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#### Inspiration, Intoxication, and Precipitation: My Draft Memories

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The NFL Draft is a small sample of insanity wrapped around some information. It's also one of the most thrilling and challenging events to cover in all of sports, because no one has a clue what's about to happen. And when I first started covering the draft, I had no idea what I was signing up for.

#### The Pioneer Days of Live-Streaming

The first draft I covered turned out to be the hardest thing I have ever done. I hosted a simulcast on ESPN.com from the ESPNZone restaurant in New York City back in 2000. So, yes, this is a trip in the "Way Back Machine."

I was with four or five former players sitting around a table in the restaurant -- no Mel Kiper, Chris Berman, or anyone else to help flesh out the simulcast. The people in the restaurant had no idea what we were doing and no idea who these players were. They just saw some idiot with a microphone sitting with four dudes who could have bent him like a pretzel.

There were no commercial breaks. And back then, there were 15 minutes between picks. The players I was with were not natural gabbers. I am pretty loquacious, but I had no words left by halfway through the first round. So there wasn't a lot of talking. If I ran for a bathroom break, I risked leaving dead air, and I had no idea if no one was listening or everyone was listening.

That first simulcast was a grand experiment in the history of live-streaming. I felt like the chimpanzee that went up in the first rocket to make sure it didn't explode before humans got into it. I wondered, is this going to be the end of my draft coverage?

I still get the shakes just thinking about it.

#### **Radio City Memories**

That first simulcast must have gone over well, because I quickly moved on to radio and then television. For many years, Chris Berman hosted the first round and I hosted later rounds and some cutaway segments, either from ESPN headquarters in Bristol, Connecticut or a secondary set at Radio City Music Hall.

In 2003, the Vikings did not make their first-round selection in time. So they passed on their pick, and the Jaguars jumped in and took quarterback Byron Leftwich. Then the Panthers jumped in and selected tackle Jordan Gross a moment later. Ron Jaworski, Merrill Hoge, and I were back in Bristol wondering --how did they not get their pick in on time? After all, you have one job -- fill out the card on time and hand it in.

Somehow, the Vikings found a way to screw that menial task up. And they almost did it two years in a row.

I was also in Bristol when the Chargers drafted Eli Manning in 2004, even though they knew he had no intention of playing for them. As I told Manning when he later appeared on my Half-Forgotten History podcast: I have never seen a guy with a less-convincing fake smile, ever, than when he held up that Chargers jersey. His smile said, "I'm holding this thing, but I'm never putting it on."

Thankfully, Manning was traded about an hour after he was drafted. The Chargers were happy with Philip Rivers, and Eli couldn't have been happier to go to New York.

The next year, I hosted a televised mock draft before the draft itself. It was 2005, the year that the Lions drafted USC wide receiver Mike Williams, their third first-round wide receiver in three years. Hoge hated him, but Mel Kiper loved him. They started going back and forth on the show. They were getting angry with each other. Really angry.

Now, I love Mel. I think he's the best. But I will never forget him saying, "Merrill, you are talking about this guy like he's an Arena Football League player. I'll remember that when I am watching Mike Williams' Hall of Fame speech." That line stuck in my brain for a long time.

By 2008, I was broadcasting from Radio City Music Hall itself. Near the end of the draft, the Lions selected a linebacker named Caleb Campbell who was in the United States Army and was hoping to get a deferment to play.

Only the diehard fans were still in the crowd that late in what used to be Day 2. We got Campbell to our set for an interview and I looked up to the upper deck. There were people of every different jersey: Dolphins, Patriots, Cowboys, Jets, you name it. They were all standing and applauding for this young man. It was a very cool moment. I said to Campbell, "Take a look up there. You're the one thing who can bring everyone together."

I also got to do an interview with Tyrann Mathieu after he was drafted in 2013. Here was a young man who had to endure some horrific things in his youth, and then he got kicked off campus, kicked out of school, and fell so far out of favor.

That was a very emotional interview that I will never forget. Mathieu was in tears the whole time. He was so thankful for his NFL opportunity. And he has become an incredible person as well as an incredible player.

#### **High Smoke and Heavy Rains**

Radio City will always have a special place in my heart because the draft was there for so many years. But I remember when we were setting up for the first fully outdoor draft on the steps of the art museum in Philadelphia in 2017. Roger Goodell and I watched people milling around as we prepared for his annual pre-draft interview. Eventually, I think there were 100,000 people there.

Roger turned to me and said, "Trey, I do believe we've outgrown an indoor venue for the draft."

That whole 2017 NFL Draft was nuts. There was a guy walking around with a sign that just said "Boo." He was just a Philly guy



ready to boo. Drew Pearson got up and just taunted the crowd when the Cowboys made their selection in the second round, which was great.

And then, when the Eagles made their third-round pick at nearly midnight on Friday night, everyone in the crowd started singing "Fly, Eagles Fly." We just shut up and let it roll for two minutes. It was incredible. I realized then that taking the draft on the road was going to be one of the greatest things that the NFL has ever done.

Also, all of us would have failed a drug test because of the contact high from the crowd. There was a constant waft of a sweet, aromatic smell. As Ron Burgundy might say, "it stings the nostrils." Suddenly, we were very hungry. And we actually had Philly cheesesteaks on the set on Day 3!

Best of all, the weather in Philadelphia was perfect. The previous year, in Chicago, they had the idea of hosting the third day of the draft outdoors after holding the first two rounds at the Auditorium Theatre. When that Saturday arrived, it was 38 degrees with sideways rain. There was a Joseph A. Banks next to the hotel where we were staying. I walked in and said, "Give me your heaviest weather-proof waterproof jacket."

Our plan was to stick it out, but as the wind picked up, the conditions started to get ridiculous. There was only one spectator outside as we broadcast. He was a Patriots fan yelling at us, "Don't be sheep! Don't fall for what they are saying about DeflateGate." I finally turned to him and said, "We're not sheep! You're the knucklehead standing outside in the rain yelling at us!"

Eventually, the producers decided that we had to go back inside. That was not an easy feat. We took a commercial break. Adam Schefter was set up indoors somewhere. They said, "Schefty, the entire outside crew is moving indoors. We're not going to make it in time. You are going

to have to fill the airtime until they are inside." So Schefter had to perform his version of an Eddie Van Halen guitar solo while we rushed inside. He did an amazing job.

We got inside just before Tyreek Hill got drafted. Of course, Hill had a lot of baggage coming out of college. I was thankful that we got back in so we could frame his selection properly. I would have hated it if Hill was selected while we were in transit, when we could not provide the context, because we would have been doing the viewers a disservice.

That 2016 NFL Draft also featured the most unexpected moment in draft history: Laremy Tunsil's gas mask bong. Imagine how much money you could have made with a prop bet in Vegas wagering that there'd be a video of the best offensive lineman in the draft smoking weed in a gas mask would leak during the draft itself, causing him to slide?

Tunsil later had to give his post-selection interview. Usually, the prospect just talks about how excited he is. But Tunsil just kept getting peppered with questions about the video.

Then someone asked about allegations that he got paid at Ole Miss. Tunsil said something like, "Yeah, they paid me all the time!" That was the end of Hugh Freeze's career as Mississippi's head coach.

And I will never forget when the Steelers made their second-round pick in 2018. I looked up and there was Ryan Shazier strolling across the stage in Dallas.

It was only the previous autumn when he got paralyzed. To see him walking that soon afterwards was just breathtaking.





#### **Distance Learning**

Fast forward to 2020, and I was alone in a studio with one camera operator and a stage manager, both of them in masks.

The pandemic hit 53 days before the draft. We had an entire setup ready in Las Vegas. Players were supposed to be brought across to the stage at Caesars Palace on boats. Within a few weeks, we went from those elaborate plans to doing the whole draft virtually.

Our broadcast went across ABC, ESPN, and the NFL Network, whose studios were shut down. We had six analysts working remotely. Kurt Warner, Michael Irvin, and Daniel Jeremiah joined us from NFL Network. Our ESPN team was Mel Kiper, Louis Riddick, and Booger McFarland. We had over 150 players with remote setups. We had every single head coach, owner, and general manager on remote, plus Goodell from his basement. That's a lot of stuff going on.

When I interviewed Roger before the draft, my first question was, "How's your bandwidth?" None of us knew what was going to happen. We were expecting massive crashes.

Yet, it went off without a hitch. We got to see inside Mike Vrabel's home, with his kids doing all sorts of crazy stuff in the background. We would switch to Bill Belichick's house in Nantucket and his dog was in the chair. We also got to see Goodell looking a little sleepy in his easy chair. Goodell is often perceived as someone who stands around in a suit doing the bidding of the owners, and I think that humanized him in a way that was very beneficial.

