time to time. With the current hype around Winston and many pundits being a bit down on Mariota, it wouldn't surprise me if Winston gets taken off the board first. However, long term I believe it is Mariota that will be the better value.

Arm Strength	9.2
Accuracy	7.9
Mechanics	9.6
Mobility	9.7
Decision Making	8.8
Average	9.0

Jameis Winston

@Jaboowins

QB2

Florida State   *Sophomore*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**230**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.97**	Vertical:	**28.5"**	Broad:	**103"**
3 Cone:	**7.16**	Shuttle:	**4.36**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10	Character Concerns

There are whole lot of people stating that Jameis Winston will be the top pick in the NFL Draft and there is a really good chance that will happen. What I don't agree with is claims by many of those same people that this makes him the best player in this class. Winston is a good player, I don't think you'll find many people willing to argue that fact. However, he also has a lot of issues, both on and off the field, that give me pause. First though let's review what he does right. First, Winston has the necessary arm strength to be an above average quarterback in the NFL. He is able to put a good amount power behind the ball and can make throws deep to his receivers without overexerting himself in the process. Second, his mobility is above average, which allows him to keep a play alive either by buying more time to make a throw or, if needed, moving the ball forward on the ground. It's clear Winston prefers to make plays through the air and he isn't a run first type of quarterback. His mobility isn't a crutch but instead is just another tool in his arsenal. Finally, he has been well prepared in his time at Florida State having operated in a pro-style offense throughout his college career. This will make the transition much easier for him than many other quarterback prospects as he is already familiar with the concepts, verbiage and timing that he will be expected to learn upon being drafted.

> **"SO WHAT ABOUT HIS NEGATIVES? WELL, TWO WORDS WILL PLAGUE HIM, HAUNT HIM EVEN, THROUGHOUT THE DRAFT PROCESS AND EVEN EARLY IN HIS CAREER. YOU GUESSED IT, 'CRAB LEGS'."**

So what about his negatives? Well, two words will plague him, haunt him even, throughout the draft process and even early in his career. You guessed it, "crab legs". For those who don't know, Winston was cited for shoplifting when he walked out of a supermarket without paying for a bag of crab legs. He claims the incident was a mistake but the video appears to show that the act was willful. Winston was also accused of rape in 2012, was involved in a BB gun fight with a teammate in 2012 that cause several thousand dollars worth of damage to an apartment complex and was suspended for half a game in 2014 for yelling profanities on campus. So there is definitely going to be some questions from NFL teams about these incidents at the Combine. On the field Winston has problems with accuracy at times. These issues likely stem back to an inconsistent throwing motion in which he throws the ball in an awkward sidearm delivery.

Arm Strength	**9.3**	
Accuracy	**8.2**	
Mechanics	**7.6**	
Mobility	**9.3**	
Decision Making	**8.9**	
Average	**8.7 (8.8)**	

Garrett Grayson

@gbg_18

QB3

Colorado State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**213**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

Garrett Grayson is going to be a very tasty project for some lucky team. The reason I say this is because Grayson is one of the most NFL ready quarterback prospects in this draft. He doesn't have the kind of "it" factor that the top two prospects have, what he does have is a very firm understanding of the game which has served him well throughout his college career. Grayson stands tall in the pocket and is not easily spooked by defenders getting into his face. He will take a hit in order to buy more time for the play to develop. Grayson reads defenses very well and always seems to know just where to put the ball for maximum success. He is one of those prospects that just seem to understand the game on a different level and are able to make things happen even when they shouldn't. Grayson has very good arm strength and can make any throw asked of him in the NFL.

What Grayson lacks is a fairly short list in itself but prime amongst his shortcomings is his lack of mobility. That's not to say he's a statue in the pocket but even when he does decide to run it doesn't tend to go very far due to his lack of speed. Additionally his transition may be a bit more difficult due to the fact that he has operated almost exclusively out of the shotgun throughout his college career. I have no doubt though that he

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will fairly effortlessly make the transition to the NFL where he will be a strong leader for a quarterback-needy team.

Arm Strength	9.1	
Accuracy	8.3	
Mechanics	8.4	
Mobility	7.1	
Decision Making	8.8	
Average	8.3	

Bryce Petty   QB4

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Baylor   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**230**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.87**	Vertical:	**34"**	Broad:	**121"**
3 Cone:	**6.91**	Shuttle:	**4.13**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4
Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10	Combine Leader

Bryce Petty is the first name that tends to bubble to the surface after discussions move on from the two big quarterback names in this draft. Petty has an incredibly strong arm which he uses to get the ball deep to his receivers. He is able to throw 50+ yard bombs without looking like it requires all that much effort. Petty is not just a threat through the air as he can gain yardage on the ground as well. In terms of his mobility I'd compare it to Andrew Luck or Alex Smith in that he isn't limited to the pocket but isn't a speedster either. Simply put, his mobility is effective.

Petty's negatives are pretty clear after watching him play for a few minutes. First, accuracy is a big problem, and I'm not taking about missing his receivers by a hair. Many times he will miss his target by a mile with balls sailing way ahead of the receiver and other times bouncing on the ground a few feet in front of his target. Petty's throwing motion is almost certainly to blame. He uses a sidearm release coupled with what can best be described as a whip motion to throw the ball. It's very unorthodox and is hurting his game. Second, Petty has worked almost exclusively out of the shotgun which could make his transition to the NFL a bit tougher.

Whoever ends up drafting Petty has some tools to work with but they will also have to put in some serious work to get him ready for the NFL.

Arm Strength	9.0	
Accuracy	7.4	
Mechanics	7.3	
Mobility	9.1	
Decision Making	8.1	
Average	8.2	

Brett Hundley

QB5

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UCLA   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**226**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.63**	Vertical:	**36"**	Broad:	**120"**
3 Cone:	**6.93**	Shuttle:	**3.98**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10	Combine Leader

It's fair to say that, despite a solid career at UCLA, Brett Hundley's hype coming into the NFL Draft couldn't be any lower. This isn't due so much to his skill set, as he does have a pretty good collection of skills, as it is linked more to what he hasn't done with those skills. Hundley has a powerful arm that allows him to put the ball anywhere on the field. The velocity on his throws is excellent, completing his throws in the bat of an eye. Hundley also has a degree of mobility that allows him to extend plays or to move the ball forward on the ground. He isn't a speedster but he's effective and moves through traffic well.

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Given these natural tools one would assume that Hundley would consistently be at the top of many draft enthusiasts lists but his negatives tend to negate many of his positive attributes. Take for instance, despite having a very powerful arm, Hundley feels a need to rely on it too

much. He chooses not to step into this throws and would rather muscle the ball to the receiver. In terms of power that might work but refusing to step into his throws also makes his passes much less accurate. Hundley's passes will routinely sail over a receiver or will miss the mark that he's aiming for. Additionally, he lacks much in the way of pocket presence, having been sacked around 40 times in 2014. Hundley tends to think he has more time than he does and/or holds on to the ball way too long. To be clear, he does both of those things, it just depends on the play whether he does one or both. Finally, Hundley's extensive work in the shotgun could play against him, especially for a quarterback that already has issues holding onto the ball too long. Having to rework his timing could further damage his game.

Arm Strength	9.2	
Accuracy	7.2	
Mechanics	7.2	
Mobility	9.0	
Decision Making	7.8	
Average	8.1	

Connor Halliday

QB6

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Washington State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**196**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10	College Injury

I really wanted to include Connor Halliday in this project but I couldn't find any video cut-ups to reference, which is something I insist upon doing so that my readers can have access to the same video that I'm seeing. Since I never use highlight reels because it only shows the good side of a prospect and not their flaws, I decided to go out and create my very own first cut-up just for Halliday. That's how much I like the skills that he has. Halliday has probably the strongest arm in this draft. He can throw it

anywhere on the field with ease and accuracy. This attribute has been key in securing him a few NCAA passing records including being the player with the most passing yards in a single game with 734 yards. Halliday puts great touch on the ball, making it easy for his receivers to make the catch. he also has great mechanics with really help with his accuracy. Halliday was setting a monsterous pace through his senior season with 430 of passing per game. If he was able to play through 13 games like he did in his junior season he would have thrown for almost 5600 yards which would have made his season one of the most productive passing seasons ever.

However, that feat wasn't meant to be as Halliday broke his leg against USC. The break was fair severe in that he broke both his tibia and fibula. This came after an earlier injury in his career where he lacerated his liver. These injuries will be of some concern for NFL teams who will want to check them out. It goes to a second negative attribute that he has which is the lack of

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weight on his frame. Halliday is only about 200 pounds which makes him look extremely thin and could make him more susceptible to injuries in the NFL. On the field, Halliday has only worked out of the shotgun so is timing and footwork will need some time to develop at the next level. Halliday has a lot of skills which could make him very interesting in the NFL for a team who likes to air the ball out a lot. He won't be highly drafted but a team could come away with quite a gem who could take, or keep, their passing game at the next level.

Arm Strength	**8.9**
Accuracy	**8.4**
Mechanics	**8.4**
Mobility	**7.0**
Decision Making	**8.0**
Average	**8.1**

Brandon Bridge   QB7

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South Alabama   *Senior*

Height:	6'-4"	Weight:	229	Age:	23
40 Yard:	4.72	Vertical:	33"	Broad:	110"
3 Cone:	7.18	Shuttle:	4.37	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10	Small School

There is a lot of things within Brandon Bridge's game that automatically remind you of Cam Newton, it's impossible not to see similarities and those similarities aren't even forced. First, he's built very similar to Cam Newton coming in at 6'-5" and 235 pounds to Newton's 6'-5" and 245 pounds. Bridge, like Newton, has a very strong arm. He is also highly mobile but isn't a run first style of quarterback choosing instead to try to make a play through the air first and resorting to scrambling only if nothing develops. I mean hell, he even wears a clear face-mask visor like Newton does and does the whole towel over the head tucked into his shoulder pads thing. Bridge clearly tries to emulate Newton if even to allow writers to make the easy connection. Those similarities stop at that point though.

While there are similarities to Newton there is also plenty that Bridge just can't hold a candle to Newton in comparison. For instance, Bridge's accuracy is noticeably lacking. This is due in large part to his very awkward throwing motion and unwillingness to step into this throws. It's clear the Bridge feels he can muscle the ball into tight spots and this is never a recipe for success. Is this all correctable? Sure, but Newton came into the NFL with much of this a non-issue. In order for Bridge to ever be a Cam Newton clone he's going to have to go through a complete teardown on his throwing motion and work up from there.

Attribute	Score	
Arm Strength	**9.2**	
Accuracy	**7.0**	
Mechanics	**7.1**	
Mobility	**9.2**	
Decision Making	**7.4**	
Average	**8.0**	

Shane Carden — QB8

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South Alabama   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**218**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.94**	Vertical:	**29.5"**	Broad:	**104"**
3 Cone:	**7.17**	Shuttle:	**4.45**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7
Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10	Top 10

Shane Carden is a case study in, what I believe to be, a player who is made to look better than he is by the weapons around him. Don't take this as a whole-hearted attack on Carden as he does have a few positives to his game that I touch on shortly, however, East Carolina had a few players who will make an impact at the next level, Carden just won't be one of them. First the positive, Carden reads defenses well and has the ability to get the ball where it should be in order to keep the chains moving. While this is a good trait to have it must also be weighed against the fact that East Carolina runs a spread offense which makes these reads much easier than what would be needed in the NFL. He is also quite good at keeping a play alive by moving in the pocket and buying time for a play to develop while scrambling. This is easily one of his better traits has it makes the chances for offensive success much higher than your typical pocket quaterback.

Now, on the down side, Carden's mechanics are just atrocious. It's likely that East Carolina's coaches figured that if it was working for them why mess with success but, in all honesty, they didn't do him any favors with that approach. He has a weird sidearm style release that begs for balls to be swated down in addition to a complete

dissociation between his upper body and lower body when throwing the ball. As such, Carden is almost completely relying on upper body strength coupled with an almost slingshot effect that he has developed. I can't see him making much of an impact for a team in the NFL

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outside of being a backup.

Attribute	Score	
Arm Strength	**9.0**	
Accuracy	**7.0**	
Mechanics	**6.5**	
Mobility	**8.8**	
Decision Making	**7.9**	
Average	**7.8**	

Sean Mannion — QB9

@seanmannion4

Oregon State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-6"**	Weight:	**229**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**5.14**	Vertical:	**31"**	Broad:	**105"**
3 Cone:	**7.29**	Shuttle:	**4.39**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7
Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10

Sean Mannion is by far one of the tallest quarterbacks in the draft, standing in a whopping 6'-6" he towers over nearly every other quarterback prospect. To go with his big frame he also has quite the big arm. Mannion has the ability to put the ball anywhere on the field that is asked of him. Need a 60 yard bomb thrown on a fly route? No problem, he's got you covered. Mannion's game isn't just one dimensional consisting of throwing bombs all game, he also goes through his progressions quite well, making few mistakes along the way.

Mannion's big arm and big frame aren't just positives though, they're also negatives. As with most other very tall quarterbacks, Mannion just doesn't seem to be able to generate much in the way of speed. I dare say he is probably the slowest quarterback that will be drafted in this class. Second, despite having a big arm Mannion puts way too much arch into his passes. So much so that one would expect to find a pot of gold and a leprechaun at the end of each one of them. Mannion is a quarterback

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cast from the mold of Joe Flacco, just more rough around the edges and much less impressive.

Arm Strength	9.4	
Accuracy	7.0	
Mechanics	8.0	
Mobility	6.0	
Decision Making	8.3	
Average	7.7	
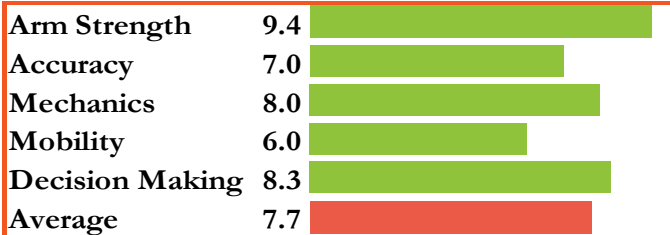
Blake Sims   QB10
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Alabama   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-11"**	Weight:	**218**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.57**	Vertical:	**30.5"**	Broad:	**115"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10

Despite not possessing the frame of your average NFL quarterback, Blake Sims may benefit from the success of smaller quarterbacks like Russell Wilson and Drew Brees. Sims possesses great mobility without relying on it as his

sole offensive attribute. He is able to gain yards on the ground if needed, however he tends to want to move the ball through the air if at all possible. This is due in large part to his powerful throwing arm which allows him to gain huge chunks of yardage on just one play.

While he has the needed arm strength to make many of those throws, what he lacks is the accuracy to actually complete those passes. Many times it is quite literally a coin flip in regards to if he will complete a pass or not. It's not simply just overthrowing a receiver either, he will lead them too much at times or throw it several yards behind them on any given throw. Also, while other smaller quarterbacks have found success, many NFL decision-makers still aren't comfortable with their quarterbacks being under 6'-2". For Sims, who measures 5'-11", the path to a starting quarterback gig in the NFL will definitely be an uphill battle.

Arm Strength	9.0	
Accuracy	6.3	
Mechanics	7.5	
Mobility	8.8	
Decision Making	7.1	
Average	7.7	
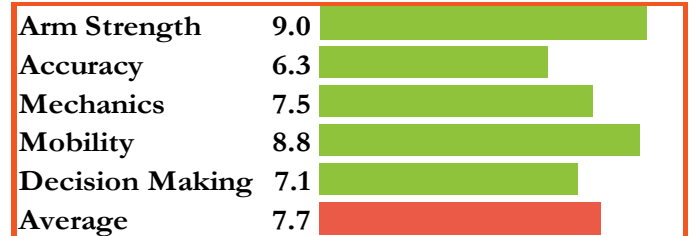
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Nevada   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**223**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.63**	Vertical:	**32.5"**	Broad:	**118"**
3 Cone:	**6.95**	Shuttle:	**4.10**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Combine Leader

Cody Fajardo could benefit from a few players who came before him liike Colin Kaepernick and especially Russell Wilson. These two players have a couple of specific similarities with Fajardo which may help his case. First, Kaepernick came out of the same school and system that Fajardo did which shows that the ability to transfer from Nevada's pistol offense into a NFL style offense is

possible. Like Fajardo, Kaepernick was also very mobile, an attribute that has proven to be very beneficial for him. As for Russell Wilson, Fajardo is also a bit on the short side for an NFL quarterback as he stands only 6'-1". Wilson meanwhile, is only 5'-11" and has proven to be able to do everything needed from an NFL quarterback. This helps Fajardo's case in a big way as he can point to Wilson as the kind of player teams could be getting. Fajardo's skill set includes, obviously, great mobility. He can buy time for his receivers by scrambling around or he can gain the yardage himself by rushing with the ball. If he needs to buy time for his receivers he has shown that he is quite accurate while passing on the run. This will definitely be a selling point for teams whose offensive line needs help or additional pieces as they could select Fajardo with the hope that they can build an offensive line around him while still continuing to be competitive.

For all of his skills running the ball Fajardo does need some help passing the ball. To say his mechanics need work is an understatement. Without being too critical, it's just plain ugly when he throws the ball. Fajardo has a sidearm-like delivery which when coupleed with his height leads to a lot of batted down passes. He has also shown that he likes to throw off his back leg which hurts his accuracy a lot. Fajardo also has only worked out of the pistol so he will need a quarterback coach who can get him up to speed with a pro style offense and taking snaps under center. Fajardo looks to be a late round pick

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for a team looking to capitalize on his mobility with the hope they can make him into at least an average passer.

Arm Strength	8.0
Accuracy	8.2
Mechanics	6.3
Mobility	9.0
Decision Making	7.0
Average	7.7

Taylor Heinicke   QB12

@TaylorHeinicke

Old Dominion   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**213**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Small School

There hasn't been much hype around Taylor Heinecke and, to a degree, that's understandable because he plays for a smaller school that isn't broadcast every Saturday. That being said, I feel a lot of people are missing the boat on a very strong under the radar prospect. Heinecke has a very strong arm and can put the ball anywhere downfield with ease. In short to middle range passes, he is extremely accurate and rarely misses his receiver. Heinecke has good passing mechanics and a very quick release. He also does a very good job of sensing pressure around him and moving to escape it. While not the most mobile quarterback in the draft, his mobility isn't anything to discount either.

Heinecke must contend with the fact that he faced competition that wasn't exactly elite by college standards. Right away that will give some NFL teams a bit of pause. He also is a tad on the short side measuring in at only 6'-1". Heinecke operated solely out of the shotgun in a spread offense, so timing and scheme change issues are certainly something teams will have to weigh if they take a chance drafting him. Finally, he does have a tendency to lock on to receivers and stare them down which tips off the defense, something he will need to address in the NFL.

Arm Strength	8.6	
Accuracy	8.6	
Mechanics	7.1	
Mobility	7.4	
Decision Making	6.8	
Average	7.7	

Bryan Bennett — QB13

@B_BENNETT03

Southeastern Louisiana   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**211**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.81**	Vertical:	**37"**	Broad:	**125"**
3 Cone:	**7.13**	Shuttle:	**4.20**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7
Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Small School

As of late, with the incredible success found by highly mobile quarterbacks in the NFL, Bryan Bennett might see his draft stock increase the closer we get to the draft. Bennett has excellent mobility which he can use to buy time in the pocket or to gain yards on the ground, if needed. He has a strong arm, possibly one of the strongest in this year's draft, and can throw the ball anywhere on the field with, what appears to be, relative ease. He is able to generate this power due to his excellent throwing mechanics.

Despite having excellent mechanics and great power in his throws, Bennett's accuracy is lacking. I am at a loss for exactly why his accuracy is subpar but, nonetheless, it is. Much of it, I believe, is mental as he always appears extremely impatient or rushed if he's even remotely being pressured. Bennett has a bad tendency of locking on to his primary

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receiver and throwing to them, which of course tips off the defense immediately. Finally, he has worked exclusively out of the shotgun which could require some additional work to get his timing correct in the NFL.

That being said, there is a certain Kaepernick-ish quality to him. As with Kaepernick, Bennett may require some time behind a starter to get acclimated to the NFL. However, once he feels comfortable he could be quite the asset for a team willing to take a risk on him.

Arm Strength	9.3	
Accuracy	6.0	
Mechanics	8.4	
Mobility	8.7	
Decision Making	6.1	
Average	7.7	

Dylan Thompson — QB14

@DT_ONE_SEVEN

South Carolina   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**223**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Despite an interesting collection of skills, Dylan Thompson has flown relatively under the radar thus far the draft process. Thompson has a very strong and accurate arm and has absolutely no problems placing the ball anywhere on the field. He has routinely shown the ability to hit a receiver in stride 50 yards down the field with perfect accuracy. Very few prospects in this class, or even in the NFL, can do that on a regular basis. Thompson always throws tight spirals with a decent amount of zip to them, making them very easy for his receiver to catch. While he isn't going to lead the NFL in rushing yards, he does have a good

amount of mobility to his game and can gain yards on the ground if the situation requires it.

Despite how well he passes the ball, Thompson will many times make risky throws in an effort to continue to move the ball down field. This behavior has hurt his team several times this season and should serve as a lesson to him that many times the passes you don't attempt are just as important as those you do. He has also worked solely out of the shotgun so the transition to working under center could affect his timing. While he isn't a highly touted prospect at this point in the draft process, if Thompson can get his chance in the NFL he might just turn a few heads, hopefully one of those is his future head coach.

Arm Strength	**9.3**
Accuracy	**6.0**
Mechanics	**8.4**
Mobility	**8.7**
Decision Making	**6.1**
Average	**7.7**

Benjamin Anderson   QB15

Arkansas Pine-Bluff   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**200**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Small School

Benjamin Anderson just feels like one of those prospects that will end up as a career back up, and then, one day he'll be called on to step in and fill in for an injured quarterback. In that game he will surprise the defense, and will go on to have a great game before returning to

obscurity for the rest of his career. Anderson has the kind of skill set that will surprise a team because they didn't game plan for him, but once there is some tape of him that surprise disappears quickly. He has excellent mobility and will gain a lot of yardage on the ground. Anderson has a very strong arm that he is able to maximize due to nice passing mechanics. This enables him to make deep passes down the field with ease.

Anderson tends to get himself in a bit of trouble due to the fact that he holds onto the ball way too long. By doing so he significantly increases the amount of times he is required to run out of the pocket and gain yards on the ground. If a team does take a chance on Anderson as a UDFA then his transition to the NFL will likely be a bit more difficult than your average college quarterback. This is due to the fact that he worked exclusively out of the shotgun in a spread offense, an offensive strategy that is not really used in the NFL. Additionally, the level of competition that Anderson faced is nowhere near the level he would be facing in the NFL. In all honesty it, there just isn't much to see here from a fantasy perspective.

Arm Strength	**8.5**
Accuracy	**6.5**
Mechanics	**8.5**
Mobility	**8.7**
Decision Making	**6.0**
Average	**7.6**

Taylor Kelly   QB16

@Taylor_Kelly10

Arizona State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**202**	Age:	**24**
40 Yard:	**4.58**	Vertical:	**31"**	Broad:	**111"**
3 Cone:	**6.80**	Shuttle:	**4.16**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

It's tough when you see a prospect who appears to really understand the game but lacks one or two key elements which would allow him to be an elite player, so is the case with Taylor Kelly. Kelly is very accurate when passing in the short to intermediate range. He puts a very nice touch on the ball and tends to only throw it where only his receiver can catch it, minimizing his mistakes along the way. Kelly does a great job of sensing pressure around him and either stepping up into the pocket to make the throw, scrambling to buy more time for the play to develop or tucks in the ball to gain yards on the ground himself. He has excellent mobility but doesn't rely solely on that attribute to move the ball.

Unfortunately for Kelly, many of his weaknesses are things he simply can't change about himself. For instance, he isn't built like your average NFL quarterback as he only stands to 6'-1" tall. Granted, quarterbacks of this size or smaller have found success in the NFL. One need look no further than Russell Wilson, Drew Brees and Doug Flutie as players who were told they were too short to succeed. However, this is clearly the exception, not the norm. Kelly also lacks the kind of arm strength needed to make all of the throws that would be asked of him in the NFL. He has no problem with the short to intermediate passes as I stated earlier, but he clearly struggles with passes that go more than 30 yards. Finally, Kelly has worked exclusively out of the pistol and shotgun formations in a spread offense. With already two major strikes against him, having to learn a new offensive scheme could be the final straw that broke the camels back for any hopes of Kelly finding a starting job in the NFL.

Arm Strength	**7.0**	
Accuracy	**7.0**	
Mechanics	**7.8**	
Mobility	**7.9**	
Decision Making	**7.8**	
Average	**7.5**	
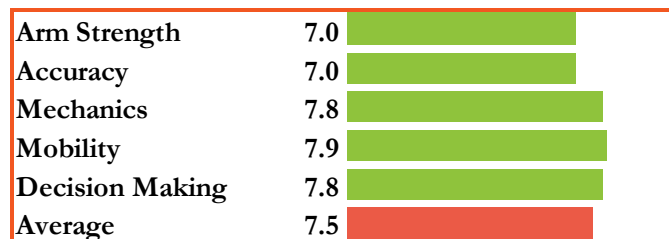
Chris Bonner   QB17

CSU Pueblo   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-7"**	Weight:	**225**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Small School

Chris Bonner has several interesting attributes that make him an appealing draft prospects. However, one of those attributes really stands out whenever someone sees him play or reads his scouting report. That attribute, of course, is the fact that he stands 6'-7" tall. Bonner has absolutely no problem looking over his offensive line when he is looking to pass downfield. His impressive height is only matched by just how strong of an arm he has. Yet another attribute he appears to have been blessed with, as if the first two weren't enough, is the fact that he remains very calm in the pocket despite pressure bearing down on him. Bonner never really panics and instead stands tall to make his reads and throws. He will also benefit from the fact that he has worked out of the shotgun, the pistol and from under center in various offensive configurations.

For any prospect standing as tall as Bonner does speed tends to be an issue. To be blunt Bonner just isn't that quick, he's actually pretty slow. Bonner also has shown some questionable decision making throughout his career by regularly attempting to squeeze passes in to receivers who are double or even triple covered. Also, despite having a strong arm, accuracy has definitely been lacking throughout his college career. There is also the question about his competition as it has tended to be much lower than many of the prospects he will be competing for jobs against.

Arm Strength	9.2	
Accuracy	6.5	
Mechanics	8.4	
Mobility	5.9	
Decision Making	6.3	
Average	7.3	
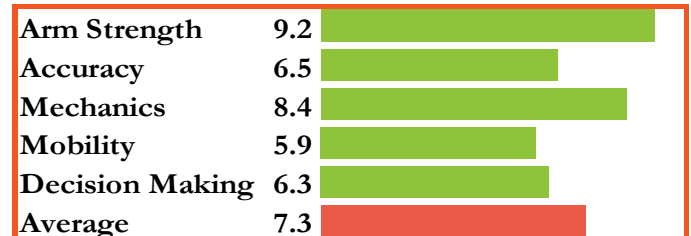
Anthony Boone

@aceboone7

Duke   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**231**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**5.03**	Vertical:	**26.5"**	Broad:	**100"**
3 Cone:	**7.47**	Shuttle:	**4.62**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	**7-UDFA**

QB18

Arm Strength	8.3
Accuracy	6.0
Mechanics	7.6
Mobility	8.4
Decision Making	6.0
Average	7.3

> **"OUTSIDE OF PLAYING FOR DUKE, BOONE HAS A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS GOING AGAINST HIM. TO START OFF WITH, DESPITE GETTING TALL IN THE POCKET HE IS OF BELOW AVERAGE HEIGHT STANDING ONLY 6'-0"."**

Any football player that goes to a basketball powerhouse such as Duke and expects to be noticed by an NFL team better do a whole heck of a lot in order to stand out. Why? Well, let's just say Duke isn't exactly known for it's football program. The Blue Devils quarterback, Anthony Boone, doesn't quite hit that threshold. He does just enough to get noticed, but not enough to really stand out. Boone has great mobility and can buy time for plays to develop by using his above average speed to scramble or, if necessary, he can gain yardage on his own on the ground. He has shown himself to have good arm strength and the ability to throw the ball downfield quite well. He is able to get good velocity on his passes and usually throws tight spirals. Boone gets tall in the pocket when making his throws in order to get a good view of the field.

Outside of playing for Duke, Boone has a couple of other things going against him. To start off with, despite getting tall in the pocket he is of below average height standing only 6'-0". Additionally, despite having generally good mechanics, a strong arm and good velocity on his throws, Boone's accuracy has continued to be suspect. To be honest, I can't really place my finger on a single reason for his inaccuracy but if he ever hopes to get himself a starting gig in the NFL he better figure out why he lacks the accuracy needed at that level. Boone has also worked exclusively in a spread offense and out of the shotgun during his college career. While not a huge issue in itself, it's just one more thing he will need to contend with before he gets up to speed in the NFL.

Bo Wallace

@bowallace14

Ole Miss   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**211**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**5.09**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**104"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	**7-UDFA**

QB19

You could argue that the NFL is an extremely mental game with equal bits of luck tossed in just for good measure. In order to succeed at that level a player must conquer any issues he has with focus, concentration or simply bad decision-making in addition to possibly carrying around a rabbits foot from time to time. Unfortunately for Bo Wallace he hasn't shown that he has come to terms with the mental aspect of the game, is simply a bit unlucky or, in the worst case, equal parts of each of these. I say this because Wallace's decision-making has proven to be his biggest negative as he consistently tends to make bad decisions that result in turnovers for his team. Additionally, he lacks the kind of elite arm strength that would enable him to have some of these mistakes go overlooked, as Jay Cutler has for example. Finally, Wallace has worked almost exclusively

out of the shotgun which will make an already difficult transition to the NFL just that much more difficult.

Wallace does have some redeeming attributes though. For example his mobility is way above average and he can gain bunches of yards at a time on the ground. He has also proven to have good accuracy in short to intermediate range passes and is able to piece together consistent, long drives that put his team in position to put points on the board. Sure, big-armed gunslingers tend to draw all the headlines, but there's a lot to be said for a consistent game manager who can get his team the win at the end of the game as well.

> **"STOUDT HAD A MISERABLE SENIOR SEASON IN WHICH HE THREW AS MANY INTERCEPTIONS AS HE DID TOUCHDOWNS."**

Arm Strength	7.2	
Accuracy	7.2	
Mechanics	7.5	
Mobility	8.0	
Decision Making	6.6	
Average	7.3	
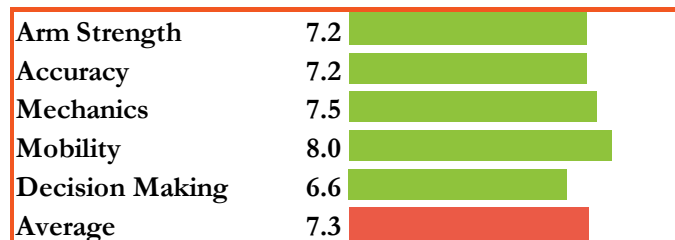
Cole Stoudt   QB20
@CStoudt_18

Clemson   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-4"**	Weight:	**218**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.74**	Vertical:	**31"**	Broad:	**117"**
3 Cone:	**6.95**	Shuttle:	**4.38**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Try as I might to avoid it, I will from time to time, see certain attributes in a prospect that I really like and which may blind me to their faults perhaps more than I should be. I'm certain this is the case with Cole Stoudt as I know he has some significant flaws to his game that will make the likelihood of an NFL career extremely unlikely. That being said, the attributes that I do like about him I find to be extremely intriguing. Stoudt does a great job of assessing the defense that he faces and moving through

his progressions quite well. When he decides to target a receiver, the touch that he puts on his passes is phenomenal. Stoudt has proven that he can be extremely accurate when he is not under pressure. For limited stretches Stoudt can look like an All Pro.

Unfortunately, those limited stretches are just that, limited. Stoudt had a miserable senior season in which he threw as many interceptions as he did touchdowns. It doesn't take a professional scout to tell you that NFL teams will not look upon that kind of performance favorably in the draft process. Stoudt also has some significant issues with his passing mechanics as his release appears many times to be sidearm more than bringing the ball over the top of his shoulder when releasing it. In the NFL this will result in numerous passes being batted down at the line of scrimmage. While I love the positive attributes that Stoudt has shown, in all likelihood to his negatives will sink any chance that he has at any kind of significant NFL career, to say nothing of any kind of fantasy relevance.

Arm Strength	7.3	
Accuracy	8.4	
Mechanics	6.6	
Mobility	7.4	
Decision Making	6.6	
Average	7.3	
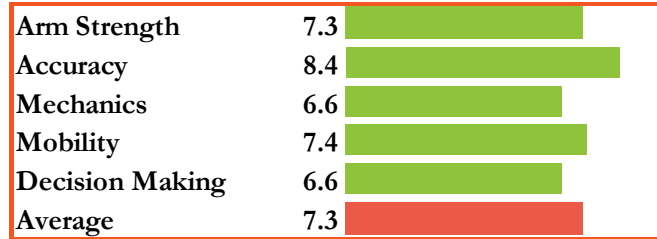
Rakeem Cato

@R_Cato12

Marshall *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**176**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Marshall quarterback Rakeem Cato is quite the unique prospect. Not so much for his on the field prowess, but more for the fact that we are even mentioning him as a possible NFL player in the near future. Cato was raised with six siblings by a single mother. His mother died when he was a teenager and he was forced to live with an older sister as well as bouncing between whatever family friends would put him up for the night. Despite all of this Cato somehow managed to emerge from this unfair situation and he found his way to Marshall. In terms of football skills, there isn't anything that's overwhelmingly special about him. Cato has a strong arm and can make any throw asked of him at the NFL level. He has solid, fluid mechanics and releases the ball quickly. Finally, he does a good job of sensing pressure around him and escapes from the situation in order to buy more time for the play to develop.

Cato has made a career of beating the odds and in order to get a starting gig in the NFL he's going to have to continue to do so. Despite his strong arm and good

> **"CATO WAS RAISED WITH SIX SIBLINGS BY A SINGLE MOTHER. HIS MOTHER DIED WHEN HE WAS A TEENAGER AND HE WAS FORCED TO LIVE WITH AN OLDER SISTER AS WELL AS BOUNCING BETWEEN WHATEVER FAMILY FRIENDS WOULD PUT HIM UP FOR THE NIGHT."**

mechanics, he isn't all that accurate of a passer. He will routinely overthrow or flat out miss wide open receivers which simply isn't acceptable in the NFL. Cato has also worked exclusively out of the shotgun which will make for a little bit tougher transition into a pro-style offense. To top it all off, he is only 6'-0" so it's likely that NFL teams may be a bit concerned about his lack of height.

Coming from such a tough upbringing, you really want to cheer for Cato but he is definitely facing some very long odds in the NFL. Nonetheless, he has consistently proved people wrong throughout his entire life and personally I'm hoping he continues to do so for many years to come.

Arm Strength	8.2
Accuracy	5.8
Mechanics	8.2
Mobility	7.6
Decision Making	6.4
Average	7.2
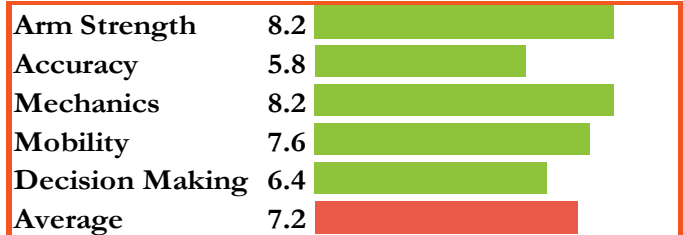
Hutson Mason

@HMason14

Georgia *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**212**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.83**	Vertical:	**28"**	Broad:	**102"**
3 Cone:	**7.43**	Shuttle:	**4.41**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Every once in a while a player is so dominant that he will completely monopolize the offense of his team to the point where other talented players simply play a supporting role to his talent. It is in this role that Hutson Mason found himself in relation to Todd Gurly this season. Gurley, for better or worse, cheated us a bit in not being able to see the full potential of Mason. That's not to say that Mason is an incredible player, or even a great player for that matter, just that Georgia's offense was for all intensive purposes The Gurley Show every Saturday. From what we have been able to glean from Mason's skill set is that he is an extremely accurate passer

in short to intermediate range passes. He does a good job of reading opposing defenses and finding the best player to maximize the yardage gained. Mason has solid passing mechanics, even if his release tends to be a bit on the slow side.

Mason does have his share of issues that have also been on display during plays in which he was featured. First he lacks elite arm strength which helps clarify why he is so accurate in short to intermediate range passes, he had to be or he'd be sitting the bench. He also has a bad habit of locking onto receivers and not exploring his second or third options which is a clear tip off to opposing secondaries to shift coverage towards that receiver. Finally, to say Mason is not mobile might be a bit of an understatement. Mason flat out shouldn't be running the ball even in the worst of circumstances. He would be better off throwing the ball away as opposed to even attempting to gain a couple of yards on the ground. I don't see a whole lot of opportunities for Mason at the next level and he in all likelihood will be a career back up or out of the league in a couple of years.

Arm Strength	6.8	
Accuracy	8.4	
Mechanics	7.8	
Mobility	6.0	
Decision Making	7.2	
Average	7.2	

Quinn Epperly   QB23

@QEpperly_4

Princeton   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**220**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

What's that? You said you miss the days where you could watch Tim Tebow in the NFL but you weren't really all that fond of all of that horrible passing mechanics and holier than thou shtick that he had going? Boy, have I got the prospect for you! If Quinn Epperly hears one more person compare him to Tim Tebow it's highly likely he will get down on one knee, put his arm on his upright leg and then close his hand into a fist, putting it to his forehead. At that point he will pray really hard for the strength not to murder that person in their sleep. It all seriousness, It's nearly impossible not to see a lot of similarities between the two players. Luckily for Epperly though, he has a superior skill set to that of Tebow. First, he has pretty good arm strength and his mechanics are nowhere near as horrible as Tebow's. While not a ringing endorsement, he really isn't all that bad mechanics-wise. Second, he's fairly accurate with his passes and has a nice touch on the ball from time to time. Like Tebow, he is a hard-nosed, tough player who isn't afraid of contact. He also has good mobility and is extreme threat to run the ball.

So on to the negatives. First, how do I put this nicely? He plays like Tim Tebow! While that's not a horrible thing in it's own regards, there is definitely a certain stigma in NFL circles attached to any player that even remotely

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resembles Tebow. Like it or not, it exists and it's real. Epperly also worked out of the shotgun exclusively in a fairly unique, some might even call bizarre, offensive scheme. While it was tailor-made for his skill set, there is nothing really like it in the NFL currently which will make his transition tougher and his learning curve much steeper. Finally, while the Ivy League has produced many great minds, it has produced significantly fewer NFL players. To put it nicely, the level of competition he is faced thus far isn't exactly translatable to the NFL level. Ultimately, I get this sneaking suspicion that Epperly will catch on somewhere and we will see a few gadget plays run by him in the preseason. Announcers will have a great time making the same comparisons I've made and once that ceases to be fun he will likely be cut before the regular season starts.
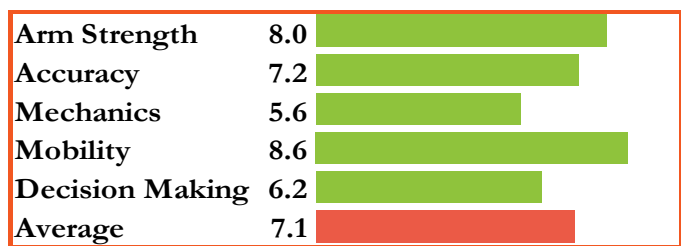
Arm Strength	8.0	
Accuracy	7.2	
Mechanics	5.6	
Mobility	8.6	
Decision Making	6.2	
Average	7.1	

RUNNING BACKS
Getting The Hard Yards

Position Grade: 8.8

Todd Gurley   RB1

@tg3ii

Georgia   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**222**	Age:	**20**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**17**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10	College Injury

It's very rare that a talent like Todd Gurley comes along in the NFL Draft. Some seasons the top running backs are extremely quick, other seasons the top backs are power rushers who are tough to bring down. Gurley mixes both of these attributes and sprinkles in a few more interesting qualities to make for one of the most complete running backs to come out of the draft in recent memory. First, Gurley's vision is excellent, he sees holes develop before they are fully mature. This allows him to adjust in such a manner that he can take advantage of the hole at the opportune moment and prior to defenders even realizing that a hole must be plugged. Second, not only is Gurley a fast runner but he is a powerful one as well. This means that if he can't outrun a defender he can simply run them over en route to additional yards or even a score. Gurley is also a very solid asset in the passing game making him a true three

down back, a rare commodity in the NFL and fantasy game. He has very good hands and can make any catch required of an NFL back. Additionally, Gurley is a solid pass blocker meaning he won't get the quarterback killed on passing downs and won't be a liability if asked to pick up a blitz.

The big question, of course, is what kind of player will Gurley be when he returns from his torn ACL? That question will ultimately define not only Gurley's draft spot but his career as well. With how well player have been recovering from similar injuries, I have to believe Gurley will appear pretty close to how he looked before the injury. Something he must address though is how upright he runs with the ball. if he continues to run in this manner he could be inviting future injuries, especially to his legs and lower body. I don't expect many, if any, teams to pass on Gurley twice. It's all but a certainity that he will be gone by the end of the first round or early in the second round.

Speed	8.9	
Vision	9.3	
Receiving	8.9	
Pass Blocking	9.1	
Balance	8.9	
Power	9.2	
Patience	9.1	
Average	9.1	

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Melvin Gordon

@Melvingordon25

Wisconsin   *Junior*

Height:	6'-1"	Weight:	215	Age:	21
40 Yard:	4.52	Vertical:	35"	Broad:	126"
3 Cone:	7.04	Shuttle:	4.07	Bench:	19

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10	Combine Leader

Speed	9.3
Vision	9.3
Receiving	9.2
Pass Blocking	8.3
Balance	9.0
Power	8.3
Patience	9.3
Average	9.0

In any other draft Melvin Gordon would hands down be the first running back off the board, he just happens to be unlucky in the fact that he has to share this draft with Todd Gurley. Gordon is an extremely patient rusher who does an excellent job of allowing plays to develop and not trying to force things to happen. He can afford to be patient due to the excellent quickness and speed that he possesses. As opportunities present themselves, Gordon can turn on the jets and zip right through any holes that he sees. Gordon also has good hands and can be relied upon in the past game making him a great candidate to be a three down back if he

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goes to the right team.

If Gordon is to live up to his potential as a three down back he must first improve his pass blocking skills. It's all fine and dandy if a running back can catch the ball but if a defense dials up a blitz to put more pressure on the quarterback and he can't pick it up then there's no way he is going to see any time on passing downs. I'd also like to see him add a few pounds as the NFL is just such a punishing game and that extra poundage could go a long way towards his durability for years to come.

Jay Ajayi

@jaytrain27

Boise State   *Junior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	221	Age:	21
40 Yard:	4.57	Vertical:	39"	Broad:	121"
3 Cone:	7.10	Shuttle:	4.10	Bench:	19

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10	College Injury	Character Concerns
Combine Leader		

Jay Ajayi has the potential to be a bell cow running back for a team provided he can put on just a little more weight. Ajayi's 221 pounds doesn't quite fill out his 6'-0" frame making the possibility of additional pounds intriguing. He is already quite effective at shaking tacklers and maintaining his balance so the added weight could only help. Ajayi has a nice burst and the ability to outrun defenders as well, making him an interesting mix of speed and potential power. He is a very dangerous weapon in the passing game where his above average receiving ability really stands out.

However his role in the passing game may be limited not by his receiving ability but by his pass blocking which isn't up to NFL standards at this point. Ajayi's vision doesn't appear to be anything special as he leaves yards on the field by not using his blockers effectively, choosing instead to try to get more yards by outrunning defenders. Additionally, an ACL tear and jail time in 2011 will leave scouts plenty of issues to look into. If you plan on drafting Ajayi in fantasy drafts temper expectations for his first year or two in the league.

Speed	**8.8**	
Vision	**8.8**	
Receiving	**8.9**	
Pass Blocking	**8.6**	
Balance	**9.2**	
Power	**9.0**	
Patience	**8.8**	
Average	**8.9 (9)**	

Speed	**9.1**	
Vision	**9.1**	
Receiving	**8.9**	
Pass Blocking	**8.2**	
Balance	**9.0**	
Power	**9.0**	
Patience	**9.2**	
Average	**8.9**	

Mike Davis   `RB4`

@MikeDavisRB

South Carolina   *Junior*

Height:	**5'-9"**	Weight:	**217**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.61**	Vertical:	**34"**	Broad:	**116"**
3 Cone:	**7.00**	Shuttle:	**4.18**	Bench:	**17**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

`Top 10`

David Johnson   `RB5`

@dajohnson7

Northern Iowa   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**224**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.50**	Vertical:	**41.5"**	Broad:	**127"**
3 Cone:	**6.82**	Shuttle:	**4.27**	Bench:	**25**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

`Top 10` `Fantasy Bargain` `Small School` `Combine Leader`

I really like Mike Davis despite the lack of any real buzz around him. Davis is just the kind of player that NFL teams can, and should, build around. He is a no nonsense type of running back who is perfectly built to play the position in the NFL. Davis is a tough player to bring down and is very rarely caught for a loss in the backfield. He patient and does a very good job of utilizing his blockers while waiting for holes to develop. Once through a hole Davis has great vision with nimble feet which allow him to move laterally with little effort. Davis is also a very good receiver out of the backfield making him a candidate to step in as a team's three down back with lot of fantasy potential. In order to fulfill this promise

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Davis will need to work on his pass blocking which is about the only thing that could potentially keep him from accepting a large workload on Day One.

If you haven't heard of David Johnson until this offseason then don't feel bad, you're not alone. The reason for that is he plays for a very small school called Northen Iowa which is in a small conference called the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Small as the program may be it has produced quite a gem in Johnson. Johnson has excellent vision and can see a whole host of opportunities that no one can even see when the tape is slowed down, much less at the full speed he sees it. Many times those opportunites will require him to plant and make immediate cuts to take advantage of them, something he is able to do quite well. Johnson can go from a full sprint to planting and moving laterally in the span of one or two steps, an amaing feat. Even if defenders are able to put their hands on him they will find it very difficult to bring him down due to his strength and great size. Measuring in at around 6'-1" and weighing right around 224 pounds he is one of the bigger running backs in this

class matches up athletically very well with any running back prospect. Johnson is not just one dimensional either, he is a great asset for any team to have in their passing game as well. He has great hands and is an above average pass blocker as well.

Johnson has two faults with his game, one of which is of his own making and the other which he didn't have much control over. First, he dances entirely too much behind the line of scrimmage. He needs to be more decisive or he will get eatten alive in the backfield by NFL defenses. The second issue is his level of play. Johnson hasn't really been tested at anything approaching an NFL level of play. Questions will be raised, "Is he simply a product of a lower level of competition," and "Can he duplicate his production in the NFL?" Both questions are valid but Johnson's skill set is such that he may take some time to become accustomed to the level of competition at the next level but once he does, watch out!

Speed	8.9
Vision	8.3
Receiving	9.0
Pass Blocking	9.0
Balance	9.2
Power	9.2
Patience	8.5
Average	8.9
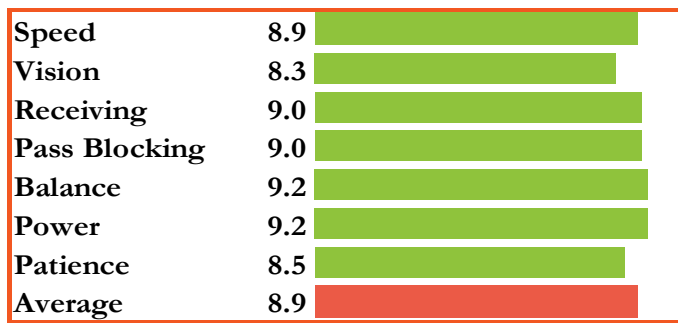
Ameer Abdullah   RB6

@Ameerguapo

Nebraska   *Senior*

Height:	5'-9"	Weight:	205	Age:	21
40 Yard:	4.60	Vertical:	42.5"	Broad:	130"
3 Cone:	6.79	Shuttle:	3.95	Bench:	24

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10	Combine Leader

Compared to other schools Nebraska just hasn't produced the number of quality NFL running backs in recent years that other schools have. Sure, you've got Roger Craig and that's about it unless you consider Roy Helu a fantasy stud. It's into this vacuum that Ameer Abdullah steps. Abdullah is a very talented back who ranks among the top prospects

when comparing their on the field vision. Abdullah constantly has his head on a swivel, always looking for holes and cutback lanes. He is exceptional at diagnosing these opportunities and exploiting them for additional yardage. He is able to move laterally with ease making his change of direction look as if he's floating on air. Abdullah also has great receiving skills which makes him an intriguing fantasy asset to pay attention to.

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However, don't go rushing out looking to grab Abdullah right away as a three down back. A huge question mark plaguing him is his pass blocking abilities. No matter how good he is catching the ball if he doesn't improve upon his blocking skills there's no way an NFL will let him even sniff a passing down for fear of getting their franchise quarterback destroyed by a blitz. Abdullah's speed isn't exactly anything that's going to wow teams either but this is less of an issue than his lack of pas blocking skills.

Speed	8.4
Vision	9.0
Receiving	9.0
Pass Blocking	8.0
Balance	9.0
Power	8.8
Patience	9.1
Average	8.8
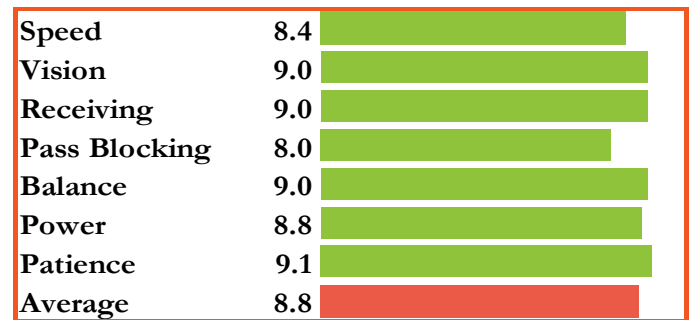
T.J. Yeldon

@T_Yeldon

Alabama   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**226**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.61**	Vertical:	**36"**	Broad:	**117"**
3 Cone:	**7.19**	Shuttle:	**4.22**	Bench:	**22**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10

TJ Yeldon is going to make a great running back pickup for some team but my fear is he may have peaked too early in his college career. I say that because he has turned in three seasons of elite production and has been Alabama's featured back for that same length of time. As such, I feel a lot of people have beccome used to how good Yeldon actually is. For instance, his vision is top notch, definitely one of the best in this class. He is incredibly good at identifying holes and moving to exploit them. Once Yeldon sees a hole he bursts through it and unlike some running backs he doesn't slow down at the second level to reevaluate the defense. Instead, he is able to think on his feet very effectively and either keep moving ahead at full speed or make a few lateral moves to take advantage of what the defense is offering him. Simply put, Yeldon is one of the best pure rushers in this class, hands down.

However, a running back isn't expected just to rush the ball in the NFL, he must also be a part of the passing game in order to be recognized as an elite back. In this area Yeldon is noticeably deficient. His pass blocking is subpar at best. He is easily overwhelmed by defenders despite being one of the larger backs in this class in terms of physical sature. When it comes to receiving Yeldon is decent but isn't all that reliable, having dropped a number of easily catchable balls over his career.

Speed	8.9
Vision	9.0
Receiving	8.2
Pass Blocking	8.0
Balance	9.0
Power	8.8
Patience	9.1
Average	8.7

Duke Johnson

@DukeJohnson_8

Miami   *Junior*

Height:	**5'-9"**	Weight:	**207**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.54**	Vertical:	**33.5"**	Broad:	**121"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	2-3

Top 10   **College Injury**

Duke Johnson has a lot of promise but he's not going to be ready to take the NFL by storm right out of the gate. First, he measures up at only 5'-9" and around 205 pounds which automatically makes it likely that he's not going to be a workhorse in the NFL unless he puts on several pounds. Second, if he does put on those pounds it could negatively impact his biggest selling point which is his speed. Third, I'm not one of those who are overly impressed with his tackle breaking abilities. Johnson tends to go down much easier than I'd like to see out of a starting NFL running back.

On the plus side, Johnson has very good hands and catches the ball well out of the backfield meaning he could work himself into passing downs if given the opportunity. This role would suit him well early in his career as he tends to do well in the open field. Once in the open field Johnson tends to shine as he utilizes his blockers well and identifies cutback opportunities to gain more yardage. NFL teams might worry about the broken ankle he suffered in 2013 and will want to have their medical staff fully examine it.

Speed	9.1
Vision	9.0
Receiving	8.9
Pass Blocking	8.3
Balance	8.2
Power	8.0
Patience	8.9
Average	8.6

David Cobb

@DCobb27

RB9

Minnesota | *Senior*

Height:	**5'-11"**	Weight:	**229**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.81**	Vertical:	**38.5"**	Broad:	**121"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**17**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	2-3

Top 10

Speed	8.6
Vision	8.9
Receiving	8.3
Pass Blocking	8.3
Balance	8.8
Power	8.6
Patience	8.6
Average	8.6

If there is one thing you can take away from watching David Cobb it's this, the man knows how to extend a play. In fact, it's pretty safe to say that attribute is his calling card. Just when the defense thinks it has him hemmed in he will spot a hole, shoot through it and will be gone once again. Find holes and cutback lanes is just something the appears to come naturally to Cobb. He has elite vision and is always scanning in front of him for opportunities. Once he spots a hole he uses his quickness to take full advantage of it. Honestly, his quickness is a bit deceiving as you don't expect a player with his size to be as quick as he actually is, and while his top speed isn't going to win an Olympic medal he does reach it quickly without much of a need to build up speed.

Cobb has received a lot of praise for high yards per carry average and while some of it is deserved I feel that a lot of that praise should be directed towards his offensive line who consistently created monster holes for him to move through. I say this because there are times when a hole doesn't open immediately and you can see him basically freeze at which point he doesn't try to push forward and ends up getting taken down for a loss. Cobb's use in the passing game was also limited in his career so there isn't a whole lot to draw from when evaluating this aspect of his game. As such, we don't really have a whole lot to go on in terms of if he can pass block or how good of a receiver he is.

Tevin Coleman

@Teco_Raww

RB10

Indiana | *Junior*

Height:	**5'-11"**	Weight:	**206**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**22**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	2-3

Top 10

Tevin Coleman is a larger style running back, standing around 6'-1", which is obviously something you don't tend to see every day with many backs usually coming in somewhere between 5'-8" and 5'-10". As such, Coleman is able to be the kind of player who can wear down and punish opposing defenses if a coaching staff is looking for a bruiser. However, his game isn't limited by his size. Coleman has very good speed and is able to outrun defenders if given the opportunity. He's very decisive and hits any holes with a quickness. Coleman has also shown the ability to be a pass catching back with solid hands and few drops.

Where he is going to be scrutinized is in his vision. Many times he will be stood up if a hole isn't exactly where he expects it to be. Additionally, cutback lanes that are made available to him on plays rarely are utilized. Instead he chooses mainly to head forward even towards an inevitable tackle. Once contact is made Coleman rarely gets additional yards by powering through a defender. His legs don't really continue

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to churn and he tends to go down shortly after first contact. I'd really like to see him leverage his size better and fight for those additional yards.

Speed	8.8	
Vision	8.3	
Receiving	8.8	
Pass Blocking	8.8	
Balance	8.7	
Power	8.0	
Patience	8.5	
Average	8.6	
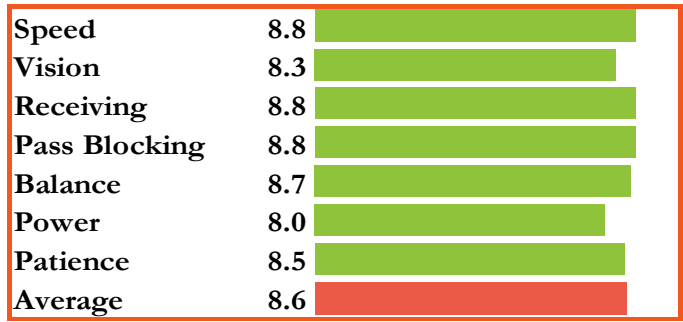
Michael Dyer   `RB11`

@Michael5Dyer

Louisville   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-8"**	Weight:	**218**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.58**	Vertical:	**34"**	Broad:	**120"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**26**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	2-3

`College Injury` `Character Concerns`

Michael Dyer's career thus far has been something akin to a Greek tragedy. He was all over everyone's radar following his freshman year at Auburn where he broke Bo Jackson's school record for the most rushing yards by a freshman. He was also instrumental in Auburn winning the National Championship game that season as he took home Offensive Player of the Game honors. Then, the wheels fell off.

Near the end of his sophomore season he was indefinitely suspended for violation of school rules. Dyer transferred to Arkansas State University where only months after his dismissal from Auburn he was pulled over for speeding. While searching his car police found a handgun and marijuana. The officer on the scene attempted to help cover up the incident which later came to light and Dyer was dismissed from Arkansas State while the officer was fired. Nearly a year later Dyer transferred to Louisville where he managed to stay out of trouble for two seasons before being

> **"MICHAEL DYER'S CAREER THUS FAR HAS BEEN SOMETHING AKIN TO A GREEK TRAGEDY."**

ruled academically ineligible for the Belk Bowl in 2014. As you can see there are definitely some big issues Dyer is going to have to contend with during his interviews at the NFL Combine.

However, on the field Dyer is a supremely talented player. He has quite possibly the best vision in this draft as he is able to identify holes extremely quickly, many times even before they develop fully. Dyer is also hard to bring down due to a unique mix of balance and power. If a defender tries to trip him he usually recovers without going down. However, if a defender tries to tackle him at anything other than a perfect angle then he will simply power right through them en route to additional yardage. Dyer has had several minor injuries crop up throughout his career that have cost him playing time. Like Isaiah Crowell last year this will be a true instance of a team making a risk versus reward decision when drafting Dyer.

Speed	8.7	
Vision	9.4	
Receiving	7.8	
Pass Blocking	7.8	
Balance	9.2	
Power	9.0	
Patience	8.5	
Average	8.6 (8.8)	
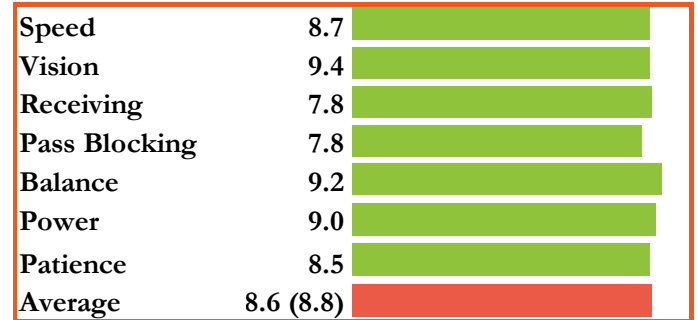
Matt Jones

RB12

@mattjonesrb

Florida   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**231**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.61**	Vertical:	**31.5"**	Broad:	**112"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**4.20**	Bench:	**20**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

College Injury   **Fantasy Bargain**

In all honesty, Matt Jones is one of my favorite prospects in this draft class. First, he is a strong and tough runner who shows no fear of contact. Second, he has superb balance and won't go down just from a single hit. Jones must be wrapped up in order to for a defender to make the tackle. Finally, one of my favorite things about him is just how good of a pass blocker he is. I don't make this statement lightly, I dare say he is the best pass blocker in the draft and appears to be ready for the NFL on Day One. Jones' pass blocking is really something that stood out to me when I was watching his game tape. An NFL team could slot him in right away with no real fears that he would compromise the safety of their starting quarterback.

So why isn't Jones' draft stock higher? Well, for two reasons. First, he tore his meniscus in 2013 which lost him a season and will immediately surround any running back with question marks. Second, he lacks true elite speed. That's not to say that he slow, because he isn't by any stretch the imagination. However, in a league which values speed more than anything, he isn't the fastest running back in the class. Some team will get a great value by scooping him up in the middle rounds.

Speed	8.0	
Vision	**8.5**	
Receiving	**8.7**	
Pass Blocking	**9.2**	
Balance	**8.8**	
Power	**8.7**	
Patience	**8.6**	
Average	**8.6**	

Tyler Varga

RB13

@TyVarga

Yale   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-11"**	Weight:	**222**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**23**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

College Injury   **Fantasy Bargain**   **Small School**

Every draft class you run across a few prospects that are just incredibly fun to watch. This draft class one of those players is Tyler Varga. Varga is just a beast of a running back who would just as much run through you as he would around you. He is a punishing back who is just so tough to bring down due to how great he churns his legs. Varga's balance is exceptional as well which makes it just that much more difficult for defenses to actually take him to the ground. He does a great job of finding the holes that his line creates for him more taking what the defense is giving him. Varga is a great asset in the passing game as well due to his solid hands and above average pass blocking skills.

Like any prospect, the negatives in Varga's game drop his value some. However, unlike your average draft prospect, I feel that Varga's negatives are weighted more heavily against him. For instance, Varga went to an Ivy League school, which technically makes him a small school prospect. That being said, Ivy League schools are generally viewed by

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many as being softer than your average small school. This of course draws into question whether Varga's production is a byproduct of his competition or legitimately his own doing. Second, his speed is lacking to put it nicely. However, it is shown that he doesn't particularly need that much speed to put defenders flat on their back. The final issue, which is actually legitimate in my opinion, is the fact that he tore his peroneal tendon in college which could continue to be an issue for him going forward in his career.

Speed	8.0	
Vision	8.8	
Receiving	8.7	
Pass Blocking	8.7	
Balance	8.8	
Power	8.9	
Patience	8.6	
Average	8.6	

more likely than not that he will end up losing yards on the play. This is a big deal in the NFL because he won't always have time to wait for a play to develop, sometimes he's just going to have to take what he's given. Additonally, he doesn't really have a quick burst when moving through holes. That's not really something you can fix so being more decisive may help a bit in this area. Overall though Edwards is going to be an absolute steal of a back for a team that ends up landing him.

Jahwan Edwards

RB14

@1quake32

Ball State   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-9"**	Weight:	**220**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.80**	Vertical:	**35.5"**	Broad:	**117"**
3 Cone:	**7.63**	Shuttle:	**4.50**	Bench:	**16**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Fantasy Bargain

If there is one thing you can say about Jahwan Edwards it's this, the man is just so damn difficult to bring down. I dare say he may be the toughest player to take to the turf in this class, running back or not. Edwards has a very low center of gravity that he couples with nonstop churning legs and an apparent thirst for contact. When all these attributes are mixed together you get a running back that gains yards by the bunches. Edwards' vision is above average as well making him even more of a threat. Basically, he is a running back who can identify opportunites or push through and make his own opportunites if none exist. He is also an asset in the passing game with solid hands and few drops.

Edwards needs to work on the amount of time he spends dancing in the backfield waiting for an opportunity to materialize. When he starts dancing in the backfield it's

> **"JEREMY LANGFORD CERTAINLY HAS SOME VERY LARGE SHOES TO FILL AS THE FIRST RUNNING BACK OUT OF MICHIGAN STATE SINCE LE'VEON BELL TURNED PROFESSIONAL TWO YEARS AGO."**

Speed	8.2	
Vision	8.4	
Receiving	8.8	
Pass Blocking	8.8	
Balance	9.0	
Power	8.9	
Patience	8.4	
Average	8.6	

Jeremy Langford

RB15

@J_Lang33

Michigan State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**208**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.42**	Vertical:	**34.5"**	Broad:	**118"**
3 Cone:	**7.22**	Shuttle:	**4.32**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Jeremy Langford certainly has some very large shoes to fill as the first running back out of Michigan State since Le'Veon Bell turned professional two years ago. However, he is a good running back in his own right regardless of the expectations to perform at, or above, the bar set for him by Bell. He is a very patient runner who does a very good job of setting up his blockers in an effort to gain more yards. When Langford couples that patience with his excellent vision it allows him to put together some very impressive plays. He rarely goes down at first contact and even when multiple defenders are attempting to bring him down he will still continue to fight for extra yardage. That's just the kind of player Langford is, a guy who will fight to get positive yardage on every play. Additionally, despite being used sparingly in the passing game he has shown that he has solid hands when thrown to.

Langford must add a few extra pounds to his frame in order to become an NFL caliber running back. Not too many pounds, somewhere between five and 10 maximum. Additionally he will never be a back that will out run defenders he simply doesn't have that kind of speed.while Langford may never live up to the lofty heights sent by Bell for Michigan State running backs, he will make for a solid middle round pick for a team looking for running back depth.

good vision and can take advantage of holes or blockers very effectively. Brown will be an asset in the passing game as well with nice hands. He hasn't really been asked to pass block much so there are some question marks when it comes to that part of his game. Brown has also had a tendency to get nicked up, likely due to his physical running style. I'd also like to see him run a bit lower but it's not a huge concern.

> **"I'LL JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT NOW, MALCOLM BROWN GOING TO THE COWBOYS JUST MAKES SO MUCH SENSE."**

Speed	8.2
Vision	8.4
Receiving	8.7
Pass Blocking	8.7
Balance	8.7
Power	8.8
Patience	9.0
Average	8.6

Speed	8.2
Vision	8.8
Receiving	8.6
Pass Blocking	8.4
Balance	8.4
Power	9.0
Patience	8.6
Average	8.6

Malcolm Brown   RB16

@mallycat_28

Texas   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-11"**	Weight:	**224**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.62**	Vertical:	**34.5"**	Broad:	**117"**
3 Cone:	**6.86**	Shuttle:	**4.15**	Bench:	**19**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

College Injury   **Fantasy Bargain**

I'll just come out and say it now, Malcolm Brown going to the Cowboys just makes so much sense. First, don't think for a moment that the Cowboys haven't had some scouts just pop into more than a few local Texas games. Hell, it's only a three hour drive I'd bet they've seen a lot of Brown. Second, something about Brown is reminiscent of DeMarco Murray and I'm not the first (or last) to see it. Third, with the Cowboys letting Murray walk in free agency, why not keep a similar type running back in the lineup to minimize the change to the offense?

As for Brown's skills, he's a very physical runner who will lower his shoulder to gain more yards if needed. He has

Josh Robinson   RB17

@Bowling34Ball

Mississippi State   *Junior*

Height:	**5'-8"**	Weight:	**217**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.70**	Vertical:	**32"**	Broad:	**113"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**21**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Fantasy Bargain

Josh Robinson has been tragically slept on in the process leading up to the NFL Combine. It's my hope he starts to get a bit of buzz surrounding him in the lead up to the NFL Draft because his skill set is such that he could be just the kind of running back a hungry team would need. Robinson is a no flash, hard working back that just gets the job done. He's nearly impossible to bring down on first contact as he slips tackles and powers through defenders on the regular. Even when defenders try to bring Robinson down by attempting to trip him up he is able to retain or regain his balance while continuing to move forward for more yards. If direct contact is made with one or more defender Robinson simply keeps his legs churning in order to gain every extra inch he possibly can. Robinson is a patient

runner who has good vision, allowing him to take advantage of holes and opportunities that many running backs either wouldn't see or would run right by. He also has a nice set of moves in the open field to elude tacklers which makes him just that much tougher to stop.

There isn't really a whole lot to knock on Robinson's game either. He could use some refinement to his pass blocking skills but honestly that's easily fixable. He will also need to

> **"ROBINSON IS A NO FLASH, HARD WORKING BACK THAT JUST GETS THE JOB DONE."**

work on securing the ball better at the professional level as he has shown some minor ball security issues in college. All in all though Robinson is an extremely pro-ready running back who could have a bright future ahead of him as a team's bell cow back.

Speed	8.2	
Vision	8.8	
Receiving	8.5	
Pass Blocking	8.1	
Balance	8.8	
Power	9.0	
Patience	8.7	
Average	8.6	

Cameron Artis-Payne RB18
@realbuckallen

Auburn *Senior*

Height:	**5'-10"**	Weight:	**212**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.53**	Vertical:	**36.5"**	Broad:	**118"**
3 Cone:	**7.13**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

With all of the talented running backs in this class Cameron Artis-Payne is going to have a really tough time distinguishing himself from the pack. Artis-Payne does a few things really well but when taken as a complete prospect he's actually fairly vanilla. He has a nice burst when he identifies a hole and is able to reach the second level very

quickly but once there he lacks any kind of breakaway speed to allow him to finish the run. Once he makes his way through a hole he does a great job keeping his eyes open for opportunites to cut back but behind the line he is often way too hesitant dancing around waiting for a perfect hole to develop rather than taking the best option available at the moment. Finally, Artis-Payne is an above average receiver out of the backfield, rarely dropping a pass that he's targeted with, making him an asset in the passing game. This is negated however due to the fact that his pass blocking is subpar at best. Many times he simply looks lost, not knowing who he should be picking up, forcing the quarterback to avoid the rush.

As you can see Artis-Payne has this weird dichotomy going on where his strengths and weaknesses tend to cancel one another out and leaves him as a flawed player who need everything to break just the right way for him to make much of an impact in the NFL, much less as a fantasy asset.

Speed	8.3	
Vision	8.5	
Receiving	8.7	
Pass Blocking	8.0	
Balance	8.6	
Power	8.8	
Patience	8.6	
Average	8.5	

Javorius Allen RB19
@realbuckallen

USC *Junior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**221**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.53**	Vertical:	**35.5"**	Broad:	**121"**
3 Cone:	**6.96**	Shuttle:	**4.28**	Bench:	**11**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

College Injury

Buck Allen may be one of those players that makes a better college player then he does an NFL player. I'll grant you, there's plenty of those out there, what I'm trying to say is that despite his skill set, which will be adequate in the NFL, he just lacks that extra "it" factor that will make him a star. The skills he does have are, first, he takes with the defense

gives him and doesn't dance around in the backfield like many college backs do. He knows where he needs to be and heads that way as opposed to waiting for the offensive line to open up a mile wide hole for him to run through. As such, he tends to time hitting the hole that is created for him perfectly or he keeps driving to help create extra yardage where there wouldn't be any. If he gets hit high he keeps churning his legs so that he gains as many yards as possible before other defenders come in to help make the tackle. Allen is also a good receiver out of the backfield and can help in the pass game if called upon.

On the downside, Allen lacks much in the way of balance that an NFL back needs. He gets tripped up easily and is never able to recover. Allen lacks a second gear which is saying something because he's not overly fast to begin with. Most running backs who lack speed tend to make up for it in terms of elusiveness, also something that Allen lacks. Simply put, he just doesn't have much wiggle to his game. Finally, Allen broke his leg in 2013, which is something NFL teams are going to want to examine closely.

> **"BUCK ALLEN MAY BE ONE OF THOSE PLAYERS THAT MAKES A BETTER COLLEGE PLAYER THEN HE DOES AN NFL PLAYER."**

Speed	8.1	
Vision	8.4	
Receiving	8.8	
Pass Blocking	8.8	
Balance	8.0	
Power	8.8	
Patience	8.8	
Average	8.5	

Karlos Williams   RB20

@Karlos_Sr

Florida State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**230**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.48**	Vertical:	**33.5"**	Broad:	**117"**
3 Cone:	**7.16**	Shuttle:	**4.46**	Bench:	**16**

Projected NFL Round: 6-7

Projected Fantasy Round: 6-7

Character Concerns

Karlos Williams is still a very raw prospect but he has a lot of attributes going for him and could be a very interesting player if a team decides to take a risk on him and coach him but a little bit. The reason for Williams' "rawness" is he did not come to Florida State as a running back but instead was a strong safety, only making the transition to running back two seasons ago. That being said his progress towards learning the position has been incredible. Williams has a great build to play the position, coming in at around 6'-1" and 225 pounds he has a good amount of power and does a great job fighting through tackles. He has good vision and moves quickly to take advantage of opportunities he sees. Williams has shown he can be a weapon in the passing game as well with good hands.

On the field Willaims lacks elite speed but isn't slow by measure. He isn't going to outrun many defenders but he also isn't snail on the filed either. What is really going to hurt Williams' draft stock are his character issues. He was investigated for domestic violence but the supposed victim refused to cooperate and asked for the charges to be dropped. Then, in October of 2014, Williams was accused of helping to set up a drug deal that ended up turning into a robbery. That case is still being investigated but with the current climate of high profile NFL players being involved in crimes, one has to believe that Williams' off the field issues will hurt him much worse than they would have in years past.

Speed	8.1	
Vision	8.6	
Receiving	8.4	
Pass Blocking	8.6	
Balance	8.3	
Power	8.8	
Patience	8.5	
Average	8.5 (8.6)	

Zach Zenner

RB21

@zenner31

South Dakota State   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-11"**	Weight:	**223**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.60**	Vertical:	**41"**	Broad:	**121"**
3 Cone:	**7.08**	Shuttle:	**4.14**	Bench:	**25**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Small School

It's really a shame but Zach Zenner isn't going to get the hype he deserves coming into the NFL Draft and as such it will hurt his draft stock. That being said, when he gets to the NFL he's really going to make a lot of people look stupid for passing up on him when they had a chance to draft him. Zenner has a lot of skills that you just don't really see in a lot of players very often. First, he breaks tackles like a mad man. Zenner almost never goes down the first time he is hit. It will require numerous hits to finally take him down, all the while he is gaining yards by moving forward. Second, he has really exceptional vision. He sees holes develop all around him and he is able to get small enough to take advantage of them. This attribute makes him incredible dangerous to opposing defenses because just when they think that they have him just where they want him he is able to take a step or two either way and continue moving upfield. Finally, he is an asset in the passing game with good pass blocking skills and the ability to make catches out of the backfield, something that is so important for fantasy purposes.

To be fair there isn't a whole lot of wiggle to Zenners game. He isn't going to make a defender miss one on one, it just doesn't really happen. The question also remains, just how effective will he be in the NFL. Thus far he has generally

faced smaller schools and the big step up in competition may just be too much for him.

Speed	8.4	
Vision	8.5	
Receiving	8.5	
Pass Blocking	8.5	
Balance	8.6	
Power	8.7	
Patience	8.5	
Average	8.5	

Terrence Magee

RB22

@TerrenceMagee

LSU   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-8"**	Weight:	**213**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**37"**	Broad:	**115"**
3 Cone:	**7.52**	Shuttle:	**4.37**	Bench:	**22**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Consider Terrence Magee the victim of bad timing. First, he played second fiddle to Jeremy Hill, which considering how Hill has turned out in the NFL, is understandable. Now this season, his senior season, he was forced to split carries with freshman phenom Leonard Fournette. The stars just never truly aligned for Magee and, quite honestly, it's unfortunate. You see Magee, for all of his bad timing, is actually a very good running back in his own regard. It just seems that his rushing style and skillset didn't mesh perfectly with the kind of offense LSU wanted to use. Where LSU was looking to keep the tempo up, Magee is the very definition of the kind of running back offenses use to grind a defense down. He is a very powerful rusher who can punish defenses down after down. Magee does has a nice burst for a player his size but he lacks the kind of "take it to the house" speed that many programs and teams look for in a back. Despite that,

> **"WHERE LSU WAS LOOKING TO KEEP THE TEMPO UP, MAGEE IS THE VERY DEFINITION OF THE KIND OF RUNNING BACK OFFENSES USE TO GRIND A DEFENSE DOWN."**

Magee has good vision and makes use of that attribute to make up for any deficiency in the speed department. He also has good hands so he's not a strictly one-dimenstional player, called in only to get the tough yardage. He's shown that if targeted he will routinely make the catch and advance the ball upfield.

While Magee's career timing may not have been the best, he does have the kind of skills which should make him a successful back iin the NFL. If you're looking for a Frank Gore type player than put Magee at the top of your list.

Speed	8.1
Vision	8.5
Receiving	8.5
Pass Blocking	8.5
Balance	8.4
Power	8.8
Patience	8.5
Average	8.5
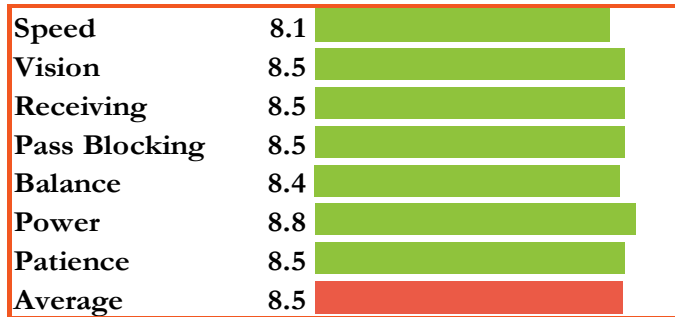
John Crockett — RB23

@KingJCrock_23

North Dakota State *Senior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	217	Age:	23
40 Yard:	4.62	Vertical:	40"	Broad:	125"
3 Cone:	7.15	Shuttle:	4.25	Bench:	15

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Small School

It's highly likely many of you reading this haven't heard of John Crockett and that's likely due to the fact that he played for a small school named North Dakota State. However, this small school has won four sraight FCS National Championships, three of which Crockett has gained over 70 yards in each game. It's safe to say that if not for him it would be highly unlikely that North Dakota State would be in all four of those games, much less having won them.

So what makes Crockett so intriguing? First, he has a top notch burst that he utilizes to take advantage of holes created by his offensive line. As soon as those holes appear he is already exploding through them and racking up the yardage. Crockett has excellent vison which he couples with

a nasty ability to make immediate cuts. This coupling of skills allows him to cut across defenses en route to even more yards and, many times, a long score. He also has above average receiving ability so he can be an asset for a team in the passing game as well.

Where Crockett comes up a bit short is in his pass blocking skills. Many times he is out of place and defenders are able to blow right by him. Even when he does engage defenders he is too straight up and is usually pushed backwards. Crockett also has a very nasty habit of slowing down right before the moment of contact, something that is going to get him hurt bably in the NFL. He really needs to work on lowering his shoulder, powering through defenders and finishing his runs.

Speed	8.8
Vision	8.8
Receiving	8.4
Pass Blocking	8.1
Balance	8.4
Power	8.1
Patience	8.5
Average	8.4
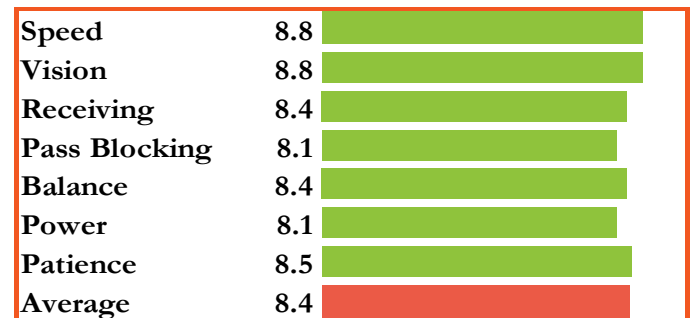
Joe Bergeron — RB24

@LL_Cool_Joe24

Texas A&M-Commerce *Senior*

Height:	6'-1"	Weight:	230	Age:	23
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Character Concerns **Fantasy Bargain** **Small School**

If not for one huge and horrible mistake by Joe Bergeron it's very likely the draft community would have been talking a lot more about him in the lead up to the NFL Draft. This is due to Bergeron's extremely tough running style. In order to bring the man down it is an absolute chore on the defense's part, play after play after punishing play. Bergeron is just a player that refuses to go down without one heck of a fight. He is the very definition of a north-south rusher who is extremely dangerous with his shoulders square to the goal line. Once he gets his shoulders square he tends to get a

quick burst of speed which is absolutely punishing to any defender that gets in his way.

Bergeron faces a couple problems however. First, he tends to be indecisive behind the line of scrimmage which makes getting his shoulders square a problem. Second, after his initial burst he doesn't have a second gear and appears to be very slow in relation to other players. Finally, there is a huge red flag that landed him at Texas A&M Commerce, that being the fact that he was kicked out of Texas due to an altercation in which he was accused of violence against a woman. In case you haven't been paying attention to the news lately, that's a huge deal for the NFL right now and could potentially sink any chance that Bergeron has of getting into the NFL.

Speed	**8.2**
Vision	**8.4**
Receiving	**8.4**
Pass Blocking	**8.3**
Balance	**8.4**
Power	**8.8**
Patience	**8.3**
Average	**8.4 (8.6)**

"IN ORDER TO BRING THE MAN DOWN IT IS AN ABSOLUTE CHORE ON THE DEFENSE'S PART, PLAY AFTER PLAY AFTER PUNISHING PLAY. BERGERON IS JUST A PLAYER THAT REFUSES TO GO DOWN WITHOUT ONE HECK OF A FIGHT."

Marcus Murphy   RB25

@mmurphy6

Missouri   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-8"**	Weight:	**193**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.61**	Vertical:	**29"**	Broad:	**109"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**4.40**	Bench:	**11**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Marcus Murphy has a lot of talent but he's being immediately dismissed by many before the draft process

even gets into full swing. I'm not going to be any kind of Murphy flag waver stating that teams are overlooking a true sleeper. In all honesty he's going to have a major uphill battle ahead of him if he ever even hopes of becoming a major star in the NFL. The biggest obstacle is his size, hands down if not for this one problem Murphy would be ranked much higher by myself and many others in the draft community. Measuring in at around 5'-9" and weighing in at around 190 pounds Murphy finds himself pretty much in between two other players who have had to address similar questions about their size, Tavon Austin and Andre Ellington. Now, as you can see with that company, a player of that size can make and contribute to an NFL team but those are rare cases.

Outside of that one major issue Murphy's game is pretty solid. He is an excellent weapon in the passing game, a role that he could assume at the next level in a Darren Sproles/Danny Woodhead type role. Murphy is basically like another receiver on the field in passing downs. He also has superb balance so if he is given the ball he has a good chance of gaining some extra yards if a defender just hits him as opposed to wrapping him up. Murphy also has great vision which he uses to make plays happen. If he is given a shot Murphy could surprise some folks and carve out a nice little niche for himself. I just don't feel he's going to be all that great of a fantasy asset though.

Speed	**8.4**
Vision	**8.4**
Receiving	**9.0**
Pass Blocking	**8.2**
Balance	**8.8**
Power	**8.0**
Patience	**8.3**
Average	**8.4**

Dominique Brown — RB26

@hardbodynique

Louisville *Senior*

Height:	6'-2"	Weight:	234	Age:	22
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	17

Projected NFL Round: 7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round: 7-UDFA

College Injury

For any team looking for a big, power back, they could do a heck of a lot worse than Dominic Brown. Brown won't be a top 10 running back for any draft enthusiast and truthfully, he shouldn't be. What he should be however, is a value pick for an NFL team who is looking to add some punch to their running game without drafting a strictly one dimensional running back. Brown has above average vision and can identify holes very quickly. He finds a variety of ways to take advantage of these opportunities, including getting very skinny for such a big back. He is shown the ability to punish defenders who attempt to tackle him or stand in the way of him getting more yardage. While most power running backs don't tend to be involved in the passing game, Brown has shown he has excellent hands and can catch anything thrown his way. Essentially, Brown plays much smaller than his 6'2", 235 pound frame would suggest.

Very simply, Brown would benefit from decreased expectations regarding his skill set. Brown is not an explosive runner as he lacks elite speed. That being said, he will get you the short to middle range yardage a team needs for a first down. Brown does need work on his pass blocking skills, but he has shown be a willing blocker with a desire to learn.

Speed	7.9
Vision	8.2
Receiving	8.5
Pass Blocking	7.9
Balance	8.3
Power	8.4
Patience	8.3
Average	8.2
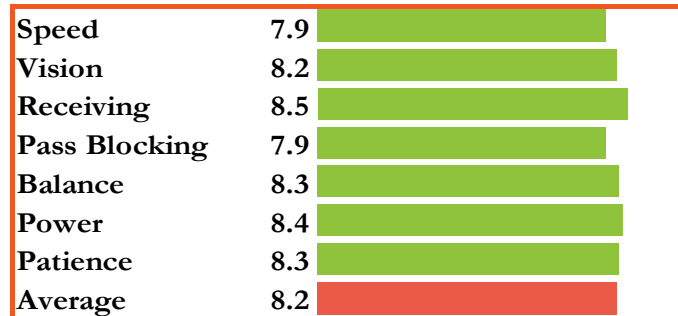
Marcus Coker — RB27

@hardbodynique

Stony Brook *Senior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	225	Age:	22
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round: 7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round: 7-UDFA

Character Concerns **Fantasy Bargain** **Small School**

The best way to define Marcus Coker is that he is a big school prospect who found his way into a small school situation. For those unfamiliar with Coker's situation, he was kicked out of Iowa after an incident where he was accused with assault. Part of his expulsion also had to do with the fact that he cheated on a final exam. After his stint in Iowa, Coker found his way to Stony Brook where he was clearly a man among boys. He is a powerful runner who breaks multiple tackles on nearly every play. Even if defenders attempt to trip him up he has excellent balance and is able to recover a majority of the time.