But the ultimate flex was Kliff Kingsbury. They set up that shot of his spacious pad from as wide an angle as possible. They did that for a reason. He had the fire pit roaring in April in the desert. It was probably about 108 degrees. It was as if he was saying, "You guys think you are having fun? Check out how I live."

I received texts from other television personalities and from NFL general managers congratulating me and saying they didn't know how I pulled off that 2020 NFL Draft coverage. I was really proud of that. But it was a Herculean effort by people like Brian Ryder, Rod Adamski, Seth Markman, Jeff Nelson and many others behind the scenes. They made my job look easy.

#### To 2021 and Beyond

So, my career covering the draft started with a microphone in a restaurant with a bunch of people no one had ever heard of in an early experiment in livestreaming. That chapter of my career ended with the ultimate live-stream using technology which worked to perfection in a way we would not have thought possible even two years ago.

As for the next chapter of my career, 20 years of draft coverage has taught me to expect the unexpected. But while the location and technology may change, the draft will always be about the start of an NFL journey for hundreds of young men who worked hard for the opportunity, as well as the passion and devotion that millions of fans feel toward the sport and the league.

And I'm thrilled to remain a part of one of the most exciting, unpredictable events on the NFL's calendar.

You can catch Trey Wingo with Tony Pauline on PFN Draft Insiders every Wednesday through May 5 at 9 PM ET on the Pro Football Network YouTube Channel.

### **TONY PAULINE'S GRADING SYTEM**

On every prospect profile page, you will notice a grade given by PFN's Chief Draft Analyst Tony Pauline.

Below is an explanation of his grading system and how that translates to the NFL.

6.0 to 5.20 Potential Franchise Player High First Round

Possible Perennial All-Pro and a guaranteed high first-round prospect.

5.19 to 4.40 Impact Player Top Ten

Player who can change the course of a game & be a consistent performer. Multiple Pro-Bowl possibilities.

4.39 to 4.00 Quality Starter First Round

Player who should contribute at some point during his rookie season.

3.99 to 3.78 First-Team Prospect Second Round

Player who has ability to make plays from the get-go and eventually develop into a starter in the NFL.

3.77 to 3.60 Potential Starter Late Second to Third Round

Usually a good athlete who must learn to be a football player or someone who is an *overachiever*. Quality prospect with good long-term potential.

3.59 to 3.50 Developmental Starter Fourth Round

Player with starting potential if properly developed.

3.49 to 3.39 Situational Fifth/Sixth Round

A player such as a dime back, nickel linebacker or second tight end.

3.38 to 3.28 Special Teams Sixth/Seventh Round

Prospect with potential as special teams player/last man on the depth chart.

3.27 to 3.00 Practice Squad Priority Free Agent

A player who will see time on the practice squad. Priority Free Agent.

2.99 to 2.70 Free Agent Undrafted

Player who has a good chance to make a 60- or 80-man roster.

TONY PAULINE'S BIG BOARD
PROSPECTS RANKED 1-76 (AS OF APRIL 12)

Kelvin Joseph

Christian Barmore

Tyson Campbell

Levi Onwuzurike

Terrace Marshall Jr.

**Dylan Moses** 

**Eric Stokes** 

Trey Smith

Jamin Davis

Joe Tryon

Dillon Radunz

Josh Myers

Elijah Moore

Kellen Mond

Richie Grant

Daviyon Nixon

Pete Werner

**Kyle Trask** 

Asante Samuel Jr.

Javonte Williams

Jevon Holland

Tylan Wallace

Liam Eichenberg

Pat Freiermuth

Nick Bolton

Samuel Cosmi

**Baron Browning** 

Spencer Brown

D'Wayne Eskridge

**Brady Christensen** 

Michael Carter

Milton Williams

Quinn Meinerz

Davis Mills

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Ja'Marr Chase

Penei Sewell

Zach Wilson

Patrick Surtain II

**DeVonta Smith** 

Micah Parsons

Justin Fields

Jaycee Horn

**Kwity Paye** 

Jaylen Waddle

Christian Darrisaw

Rashawn Slater

**Zaven Collins** 

Azeez Ojulari

Trey Lance

Najee Harris

**Teven Jenkins** 

Mac Jones

Caleb Farley

Travis Etienne

Jaelan Phillips

Carlos Basham Jr.

**Gregory Rousseau** 

**Greg Newsome** 

Creed Humphrey

Jalen Mayfield

Rondale Moore

**Kadarius Toney** 

**Wyatt Davis** 

**Ronnie Perkins** 

Jayson Oweh

Alex Leatherwood

Alijah Vera-Tucker

Trevon Moehrig

Rashod Bateman

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah

**Kyle Pitts** 

WR

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TONY PAULINE'S BIG BOARD PROSPECTS RANKED 77-152 (AS OF APRIL 12)													
Player	Position	Overall	Grade	Projected	Player	Position	Overall	Grade					
Jackson Carman	Т	77	3.79	2-3	Trey Hill	С	115	3.58					
Talanoa Hufanga	S	78	3.78	3rd	Ifeatu Melifonwu	СВ	116	3.58					
Walker Little	Т	79	3.78	3rd	Tyler Shelvin	DT	117	3.58					
Cam McGrone	ILB	80	3.77	3rd	Shi Smith	WR	118	3.58					
Tommy Tremble	TE	81	3.77	3rd	Shakur Brown	СВ	119	3.57					
Tommy Togiai	DT	82	3.76	3rd	Quincy Roche	DE	120	3.57					
Nico Collins	WR	83	3.75	3rd	Andre Cisco	S	121	3.57					
Jordan Smith	OLB	84	3.74	3rd	Adrian Ealy	Т	122	3.57					
James Hudson	Т	85	3.72	3rd	Tutu Atwell	WR	123	3.57					
Ambry Thomas	СВ	86	3.70	3rd	Dayo Odeyingbo	DE	124	3.55					

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Marlon Tuipulotu

Anthony Hines III

Chuba Hubbard

Javon McKinley

Kary Vincent Jr.

**Jack Anderson** 

Jaelon Darden

Olaijah Griffin

**Ernest Jones** 

Tyree Gillespie

Stone Forsythe

Kenny Yeboah

Kayode Awosika

Chris Rumph II

Jamar Johnson

Thomas Graham Jr.

Chauncey Golston

Ar'Darius Washington

Osawaru Odighizuwa

Caden Sterns

Darren Hall

Josh Palmer

**Keith Taylor** 

Kylin Hill

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**Hunter Long** 

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**Patrick Jones** 

Trey Sermon

Brevin Jordan

**Elerson Smith** 

Dyami Brown

Jay Tufele

Kendrick Green

Paulson Adebo

Javian Hawkins

**Aaron Banks** 

Elijah Molden

Camryn Bynum

**Derrick Barnes** 

Chazz Surratt

Khalil Herbert

Seth Williams

Robert Rochell

D'Ante Smith

Michal Menet

Trill Williams

Daelin Hayes

**Amari Rodgers** 

Benjamin St-Juste

Adetokunbo Ogundeji

Kenneth Gainwell

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PROSPECTS RANKED 153-228 (AS OF APRIL 12)														
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Tre' McKitty	TE	153	3.49	4-5	Rhamondre Stevenson	RB	191	3.40						
Payton Turner	DE	154	3.48	5th	Tommy Doyle	Т	192	3.40						
Hamsah Nasirildeen	S	155	3.48	5th	Tre Nixon	WR	193	3.40						
Royce Newman	Т	156	3.48	5th	Drue Chrisman	Р	194	3.39						
Alim McNeill	DT	157	3.47	5th	Chris Evans	RB	195	3.39						
Robert Hainsey	G	158	3.47	5th	Austin Watkins Jr.	WR	196	3.39						

**Bryce Thompson** 

Jonathan Marshall

Ben Cleveland

Isaiah McDuffie

Jamie Newman

JaCoby Stevens

Dan Moore Jr.