Despite his obvious talents, I do not foresee Coker getting drafted. I fully expect him to find a home however as a UDFA. I just feel he has way too much going against him off the field for teams to take a chance on him with a draft pick. Between his character concerns and the fact that he faced a lower level of competition in college, Coker already has two strikes against him. Once you factor in that he lacks elite speed all signs really point to him having to wait until Day Three and for him to find his eventual NFL home.

> **"THE BEST WAY TO DEFINE MARCUS COKER IS THAT HE IS A BIG SCHOOL PROSPECT WHO FOUND HIS WAY INTO A SMALL SCHOOL SITUATION."**

Speed	7.9
Vision	8.1
Receiving	8.2
Pass Blocking	7.9
Balance	8.7
Power	8.8
Patience	8.1
Average	8.2 (8.4)
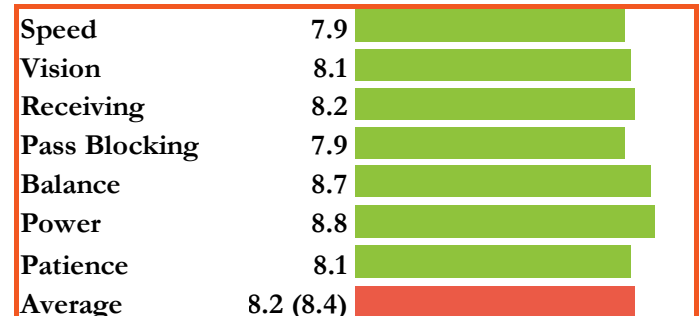
Synjyn Days

@sdays10

RB28

Georgia Tech   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**232**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Synjyn Days is an intriguing prospect due to the clear talent he possesses but his usage at Georgia Tech could hurt his draft stock significantly. It's rare that you'll see at running back at a major school who averaged almost six yards per carry go almost totally unnoticed by the media and draftniks but so is the case with Synjyn Days. The general lack of interest in Days likely stems directly from how Georgia Tech used him in their offense. First, the Yellow Jackets don't really have a halfback in their offense per se, they only really have a fullback, which is what Days played. The fullback position hasn't been en vogue, much less highly regarded for nearly two decades in the NFL. However, Days looks to have a skill set which would allow him to assume a LeGarrette Blount/Stevan Ridley/Alfred Morris type role with a team that takes a chance on him. Days is power style back who isn't particularly utilized in the passing game. It remains unknown if this is due to the style of offense Georgia Tech runs or if he just lacks the necessary skills to contribute in that aspect of the game. He has shown that he can pass block so he could find himself in on those plays as well if it is discovered he can catch the ball.

Days is a unique prospect in that he can definitely get the yards a team desires on the ground but his prior usage just plays so heavily against him. Georgia Tech's offensive scheme will likely make Days a player that a team takes a chance on as an UDFA but don't expect his name to be called in the NFL Draft itself.

Speed	7.7	
Vision	8.1	
Receiving	7.9	
Pass Blocking	8.4	
Balance	8.6	
Power	8.8	
Patience	8.2	
Average	8.2	
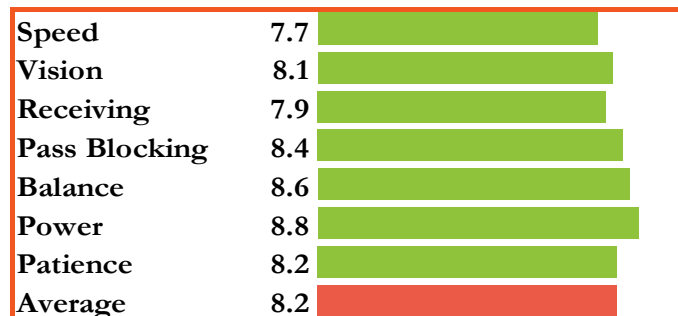
Trey Williams

@sdays10

RB29

Texas A&M   *Junior*

Height:	**5'-7"**	Weight:	**195**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.49**	Vertical:	**33.5"**	Broad:	**119"**
3 Cone:	**6.84**	Shuttle:	**4.12**	Bench:	**18**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Combine Leader

I'm honestly very surprised that Trey Williams decided to declare this season. He was rarely used at Texas A&M and would have benefited his draft stock greatly if he would have just stayed for his senior season. Nonetheless, he has nice vision and can identify holes very easily. Once he identifies those holes he has a great burst to move through them. Once at the second level he has above average speed which allows him to gain many extra yards.

> **"I'M HONESTLY VERY SURPRISED THAT TREY WILLIAMS DECIDED TO DECLARE THIS SEASON. HE WAS RARELY USED AT TEXAS A&M AND WOULD HAVE BENEFITED HIS DRAFT STOCK GREATLY IF HE WOULD HAVE JUST STAYED FOR HIS SENIOR SEASON."**

Ultimately, I feel Williams did himself a great disservice by coming out early this year. He lacks the kind of size needed to be a high-level pick in the draft. Coming in a 5'-7" and 195 pounds he would have to blow the doors off of his pro day in order to secure himself a spot in the draft. As it sits currently, he will likely be a UDFA and should get picked up by a team as a camp body. If he had more to point to in terms of usage at the college level teams might give him a second thought. However, due to how little he was used in college, many teams will likely take a pass. I expect him to float around the league for a few years and ultimately disappear.
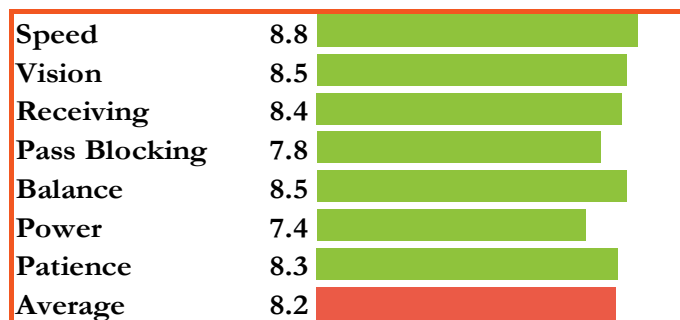
Attribute	Score	
Speed	8.8	
Vision	8.5	
Receiving	8.4	
Pass Blocking	7.8	
Balance	8.5	
Power	7.4	
Patience	8.3	
Average	8.2	

WIDE RECEIVERS
Human Highlight Reels

Position Grade: 8.8

Kevin White — WR1
@kwhite8

West Virginia   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**215**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.35**	Vertical:	**36.5"**	Broad:	**123"**
3 Cone:	**6.92**	Shuttle:	**4.14**	Bench:	**23**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10

Kevin White is in the conversation regarding which wide receiver should be the first to come off the board. For much of the season it's been an open and shut case, Amari Cooper, but White's play throughout the season has started to change a few people's minds. White has all the tools to legitimately be the top receiver in the Draft, it's all going to come down to which attributes a team cherishes most. In White's case he has excellent hands, he's able to catch just about anything thrown within five feet of him in any direction. At times you'd swear he has some kind of weird superpower to draw the football to his hands. Second, he has great top end speed which allows him to create distance between him and a defender when making a catch or to pull away from defenders in pursuit after the catch. Finally, his route running is extremely refined with the ability to make crisp cuts and precise movements. It is this attribute which

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really makes him special and is definitely something NFL scouts are intrigued by.

White does, however, need to work on finishing his catches as he will lose concentration on the ball in an effort to quickly make a play and will end up not making the catch at all. He also needs to work on techniques for freeing himself from press coverage as defenders have shown the ability to take him out of a play if they just hassle him enough.

Route Running	9.2
Hands	9.1
Physicality	8.6
Body Control	8.9
Quickness	9.0
Speed	9.0
After Catch Abilities	8.9
Average	9.0

Amari Cooper — WR2
@AmariCooper9

Alabama   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**211**	Age:	**20**
40 Yard:	**4.42**	Vertical:	**33"**	Broad:	**120"**
3 Cone:	**6.71**	Shuttle:	**3.98**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10

Even if you don't follow college football it's highly likely that you've still heard the name Amari Cooper. There's good reason for that too, over the past two years Cooper has been one of the bigger play makers at the college level. Excitement has steadily been building as people will finally be able to see how well his skills translate to the NFL. Cooper is a very physical wide receiver who not only takes

what the defense gives him, he fights tooth and nail for more than they're willing to give. He is a rarity among wide receivers in that he is consistently more physical than any defender assigned to him. Cooper is extremely quick off the line and out of his breaks. He always runs very crisp routes and does a great job of selling double moves. His unique blend of physicality, quickness and technique make for a player extremely well-suited to excel in the NFL.

There is very little that can be done to improve Cooper's game. At times, he has had some mental lapses which resulted in some drop balls. That's an issue that is easily fixed, but one that NFL teams simply do not tolerate at the next level. He also isn't that good at getting vertical going up for passes, an issue that was confirmed by his poor vertical leap showing at the NFL Combine as he posted the second lowest mark for all wide receivers in

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attendance. This is somewhat forgivable as there just isn't much he can do to improve upon this issue, as well as the fact that his physicality tends to make up for any jump balls thrown his way.

Route Running	9.0	
Hands	8.8	
Physicality	9.4	
Body Control	8.9	
Quickness	8.8	
Speed	8.8	
After Catch Abilities	9.0	
Average	9.0	

Devante Parker WR3

@DeVanteParker

Louisville   *Senior*

Height:	6'-3"	Weight:	209	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.45	Vertical:	36.5"	Broad:	125"
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	17

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10   **College Injury**

There is just so much to say about DeVante Parker. He is one of those prospects I could write a whole article about but I'll try to keep it reasonable for the sake of this medium. First, I really like how physical Parker can be. He will fight for position for the ball in contested situations. He's not afraid to mix it up with defenders to make the play. Second, he has good hands and has the ability to make catches with his arms fully extended in front of him, which is one of the tougher ways to catch a ball. Parker has made a whole lot of great catches in his college career and I think that trend will continue in the NFL. Third, he has a little bit of wiggle to his game with the ball in his hands. I'm not saying he'll juke everyone out of their shoes but he has enough elusiveness to gain a few extra yards here and there. Finally, his route running skills are really good. Parker runs crisp routes that will routinely fool defenders. He also can sell double moves quite will allowing himself to get open regularly downfield. Parker is a very complete prospect that should intrigue quite a few teams.

Even the most complete prospects has a few things they need to work on to improve their game or some things that teams must be aware of, and Parker is no different. First, despite having really good hands he will at times allow the ball to get into his body. This kind of problem leads to additional drops and needs to be worked out of how he thinks about catching the ball. Second, he lacks elite speed. He isn't slow at all but he isn't exactly a track star either. After making some great moves to get open he can be tracked down by defenders from behind. There isn't much he can improve there, it's just how he is and teams will need to accept that. Third, he has the kind of frame that could

support some additional weight and would make him more effective when he needs to get physical with defenders. Finally, he has dealt with a couple of serious injuries which teams will need to examine in detail before drafting him, including a shoulder which required surgery and an injury to his foot which cost him some time in college.

Route Running	9.0	
Hands	8.8	
Physicality	8.9	
Body Control	8.9	
Quickness	8.7	
Speed	8.7	
After Catch Abilities	9.0	
Average	8.9	

Jaelen Strong WR4

@JaelenStrong

Arizona State   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**217**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.44**	Vertical:	**42"**	Broad:	**123"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10

Jaelen Strong is going to be overlooked by a few teams but he is going to make a significant impact in the NFL, mark my words. Now, no one is suggesting that Strong isn't talented but I feel he deserves to be much higher in the overall conversation than most people are currently pegging him at. Strong is a big bodied receiver standing right around 6'-2". His height allows him certain advantages such as high-pointing the ball over smaller defenses backs and boxing out defenders which his larger frame. Strong does a great job at both of these while adding a fair amount of speed due to his long legs and wide stride. This allows him to get open downfield on up routes, often times uncontested due to that speed. Beyond his size, Strong is also an exceptional receiver due to his receiving ability and strong hands. He is able to secure most balls thrown his way while catching them away from his body.

> **"GREEN-BECKHAM IS ABLE TO BE A GAME CHANGER FOR ANY TEAM WHO ENDS UP TAKING A CHANCE ON HIM."**

What is frustrating, however, is that while he makes most catches you would expect him to, and even a few you wouldn't expect, he has this knack for dropping passes that should be no-brainers. I don't know if he already assumes he will make the catch because of how easy it is and instead turns his mind towards what he will do after the catch or if it's something else completely. Strong must also work on cleaning up his routes as he has a tendency to round them off.

Route Running	8.4	
Hands	8.9	
Physicality	8.8	
Body Control	8.9	
Quickness	8.8	
Speed	8.8	
After Catch Abilities	8.9	
Average	8.8	

Dorial Green-Beckham WR5

@DorialGB5

Oklahoma   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-5"**	Weight:	**237**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.49**	Vertical:	**33.5"**	Broad:	**119"**
3 Cone:	**6.89**	Shuttle:	**4.45**	Bench:	**13**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10   **Character Concerns**

Dorial Green-Beckham is a supreme talent that people have been quite literally drooling over since he first stepped foot on a football field. This is due primarily to his incredible height, which is an astounding 6'-5". Green-Beckham's height make playing against most cornerbacks almost unfair as he simply towers over them and can high point the ball with ease. When in the air he has excellent body control, often contorting himself to actually make the catch or in order to bring himself down in bounds. Beyond his size helping him make a catch, it also helps him separate from defenders due to his long legs and stride. Green-Beckham is able to be a game changer for

any team who ends up taking a chance on him.

That chance, however, doesn't come with some risk. You see, Green-Beckham has had quite to checkered past while at Missouri. He was arrested in 2012 and 2014 for possession of weed and was again arrested 2014 for assault and battery due to an incident where he allegedly pushed a woman down a flight of stairs. In 2014 Missouri dismissed him and he transfered to Oklahoma. In the end he never ended up playing for the Sooners and chose instead to head to the NFL. He is the latest example of a supremely talented player who has a fair amount of baggage that he's bringing to the table. Ultimately, every NFL team and fantasy owner will need to perform a full cost-benefit analysis when determining just how much he could help, or hurt, a team.

> "ONCE ALGHOLOR HAS THE BALL IN HIS HANDS HE'S VERY DANGEROUS AND A THREAT TO TAKE IT TO THE HOUSE ON ANY GIVEN PLAY."

Algholor is also extremely quick, his burst off the snap is more than enough to keep defenders on their toes. When you couple his quickness with his excellent route running skills you have a player that demands respect and, as such, ddefensive backs must give him a significant cushion or risk giving up the big play. Doing so allows him to make most catches uncontested. Once Algholor has the ball in his hands he's very dangerous and a threat to take it to the house on any given play. His ability to navigate the open field is excellent and made possible by his route running and quickness.

Like all prospects Algholor has a few kinks in his game that will need to be addressed at the next level. First, he has some mental lapses which lead him to drop very catchable passes. Sometimes it's maddening to think what could have been with some of the passes he's dropped. Additionally, he lacks the physicality to fight effectively for contested passes. I'd like to see him add some weight and bulk to make him a bit more imposing and able to make those catches.

Route Running	8.4
Hands	8.8
Physicality	8.9
Body Control	8.9
Quickness	8.8
Speed	8.9
After Catch Abilities	8.8
Average	8.8 (9)

Route Running	8.9
Hands	8.8
Physicality	8.3
Body Control	8.7
Quickness	9.0
Speed	9.0
After Catch Abilities	8.8
Average	8.8

Nelson Agholor   WR6

@nelsonagh15

USC   *Junior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	198	Age:	21
40 Yard:	4.42	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	12

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10

Those who know me know that I am an unabashed PAC-12 fan, specifically USC. As such, I've had plenty of chances to watch Nelson Algholor. In my unbiased opinion Algholor should be a middle to high level talent in the NFL. He is a crisp route runner, somethhing many prospects lack and must be taught once they come into the league.

Ty Montgomery

@tymontgomery2

WR7

Stanford   *Senior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	221	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.55	Vertical:	40.5"	Broad:	121"
3 Cone:	6.97	Shuttle:	4.21	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	1-2

Top 10

Route Running	8.4
Hands	8.8
Physicality	8.4
Body Control	8.8
Quickness	8.8
Speed	8.8
After Catch Abilities	9.3
Average	8.8

If Ty Montgomery has one attribute that makes him stand out from every other wide receiver prospect in this draft it would likely be his ability to make plays after he catches the ball. A lot of wide receivers build their reputations on what they can do before and once they catch the ball, not Montgomery. His game is all about what he can do once the makes the catch. With the ball in his hands Montgomery turns into a whole different player, akin more to the skills of a running back than your traditional wide receiver. He will slip tackles, find holes and power through tackles. I don't think it's a reach to say his style of play is rare among wide receivers. Where many receivers will simply try to outrun defenders in a straight line, Montgomery looks for cutback lanes and actively sets up blockers. It's this attribute which allows him to shine at yet another aspect of the game, special teams. Montgomery is an elite kick returner and possesses the ability to take a kick all the back for a score at any moment. These traits will allow him to get some playing time

> **"IT'S AS IF YOU'RE WATCHING DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE BEFORE AND AFTER A MONTGOMERY RECEPTION."**

immediately which could translate to some offensive snaps as well.

In order to maximize the number of offensive plays he is on the field though he is going to have to improve on how easily is physically dominated be defenders prior to the pass. It's as if you're watching Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde before and after a Montgomery reception. Prior to catching the ball he can be easily dominated, after the catch he physically dominates others, it's a very weird dichotomy he has going on. He will also need to tighten up his routes as he has a bad tendency of rounding them off at times.

Sammie Coates

@sammiecoates11

WR8

Auburn   *Junior*

Height:	6'-1"	Weight:	212	Age:	21
40 Yard:	4.43	Vertical:	41"	Broad:	131"
3 Cone:	6.98	Shuttle:	4.06	Bench:	23

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	2-3

Top 10   **College Injury**   **Combine Leader**

Sammie Coates really is quite a walking highlight reel. The kind of plays he has the potential of making is what makes him so exciting, however it's the plays don't people who only watch highlight reels don't see which make him so frustrating as well. First off Coates wants to make big plays when given the chance. It's easy to say that every player wants that, but Coates actually goes out and shows it. He will fight for the ball and once he has it he's much tougher to bring down than your average receiver. Coates will stiff arm, push, fight, juke and run through tackles in an effort to get a few more yards. Additionally, he has some pretty decent high end speed on him which has allowed him to outrun defenders either before or with the ball in his hands. Getting the ball in his hands is the tricky part though. Coates will inexplicably drop passes that no receiver really has any business dropping. These are passes that hit him directly in the hands. He will also let the ball get into his body far too often which leads to even more drops. Coates suffered a knee injury early in his college career which required him to sit out a season.

Coates could be one of those frustrating players at the next level who have all the tools to make big plays and who have

shown glimpses of just how good they could potentially be, but when given those opportunities on a regular basis they tend to make us shake our collective heads. On a side note however, Coates is extremely active in the fight to cure rare childhood diseases. He is constantly working in front of and behind the scenes with families to get their children the help and support they deserve. He was awarded the 2015 Rare Disease Champion Award which is given yearly to an athlete who seeks ways to help families and children who have to care for a child with a rare disease. Coates has taken the cause to heart and I commend him deeply for his work.

Route Running	8.6	
Hands	8.5	
Physicality	8.9	
Body Control	8.7	
Quickness	8.8	
Speed	8.8	
After Catch Abilities	8.9	
Average	8.7	

Breshad Perriman   WR9

@B_Perriman11

Central Florida   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**218**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	2-3

Top 10	Small School

Perhaps no one in this draft class as seen their stock rise as quickly as Breshad Perriman outside of maybe Chris Conley. The difference between the two is that Perriman's rise has come from people going back and looking at his game tape throughout his college career where as Conley's rise has come from an extraordinary NFL combine performance. Ultimately, I feel that speaks a lot more to Perriman's rise than it does about Conley's rise as people are seeing

> **"PERHAPS NO ONE IN THIS DRAFT CLASS AS SEEN THEIR STOCK RISE AS QUICKLY AS BRESHAD PERRIMAN OUTSIDE OF MAYBE CHRIS CONLEY."**

Perriman get things done on the field. Perriman has a great build for a wide receiver, standing around 6'-2" and weighing 218 pounds. He has some good muscle on his frame and has proven himself to be a tough player for defenses to take down. He is an above average route runner who makes very crisp cuts. Perriman has good catching technique, catching the ball with his hands and not letting it get into his body.

Don't let his quick ascent up many expert's draft boards fool you though. Perriman still has one important aspect to his game which he needs to work on, actually catching the ball. Perriman has battled dropping the ball throughout his career. Many times the ball will hit him right in the hands and yet he drops it. Perriman's competition hasn't exactly been what one would call elite either. However, if he can address the issue of dropping the ball, I believe his skill set transfers quite well to the NFL.

Route Running	8.9	
Hands	8.5	
Physicality	8.7	
Body Control	8.7	
Quickness	8.8	
Speed	8.8	
After Catch Abilities	8.7	
Average	8.7	

Devin Smith   WR10

@dsmithosu

Ohio State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**196**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.42**	Vertical:	**39"**	Broad:	**122"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**4.15**	Bench:	**10**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	2-3

Top 10

With the rise of several high-powered weapons in the Ohio State offense this season, Devin Smith found himself in a weird position of producing more but being less of a focus of the offense. He caught roughly 25% fewer passes but posted almost 50% more receiving yards. The Buckeyes used him as more of a deep threat this season, a role in which he clearly thrived. A big reason for this is his new role played well into his strengths, mainly his excellent speed.

Smith also does a great job of selling double moves which allows him to get open down field. When he catches a ball in the open field Smith has demonstrated excellent elusiveness in space which allows him to gain extra yards after the catch.

Unfortunately, his new role also highlighted a few weaknesses that weren't as obvious when he was used primarily in intermediate range passing opportunities. Key among these weaknesses is the fact that he tends not to get physical when a pass is contested. Smith just seems physically overwhelmed in these instances which could feed directly into another one of his weaknesses which is the fact that he needs to add more weight to his frame. Smith has also demonstrated that he will lose focus at times when trying to make a catch. This stems directly from his desire to get upfield as quickly as possible and make plays. While you have to applaud his desire to help his team out, first things first, you must make the catch! Ultimately, Smith will be drafted to help stretch the field for a team looking to boost their passing game. His skill set makes him an easy pick to come off the board on Day Two or early on Day Three of the draft.

> **"TO BE CLEAR, DIGGS HAS HIGHLY REFINED SKILLS AND IS CAPABLE OF PLAYING AT THE NEXT LEVEL, BUT HE HASN'T DONE A WHOLE LOT TO SEPARATE HIMSELF FROM THE FIELD TO THIS POINT"**

Skill	Rating	
Route Running	8.8	
Hands	8.8	
Physicality	8.5	
Body Control	8.7	
Quickness	8.8	
Speed	8.8	
After Catch Abilities	8.8	
Average	8.7	

Stefon Diggs

@stefon_diggs

Maryland   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**195**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.46**	Vertical:	**35"**	Broad:	**115"**
3 Cone:	**7.03**	Shuttle:	**4.32**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	2-3

Stefon Diggs could find himself on the outside of the hype train looing in come the NFL Draft. To be clear, Diggs has highly refined skills and is capable of playing at the next level, but he hasn't done a whole lot to separate himself from the field to this point. He has good hands and likely won't drop a pass if it hits him in the hands. Diggs does, however, let the ball get into his body a bit more than he really should. This hasn't really affected his receiving percentage but in the NFL you'd like to see him reach out for the ball more to reduce the chance of drops or of a pass being defended. Diggs is very quick and has great speed, both of which make him dangerous to opposing defenses who must always account for him or risk a big play.

Diggs' quickness and speed would be even more of an asset if he worked on his route running. Currently he tends to round of routes which allows defenders to react quicker , thus reducing his effectiveness. Additionally, he needs to work on his blocking as he seems either uninterested in establishing his blocks or overwhelmed when attempting to block. Diggs suffered a few injuries in his college career including a very scary lacerated kidney. While I didn't tag him with a character concern label it is worth noting he was suspended one game in his career. This was due to an on the field brawl, something I'll chalk up to letting his emotions get the better of him while in the heat of a game.

Route Running	8.2
Hands	8.8
Physicality	8.5
Body Control	8.7
Quickness	8.8
Speed	8.8
After Catch Abilities	8.8
Average	8.7

Chris Conley — WR12

@_Flight_31

Georgia   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**213**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.35**	Vertical:	**45"**	Broad:	**139"**
3 Cone:	**7.06**	Shuttle:	**4.30**	Bench:	**18**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	2-3

Combine Leader

After flying high from an incredible NFL Combine performance, Chris Conley has seen his draft stock soar as of late. As he exhibited in his 40 yard dash performance, Conley has top-notch speed. He is definitely what one would call a "burner". Not only that though, he has excellent body control and can you go up, make a catch, and still find a way to get himself in bounds by contorting his body all different ways. Conley has exhibited very strong hands and does an excellent job of securing the catch.

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Like any player who has a Combine performance that outshines his college career, Conley will have persuade NFL teams in interviews and personal workouts that he is the real deal and not Stephen Hill 2.0. This may be tough as he was not used by his team as much as many of the top wide receivers in this class. What Conley's game tape does show however is that he had trouble with press coverage when defensive backs applied pressure to him. Some team will inevitably fall in love with his Combine performance and will likely take him in the middle rounds of the draft.

Route Running	8.4
Hands	8.8
Physicality	8.5
Body Control	8.8
Quickness	8.8
Speed	8.8
After Catch Abilities	8.7
Average	8.7

Tyler Lockett — WR13

@TDLockett12

Kansas State   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-10"**	Weight:	**182**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.40**	Vertical:	**35.5"**	Broad:	**121"**
3 Cone:	**6.89**	Shuttle:	**4.07**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4
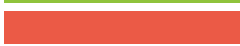
Fantasy Bargain

Tyler Lockett may be one of those prospects who takes all the talk about player size and throws it out the window. Those players tend to be rare, many times when a player is undersized he just doesn't perform as well as those players deemed "normal" sized. A few players have been able to pull this off though, namely one that Lockett reminds me a touch of, Antonio Brown. Now, I'm not anointing him the next Antonio Brown by any stretch of the imagination, please understand that. However, what makes Lockett an intriguing prospect is very much in line with what makes Antonio Brown a great player. First, Lockett has top notch speed, he is quite literally flying all around the field. Second, he has great body control and can twist and turn his body a ton of ways in order to complete a catch. Third, he has a huge catch radius, he has shown terrific abilities to go up and snag a ball out of the air just the same as he's been able basically put the back of his hands on the turf to make the reception. Finally, he's a great special teams

asset as he has been an above average kick returner for Kansas State throughout his college career.

Now yes, Lockett is undersized, that much you notice right away. It's not his height so much as his weight. Lockett currently weighs right around 182 pounds. However, Brown too came into the NFL at roughly the same weight. An NFL coaching staff will be able to help fill out his frame some more. One thing he does need to work on though is the fact that he will occationally let the ball get into his body. He needs to work more on catching the ball with his hands out away from his core. I have faith that Lockett will be able to correct these small imperfections and will turn into a very nice NFL player.

Route Running	**8.6**	
Hands	**8.8**	
Physicality	**8.4**	
Body Control	**8.8**	
Quickness	**8.9**	
Speed	**8.9**	
After Catch Abilities	**8.8**	
Average	**8.7**	

Titus Davis   WR14

@T_Davis84

Central Michigan   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**196**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.51**	Vertical:	**32.5"**	Broad:	**119"**
3 Cone:	**7.14**	Shuttle:	**4.28**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

College Injury	Fantasy Bargain	Small School

It's highly likely that the name Titus Davis isn't a name you've heard very often, if at all, in the draft process to this point and it's understandable considering he played out his college career at Central Michigan. Nonetheless, to underestimate Davis would be a mistake for any evaluator or NFL team. My reason for saying this is Davis is the pure definition of a deep threat. He absolutely punishes defenses that allow him to get open downfield having posted eleven multiple touchdown games over his college career. Of note, Davis never caught less than 40 recpetions, 750 receiving yards and eight touchdowns in any of his four years, which was the exact stat line he posted his freshman year. Davis

just knows how to get open, whether it be against man or zone defenses he is incredibly tough for opposing defenses to cover. When he is targeted he very rarely will drop a ball that he gets a hand on and once he makes the catch he is just as dangerous with the ball in his hands.

There is very little to dislike about Davis as he is one of the most "pro ready" players coming into the draft however a couple of small things stand out. First, the level of competition Davis has faced isn't what one would call elite so NFL teams may question if his production is due to his lower level of competiton or not. Second, he currently only weighs 196 pounds so he must add some weight to withstand the punishment he would have to endure at the next level. Something to note with both of these issues is the fact that Antonio Brown came from Davis' school and weighed less than Davis but has done just fine in the NFL. Finally, Davis suffered an ankle injury that cost him several games in his senior year, NFL teams are going to want to take a look at his ankle to make sure no issues remain. I honestly think a lucky team is going to get a steal when they end up selecting him in the middle rounds of the draft.

Route Running	**8.6**	
Hands	**8.9**	
Physicality	**8.3**	
Body Control	**8.8**	
Quickness	**8.9**	
Speed	**8.9**	
After Catch Abilities	**8.8**	
Average	**8.7**	

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Devin Funchess

WR15

@D_FUNCH

Michigan *Junior*

Height:	**6'-4"**	Weight:	**232**	Age:	**20**
40 Yard:	**4.70**	Vertical:	**38.5"**	Broad:	**122"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**17**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Route Running	8.5	
Hands	8.2	
Physicality	8.8	
Body Control	8.7	
Quickness	8.3	
Speed	8.3	
After Catch Abilities	8.8	
Average	8.5	

If someone can figure out how to effectively use Devin Funchess then they are going to get an incredible weapon on offense. Michigan has tried and they got part of the way there. In the Wolverines offense he was used as a "movable chess piece" in that he would line up in any wide receiver position from a slot receiver all the way out to a Z receiver. In that role Michigan was able to dial up mismatches and exploit the defense many times. Funchess is just just a unique talent in that he has a wide array of skills but none really fit any defined position completely. For instance, his size would make him a match-up nightmare for defenses as an outside receiver. However on the flip side he doesn't really have the speed necessary for such a role. Conversely, while Funchess would make a good "Move" or "Joker" tight end his blocking and build don't really lend themselves well to assuming the role of an inline tight end.

In the end some team will take a chance on Funchess and he will find a role, that much I'm certain of. That

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being said he needs desperately to work on making sure he catches the ball. If I'm his coach in the NFL he's going to be using the jugs machine all through training camp and at least one day per week in the regular season.

Austin Hill

WR16

Arizona *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**214**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.62**	Vertical:	**36.5"**	Broad:	**129"**
3 Cone:	**6.65**	Shuttle:	**4.03**	Bench:	**17**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

College Injury

I honestly feel bad for Austin Hill. He was on top of the world in 2012 and then he suffered an ACL tear in the preseason that cost him a full season. When he returned in 2014 questions remained as to whether he was as good as he used to be. The statistics certainly didn't match up as his production was roughly half what it was in his 2012 season. Many questioned if he was even fully healed and if his injury was the reason he didn't have similar production. Those people may be partially right, he may still need some time to fully heal. However, what I think many of Hill's detractors are missing is the fact that Hill had a true rookie quarterback throwing to him in 2014, a quarterback whose season went into a tailspin at the midpoint of the season and finished with a quarterback rating of 56.8 having never thrown for over 250 yards in the final six weeks of the regular season and whose team ended the regular season with only 113 yards passing in their finale. Those who attempt lay Hill's poor performance solely at his feet alone are just not seeing the whole picture clearly.

Yes, he is going to need to have a good Combine in order to silence some doubters. However, even if he doesn't blow the doors off the Combine his game tape speaks volumes. First, coming in at 6'2" and around 215 pounds, Hill has a great build for the position. He is able to go up and get passes over defenders while providing a nice size target for

his quarterback. Second, his route running is solid. Hill doesn't round off routes like many college players do, instead he runs them crisp and precise. Finally, he's a physical player who will fight through press coverage and won't be intimidated.

An NFL team will take a risk on Hill and in the end I think he'll turn out to be aa bargain for that lucky team.

Route Running	8.7	
Hands	8.5	
Physicality	8.7	
Body Control	8.5	
Quickness	8.4	
Speed	8.4	
After Catch Abilities	8.6	
Average	8.5	

Justin Hardy   WR17

@FreakMagic2

East Carolina   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-10"**	Weight:	**192**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.56**	Vertical:	**36.5"**	Broad:	**114"**
3 Cone:	**6.63**	Shuttle:	**4.21**	Bench:	**11**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Small School

Despite not looking like a true NFL wide receiver and lacking certain desireable attributes, I truly believe Justin Hardy is going to will himself towards a successful NFL career come hell or high water. Hardy just seems to have the kind of heart where anything other than success just isn't an option. He has a nice set of base skills with which to work with though. For instance, Hardy has a great pass catching skills, his hands really have been the biggest factor towards getting him as far as he has. He holds the FBS record for receptions with 376 in his career, as well as becoming only the 16th player in FBS history to accumulate over 4,000 receiving yards in his career. To say he's pretty good at catching the ball may be a bit of an understatement. Beyond his great hands, Hardy was able to reach these lofty heights due to his excellent route running. He runs very precise routes and makes great cuts into his breaks. Additonally, he does a great job coming back to the ball to help cut down

on the chances that a defender caninterfere with the pass and always catches the ball away from his body with his arms outstretched. Finally, Hardy has proven himself to be an above average kick returner which could earn him some early playing time in the NFL.

While Hardy has a great story to his name, he lacks a lot of skills that would make his chances in the NFL much greater. First, Hardy just isn't that fast, he might even actually be considered a bit on the slow side when it comes to wide receivers. He just doesn't have breakaway speed and can be tracked down by most defensive backs. Second, with the ball in his hands Hardy lacks much in the way of elusiveness. Granted, he is tougher to bring down than most receivers, but in terms of move that will make anyone miss, he just doesn't have those. Finally, if a defender decides to challenege him with press coverage Hardy becomes much less effective, almost non-effective given the press coverage skills of the defender. Basically, Hardy requires a bit of a cushion to do any kind of damage, in the absence of that cushion he can be taken out of a game.

Route Running	8.9	
Hands	8.8	
Physicality	8.4	
Body Control	8.6	
Quickness	8.2	
Speed	8.2	
After Catch Abilities	8.7	
Average	8.5	

DaVaris Daniels

@SincerelyToot

WR18

Notre Dame *Junior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**201**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.62**	Vertical:	**37"**	Broad:	**122"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**13**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6
Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Character Concerns

DaVaris Daniels was a late addition to my wide receiver rankings. It had nothing to do with his on the field play, which is above average. The fact that he was overlooked had everything to do with character issues that he continued to demonstrate while at Notre Dame. Unfortunately for Daniels, I am probably not the only one that has overlooked him throughout this years draft process. The reason for Daniels being overlooked by many is due to the fact that he was suspended for all of the 2014 football season due to academic dishonesty. What's worse is this was the second such incident and is why he was suspended for a full season as opposed to a few games. NFL teams will look at this as a major character flaw and will grade him accordingly.

On the field however, Daniels has some skills that would make him an attractive candidate to be drafted in the middle to late rounds of the draft. Daniels has strong hands and is able to pull in passes that would fly through the hands of many receivers. He has routinely shown that he has nice body control and when coupled with the strong hands he has demonstrated the ability to make some truly incredible catches. He does a good job of finding ways to get open despite the fact that he will regularly round his routes off. Daniels isn't all that physical of the receiver and has been pushed around at times by defenders who seem to sense that.

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For Daniels the major hurdle he is going to have to get over is convincing teams that his suspension isn't the true reflection of who he is. Anyone who has gone through college can confirm that we all do stupid things at that point in our lives. If he is able to convince an NFL team that his academic dishonesty was just a kid being a kid then he has a good shot of finding a home late in the draft or as a UDFA.

Route Running	8.4	
Hands	8.8	
Physicality	8.3	
Body Control	8.7	
Quickness	8.6	
Speed	8.5	
After Catch Abilities	8.5	
Average	8.5 (8.7)	

DeAndre Smelter

WR19

Georgia Tech *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**226**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6
Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

College Injury **Fantasy Bargain**

Last season, after switching over to football from baseball, DeAndre Smelter was seeing his notoriety increase week after week. Nearly every week he would go out and dominate his competition posting impressive statistics along the way and after each game it seems his draft stock just continue to point upward. Then it all came crashing down.

In Georgia Tech's stunning win over Georgia Smelter tore his ACL and was unable to play in the ACC Championship game or the Orange Bowl. Smelter's name began to be spoken less and less headed into the NFL Draft season. While he may have faded from the memories of the general public, trust me when I say that NFL teams still remember him clearly. Smelter has the kind of skill set that eludes to a player with tremendous potential in the NFL. He has strong hands and can make difficult catches look routine. He fights for the ball when a pass is contested and is extremely physical after making the

catch, routinely gaining extra yards on most plays through sheer will. Smelter does a great job of selling double moves which allow him to get open down field for the deep ball.

In addition to his torn ACL, Smelter's game is a bit raw considering he is still learning the position after making the switch from baseball to football at the tail end of his college career. Many of his weaknesses are due to inexperience such as his proclivity to round off his routes. Smelter will also let the ball get into his body as opposed to catching it away from himself with his hands. These issues can be corrected but the heart and desire with which he plays the game is nearly impossible to teach to a player, they either have it or they don't, and Smelter has an abundance of it. Be sure to add him to your watchlist for the late rounds of any fantasy rookie drafts you may be in.

Route Running	8.1	
Hands	8.5	
Physicality	8.8	
Body Control	8.4	
Quickness	8.6	
Speed	8.6	
After Catch Abilities	8.8	
Average	8.5	

Tony Lippett — WR20

@tony_lippett14

Michigan State   *Senior*

Height:	6'-2"	Weight:	192	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.61	Vertical:	36"	Broad:	114"
3 Cone:	6.92	Shuttle:	4.13	Bench:	10

Projected NFL Round:	5-6
Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Tony Lippett has all the tools needed to be successful in the NFL but he's going to have to do some refining of those tools in order to really stand out. By that I mean his negatives are things he can overcome or deal with, they aren't things that will kill his career. Meanwhile, his positives are things that will make him a really good player if he keeps working on refining those skills. For instance, he runs very crisp, precise routes, something that goes a long way in the NFL. Route running for as much as its overlooked could be one of the most important attributes in a successful receiver.

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In this aspect, Lippett is already ahead of the curve. Additionally, he has very good hands and rarely drops a pass. Again, this is an attribute that is high coveted at the next level.

In terms of Lippett's negatives, he has a few but the good thing is he can correct or account for most of these. First, he needs to put some weight on his frame. He's being listed at 192 pounds. On a 6'-2" frame he looks like a beanpole out there. His body has plenty of room to add more weight, doing so will make him more imposing and formidable. Second, he has a tough time with press coverage. I firmly believe this will be correctable with a bit of coaching in the NFL and the aforementioned additional weight. Lastly, he isn't really a speedster, honestly this doesn't matter a whole lot. Yes, having speed is a great attribute for any receiver to have but plenty of players have gone on to have incredible careers without being all that fast. Look at Jerry Rice or Steve Largent, both players weren't speedsters but wound up in the Hall of Fame because they stepped their games up elsewhere.

Route Running	8.9	
Hands	8.8	
Physicality	8.4	
Body Control	8.6	
Quickness	8.2	
Speed	8.2	
After Catch Abilities	8.7	
Average	8.5	

Darren Waller

Georgia Tech   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-6"**	Weight:	**238**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.46**	Vertical:	**37"**	Broad:	**125"**
3 Cone:	**7.07**	Shuttle:	**4.25**	Bench:	**12**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Character Concerns	Fantasy Bargain

Route Running	8.4	
Hands	8.6	
Physicality	8.6	
Body Control	8.6	
Quickness	8.6	
Speed	8.5	
After Catch Abilities	8.5	
Average	8.5 (8.7)	

Darren Waller is a mammoth of a man coming in at around 6'-6" and 240 pounds he absolutely dwarfs almost every player assigned to defend him. To be clear, when I say defend him I actually mean attempt to defend him. He's just not really able to be defended against using normal players, he's so much taller than them and can physically dominate them if he desires. That caveat is important to notice, "if he desires". Waller has the kind of frame that any NFL team would dream about having as a wide receiver but he doesn't impose his will on defenders as effectively as he could, or should. That being said he has decent speed, running a 4.46 second 40 yard dash. He also catches the ball well, securing it with his hands out and away from his body. Waller is a will blocker and doesn't require much to effectively take a defender out of a player.

Waller was rarely used at Georgia Tech due mainly to their offensive scheme being heavily centered around the rush. Despite that, he was very reliable when targeted and showed improvement year over year. Waller did test positive for marijuana in 2014 and had to serve a two game suspension to open the season. NFL personel are going to want to make sure he will never let that happen again in order for them to take a shot on him. Waller has a few things going against him but in the end his physical gifts, I believe, will shine too brightly for him to be ignored. Some team is going to get a player with a huge amount of upside for quite a bargain.

Antwan Goodley

@Goodley05

Baylor   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-10"**	Weight:	**209**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.44**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

When you watch Antwan Goodley he just doesn't look like a wide receiver. That's not a bad thing per se but it does take you back for initially. Goodley has a thick, bulky build reminiscent more of a running back than that of a wide receiver. As such, he is extremely tough to bring down and fights well for extra yardage. He has above average speed which allows him to get behind defenders for the deep ball. Additionally, Goodley was used as a kick returner at Baylor so his special teams experience could help him find a home or, at the very least, allow him to secure a roster spot on the team that drafts him.

> **"GOODLEY HAS A THICK, BULKY BUILD REMINISCENT MORE OF A RUNNING BACK THAN THAT OF A WIDE RECEIVER."**

The problem with Goodley as a wide receiver is he just simply doesn't fit at the position. Beyond his frame looking out of place, he has inconsistent hands and will drop balls that he should catch. His routes also lack crispness and tend to be rounded off. I think Goodley's skill set would fit best as a third-down back in a role similar to Darren Sproles or Danny Woodhead. He has expressed an openness to pursuing this type of role which is good because I feel ultimately it's in that kind of role that he will excel and thrive in the NFL.

Route Running	8.3
Hands	8.3
Physicality	8.7
Body Control	8.6
Quickness	8.7
Speed	8.7
After Catch Abilities	8.5
Average	8.5

Kasen Williams — WR23

@2KTill_

Washington *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**217**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

College Injury **Character Concerns**

Kasen Williams is one of those prospects where I think his game in the NFL may actually be better than what we've seen thus far in his college career. Willams has a ton of skills to build on at the next level and his negatives are such that he should be able to clean many of those up fairly easily.