Joshua Kaindoh

Khyiris Tonga

Shawn Davis

Nick Eubanks

**Brandon Smith** 

Ta'Quon Graham

**Thomas Kraemer** 

Damar Hamlin

Dazz Newsome

Drake Jackson

Joshuah Bledsoe

**Buddy Johnson** 

Blake Haubeil

Cade Johnson

Austin Faoliu

Noah Gray

Isaiah McKov

Amen Ogbongbemiga

Jamien Sherwood

Ian Book

Patrick Johnson

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Rashad Weaver

Charles Snowden

Jermar Jefferson

Bobby Brown III

Divine Deablo

Mark Webb

Carson Green

David Moore

**Garret Wallow** 

Demetric Felton

Israel Mukuamu

**Brenden Jaimes** 

**Kylen Granson** 

Simi Fehoko

Drew Dalman

Elijah Mitchell

**Darrick Forrest** 

Jaylon Moore

Tarron Jackson

Evan McPherson

Larry Rountree III

**Tamorrion Terry** 

**Brandin Echols** 

Marvin Wilson

Shaka Toney

Zach Davidson

**Trevon Grimes** 

Landon Dickerson

Nahshon Wright

Monty Rice

Tre Brown

Cameron Sample

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TONY PAULINE'S BIG BOARD PROSPECTS RANKED 229-304 (AS OF APRIL 12)													
Player	Position	Overall	Grade	Projected	Player	Position	Overall	Grade					
William Bradley-King	DE	229	3.32	6th	Wyatt Hubert	OLB	267	3.27					
Jaylen Twyman	DT	230	3.32	6th	James Smith	Р	268	3.27					
Max Duffy	Р	231	3.32	6th	Brendon White	S	269	3.27					
Trey Ragas	RB	232	3.32	6th	Alaric Jackson	Т	270	3.27					
Landon Young	Т	233	3.32	6th	Luke Farrell	TE	271	3.27					
Dylan Soehner	TE	234	3.32	6th	Brennan Eagles	WR	272	3.27					
Dez Fitzpatrick	WR	235	3.32	6th	Malik Herring	DE	273	3.26					
Jonathon Cooper	DE	236	3.31	6th	James Morrisey	С	274	3.26					
Erroll Thompson	ILB	237	3.31	6th	Dicaprio Bootle	СВ	275	3.26					

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Cornell Powell

Nick McCloud

**Bryan Mills** 

Marlon Williams

Rachad Wildgoose

Janarius Robinson

Quinton Bohanna

Sadarius Hutcherson

**Tedarrell Slaton** 

Matt Farniok

Elijah Sullivan

**Chris Garrett** 

K.J. Costello

Paris Ford

**Foster Sarell** 

T.J. Vasher

Dax Milne

Quintin Morris

Lorenzo Burns

Nick Niemann

Peyton Ramsey

**Darius Stills** 

Stevie Scott III

**Antjuan Simmons** 

Pooka Williams Jr.

William Sherman

Drew Himmelman

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Jonathan Adams Jr.

**Rodarius Williams** 

**Earnest Brown** 

**Deonte Brown** 

Shane Buechele

Ben Mason

John Bates

Trae Barry

Tyler Vaughns

Whop Philyor

Marco Wilson

Jordon Scott

Feleipe Franks

Osirus Mitchell

Tim Jones

Dillon Stoner

Jason Pinnock

Kion Smith

Justin Hilliard

Michael Carter II

Jaret Patterson

Richard LeCounte

Zech McPhearson

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Player	Position	Overall	Grade	Projected	Player	Position	Overall	Grade	Projected				
Gerrid Doaks	RB	305	3.24	FA	Tyler Coyle	S	343	3.20	FA				
Brandon Stephens	S	306	3.24	FA	Larnel Coleman	Т	344	3.20	FA				
Tony Poljan	TE	307	3.24	FA	Damonte Coxie	WR	345	3.20	FA				
Tre Walker	WR	308	3.24	FA	Nate Hobbs	СВ	346	3.19	FA				
Jhamon Ausbon	WR	309	3.24	FA	Justus Reed	DE	347	3.19	FA				
Tre Norwood	СВ	310	3.23	FA	Deon Jackson	RB	348	3.19	FA				
Sam Webb	СВ	311	3.23	FA	Qwynnterrio Cole	S	349	3.19	FA				
Forrest Merrill	DT	312	3.23	FA	Greg Eiland	Т	350	3.19	FA				
Jared Hocker	G	313	3.23	FA	Khalil McClain	WR	351	3.19	FA				
Jamar Watson	OLB	314	3.23	FA	Branden Mack	WR	352	3.19	FA				

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Sam Kamara

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Larry Borom

Tay Martin

**Donovan Stiner** 

Artayvious Lynn

**Avery Williams** 

**Marquiss Spencer** 

Cole Van Lanen

**Zayne Anderson** 

Cordell Volson

Dai'Jean Dixon

Franklin McCain

**Daniel Archibong** 

**Erik Swenson** 

Christian Elliss

Jaquan Hardy

**Antonio Phillips** 

**Russ Yeast** 

Jack Stoll

**Tory Carter** 

**Robert Jones** 

Nick Pickett

Gary Brightwell

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Harry Crider

Jacob Hansen

C.J. Marable

Jake Curhan

**Briley Moore** 

Michael Strachan

Manny Rugamba

JaQuan Bailey

Naquan Jones

Rayshard Ashby

**Tuf Borland** 

Riley Cole

**Grant Stuard** 

**Davis Cheek** 

**Brenden Knox** 

Syrus Tuitele

Warren Jackson

Chase Behrndt

**Dorian Etheridge** 

Jah-Maine Martin

Tay Gowan

Aashari Crosswell

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PROSPECTS RANKED 381-456 (AS OF APRIL 12)													
Player	Position	Overall	Grade	Projected	Player	Position	Overall	Grade					
Antwan Collier	S	381	3.15	FA	Pro Wells	TE	419	3.09					
Antonio Nunn	WR	382	3.15	FA	Tarik Black	WR	420	3.09					
A.J. Parker	СВ	383	3.14	FA	Elijah Stove	WR	421	3.09					
David Anenih	OLB	384	3.14	FA	Kader Kohou	СВ	422	3.08					
Spencer Brown	RB	385	3.14	FA	Victor Dimukeje	DE	423	3.08					
Patrick Peek	S	386	3.14	FA	Mason Stokke	FB	424	3.08					
Dareke Young	WR	387	3.14	FA	Teton Saltes	G	425	3.08					
Shemar Jean-Charles	СВ	388	3.13	FA	Justus Te'l	OLB	426	3.08					
Marcus Murphy	S	389	3.13	FA	A.J. Rose	RB	427	3.08					
Miller Forristall	TE	390	3.13	FA	Ky'el Hemby	S	428	3.08					
Jalen Camp	WR	391	3.13	FA	Devon Key	S	429	3.08					

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Brandon Pili

Alani Pututau

Otis Anderson

**Rakavius Chambers** 

Dwayne Johnson Jr.

Ray Thomas-Ishman

Charles Akanno

**Brady Breeze** 

Zac Lefebvre

Shawn Steele

**Brayden Thomas** 

Giovanni Fauolo

**Braylon Jones** 

Darius Hodge

Jose Borregales

Kene Nwangwu

Eric Jackson

John Raine

L'Liott Curry

Trevon Bradford

Michael Greene

Donavaughn Campbell

**Grant Hermanns** 

Rico Bussey

Julius Faulk

Jack Heflin

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T.J. Simmons

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Parker Ferguson

**Curtis Robinson** 

Will Hart

Chris Brown

**Chandon Herring** 

Racey McMath

Jerry Jacobs

Matt Brayton

Zane Zandier

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**Damarion Williams** 

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TONY PAULINE'S BIG BOARD PROSPECTS RANKED 457-532 (AS OF APRIL 12)													
Player	Position	Overall	Grade	Projected	Player	Position	Overall	Grade					
Nolan Laufenberg	G	457	3.04	FA	Riley Patterson	PK	495	3.00					
Israel Tucker	RB	458	3.04	FA	Collin Hill	QB	496	3.00					
L.D. Brown	RB	459	3.04	FA	Chris Ferguson	QB	497	3.00					
Dru Prox	S	460	3.04	FA	Tyrone Hill	S	498	3.00					
Ramaud ChBowman	WR	461	3.04	FA	Brock Wright	TE	499	3.00					
Austin Trammell	WR	462	3.04	FA	Zachary Dawe	DE	500	2.99					
Cory Batie	СВ	463	3.03	FA	Jared Schiess	DT	501	2.99					
Elijah Ponder	DT	464	3.03	FA	Cameron Murray	DT	502	2.99					
Calvin Bundage	ILB	465	3.03	FA	Drew Seers	ILB	503	2.99					
Anthony Pandy	OLB	466	3.03	FA	Clarence Hicks	ILB	504	2.99					
Justin Henderson	RB	467	3.03	FA	Quinn Nordin	K	505	2.99					

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**Gunnar Vogel** 

Raleigh Webb

**Devin Butler** 

Roy Lopez

Ageel Glass

Jason Pace

**Tanner Conner** 

Camilo Eifler

Mike Collins

**Juwan Taylor** 

Blake Proehl

James Ceasar

Ellison Hubbard

**Bryce Foxworth** 

Isaiah Kaufusi

**Bryce Cosby** 

Terrell Jana

Mike Hampton

Justin Hall

O'Bryan Goodson

Joe Sculthorpe

Christian Albright

Romeo McKnight

Marcus Williams Jr.