> **"KASEN WILLIAMS IS ONE OF THOSE PROSPECTS WHERE I THINK HIS GAME IN THE NFL MAY ACTUALLY BE BETTER THAN WHAT WE'VE SEEN THUS FAR IN HIS COLLEGE CAREER."**

The first thing you notice is he has great hands and can make some tough catches. Many times he was asked to catch balls that most receivers would have just given up on. More often than not he is able to make the catch and gain some yards out of it. It's rumored that Williams' hands could be some of the biggest in this year's draft. He is a willing blocker and has shown that he can blocker defenders effectively if needed. Williams was a high jump state champmion in high school and it shows as he has been able to out-jump defenders consistently to make catches. Once he makes a catch he is just as dangerous, offering up a whole collection of moves to elude defenders.

Now, understand, just because he has the ball in is hand doesn't mean it's going to stay there. Williams has shown numerous times that he has a problem keeping the ball secure. You can often see him bobble the ball after the catches and has been stripped of the ball be defenders a few times as well. He must also work on his route running as it's honestly quite raw. Williams will round off routes or cut them short in order to appear open. Many times though he throws off the timing of the play or is out of position to properly make a play. Williams does have a few issues not related to his play on the field, namely a DUI in 2013. Teams don't like to have to babysit players so he's going to need to prove he's grown up since then. He also suffered a broken foot in 2013 which forced him to miss a full season. The foot appears to have healed but teams are going to want to see for themselves.

Route Running	8.1
Hands	8.5
Physicality	8.5
Body Control	8.6
Quickness	8.6
Speed	8.6
After Catch Abilities	8.9
Average	8.5 (8.7)

Tre McBride — WR24

@Uno_Dos_Tre3

William & Mary *Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**210**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.41**	Vertical:	**38"**	Broad:	**122"**
3 Cone:	**6.96**	Shuttle:	**4.08**	Bench:	**16**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Fantasy Bargain **Small School**

Small school prospects tend to face a pretty large uphill battle on the road to finding a starting role in the NFL, and when I evaluate those prospects I tend to look at them through that prism. In the case of Tre McBride I see a legit day one starter who just happens to be a small school prospect. McBride has astounding body control, he seems to be able to contort his body in any number of ways in order to secure and complete a pass. He has excellent hands,

perhaps some of the best in this draft class. McBride's focus is second to none, he concentrates on the ball like a hawk concentrating on its prey. Finally, his speed is excellent and he will have no problem contending with defensive backs in the NFL.

Of course, with a player of this caliber one must question if he is as good as he is or if he appears to be good due to the level of competition he is faced in college. McBride appears to be the real deal to me, however, while he may look like a man among boys in college, he will just be another man among equally talented men in the NFL. He is a touch on the small side if an NFL team is looking for an outside threat, this shouldn't dissuade them from drafting him however as his skills look to translate very well to any of the wide receiver positions.

> **"IN THE CASE OF TRE MCBRIDE I SEE A LEGIT DAY ONE STARTER WHO JUST HAPPENS TO BE A SMALL SCHOOL PROSPECT."**

Route Running	8.4
Hands	8.7
Physicality	8.4
Body Control	8.8
Quickness	8.5
Speed	8.5
After Catch Abilities	8.4
Average	8.5

Mario Alford **WR25**

@mario_alford

West Virginia   *Senior*

Height:	5'-8"	Weight:	180	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.43	Vertical:	34"	Broad:	121"
3 Cone:	6.64	Shuttle:	4.07	Bench:	13

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

It's really tough not to see Tavon Austin when you watch tape on Mario Alford. The connection is obvious right away, in their college careers both Alford and Austin were undersized prospects both, in terms of height and weight,

who had elite speed and both played for West Virginia. It just doesn't require that much imagination to see a lot of similarities there. However, beyond that their play on the field is very similar as well. Both players were excellent special teams players who were major threats to take any return all the way back for a touchdown. Both Alford and Austin made their mark on the collge game by having blazing speed which they used to blow by defenders. They both also were very tough to corral with the ball in their hands, eluding defenders with quick twitch moves and great open field vision.

Just as Alford and Austin have many positive similarities, they also share one big issue which will plague Alford in this draft. That issue, of course, is the fact that both players are so small that the worry exists they may not be able to compete at the NFL level. This is where the comparisons to Austin could hurt Alford as Austin's game hasn't tranfered as well to the NFL as many had thought it would or expected it to. That alone would drive Alford's stock down a couple of rounds. However, he also has shown some ball security issues with some fumbles. Look for Alford to find a team in the middle rounds and provide some immediate help on special teams with a nice chance he could slide right in to a team's slot receiver position.

Route Running	8.4
Hands	8.2
Physicality	8.0
Body Control	8.3
Quickness	8.9
Speed	8.9
After Catch Abilities	8.4
Average	8.4

Deontay Greenberry

WR26

@TayB_DaTruth

Houston   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**200**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Small School

Route Running	8.2	
Hands	8.3	
Physicality	8.6	
Body Control	8.6	
Quickness	8.6	
Speed	8.6	
After Catch Abilities	8.2	
Average	**8.4**	

You may not have heard of Deontay Greenberry as much as you've heard of the other top receivers in this class and there's a good explanation for that. You see, Greenberry was a five star recruit coming out of high school, he even had a verbal commit to play at Notre Dame. Then, inexplicably, he changed his mind and decided to attend Houston. The move was a huge coup for the Houston program as they had never had a recruit ranked as high as Greenberry attend their program. This turned out to be both a blessing and a curse for Greenberry's draft prospects. As the top player in Houston's program, and arguably his entire conference, Greenberry was able to stand out against competition that simply wasn't as good as him. On the down side everyone knew he stood out for exactly that reason. Greenberry's build is prototypical of the modern receiver, standing around 6'-3" and weighing right around 200 pounds he has the needed height and could add a few more pounds of muscle to his frame to fill it out completely. His height provides him the ability to get higher than almost any defensive back he's matched against in order to high point the ball.

Despite generally dominating his opponents there are a few flaws to be found in Greenberry's game. First, if a defensive back contests a ball more often than not Greenberry will fail to make the catch. Additionally, there are times when he will not make catches that appear to be easy to make. Finally, he doesn't appear to have much in the way of elusiveness, choosing instead to simply outrun defenders.

Dres Anderson

WR27

@DrizzyDrezz_6

Utah   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**187**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**13**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

College Injury

Those of you who know me know that I am a huge St. Louis Rams fan, as well as a big PAC 12 fan by way of my support for USC, so if I'm able to take a look at a player with links to both of those institutions then I'm really excited. So is the case with Dres Anderson, son of former Ram great Flipper Anderson. Anderson has phenomenal speed and can fly right by most defenders when running deep routes. He also has the ability to make tough receptions look easy with his great body control. Anderson is very elusive with the ball in his hands and can make big plays despite having having the entire defense bearing down on him.

> **"AS THE TOP PLAYER IN HOUSTON'S PROGRAM, AND ARGUABLY HIS ENTIRE CONFERENCE, GREENBERRY WAS ABLE TO STAND OUT AGAINST COMPETITION THAT SIMPLY WASN'T AS GOOD AS HIM."**

In order to reach his full potential in the NFL Anderson must add 10 to 20 pounds of weight to his frame as he currently only weighs 190 pounds. This should help him in another area of weakness which is the difficult time he tends to have when passes are contested by a defender. Additionally, Anderson has shown some problems with drops and double catches. His wide receivers coach in the NFL will need to work with him extensively on his catching technique. Finally, he suffered a knee injury at the end of the 2014 season which may impact his speed going forward. Any NFL team or fantasy owners who decide to take a chance on him will need to be acutely aware of this possibility.

and can find opportunities given to him by the defense. He has a very John Brown-like skill set which could make him appealing to teams looking for that kind of player. Additionally, he is a great kick returner so he is an added asset on special teams as well.

As was mentioned earlier, Dorsett's big issue will be his size. There just isn't much beyond being a slot receiver for player of his size. When you throw in the fact that he tore his MCL in 2013 then you have even more questions that NFL teams will be a bit leery on when considering drafting him. Nonetheless, I expect him to be a late round pick for a team looking for value late in the draft.

Route Running	8.2	
Hands	8.3	
Physicality	8.2	
Body Control	8.5	
Quickness	8.6	
Speed	8.6	
After Catch Abilities	8.7	
Average	8.4	

Route Running	8.7	
Hands	8.5	
Physicality	7.9	
Body Control	8.3	
Quickness	8.7	
Speed	8.7	
After Catch Abilities	8.3	
Average	8.4	
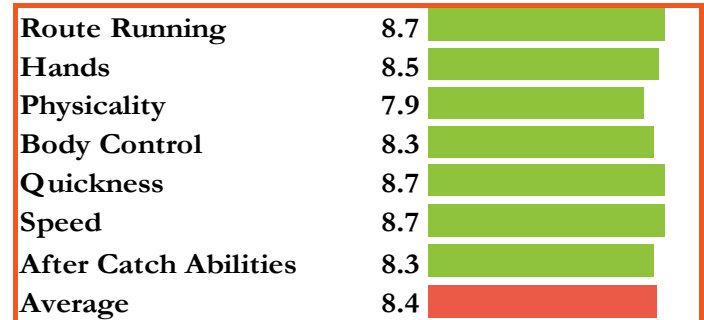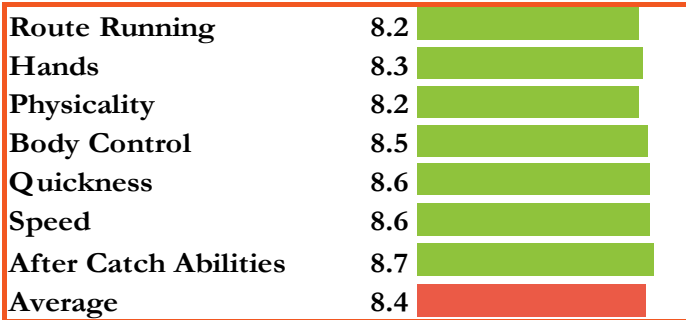
Phillip Dorsett   WR28
@Dorsett_4

Miami   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-10"**	Weight:	**185**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.33**	Vertical:	**37"**	Broad:	**122"**
3 Cone:	**6.70**	Shuttle:	**4.11**	Bench:	**13**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7
Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

College Injury

Philip Dorsett has a very limited window for getting into the NFL, however, if he can manage to grasp that chance he will fit in excellently at his very specific role. Dorsett is only 5'-10" and 185 pounds, which is incredibly tiny by NFL wide receiver standards. That being said, he has absolutely excellent speed and can run right by defenders if needed. He is a solid route runner who never rounds off his routes. With the ball in his hands Dorsett has excellent open field vision

Ezell Ruffin   WR29
@LegendOf_3

San Diego State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**218**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.68**	Vertical:	**27.5"**	Broad:	**110"**
3 Cone:	**7.35**	Shuttle:	**4.58**	Bench:	**17**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

College Injury

Ezell Ruffin certainly is in the running for one of the more unique names in this draft class. All kidding aside, Ruffin possesses the prerequisite skills needed to be a solid, but not elite, wide receiver in the NFL. He has great hands and can make some pretty spectacular catches even if the ball isn't thrown perfectly to him. He is able to make his quarterback look good by adjusting well to passes that are well outside

of a normal wide receiver's comfort zone. Ruffin is a physical receiver who isn't afraid to mix it up with defensive backs looking to push him around. He has clearly shown himself to be one of the more physical wide receivers in this class and is also one of the more able and willing blockers as well. Basically, Ruffin does all the fundamental things you could ask for out of a wide receiver.

Where Ruffin fails to separate himself is in those more desirable attributes that elite prospects tend to have. For instance, he needs to work on his routes as he tends to round them off as opposed to making crisp cuts and breaks. Ruffin also lacks elite speed, at times appearing downright slow. Finally, he broke his collarbone during his college career. That's not a huge deal, as Ryan Matthews broke two of them in one season, but nonetheless something teams will want their doctors to look over before using a pick on him.

Route Running	8.2
Hands	8.7
Physicality	8.7
Body Control	8.5
Quickness	8.3
Speed	8.3
After Catch Abilities	8.4
Average	8.4

Rashad Greene   WR30

@RG80_

Florida State   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-11"**	Weight:	**182**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.53**	Vertical:	**36.5"**	Broad:	**122"**
3 Cone:	**6.88**	Shuttle:	**4.12**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Rashad Greene feels like a bit of a throwback to a time when wide receivers were built differently than they are nowadays. Greene has a very Steve Largent/James Lofton–type of build to him. By today's standards, where every wide receiver must be able to pack as many pounds as possible onto their frame, Greene would be considered underweight.

Even how he catches the ball, letting it get into his body to fully absorb the impact of the pass, is from a bygone era. If you were able to pluck Greene from today's game and insert him into the NFL circa late 1980s to early 1990s then he would fit in perfectly. Alas, that's not an option, and Greene must try to find a role in today's game.

Greene does have some attributes that should allow him to do well in the NFL though. For instance, he has great speed and can out run many defensive backs assigned to defend him. His straight-line speed makes him a dangerous deep threat who has the ability to score on any play. In addition to his speed he is and above average route runner. His crisp routes, coupled with the cushion many defenders give him, allow him to be a consistent target for his quarterback. Greene will likely end up as a UDFA who will get picked up by a team with an outside chance of making the roster come the regular season.

> **"IF YOU WERE ABLE TO PLUCK GREENE FROM TODAY'S GAME AND INSERT HIM INTO THE NFL CIRCA LATE 1980S TO EARLY 1990S THEN HE WOULD FIT IN PERFECTLY."**

Route Running	8.3
Hands	8.4
Physicality	8.6
Body Control	8.5
Quickness	8.3
Speed	8.3
After Catch Abilities	8.5
Average	8.4

Kenny Bell   WR31

@AFRO_THUNDER80

Nebraska   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**197**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.42**	Vertical:	**41.5"**	Broad:	**129"**
3 Cone:	**6.66**	Shuttle:	**4.15**	Bench:	**7**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA
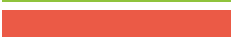
Combine Leader

Kenny Bell looks to be one of those players that a team will grab near the end of the draft in order to develop him in the hope that they will take his game to the next level. Bell has

a lot of skills that teams look for in a starting wide receiver, he just hasn't figured out a way to put all those tools together at the same time. He is a great route runner runs crisp routes and doesn't appear to need too much help in that area. Bell has also demonstrated excellent straight line speed which has allowed him to get behind defenses for big plays consistently throughout his college career. That speed has never been more on display than when Bell has been used as a kick returner, a skill that could earn him early playing time for an NFL squad. Finally, Bell has shown himself to be one of the most willing blockers in this wide receiver class. While that's not something that will immediately separate him as a top prospect, it is something that NFL teams can, and will, take note of during the draft process.

If Bell is to find himself on an NFL field for any regular basis, these are a few issues that an NFL team will need to clean up. First, he deals with a lot of dropped passes, it doesn't appear to be an issue with him catching the ball as he is shown to have no problem doing that, instead it seems to be an issue of focus. Bell will sneak peaks at defenders coming at him while he attempts to catch the ball. This appears to spook him a bit and he loses the concentration he needs to make the catch. Second, Bell must get more physical with defenders. Often times defenders can impose their will upon him with consistent press coverage. By applying consistent pressure defenders appear to be able to take him completely out of the game. Finally, he must add some weight to his frame. He's extremely thin which allows defenders to do what I've just mentioned, push him around. Bell could stand to add a good ten pounds to his frame, this would make him more imposing and would make it more difficult for defenders to push him around.

> **"BELL HAS ALSO DEMONSTRATED EXCELLENT STRAIGHT LINE SPEED WHICH HAS ALLOWED HIM TO GET BEHIND DEFENSES FOR BIG PLAYS CONSISTENTLY THROUGHOUT HIS COLLEGE CAREER."**

Route Running	8.6
Hands	8.3
Physicality	8.2
Body Control	8.4
Quickness	8.6
Speed	8.6
After Catch Abilities	8.4
Average	8.4

> **"PRATER'S SIZE IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AS HE STANDS A MASSIVE 6'-5" AND WEIGHS 225 POUNDS."**

Vince Mayle   WR32
@Vince_Mayle

Washington State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**224**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.67**	Vertical:	**35.5"**	Broad:	**117"**
3 Cone:	**6.93**	Shuttle:	**4.13**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

In terms of skill set, Vince Mayle is certainly above average, however in terms of the excitement he's been able to build around himself, that's much lower than average. His loss has the potential to be a gain for an NFL team or fantasy owners who take a chance on him. The first thing that stands out is how he catches the ball. Mayle does a good job of getting his arms extended and catching the ball away from his body. After making the catch, Mayle is very hard to take down. He is constantly fighting for extra yardage and refuses to be tackled by simply one defender. When catching the ball, he has very strong hands and is able to pluck the ball out of the air, even when fully extended.

The important qualifying word to notice from the last sentence in the previous paragraph is the word "when". You see, Mayle has a very clear issue with drops. Many of these appear to be him simply not focusing on completing the catch and instead trying to make too much happen immediately to gain yardage. Mayle must also work on his routes as he tends to round them off frequently. He has also shown that man coverage is much tougher for him than getting open in zone coverage. His production significantly

decreases if a defender stays on him tightly. Mayle must get more physical in these type of situations as he tends to get pushed around a bit too much for my taste.

Route Running	8.2	
Hands	8.5	
Physicality	8.6	
Body Control	8.5	
Quickness	8.4	
Speed	8.4	
After Catch Abilities	8.5	
Average	8.4	

Kyle Prater   WR33

@K2P21

Northwestern   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-5"**	Weight:	**225**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

College Injury

Kyle Prater's story thus far could best be defined as having all the physical attributes in the world but never putting it all together coupled with really never getting the opportunity to show it all off. For a bit of background, Prater was a highly regarded high school prospect ranked as a five star recruit. Upon graduating he committed to USC and looked to be in line to assume a major role in a prominent program. During his redshirt freshman year he was seldom used ended up transfering to Northwestern to be closer to his family. Once at Northwestern Prater's usage didn't increase all that much, posting less than 60 receiving yards in each of his sophomore and juniors season. Finally, in his senior season Parter's numbers increased substainily. Northwestern was able to full integrate him into their offense and used him in a variety of ways, from slot receiver to red zone target and all stops between. Prater's size is of particular interest as he stands a massive 6'-5" and weighs 225 pounds. He has the size needed to be a team's outside threat where a quarterback can simply throw it up and have considence that his receiver will come down with it.

Prater has a lot of convincing to do if he is to slide into the bottom rounds of the NFL Draft. First, he has to persuade teams that his lack of production was due circumstances beyond his control, namely how he was misused at two different programs. Second, his must check out physically and be able to convince teams that his assorted small injuries are a thing of the past and won't impact his ability to play going forward. In the end I doubt he'll be able to adequately convince teams to use a draft pick on him but he'll show up on some team's roster as an UDFA.

Route Running	8.3	
Hands	8.2	
Physicality	8.3	
Body Control	8.3	
Quickness	8.4	
Speed	8.4	
After Catch Abilities	8.4	
Average	8.3	

DeAndrew White   WR34

@Deuce_Dwhite

Alabama   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-11"**	Weight:	**193**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.44**	Vertical:	**34.5"**	Broad:	**118"**
3 Cone:	**6.97**	Shuttle:	**4.18**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

College Injury

DeAndrew White obviously has one huge hurdle in the way of him getting much recognition in the NFL draft. That hurdle is his own teammate at Alabama, Amari Cooper. It's tough to shine very much with a player like Cooper on your team, however, White has found a way to carve a nice niche for himself. As opposed to trying to be a dominant player, like Cooper, White is focused on being a consistent player. He is a solid route runner who never rounds off his routes.

White hasn't shown any fear going over the middle, despite that being where the most punishing hits tend to come from. He has beeen shown to be dangerous with the ball in his hands, possessing the ability to make severals defenders at a time miss with his moves.

One of the big reasons we haven't heard White's name nearly as much is Cooper's is due to the fact that he tore ACL in 2012. That alone cost him a lot of potential time in the public's eye, not to mention lots more tape for NFL teams and draft enthusiasts to look at. On the field White has trouble with press coverage and can be taken out of the game if it is consistently applied.

> **"IF A TEAM CAN MANAGE TO COACH HIM UP A BIT, DAVIS COULD BE A HIDDEN GEM IN THE LATE ROUNDS OF THE DRAFT OR AS A UDFA."**

Route Running	8.6	
Hands	8.6	
Physicality	8.0	
Body Control	8.2	
Quickness	8.2	
Speed	8.2	
After Catch Abilities	8.6	
Average	8.3	
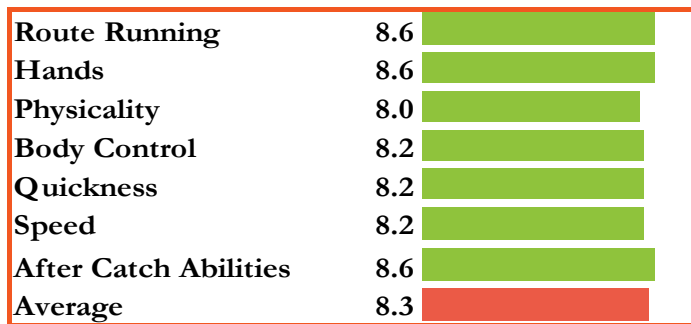
Davante Davis — WR35

UNLV — *Senior*

Height:	6'-3"	Weight:	220	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.57	Vertical:	35.5"	Broad:	115"
3 Cone:	7.25	Shuttle:	4.12	Bench:	16

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

After watching DeVonte Davis' tape I found myself in the weird position of coming away with more questions than answers. Sure, there are things to like about Davis, however, I feel that his negatives weigh much heavier then his positives do. First, he is very slow, not just slow by NFL standards, but he is slow even by college standards. Many times it appeared as if he was only going half speed despite clearly exerting himself in a manner that showed he was actually running as fast as he could. Second, his route running leaves much to be desired. Often times he will round off routes that require precision cuts. Finally, he will let the ball get into his body way too often as opposed to catching it with his hands away from his body.

Some of these issues are fixable and Davis has some great attributes that you simply can't teach, so all is not lost. For instance, he has a great build and is very strong. He looks like he was born to play his position. Additionally, he has great body control and can make catches that many other wide receivers would be unable to make. The blend of those two attributes is already extremely hard to find in a prospect, but on top of those he is also very tough to bring down when a defender attempts to tackle him. If a team can manage to coach him up a bit, Davis could be a hidden gem in the late rounds of the draft or as a UDFA.

Route Running	7.9	
Hands	8.6	
Physicality	8.0	
Body Control	8.8	
Quickness	7.8	
Speed	7.8	
After Catch Abilities	8.8	
Average	8.2	
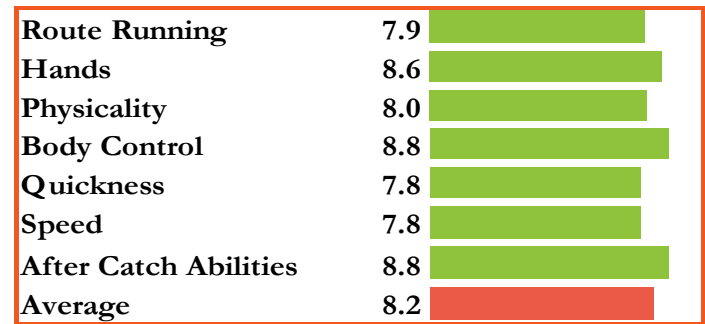
John Harris — WR36

Texas — *Senior*

Height:	6'-2"	Weight:	218	Age:	22
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

John Harris is one of the tougher player evaluations I've had to do this season. The reason for this is there just isn't a whole lot but he does all that well and there just doesn't seem to be much of a role for him in the NFL. First, he does find good spots in zone coverage which enables him to be a good target for his quarterback. Harris is also tough to bring down after the catch as he constantly fights for more yardage, even if it's a few feet.

I feel a bit bad because I have a lot more negative to say about Harris than what I do on the positive angle. Harris is pretty slow, he just doesn't really have much in the way of

speed and finds it difficult to break away from coverage. Additionally, he's just not very good against physical defensive backs. When matched against such a player he is taken completely out of the game and has no real counter for their physicality. If the ball does get thrown to him, he tends to let it get into his body as opposed to catching it with his hands away from his body. This results in unnecessary drops that could easily have been receptions if he were to just change how he catches the ball. Harris just isn't the kind of player I see NFL teams taking a chance on even as a UDFA, much less in the draft.

Route Running	**7.9**
Hands	**8.2**
Physicality	**8.0**
Body Control	**8.3**
Quickness	**7.8**
Speed	**7.8**
After Catch Abilities	**8.7**
Average	**8.1**

"HARRIS IS PRETTY SLOW, HE JUST DOESN'T REALLY HAVE MUCH IN THE WAY OF SPEED AND FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO BREAK AWAY FROM COVERAGE."

THE ORANGE REPORT

TIGHT ENDS
The NFL's Latest "It" Position

Position Grade: 8.4

Maxx Williams   `TE1`
@williams_maxx

Minnesota   *Sophomore*

Height:	**6'-4"**	Weight:	**249**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.78**	Vertical:	**34.5"**	Broad:	**117"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**4.37**	Bench:	**17**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	2-3

`Top 10`

Maxx Williams is really going to benefit by the timing of his decision to turn professional. I say this because the tight end position is the most shallow I've seen it in recent memory. There aren't many prospects that declared this season at the position and even fewer who have any kind of real chance to make an impact at the next level. Williams stands alone at the top of the position despite the fact he won't be a game changer in the NFL. That's not to say he isn't talented, because he is. Williams has nice hands and has made several catches that tight ends just generally don't tend to make. He has great concentration and catches the ball well away from his body. Williams does a great job of putting his body between the defender and the ball, essentially boxing out the defender and making the pass easier to catch. He is also a very effective blocker and should be able to step in as a three down player, capable of being an asset in the pass game but also the rush game also.

> **"WILLIAMS STANDS ALONE AT THE TOP OF THE POSITION DESPITE THE FACT HE WON'T BE A GAME CHANGER IN THE NFL."**

Perhaps we've been spoiled in recent years but Williams is lacking one major attribute that we've become accustomed to in recent years, speed. He simply isn't that fast when you compare him against the top prospects in recent seasons. Now, or course, tight ends aren't asked to be speedsters but, as I said, even when comparing him against other top tight end prospects in recent years he just doesn't seem to have that next level speed. Williams will be a solid and complete player in the NFL but I don't expect him to really be anything we haven't seen before.

Route Running	8.6	
Hands	**8.8**	
Physicality	**8.7**	
Blocking	**8.8**	
Quickness	**8.4**	
Speed	**8.4**	
After Catch Abilities	**8.7**	
Average	**8.6**	

Jeff Heuerman   `TE2`
@JHeuerman86

Ohio State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-5"**	Weight:	**254**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**26**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	2-3

`Top 10`   `College Injury`

Jeff Heuerman looks to be the real deal and appears to be able to make an impact in the NFL from Day One. Heuerman has just excellent hands, he makes his receptions look effortless. One things I really like about his receiving skills is he catches the ball with his hands and away from his

body, something a lot of college tight ends don't do because they feel they can absorb the impact of any passes thrown their way with their body. He also has very nice speed for a player his size, in fact, he is probably one of the fast tight ends I've seen in this class. Heuerman also has excellent agility for a player his size. He actually is comfortable enough in his body to be able to make defenders miss a tackle every once in a while. That's just not a skill you regularly see from tight ends either coming up from college or those currently in the NFL.

Heuerman does have a glaring hole in his game that he will need to improve to really take his game to the next level in the NFL. Namely, he needs to work on his blocking skills, many times he will simply miss on blocks as the defender goes right by him. Now, to his credit, when he does properly engage he tends to take his defender completely out of the play, but on those misses, which are too frequent in my opinion, the defender is able to negatively impact the play more often than now. Another point of note, Heuerman dealt with some foot injuries throughout 2014 which cost him several games. NFL teams are going to want to check out his foot and make sure that it isn't an issue going forward.

Route Running	**8.2**	
Hands	**8.5**	
Physicality	**8.4**	
Blocking	**8.5**	
Quickness	**8.5**	
Speed	**8.5**	
After Catch Abilities	**8.5**	
Average	**8.4**	

Jesse James is going to really make some waves in the NFL. He has the perfect size to take a game into his hands and dominate it. If we are going on looks and size alone then James could be right up there with Gronkowski and Graham. Standing at 6'-7" there just isn't a defender in the NFL who could stop him if a quarterback puts the ball high for him. James also has excellent blocking technique and when it's coupled with his size he creates a huge headache for defenders trying to penetrate.

> **"IF WE ARE GOING ON LOOKS AND SIZE ALONE THEN JAMES COULD BE RIGHT UP THERE WITH GRONKOWSKI AND GRAHAM."**

James isn't yet a complete prospect though, holes in his game certainly exist. Take for instance how he catches the ball. For some reason James feels it necessary to allow the ball to come into his body in order to catch it as opposed to securing it with his hands and then bringing to his body. This type receiving technique will result in drops and missed opportunities. Additionally, James just doesn't appear to have the speed that either Gronkowski or Graham have. He appears to lumber down the field never really reaching a speed most would consider fast. Despite these flaws teams are going to be enamored with his raw talent and physical gifts. Look for him to be one of the first tight ends off the board.

Route Running	**8.2**	
Hands	**8.5**	
Physicality	**8.4**	
Blocking	**8.7**	
Quickness	**8.4**	
Speed	**8.4**	
After Catch Abilities	**8.5**	
Average	**8.4**	

Jean Sifrin

TE4

@JJames18_

UMass   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-5"**	Weight:	**245**	Age:	**27**
40 Yard:	**4.84**	Vertical:	**33"**	Broad:	**114"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**4.60**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Top 10	Fantasy Bargain

Route Running	8.3	
Hands	8.7	
Physicality	8.2	
Blocking	8.4	
Quickness	8.4	
Speed	8.4	
After Catch Abilities	8.5	
Average	8.4	

There are bound to be wide ranging opinions on Jean Sirfin in the lead up to the NFL draft. Some will point to his massive 6'-5" frame as an immediate reason to take a chance on him in the middle to late rounds of the draft. Others however will point to the fact that by the time he steps onto the field in his rookie season he will be 28 years old, ancient for a rookie! The counter to that would come in the form of an argument which lists all the reasons why a tight end with a basketball background, which Sirfin has, presents a match up nightmare for opposing defenses. The other side of that argument would counter that despite Sirfin's basketball background, he has shown little in the way of being able to dominate defenders, as one would expect from a player his size. The third volley in this argument would open with the statement that he has very strong hands and has been able to make some very tough catches when asked. The final retort in this debate would close with the fact that he has also dropped a lot of very catchable balls throughout his college career.

In the end neither side in this argument is likely to be 100% correct. Aspects of his game will rear their pleasant or ugly heads at different times. However what is undebatable is the fact that Sirfin as an incredible amount of upside which teams tend to seek out late in the draft. Some team is bound to take a risk on him due simply to the amount potential he has. This is probably as close to a true crapshoot that you can get at the tight end position this draft class.

Clive Walford

TE5

@OGSlick_46

Miami   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-4"**	Weight:	**251**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.79**	Vertical:	**35"**	Broad:	**120"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**4.57**	Bench:	**20**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Top 10

Clive Walford isn't really being talked about much coming into the NFL Combine. More than anything I think this lack of discussion is more of an indictment of the tight end position this draft season than Walford himself. By that I mean the quality and number of prospects this season is much shallower than at any time in recent memory, as such the position is being generally discounted in this class and even those with decent skill sets are just being overlooked. Walford is an above average talent who is going to make a nice depth pickup for a team who decides to draft him. He is one of the better blockers in this class with the ability to establish holes for the running game and to provide pass protection on pass plays. When targeted with a pass Walford catches the ball away from his body which is a trait many tight end prospects lack. With the ball in his hands Walford is tough to bring down as he never stops fighting for extra yardage.

> **"WITH THE BALL IN HIS HANDS WALFORD IS TOUGH TO BRING DOWN AS HE NEVER STOPS FIGHTING FOR EXTRA YARDAGE."**

Walford has a history of mental lapses where he will drop perfectly placed passes. This is likely just a player trying to make a play without first catching the ball. It's something he's going to have to work on but it is correctable with

proper coaching. He must also get a bit more aggressive when trying to catch a contested pass. Walford tends to be content with letting the ball come to him as opposed to move to, and fighting for, the ball in these instances.

Route Running	8.4	
Hands	8.3	
Physicality	8.1	
Blocking	8.8	
Quickness	8.4	
Speed	8.4	
After Catch Abilities	8.7	
Average	8.4	

MyCole Pruitt   TE6
@OGSlick_46

Miami   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**251**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.58**	Vertical:	**38"**	Broad:	**118"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**4.37**	Bench:	**17**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10	Small School	Combine Leader

MyCole Pruitt wins the award for one of the most unique names in the draft, that much is clear. Beyond that however he could make for quite an interesting pick for a team looking for a Move or Joker tight end. Pruitt is very quick for a tight end and can get upfield very quickly leaving just about any linebacker assigned to defend him in the dust. He also has very good hands and catches the ball very well away from his body. He has the definite makings of a unique weapon or movable chess piece, essentially a hybrid player that can play multiple positions. Chief among those, of course, is tight end but I would have no problem seeing him lineup as a large slot wide receiver type of player for short yardage situations.

I say this because Pruitt is only 6'-2", a veritable munchkin among tight ends. As such he doesn't really fit as an inline tight end. Add to that he tends to get overwhelmed when asked to block, this could have a lot to do with simply being overpowered due to his size. Pruitt, having played for a small school, may drop a little bit in the draft due to

questions about the competition he faced. I fully expect him to be drafted, just in the later rounds.

Route Running	8.5	
Hands	8.7	
Physicality	8.0	
Blocking	8.0	
Quickness	8.7	
Speed	8.7	
After Catch Abilities	8.5	
Average	8.4	

> **"I SAY THIS BECAUSE PRUITT IS ONLY 6'-2", A VERITABLE MUNCHKIN AMONG TIGHT ENDS."**

Tyler Kroft   TE7
@Kroft86

Rutgers   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-5"**	Weight:	**246**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**17**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10

Tyler Kroft looks like a tight end right out of central casting, sporting a 6'-5" frame he's a huge target for any quarterback looking to check down in a pinch. Kroft does a great job of catching just about anything thrown his way while catch the ball with his hands as opposed to letting it get into his body. He wasn't a large part of Rutgers' offensive attack but he did provide options in the middle of the field to keep the defense honest. Depending on the opponent Kroft was used either as an inline tight end or a Joker/Move style tight end. He displayed a solid grasp of either position but appeared more comfortable inline.

Kroft's significant size wasn't used as effectively as one would hope when it came to being asked to block. He was an adequate blocker but his technique allowed him to get beat by defensive ends with even an above average set of pass rush moves. When it comes to rush blocking Kroft doesn't leverage correctly, instead he stands almost straight up before attempting to make a block which opens him up to getting pushed back into the play or prevents him from creating a lane for the running back. Finally, Kroft's speed isn't all that good and is far from the speed of top tight ends already in the NFL. Despite these issues he could find a decent landing spot due to the overall weakness of this tight end class.

great about from an offensive production standpoint. He was seldom used in the passing game while at Notre Dame, however when he did run routes he ran them well. From a standpoint which looks at what he can contribute to a team, I will say Koyack is a very good blocker. He does a good job staying with his block until the whistle blows, the defender is neutralized or the play is well beyond their reach.

Now on to what I didn't like about Koyack's game. First, he always seemed to be slow off the snap and I'm not taking a split second, I'm talking about almost a full second or additional count. I found that delay odd as everyone around him seems to be able to process the snap of the ball much quicker than he can so it's not an issue with being able to hear on the field. This didn't just happen a few times either, it seemed to happen almost every snap. Second, as I mentioned earlier, he just wasn't targeted much in the passing game so you don't have a whole lot of really study. Finally, he lacks the kind of speed he'll need to be successful in the NFL. As a tight end he doesn't need to be a speedster but he will need significantly more speed than he currently has.

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Route Running	8.3
Hands	8.6
Physicality	8.3
Blocking	8.2
Quickness	7.9
Speed	7.9
After Catch Abilities	8.6
Average	8.3

Ben Koyack

TE8

@Kroft86

Notre Dame   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-5"**	Weight:	**255**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10

Route Running	8.6
Hands	8.4
Physicality	8.1
Blocking	8.7
Quickness	8.2
Speed	8.2
After Catch Abilities	8.1
Average	8.3

I tend to want to say a few positive things about a player just so I don't appear to be shredding them when I point out some of their flaws but Ben Koyack is really going to put that approach to the test. What I'm trying to say is there just isn't a whole lot to Koyack's game that I really feel all that

Blake Bell

TE9

@B_Bell10

Oklahoma   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-6"**	Weight:	**252**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.80**	Vertical:	**33"**	Broad:	**116"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**4.32**	Bench:	**14**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10

Route Running	8.1
Hands	8.6
Physicality	8.0
Blocking	8.2
Quickness	8.6
Speed	8.6
After Catch Abilities	8.3
Average	8.3

I'd be lying if I didn't say that the chances to Blake Bell to make an immediate impact in the NFL, if ever, are pretty slim. He has all of the raw physical tools needed to be a great tight end but he lacks one huge thing that all of his competition have, experience. Bell only has one full season as a tight end under his belt, prior to last season Bell was a quarterback for Oklahoma for the rest of his career but he was never able to earn himself a starting job. Coming into his senior season he asked the coaching staff if he could try his hand at tight end in order to see if he could contribute to the team that way. To Bell's credit he has picked up the position very quickly in such a short time. He has above average speed for a tight end and is hard for defenders to track down with the ball in his hands. Despite being used sparingly in 2014, he has shown that he has really good hands and barely dropped any passes thrown his way. On the blocking aspect of his position he has shown a willingness to learn, having gotten better as the season wore on and tenacity when asked to block, sticking with his defender until the whistle blows.

That being said he still seems lost at times on the field, appearing not to know who to block at times. Bell's route running still needs some work as well but should improve with time and now work. Ultimately, only more work will improve Bell's game. I think a team will take a risk on him late as a developmental prospect with the hope that their coaching staff can get him over the hump and on the field.

Wes Saxton

TE10

@Juice_Supreme

South Alabama   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**248**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.93**	Vertical:	**30.5"**	Broad:	**110"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**4.50**	Bench:	**21**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10   **Small School**   **Combine Leader**

Wes Saxton has flown beneath the radar for many people in the lead up to this draft and it's unfortunate because he has the kind of skill set that could make for an interesting selection for a tight end needy team at the tail end of the draft. The first thing you notice about Saxton is he has incredible speed for a tight end. He looks very quick for a player his size out on the field and, while he won't win any track meets, he will surprise some linebackers with just how fast he is. At the NFL Combine he proved this by posting the second fastest 40 yard dash time of all tight ends in the class. Saxton also has solid hands and a large catch radius, catching almost everything thrown in his general vicinity. He constantly fights for yards after the catch and is always looking for ways to gain extra yards.

Much of Saxton's weaknesses stem from the fact that he is still learning the tight end position having only played it while at college. Saxton tends to round off his routes as opposed to making crisp cuts, which truthfully isn't a huge

> **"THE FIRST THING YOU NOTICE ABOUT SAXTON IS HE HAS INCREDIBLE SPEED FOR A TIGHT END."**

deal for a tight end but something you'd like to see avoided out of a player with his skill set. He was also rarely used as a blocker and when he was utilized he didn't appear all that comfortable in that role. Based upon his excellent skill set and dominating NFL Combine performance, Saxton will likely sneak into the later rounds of the NFL Draft and will be utilized as a "Move" tight end, a role he should excel at in the NFL.

Route Running	7.9	
Hands	8.6	
Physicality	8.3	
Blocking	7.9	
Quickness	8.5	
Speed	8.9	
After Catch Abilities	8.3	
Average	8.3	

Nick O'Leary   TE11
@NickOleary35

Florida State   *Senior*

Height:	6'-3"	Weight:	252	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.93	Vertical:	30.5"	Broad:	110"
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	4.50	Bench:	21

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Here's something you might not know about Nick O'Leary, he's the grandson of golf great Jack Nicklaus. Interesting, right? OK maybe marginally. Anyhow, O'Leary has a pretty skill set but he's not exactly the type of tight end teams are looking for as of last. I say this because, despite taking home the Mackey Award for being the nation's top tight end, he lacks the kind of size the NFL requires for decent production. O'Leary only measures in at around 6'3" and 250 pounds, much smaller than your average NFL tight end. That being said he could still find a home as an H Back or fullback, a position he could be very well suited for. I say this because O'Leary's blocking skills are actually one of his top attributes. He does a great job staying with his blocks until the whistle blows and rarely is pushed backwards.

When asked to make a hole for a running back he does a good job positioning himself to kick the defender out of the required space. O'Leary has decent hands as well so if he's needed in two tight end sets he can contribute as a third or fourth option.

O'Leary does have this one weird thing though, for some reason he finds himself the victim of motorcycle crashes. During his time at Florida State he crashed a motorcycle and a dirt bike in separate incidents, both of which caused him minor injuries. While O'Leary is full of interesting footnotes don't expect him to be a major contributor on any team he ends up on.

Route Running	8.3	
Hands	8.6	
Physicality	8.0	
Blocking	8.6	
Quickness	8.0	
Speed	8.0	
After Catch Abilities	8.3	
Average	8.3	

Gerald Christian   TE12
@hungry4gr8tness

Louisville   *Senior*

Height:	6'-3"	Weight:	244	Age:	23
40 Yard:	4.87	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	4.70	Bench:	28

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

It's tough to watch a player that plays a position in college that you just feel doesn't fit in that same position in the NFL. So is the case of Gerald Christian. Christian has decent speed for a tight end and runs very solid routes for a college tight end. He has very solid hands and makes nearly every catch thrown his way. Christian is a very good blocker, probably one of the better tight ends in this class, despite being one of the shorter prospects as well.

And there's the rub, Christian is just a bit too short to really translate well in the NFL as a tight end. Coming in at 6'-3", he will be shorter than nearly every defender he's asked to block. In some instances he won't even be taller than the defender tasked with defending him when running routes. A player of his size finding a spot as a starting tight end in the NFL isn't unheard of, for instance Aaron Hernandez was roughly his size and look at how well he did, on the field of course! However, I can't help but feel he might be better suited as an H-Back or Fullback in the NFL, a role I'm sure he would be happy to take on, but one which would significantly damage any prospect of fantasy relevance.