Reggie Stubblefield

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Nate Brown

**Christian Tutt** 

Jacob Harris

Adrian Hardy

Sam Womack

Kenny Randall

Tristen Hoge

Mustafa Johnson

Lawrence Garner

Lawrence White IV

Mekhi Sargent

Cary Angeline

**Donnie Corley** 

Jequez Ezzard

Antwuan Jackson

Samuel Cooper

**Pressley Harvin** 

Luis Aguilar

**Hunter Kampmoyer** 

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PROSPECTS RANKED 533-608 (AS OF APRIL 12)													
Player	Position	Overall	Grade	Projected	Player	Position	Overall	(					
Jerome Johnson	DT	533	2.95	FA	John Brunner	WR	571						
Eric Wilson	G	534	2.95	FA	Jaxson Turner	OLB	572						
Jacob Capra	G	535	2.95	FA	Oscar Draguicevich III	Р	573						
Tanner Owen	G	536	2.95	FA	Ross Bowers	QB	574						
Jack Cochrane	ILB	537	2.95	FA	Kavika Fonua	S	575						
Alex Kessman	K	538	2.95	FA	Drew Estrada	WR	576						
Dedrick Mills	RB	539	2.95	FA	Jared Goldwire	DT	577						
Rodjay Burns	S	540	2.95	FA	Bryce Hargrove	G	578						

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Ryder Anderson

**Tavante Beckett** 

**Shemar Bridges** 

Damon Hazelton

Keyshawn James

**Trevor Denbow** 

Dareuan Parker

Jordyn Peters

Shaun Beyer

Tariq Bitson

Eric Burrell

**Darrian Hambrick** 

Jack Sorenson

**Dallis Flowers** 

Rachuan Mitchell

**Aubrey Solomon** 

Kenny Turnier

Gene Pryor

Kyle Bailey

Kevin Mensah

C.J. Morgan

Wes Genant

Xavier Kelly

Jack DeFoor

Coy Cronk

K.J. Sails

**Shemar Thornton** 

D'Antne Demery

Talolo Limu-Jones

Joseph Dorceus

Kyree Campbell

Thomas Leggett

**Dennis Houston** 

Daniel Godlevske

Melvin Rouse II

Isaiah Dunn

Max Roberts

Liam Fornadel

**Jaylin Thomas** 

**Brady White** 

Allie Green

**Brayden Patton** 

Zeandae Johnson

**Jaylon Haynes** 

Keith Duncan

Terry Myrick

**Troy Warner** 

Tyler Page

**Kobe Jones** 

Michael Dwumfour

Augustus Contressa

Michael Brown

Caleb Huntley

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Deangelo Wilson	WR	609	2.84	FA	Mike Brown	S	647	2.78	
Ryan McCollum	С	610	2.83	FA	Jack Batho	Т	648	2.78	
Demetrius Harris	DE	611	2.83	FA	Andrew Kamienski	WR	649	2.78	
Alex Mollette	G	612	2.83	FA	John Bos	С	650	2.77	
Richard McBryde	ILB	613	2.83	FA	Zyon McCollum	СВ	651	2.77	
Tabyus Taylor	RB	614	2.83	FA	Josh Hayes	СВ	652	2.77	
Malik Antoine	S	615	2.83	FA	L.B. Mack III	DE	653	2.77	
Sage Doxtater	Т	616	2.83	FA	Jarrod Hewitt	DT	654	2.77	
Johnny William	WR	617	2.83	FA	Drew Wiley	DT	655	2.77	
Nathan Eldridge	С	618	2.82	FA	Cole Strange	G	656	2.77	

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T.D. Marshall

Tarik Adams

**Brady Davis** 

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Wesley Kennedy III

**Richard Dames** 

Nicholas Zakelj

Eli Howard

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Korbin Sorensen

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Calvin Ashley

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Nelson Fuiava	DE	685	2.73	FA	Peyton Reeder	G	722	2.69	
T.J. Rayam	DT	686	2.73	FA	Keenan Forbes	G	723	2.69	
Brian Foley	G	687	2.73	FA	Aaron Ramseur	ILB	724	2.69	
Bryant Pirtle	OLB	688	2.73	FA	Richard Moore	ILB	725	2.69	
E.J. Perry	QB	689	2.73	FA	Tevin Paul	OLB	726	2.69	
Aaron McAllister	RB	690	2.73	FA	Michael Pitts	OLB	727	2.69	
Cristian Williams	S	691	2.73	FA	Tyreek Maddox-Williams	OLB	728	2.69	
Will Ulmer	Т	692	2.73	FA	Donta Evans	OLB	729	2.69	
Tristen Taylor	Т	693	2.73	FA	Dytarious Johnson	OLB	730	2.69	
JaCorey Sullivan	WR	694	2.73	FA	Seth Vernon	Р	731	2.69	

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Jonathan Lenard

Tyrese Dedmon

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K.J. Gray

**Omar Fortt** 

Antwaine Richardson

**Brenton Nelson** 

Landon Forman

Andrew Homer

Jaron Woodyard

Seth Green

Carl Tucker

Xavier Lane

Isaiah Graham

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TONY PAULINE'S BIG BOARD PROSPECTS RANKED 759-834 (AS OF APRIL 12)									
Position	Overall	Grade	Projected	Player	Position	Overall			
СВ	759	2.68	FA	Mitchell Brinkman	TE	797			
СВ	760	2.68	FA	Kyle Penniston	TE	798			
СВ	761	2.68	FA	Kobay White	WR	799			
DE	762	2.68	FA	Riley Lees	WR	800			
DT	763	2.68	FA	Lonnie Moore VI	WR	801			

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Harry Ballard

Eric Kumah

Josh Wilkes

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Nik Urban

Malick Phillips

Kiondre Thomas

Joshua McMillon

**Justin Covington** 

Raymond Crittenden

**Brandon Johnson** 

Devin Wynn

J.F. Thomas

Marlin Brooks

Ryan Neuzil

**Bryce Notree** 

Eric Mitchell

Ryan Stonehouse

Jayson Vanhook

Quentin Harrison

Roger Carter

Collin Miller

Josh Caldwell

J.W. Jones

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Michael Williams

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**Demetris Harris** 

Kohl Levao

J.J. Russell

**Devon Moore** 

Jahad Woods

Willie Baker

Cornel Jones

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Khalil Ladler

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David Kroll

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Player	Position	Overall	Grade	Projected	Player	Position	Overall	Grade	Projected
Jared Southers	G	835	2.65	FA	Dequarius Henry	DE	855	2.63	FA
Jordan Harris	G	836	2.65	FA	Anthony Knighton	DE	856	2.63	FA
Joe Beckett	ILB	837	2.65	FA	Felix Harper	QB	857	2.63	FA
Tre Jones	OLB	838	2.65	FA	Jacob Mathis	TE	858	2.63	FA
Kato Nelson	QB	839	2.65	FA	James Gillespie	WR	859	2.63	FA
Josh Fields	RB	840	2.65	FA	Jack Badovinac	G	860	2.62	FA
B.J. Smith	RB	841	2.65	FA	Brian O'Neill	ILB	861	2.62	FA
Karl Mofor	RB	842	2.65	FA	Jon-Michael Terry	OLB	862	2.62	FA
Amon Simon	Т	843	2.65	FA	DeMarkus Glover	OLB	863	2.62	FA
Jauan Williams	Т	844	2.65	FA	Grant Breneman	QB	864	2.62	FA
Demarcus Gilmore	Т	845	2.65	FA	Da'Leon Ward	RB	865	2.62	FA
John Howland	TE	846	2.65	FA	James Lee	T	866	2.62	FA
Alvin Johnson	WR	847	2.65	FA	Adetomi Ayeni	WR	867	2.62	FA
Tristen Wallace	WR	848	2.65	FA	Chad Gilchrist	ILB	868	2.61	FA
Cameron Odom	WR	849	2.65	FA	Danquarian Fields	S	869	2.61	FA
Mark Williams	СВ	850	2.64	FA	Josh Watson	G	870	2.60	FA
Josh Dauberman	G	851	2.64	FA	Travis Whillock	S	871	2.60	FA
Austin Conrad	OLB	852	2.64	FA	Dylan Galloway	Т	872	2.60	FA
Keshawn Williams	RB	853	2.64	FA	Ricky Smalling	WR	873	2.60	FA
Jacob Shoemaker	Т	854	2 64	FA					





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Player	Grade	Projected Round	Position Rank	Overall Rank					
Trevor Lawrence	5.30	1st	01	01					
Zach Wilson	4.75	1st	02	05					
Justin Fields	4.58	1st	03	09					

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**Davis Mills** 

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Sam Ehlinger

Shane Buechele

Feleipe Franks

K.J. Costello

Jamie Newman



# TREVOR LAWRENCE

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'5"** HEIGHT

224 LBS WEIGHT CLEMSON SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**5.30** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

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OVERALL RANK

A five-star recruit out of Cartersville High School, Trevor Lawrence has been the consensus No. 1 overall pick of this 2021 NFL Draft class since leading Clemson to a national championship as a true freshman. He has guided the Tigers to the College Football Playoffs in each of his three years as the starter. Lawrence has thrown for 10,098 yards, with 90 touchdowns to just 17 interceptions during his Clemson career.

**POSITIVES** 

Outstanding quarterback prospect who is a once-in-a-generation type of player. Displays tremendous awareness and a sense for what's happening on the field, shows patience in the pocket, and naturally looks off the safety.

Buys time in the pocket, scans the field, and spreads the ball around using all his targets. Remains poised under the rush, keeps his eyes downfield, and delivers accurate passes when pressured.

Makes terrific decisions with the football, throws with an over-the-top delivery, and possesses a live arm.

Quickly gets the ball out of his hands, displays a sense of timing, and rarely has receivers waiting for the ball to arrive.

Challenges the vertical game, delivers deep throws with speed as well as accuracy, and delivers outstanding fade patterns in the end zone, placing the ball where only his receiver can make the reception.

Mobile, gets outside the pocket to throw on the move and displays outstanding vision as well as instincts on designed quarterback runs. Consistently makes good decisions with the football.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Passes sail over the intended target's head on occasion. Shows a hitch in his throwing motion.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Since his freshman season, Lawrence was a productive, winning quarterback who consistently gave Clemson a chance to come out on top. He possesses the size, arm strength, and intuition to be a franchise quarterback at the next level. The holes in his game are minor, and if surrounded by solid talent, Lawrence can carry a team at the next level.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Jacksonville Jaguars



# **ZACH WILSON**

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'2"** HEIGHT

215 LBS WEIGHT **BYU** SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.75** GRADE

**15** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Following a junior season where he threw for 3,692 yards and 33 touchdowns while rushing for another 10 scores, BYU quarterback Zach Wilson has emerged from relative obscurity to one of the most talked about quarterbacks in the 2021 NFL Draft class.

The former three-star recruit out of Corner Canyon High School has started 28 games for the Cougars with a career completion percentage of 67.6 percent. In his final season, he broke Steve Young's single-season completion record by completing 73.5 percent of his passes.

#### **POSITIVES**

Smart, instinctive quarterback whose draft stock has been on a straight rise north the past year. Heady, poised, and does a tremendous job commanding the offense. Patient, buys as much time as necessary and spreads the ball around using all his targets.

Natural-looking off the safety and shows incredible football instincts and intellect. Always on the same page as receivers, accurate and also resilient. Displays a sense of timing and does not have receivers waiting for the ball as they exit breaks.

Senses the rush, remains poised under pressure, and will take a sack or throw the ball away rather than force an errant pass. Puts the ball up and lets receivers compete for the reception. Rebounded well from the few errant passes he threw last season and knows how to ignite his offense.

Effectively sets up screen throws and delivers a catchable ball. Easily gets outside the pocket, keeps his eyes downfield, and runs with the ball as a last resort.

Displays a lot of toughness carrying the ball on designed quarterback runs. Incredibly elusive scrambling away from defenders. Keeps the chains moving and leads the offense down the field.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks great quarterback stature. Does not drive deep throws with speed. Occasionally releases the ball off his back foot. Will struggle withstanding the rush at the next level. Has an injury history, including shoulder surgeries that must be checked out.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Wilson has been the talk of the town at the quarterback position since December, and his legend continues to grow. He possesses outstanding intangibles, and his ability to quickly process information on and off the field is second to none in this year's draft. He's more of a system quarterback for a timing offense, but he will struggle in the vertical game. Wilson has a tremendous future at the next level if put in the proper scheme and properly coached.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New York Jets, Carolina Panthers, San Francisco 49ers



# JUSTIN FIELDS

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

227 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.58** GRADE

**15 I** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**09** OVERALL RANK

A five-star recruit, and the second ranked quarterback in the 2018 class behind Trevor Lawrence, Justin Fields spent his first college football season as the backup to Jake Fromm at Georgia.

After transferring to Ohio State in 2019, Fields led the Buckeyes to a College Football Playoff appearance while throwing 41 touchdowns to just 3 interceptions.

Despite doubling his interception total in 2020, Fields helped lead Ohio State to the CFP National Championship as a junior before declaring for the 2021 NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Big-armed passer with the ability to make all the throws. Patient in the pocket, keeps his eyes downfield, and takes the safe underneath outlet if nothing else is available.

Sells ball fakes, remains poised under the rush, and buys as much time as necessary for receivers. Elusive, keeps plays alive, and easily gets outside the box to elude pass rushers and make the throw on the move.

Possesses a next-level arm, puts speed on all his throws, and loses nothing passing on the move. Displays a sense of timing, drives the deep throw, and delivers some outstanding long passes.

Throws the ball 50+ yards with speed and spin, perfectly placing it in the receiver's hands. Legitimate threat running the ball, showing the ability to pick up yardage with his legs. Tough and plays while injured.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Does not always find the center fielder, which results in interceptions. Slow to process and at times slow pulling the trigger. Stares down the primary target.

#### **ANALYSIS**

From the point of view of physical skills, Fields grades as highly as any quarterback in this draft and has the strongest arm of any of the top quarterbacks. He also struggles with his reads and is slow to process what's happening on the field, which is a red flag. Fields absolutely has starting potential at the next level and could lead a franchise, but he will need the right coach who is able to match the mental skills with his physical ability.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New York Jets, Carolina Panthers, Atlanta Falcons



# TREY LANCE

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'4"** HEIGHT **224 LBS** WEIGHT

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SCHOOL

RS SOPHOMORE YEAR

**4.27** GRADE

**1ST** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

The former three-star recruit out of Marshall High School took the college football world by storm as a redshirt freshman in 2019. Leading North Dakota State to an FCS National Championship is not out of the ordinary, but Lance's 28 touchdowns to zero interceptions certainly was.

A true dual-threat, Lance threw for 2,786 passing yards while rushing for 1,100 more. Deprived of a junior season by the global situation, Lance heads to the NFL Draft with just one year of starting experience at the FCS level.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic quarterback with next-level physical skills and tremendous upside. Patient in the pocket, keeps his eyes downfield, and goes through progressions. Does a great job commanding and controlling the offense, knows where his receivers are on the field, and spreads the ball around.

Natural looking off the safety, goes to the safe underneath outlet if nothing else is available, and possesses a live arm. Quickly gets the ball out of his hands and gets passes im-

mediately to the intended target.

Easily drives passes downfield, puts air under the ball, and delivers a catchable throw. Gets the ball through tight spots and leads receivers with passes.

Sells ball fakes, shows elusiveness, and easily gets outside the pocket to avoid the rush. Loses no velocity throwing on the move and gets rid of the ball with a flick of his wrist.

Quick-footed carrying the ball and picks up yardage with his legs. Senses the rush and easily escapes defenders.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Marginally accurate throwing on the move. Must be more consistent with his pass placement. Downfield accuracy can be hit or miss. Started just one full season at the FCS level.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Lance is the complete physical package at the quarterback position, possessing a tremendous build, athleticism and arm strength. He's an RPO quarterback with outstanding size and the potential to make all the throws in or out of the pocket. He needs to fine-tune his passing skills, and more than anything else, needs more experience and playing time at a high level of competition. While I love his upside, I am concerned about the thin body of work Lance has entering the draft and feel the team that drafts him must be patient and even sit him for the 2021 NFL season to let him absorb and process.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

San Francisco 49ers, Carolina Panthers, Chicago Bears



# MAC JONES

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'2 1/2"**HEIGHT

217 LBS WEIGHT ALABAMA SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**4.17** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Michael McCorkle Jones had to wait patiently for his opportunity at Alabama, but when it arrived, he grasped it with both hands. The three-star recruit out of The Bolles School originally committed to Kentucky before joining Alabama in 2017.