> **"DEAVER WILL AT TIMES LOOK COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED BY DEFENDERS THAT IS ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK."**

really is? What I'm saying is that for his position he's clearly one of the faster prospects in his class. Finally, Deaver runs solid routes and appears to have a more extensive route tree then many tight ends, even in the NFL.

So how was Deaver misused at Duke? Well, they tended to use him as much more of a blocker which didn't really play to his skill set well. Deaver is much more of a Joker style tight end who must be split out, a la Jimmy Graham or Dennis Pitta, in order to maximize his value.

One thing that Deaver really needs to work on is putting some weight onto his frame. He looks extremely thin on the field and bulking up some would help out in the second area that he needs to focus on, which is blocking. Due to being underweight, Deaver will at times look completely overwhelmed by defenders that is attempting to block. If he were to gain between 10 and 20 pounds he would be much more formidable and would be less likely to be pushed around. One big red flag that teams will need to look into is the fact that he tore his ACL in 2013. After he returned he didn't appear to be the same player. Many times it takes at least a season for a player to get reacclimated to the game and this may be one of those instances. Then again, it may not as well, hence the risk.

Route Running	8.5
Hands	8.5
Physicality	7.9
Blocking	8.4
Quickness	8.5
Speed	8.5
After Catch Abilities	8.1
Average	8.3

Braxton Deaver · TE13

@TheDeavo89

Duke *Senior*

Height:	6'-5"	Weight:	240	Age:	22
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

College Injury

Braxton Deaver, while misused at Duke, has shown some very interesting attributes that an NFL team may take notice of if they're looking for a tight end in the later rounds. First, he has very soft hands and appears to be able to make more than just your standard tight end receptions. He has shown the ability to be able to track the ball over his shoulder on deep passes and then ultimately make the catch. Second, an attribute the ties into the first, Deaver has great speed for a tight end. I wouldn't call him a track star, but what tight end

Route Running	8.6
Hands	8.6
Physicality	8.1
Blocking	8.0
Quickness	8.5
Speed	8.5
After Catch Abilities	8.1
Average	8.3

Rory "Busta" Anderson

@BustaAnderson

South Carolina   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-5"**	Weight:	**244**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

College Injury

Despite the general weakness of the tight end class this year, there are a few interesting prospects to be had late in the draft or even picked up as UDFAs after all is said and done. One such prospect is Rory Anderson who, despite having some interesting attributes, has been unable to stay healthy for long periods of time. His health issues have been so much of a problem that he even missed the NFL Combine due to a torn tricep, his second of the year. Anderson has great speed for a tight end and could present himself as a mismatch to many linebackers who lack comparable speed. Furthermore, his 6'-5" height just serves to magnify his speed as he presents quite the large and quick target for defenses to account for. Anderson is one of the better route runners in this tight end class with precise routes and crisp cuts. He has also shown that he can be used on rushing downs as his blocking skills are above average.

By far the biggest knock on Anderson is his injury history. He has had trouble putting in a full season throughout his college career which will concern NFL teams while also limiting the amount of game film they have to review on him. Additionally, despite his impressive height, Anderson is significantly underweight and must add at least 15 to 20 pounds of weight in order to make him more imposing to defenses while also helping to protect him against further injuries. Finally, he must also work on catching the ball with

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his hands as he has shown a tendency to let the ball get into

his body. Catching the ball this way increases the chances of incomplete passes as the ball can bounce off of a player's shoulder pads as well as it allows defenders several additional inches of room with which to break up a pass from behind.

Anderson is likely to go undrafted but is sure to find a home as a UDFA. With his skill set, Anderson could find a role if everything goes exactly his way.

Route Running	8.8
Hands	7.9
Physicality	7.8
Blocking	8.6
Quickness	8.6
Speed	8.6
After Catch Abilities	8.1
Average	8.3

AJ Derby

@AJ_Derby

Arkansas   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-4"**	Weight:	**255**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	**15**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

It's unfortunate, but there just isn't a whole lot to say about AJ Derby. Normally when a player evaluation opens with a line like that it has to do with the skill set of the player involved. In this instance however, it has nothing to do with Derby's play on the field and has everything to do with the limited amount of time that he has actually played the tight end position. Prior to his senior season Derby never played a tight end, he was a quarterback. Even in his senior season he was used sparingly. Derby possesses absolutely huge hands which measure 11 inches across. From his limited use he has shown good speed when running routes. What really stands out when you watch his game film is just how well he has learned to block in such a short amount of time. Derby sticks with his blocks very well and has demonstrated

an ability to get good leverage against the defender he assigned to block.

As with any prospect with limited experience at their position, Derby raises a lot of questions for NFL teams. What he has shown thus far is promising but with such a small sample size who could be sure if what you see is truly what you get? Derby's limited use in the passing game is concerning as well. Having only clock 22 passes in his entire career as a tight end there's just so much we still don't know about his skill set.

Route Running	8.0	
Hands	8.0	
Physicality	8.1	
Blocking	8.6	
Quickness	8.5	
Speed	8.5	
After Catch Abilities	8.0	
Average	8.2	

Tyreese Russell TE16

@TRaww_88

Eastern Michigan   *Senior*

Height:	6'-3"	Weight:	243	Age:	23
40 Yard:	4.95	Vertical:	35"	Broad:	117"
3 Cone:	7.26	Shuttle:	4.51	Bench:	13

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Try as I might, sometimes there just isn't a whole lot of positive things you can say about a prospect. It's never a great feeling to have more negative things to say then positive because it can appear as if you are trashing or nit-picking a player's game to death. It can appear unfair to the outside observer, but sometimes that is the simple reality of

the situation. Not all prospects can be elite, or even good for that matter, some just lack the skills to effectively stand out from their peers. In essence, this is a long drawn out way of saying I am not particularly a fan of Tyreese Russell's game. Sure, he has a few good traits such as having fairly dependable hands and a knack for finding various ways to get open, but beyond that there isn't much to see here.

Russell appears dreadfully slow on game film, almost to the point where I began to wonder if the film was slow down for effect. His 40 yard dash time was so bad that it was the slowest I've seen from a tight end in some time. He also was extremely easy to take down, usually with the first defender making a solo tackle. Finally, Russell is undersized to play tight end in the NFL and is one of the smaller prospects in this tight end class. Successful tight ends in the NFL usually have three traits, size, speed and a tendency to be difficult to tackle. The fact that Russell lacks all three of these attributes makes it unlikely he will be drafted by a team and even less likely that he will have any kind of significant fantasy impact over the span of his career.

Route Running	8.3	
Hands	8.7	
Physicality	8.3	
Blocking	8.3	
Quickness	7.7	
Speed	7.7	
After Catch Abilities	8.4	
Average	8.2	

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DEFENSIVE TACKLES
The Big Men In The Middle

Position Grade: 8.7

Leonard Williams   `DT1`
@LWtrojan94

USC   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-5"**	Weight:	**302**	Age:	**20**
40 Yard:	**4.97**	Vertical:	**29.5"**	Broad:	**106"**
3 Cone:	**7.59**	Shuttle:	**4.53**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Top 10	College Injury

It is highly likely that Leonard Williams will not fall out of the first three picks in this year's NFL draft. There even exists a chance that he could be the top overall pick when all is said and done. Williams is extremely rare player who can play both defensive tackle and defensive end and excel at both positions. A big reason for this is due to Williams' long arms which when fully extended enable him to keep blockers out of his interior. He also does an excellent job of keeping his eyes in the backfield and watching where the ball is going. Even if the play is moving away from him, Williams' excellent speed allows him to always be a factor in shutting the play down.

The hard part of doing evaluation on Williams isn't in so much finding what he does right, it's much more difficult to highlight things that he actually does wrong. The only thing I've been able to pinpoint that he could use some work on is the fact that he tends to be a bit slow off the snap of the ball. Outside of that one small and fixable issue, he is essentially the perfect defensive line prospect. One

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thing that NFL evaluators will need to look into is the fact that Williams had shoulder surgery in 2014. While everything appears to have healed fully, you can never be too careful with such a high draft pick.

Power	**9.1**
Speed	**8.8**
Technique & Hands	**9.0**
Penetration	**9.0**
Motor	**8.9**
Average	**9.0**

Malcolm Brown   `DT2`
@MallyCat_28

Texas   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**319**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**5.05**	Vertical:	**29.5"**	Broad:	**98"**
3 Cone:	**7.84**	Shuttle:	**4.59**	Bench:	**26**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

If you've taken a look at the offensive side of this project you might have paused on this name and thought, "Hey, didn't I see that name already?" Yes, you have seen the name before, yes, that name was a player from Texas, no, this isn't the same guy, not by a mile! Ironically enough, Texas produced two separate players in this draft both with the name of Malcolm Brown. This version of Malcolm Brown is a highly skilled defensive tackle who uses quickness as his primary tool to get into the backfield, whereas the other Brown uses his

quickness to get out of the backfield. Comparisons aside, Brown has great speed for a player his size. He has a motor that just doesn't stop and surprises a lot of people due to the fact that he carries a substantial amount of weight on his frame. Brown does an exceptional job keeping blockers out of his interior and sheds them well if they are able to find a way to engage him.

Despite his quickness, I would like to see Brown get stronger and be able to leverage his substantial weight advantage effectively in conjunction with his exceptional speed. All too often Brown has demonstrated that if he is unable to beat blockers with his speed he doesn't have much else to turn to. By getting stronger Brown could become an exceptional talent, easily posting double digit sack totals year after year. If he could also somehow add some additional pass rush moves to his repertoire as well, Brown could be downright frightening to opposing offenses. Nonetheless, with his current skill set Brown will be an immediate upgrade for many teams along the defensive line and a great value for a coaching staff willing, and able, to coach him up some.

> **"DAVIS HAS A FEW ROUGH EDGES TO HIS GAME BUT FOR THE MOST PART MANY OF HIS ISSUES ARE CORRECTABLE."**

Power	8.7	
Speed	9.0	
Technique & Hands	8.9	
Penetration	8.9	
Motor	9.0	
Average	8.9	

Carl Davis   DT3

Iowa   *Senior*

Height:	6'-5"	Weight:	320	Age:	23
40 Yard:	5.07	Vertical:	33"	Broad:	103"
3 Cone:	7.91	Shuttle:	4.47	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

While Carl Davis has thus far failed to distinguish himself as one of the elite prospects in the draft process thus far, I am intrigued by many aspects of his skill set and how they could potentially translate in the NFL. Davis has an excellent first step and does a great job of staying low immediately after the snap. He does a superb job of keeping blockers out of his interior which enables him to move freely when attempting to make a play on the ball carrier. Davis has occasionally flashed a deadly swim move which, when utilized, has shown tremendous success at getting him into the backfield. I would like to see him continue to develop this move as I feel it would benefit him greatly in the NFL.

Davis has a few rough edges to his game but for the most part many of his issues are correctable. As I stated earlier this piece, Davis does a great job of staying low off the snap, unfortunately however two to three steps into the play Davis usually pops straight up thus mitigating any leverage he was able to obtain at the onset of the play. Furthermore, due mainly to the amount of weight he carries around, Davis' motor will tend to wind down as the game progresses. He has below average speed and it is abundantly clear that his weight is a major factor in this issue as well. If Davis can get himself into shape he could be a very interesting prospect for a team looking to improve their pass rush without sacrificing any rush support.

Power	8.9	
Speed	8.3	
Technique & Hands	8.9	
Penetration	8.8	
Motor	8.4	
Average	8.7	

Danny Shelton

DT4

@Danny_Shelton55

Washington *Senior*
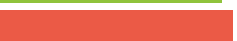
Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**339**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**5.64**	Vertical:	**30.5"**	Broad:	**95"**
3 Cone:	**7.99**	Shuttle:	**4.65**	Bench:	**34**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

Power	8.9
Speed	8.4
Technique & Hands	8.4
Penetration	8.9
Motor	8.2
Average	8.6

> **"EVEN WHEN HE IS DOUBLE TEAMED SHELTON EATS UP SPACE AS IF HE WERE A VACUUM."**

Danny Shelton has been a gargantuan and generally unmovable force at the center of Washington's defensive line throughout his college career and I see no reason why he shouldn't be able to continue those ways in the NFL. Shelton is absolutely mammoth, I can't think of many different ways to stress that. He weighs somewhere in the neighborhood of 340 pounds and, as such, offensive linemen find it very difficult to push him even a step or two back. Due to this kind of dominance, he demands double teams. Any team foolish enough not to double-team him runs the risk of him disrupting the middle of the line all game long. Even when he is double teamed Shelton eats up space as if he were a vacuum. The area that he consumes is quite literally a no go zone for any running back looking to gain yardage.

As physically dominant as Shelton may be, he does have a few weaknesses. First, many times he will pop straight up once the ball is snapped. This will allow offensive lineman to get leverage on him and either slow or stop his advance. Shelton lacks much in the way of pass rushing moves as he has always relied heavily on a bull rush move backed by his incredible size to get the job done. This may have worked for him thus far in his career but in the NFL everyone is big and he will find it much harder to impose his will. Finally, while his size is a positive attribute in most cases, it has also proven to be a hindrance in that Shelton clearly shows signs of fatigue as the game goes on. Carrying that much weight play after play it should come as no surprise, but teams are going to want him playing at top form all game long, hence he may find himself in a rotation which is sure to hurt his fantasy value a bit.

Arik Armstead

DT5

@arikarmstead

Oregon *Junior*

Height:	**6'-7"**	Weight:	**292**	Age:	**20**
40 Yard:	**5.10**	Vertical:	**34"**	Broad:	**117"**
3 Cone:	**7.57**	Shuttle:	**4.53**	Bench:	**24**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10

In terms of natural gifts and raw physical talent you would be hard-pressed to find a better prospect than Arik Armstead. Standing in astounding 6'-7", Armstead is the kind of player who gives opposing offensive coordinators nightmares. The kind of raw power that he is able to generate with this kind of frame allows him to punish any blogger who is assigned to block him one on one. To help compensate for this natural mismatch many teams will double team him in the hopes of containing him. For the most part this will work most times, however his nasty bull rush technique will still allow him to find ways in the backfield many times.

Make no mistake though, Armstead is still a very raw player with much to learn. Starting things off, Armstead tends to be the last player to react once the ball is snapped. At times he will go an extra step or two without moving. Immediately this puts him at a disadvantage against bloggers swim already prepare themselves for his initial attack. Once he does finally Riyadh he tends to pop straight up which immediately negates any kind of leverage he would be able to get. To make things worse Armstead does a horrible job

of keeping blockers out of his interior. Despite his abundance of natural gifts, the combination of slowness off the snap, popping straight up and exposing his interior puts him at a significant disadvantage. If not for his significant height and strength advantage, Armstead wouldn't even be mentioned anywhere near the first round.

Power	9.1	
Speed	8.5	
Technique & Hands	8.5	
Penetration	8.7	
Motor	8.4	
Average	8.6	

Xavier Cooper — DT6

@XavierCooper_96

Washington State   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**293**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.86**	Vertical:	**29"**	Broad:	**110"**
3 Cone:	**7.23**	Shuttle:	**4.37**	Bench:	**29**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3
Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10

Defensive tackle is easily the position that relies upon speed the least out of all fantasy relevant positions, I don't think that is a shocking revelation to anyone who plays the game. Therefore, it is always interesting when you encounter a player who relies primarily upon his speed to excel at such a position. Xavier Cooper is just such a player. Cooper's calling card is his surprising speed as blockers don't seem to know how to handle him. He has an excellent first step and surprises many blockers who are forced to react as opposed to engage. His speed and quickness allow him to keep blockers out of his interior, for the most part, and thus makes it easier for him to disengage on his terms. Cooper's

> **"COOPER'S CALLING CARD IS HIS SURPRISING SPEED AS BLOCKERS DON'T SEEM TO KNOW HOW TO HANDLE HIM."**

motor is excellent as he never appears to quit on a play, and is always seen hustling to try to help out.

For as quick and fast as Cooper is, the technicality of his game has suffered. Cooper tends to pop straight up after the snap which exposes his interior if a blocker is quick enough to exploit it. In the instances that this occurs, Cooper lacks the strength needed to disengage and can be taken out of the play with ease. Due to the success he has experienced from his quickness, he has failed to develop many pass rush moves, simply because he hasn't needed to resort to them in most cases. However, in the NFL everyone is quicker and this part of his game is sure to be exposed, quickly.

Cooper's quickness and speed make him a very intriguing prospect and he won't stay on the board very long. An NFL team will drool at the prospect of developing him further and will likely take him at some point on Day Two.

Power	8.5	
Speed	8.9	
Technique & Hands	8.4	
Penetration	8.8	
Motor	8.6	
Average	8.6	

Eddie Goldman — DT7

@jondoelikerondo

Florida State   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-4"**	Weight:	**336**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3
Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10

Every once in a while you will find a prospect who doesn't do many things wrong but, despite a high level of play, they haven't been able to claim the mantle of being tagged as elite. Eddie Goldman is just that type of player. He does many things right and precious few things wrong but he doesn't flash anything that is all that spectacular. Off the snap Goldman stays low while firing out of his stance. This allows him to gain upper hand in the leverage war against blockers. When this is coupled with his consistent leg

churning it makes him nearly impossible for blockers to push him backwards. Goldman does a good job of tracking the ball despite all of the chaos occurring around him.

The big problem with Goldman isn't what he does in the first half of a play, it's his inability to close the plays that he is set up for himself. Goldman doesn't seem to be able to penetrate very well despite not giving up ground either. After initially starting off strong he tends to get bogged down for the rest of the play having not moved more than a couple of feet. After getting his initial leverage he seems unable to disengage from his blocker thus creating stalemates play after play. Goldman should thrive as a rush stuffing specialist who gets rotated out on passing plays in the NFL.

Power	8.8	
Speed	8.6	
Technique & Hands	8.7	
Penetration	8.2	
Motor	8.5	
Average	8.6	

Jordan Phillips — DT8

@bigj8080

Ohio State — *Sophomore*

Height:	**6'-5"**	Weight:	**329**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**5.17**	Vertical:	**30"**	Broad:	**105"**
3 Cone:	**7.88**	Shuttle:	**4.68**	Bench:	**28**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10	College Injury

Many times the prospects that fall to the four to eight range for their respective positions can be just as exciting as those ranked at the top of that same position. These players might have one or two small things that deflate their draft stock just enough to be an incredible value for a team with picks at the end of a round. Jordan Phillips fits this type of player to a tee. Phillips is very quick off the snap and tends to be the first player to engage on the line. He has excellent size

standing a whopping 6'-5" tall and weighing 329 pounds. Despite his large size, he is very quick and not the sluggish type of player one would expect based on his height and weight measurements. Phillips has a nice collection of pass rush moves and doesn't rely simply on a bull rush move that many defensive tackles tend to rely solely on.

So why isn't Phillips ranked at the top of his position?

> **"SO WHY ISN'T PHILLIPS RANKED AT THE TOP OF HIS POSITION? PERSONALLY, I FEEL A LOT OF IT COMES DOWN TO THE FACT THAT HE HAD TO UNDERGO BACK SURGERY IN 2013."**

Personally, I feel a lot of it comes down to the fact that he had to undergo back surgery in 2013. Not only did this introduce some medical questions, it also reduced the amount of available games upon which he could be scouted. Phillips was also likely been dinged a bit due to the fact that he tends to pop straight up once the ball is snapped, thus losing the leverage naturally granted to him by his imposing frame. He has also shown that he will have trouble disengaging from blockers from time to time, something that limits his upside until he can correct that issue.

Power	8.6	
Speed	8.7	
Technique & Hands	8.7	
Penetration	8.4	
Motor	8.5	
Average	8.6	

Grady Jarrett — DT9

@GradyJarrett

Clemson — *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**304**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**5.06**	Vertical:	**31"**	Broad:	**112"**
3 Cone:	**7.37**	Shuttle:	**4.56**	Bench:	**30**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10

It is fairly ironic that the draft stock of Grady Jarrett may have been diminished due to the play of one of his teammates at Clemson. It's not that his teammate was a bad player, quite the opposite, Jarrett's draft stock may have

taken a hit due to the fact that he constantly had to live in the shadow of one of the top defensive prospects in this draft, Vic Beasley, and couldn't get any headlines for himself. Jarrett's game has proven to be fairly solid overall though with a special ability to get penetration via his surprising quickness. He does a good job of disengaging from blockers and rarely gets tangled up for long periods of time. Jarrett does a great job of keeping his eyes in the backfield and flowing towards the ball at all times.

Jarrett only stands 6'-1" tall and can get overpowered by most offensive lineman due to the difference in size. When I say that he gets overpowered I don't mean it in terms of physical strength, because Jarrett isn't a pushover in that department having pushed 30 reps at the NFL Combine, he's plenty strong. I mean it more in terms of the fact that he gets pushed around due to leverage mismatches. Also, when Jarrett is able to get to the ball carrier, he doesn't do himself any favors in that he isn't very good at wrapping up. Many times ball carriers can escape his grasp or simply power through his tackles. With quick defensive lineman coming at a premium in recent years, look for Jarrett to go off the board on Day Two to a team looking to bolster its pass rush defense.

> **"JARRETT'S GAME HAS PROVEN TO BE FAIRLY SOLID OVERALL THOUGH WITH A SPECIAL ABILITY TO GET PENETRATION VIA HIS SURPRISING QUICKNESS."**

Power	**8.5**	
Speed	**8.8**	
Technique & Hands	**8.5**	
Penetration	**8.8**	
Motor	**8.6**	
Average	**8.6**	

Michael Bennett

DT10

@mike63bennett

Ohio State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**293**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10

Before I jump into the meat and potatoes of this write up, is it me or does it seem like there is a top defensive lineman prospect named Michael Bennett in every second or third draft? Whatever the case, this Michael Bennett is an extremely talented prospect who has many of the tools that the NFL is looking for in a top-notch defensive tackle. First, he is extremely quick off the snap and tends to be one of the first players to engage his blocker along the line of scrimmage. Upon engaging, Bennett stays very low which enables him to get great leverage and win the point of attack. Even when fighting with his blocker Bennett keeps his eyes in the backfield and consistently knows where the ball is.

Despite his excellent technique and above average quickness, there were a couple of worrying weaknesses that I was able to identify while watching his game film. First, Bennett seems unable to shed blocks if his opponent gets their hands onto his chest. You would like to see him be able to disengage much better than he has in the past in order to garner any kind of success in the NFL. Second, many times after his initial burst and gaining the upper hand in the leverage battle, Bennett will simply stall out and will not be able to capitalize on those excellent attributes. He tends to stagnate with his blocker as neither player seems to be able to gain the upper hand and they simply push each other around until the whistle. Bennett is halfway there but in order to take his game to the next level and succeed in the NFL he is going to have to get stronger so that he can capitalize on his quickness and the leverage he's able to obtain.

Power	**8.8**	
Speed	**8.3**	
Technique & Hands	**8.4**	
Penetration	**8.4**	
Motor	**8.4**	
Average	**8.5**	

Any 3-4 defense that is looking to get stronger against the rush in the middle will know exactly who Mbu it is. While he won't be a solid producer for IDP purposes, he should enjoy a long and prosperous career in the NFL.

Joey Mbu DT11

@NotoriousMbu

Houston　　*Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**313**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**5.54**	Vertical:	**22.5"**	Broad:	**97"**
3 Cone:	**8.20**	Shuttle:	**5.01**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10
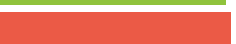
Nose tackles are a rare breed among defensive tackles and as such they tend to find a home no matter what their skill set is. Joey Mbu far and away is the best nose tackle that this year's draft class has to offer. He is a huge individual that presents a major challenge for even the strongest offensive linemen to move a step backwards. Not only is Mbu tough to move backwards, he has incredible strength and an excellent first step which makes it difficult for offensive lineman to even hold the ground they started on without being pushed backwards themselves. Mbu does an excellent job of always knowing where the ball is, rarely losing track of it.

For a man of Mbu's size many of his weaknesses are inherent. He lacks the quickness needed to be an effective asset in the pass rush game and is used primarily to keep the quarterback from scrambling up the middle when pressure is applied. Mbu's effort and effectiveness also declines as the game continues to wear on, a natural side effect of the weight that he carries on his frame. One thing that he can control however is that he will usually pop straight up once the ball is snapped making it easy for offensive linemen to gain leverage and slow him down.

Power	**8.8**	
Speed	**8.4**	
Technique & Hands	**8.3**	
Penetration	**8.5**	
Motor	**8.3**	
Average	**8.5**	

Xavier Williams DT12

Northern Iowa　　*Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**325**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Small School

If you look up the term "human bowling ball" in the dictionary it's very likely you'll see a picture of Xavier Williams next to the definition. Williams is 6'2" tall but he weighs about 330 pounds. It takes a lot to get that much weight going in one direction effectively and consistently, but Williams does a good job of it. He is incredibly strong and can absolutely dominate an offensive lineman if he is single-teamed. In order to combat this teams have chosen to double team him every snap. Despite being double teamed, Williams does a good job disengaging from, not one, but two blockers by getting his arms extended and keeping the blockers out of his interior.

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Williams has good instincts and intuitively knows where the ball is going, at times even dropping back in the coverage on screen passes he identifies.

Given his size and the fact that he is double teamed all game, it shouldn't surprise many to hear that Williams tends to wear down as the game goes on. Sure, it is understandable but just because you understand why a player wears down

doesn't excuse the fact that it occurs. Williams also hasn't shown much as pass rusher and has done much of his damage solely as a rush stopper. This will limit his usefulness as he would quickly become part of a rotation that gets cycled out on passing plays. Finally, as with most small school prospects, the competition he has faced is a question mark based on the level of production he has posted. Is he really as good as he shown, or is it an effect of facing subpar competition?

Power	8.8	
Speed	8.1	
Technique & Hands	8.4	
Penetration	8.5	
Motor	8.1	
Average	8.4	

Derrick Lott   DT13

@UTC_91

Tennessee-Chattanooga   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-4"**	Weight:	**314**	Age:	**24**
40 Yard:	**4.99**	Vertical:	**26.5"**	Broad:	**106"**
3 Cone:	**7.30**	Shuttle:	**4.44**	Bench:	**30**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

College Injury   **Small School**

For a small school prospect Derrick Lott does a great many things you would expect to see out of a top notch, larger school prospect. First, Lott does an excellent job of getting his arms extended to create space for himself to disengage when he chooses. This space allows him to always monitor where the ball is going and position himself accordingly to make a play. Lott is incredibly strong and has no problem pushing backwards even the biggest and strongest lineman he's faced.

Lott has achieved this by relying heavily upon his bull rush technique, it's worked for him but he needs to develop additional moves to continue his success into the NFL. He also tends to pop straight up after the snap which gives away a significant amount of leverage and requires him to overpower lineman with his upper body strength alone. If he can stay low off the snap, Lott could effectively double the amount of strength he uses against lineman, which is a scary proposition for opposing offenses indeed. Lott has a few injury red flags the teams will want to take a look at that include an ankle and elbow surgery he endured during his college career. Overall, Lott is an extremely interesting prospect worthy of a selection late in Day Three.

Power	8.8	
Speed	8.4	
Technique & Hands	8.2	
Penetration	8.4	
Motor	8.4	
Average	8.4	

Christian Ringo   DT14

@TrynaBeGreat_9

Louisiana-Lafayette   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**298**	Age:	**24**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Small School

Even if you are a huge college football fan, you would be forgiven for not knowing much about Christian Ringo as he comes from an FCS program way down south. Ringo was one of the most disruptive defensive players in the FCS which is fairly impressive considering he is a defensive tackle, a position not known traditionally for big disrupters

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of offensive plays. He is able to achieve this by firing low off the snap and leveraging his position to dominate his blocker. To aid in this endeavor, Ringo uses his impressive upper body strength to further establish his dominant position. When he is engaged with an offensive lineman, he uses his hands violently to push, pull or otherwise discard his blocker and make his way into the backfield.

Things don't always work out for Ringo in the trenches as he will occasionally allow blockers into his interior and he doesn't appear to have any countermeasures to disengage from them once they have achieved that feat. He has also shown some problems with taller offensive linemen due mainly to the fact that he, himself, is on the shorter end of the spectrum measuring in at only 6'-1" tall. Finally, while most defensive tackles aren't known as the fastest players on the field, Ringo is even slower still. It seems fairly evident that his weight is a hindrance in this regard and makes it tough to do much with a play once it's more than a couple feet away from him.

Ringo should catch on with a team as part of a rotation where he comes in on rushing downs. Look for him to come off the board late as a value pick for a team looking to cause some damage in the interior of the line.

Power	8.8
Speed	8.1
Technique & Hands	8.3
Penetration	8.4
Motor	8.2
Average	8.4

EDGE RUSHERS
Bringing The Pain To The Backfield

Position Grade: 8.8

Vic Beasley   **E1**
@VicBeasley3

Clemson   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**246**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.53**	Vertical:	**41"**	Broad:	**130"**
3 Cone:	**6.91**	Shuttle:	**4.15**	Bench:	**35**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Top 10	Combine Leader

For most of the season Vic Beasley has been consistently mentioned as one of the top edge rushers in the nation. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that his name continues to top the list of nearly every scout or evaluator for his position coming into the NFL Draft. Beasley is incredibly quick off the snap and many times he is able to find himself past his blocker within only a second or two. He is extremely fast and can track down a ball carrier from behind with veritable ease. Beasley has a diverse, and well-honed, set of pass rushing moves which he utilizes to make blockers look absolutely silly at times. When coupled with his above-average strength, his pass rush moves and quickness are absolutely devastating to opposing offenses.

Beasley is an extremely talented individual, however those skills are narrowly defined. Granted, pass rushing is a huge deal for defenses, but Beasley isn't as dominant at some of the other aspects asked of an edge rusher in the NFL,

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namely he just isn't that good at defending against the rush. He has shown an inability to help contain on the outside and appears to believe that every play is going to be a pass. This tends to put him out of position when the play is actually a rush and as the ballcarrier runs right by him. Additionally, despite having an excellent set a pass rushing skills, if a blocker is able to get his hands onto Beasley's chest then he usually gets taken out of the play due to the fact that he has demonstrated that he has trouble shedding blocks. Finally, he is undersized to play defensive end in the NFL as he stands only 6'3" tall, which is below average by NFL standards. I have no doubt Beasley will find his way at the next level but it will require a lot of work, coaching and patience for him to dominate like he has in college.

Power	**9.0**
Speed	**9.1**
Technique & Hands	**9.0**
Penetration	**9.0**
Hip Dip	**8.8**
Motor	**8.9**
Average	**9.0**

Dante Fowler Jr.   **E2**
@TheDanteFowler6

Florida   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**261**	Age:	**20**
40 Yard:	**4.60**	Vertical:	**32.5"**	Broad:	**112"**
3 Cone:	**7.40**	Shuttle:	**4.32**	Bench:	**19**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Top 10

As one of the premier edge rushers in this draft, much of what I'm about to say about Dante Fowler shouldn't

surprise you. The first thing you notice when watching Fowler is just how quick he is. He has the ability to track down running backs and quarterbacks from behind and make the tackle. Fowler is able to leverage his quickness to get off the ball when it is snapped, even before the blocker that is assigned to stop him. When he couples his quickness with his ability to get off the ball and matches it with great flexibility in his hips, Fowler is able to regularly wreak havoc in the backfield of opposing offenses. What is very surprising about Fowler is the fact that he is still learning this position and has the ability to get much better in the near future.

In order to do so Fowler must work on keeping opposing lineman out of his interior. All too often linemen are able to get their hands onto his chest and once that occurs they can take him out of the play rather effectively. Coupled with this Fowler relies almost exclusively on his bul lrush, he must work towards developing additional pass rushing techniques in order to increase the frequency with which he can get into the backfield. Finally, Fowler has shown himself to be easily excitable. So much so that he will run right by a play that he has contain on instead of sticking with his assignment. The good news here is that all of these issues are fixable with even minimal coaching meaning is upside is incredible.

Power	8.8	
Speed	9.0	
Technique & Hands	8.6	
Penetration	8.8	
Hip Dip	9.0	
Motor	8.8	
Average	8.8	

Shane Ray

@X_RAYted56

Missouri　　*Junior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**245**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	**21**

E3

Projected NFL Round:　2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:　4-5

Top 10

If there's one thing you can point to as a hallmark for this class of edge rushers, it's the fact that despite not fitting the mold of your prototypical NFL edge rusher, many of these prospects tend to make up for it with their athleticism and wide-ranging skill sets, as evidenced by one Shane Ray. The first thing you notice about Ray right off the bat is how violent his hands are once he engages a blocker. I'm not exaggerating when I say he looks like a Tasmanian devil out there. He is easily one of the fastest edge prospects in this draft with rumors of him running 4.4 40 yard dash times. If a ball carrier is able to elude him that does not stop Ray as he has consistently shown tons of heart and a high motor, even if the play seems to be out of his reach. Ray will continue to pursue the ball carrier until the whistle, many times actually catching up to him through the course of the play.

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As I mentioned at the start of this write up, Ray is undersized to play an edge rusher role in the NFL as he stands only 6'-3" tall. I feel he will inevitably find a role for himself on the NFL team, most likely as a starter, I just don't feel that it will be the role he had throughout college. Ray has issues shedding blockers and if the blocker is persistent enough he can take him out of the play completely. Finally, if some how Ray should stick on as an edge rusher he will need to further develop his pass rushing moves which are a bit lacking at this point.

Power	**8.7**	
Speed	**9.1**	
Technique & Hands	**8.6**	
Penetration	**8.8**	
Hip Dip	**8.7**	
Motor	**9.1**	
Average	**8.8**	

Alvin "Bud" Dupree

E4

@Bud_Dupree2

Missouri   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-4"**	Weight:	**269**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.56**	Vertical:	**42"**	Broad:	**138"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10	Combine Leader

After doing so many write ups on edge rushers where the prospect is shorter than your prototypical edge rusher, it is refreshing to be able to talk about a prospect who fits the mold and whose only negative attributes can be corrected by proper coaching. Alvin "Bud" Dupree has the physical build and tools that NFL teams look for in an edge rusher. When rushing the passer Dupree is able to get a nice dip in his hips which enables him to take a much straighter angle into the backfield. This enables him to put much more consistent pressure on the passer while providing many more opportunities for Dupree to break up the play or sack the quarterback. Dupree's speed enables him to get by his blocker quickly as well as cause commotion early in the play in the backfield. He is also shown the ability to track down players from behind due to this exceptional speed. One thing that Dupree does better than any of the players ranked ahead of him at his position is the ability to contain the outside on rush plays. This is a clear weakness of the top prospects in this draft class and helps to establish Dupree as a viable

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alternative for a team looking for an above-average pass rusher who can also help with the rush who won't be simply a situational player.

Luckily for Dupree the few issues he has with his game are ones that can be fixed by any NFL coaching staff. For instance, he needs to develop his pass rushing moves as currently they are few and frankly are not all that impressive. Dupree has also shown that he has struggles disengaging from blockers which limits the amount of impact he can consistently have against his opponents. Overall though Dupree is an excellent talent who should be off the board early in Day Two.

Power	**8.7**	
Speed	**8.9**	
Technique & Hands	**8.5**	
Penetration	**8.7**	
Hip Dip	**8.9**	
Motor	**8.8**	
Average	**8.8**	

Randy Gregory

E5

@RandyGregory_4

Nebraska   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-5"**	Weight:	**235**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.64**	Vertical:	**36.5"**	Broad:	**125"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**24**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10	College Injury	Character Concerns

In a draft class full of towering edge rushers, Randy Gregory stands head and shoulders above his competition. Gregory has a well-developed collection of pass rush moves which he uses to terrorize opposing quarterbacks. He uses his long arms to keep blockers out of his interior thus allowing him freedom of movement. If a blocker does somehow manage to engage him, Gregory does an excellent job of disengaging while constantly flowing towards the ball. Once he sees the play developing he utilizes his excellent speed to track down the ball carrier, many times for a loss.

Gregory has very few negatives, but the most glaring one is the fact that he tends to stand straight up once the ball is snapped. Due to his height this makes it even tougher for him to get leverage against a blocker. If he is to take full advantage of his significant height advantage, he will need to fire off the ball lower and then drive up once he gets his hands onto a blocker. Gregory should also add roughly 20 pounds to his frame as the extra weight would make him much tougher to be manhandled. NFL teams will want to take a look at his legs and knees as he suffered a broken leg in 2012 and had knee surgery in 2014. Additionally, revelations of come to light late in the draft process that Gregory not only failed a drug test at the NFL Combine but may have failed additional tests during his college career. This is sure to hurt his stock at least a round.

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Power	8.8
Speed	8.7
Technique & Hands	8.7
Penetration	8.7
Hip Dip	8.7
Motor	8.7
Average	8.7 (8.9)

Danielle Hunter   E6

@DHunt94_TX

LSU   *Junior*

Height:	6'-5"	Weight:	252	Age:	20
40 Yard:	4.57	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	25

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

Based upon the amount of pure, raw athleticism that Danielle Hunter has, I find him to be one of the more interesting prospects in this class of edge rushers. At times, it seems as if Hunter isn't even playing the same game as his opponents. He does an amazing job at overwhelming them with his incredible strength and physically imposes his will upon them many times throughout a game. Hunter is extremely quick which makes his strength even scarier due to the fact that he can beat opponents either way, or if he couples his strength with his speed then he is truly the one dictating how the game will be played. Hunter's imposing stature also allows him to consistently keep blockers out of his interior with his extremely long arms.

In reality there is very little to identify as negatives in Hunter's game. Sure, I'd like to see him develop some additional pass rush moves to go with the bullrush that he relies heavily on but it all honesty if it is working this well for him does he really need to change? He also tends to be a bit slow off the snap and improving upon that could make him even more lethal. Overall, Hunter is a prospect with a few rough edges but an NFL team that is willing to smooth those edges over could find themselves with a truly dominant force for years to come.

Power	8.9
Speed	8.8
Technique & Hands	8.6
Penetration	8.7
Hip Dip	8.7
Motor	8.7
Average	8.7

Owamagbe Odighizuwa   E7

UCLA   *Senior*

Height:	6'-3"	Weight:	267	Age:	23
40 Yard:	4.62	Vertical:	39"	Broad:	127"
3 Cone:	7.36	Shuttle:	4.19	Bench:	25

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10	College Injury	Fantasy Bargain

Combine Leader

Owamagbe Odighizuwa has probably heard every difficult name joke that is in existence so I won't even bother with the humor here and will just jump right into his evaluation. Odighizuwa has an exceptional skill set and if not for two significant hip surgeries in 2013 it's highly likely that we would be mentioning him as a possible first round pick. Even in spite of the surgeries, he holds a lot of value and will likely go off the board early in Day Two. This, more than anything, is a testament to just how strong and quick he is. Odighizuwa has displayed an ability to physically dominate almost any lineman assigned to block him with an absolutely devastating bull rush that will push even the largest players backwards. He does a great job of staying low off of the snap and has a ferocious first step that undoubtably takes many offensive lineman by surprise. Odighizuwa does an excellent job of keeping blockers out of his interior and seems able to disengage with them almost at will.

I honestly believe that Odighizuwa's hip surgeries are the most likely reason for most of the weaknesses in his game. I don't have any concrete evidence to support this belief but all signs seem to point that way. For instance, Odighizuwa appears to lack much in the way of hip flexibility as he tries to close on the quarterback. Many times it looks as if he must take a wider route to get penetration simply because his body lacks the needed flexibility to take advantage of a shorter route. Odighizuwa isn't overly fast either, it almost looks as if he is in pain when he runs a full speed. His running style is very labored and jerky which is what gives off this impression.

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Despite these weaknesses, a team would be foolish to pass up on Odighizuwa beyond the second round if they are in need of a pass rusher. IDP fantasy players would also be wise to keep an eye on him as a value in the middle to late round value pick.

Power	8.9
Speed	8.5
Technique & Hands	8.9
Penetration	8.6
Hip Dip	8.1
Motor	8.9
Average	8.7

Markus Golden   E8

Missouri   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**260**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.90**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

When evaluating players you will, from time to time, run into a player you feel is just a half step too slow or always a finger's length away from consistently making plays, Markus Golden is exactly that type of player. It feels as if Golden has the potential to be a top-notch playmaker in the NFL if things would just go his way a little more often. He does a excellent job of extending his arms to keep blockers out of his interior allowing him freedom of motion to track down plays. This allows Golden to disengage from blockers well and he rarely stay tied up for long periods of time. He has a high running motor and is always chasing down plays until the whistle blows.

Golden appears to lack the quickness to close on the quarterback before he is able to throw the ball away or complete a pass. Many times he will be only inches away from a sack, a mere step or two, but it always seems as if the quarterback has just enough time to unload the ball before Golden can take him down. Golden has also demonstrated a lack of pass rush moves which clearly makes his path to the quarterback just a little bit more difficult than it needs to be. Like many other edge rusher prospects in this class, Golden is just a hair short by NFL standards as he measures in at 6'-2" tall.

I really like how Golden plays his position and think that many of his issues are correctable given the right coaching. It is likely he could fall into a good situation and see early playing time as a rookie. As he further hones his skill set, it wouldn't surprise me if he becomes a top 10 edge rusher at the next level at some point during his career.

Power	**8.9**	
Speed	**8.5**	
Technique & Hands	**8.9**	
Penetration	**8.6**	
Hip Dip	**8.1**	
Motor	**8.9**	
Average	**8.7**	

Eli Harold   E9

@Eli_UVA7

Virginia   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**247**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.60**	Vertical:	**35"**	Broad:	**123"**
3 Cone:	**7.07**	Shuttle:	**4.16**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10

From time to time you'll run across a prospect that has a fair amount of success despite some glaring holes in his game. It is at this point you begin to question if you are simply not seeing everything that he does right and instead focusing upon what he does wrong, or if his success is unexplainable and a bit of an anomaly. In the case of Eli Harold I want to believe I'm simply not seeing everything he has to offer because he has achieved a tremendous amount

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of success I am simply not able to explain. First the good, Harold is very quick off the snap and has a great first step which puts him in position to cause some havoc in the backfield. He also does a good job of keeping blockers out of his interior so that he can quickly move to the ball as the play develops. Harold has a great motor and consistently pursues the ball carrier until the end of the play.

Harold's negative attributes however leave me scratching my head as to how he has been as successful as he has throughout his college career. For instance, he has regularly shown difficulty shedding blockers if they get past his defenses and get into his interior. While he has been able to minimize the frequency of this happening, he has been unable to develop effective countermeasures to account for the instances when this does occur. Harold also has very few pass rush moves and has enjoyed much of the success from relying solely on his bull rush move. Finally, he tends to pop straight up after the snap and freely surrenders any hope of gaining an advantage via superior leverage.