He served as a backup until stepping in for the injured Tua Tagovailoa in 2019. As the starter last season, Jones led Alabama to a national championship while throwing for 4,500 yards and 41 touchdowns.

#### **POSITIVES**

Poised and tremendously smart quarterback whose game has been on a straight shot north since November 2019. Patient in the pocket, buys time for receivers, and displays tremendous sense and wherewithal of what's happening on the field.

Goes through progressions, distributes the ball to all his targets, and takes the safe underneath outlet if nothing else is available.

Nicely sets up screen passes, throws a catchable ball, and displays a sense of timing on passes. Accurate, does not have receivers

waiting on the ball. Shows great pass placement, putting throws where only his receiver can make the reception. True field general who does a great job commanding and controlling the offense.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks great arm talent and cannot drive passes downfield. Doesn't pick up much yardage with his legs nor is he effective on designed runs. Has a thin body of work at the college level.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Jones did a solid job after taking over for the injured Tua Tagovailoa in November 2019, then watched his game take off last season. After winning the national title with Alabama in January, Jones was sensational during all three days of Senior Bowl practice. He's not the RPO quarterback many like today, rather he's a traditional pocket passer with a great feel for what's happening on the field who does an outstanding job protecting the ball.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

San Francisco 49ers, New England Patriots, Washington Football Team



# **KELLEN MOND**

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

211 LBS WEIGHT TEXAS A&M SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.91** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A five-star recruit out of the IMG Academy, Kellen Mond was thrust into action as a freshman following an injury to Texas A&M starter Nick Starkel.

He parlayed that performance into a fouryear starting career for the Aggies. Statistically, his best season for Texas A&M was in 2018 when he threw for 3,107 yards and 24 touchdowns.

However, his career-high completion percentage and yards per attempt in 2020, coupled with his Senior Bowl MVP winning display, could be the most important performances for his 2021 NFL Draft stock.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic quarterback with a next-level arm who flashes brilliance. Patient in the pocket and buys as much time as necessary. Senses the rush and steps up to avoid defenders.

Athletic, easily eludes defenders, and picks up yardage with his legs when necessary. Possesses a quick release and a live arm, gets speed on throws, and easily drives downfield passes. Fires the ball through tight windows,

leads receivers with passes, and throws targets open. Loses no ball speed throwing on the move.

Displays a sense of timing and does not have receivers waiting for the ball to arrive. Knows where his targets are on the field and quickly locates the open wideout.

Spreads the ball around and uses all his receivers. Sets up screen throws, puts touch on passes, and delivers a catchable ball. Effectively commands the offense.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Very slow moving his head away from the primary target and gives away passes at times. Must do a better job selling ball fakes. Can be erratic with his pass placement.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Mond is an athletic quarterback who displayed a lot of progress in his game last season. He possesses a terrific amount of upside and has starting potential at the next level if he gets hooked up with the proper coach and continues developing his game.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Indianapolis Colts, Pittsburgh Steelers, Chicago Bears



# **KYLE TRASK**

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'4"** HEIGHT

235 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.88** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Under-recruited and under-valued, Kyle Trask was a career backup during his time at Manvel High School and early in his Florida career.

Seizing the opportunity to start for the Gators following an injury to Feleipe Franks in 2019, Trask impressed enough to be named the starter for 2020.

Following a record-setting season where he threw for 4,283 yards and 43 touchdowns, Trask was named a Heisman finalist.

#### **POSITIVES**

Smart, accurate pocket passer who displayed consistent progress in his game through the years. Patient, remains poised as the pocket collapses around him, and consistently scans the field going through progressions.

Senses the rush, moves outside the pocket to buy time, and throws with a fluid over over-the -top delivery. Locates the open wideout and goes to the safe, underneath outlet if necessary.

Consistently keeps his eyes downfield and distributes the ball using all his targets. Consist-

ently identifies the open wideout, anticipates where his receivers will be, and hits targets in stride.

Accurate and does not make pass catchers work hard based on his ability to place throws. Effective setting up screen throws. Does a great job commanding and controlling the offense.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not a mobile or elusive quarterback. Slow and ineffective on designed quarterback runs. Possesses solid arm strength but not big-time arm talent.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Trask is a traditional pocket passer with great vision, instincts, and wherewithal. He's accurate with a terrific sense for what's happening on the field, but the lack of foot quickness and leg speed limits him to just a few offensive systems.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New England Patriots, Washington Football Team, Pittsburgh Steelers



# **DAVIS MILLS**

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

217 LBS WEIGHT STANFORD SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.79** GRADE

**2ND-3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**76** OVERALL RANK

After a prolific career for Greater Atlanta Christian, Davis Mills was a five-star recruit and the top pro-style quarterback in the 2017 class. Despite his high profile, Mills was the backup at Stanford until replacing the injured K.J. Costello in 2019.

He set a school single-game passing record against Washington State as a junior, before throwing for 1,508 yards as the starter in a shortened senior season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Started 11 games for Stanford the past two seasons. Physically-gifted quarterback with a next-level arm. Possesses terrific size, can spin the ball, and throws all his passes with speed.

Spreads the ball around to all his targets, quickly identifies the open wideout, and flashes the ability to beautifully place the ball into receivers' hands.

Goes to the check-down target, throws darts, and gets the ball through tight spots. Patient, buys time, and does not force the issue. Puts touch on throws when necessary and delivers a catchable pass. Elusive with the ability to es-

cape the rush or pick up yardage with his legs.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Late pulling the trigger and has receivers waiting on the pass. Was a little erratic with his accuracy and pass placement last season. Unpolished and does not have a large body of work at the college level.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Mills possesses prototypical physical skills for the next level, offering outstanding size as well as arm strength. He possesses the ability to throw all the passes and flashed dominance at Stanford, but he needs more playing time and a good quarterbacks coach before he's NFL-ready.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Atlanta Falcons, Las Vegas Raiders, Pittsburgh Steelers



# JAMIE NEWMAN

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'3"** HEIGHT 235 LBS WEIGHT WAKE FOREST SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.38** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**201** OVERALL RANK

Jamie Newman transferred to Georgia for the 2020 season where big things were expected from him. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the SEC season, he opted out and declared for the 2021 NFL Draft.

A three-star recruit, Newman started one full season for Wake Forest in 2019, after replacing the injured Sam Hartman at the end of 2018. A dual-threat quarterback, Newman accounted for 32 touchdowns and over 3,400 total yards as a junior.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized pocket passer with an undeveloped game. Patient, buys as much time as necessary for receivers and stands strong against the rush. Possesses a compact throwing motion, a live arm, and throws tight spirals with speed. Displays a sense of timing on throws and does not have receivers waiting for the ball to arrive.

Natural-looking off the safety, spreads the ball around and uses all his targets. Remains poised as the pocket collapses around him, shows no sense of worry, and is quick bouncing it to the outside. Loses nothing throwing on the run and easily gets the ball downfield. Puts touch on

throws and delivers a catchable ball. Effectively led the Wake Forest offense in 2019.

#### **NEGATIVES**

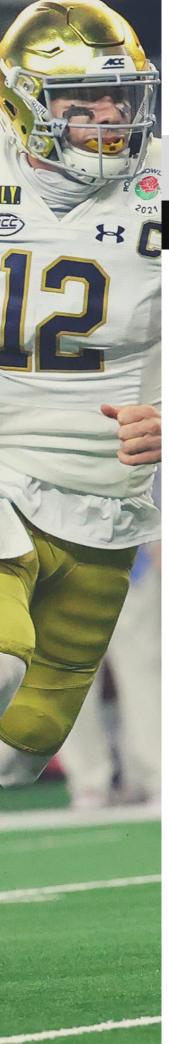
Tends to stare down the primary target and is late moving his eyes from receivers. Holds the ball a little too long and must hasten his decision-making. Struggles with his accuracy as well as pass placement and can be all over the place with throws.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Newman possesses the physical skills to play in the NFL but needs a lot of work on the intangibles and details of the quarterback position. He started off hot during the first day of Senior Bowl practices, then he quickly fizzled out and looked like a quarterback who had not played football in more than a year. Newman is a high-upside prospect but needs time and proper coaching to meet his incredible upside.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Pittsburgh Steelers, Indianapolis Colts, Minnesota Vikings





#### **OUARTERBACK**

**6'0"** HEIGHT

211 LBS WEIGHT NOTRE DAME SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.34** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

After earning the starting quarterback job for Notre Dame early in his redshirt sophomore season, Ian Book has gone on to set the record for most wins as a quarterback in Notre Dame history.

The former three-star recruit out of Oak Ridge High School has twice held the Fighting Irish to the College Football Playoffs while compiling 8,948 passing yards, 72 touchdowns, and 20 interceptions.