Based solely on his past production, Harold should garner some significant interest from teams looking for a productive pass rusher. However, Harold must work on correcting his bad habits if he has any hope of duplicating his past success in the NFL.

Power	**8.8**	
Speed	**8.7**	
Technique & Hands	**8.6**	
Penetration	**8.7**	
Hip Dip	**8.7**	
Motor	**8.7**	
Average	**8.7**	

Nate Orchard   E10

@OrchardNate

Utah   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**250**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.80**	Vertical:	**31.5"**	Broad:	**115"**
3 Cone:	**7.28**	Shuttle:	**4.43**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10

Nate Orchard presents an interesting quandary for me, is it fair to lower a player based solely on his size despite the fact he has proven his ability to effectively play the position on evaluating him for? Part of me says size is important and must be treated as such when transitioning between college and NFL. However, another part of me wants to believe that anyone can overcome any physical limitations that the outside world labels them with. This all stems from the fact that Orchard stands only 6'-3" tall, which makes him tall by normal standards but a bit short to play in the NFL as an edge rusher. Despite being undersized, he is extremely quick and zips all around the field. Orchard has one of the best first steps in this draft class and is well into the backfield before the blocker assigned to him even knows what's going on. As if these attributes weren't tantalizing enough, he also has an exceptional ability to shed blocks and is a nightmare for opposing offenses to account for.

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Despite his height, if Orchard can find a way to improve on the few weaknesses he has in his game I shudder to think just how dominating he could be. Orchard would help himself significantly by developing more pass rush moves as he currently relies mainly upon his quickness. If he could also work on staying low I honestly believe he will see impressive gains in his tackles for a loss and sacks numbers. If Orchard improved his game even marginally, he could be a very interesting prospect to keep an eye on.

Power	8.7	
Speed	8.8	
Technique & Hands	8.5	
Penetration	8.6	
Hip Dip	8.7	
Motor	8.7	
Average	8.7	

Hau'oli Kikaha
@hauolikikaha

E11

Washington   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**253**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

College Injury

Hau'oli Kikaha is yet another one of those edge rushers who has a great skill set but lacks the size of a prototypical edge rusher in the NFL. Kikaha has great burst off of the snap and appears to surprise many blockers by just how quick he is in engaging them. He has a nice collection a pass rush moves and has used his swim technique to great success at the college level. Kikaha does a good job of keeping blockers out of his interior which allows him freedom of motion and makes it much easier for him to disengage from blockers. He has a great motor and is always pursuing the play no matter if he's a foot away or 10 yards away, he just doesn't stop until the whistle blows.

Kikaha has some fairly significant red flags that an NFL team will have to except if they decide to draft him. The first being, of course, the aforementioned fact that he is undersized to be an edge rusher in the NFL. Kikaha stands only 6'-2" tall which will make him significantly shorter than most of the offensive tackles that he will be matched up against at the next level. Additionally, Kikaha has a significant history of knee injuries throughout college including at least one ACL tear in 2012. On the field Kikaha has shown a tendency to get sucked in on rush plays and gives up contain on the outside. This presents a problem if he misdiagnoses a reverse or sweep to the outside as it could potentially give up a significant amount of yardage. It is fairly evident that Kikaha's forte is pass rushing but in order to have a significant impact in IDP leagues he you will need to further develop his skills defending the rush.

Power	8.7	
Speed	8.8	
Technique & Hands	8.9	
Penetration	8.6	
Hip Dip	8.7	
Motor	8.7	
Average	8.7	

Trey Flowers E12

@III_Flowers

Arkansas		*Senior*			
Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**266**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.93**	Vertical:	**36.5"**	Broad:	**121"**
3 Cone:	**7.34**	Shuttle:	**4.40**	Bench:	**28**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4
Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10	College Injury

While evaluating Trey Flowers I found him to be a prospect oozing with potential but one who has yet to put all the pieces together in order to become a dominant player thus far. Flowers does a good job of firing off low when the ball is snapped allowing him to get leverage on his blocker and noticeably excels at getting his arms up so as to prevent blockers from getting their hands into his interior. A nice little attribute that Flowers has demonstrated is his ability to drop into pass coverage while holding his own and not becoming a liability while doing so, something few defensive ends can claim to do effectively.

It is my belief that Flowers was used in a pass coverage role due partially to the fact that he lacks much in the way of pass rush moves. This part of his game is clearly stunted and the most deficient of all aspects of his game, but it permeates it in such a way so as to limit the amount of production he is able to provide in terms of sack totals. Flowers also lacks elite speed which makes this job even tougher for him as he almost hit the five second mark on his 40 yard dash performance at the NFL Combine. That kind of performance is downright embarrassing for and edge rusher and could limit him to a role as a rush stopping

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specialist who gets rotated out on passing downs. Finally, he is only 6'-2" tall which is a couple inches short of the NFL standard for edge rushers, it's not a huge deal but one worth mentioning nonetheless.

Flowers will likely garner some interest from teams looking to capitalize on his natural talents in the hopes of being able to mold him into a player that can be on the field for all situations. I, however, wouldn't feel comfortable suggesting him as an option for fantasy IDP players looking for a dominant edge rusher to add to their roster.

Power	8.8	
Speed	8.3	
Technique & Hands	8.4	
Penetration	8.7	
Hip Dip	8.7	
Motor	8.8	
Average	8.6	

Anthony Chickillo E13

@Chickillo71

Miami		*Senior*			
Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**267**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.79**	Vertical:	**34.5"**	Broad:	**114"**
3 Cone:	**7.17**	Shuttle:	**4.25**	Bench:	**27**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5
Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Anthony Chickillo had an excellent performance at the NFL Combine which has generated a bit of a buzz coming into the NFL Draft. While this is good news for his value as an NFL prospect, I would like to caution IDP fantasy players about jumping on his bandwagon at this point. One good thing you can say about Chickillo is his motor runs on high at all times, there is no lower gear. However, other than that attribute, for every positive aspect of his game he has an equally negative aspect to offset it.

Take for instance the fact that he has shown the ability to play several positions along the defensive line, a skill that should technically increase his value due to the flexibility it shows in his game. However, despite playing multiple positions he has not

excelled at any of them and has routinely shown a difficult time disengaging from blockers. Take this example as well, Chickillo does a great job staying low off the snap which allows him to get leverage against blockers. However on the flipside, he lacks much in the way of pass rush moves which would allow him to capitalize upon that leverage in order to into the backfield.

The NFL Combine is designed to, and does a good job of, highlighting players who have the potential to perform at a high level in the NFL. Chickillo may very well be one of those players however, he has failed to show very much in the way of on-field talent throughout his college career. This causes me some concern from a fantasy perspective as, despite the fact he has a ton of upside, he just hasn't demonstrated much when he steps onto the field.

Power	8.8
Speed	8.5
Technique & Hands	8.4
Penetration	8.6
Hip Dip	8.5
Motor	8.9
Average	8.6

Preston Smith — E14

Mississippi State *Senior*

Height:	6'-5"	Weight:	271	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.74	Vertical:	34"	Broad:	121"
3 Cone:	7.07	Shuttle:	4.28	Bench:	24

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Combine Leader

Preston Smith is the player with the most diverse skill set from his position in this draft class. He is basically a jack of all trades along the defensive line, having played both defensive tackle and defensive end on any given play last season. Smith does a good job of keeping blockers out of his interior, allowing him freedom of motion to pursue a play down the line. He also has a good collection of pass rush moves including a nasty rip move that he uses to get into the backfield.

While Smith may be a jack of all trades, he is an expert of none. He tends to be a bit slow off the snap by about a

second and is usually the last defensive lineman to react. He lacks elite speed as he looks more like a defensive tackle in this department than a true edge rusher. Smith's motor also tends to run hot or cold, on one play he will pursue a ballcarrier all over the field until the whistle blows and then on another play he'll give up after the ball carrier is only a few yards away. If I were an NFL executive, I'd like to see a more consistent effort out of him if I am going to pay him the big bucks.

> **"WHILE SMITH MAY BE A JACK OF ALL TRADES, HE IS AN EXPERT OF NONE."**

Smith's flexibility will make him intriguing to an NFL team looking for depth. I expect him to come off the board sometime during Day Three.

Power	8.7
Speed	8.6
Technique & Hands	8.8
Penetration	8.6
Hip Dip	8.5
Motor	8.4
Average	8.6

Lorenzo Mauldin — E15

@Lozo_Mauldin_IV

Louisville *Senior*

Height:	6'-4"	Weight:	259	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.85	Vertical:	32"	Broad:	112"
3 Cone:	7.47	Shuttle:	4.58	Bench:	23

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

College Injury

Lorenzo Maldin is a smart edge rusher who ironically depends on an attribute that he is a bit short on, speed. Maldin does a good job of extending his arms to keep himself disengaged from blockers. He always has a good sense of where he is positioned on the field in relation to where the ball is and consistently works to shorten that distance. He has a high running motor and never takes a

second off, much less an entire play like some men his size are prone to do.

Maldin needs desperately to get stronger as he has consistently been pushed around at the college level and will only see that level of bullying increase in the NFL. He has shown to have a difficult time consistently maintaining his position and has had to develop ways of eluding blockers in order to get into the backfield. If he could add some muscle, to better deal with blockers, his pass rush moves would become even more effective and his production would increase significantly. Maldin will routinely pop straight up after the snap as well, which is a bad habit he needs to rectify before he will be allowed to see much playing time in the NFL. Finally, there is the issue of his speed. Maldin just isn't fast enough to be all that effective at the next level. This could be the final straw which limits his upside and, ultimately, his NFL and IDP draft value.

Power	8.3	
Speed	8.3	
Technique & Hands	8.7	
Penetration	8.6	
Hip Dip	8.5	
Motor	8.8	
Average	8.5	

MIDDLE/INSIDE LINEBACKERS
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Position Grade: 8.7

Benardrick McKinney · ILB1
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Mississippi State — *Senior*

Height:	**6'-4"**	Weight:	**246**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.66**	Vertical:	**40.5"**	Broad:	**121"**
3 Cone:	**7.21**	Shuttle:	**4.27**	Bench:	**16**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	2-3

Top 10

Benardrick McKinney is one of the top prospects at inside linebacker in a positional class that is nearly as thin as tight ends this year. However, the class has a few bright spots and McKinney is certainly one of them. First, he has great speed for an inside linebacker and is able to track down ball carriers sideline to sideline. Second, he has good tackling technique that he couples with bone-rattling power while doing a great job of wrapping up when making tackles. Finally, McKinney does a great job of shedding blocks en route to making a play.

Despite being one of the top inside linebacker prospects, McKinney unfortunately has a couple glaring weaknesses as well. Most notably, McKinney will very often guess where the play is going. Many times this will place him out of position to make a play. I have no problems with a player playing instinctual but in doing so that player must be right a large majority of the time. Unfortunately for McKinney, he simply is not that

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kind of player. Another shortcoming of his game is that he is just not good add pass coverage, no matter if it is man or zone. He tends to be so worried about where the ball may go that he finds himself unable to be where it ends up going. Once again, his instincts lead him astray and instead of sticking with his assignment he floats to where he believes the play is going. With a little more attention to detail and some added focus, McKinney could be an above average inside linebacker.

Tackling	8.8
Power	8.9
Speed	8.8
Reaction	8.7
Coverage	8.5
Shedding Blocks	8.9
Motor	8.8
Average	8.8

Eric Kendricks · ILB2
@EKLA6

UCLA — *Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**232**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.61**	Vertical:	**38"**	Broad:	**124"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**19**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

The first thing most draft evaluators like to do when examining Eric Kendricks is to compare him to his brother in the NFL, Mychal Kendricks who plays for the Philadelphia Eagles. I feel it is an unfair comparison for Eric

who should be judged on his play on the field, not his brother's. The first thing you notice when watching the younger Kendricks is he an incredible nose for the ball. He always tends to end up right where the ball is and is usually the one finishing the play for the defense. Kendricks has excellent tackling technique and does a great job of wrapping up the ball carrier. He is one of the better inside linebackers in this class when it comes to pass coverage skills, both in man and zone coverage.

With any potential high draft pick, NFL teams are looking for a player with prototypical size for his position. In regards to his evaluation criteria, Kendricks is a bit off the mark. This is due primarily to the fact that he stands only 6'-0" tall which is at least a couple inches short of your average starting inside linebacker in the NFL. This could also help explain another one of Kendricks' negative attributes which is his inability to regularly disengage from blockers. If he were another two inches taller he could most likely leverage that additional height to help him disengage. However, we aren't here to deal in hypotheticals and despite his weaknesses, Kendricks is easily one of the top inside linebackers in this class.

Tackling	8.8
Power	8.7
Speed	8.7
Reaction	8.8
Coverage	8.8
Shedding Blocks	8.5
Motor	8.8
Average	8.7

Denzel Perryman ILB3

Miami *Senior*

Height:	5'-11"	Weight:	236	Age:	23
40 Yard:	4.78	Vertical:	32"	Broad:	113"
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	27

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

I've seen a lot of players who play with much better instincts than Denzel Perryman, but few who play with as much heart. It's clear when you watch Perryman play, there are a

few places the man would rather be than on a football field. Perryman is one of this years biggest hitters who loves punishing ball carriers any chance he gets. He does above average in zone coverage and isn't all that bad and man either, provided he isn't physically overmatched. He has a high running motor, running from sideline to sideline on consecutive plays, and despite this you'd be hard-pressed to see him ever take a play off.

As I alluded to earlier in this write up, physical mismatches are a big deal for Perryman. This is due to the fact that he is significantly undersized for a starting inside linebacker as he stands only 5'-11" tall. Perryman has also shown to be extremely aggressive in his style of play as many times he will run right by the ball carrier in an effort to get to the play as quickly as possible. I could see a situation in which Perryman is situationally rotated in, but he is far from a three down linebacker in the NFL.

Tackling	8.9
Power	8.6
Speed	8.7
Reaction	8.7
Coverage	8.8
Shedding Blocks	8.6
Motor	8.9
Average	8.7

Ramik Wilson ILB4

Georgia *Senior*

Height:	6'-2"	Weight:	237	Age:	23
40 Yard:	4.77	Vertical:	35"	Broad:	111"
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	4.51	Bench:	23

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10

Ramik Wilson isn't the kind a prospect that's going to make headlines for a team if they select him but what he will do is

make that team better. I'm not saying that he is the top prospect at his position by any means but he does have a certain instinct for the game and plays his position very well. Wilson does well flowing to the ball and always seems to be right around, or making, the play. He does a good job of keeping his eyes constantly in the backfield in order to track where the ball is at all times. When making tackles Wilson does a good job of wrapping the ball carrier up and has good tackling technique.

As I stated earlier, Wilson isn't the most talented player at his position and he does have a few areas of his game that he needs to improve. If engaged by a blocker Wilson will frequently have trouble shedding the block in order to continue his pursuit of the ball carrier. He must work on getting stronger in order to help combat these type of situations. Wilson also lacks elite speed, many times just missing the chance to make a play. In a league where the players are only going to be faster than those who he's faced thus far, Wilson could be at a distinct disadvantage. I look for Wilson to be a solid backup player or rotated in situational packages.

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Tackling	**8.8**	
Power	**8.6**	
Speed	**8.6**	
Reaction	**8.8**	
Coverage	**8.7**	
Shedding Blocks	**8.5**	
Motor	**8.8**	
Average	**8.7**	

Bryce Hager — ILB5

Baylor   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**234**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.60**	Vertical:	**35"**	Broad:	**117"**
3 Cone:	**7.15**	Shuttle:	**4.36**	Bench:	**26**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10	**Fantasy Bargain**

I initially struggled with where to place Bryce Hager in terms of his position and while this may initially seem like a bad thing, it is actually quite the opposite. This is due to the fact that Hager has exceptional talents that would allow him to play either inside linebacker or outside linebacker depending on which of his weaknesses a team is more comfortable accepting. The primary reason why he has such versatility in terms of which position he can play is due to his excellent pass coverage skills. It's not a stretch to say that Hager has, quite possibly, the best pass coverage skills of any linebacker in this draft. These skills are supplemented by the fact that his football instincts are exceptional and he seems to finds himself in the midst of the action most of the game. Hager has great functional game speed and is able to be a sideline to sideline threat. His tackling technique is above average and he has shown to be quite the downhill tackler as he rarely hesitates to lower the boom once he diagnoses a play.

While Hager's coverage skills make him an intriguing outside linebacker prospect, his height would be an issue if he were to except that position in the NFL. This is due to the fact that he stands 6'-2" tall, which is fine for an inside linebacker but several inches short for an outside linebacker. Positions aside, Hager has demonstrated some problems disengaging from blocks from time to time which allows him to be taken completely out of plays if the blocker is tenacious enough. He can also, at times, be too aggressive if he believes he knows where the play is going. This tends to leave him out of position to make a tackle and presents a liability for the defense as the safety must now make the tackle or risk giving up a big gain. Hager could be a great value for a team looking for help at multiple linebacker

positions as his positional flexibility could present an opportunity for both him and the team that drafts him. I fully expect Hager to see some early playing time as a rookie with a chance of making an impact immediately depending on which team drafts him.

Tackling	8.8	
Power	8.6	
Speed	8.8	
Reaction	8.8	
Coverage	9.0	
Shedding Blocks	8.5	
Motor	8.7	
Average	8.7	

Stephone Anthony   ILB6

@stephoneanthony

Clemson   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**243**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.56**	Vertical:	**37"**	Broad:	**122"**
3 Cone:	**7.07**	Shuttle:	**4.03**	Bench:	**23**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10

A team looking for a dominant player that can start from Day One as a two-down inside linebacker would be wise to focus on Stephone Anthony. Anthony is your classic throwback, hard-nosed run stuffer who likes to punish running backs all game long. He has a great build for the position and looks like he was born to play it. Not only does he do a good job of punishing ball carriers, he also has good tackling technique and will wrap up to ensure that any yards gained on the ground stay to a minimum. Anthony does a great job of diagnosing plays early and puts himself in a position to help shut them down quickly.

> **"ANTHONY IS YOUR CLASSIC THROWBACK, HARD-NOSED RUN STUFFER WHO LIKES TO PUNISH RUNNING BACKS ALL GAME LONG."**

Despite being an above average

prospect, Anthony does have a few things he must work on in order to get better. First, he can be too aggressive at times and will run right by a ball carrier in an effort to make a play. If a rush goes to the outside Anthony has demonstrated frequently that he doesn't do all that good of a job of taking the correct angle to limit a play's impact. Finally, Anthony lacks anything really resembling pass coverage skills which will limit his upside in IDP leagues as he will likely only be on the field for passing downs.

Tackling	8.8	
Power	8.6	
Speed	8.6	
Reaction	8.8	
Coverage	8.4	
Shedding Blocks	8.6	
Motor	8.7	
Average	8.6	

Taiwan Jones   ILB7

@TJ_Spartan34

Michigan State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**245**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.95**	Vertical:	**32"**	Broad:	**115"**
3 Cone:	**7.25**	Shuttle:	**4.33**	Bench:	**19**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10

Before I jump fully into his evaluation, does anyone else find it weird that there could potentially be two players with the name Taiwan Jones in the NFL? I'm not the only one, right? It's just such a unique name and for two individuals to have it is already some long odds but for those two individuals to possess the skill set needed to be an NFL player as well has to be fairly astronomical odds, but I digress. Jones has the perfect frame to play an inside linebacker position in the NFL. He is built like a rectangle with tons of muscle and weight distributed well across his body. His strength allows him to shed blockers quite well as no player appears to be able to dominantly block him on any kind of regular basis. Jones is a decisive big hitter who will attack the ball carrier without a moment's pause.

The last positive attribute I listed above however is a double-edged sword. Many times Jones' aggressiveness is a hindrance in that it will put him out of position to make plays if he bites on a fake or falsely identifies where the ball is headed. Jones also lacks elite speed and is completely washed out of the play if it doesn't stay in front of him. Inevitably I believe Jones' role will be that of a starting inside linebacker who gets rotated out on passing play. It's certainly a great gig to get if you can, but it places significant limits upon his fantasy upside in IDP leagues.

Tackling	8.8
Power	8.6
Speed	8.4
Reaction	8.8
Coverage	8.4
Shedding Blocks	8.7
Motor	8.7
Average	8.6

Mike Hull   ILB8

@m_hull4943

Penn State   *Senior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	237	Age:	20
40 Yard:	4.68	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	6.99	Shuttle:	4.15	Bench:	31

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10

Linebacker University, the moniker itself is synonymous with Penn State. The Nittany Lions have continuously produced generations of top-notch linebackers who go on to have very successful careers in the NFL. The latest linebacker prospect out of this fine institution is Mike Hull. Hull has exceptional instincts that always seem to lead him right to where the action is. En route to making plays he does an excellent job of shedding any blockers who attempt to slow him down or stop him. Once Hull engages the ball carrier he does a good job of wrapping him up and taking him to the ground.

Like many of the other top prospects in this linebacker class, both inside and outside, Hull is a bit undersized compared to NFL standards, as he stands only 6'-0" tall. This could

present a bit of a problem if he is asked to cover a large tight end or needs to disengage himself from the block of a offensive linemen who could potentially be over six inches taller than him. The aggressiveness with which Hull plays the game is a bit confusing to me as well. On one hand, if a play is coming right out of him instead of attacking the ball carrier he will wait in place for the ball carrier to come to him, thus giving up unnecessary additional yardage on the play. However on the other hand, Hull will get too aggressive on plays moving away from him and frequently finds himself out of position to make a play if the ball carrier cuts the rush back inside.

While Hull has some interesting features to his game, I don't expect him to make much of an impact in the NFL. Alas, Linebacker University will need to wait at least another year to write the next chapter in its storied history.

Tackling	8.7
Power	8.5
Speed	8.7
Reaction	8.6
Coverage	8.5
Shedding Blocks	8.8
Motor	8.7
Average	8.6

> **"HULL WILL GET TOO AGGRESSIVE ON PLAYS MOVING AWAY FROM HIM AND FREQUENTLY FINDS HIMSELF OUT OF POSITION TO MAKE A PLAY IF THE BALL CARRIER CUTS THE RUSH BACK INSIDE."**

Ben Heeney

@henbeeney

ILB9

Kansas　　　*Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**231**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.59**	Vertical:	**33.5"**	Broad:	**120"**
3 Cone:	**6.68**	Shuttle:	**4.00**	Bench:	**19**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10	Character Concerns	Combine Leader

Where, or if, Ben Heeney gets selected in the NFL Draft will all come down to how a team perceives not what he's done on the field, but what he's done off of it. On the field Heeney is a downhill tackler who is never afraid to mix it up and stick his nose where the action is at. Heeney has above average speed and uses it well to position himself wherever the ball is going. He has great instincts and a nose for the ball which rarely fails him.

Heeney has demonstrated difficulty sheding blocks and can get completely washed out of a play if he is blocked by a player larger than him. This occurs frequently as Heeney only stands 6'-0" tall, nearly every player on the field is taller than him and that isn't going to change in the NFL either.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this write up, Heeney's prospects in the draft will all come down to how positively or negatively his actions off the field have been received by teams. First the positive, Heeney had an absolutely monster NFL Combine where he was consistently at, or near, the top foreman says turned in by players of his position. That in itself can go a long way towards persuading teams to take a second look at him. He's going to need that second look because of the negative things that have occurred off the field with him. In college Heeney was arrested for DUI and battery. One of these charges is enough to create problems for him but two charges create a whole host of issues for NFL teams evaluating his character. I believe that a team will take

> **"HEENEY IS A DOWNHILL TACKLER WHO IS NEVER AFRAID TO MIX IT UP AND STICK HIS NOSE WHERE THE ACTION IS AT."**

a chance on Heeney somewhere in the seventh round of the draft despite his issues and due largely to the performance

he put in at the NFL Combine. However, despite my attempts at seeing the future, the possibility exists that he will go undrafted but will be a priority UDFA for a team looking for depth in the middle of their defense.

Tackling	8.8	
Power	8.7	
Speed	8.8	
Reaction	8.7	
Coverage	8.5	
Shedding Blocks	8.4	
Motor	8.6	
Average	8.6	

Hayes Pullard

@FightOn10

ILB10

USC　　　*Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**240**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.78**	Vertical:	**31"**	Broad:	**110"**
3 Cone:	**7.07**	Shuttle:	**4.39**	Bench:	**19**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10

Oh how I love reviewing my USC guys! Hayes Pullard has been a fixture at inside linebacker for the Trojans much of his career. During that time he has displayed excellent instincts and always tends to be right where the action is. He does an excellent job of quickly diagnosing plays and putting himself in position to help disrupt them. Pullard has demonstrated above average pass covered skills and is anything but a liability in that department.

Despite being a Trojan, I am not blind to the fact that there are some sizable holes in Pullard's game which will cause NFL talent evaluators some concern. The first of which is his height which is only 6'-0" tall, and likely means he will have problems getting overpowered by blockers in the NFL. Unfortunately for Pullard, this exact weakness has already reared its head at the college level. Pullard has shown some difficulty disengaging from blockers once they get their hands on him. Perhaps the biggest issue for me, and a personal pet peeve of mine, is the fact that he allows the play to come to him

as opposed to seeking out the ball carrier and attacking him to make the tackle. At worst this style of play indicates a lazy player, at best it indicates an intimidated one.

Ultimately, Pullard will likely fill a backup role in the NFL due to his lack of size and apprehensiveness. Despite playing a highly sought after position in IDP leagues, Pullard lacks much value in rookie drafts, as much as it pains me to say.

> "DAMIEN WILSON IS A PROSPECT THAT NOT A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT DESPITE LEADING HIS CONFERENCE IN TACKLES LAST SEASON. WHAT IS EVEN MORE PUZZLING IS THAT HE HAS GONE RELATIVELY UNNOTICED DESPITE HAVING AN EXCELLENT SKILL SET FOR HIS POSITION."

Tackling	8.7
Power	8.5
Speed	8.7
Reaction	8.5
Coverage	8.7
Shedding Blocks	8.3
Motor	8.7
Average	8.6

Damien Wilson — ILB11

@dwilson_6

Minnesota *Senior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	245	Age:	21
40 Yard:	4.77	Vertical:	37"	Broad:	119"
3 Cone:	7.21	Shuttle:	4.20	Bench:	22

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Fantasy Bargain

Damien Wilson is a prospect that not a whole lot of people know about despite leading his conference in tackles last season. What is even more puzzling is that he has gone relatively unnoticed despite having an excellent skill set for his position. Wilson has great speed and can make plays from sideline to sideline. He does a great job of reading plays and always seems to instinctively know where the ball

is going. Wilson is a downhill tackler who attacks the ball and does a great job of wrapping the ball carrier up.

Wilson does tend to tackle a bit high for my taste but his statistics don't lie, he makes tackles. He needs to improve on his passed coverage a bit as he tends to look a bit lost on pass plays. Finally, height is a bit of an issue as he only stand 6'-0" tall. However, nearly every prospect for this position in this draft class are undersized so this shouldn't be a huge hit to his draft stock. While he will be undersized in terms of NFL standards, once he has a chance to show what he can do on the field, I have faith that this too may be a non-issue.

Tackling	8.7
Power	8.7
Speed	8.8
Reaction	8.7
Coverage	8.5
Shedding Blocks	8.5
Motor	8.6
Average	8.6

Jeff Luc — ILB12

@Jeff48Luc

Cincinnati *Senior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	251	Age:	21
40 Yard:	4.61	Vertical:	34"	Broad:	106"
3 Cone:	7.30	Shuttle:	4.56	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Jeff Luc is a highly instinctual prospect who seems to be the human equivalent of a bloodhound used for the purposes of smelling out the football. It is extremely difficult for an offense to fool him as he always seems to intuitively know where the ball is going. He is a solid tackler who does a great job wrapping the ball carrier up like a constrictor in order to

take them to the ground. On plays going to the outside, Luc takes great angles to the ball carrier and puts himself in position to either make a tackle or push the ball carrier out of bounds for a minimal gain.

While he does a great job of wrapping ball carriers up, I would like to see Luc get a bit lower when making those tackles as he will tend to try to make them above the waist which makes it easier for ball carriers to slip his grasp, not that they regularly do, but the NFL presents a whole host of much stronger players. Additionally, while Luc takes great angles to plays on the outside, he lacks the elite speed needed to be able to make those plays on a consistent basis. Once again, players in the NFL will only be faster and this weakness may only become more prominent at the next level. Finally, in pass coverage he lacks the skills needed to be even mildly effective. Between his lack of elite speed and what appears to be confusion as to his role during pass coverage, Luc will likely be taken off the field for passing downs.

> **"THIS IS THE KIND OF IDP ROLE I SEE FOR LUC, A FRINGE STARTER WHO MAY BE WORTHY OF A PICK NEAR THE END OF A ROOKIE DRAFT."**

Any IDP player worth their salt knows that two down linebackers are limited in their value. Sure, it doesn't hurt to have some for depth and injuries, but they are never going to be your week in and week out starters. This is the kind of IDP role I see for Luc, a fringe starter who may be worthy of a pick near the end of a rookie draft.

Tackling	8.7	
Power	8.7	
Speed	8.8	
Reaction	8.7	
Coverage	8.5	
Shedding Blocks	8.5	
Motor	8.6	
Average	8.6	

Trey Depriest

@sweetmeatgabana

ILB13

Alabama   *Senior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	254	Age:	22
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

If you are an inside linebacker prospect coming out of Alabama certain things are expected of you, you have a reputation to live up to based on the performance of legends that the Crimson Tide have consistently produced for decades. I have to be honest, Trey Depriest simply does not live up to that tradition in my opinion. He's not a horrible player by any means, he has good tackling technique and does a good job wrapping the ball carrier up. He is also a downhill tackler who doesn't wait for the play to come to him, he goes and makes the tackle. On occasion Depriest has also demonstrated some nice blitzing skills that do a good job of putting pressure on the quarterback.

So why don't I like him? Well, a lot of it boils down to the fact that he just finds himself out of position so frequently due to a couple of small, but ultimately damaging, mental lapses. First, Depriest tends to flat out lose track of where the ball is. He will flow towards a fake while the ball is actually halfway across the field by the time he figures out he's been fooled. Second, he has a bad habit of over committing to plays and will find himself flat-footed when the ball carrier cuts the play inside of his pursuit angle. Finally, Depriest has demonstrated that he has a tough time shedding blockers and can be taken completely out of a play if a blocker is persistent enough.

Simply put, I do not have Depriest on my draft list for any IDP leagues I am currently a part of. Given his skill set, he just isn't a player I am all that interested in acquiring at this point.

Tackling	**8.6**	
Power	**8.7**	
Speed	**8.4**	
Reaction	**8.3**	
Coverage	**8.4**	
Shedding Blocks	**8.3**	
Motor	**8.6**	
Average	**8.5**	

AJ Tarpley

@AJTarpley

Stanford   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**232**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.75**	Vertical:	**34"**	Broad:	**115"**
3 Cone:	**6.99**	Shuttle:	**4.29**	Bench:	**24**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

AJ Tarpley is a hard-working, blue-collar inside linebacker that isn't flashy but gives it his all every down. He reminds me a lot of last years surprise inside linebacker, Chris Borland. Tarpley has good tackling technique and does an excellent job of wrapping the ball carrier up and taking him to the ground. It is very rare for a ball carrier to escape his grasp, basically when Tarpley tackles a player he stays tackled. He also takes nice angles to the ball in order to minimize the yardage a ball carrier can gain. One thing that helps distinguish Tarpley from several other prospects in this class is his ability to stay in on passing downs due to his above average pass coverage skills. While many prospects, in this class especially, are liabilities on passing downs, Tarpley can hold his own and has the skill set to be a true three down linebacker, a rare commodity indeed.

Few players will ever come out smelling like roses from an evaluation I do on them, and Tarpley is not an exception. One area that I believe Tarpley needs to desperately improve on is his aggressiveness when making tackles. Many times he will wait for the ball carrier to come to him as opposed to being more of a downhill tackler in an effort to limit the yards gained on any given play. He must also work on his ability to shed blocks as he can be completely washed out of a play due to his deficiencies in this area. Tarpley also appears to lack the elite speed needed to be a dominant player in the NFL. This could cause problems if he is assigned to cover speedier tight ends in man coverage or if there is a sweep that needs to be shut down quickly in a short yardage situation.

Like Borland, Tarpley may not be a team's first choice to be in the starting lineup. However, if he is thrust into the situation he has the skill set needed to thrive given that opportunity. If he is able to sneak into the late rounds of the draft he may be worth a late round stash in IDP leagues. However, if he ends up being a UDFA Tarpley might be better served as a free agent you can add to your roster and monitor for a couple months once free agency opens.

Tackling	**8.8**	
Power	**8.4**	
Speed	**8.2**	
Reaction	**8.3**	
Coverage	**8.7**	
Shedding Blocks	**8.2**	
Motor	**8.5**	
Average	**8.4**	

THE ORANGE REPORT

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS
These Guys Are Fine Being On The Outside Looking In

Position Grade: 8.7

Shaq Thompson   OLB1
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Washington   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**228**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.64**	Vertical:	**33.5"**	Broad:	**117"**
3 Cone:	**6.99**	Shuttle:	**4.08**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Top 10

Shaq Thompson is an incredibly gifted athlete and has been featured in a variety of ways during his career at Washington. Thompson played outside linebacker, safety and even running back in an effort to help this team win. NFL teams are going to eat up the fact that he put so much on himself in order to help his team out. As an outside linebacker he has shown himself to have great tackling technique and does an excellent job of wrapping ball carriers up. Thompson has excellent speed and quite literally flies all around the field constantly making plays. He has proven to be nearly impossible to block due to his ability to shed blocks with ease. Thompson's coverage skills aren't perfect but they are certainly well above average as he does a good job minimizing the number of passes thrown his way.

While it is almost a near certainty that Thompson will be the first outside linebacker off the board in the NFL draft, there are a couple things NFL teams will need to be aware of.

> **"KWON ALEXANDER IS EASILY ONE OF MY FAVORITE OUTSIDE LINEBACKER PROSPECTS NOT ONLY IN THIS DRAFT BUT IN ALL OF THE YEARS I'VE BEEN DOING THIS REPORT."**

First, Thompson loses track of the ball more often then you would like to see out of a first round draft pick. Many times he will bite on fakes and be completely out of position to make a play. Second, he is undersized to play outside linebacker in the NFL. He is both too short and underweight making him look more like a safety and a true outside linebacker. That being said if he is able to add 15 to 20 pounds he could make a significant go of it. We have seen plenty of shorter outside linebackers thrive in the NFL and I have no doubt the Thompson could do so as well.

Tackling	**8.9**
Power	**8.7**
Speed	**8.9**
Reaction	**8.8**
Coverage	**8.8**
Shedding Blocks	**9.0**
Motor	**8.9**
Average	**8.9**

Kwon Alexander   OLB2
@Showtime17Kwon

LSU   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**227**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.55**	Vertical:	**36"**	Broad:	**121"**
3 Cone:	**7.14**	Shuttle:	**4.20**	Bench:	**24**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

Kwon Alexander is easily one of my favorite outside linebacker prospects not only in this draft but in all of the years I've been doing this report. I don't say this lightly as I have evaluated probably close to 75 outside linebacker prospects over the past three years. Alexander has

exceptional instincts, he constantly is able to quickly and accurately diagnose plays and puts himself in a position to disrupt them. While that trait tends to be rare in prospects, what really sets him apart is how tenaciously he attacks plays. Many players, across all positions, tend to wait for the ball carrier to come to them when making a tackle. Alexander chooses to attack the ball carrier instead, possibly saving extra yards on each tackle he makes. It is an extremely refreshing trait to see in action and one I wish more players would incorporate into their game. To top it all off Alexander has excellent speed and can be seen flying all around the field making plays.

In order for Alexander to become the truly elite talent that I know he can be, he must first work on his ability to shed blockers. Many times once a blocker engages him, Alexander is taken out of the play. While better technique could help in this area, part of this problem is likely due to the fact he is undersized for the position. While I hate to say it, and would hate even more to see it, a change to strong safety could be in his future.
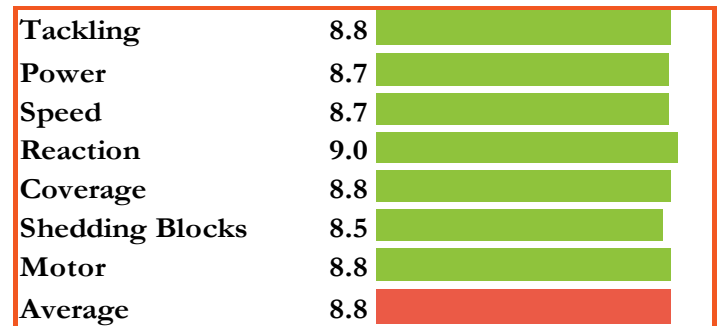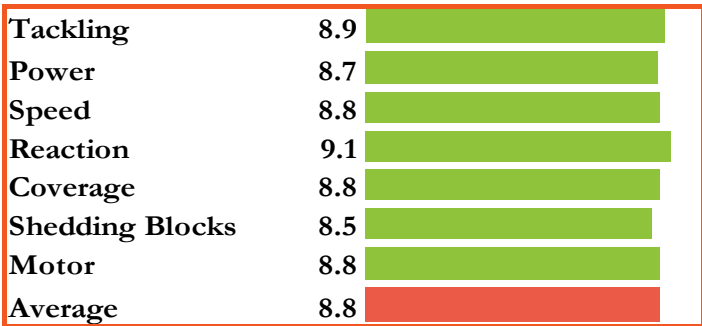
Tackling	8.9	
Power	8.7	
Speed	8.8	
Reaction	9.1	
Coverage	8.8	
Shedding Blocks	8.5	
Motor	8.8	
Average	8.8	

Paul Dawson   OLB3

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TCU   *Senior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	235	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.93	Vertical:	28"	Broad:	109"
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	4.49	Bench:	21

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

I can't stress enough how impressed I have been while evaluating many of the top prospects in this years outside linebacker class and at least part of that respect is due to the exceptional play of Paul Dawson. Dawson has well-honed instincts which rarely fail him on his constant search for the ball carrier. Once he identifies where the ball is, Dawson seems to have a sixth sense when navigating through traffic on his way to make a tackle. When he couples this amazing skill with his excellent speed he is able to be an integral part of stopping plays dead in their tracks.

There is very little I would change about how Dawson plays when he's on the field. What I can offer however are a few red flags that teams will certainly be taking a look at when evaluating him. First, Dawson is just a bit short in comparison to your average starting NFL outside linebacker

> **"THERE IS VERY LITTLE I WOULD CHANGE ABOUT HOW DAWSON PLAYS WHEN HE'S ON THE FIELD."**

as he stands roughly 6'-0" tall. We are talking only one or two inches so it's not a huge deal, but in an era of gargantuan tight ends, every inch counts. Dawson has also shown to have some minor troubles disengaging from blockers. This is something that he can be coached up on so, once again, it's not a deal breaker by any means. The one thing that is somewhat concerning is the poor NFL Combine performance Dawson put in. Inexplicably, he was near the bottom of his position in nearly every event that he took part in. While his game tape speaks volumes, his performance at the Combine is sure to leave several NFL decision-makers with cold feet.

Tackling	8.8	
Power	8.7	
Speed	8.7	
Reaction	9.0	
Coverage	8.8	
Shedding Blocks	8.5	
Motor	8.8	
Average	8.8	

Martrell Spaight

OLB4

@MartrellSpaight

Arkansas   *Senior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	236	Age:	21
40 Yard:	4.88	Vertical:	35"	Broad:	120"
3 Cone:	7.66	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	25

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10

Tackling	8.8	
Power	8.7	
Speed	8.8	
Reaction	8.9	
Coverage	8.8	
Shedding Blocks	8.5	
Motor	8.8	
Average	8.8	

This year's class of outside linebackers is unique in the fact that many of them have very similar weaknesses. The main weakness that many of them share is a clear lack of height in respect to the prototypical outside linebacker in the NFL. In this regard Martrell Spaight is yet another in what I have affectionally come to label as the "Seven Dwarves". These gentlemen aren't short by societal measures, but they are undersized by outside linebacker standards in the NFL. In this case, Spaight only stands 6'-0" tall, which is at least a good three inches shorter than you would like to see in a starting outside linebacker. Despite this glaring weakness, Spaight has excellent football instincts and is not easily fooled when it comes to locating the ball. He has good speed and can close quickly on the ball carrier. Once Spaight makes contact he does an excellent job of delivering jarring hits, wrapping up and taking the ball carrier to the ground.

Aside from his height, Spaight has shown difficulty shedding blockers once they engage him. A big reason for this is likely due to the fact that he is simply smaller than most of the players on the field and, as such, he is at a clear physical disadvantage. An additional issue is the fact that Spaight has only played one full season of football. He is extremely raw and still lacks many of the fundamentals most players in this draft have had for years. Spaight looks to be a project player with lots of upside due to his physicality and natural football instincts.

Jake Ryan

OLB5

@JakeRyan_47

Michigan   *Senior*

Height:	6'-2"	Weight:	240	Age:	23
40 Yard:	4.65	Vertical:	34.5"	Broad:	120"
3 Cone:	7.11	Shuttle:	4.20	Bench:	20

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10 | **College Injury**

Jake Ryan is the kind of player that coaches create clichés about. For instance, one would go something like this, "If I had a team full of Jake Ryan's, I would win the championship every year". Ryan is a player who plays with an incredible amount of heart and is guided by exceptional football instincts. Ryan always seems to have a sixth sense about where the ball is going and then moves exceptionally well through traffic in order to get there. He has great technique as a tackler as he places his shoulder right into the gut of the ball carrier and attempts to drive right through him all while keeping a constrictor-like grasp on him as he takes him to the ground.

> **"JAKE RYAN IS THE KIND OF PLAYER THAT COACHES CREATE CLICHÉS ABOUT. FOR INSTANCE, ONE WOULD GO SOMETHING LIKE THIS, "IF I HAD A TEAM FULL OF JAKE RYAN'S, I WOULD WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP EVERY YEAR"."**

It's a good thing that Ryan has the instincts that he does because by just watching a few plays of his game tape you can immediately see he isn't the fastest player on the field by any stretch the imagination. Despite being in the right place many times, he just seems a step too slow for the game. Speaking of those instincts, while they do a good job of getting him in the vicinity of the play, Ryan many times will

lose track of the ball once he is nearly on top of it. I can't count the number of times he made his way within a couple of feet of the ball carrier and then had no idea what to do once he got there. One negative that was particularly frustrating to witness was his inexplicable desire to engage blockers and then his inability to disengage from the same blocker he sought out. Ryan suffered an ACL tear in 2012 which could help explain the slowness he displayed. Many times it will take a player at least a full season to fully recover from that type of injury. I have a bit of faith that Ryan will hone his technique even more at the next level and have hopes that some of the speed issues I witnessed were due to his ACL injury which will further heal itself giving him a little bit more speed. Ryan's instincts and heart can't be measured but those intangibles play very well with an NFL team looking for a solid outside linebacker.