#### **POSITIVES**

Efficient, accurate timing passer who is best in the short and intermediate field. Patient, remains poised under the rush and steps up to avoid defenders, keeping his eyes downfield.

Stays with the action, does not go down without a fight, and improvises in order to make plays.

Displays terrific field vision, does not force throws, and protects the ball.

Agile, easily moves about the field, and is a legitimate threat picking up yardage with his legs. Terrific short and intermediate passer

who delivers tight spirals and a catchable ball. Sells ball fakes, takes the safe underneath outlet, and possesses a quick release.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Short and lacks pocket stature. Cannot drive deep throws. Shows hesitation in his game and is late pulling the trigger.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Book was a productive quarterback for Notre Dame and did a terrific job running the offense, but he has arm strength limitations. He's an instinctive quarterback who is very accurate in the short and intermediate field, but he'd struggle for team that prefers the vertical offense. He's a late-round draft pick who at the very least would be an asset as an extra pair of eyes on the sideline.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Atlanta Falcons, Seattle Seahawks, New England Patriots



# SAM EHLINGER

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

222 LBS WEIGHT **TEXAS** SCHOOL

SENIOR YEAR

**3.31** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A record-setting high school quarterback at Westlake, Sam Ehlinger has become a loved figure for the Texas Longhorns.

After winning the starting job as a sophomore in 2018, Ehlinger led Texas to the Big 12 Championship game for the first time since 2009. He holds the program record for most rushing touchdowns in a season while throwing for 94 touchdowns in his four years with the Longhorns.

#### **POSITIVES**

Highly-regarded college quarterback who does not project all that well to the NFL. Patient in the pocket, displays good vision, and locates the open wideout.

Possesses incredible poise under the rush, steps up to avoid defenders and buys time for receivers. Effectively commands the offense, leads by example, and improvises when plays break down.

Sells ball fakes, sets up screen throws, and picks up yardage with his legs when necessary. Always on the same page as receivers.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses an average release and lacks a big-time arm. Not an overly mobile quarterback. Loses a lot of speed and accuracy throwing on the move.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Ehlinger is a high-character prospect and was very productive at the college level, but he lacks physical skills for the NFL. He struggled all week during Senior Bowl practices, and while he may never start in the NFL, Ehlinger may be worth keeping on the roster for the extra set of eyes on the sideline.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Chicago Bears, San Francisco 49ers, Houston Texans



# SHANE BUECHELE

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

212 LBS WEIGHT **SMU** SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.29** GRADE

**7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**1∠** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A four-star recruit out of Lamar High School, Shane Buechele earned the starting job for Texas in 2016. However, he was deposed as the starting quarterback at Texas in 2018 by Sam Ehlinger.

After transferring as a graduate in 2019, he has gone on to be a highly productive two-year starter at SMU. In his last two seasons, he has thrown for over 7,000 yards while racking up 57 touchdowns to just 16 interceptions.

#### **POSITIVES**

Texas transfer who was a productive quarterback at SMU the past two seasons. Mentally sharp, accurate, and displays the ability to place passes where only his receivers can make the reception.

Effectively commands the offense, shows patience in the pocket, and buys time for wideouts. Sells the ball fakes, displays a sense of timing on throws, and does not have receivers waiting for the pass to arrive.

Sits in the pocket until the very last moment, does not make adverse decisions under the rush, and remains poised. Competitive and al-

ways in control of the situation. Displays enough mobility to escape the rush and elude defenders. Does a good job protecting the football.

Puts air under deep passes and gives receivers a chance to come away with the throw. Scans the field, goes through progressions, and stays with the action.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks the deep arm and cannot drive throws. Passes tend to die in the air. Lacks a quick release and has an elongated throwing motion.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Buechele was a terrific college quarterback and has great wherewithal for the position, but he lacks next-level physical skills. His greatest value could be as an extra set of eyes on the sidelines.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

San Francisco 49ers, Chicago Bears, Las Vegas Raiders



# FELEIPE FRANKS

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'6 1/2"** HEIGHT

235 LBS WEIGHT ARKANSAS SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.28** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A two-year starter at Florida before breaking his ankle in 2019, Feleipe Franks has rejuvenated his career as the starting quarterback for an impressive Arkansas team in 2020.

A former four-star recruit out of Wakulla High School, Franks suffered criticism by Florida fans despite leading the Gators to a 10-3 record in 2018.

He threw for 2,017 yards and 17 touchdowns in a shortened 2020 season where Arkansas won their most games since 2017.

#### **POSITIVES**

Large pocket passer with great arm strength. Patient, poised under the rush and moves around the backfield to buy time. Senses pressure, steps up to avoid defenders and keeps his eyes downfield moving outside the pocket.

Sells ball fakes, and possesses a quick release and a live arm. Incredible arm talent, as the ball explodes out of his hand.

Drives long throws and delivers some beautiful downfield passes. Puts air under fade and corner patterns giving receivers a chance.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Franks is a classic pocket passer with a next-level arm and the ability to make all the throws. He must improve his accuracy and do a much better job going through progressions rather than locking onto one receiver. His physical skills are enough to get Franks consideration in the late rounds.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Kansas City Chiefs, Detroit Lions, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

#### **NEGATIVES**

Very slow moving his head from the primary target. Accuracy is suspect. Doesn't pick up yardage with his legs.



# K.J. COSTELLO

**OUARTERBACK** 

**6'5"** HEIGHT 220 LBS WEIGHT MISSISSIPPI ST.

RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**293**OVERALL RANK

A two-year starter at Stanford where he threw for 3,540 yards and 29 touchdowns as a junior, K.J. Costello transferred to Mississippi State following an injury impacted 2019 season.

Costello broke the SEC record for passing yards in a game when he threw for 623 yards in his debut against LSU in 2020.

However, a combination of injuries and underperformance saw him muster just 1,283 yards and 6 touchdowns in four starts as a senior.

#### **POSITIVES**

One-time highly regarded quarterback who possesses terrific size, has a big-time arm, and zips the ball into targets.

Remains poised under the rush, scans the field and goes through progressions. Keeps his eyes downfield and distributes the ball to all his targets. Puts touch on screen throws.

Previously displayed the ability to hit receivers in stride and have the ball on the mark as pass catchers left routes.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Comes off a fatal 2020 campaign. Throws were all over the place last season and put receivers in precarious spots.

Mentally struggled handling the offense, seemingly predetermined where he was going to throw the ball before the snap, and stared down targets.

Made poor decisions and consistently threw into double coverage last year. Needs to improve his deep accuracy.

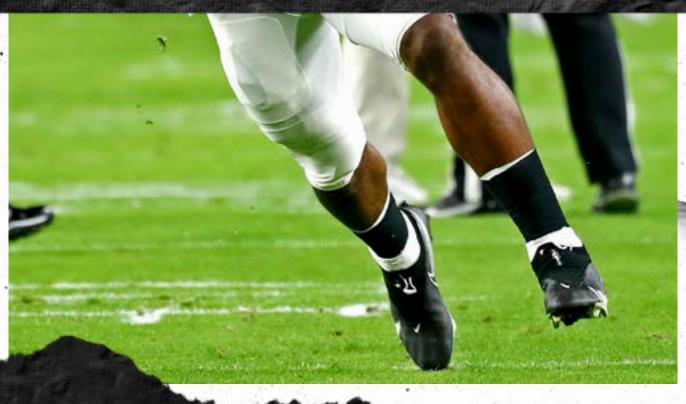
#### **ANALYSIS**

Costello was graded as a potential middle-round choice entering the season, but he played so terribly in 2020 that he lost his starting job at Mississippi State. He enters the draft as a reclamation project. While Costello possesses the physical skills to play in the NFL, he'll need a lot of work between the ears in order to get his game back on track.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Los Angeles Rams, Detroit Lions





RUNNING BACK 21 PROSPECTS IN THE TOP 300 (AS OF APRIL 12)									
Player	Grade	Projected Round	Position Rank	Overall Rank					
Najee Harris	4.21	1st	01	20					
Travis Etienne	4.14	1st-2nd	02	26					
Javonte Williams	3.88	2nd	03	61					
Michael Carter	3.80	2nd-3rd	04	72					
Trey Sermon	3.69	3rd	05	88					
Kenneth Gainwell	3.66	3rd	06	96					

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Chuba Hubbard

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Demetric Felton

Elijah Mitchell

**Chris Evans** 

Trey Ragas

Ben Mason

Stevie Scott III

Pooka Williams Jr.