Tackling	8.8	
Power	8.7	
Speed	8.5	
Reaction	8.8	
Coverage	8.8	
Shedding Blocks	8.5	
Motor	8.8	
Average	8.7	

Jordan Hicks   OLB6

@JHicks_3

Texas   *Senior*

Height:	6'-1"	Weight:	236	Age:	23
40 Yard:	4.68	Vertical:	38"	Broad:	124"
3 Cone:	6.78	Shuttle:	4.15	Bench:	20

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10	College Injury	Character Concerns

Many times prospects have no way of knowing what one aspect of their game lowered their draft stock the most. In the case of Jordan Hicks, it's very likely that one thing will have little to do with his game on the field and is crystal clear to anyone paying the slightest bit of attention, injuries. Hicks injured his hip and his Achilles tendon during his college career, both of which cost him significant playing time in each of the seasons that they occurred. When Hicks

was on the field he displayed solid tackling skills and did a good job wrapping ball carriers up. He moved well through traffic and always presented a tough target for the offense to block. Hicks had a good motor and never appeared to take a play off.

Aside from his injury history, Hicks had a number of other major issues that won't help his draft stock. Take for instance the fact that Hicks was suspended from his team for breaking team rules prior to the Alamo Bowl in 2014. NFL teams don't like to see suspensions on a players record, much less so right before the biggest game of their team's season. This suspension sends the wrong message for Hicks in that not only does it present him as a player with potential character issues, it also makes him appear unreliable due to the fact that he missed Texas' biggest game of the season. Hicks also has a couple issues on the field, the first being that he only stand 6'-1" tall which is incredibly short for an outside linebacker prospect. Secondly, Hicks has demonstrated that he has issues locating the ball at times. This is troubling because you always want your defensive player to know exactly where the ball is and where they need to be going. Overall Hicks has a big hill to climb in order to get into the early rounds of the draft. Ultimately, I believe he will be a middle to late round pick for a team looking for some depth at outside linebacker.

> **"OVERALL HICKS HAS A BIG HILL TO CLIMB IN ORDER TO GET INTO THE EARLY ROUNDS OF THE DRAFT."**

Tackling	8.7	
Power	8.7	
Speed	8.7	
Reaction	8.6	
Coverage	8.7	
Shedding Blocks	8.8	
Motor	8.8	
Average	8.7	

Dyshawn Davis

OLB7

Syracuse   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**220**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10

It is no simple task to assign a position to Dyshawn Davis. Davis' position currently lacks any real analogy in the NFL, it is a true hybrid position, a moniker that Davis has gladly adopted for himself calling himself "the hybrid". He will line up in a traditional 4–3 outside linebacker position but will be used a high percentage of the time to blitz the quarterback. While this type of usage hasn't translated into a high number of sacks, it has seen success disrupting plays in the backfield. This is due in large part to Davis' speed which is well above average. He also has a motor that just won't stop, some might even call it a bloodlust for tackles. When asked to drop into coverage, Davis has proven to be adept at zone coverage but was rarely used in man coverage situations.

Just as Davis' position lacks any clear definition, it also makes it difficult to highlight weaknesses as he wasn't used in the typical outside linebacker role. Generally speaking though, Davis does have a few technical issues he needs to work out, many of which have to do with his tackling technique. Davis must work on getting lower when making tackles as he tends to try to tackle ball carriers above the waist which allows them to power through his tackles. This leads directly into his second issue which is his lack of wrapping the ball carrier up completely. Once again this allows the ball carrier to power through Davis' tackles much easier than many defenders. Also, while Davis has a high running motor this can get him into trouble many times as he gets overly aggressive and will overcommit when trying to make a play. If Davis had worked these issues out in college it's highly likely his draft stock would be much higher than it is today, perhaps even in the early rounds of the draft.

Davis' unique usage at Clemson will present a quandary for NFL talent evaluators and as such, he might see his draft stock depressed a bit unfairly. Davis' unique skill set however could present quite an asset for an NFL team willing to tweak their defense a bit for added pressure on the quarterback. I don't see Davis being selected until the very late rounds of the draft but if he gets a chance to start, then watch out, especially any quarterbacks out there!

Tackling	8.4	
Power	8.7	
Speed	8.8	
Reaction	8.8	
Coverage	8.8	
Shedding Blocks	8.7	
Motor	9.0	
Average	8.7	

> **"DAVIS' UNIQUE USAGE AT CLEMSON WILL PRESENT A QUANDARY FOR NFL TALENT EVALUATORS AND AS SUCH, HE MIGHT SEE HIS DRAFT STOCK DEPRESSED A BIT UNFAIRLY."**

Derrick Malone Jr.

OLB8

Oregon   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**230**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.71**	Vertical:	**29.5"**	Broad:	**109**
3 Cone:	**7.09**	Shuttle:	**4.39**	Bench:	**25**

Projected NFL Round:	6-7

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10   **College Injury**

Derrick Malone Jr. played inside linebacker for Oregon throughout his career with the Ducks, but his skill set and body frame point to a player misused by the Oregon coaching staff and better suited for a role as an outside linebacker in the NFL. Malone is perhaps one of the best zone coverage linebackers in the draft despite seeing all of his action at inside linebacker. He floats naturally back into coverage and keeps his head on a continuous swivel, always looking for threats entering his zone. Malone has great instincts and reacts well to what is seeing on the field. In

what may be one of his greatest strengths, Malone is a player that absolutely loves contact and punishing ball carriers. He is a downhill tackler who takes great angles to the ball at full speed for maximum impact.

Unfortunately, when Malone makes that contact he doesn't follow through to wrap the ball carrier up. This has created a few instances where a hit sounds great but the ball carrier manages to stay upright and continue downfield for extra yardage. In the NFL, Malone will need to follow through to take the player down after a devastating hit. Additionally, while Malone does a good job of masking it, he lacks elite speed and could face some problems in man coverage against faster tight ends in the NFL.

I'm a big fan of Malone's skills and believe that an NFL team that selects him could be getting an excellent value. He has the potential to sneak into the late rounds of the draft provided a team can see the need to move him to outside linebacker.

Tackling	8.6	
Power	8.7	
Speed	8.4	
Reaction	8.7	
Coverage	8.9	
Shedding Blocks	8.5	
Motor	8.8	
Average	8.7	

Aaron Davis — OLB9

@ADavis_37

Colorado State   *Senior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	225	Age:	21
40 Yard:	4.95	Vertical:	29"	Broad:	107"
3 Cone:	7.38	Shuttle:	4.37	Bench:	16

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA
Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10

Sometimes all the heart in the world just isn't enough to make a player into a superstar, no matter what sports drink or shoe company ads may tell you. Sometimes a player can

have a ton of heart and even the skill to go along with it, but they lack the physicality to manifest that heart into solid results. Unfortunately one of those players with a ton of heart, but a lack of physical dominance, is Aaron Davis. Davis does have a significant amount of skill, he just lacks the kind of physical dominance other players larger than him have. Davis has great instincts and flows to the ball very well. He is an aggressive, downhill tackler with a solid tackling technique who wraps up ball carriers very well. He is above average in pass coverage and limits or disrupts the plays in his vicinity.

Despite all of his skills Davis is fairly small for being an outside linebacker. He only stands 6'-0" tall and can be physically dominated by blockers larger than him. Usually when a larger player engages him Davis has a tough time shedding the blocker and can be taken out of plays fairly easily. While his instincts are great, and he tends to have a nose for the ball, Davis is simply too small to be a consistent playmaker in the NFL. I expect him to be a UDFA and possibly find a role as a special teams player or back up at the next level.

Tackling	8.7	
Power	8.5	
Speed	8.7	
Reaction	8.7	
Coverage	8.8	
Shedding Blocks	8.3	
Motor	8.7	
Average	8.6	

Mark Nzeocha

OLB10

@MCN_90

Wyoming   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-2"**	Weight:	**232**	Age:	**25**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**24**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10	College Injury	Small School

Tackling	8.7	
Power	8.7	
Speed	8.8	
Reaction	8.5	
Coverage	7.9	
Shedding Blocks	8.8	
Motor	8.7	
Average	8.6	

One of Mark Nzeocha's biggest problems is that people simply don't know who he is. There are a number of reasons for this which range from the fact that he played at a college in one of the smallest television markets in the nation, to the fact that he got injured in his final college season, to the fact that he wasn't recruited to Wyoming in the normal way having played his high school football in Germany, even down to the fact that his name is hard to pronounce. None of these factors helped put Nzeocha on college football's "need to know" list. Despite all of this, Nzeocha is an interesting player due to the fact that he has some above average skills and appears to be getting better as his career progresses. He does a good job flowing to the ball and puts himself in position to make plays. Once in position, Nzeocha uses his above average speed to close on the ball carrier and make the play. Nzeocha can be frustrating for offenses to block due to his above average ability to shed blockers.

Make no mistake, Nzeocha is still a very raw prospect who will need a lot of work to be of starting caliber in the NFL. He currently has the skills needed

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to be rotated in during rush plays but he severely lacks the needed pass coverage skills to be effective on passing downs. Nzeocha many times appears downright lost in coverage, so much so I don't even know if this aspect of his game is worth the trouble needed to refine it. One of Nzeocha's big selling points, his speed, may have been negatively impacted as well due to the fact that he tore his ACL at the end of the 2014 season. I could see Nzeocha carving out a nice career for himself as a special teams player but a starting role in the NFL seems highly unlikely at this point.

Michael Orakpo

OLB11

@Raknation

Texas State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**231**	Age:	**24**
40 Yard:	**4.80**	Vertical:	**34"**	Broad:	**118"**
3 Cone:	**7.53**	Shuttle:	**4.44**	Bench:	**29**

Projected NFL Round:	7-UDFA

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

College Injury	Character Concerns	Small School

Yes, Michael Orakpo is the brother of current NFL linebacker Brian Orakpo. If you think that means much to me or will cast the younger Orakpo in a more favorable light then perhaps you should go read my evaluation of Eric Kendricks. Spoiler alert, it doesn't matter to me one bit. Now that we've gotten that out of the way, let's move on from talking about Orakpo's relatives and focus on what he can potentially do for an NFL team.

First, Orakpo does a great job of disengaging from blockers. He has proven to be very slippery for blockers to tie up for more than a second or two. This has allowed him to constantly be on the move and flow well to the ball. Once he engages the ball carrier, Orakpo does a good job of wrapping up taking a player to the ground.

For a player with, what appears to be on paper, an above average skill set, you may be asking yourself "Why haven't I heard of him?" I'm glad you asked, Orakpo was a rising star at Colorado State University and he made an incredibly stupid decision to assault a fellow student so badly that it required that he be dismissed from the team. In order to continue playing college football, he had to transfer to Texas

State University, a program with much less visibility and notoriety. It was a necessary move which undoubtably diminished his draft stock early in his career. While playing for his new team, Orakpo routinely demonstrated a tendency to overcommit on plays, allowing ball carriers to cut inside of his pursuit angle. Finally, in his last season, when he finally appeared to be putting everything together, he tore both his ACL and MCL which ended his season prematurely.

Orakpo has a lot to overcome in order to hear his name mentioned as an NFL draft pick. Between being a character concern, a small school prospect and a player recovering from significant injuries, Orakpo likely will only find his team as a UDFA once the draft has concluded.

Tackling	8.7	
Power	8.7	
Speed	8.6	
Reaction	8.4	
Coverage	8.7	
Shedding Blocks	8.8	
Motor	8.6	
Average	8.6 (8.7)	

CORNERBACKS
Kryptonite To Wide Receivers

Position Grade: 8.8

Trae Waynes | CB1

@TWaynes_15

Michigan State   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**186**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.31**	Vertical:	**38"**	Broad:	**122"**
3 Cone:	**7.06**	Shuttle:	**4.39**	Bench:	**19**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

Man Coverage	9.2
Zone Coverage	8.8
Physicality	8.8
Tackling	8.8
Speed	8.9
Reaction	8.9
Average	8.9

Michigan State is looking to extend their streak of cornerbacks going in the first round and they have just the prospect which will allow them to do so in Trae Waynes. Just like his former teammate Darqueze Dennard, Waynes is absolutely amazing in man coverage. He does excellent job of undercutting routes and positioning himself to break up passes or even intercept them in some cases. He has great speed and it is very rare for him to ever get beat deep on the pass.

Waynes was rarely used in zone coverage so that aspect of his game remains undetermined for the most part. At times he can be a bit too physical in coverage which has drawn several flags throughout his career. When asked to support against the rush, Waynes lacked enthusiasm and many times didn't work all that hard to shed his blocker. Nonetheless, I fully expect Wayne's to be a mid first round pick and he will immediately make the defense, of whichever team selects him, much better.

> **"JUST LIKE HIS FORMER TEAMMATE DARQUEZE DENNARD, WAYNES IS ABSOLUTELY AMAZING IN MAN COVERAGE."**

Marcus Peters | CB2

@ThatBoy_21

Washington   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**197**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.53**	Vertical:	**37.5"**	Broad:	**121"**
3 Cone:	**7.08**	Shuttle:	**4.08**	Bench:	**17**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10   **Character Concerns**

While everyone is engaging in debates about who the top wide receiver, quarterback or or running back are in this class, an equally spirited and interesting debate is occurring over who the top cornerback is in this class as well. However, as the debate rages on one name keeps appearing and that is Marcus Peters. Peters is an incredible man coverage specialist who tends to shine in press coverage. He has great instincts and has shown the ability to diagnose and react to plays even before they fully developed. This attribute is indeed a rare one which few prospects, and even current NFL players possess. Peters' frame is well-suited to a starting cornerback role in the NFL as he stands 6'-0" and weighs in right around 200 pounds. This will allow him to contest jump balls with large wide receivers while providing

just enough room for NFL trainers to add some additional muscle and weight to his frame.

Peters didn't do himself any favors to close his college career out when he was dismissed from his team for having and intense argument with his coach. Some reports even claim that the argument got physical which both parties have denied. NFL-bound prospects have nightmares about being labeled as a character concern as it tends to drop their value without them even setting foot on the field. However, when it comes to his play, Peters has a couple small issues to contend with as well. First, he does not seem all that interested in rush support. Many times it looks as if he is trying to be blocked by any player between him and the ball carrier. I say this because I have seen him fight much more intensely with wide receivers in pass coverage then I have ever seen him attempt to fight through blocks from those same wide receivers on rushing plays. Second, Peters tends to get very grabby in coverage, something that the NFL has publicly stated they are looking to crack down on in recent seasons. He must curtail this type of play or he takes the risk of getting flagged quite a lot in his rookie year until he learns the lesson the hard way.

> **"WILLIAMS JUST SEEMS TO HAVE A CERTAIN FIRE IN HIS BELLY WHICH PUSHES HIM TO WANT TO MAKE AS MANY PLAYS AS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT A GAME AND HE HAS THE SKILL SET WHICH ENABLES HIM TO MAKE THIS DESIRE COME TRUE."**

Man Coverage	**9.0**	
Zone Coverage	**8.8**	
Physicality	**8.7**	
Tackling	**8.7**	
Speed	**8.8**	
Reaction	**8.8**	
Average	**8.8 (8.9)**	

P.J Williams   CB3
@PjWilliams_26

Florida State   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**194**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.57**	Vertical:	**40"**	Broad:	**132"**
3 Cone:	**7.08**	Shuttle:	**4.28**	Bench:	**12**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

It's tough to define how hungry a player is, it's not and attribute you can measure like a 40 time or vertical jump but it clearly exists and is different from player to player. If someone asked me who the hungriest cornerback is in this draft, without a doubt I would point to P.J. Williams. Williams just seems to have a certain fire in his belly which pushes him to want to make as many plays as possible throughout a game and he has the skill set which enables him to make this desire come true. Williams is hands down one of the best cornerbacks at press man coverage in this draft. He does a good job of jolting the receiver at the line of scrimmage and pestering him for the full five yards he's entitled to. Williams has nice speed and can keep up with nearly every receiver he's been matched against throughout his college career. He has demonstrated a desire and ability to support against the rush which is a trait that could help him distinguish himself from other cornerbacks in this class.

Williams has shown that he can get a bit too physical downfield in pass coverage which could make him susceptible to pass interference calls in the NFL. He also tends to run with his receiver immediately after the ball is snapped which makes him a prime target for short to intermediate passes. Williams must also work on wrapping the ball carrier up as he tends to want to go for the big hit as opposed to the sure tackle.

All things considered, I am very excited to see Williams play on Sundays. It isn't very often that I say such a thing about a cornerback prospect but Williams isn't your average prospect either.

Man Coverage	**8.9**
Zone Coverage	**8.8**
Physicality	**8.9**
Tackling	**8.7**
Speed	**8.8**
Reaction	**8.8**
Average	**8.8**

Ifo Ekpre-Olomu   CB4

@ifo14

Oregon   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**197**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.53**	Vertical:	**37.5"**	Broad:	**121"**
3 Cone:	**7.08**	Shuttle:	**4.08**	Bench:	**17**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10	College Injury

Ifo Ekpre-Olomu it is a name that stands out to many fans who regularly watch college football and for reasons more than how difficult it is to pronounce. All kidding aside, Ekpre-Olomu is and absolute force at the cornerback position and if not for a bit of bad luck it is highly likely he would be ranked as the top player at his position. He does an excellent job staying with his assigned receiver in man coverage, and he is quite possibly one of the top man coverage players in this draft. Ekpre-Olomu, unlike many other cornerbacks, isn't afraid of coming up to make initial contact in rush support either. He will attack the ball carrier as opposed to letting the play come to him and, many times, has been able to make tackles for a loss on a rush coming his way.

Technically speaking, there is very little wrong with Ekpre-Olomu's on the field play. However, there are two intangible issues that NFL teams will need to each weigh independently. The first is a minor issue and, depending on one's point of view, it may not even be an issue at all. The issue being that Ekpre-Olomu is significantly undersized in relation to other prospects of his position. Standing only 5'-

9" tall and weighing in at around 195 pounds, Ekpre-Olomu could be targeted by opposing teams looking for a mismatch or, even more worrying, he could be at an increased risk for significant injuries in the NFL. Second, Ekpre-Olomu tore his ACL at the end of the season last year. He is still rehabilitating his injury and it is likely he will have to miss some time at the start of his NFL career. Despite his incredible skill set, questions will linger as to how much the injury will impact his game. Additionally, any team looking for immediate help in their secondary would likely choose to pass him over in favor of a player ready to step on the field Day One. Despite these issues, I feel that Ekpre-Olomu could present an exceptional value for a team willing to take a risk on his future upside.

Man Coverage	**9.0**
Zone Coverage	**8.8**
Physicality	**8.9**
Tackling	**8.8**
Speed	**8.7**
Reaction	**8.8**
Average	**8.8**

> **"TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, THERE IS VERY LITTLE WRONG WITH EKPRE-OLOMU'S ON THE FIELD PLAY."**

Quinten Rollins   CB5

@QRollins2

Miami (Ohio)   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-11"**	Weight:	**195**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.57**	Vertical:	**36.5"**	Broad:	**122"**
3 Cone:	**7.10**	Shuttle:	**4.28**	Bench:	**14**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10

For a player with as little experience as Quinten Rollins has, it is quite impressive that his name should even be brought up as high as it has been among draftniks. For those of you unaware, Rollins has only played roughly two years of football and comes to the sport with a basketball background. Despite his lack of experience, Rollins has

many desirable attributes that NFL teams look for in a starting cornerback. Standing 5'-11" tall, Rollins has above average height for his position. He has shown to have excellent hands with seven interceptions this season alone. Rollins' skills aren't limited to the pass game either as he does a great job in rush support as well. Finally, Rollins has shown good tackling technique and does an excellent job of wrapping the ball carrier up.

As with any player with limited experience, there are clear holes to Rollins' game that need to be addressed before he establishes himself as a starting cornerback in the NFL. First, the most notable issue that jumps out at you from his game film is just how quickly he opens up to run with a receiver he is defending. This is an issue that NFL offenses well take advantage of with short to intermediate routes as Rollins will turn around right as the receiver makes his cut. He is going to have to learn to backpedal as far as possible in order to keep those plays in front of him and open up only when it's evident that the pass is going to be deep. Second, Rollins has shown a tendency to bite on double moves and head fakes fairly frequently. This shows his lack of experience and is something NFL coaches will need to help him focus on before he's ready for primetime. Finally, he lacks elite speed and could be a liability in pass coverage if he's matched

> **"DESPITE HIS LACK OF EXPERIENCE, ROLLINS HAS MANY DESIRABLE ATTRIBUTES THAT NFL TEAMS LOOK FOR IN A STARTING CORNERBACK."**

up with receivers with top-notch speed. Rollins shows a lot a promise but he is going to need some coaching before any team is ready to make him a full-time starter.

Man Coverage	8.8
Zone Coverage	8.8
Physicality	8.8
Tackling	8.9
Speed	8.6
Reaction	8.7
Average	8.8

Jalen Collins — CB6

@JayCar_11

LSU   *Junior*

Height:	6'1"	Weight:	203	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.48	Vertical:	36"	Broad:	124"
3 Cone:	6.77	Shuttle:	4.27	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10

Any NFL team looking for an immediate player who can help at cornerback will have a multitude of options at the top of this years draft. A player that is undoubtably at the top of many teams list at this position is Jalen Collins. Collins is built like a prototypical modern cornerback, standing 6'1" and weighing around 205 pounds. His size allows him to compete well with large wide receivers while being able to stand his ground and not get pushed around. Collins has excellent speed and can win a foot race with even the fastest players he'd be asked to cover. He has consistently shown an exceptional ability to shadow receivers, never letting them get more than an arms length away on deep routes.

However, when it comes to short to intermediate routes, Collins tends to play too far off the line of scrimmage to effectively make plays on the ball. The cushion that he grants them does make it less likely that he will get burned deep but that has proven to come at the expense of many shorter routes instead. Collins has also shown a reluctance to get involved in rush support, a negative attribute that is becoming all too common among young cornerbacks as of late. When making tackles Collins should work more on his technique as he tends to make initial contact but doesn't follow up by consistently wrapping the ball carrier up.

Man Coverage	8.9
Zone Coverage	8.8
Physicality	8.7
Tackling	8.5
Speed	8.9
Reaction	8.7
Average	8.8

D'Joun Smith

CB7

Florida Atlantic   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-10"**	Weight:	**187**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.45**	Vertical:	**36"**	Broad:	**124"**
3 Cone:	**6.96**	Shuttle:	**4.26**	Bench:	**18**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10

One thing I really like about a cornerback is the ability to play solid press coverage and boy have I found a great prospect in D'Joun Smith. It's not a stretch to say that the ability to press cover is by far Smith's best attribute. That is in no way a knock to his game as a whole, it's just that he is that good at it. Smith also possesses good speed which allows him to keep up with speedier receivers without being left in the dust. He is also a good tackler and has no problem putting some pop behind his hits. A nice little bonus that an NFL team will get when they draft Smith is his experience as a kick returner. This may allow him to get some immediate playing time which is always nice for a rookie.

For as good as Smith is at press coverage, he has a tendency to overdo it and will remain physical all the way down the field. This has got him in trouble in college from time to time and the NFL officials are even less forgiving. He also has a bad habit of playing the receiver and not the ball which has drawn him even more pass interference penalties. Smith could stand to add a few pounds to his frame as he is currently underweight. If an NFL defensive back coach can coach him up a bit then whatever team ends up drafting Smith may find themselves with quite a gem.

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Man Coverage	**8.9**	
Zone Coverage	**8.7**	
Physicality	**8.6**	
Tackling	**8.7**	
Speed	**8.9**	
Reaction	**8.7**	
Average	**8.8**	

Kevin Johnson

CB8

@KevJr9

Wake Forest   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**188**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.52**	Vertical:	**41.5"**	Broad:	**130"**
3 Cone:	**6.79**	Shuttle:	**3.89**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10   **Combine Leader**

In the lead up to the NFL draft, Kevin Johnson's name has continued to generate hype among draftniks due to his above average man coverage abilities and superb NFL Combine performance. Johnson has the kind of building blocks many NFL talent evaluators feel can be further refined by their coaching staff in order to create an excellent cornerback at the next level. What makes Johnson even more enticing is the fact that he has already done some positive refining to his game on his own. Johnson's man coverage skills are some of the best in the class due to the fact that he possesses the uncanny knack for undercutting routes and getting inside the receiver to either break up with the pass or put himself in a position to intercept it. Additionally, he possesses the height, physicality and speed needed to compete with many of today's large bodied wide receivers in the NFL making him a highly sought after commodity in the modern game.

As I mentioned early in this write up, Johnson will need to refine his game a bit more to take full advantage of his natural skill set. First, and perhaps most frustrating, Johnson plays entirely too far off the line of scrimmage when defending against receivers. He will routinely give over ten yards of cushion which is simply unnecessary and, many times, detrimental. Additionally, Johnson is just not a factor in rush support and appears unwilling, unable or simply disinterested in defending against it all together. Finally, Johnson simply must add more weight to his frame as he measured into the NFL Combine at 188 pounds which in itself is fairly small,

however, during the season he was listed as weighing in the low 170s, which is almost downright dangerous to step on an NFL field at that weight. Despite his issues, I have no doubt an NFL team will take Johnson in the early rounds of the draft and agree with the NFL talent evaluators I mentioned earlier, a lucky team will have a great opportunity, and the necessary pieces, to mold him into a top-notch coverage cornerback for years to come.

Man Coverage	8.9	
Zone Coverage	8.7	
Physicality	8.6	
Tackling	8.5	
Speed	8.9	
Reaction	8.9	
Average	8.8	

Alex Carter — CB9

Stanford — *Junior*

Height:	6'-0"	Weight:	196	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.51	Vertical:	40"	Broad:	121"
3 Cone:	7.05	Shuttle:	4.07	Bench:	17

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	5-6

Top 10

Despite a few glaring holes in his game, Alex Carter could see his draft stock continue to increase due to one important attribute in today's NFL, his height. Standing 6'-0" tall Carter possesses the kind of height that NFL teams are looking for. He has solid zone coverage skills and is formidable in man coverage in the red zone. Carter does an above average job of supporting against the rush and doesn't seem to be afraid of making a little contact.

However, in all honesty, Carter's game simply isn't ready for primetime in its current state. Carter lacks the kind of speed needed to keep up with NFL caliber wide receivers. He tends to make up for this deficiency by playing a few extra steps off of receivers before the ball is snapped in order to give himself a cushion. In doing so, he relinquishes almost all short passes, and a higher percentage of

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intermediate passes as well, all in an effort to prevent from getting burned deep. When Carter is asked to jam a receiver at the line of scrimmage he quite simply isn't physical enough. Many times he will give one or two half-hearted pushes before letting the receiver move on. Since it's nearly impossible to improve one's speed, or at the least extremely difficult, I would like to see Carter get much more physical in order to help him disrupt plays better. Carter could be a welcome addition today team as a third or fourth cornerback that it's rotated in on passing downs but he lacks the skills needed to be an every down cornerback in the NFL.

Man Coverage	8.9	
Zone Coverage	8.7	
Physicality	8.6	
Tackling	8.7	
Speed	8.9	
Reaction	8.7	
Average	8.8	

Ronald Darby — CB10

Florida State — *Junior*

Height:	5'-11"	Weight:	193	Age:	21
40 Yard:	4.38	Vertical:	41.5"	Broad:	129"
3 Cone:	6.94	Shuttle:	4.14	Bench:	12

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10 **Character Concerns**

No one is ever going to mistake Ronald Darby for the draft's most technical cornerback. However, the skills that he does possess allow him to have some wiggle room in that department without being completely exposed by opposing offenses. Key among those attributes is is blazing speed. Darby may give up short to intermediate passes based off of technical lapses, but he won't give up the deep pass without at least being right in the middle of contention for the ball. He has shown to be much more effective in zone coverage where he can continuously monitor his assigned zone rather than having to think on his feet in man coverage. Darby has also proven to be a willing rush

supporter which increasingly makes him a rarity among cornerbacks.

As I've made fairly clear this far, Darby is a liability in man coverage, for the most part. He takes too many risks hoping to jump routes and relies entirely too much upon his exceptional speed to bail him out of negative situations. Darby also lacks the size that the NFL has begun to transition to in recent years as he stands 5'11" tall and roughly 190 pounds. Coupled with an apparent dislike for the physicality of the game, this could make for some problems with large receivers in the NFL. Then there is the time when he refused to cooperate with authorities during a rape investigation at Florida State. That is sure to raise some eyebrows among evaluators due to the kind of character it shows.

Darby is a clearly flawed prospect but his raw natural talent is very intriguing and rare. Look for a team to select him on Day Two with the hopes of rounding off the rough edges to his game.

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Man Coverage	8.4
Zone Coverage	9.0
Physicality	8.5
Tackling	8.5
Speed	9.1
Reaction	8.9
Average	8.7 (8.8)

Steven Nelson

@Nelson_Island

Oregon State   *Senior*

Height:	5'-10"	Weight:	197	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.49	Vertical:	34.5"	Broad:	115"
3 Cone:	6.88	Shuttle:	4.07	Bench:	19

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Given how well Steve Nelson plays in man coverage, I'm a bit surprised he isn't mentioned more as a top cornerback prospect in this draft. Nelson has great speed and the ability to keep up with even the fastest of wide receivers. He takes calculated risks when undercutting routes and has had great success in doing so by breaking up the pass or flat out intercepting it several times last season. Nelson is solid in run defense and is perhaps one of the better prospects in this regard from this cornerback class.

The likely reason he hasn't been mentioned as a top prospect lies in the fact that he is only 5'10" tall, making him one of the shorter prospects at his position. In an era where teams are stocking up on tall cornerbacks, Nelson just doesn't physically fit that mold. In coverage, Nelson will turn and run with the receiver very early in the play making him particularly susceptible to short and intermediate passes. Additionally, with deep routes Nelson tends to get a bit grabby in an effort to help offset his height deficiency. This kind of coverage simply won't work in the NFL as officials have shown frequently they have no problems throwing flags for passing interference with this style of play.

Nelson may see some early playing time as a nickel cornerback and with more experience he may find an increased role when he learns to control his physicality in coverage.

Man Coverage	8.7
Zone Coverage	8.6
Physicality	8.6
Tackling	8.5
Speed	8.8
Reaction	8.7
Average	8.7

Byron Jones

@Byron16Jump

CB12

UConn *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**199**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**44.5"**	Broad:	**147"**
3 Cone:	**6.78**	Shuttle:	**3.94**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

College Injury   Combine Leader

A discussion involving Byron Jones must first touch on his absolutely monster NFL Combine performance. Jones was the top performer for his position in several exercises including a record-breaking broad jump that measured 12'-3" which is absolutely jaw-dropping when you think about it. It was a clear message sent by Jones to NFL teams to ignore him at their own risk. The message appears to of been received loud and clear with Jones rocketing up the boards of many teams and his name appearing on everyone lips as of late. While his Combine performance is the talk of the town, close seconds are his excellent speed and great build, standing 6'-1" tall and weighing about 200 pounds, which make him ideal to match up against the mammoth receivers in the NFL.

It would be much easier to evaluate Jones' on the field play matched the performance he put in the NFL Combine, however that sadly isn't the case. While he wasn't a bad player on the field per se, he was, what I would describe as, a cautious player. Jones clearly preferred to play his position in a passive manner and made the conscious decision to rarely attempt to undercut routes. He would routinely give receivers too much cushion and would make plays only after the pass has been completed rather than attempting to break it up. He just seems to lack that killer instinct that elite cornerbacks need to have to be labeled as a shutdown corner. Additionally, Jones had to undergo shoulder surgery in 2014 due to an injury that he sustained and which ultimately ended his college career. He appears to have been

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fully recovered from that surgery but has yet to participate in tackling drills.

Man Coverage	8.3
Zone Coverage	8.6
Physicality	8.5
Tackling	8.5
Speed	8.9
Reaction	8.7
Average	8.6

Ladarius Gunter

@yaboi_GUNTER

CB13

Miami *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**202**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.69**	Vertical:	**33.5"**	Broad:	**108"**
3 Cone:	**7.18**	Shuttle:	**4.41**	Bench:	**12**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

I must say I am very impressed with this class of cornerbacks. There is a wide variety of skill sets, and many of them could step in and play quickly, if not immediately, in the NFL. Ladarius Gunter is one of those players who could contribute fairly quickly to the team that ends up drafting him. He has great size to play cornerback in the modern NFL, standing 6'-1" and weighing roughly 200 pounds, he is prototypical of today's modern cornerbacks who can effectively defend against larger receivers. Gunter has exceptional press coverage skills and can harass receivers very well once the ball is snapped thus disrupting the timing of the play. He has solid hands and understands route trees well enough to play them like a wide receiver, enabling him to either disrupt or intercept passes.
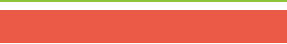
Unfortunately, one of the first things you notice about Gunter is one of his negative attributes, that being the fact that he opens up almost immediately once the ball snapped

to run with his receiver. This allows teams to take advantage of short and intermediate passes once he turns his hips to run. I'd also like to see Gunter be more aggressive when attempting to make tackles. Currently he will wait for the ball carrier to come to him rather than attacking the ball. Once he makes contact Gunter must also do a better job of wrapping the ball carrier up as opposed to simply hitting him and hoping that he goes down.

Given his height and ability to play the pass look for Gunter to go a bit higher than prospects who may be shorter but have better skill sets than him. In today's NFL height is everything. Skills, while important, just aren't as valued as they once were even a few years ago as teams believe, and want, to mold a player into what they are looking for.

Man Coverage	**8.6**	
Zone Coverage	**8.6**	
Physicality	**8.4**	
Tackling	**8.4**	
Speed	**8.7**	
Reaction	**8.7**	
Average	**8.6**	

Josh Shaw CB14

USC   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**201**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.44**	Vertical:	**37.5"**	Broad:	**130"**
3 Cone:	**7.01**	Shuttle:	**4.12**	Bench:	**26**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

College Injury   **Character Concerns**

Between his numerous injuries and an embarrassing incident involving an injury, the police and a lie about his nephew, Josh Shaw may be one of the tougher players to sell to NFL executives in this draft. On the field he

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possesses above average skills which would make for an intriguing player if this alone was the only consideration. Shaw played both cornerback and safety at USC, this flexibility increases the number of ways he could find a way on the field early in his career. He does a good job of undercutting routes and consistently disrupting pass plays. Shaw is also willing to help out in rush support which really adds to his usefulness for a defense.

Last year Shaw made quite possibly one of the worst decisions in recent college football history when he lied to the public about how he injured his foot. He attempted to drum up support for himself after an injury occurred when he jumped off the balcony of a two-story home. Shaw claimed that he made this jump in order to save a nephew that was drowning in a swimming pool. It later came out that he injured himself when he was fleeing from police. Once this came to light, not only did Shaw have to deal with his injury but he was also suspended for several games and saw his draft stock diminished due to a clear concern about his character. On the field Shaw tends to open up and run with receivers too quickly, surrendering short and intermediate passes in the process. He also tends to wait for ball carriers to come to him as opposed to being a downhill tackler and saving yardage in the process. Beyond the foot injury he sustained in the incident I mentioned earlier, Shaw also injured his knee and his freshman year.

Shaw is a clearly flawed prospect that will require a team willing to take a risk on a player in order for him to find a home in the NFL. In terms of his IDP value, I would advocate a "wait and see" approach with this situation and I would not be looking to draft him in any rookie drafts.

Man Coverage	8.7	
Zone Coverage	8.6	
Physicality	8.6	
Tackling	8.8	
Speed	8.6	
Reaction	8.5	
Average	8.6 (8.7)	

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Landon Collins — S1

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Alabama   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**228**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.53**	Vertical:	**35"**	Broad:	**120"**
3 Cone:	**7.38**	Shuttle:	**4.33**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	1-2

Projected Fantasy Round:	3-4

Top 10

Alabama always seems to find a way to produce NFL ready safeties year after year and this draft class is no different. The latest product of the Crimson Tide is Landon Collins, a technically sound prospect who should find himself a home in the NFL late in the first round or early in the second round. Collins does well in rush support, sniffing out running plays with veritable ease. He has some good power behind his hits but doesn't rely solely on a good pop to take a ball carrier out of the play. Instead, Collins does an excellent job wrapping up the ball carrier and making sure he takes him all the way to the ground.

You'll notice that in Collins' strengths I didn't list his ability to cover the pass which should have stood out as an oddity when talking about a safety. The simple fact of the matter is that Collins tends to be a bit of a liability in pass coverage, especially in man coverage. This is due in large part to the fact that he lacks elite speed and can fall behind speedy receivers fairly quickly. Additionally, Collins tends to bite a bit too frequently on play action leaving him out of position once he figures out he's been had. However, creative defensive scheming should be able to minimize these weaknesses while providing a team with a solid run support specialist.

Man Coverage	**8.6**	
Zone Coverage	**8.7**	
Physicality	**9.0**	
Tackling	**9.0**	
Speed	**8.7**	
Reaction	**8.7**	
Average	**8.8**	

Chris Hackett — S2

@TCU3

TCU   *Junior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**195**	Age:	**21**
40 Yard:	**4.81**	Vertical:	**32"**	Broad:	**110"**
3 Cone:	**7.12**	Shuttle:	**4.20**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

I really feel as if I have found an under the radar gem in Chris Hackett. No he isn't a total unknown, but Hackett has incredible field awareness as well as some of the best instincts I have ever seen from a safety. Where most players who are tagged with having excellent instincts are usually just find themselves around a play when it ends, Hackett is usually the one actually making the

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plays. It may sound corny or cliché but many times it seems as if he knows the offensive play call beforehand. Hackett's bread and butter come in the fact that he is absolutely excellent in supporting against the rush. He has a keen understanding of what angles he needs to take in order to get to the ball carrier most efficiently. I can't stress enough how much I like this guy as a solid all around safety with a specialization in defending the rush.

All gushing aside, Hackett isn't a perfect prospect, he does have some clear flaws with his game. Key amongst those is that he must work on wrapping the ball carrier up better. Currently, Hackett likes to rely on the big hit in hopes of taking a ball carrier out of the play. While it's fun to watch, in the NFL this kind of hitting won't end plays as frequently as it did in the college level. I'd like to see Hackett add some weight as he is currently a bit on the thin side. Finally, he lacks the kind of elite speed that he would need to be a free safety in the NFL. With his specialization in defending against the rush coupled with a lack of elite speed, I feel Hackett would be best suited as a strong safety at the next level.

Man Coverage	8.8	
Zone Coverage	8.6	
Physicality	9.0	
Tackling	8.7	
Speed	8.5	
Reaction	8.9	
Average	8.8	

Cody Prewitt   S3

@CodyPrewitt

Ole Miss   *Senior*

Height:	6'-2"	Weight:	208	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.60	Vertical:	35"	Broad:	125"
3 Cone:	7.12	Shuttle:	4.23	Bench:	11

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

Cody Prewitt is an interesting prospect in that one key aspect of his game is excellent while a couple other aspects are anywhere from below average to simply average. He is lucky in the fact that what he does well is exactly what teams are looking for as of late while what he does poorly can be masked effectively given the correct personnel or defensive scheme. Prewitt is a zone coverage expert, flat out. He doesn't pretend to be anything else and he's very good at what he does. Prewitt has no problem being a team's last line of defense against the deep pass and does well moving to disrupt anything over 20 yards deep. He has shown to have great hands and has recorded double digit interceptions during his college career. One attribute that is extremely interesting is the fact that Prewitt is easily one of the larger safeties in this class and presents a physically imposing figure in the secondary.

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While Prewitt has proven to be extremely effective in zone coverage, he lacks the speed needed to be equally effective in man coverage. Additionally, quarterbacks have been able to freeze Prewitt in place by using their eyes or by regularly pump faking in the opposite direction of where the intend to pass. Prewitt doesn't appear to be overly interested in rush support and when he does get involved he tends to take bad angles due to the fact that he gets overly aggressive when he believes he knows where the play is going. Despite these issues, I believe Prewitt will be a high pick in the draft due to his height and weight combination coupled with his excellent zone coverage abilities.

Man Coverage	8.6	
Zone Coverage	9.1	
Physicality	8.8	
Tackling	8.7	
Speed	8.7	
Reaction	8.7	
Average	8.8	

Anthony Harris

@HOOSDatDude

S4

Virginia   *Senior*

Height:	6'-1"	Weight:	183	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.56	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	2-3

Projected Fantasy Round:	4-5

Top 10

Man Coverage	8.8	
Zone Coverage	8.8	
Physicality	8.7	
Tackling	8.7	
Speed	8.6	
Reaction	8.9	
Average	**8.8**	

Anthony Harris is absolutely superb at defending the pass, hands down. He is the very definition of a ball hawk and does so by frequently undercutting routes that is able to identify. It's nearly impossible for teams to complete the deep ball on him as he sniffs it out and uses his great speed to get into position to disrupt the play.

Harris' big weakness is that despite being an excellent coverage player, he is essentially a non-factor in helping to defend against the rush. The angles he takes in order to meet a ball carrier are so bad at times one has to wonder if he is intentionally taking himself out of the play when the ball is being rushed. It's a tough thing to say but little else makes sense due to the fact that he takes proper angles on passing plays and has the speed to take any number of angles which would all be correct. If this is in fact what is occuring then perhaps Harris would help himself out by adding some weight to his frame. This would make him more physically imposing and could add some confidence in making tackles on rushing plays. Until Harris can prove that he is not a liability on rushing downs, he will be strictly a situational player that is substituted in only on passing downs.

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Derron Smith

@D_SmithFS

S5

Fresno State   *Senior*

Height:	5'-10"	Weight:	200	Age:	23
40 Yard:	-	Vertical:	-	Broad:	-
3 Cone:	-	Shuttle:	-	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10

With the increased focus on the pass in the NFL, many defenses have consistently been exploited for big passing gains game after game, season after season. These teams are going to want to keep Derron Smith high on their draft boards as he has the possibility of single-handedly changing the defensive dynamic of a team that selects him. Why? Simple, Smith is easily the biggest ball hawk in this draft class registering double digit interceptions throughout his college career. Smith has great speed and excellent instincts which allows him to regularly position himself into opportunities to make big plays. He also has experience as a kick return or which could allow him to contribute on special teams as well.

For as good as Smith is in defending against the pass, several things worry me in regards to how he defends the rush. First, he has a bad habit of taking bad angles and overcommitting on rushing plays. He will routinely find himself out of position to make a tackle and will be forced to stare helplessly as the ball carrier runs right by him. Second, even when he finds himself in position to make a play, Smith tends to be reluctant or even apprehensive when making a tackle. As much as I hate to say it, many times it looks as if he is even trying to avoid contact altogether. Outside of his rush support issues, Smith is a bit on the

short side for an NFL-caliber starting free safety which could make him a target for taller wide receivers.

Man Coverage	8.8	
Zone Coverage	9.0	
Physicality	8.5	
Tackling	8.5	
Speed	8.7	
Reaction	8.8	
Average	8.7	

Gerod Holliman   S6

@GerodHolliman

Louisville   *Sophomore*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**218**	Age:	**20**
40 Yard:	**-**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**-**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**17**

Projected NFL Round:	3-4

Projected Fantasy Round:	6-7

Top 10	College Injury

Gerod Holliman is flying high off of an incredible 2014 season in which he intercepted a NCAA record tying 14 passes and elevated his draft stock significantly. Holliman's performance cemented his status as a bona fide ball hawk and immediately catapulted his name into discussions as a top 10 safety in this draft class. He excels in zone coverage and utilizes good instincts to put himself in position to consistently disrupt passes.

For as good as his season looks on paper there are some significant issues with his game that will give even his biggest supporters pause. Holliman is absolutely horrible at tackling. He doesn't wrap up the ball carrier and frequently avoids contact if it all possible. I'm not exaggerating when I say that Holliman makes it a point to avoid making a

tackle, it is a clear and conscious decision on his part and it looks very bad on game tape. The one possible explanation for this behavior revolves around a torn labrum he suffered in 2012. There is talk that this injury never fully healed and that has been served up as an explanation as to why he purposely avoids contact. Regardless if this is true or not, Holliman's positive and negative attributes couldn't be more polarizing if he tried. It is likely he will be drafted on Day Two a team looking to bolster it's pass defense, but IDP fantasy players would be wise to avoid him right out of the gate.

Man Coverage	8.6	
Zone Coverage	8.9	
Physicality	8.6	
Tackling	7.8	
Speed	8.8	
Reaction	9.0	
Average	8.6	

Durell Eskridge   S7

@DurellEskridge

Syracuse   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-3"**	Weight:	**208**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.63**	Vertical:	**31"**	Broad:	**117"**
3 Cone:	**7.09**	Shuttle:	**4.26**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10

As a prospect, Durell Eskridge has a lot of potential and I'd like to see him fully realize just how good he could potential be. He has great size for the position as he stands roughly 6'-3" tall and a bit over 210 pounds. Eskridge has demonstrated above average zone coverage ability and does a good job moving to support cornerbacks on deep

> **"HOLLIMAN IS ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE AT TACKLING. HE DOESN'T WRAP UP THE BALL CARRIER AND FREQUENTLY AVOIDS CONTACT IF IT ALL POSSIBLE. I'M NOT EXAGGERATING WHEN I SAY THAT HOLLIMAN MAKES IT A POINT TO AVOID MAKING A TACKLE, IT IS A CLEAR AND CONSCIOUS DECISION ON HIS PART AND IT LOOKS VERY BAD ON GAME TAPE."**

passes. He also does a good job moving through traffic on his way to making a play.

Despite his ability to move through traffic, if Eskridge gets engaged with a blocker he has an extremely difficult time breaking free. Due to the fact that he lacks elite speed, Eskridge needs to be in the right place at the right time in order to be effective. His speed limits him in regards to any kind of recoverability if he bites on a double move or play action passes. Perhaps the biggest knock on Eskridge is his complete disinterest in supporting anything even resembling a rush play. He is hands-down one of the worst rush supporter at his position in this draft. The NFL team that ends up drafting him needs to be acutely aware of the fact they are getting a player suited only for a situational role and one who will only be effective as part of a passing down substitution package.

Man Coverage	8.7	
Zone Coverage	8.8	
Physicality	8.5	
Tackling	8.4	
Speed	8.6	
Reaction	8.7	
Average	8.6	

Kurtis Drummond

S8

@K_Drummond27

Michigan State   *Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**208**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.63**	Vertical:	**39.5"**	Broad:	**119"**
3 Cone:	**7.09**	Shuttle:	**4.33**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10	Fantasy Bargain

Even if you're just a casual sports fan who watches SportsCenter every couple of days or so it's highly likely you've seen Kurtis Drummond without even realizing it. I say this because Drummond made one of the most memorable interceptions in recent college history with a one-handed grab that was reminiscent of Odell Beckham's iconic catch. While one catch shouldn't guarantee a player in NFL career, it's definitely not a bad introduction to anyone unfamiliar with his college career. As evidenced by

the play I just mentioned, Drummond has excellent hands for defensive back. He excels in zone coverage and has a nose for the ball, always finding his way in or around the action. Drummond does well in rush support and has no problem coming up to make a solo tackle against a running back headed directly for him.

The last positive attribute I just pointed out is, ironically, also one of Drummond's negative attributes as well as many times he will overcommit it and find himself out of position to make a play as the ball carrier goes right by him. While on the subject of tackling, Drummond must work on wrapping the ball carrier up as opposed to going for the big hit because in the NFL everyone is used to big hits and won't go down as easily, many times they'll simply bounce off of it and continue moving upfield. Finally, Drummond lacks elite speed so while he excels in zone coverage, any NFL team that drafts him would be wise not to place him in to many man coverage situations as he could become a liability against elite speedsters. While Drummond has a few flaws to his game, he has been a four year starter at Michigan State in one of the nation's most feared secondaries. During that time he has consistently improved his statistics year after year. An NFL team looking for a solid safety could find themselves with quite a bargain with Drummond.

> **"EVEN IF YOU'RE JUST A CASUAL SPORTS FAN WHO WATCHES SPORTSCENTER EVERY COUPLE OF DAYS OR SO IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY YOU'VE SEEN KURTIS DRUMMOND WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT. I SAY THIS BECAUSE DRUMMOND MADE ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE INTERCEPTIONS IN RECENT COLLEGE HISTORY WITH A ONE-HANDED GRAB THAT WAS REMINISCENT OF ODELL BECKHAM'S ICONIC CATCH."**

Man Coverage	8.5	
Zone Coverage	8.8	
Physicality	8.6	
Tackling	8.4	
Speed	8.6	
Reaction	8.8	
Average	8.6	

he could be an excellent IDP asset and should be on any fantasy players watchlist if that occurs.

Man Coverage	8.7	
Zone Coverage	8.6	
Physicality	8.5	
Tackling	8.5	
Speed	8.9	
Reaction	8.6	
Average	8.6	

Eric Rowe — S9

@EricRowe18

Utah   *Senior*

Height:	6'-1"	Weight:	208	Age:	23
40 Yard:	4.63	Vertical:	39.5"	Broad:	119"
3 Cone:	7.09	Shuttle:	4.33	Bench:	-

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10	Fantasy Bargain	Combine Leader

It is always good for a player's value when he can play two positions and do so exceedingly well. Eric Rowe was a starter all four years of his career in college, three as a free safety and his final season as a cornerback. Each year he showed various improvements which leads me to believe he will continue to develop and will ultimately be an above average talent in the NFL. It certainly doesn't hurt matters that he has great size for playing either position as he stands 6'-1" tall and weighs 205 pounds. Rowe added to his credentials my posting an excellent performance at the NFL Combine, appearing as a top five player among defensive backs in all exercises.

Rowe has shown a tendency to get a bit grabby in pass coverage which will likely draw some penalties in the NFL and is something he will need to work on. He is also susceptible to biting on double moves and lacks the ability to recover after committing to those fakes. I'd like to see Rowe become more of a downhill tackler and improve the angles he takes to ball carriers as he tends to be a bit conservative in both regards.

Rowe's flexibility and Combine performance should see him as a top prospect on many NFL Draft boards. If he lands on a team with needs at safety I believe

Clayton Geathers — S10

UCF   *Senior*

Height:	6'-2"	Weight:	218	Age:	22
40 Yard:	4.55	Vertical:	37"	Broad:	120"
3 Cone:	7.21	Shuttle:	4.27	Bench:	22

Projected NFL Round:	4-5

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Top 10	Fantasy Bargain

You'd be hard-pressed to find a player in this draft class with as much heart and desire to play the game as Clayton Geathers. Geathers is a violent, downhill hitter who will put the hurt on any offensive player unfortunate enough to come into his vicinity. He is to football what a hockey enforcer is to that sport. Geathers has excellent instincts and a nose for the ball which puts him in the mix on nearly every play. In man pass coverage, Geathers does a great job of predicting and undercutting routes which allows him to disrupt a good number of pass plays thrown in his direction.

> **"YOU'D BE HARD-PRESSED TO FIND A PLAYER IN THIS DRAFT CLASS WITH AS MUCH HEART AND DESIRE TO PLAY THE GAME AS CLAYTON GEATHERS."**

I don't have a whole lot of negative things to say about Geathers' game. Do I wish it was a little bit faster? Sure, his game would definitely improve if he were able to add a step or two. He can also get a bit aggressive at times which will put him out of position to make plays, but I would rather see him miss on a play or two as

opposed to being apprehensive and giving up yardage on every single play. Overall, I absolutely love Geathers' style of play. I have no problems recommending him as a top IDP prospect to keep an eye on.

Man Coverage	**8.7**	
Zone Coverage	**8.5**	
Physicality	**8.8**	
Tackling	**8.8**	
Speed	**8.5**	
Reaction	**8.5**	
Average	**8.6**	

Adrian Amos　　　　S11

@SmashAmos_4

Penn State　　　　*Senior*

Height:	**6'-0"**	Weight:	**218**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.56**	Vertical:	**35.5"**	Broad:	**122"**
3 Cone:	**7.09**	Shuttle:	**4.03**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

While many are projecting Adrian Amos as a free safety in the NFL, I actually believe he may make a better strong safety instead. My reasoning for this is that his strengths play better to that position than they do for that of a free safety. For instance, he is not afraid of contact. That's not to say the free safeties are afraid of contact, however strong safeties tend to be much more inclined towards contact than their free safety brethren. Additionally, he does a good job of coming up to support against the rush, something free safeties tend to do much less often. Finally, Amos is much better at pass coverage in the short to intermediate levels then he is with deep coverage. Strong safeties tend to excel in this same range where as free safeties must do better in Amos' weakest area of coverage.

Ironically, while Amos' strengths would shine through better at strong safety, his weaknesses would tend to be better hidden if he stayed at free safety. Take for instance the fact that he does not tend to wrap up while when making tackles. If he was a strong safety this would be a major liability for his team. However if he was a free safety this attribute wouldn't matter nearly as much. Amos also tends to "sell out" too much on rush plays and finds himself out of position to make a play. As a strong safety he would usually be the last line of defense so this weakness would be a major issue.

> **"IRONICALLY, WHILE AMOS' STRENGTHS WOULD SHINE THROUGH BETTER AT STRONG SAFETY, HIS WEAKNESSES WOULD TEND TO BE BETTER HIDDEN IF HE STAYED AT FREE SAFETY."**

As a free safety he wouldn't be expected to be in position most times to make a tackle on a running play, if he happened to be in the right place at the right time then all the better. Ultimately, Amos may find he is best suited as a nickel back as opposed to either safety as it plays to nearly all of his strengths while minimizing his weaknesses.

Man Coverage	**8.6**	
Zone Coverage	**8.6**	
Physicality	**8.6**	
Tackling	**8.4**	
Speed	**8.6**	
Reaction	**8.7**	
Average	**8.6**	

Jaquiski Tartt　　　　S12

Samford　　　　*Senior*

Height:	**6'-1"**	Weight:	**221**	Age:	**23**
40 Yard:	**4.53**	Vertical:	**-**	Broad:	**124"**
3 Cone:	**-**	Shuttle:	**-**	Bench:	**-**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Small School

Jaquiski Tartt's hype is building quickly and looks to crescendo right when the NFL Draft will occur, absolutely perfect timing for a small school prospect that very few people know about at this point. While the general public might not know much about him, NFL executives know plenty. They know that Tartt does a great job of sniffing out plays and positioning himself to assist in stopping or breaking them up. They know that he does a great job of helping his team in a rush support, something many safeties aren't always fond of doing. However something those

executives have really taken note of is the fact that Tartt is custom-built to play safety in the NFL with a 6'-1" frame that holds 220 pounds. You couldn't craft a better built prospect if you tried.

The first thing you notice while watching Tartt is that he is a hitter and not a tackler. What do I mean by this? Simple, Tartt loves to deliver punishing hits but he doesn't finish them up by wrapping the ball carrier up. It's simple to do and is just flat out sloppy play by a player looking to get highlight reel hits. Second, you notice that Tartt doesn't appear to be very quick. This is a bit puzzling as he has an exceptional 40 yard dash time. It just doesn't seem to transfer to his on the field speed. Finally, the question of his competition will come into any debate about his production.

Having played for a small school, Tartt's production numbers may be inflated thus making him look more dominant than he actually is, or having more potential than he actually would in the NFL. Nonetheless, if Tartt can modify his game to start wrapping ball carriers up I think he could be an interesting prospect at the next level.

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Man Coverage	8.6	
Zone Coverage	8.6	
Physicality	8.6	
Tackling	8.2	
Speed	8.5	
Reaction	8.8	
Average	8.6	

Damarious Randall   S13

@RandallTime

Arizona State   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-11"**	Weight:	**196**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.46**	Vertical:	**38"**	Broad:	**120"**
3 Cone:	**6.83**	Shuttle:	**4.07**	Bench:	**14**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Combine Leader

Damarious Randall is perhaps one of the more frustrating safety prospects in this draft class. My reason for saying this revolves around my belief that Randall has exceptional physical gifts but he doesn't utilize them to their full potential. For instance, he has great instincts which he uses to put himself in position to make plays, however if it is a rushing play that he is coming up to support he will often overcommit and positions himself horribly to make the play, often times appearing off balance and hopelessly grabbing for the rusher's jersey as he runs right by him. Rush support in general is a major issue for Randall as he appears disinterested in fully committing to making tackles against rushers, opting instead for making token attempts arm tackles. Luckily for Randall his man coverage skills are superb. He has great speed which enables him to keep up with even the most speedy wide receivers on the field and he shadows them quite effectively. However, his lack of desire to get physical and impose his will upon his opponent permeates even this positive aspect of his game. Randall is routinely outmuscled for jump balls or otherwise overpowered by his opponent unless he positions himself absolutely perfectly.

Much of Randall's lack of physicality could stem from the fact that he is relatively undersized to play safety in the NFL. It may behove him, or the team that drafts him, to consider

moving him to cornerback or as a situational nickel back to maximize his effectiveness in the NFL.

Man Coverage	8.9	
Zone Coverage	8.6	
Physicality	8.4	
Tackling	8.4	
Speed	8.8	
Reaction	8.7	
Average	8.6	

Jordan Richards

Stanford   *Senior*

Height:	**5'-11"**	Weight:	**211**	Age:	**22**
40 Yard:	**4.65**	Vertical:	**32"**	Broad:	**111"**
3 Cone:	**6.74**	Shuttle:	**4.22**	Bench:	**13**

Projected NFL Round:	5-6

Projected Fantasy Round:	7-UDFA

Usually when I am surprised by a prospect it is due to that player flying under the radar and not getting the recognition that they deserve. In the case of Jordan Richards I feel as if the opposite may actually be true. For all the accolades he has received count me as one who simply doesn't see what all the hype is about. Sure, his instincts are above average and he isn't easily fooled by jukes or double moves, but many times he simply looks lost in coverage and doesn't know where he should be or where he should be going. In his defense, he does have solid hands for a defensive back which has allowed him to secure several interceptions over his career.

Richards just looks slow when I watch video of him. He will frequently pop into frame around the ball, but he always seems to be late to the party with no way to contribute to stopping the play. Perhaps what is even more frustrating to me when watching his style of play is he will position himself in front of the ball carrier and will stop, choosing to wait for the ball carrier to come to him as opposed to coming downhill to make the tackle and saving precious yardage in the process. Few things in this game bother me more than a player who don't finish plays despite having every ability and chance to do so.

If I'm being brutally honest, I don't see Richards as anything more than a depth player in the NFL. As for his value in IDP fantasy leagues, Richards isn't of much of an asset if his level of play in college continues into the NFL.

Man Coverage	8.5	
Zone Coverage	8.5	
Physicality	8.6	
Tackling	8.5	
Speed	8.6	
Reaction	8.5	
Average	8.5	

THE ORANGE REPORT

TOP COMBINE PERFORMERS

QUARTERBACKS

40 Yard Dash

1. Marcus Mariota – 4.52
2. Nick Marshall – 4.54
3. Blake Sims – 4.57
4. Cody Fajardo/Brett Hundley – 4.63
5. Brandon Bridge – 4.72

Bench Press

No Participants

Vertical Jump

1. Nick Marshall – 37.5"
2. Bryan Bennett – 37"
3. Brett Hundley – 36"
4. Marcus Mariota – 36"
5. Bryce Petty – 34"

Broad Jump

1. Bryan Bennett – 125"
2. Nick Marshall – 124"
3. Marcus Mariota – 121"
4. Bryce Petty – 121"
5. Brett Hundley – 120"

3 Cone

1. Marcus Mariota – 6.87
2. Bryce Petty – 6.91
3. Brett Hundley – 6.93
4. Cody Fajardo – 6.95
5. Nick Marshall – 6.96

20 Yard Shuttle

1. Brett Hundley – 3.98
2. Cody Fajardo – 4.10
3. Marcus Mariota – 4.11
4. Bryce Petty – 4.13
5. Nick Marshall – 4.15

RUNNING BACKS

40 Yard Dash

1. Jeremy Langford – 4.42
2. Karlos Williams – 4.48
3. Trey Williams – 4.49
4. David Johnson – 4.50
5. Melvin Gordon – 4.52

3 Cone

1. Ameer Abdullah – 6.79
2. David Johnson – 6.82
3. Trey Williams – 6.84
4. Malcolm Brown – 6.86
5. BJ Catalon – 6.90

Bench Press

1. Joey Iosefa – 30
2. Michael Dyer/Gus Johnson – 26
3. Michael Burton/David Johnson/Zach Zenner – 25
4. Ameer Abdullah – 24
5. Jalston Fowler/Tyler Varga – 23

20 Yard Shuttle

1. Ameer Abdullah – 3.95
2. Melvin Gordon – 4.07
3. Jay Ajayi – 4.10
4. Ross Scheuerman – 4.11
5. Trey Williams – 4.12

Vertical Jump

1. Ameer Abdullah – 42.5"
2. David Johnson – 41.5"
3. Zach Zenner – 41"
4. John Crockett – 40"
5. Jay Ajayi – 39"

Broad Jump

1. Ameer Abdullah – 130"
2. David Johnson – 127"
3. Melvin Gordon – 126"
4. John Crockett – 125"
5. Jay Ajayi – 121"

WIDE RECEIVERS

40 Yard Dash

1. JJ Nelson – 4.28
2. Phillip Dorsett – 4.33
3. Chris Conley/Kevin White – 4.35
4. Tyler Lockett – 4.40
5. Tre McBride – 4.41

3 Cone

1. Justin Hardy – 6.63
2. Mario Alford – 6.64
3. Kenny Bell – 6.66
4. Phillip Dorsett – 6.70
5. Amari Cooper – 6.71

Bench Press

1. Sammie Coates/Geremy Davis/Kevin White – 23
2. Chris Conley – 18
3. Da'Ron Brown/Devin Funchess/Donatella Luckett/Devante Parker/Ezell Ruffin – 17
4. Devante Davis/Rannell Hall/Dezmin Lewis/Tre McBride – 16
5. Mario Alford/Dres Anderson – 13

20 Yard Shuttle

1. Amari Cooper – 3.95
2. Sammie Coates/Tyler Lockett – 4.06
3. Tre McBride – 4.07
4. Da'Ron Brown/ Phillip Dorsett – 4.08
5. Devante Davis/Rashad Greene – 4.11

Vertical Jump

1. Chris Conley – 45"
2. Jaelen Strong – 42"
3. Kenny Bell – 41.5"
4. Sammie Coates/Rannell Hall – 41"
5. Ty Montgomery – 40.5"

Broad Jump

1. Chris Conley – 139"
2. Rannell Hall – 132"
3. Sammie Coates – 131"
4. Kenny Bell – 129"
5. JJ Nelson – 127"

TIGHT ENDS

40 Yard Dash

1. MyCole Pruitt – 4.58
2. Wes Saxton – 4.65
3. Maxx Williams – 4.78
4. Clive Walford – 4.79
5. Blake Bell – 4.80

Bench Press

1. Gerald Christian – 28
2. Jeff Heuerman/Jesse James – 26
3. Nick O'Leary – 21
4. EJ Bibbs/Nick Boyle/Randall Telfer/Clive Walford – 20
5. Eric Tomlinson – 19

Vertical Jump

1. MyCole Pruitt – 38"
2. Jesse James – 37.5"
3. Wes Saxton – 36"
4. Clive Walford – 35"
5. Maxx Williams – 34.5"

Broad Jump

1. Jesse James – 121"
2. Clive Walford – 120"
3. Wes Saxton – 119"
4. MyCole Pruitt – 118"
5. Maxx Williams – 117"

3 Cone

No Participants

20 Yard Shuttle

1. Nick Boyle – 4.23
2. Blake Bell – 4.32
3. MyCole Pruitt/Maxx Williams – 4.37
4. Cameron Clear – 4.48
5. Wes Saxton – 4.49

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

40 Yard Dash

1. Xavier Cooper – 4.86
2. Louis Trinca-Pasat – 4.96
3. Leonard Williams – 4.97
4. Derrick Lott – 4.99
5. Darius Philon – 5.00

Bench Press

1. Deon Simon – 35
2. David Perry/Danny Shelton/Gabe Wright – 34
3. Tyeler Davison – 32
4. Grady Jarrett/Derrick Lott - 30
5. Xavier Cooper/JT Surratt – 29

Vertical Jump

1. Arik Armstead/Rakeem Nunez-Roches – 34"
2. Carl Davis/Tyeler Davison – 33"
3. Bobby Richardson – 32.5"
4. Ellis McCarthy/Louis Trinca-Pasat – 32"
5. Angelo Blackson/Grady Jarrett/Darius Philon – 31"

Broad Jump

1. Arik Armstead – 117"
2. Rakeem Nunez-Roches – 114"
3. Grady Jarrett – 112"
4. Xavier Cooper – 110"
5. Ellis McCarthy – 109"

3 Cone

1. Xavier Cooper – 7.23
2. Derrick Lott – 7.30
3. Grady Jarrett – 7.37
4. Louis Trinca-Pasat – 7.40
5. Angelo Blackson – 7.50

20 Yard Shuttle

1. Louis Trinca-Pasat – 4.30
2. Xavier Cooper – 4.37
3. Bobby Richardson – 4.41
4. Derrick Lott – 4.44
5. Tyeler Davison – 4.46

EDGE RUSHERS

40 Yard Dash

1. Vic Beasley – 4.53
2. Alvin "Bud" Dupree – 4.56
3. Danielle Hunter – 4.57
4. Dante Fowler Jr./Eli Harold – 4.60
5. Owamagbe Odighizuwa – 4.62

Bench Press

1. Vic Beasley – 35
2. Mario Edwards Jr. – 32
3. Trey Flowers – 28
4. Anthony Chickillo/Kyle Emanuel - 27
5. BJ Dubose/Davis Tull – 26

Vertical Jump

1. Davis Tull – 42.5"
2. Alvin "Bud" Dupree – 42"
3. Vic Beasley – 41"
4. Owamagbe Odighizuwa – 39"
5. Frank Clark – 38.5"

Broad Jump

1. Alvin "Bud" Dupree – 136"
2. Davis Tull – 132"
3. Vic Beasley – 130"
4. Owamagbe Odighizuwa – 127"
5. Randy Gregory/Zach Hodges – 125"

3 Cone

1. Vic Beasley – 6.91
2. Eli Harold/Preston Smith/Zack Wagenmann – 7.07
3. Frank Clark – 7.08
4. Kyle Emanuel – 7.10
5. Anthony Chickillo – 7.17

20 Yard Shuttle

1. Vic Beasley – 4.15
2. Eli Harold – 4.16
3. Henry Anderson/Owamagbe Odighizuwa – 4.19
4. Anthony Chickillo/Kyle Emanuel – 4.25
5. Zack Wagenmann – 4.26

MIDDLE/INSIDE LINEBACKERS

40 Yard Dash

1. Stephone Anthony – 4.56
2. Ben Heeney – 4.59
3. Bryce Hager – 4.60
4. Eric Kendricks – 4.61
5. Benardrick McKinney – 4.66

Bench Press

1. Mike Hull – 31
2. Denzel Perryman – 27
3. Bryce Hager – 26
4. Stephone Anthony/Amarlo Herrera/Ramik Wilson - 23
5. Damien Wilson – 22

Vertical Jump

1. Benardrick McKinney – 40.5"
2. Eric Kendricks – 38"
3. Stephone Anthony/Damien Wilson – 37"
4. Bryce Hager/Ramik Wilson – 35"
5. Ben Heeney – 33.5"

Broad Jump

1. Eric Kendricks – 124"
2. Stephone Anthony – 122"
3. Benardrick McKinney – 121"
4. Ben Heeney – 120"
5. Damien Wilson – 119"

3 Cone

1. Ben Heeney – 6.68
2. Stephone Anthony/Hayes Pullard – 7.07
3. Bryce Hager – 7.15
4. Benardrick McKinney/Damien Wilson – 7.21
5. Taiwan Jones – 7.25

20 Yard Shuttle

1. Ben Heeney – 4.00
2. Stephone Anthony – 4.03
3. Damien Wilson – 4.20
4. Amarlo Herrera/Benardrick McKinney – 4.27
5. Taiwan Jones – 4.33

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

40 Yard Dash

1. Kwon Alexander – 4.55
2. Edmond Robinson – 4.61
3. Shaq Thompson – 4.64
4. Jake Ryan – 4.65
5. Jordan Hicks – 4.68

Bench Press

1. Yannik Cudjoe-Virgil/Martrell Spaight – 25
2. Kwon Alexander/Mark Nzeocha – 24
3. Neiron Ball – 22
4. Jordan Hicks/Edmond Robinson/Jake Ryan - 20
5. Alani Fua – 18

Vertical Jump

1. Jordan Hicks – 38"
2. Edmond Robinson – 37"
3. Kwon Alexander – 36"
4. Martrell Spaight – 35"
5. Jake Ryan – 34.5"

Broad Jump

1. Jordan Hicks – 124"
2. Kwon Alexander/Edmond Robinson – 121"
3. Jake Ryan – 120"
4. Alani Fua – 118"
5. Shaq Thompson – 117"

3 Cone

1. Jordan Hicks – 6.78
2. Alani Fua – 6.83
3. Jake Ryan – 7.11
4. Kwon Alexander – 7.14
5. Aaron Davis – 7.38

20 Yard Shuttle

1. Shaq Thompson – 4.08
2. Alani Fua/Jordan Davis – 4.15
3. Kwon Alexander/Jake Ryan – 4.20
4. Aaron Davis – 4.37
5. Edmond Robinson – 4.38

CORNERBACKS

40 Yard Dash

1. Trae Waynes – 4.31
2. Ronald Darby – 4.38
3. Charles Gaines/Doran Grant/Craig Mager/Josh Shaw – 4.44
4. D'Joun Smith – 4.45
5. Senquez Golson – 4.46

Bench Press

1. Josh Shaw – 26
2. Doran Grant – 21
3. Justin Coleman – 20
4. Steven Nelson/Trae Waynes - 19
5. D'Joun Smith/Kevin White – 18

Vertical Jump

1. Byron Jones – 44.5"
2. Ronald Darby/Kevin Johnson – 41.5"
3. Alex Carter/PJ Williams – 40"
4. Craig Mager/Trae Waynes – 38"
5. Justin Coleman/Marcus Peters/Josh Shaw – 37.5"

Broad Jump

1. Byron Jones – 147"
2. PJ Williams – 132"
3. Kevin Johnson/Craig Mager/Bobby McCain/Josh Shaw – 130"
4. Ronald Darby – 129"
5. Julian Wilson – 125"

3 Cone

1. Justin Coleman – 6.61
2. Jalen Collins – 6.77
3. Byron Jones – 6.78
4. Kevin Johnson – 6.79
5. Bobby McCain/Garry Peters – 6.80

20 Yard Shuttle

1. Bobby McCain – 3.82
2. Kevin Johnson – 3.89
3. Byron Jones – 3.94
4. Tye Smith – 3.96
5. Justin Coleman – 3.98

SAFETIES

40 Yard Dash

1. Justin Cox – 4.36
2. Eric Rowe – 4.45
3. Damarious Randall – 4.44
4. Landon Collins/Jaquiski Tartt – 4.53
5. Clayton Geathers – 4.55

Bench Press

1. Ibraheim Campbell – 23
2. Clayton Geathers – 22
3. Kyshoen Jarrett – 21
4. Tevin McDonald/Eric Rowe - 19
5. Gerod Holliman – 17

Vertical Jump

1. Kurtis Drummond – 39.5"
2. Eric Rowe – 39"
3. Justin Cox/Damarious Randall – 38"
4. Craig Mager/Trae Waynes – 38"
5. Clayton Geathers/Jermaine Whitehead – 37"

Broad Jump

1. Justin Cox – 129"
2. Jermaine Whitehead – 128"
3. Cody Prewitt/Eric Rowe – 125"
4. Jaquiski Tartt – 124"
5. James Sample – 123"

3 Cone

1. Eric Rowe – 6.70
2. Jordan Richards – 6.74
3. Damarious Randall – 6.83
4. Kyshoen Jarrett/Jermaine Whitehead – 6.95
5. Dean Marlowe – 7.00

20 Yard Shuttle

1. Eric Rowe – 3.97
2. Adrian Amos – 4.03
3. Justin Cox/Damarious Randall – 4.07
4. Jermaine Whitehead – 4.11
5. Dean Marlowe – 4.18

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ROOKIE ADP

Player	Rookie ADP	Overall ADP	Lowest Pick	Highest Pick	High/Low Difference
Todd Gurley	1	14	1	26	25
Kevin White	2	10	1	33	32
Amari Cooper	3	16	2	30	28
Melvin Gordon	4	19	4	34	30
DeVante Parker	5	13	2	44	42
Dorial Green-Beckham	7	27	6	47	41
Jaelen Strong	9	35	7	62	55
Jay Ajayi	9	20	3	59	56
Jameis Winston	9	28	8	48	40
Tevin Coleman	11	39	9	126	117
T.J. Yeldon	11	31	12	49	37
Marcus Mariota	14	40	15	83	68
Maxx Williams	14	45	12	138	126
Duke Johnson	14	48	10	117	107
Ameer Abdullah	14	24	5	70	65
Devin Funchess	15	45	5	109	104
David Cobb	19	52	18	143	125
Sammie Coates	20	34	10	103	93
Devin Smith	21	53	14	159	145
Breshad Perriman	22	37	6	119	113
Eric Kendricks	23	135	135	135	0
Nelson Agholor	23	43	15	122	107
David Johnson	24	53	16	158	142
Chris Conley	26	84	30	240	210
Jeremy Langford	27	79	18	251	233
Stefon Diggs	29	168	60	275	215
Phillip Dorsett	32	78	17	243	226
Tyler Lockett	32	60	24	155	131
Justin Hardy	36	73	32	173	141
Rashad Greene	43	98	23	317	294
Brett Hundley	44	76	36	188	152
Javorius Allen	45	75	19	236	217
Josh Robinson	45	88	21	269	248
Tony Lippett	46	132	48	380	332
Clive Walford	46	69	15	203	188

| DeAndre Smelter | 48 | 113 | 28 | 335 | 307 |
| Tre McBride | 49 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 0 |

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DRAFT WORKSHEET

Round	Pick Number	NFL Team	Position	Player
1	1	Tampa Bay Buccaneers		
1	2	Tennessee Titans		
1	3	Jacksonville Jaguars		
1	4	Oakland Raiders		
1	5	Washington Redskins		
1	6	New York Jets		
1	7	Chicago Bears		
1	8	Atlanta Falcons		
1	9	New York Giants		
1	10	St. Louis Rams		
1	11	Minnesota Vikings		
1	12	Cleveland Browns		
1	13	New Orleans Saints		
1	14	Miami Dolphins		
1	15	San Francisco 49ers		
1	16	Houston Texans		
1	17	San Diego Chargers		
1	18	Kansas City Chiefs		
1	19	Cleveland Browns		
1	20	Philadelphia Eagles		
1	21	Cincinnati Bengals		
1	22	Pittsburgh Steelers		
1	23	Detroit Lions		
1	24	Arizona Cardinals		
1	25	Carolina Panthers		
1	26	Baltimore Ravens		
1	27	Dallas Cowboys		
1	28	Denver Broncos		
1	29	Indianapolis Colts		
1	30	Green Bay Packers		
1	31	New Orleans Saints		
1	32	New England Patriots		
2	33	Tennessee Titans		
2	34	Tampa Bay Buccaneers		
2	35	Oakland Raiders		

2	36	Jacksonville Jaguars		
2	37	New York Jets		
2	38	Washington Redskins		
2	39	Chicago Bears		
2	40	New York Giants		
2	41	St. Louis Rams		
2	42	Atlanta Falcons		
2	43	Cleveland Browns		
2	44	New Orleans Saints		
2	45	Minnesota Vikings		
2	46	San Francisco 49ers		
2	47	Miami Dolphins		
2	48	San Diego Chargers		
2	49	Kansas City Chiefs		
2	50	Buffalo Bills		
2	51	Houston Texans		
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2	63	Seattle Seahawks		
2	64	New England Patriots		
3	65	Tampa Bay Buccaneers		
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6	217	Kansas City Chiefs		
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7	253	New England Patriots		
7	254	San Francisco 49ers		
7	255	Indianapolis Colts		
7	256	Arizona Cardinals		

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MOST PICKS BY ROUND

First Round

Two Picks

- Cleveland Bowns
- New Orleans Saints

Second Round

One Pick

- All Teams

Third Round

Two Picks

- Cincinnati Bengals
- Kansas City Cheifs
- New England Patriots
- New Orleans Saints

Fourth Round

Three Picks

- Baltimore Ravens

Fifth Round

Three Picks

- Baltimore Ravens

Sixth Round

Three Picks

- Green Bay Packers
- Houston Texans
- Seattle Seahawks

Seventh Round

Three Picks

- Denver Broncos

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PICKS BY TEAM

- **Arizona Cardinals**(8) – 24, 55, 86, 123, 159, 198, 241, 256
- **Atlanta Falcons**(8) – 8, 42, 73, 107, 146, 185, 225, 249
- **Baltimore Ravens**(10) – 26, 58, 90, 122, 125, 136, 158, 171, 176, 204
- **Buffalo Bills**(6) – 50, 81, 155, 188, 194, 234
- **Carolina Panthers**(9) – 25, 57, 89, 124, 161, 169, 174, 201, 242
- **Chicago Bears**(6) – 7, 39, 71, 106, 142, 183
- **Cincinnati Bengals**(9) – 21, 53, 85, 99, 120, 135, 157, 197, 238
- **Cleveland Browns**(10) – 12, 19, 43, 77, 111, 115, 147, 189, 202, 229
- **Dallas Cowboys**(7) – 27, 60, 91, 127, 163, 236, 243
- **Denver Broncos**(10) – 28, 59, 92, 133, 143, 164, 203, 250, 251, 252
- **Detroit Lions**(6) – 23, 54, 88, 200, 231, 240
- **Green Bay Packers**(9) – 30, 62, 94, 129, 166, 206, 210, 213, 247
- **Houston Texans**(10) – 16, 51, 82, 116, 152, 175, 195, 211, 216, 235
- **Indianapolis Colts**(9) – 29, 61, 93, 128, 165, 205, 207, 244, 255
- **Jacksonville Jaguars**(7) – 3, 36, 67, 103, 139, 180, 220
- **Kansas City Chiefs**(10) – 18, 49, 80, 98, 118, 172, 173, 193, 217, 233
- **Miami Dolphins**(6) – 14, 47, 114, 149, 150, 191
- **Minnesota Vikings**(7) – 11, 45, 76, 110, 137, 228, 232
- **New England Patriots**(9) – 32, 64, 96, 97, 101, 131, 178, 219, 253
- **New Orleans Saints**(9) – 13, 31, 44, 75, 78, 148, 154, 187, 230
- **New York Giants**(8) – 9, 40, 74, 108, 144, 186, 226, 245
- **New York Jets**(6) – 6, 37, 70, 104, 223, 224
- **Oakland Raiders**(7) – 4, 35, 68, 102, 140, 179, 221
- **Philadelphia Eagles**(8) – 20, 52, 84, 113, 145, 156, 196, 237
- **Pittsburgh Steelers**(8) – 22, 56, 87, 121, 160, 199, 212, 239
- **San Diego Chargers**(6) – 17, 48, 83, 117, 153, 192
- **San Francisco 49ers**(9) – 15, 46, 79, 126, 132, 151, 190, 246, 254
- **Seattle Seahawks**(11) – 63, 95, 112, 130, 134, 167, 170, 181, 209, 214, 248
- **St. Louis Rams**(6) – 10, 41, 72, 119, 215, 227
- **Tampa Bay Buccaneers**(8) – 1, 34, 65, 109, 162, 168, 184, 218
- **Tennessee Titans**(7) – 2, 33, 66, 100, 138, 177, 208
- **Washington Redskins**(7) – 5, 38, 69, 105, 141, 182, 222

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FANTASY RELEVANT NEEDS BY TEAM

- **Arizona Cardinals** – Edge, ILB, RB, CB, S
- **Atlanta Falcons** – Edge, ILB, S, TE, RB,
- **Baltimore Ravens** –WR, CB, S, Edge, RB
- **Buffalo Bills** – QB, ILB, DT, TE, S
- **Carolina Panthers** – WR, RB, CB, S, DE
- **Chicago Bears** – QB, WR, ILB, S, DE
- **Cincinnati Bengals** – DT, WR, QB, CB, TE
- **Cleveland Browns** – WR, QB, Edge, TE, ILB
- **Dallas Cowboys** – DE, RB, CB, DT, OLB
- **Denver Broncos** – TE, DT, WR, QB, S
- **Detroit Lions** – DT, CB, RB, WR, OLB
- **Green Bay Packers** – ILB, CB, RB, Edge, TE
- **Houston Texans** – QB, WR, ILB, S, CB
- **Indianapolis Colts** – ILB, S, RB, Edge, CB
- **Jacksonville Jaguars** – RB, CB, S, Edge, WR
- **Kansas City Chiefs** – ILB, CB, QB, WR, DT
- **Miami Dolphins** – CB, RB, WR, DT, S
- **Minnesota Vikings** – CB, DT, RB, WR, OLB
- **New England Patriots** – DT, WR, S, DE, RB
- **New Orleans Saints** – WR, TE, S, ILB, Edge
- **New York Giants** – S, OLB, TE, DT, RB
- **New York Jets** – QB, RB, Edge, S, WR
- **Oakland Raiders** – WR, RB, Edge, CB, Edge
- **Philadelphia Eagles** – Edge, CB, S, WR, QB
- **Pittsburgh Steelers** – CB, S, Edge, TE, RB
- **San Diego Chargers** – RB, WR, DT, Edge, QB
- **San Francisco 49ers** – ILB, TE, WR, Edge, CB
- **Seattle Seahawks** – WR, DT, Edge, CB, OLB
- **St. Louis Rams** – WR, CB, QB, S, OLB
- **Tampa Bay Buccaneers** – QB, Edge, S, CB, DT
- **Tennessee Titans** – CB, QB, S, DT, WR
- **Washington Redskins** – CB, S, ILB, OLB, QB

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FANTASY RELEVANT PROSPECTS ATTENDING THE NFL DRAFT IN PERSON

- **Arik Armstead – DT - Oregon**
- **Vic Beasley - Edge - Clemson**
- **Landon Collins - S - Alabama**
- **Bud Dupree - LB - Kentucky**
- **Dante Fowler - Edge - Florida**
- **Melvin Gordon - RB Wisconsin**
- **Randy Gregory - Edge - Nebraska**
- **Todd Gurley - RB - Georgia**
- **Kevin Johnson - CB - Wake Forest**
- **Byron Jones - CB - UConn**
- **Benardrick McKinney - LB - Mississippi State**
- **DeVante Parker - WR - Louisville**
- **Breshad Perriman - WR - UCF**
- **Shane Ray - DT - Missouri**
- **Danny Shelton - DT - Washington**
- **Devin Smith - WR - Ohio State**
- **Jaelen Strong - WR - Arizona State**
- **Trae Waynes - CB - Michigan State**
- **Kevin White - WR - West Virginia**
- **Leonard Williams - DT - USC**

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NEXT GENERATION STARS

QUARTERBACKS

1. Christian Hackenberg
2. Trevone Boykin
3. Deshaun Watson
4. Cardale Jones
5. Connor Cook

RUNNING BACKS

1. Nick Chubb
2. Ezekiel Elliot
3. Derrick Henry
4. Leonard Fournette
5. Royce Freeman

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. Laquon Treadwell
2. Tyler Boyd
3. Mike Williams
4. Corey Davis
5. Malachi Dupre

TIGHT ENDS

1. Bucky Hodges
2. Evan Engram
3. OJ Howard
4. Jonnu Smith
5. Hunter Henry

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

1. Sheldon Day
2. Adolphus Washington
3. Anthony Zettel
4. Robert Nkemdiche
5. A'Shawn Robinson

EDGE

1. Shawn Oakman
2. Shilique Calhoun
3. DeForest Buckner
4. Joey Bosa
5. Emmanuel Ogbah

MIDDLE/INSIDE LINEBACKERS

1. Reggie Ragland
2. Rodney Hardrick
3. Cassanova McKinzy
4. Reggie Carter
5. Dominique Alexander

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

1. Jordan Jenkins
2. Eric Striker
3. Terrance Smith
4. Myles Jack
5. Jaylon Smith

CORNERBACKS

1. Wayne Lyons
2. Fabian Moreau
3. Jonathan Jones
4. Vernon Hargreaves
5. Kendall Fuller

SAFETIES

1. Jeremy Cash
2. Karl Joseph
3. Jalen Mills
4. Su'a Cravens
5. Jalen Ramsey