Jaret Patterson

Larry Rountree III

Rhamondre Stevenson

Kylin Hill



## **NAJEE HARRIS**

**RUNNING BACK** 

**6'2"** HEIGHT 230 LBS WEIGHT ALABAMA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**4.21** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

**U1**POSITION RANK

**20** OVERALL RANK

A former five-star recruit who drew early comparisons to Adrian Peterson, Najee Harris was eased into his college career due to Alabama's running back rotation. Harris exploded as a junior, however, with 1,224 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns.

His role in Alabama's 2020 national championship winning team saw him receive the Doak Walker Award as the nation's best running back. He heads to the 2021 NFL Draft with the Alabama records for rushing yards, scrimmage yards, and touchdowns.

### **POSITIVES**

Outstanding three-down running back with a complete game. Athletic, instinctive, and plays hard on every down. Possesses outstanding vision, instincts, and overall awareness.

Runs with outstanding balance as well as body control. Powerful and has defenders bouncing off him as he picks up yardage off initial contact. Runs through tackles, carries defenders for yards at a clip, and does not go down without a fight.

Possesses outstanding short-area quickness as well as a nice stutter step and makes defenders miss. Patiently waits for blocks to develop, consistently runs north and south, and also displays the ability to bounce around piles.

Better-than-average skill running around tackle. Displays himself as a solid downfield pass catcher. Gets vertical and adjusts to the errant throw; makes the reception with his hands. Possesses soft passcatching hands.

## **NEGATIVES**

Plays to one speed, lacks a burst, and cannot run to daylight. Not a truly creative ball carrier who strings several moves together or takes off upfield cutting back against the grain.

## **ANALYSIS**

Harris is a tremendous ball carrier with a three-down game. Though not overly elusive or creative, he has feature-runner potential at the next level. If your offense likes to keep it between the numbers and not run on the perimeter, Harris is a running back for you.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Miami Dolphins, Arizona Cardinals, Pittsburgh Steelers



## TRAVIS ETIENNE

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'10"** HEIGHT

214 LBS WEIGHT CLEMSON SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**4.14** GRADE

1ST-2ND
PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**26** OVERALL RANK

A two-time consensus All-American and ACC Player of the Year, plus the ACC's leading rusher of all time, it's fair to say that Travis Etienne has outplayed his recruiting profile.

The Clemson running back was the 15th highest ranked rusher coming out of Jennings High School in the 2017 class.

He leaves Clemson with 4,952 rushing yards and 70 touchdowns. No other player in Clemson history has three 200-yard rushing games in their career.

## **POSITIVES**

Smart, hard-working ball carrier with a well-rounded game. Patient, waits for blocks to develop and finds the hole. Displays solid short-area quickness, cuts back against the grain, and consistently runs north and south.

Tough to bring down, keeps his feet moving, and picks up yardage off initial contact. Works hard whenever the ball is in his hands.

Will pick and choose his way on the inside and effectively uses blocks. Displays tremendous focus as well as concentration as a receiver,

tracks the pass in the air, and makes the difficult reception with defenders draped on him. Helps the quarterback sell ball fakes.

## **NEGATIVES**

Not an overly creative ball carrier who makes defenders miss. Plays to one speed and not a breakaway threat despite his 40 time.

## **ANALYSIS**

Etienne was a terrific running back for Clemson who was productive carrying the ball and catching it out of the backfield. His skills and game translate well to the next level, and Etienne has scheme versatility that will enable him to start on Sundays.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Miami Dolphins, Pittsburgh Steelers, New York Jets



## JAVONTE WILLIAMS

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'9 1/2"** HEIGHT

212 LBS WEIGHT NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL RS SOPHOMORE YEAR

**3.88** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Despite sharing the North Carolina backfield with Michael Carter throughout his career at UNC, the former three-star recruit emerged as one of the best running backs in college football in 2020.

The duo combined for a record-breaking 544 rushing yards against Miami this season, while Williams achieved a career-high 1,140 yards at an impressive 7.3 yards per carry in his junior season.

## **POSITIVES**

Large, explosive downhill ball carrier whose game is on the upswing. Possesses a smooth, fluid style and runs with power. Displays good vision as well as instincts, finds the running lanes, and will pick and choose his spots.

Displays a burst of speed and gets through the hole with authority. Strong and picks up a lot of yardage off initial contact.

Drags defenders for yards at a clip and falls forward when tackled. Works runs and drives his shoulders through defenders, barreling over opponents for extra yardage.

Consistently runs north and south. Terrific pass catcher out of the backfield, adjusting to the errant throw and making the reception away from his frame.

## **NEGATIVES**

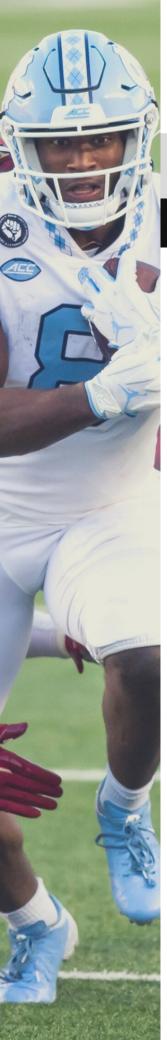
Not a creative ball carrier who makes defenders miss. Cannot turn the perimeter and lacks the speed to turn the corner.

## **ANALYSIS**

Williams is a bruising ball carrier who doles out a lot of punishment, running with an aggressive style and consistently finding ways to pick up yardage. He's best running downhill, but I fully expect Williams will break in with the first team at the next level if put in the proper system.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Pittsburgh Steelers, San Francisco 49ers, Atlanta Falcons



## MICHAEL CARTER

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'8"** HEIGHT 202 LBS WEIGHT NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.80** GRADE

**2ND-3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A highly productive high school player at Navarre, Michael Carter translated that into being a four-year starter at North Carolina. Although his teammate Javonte Williams receives a lot of attention, Carter sits fourth in Tar Heels rushing records with 3,403 rushing yards.

He put together consecutive 1,000-yard seasons in his final two years with the program, averaging 8 yards per carry in 2020.

## **POSITIVES**

Shifty, elusive ball carrier with a complete game. Runs with excellent lean and displays terrific vision as well as the agility and quickness necessary to turn the corner.

Multi-cut ball carrier who makes several defenders miss over the course of a single run and leaves opponents grasping at air. Displays himself as a legitimate perimeter ball carrier, has a burst of speed, and quickly turns upfield, immediately getting through the lanes.

Keeps his feet moving, keeps the play in bounds and works runs. Consistently runs north and south and works to pick up as much yardage as possible carrying the ball. Patient, shows great awareness and breaks down as a blocker. Stays square and gives effort blocking.

Helps the quarterback sell ball fakes. Terrific pass catcher out of the backfield who finds the soft spot in the defense and works to become a free target.

## **NEGATIVES**

Not a big back who is going to pick up yardage off initial contact. Possesses more of a burst of speed and will not run to daylight. Used on a rotational basis at North Carolina.

## **ANALYSIS**

Carter is a terrific running back who is effective carrying the ball, catching it out of the backfield or blocking when called upon. He's a situational or rotational back with outstanding quickness who should do well in third-down situations.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Tampa Bay Buccaneers, New England Patriots, New York Giants



## TREY SERMON

**RUNNING BACK** 

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

215 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL GRAD. STUDENT YEAR

**3.69** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A four-star recruit of the Oklahoma Sooners, Trey Sermon impressed as a junior despite sharing the limelight with Kennedy Brooks. Following an injury interrupted 2019 season, Sermon transferred to Ohio State.

After a quiet start to his senior season, Sermon produced three consecutive games of 100+ rushing yards, including a Buckeyes' record 331 yards against Northwestern.

An injury sustained on his opening carry of the national championship neutered the Ohio State offense.

## **POSITIVES**

Oklahoma transfer coming off a tremendous season. Powerful, runs through tackles, and has defenders bouncing off him. Possesses outstanding short-area quickness with the ability to make defenders miss, keeps his feet moving, and gets a lot of momentum going up the field.

Patiently waits for blocks to develop, finds the running lanes, and consistently runs north and south.

Rarely brought down by a single opponent and drags defenders for extra yardage. Solid receiver out of the backfield who quickly gets into pass routes and extends his hands to make the reception away from his frame.

Plays smart football, picks up blocking assignments, and works to become a hot receiver if his quarterback's in trouble.

### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks the speed and quickness to turn the corner and isn't a true perimeter runner. Suffered a significant collarbone injury during the national title game in January.

## **ANALYSIS**

After a quasi-productive career at Oklahoma, Sermon took his game to another level after transferring to Ohio State. He's a big, versatile running back who is effective running on the inside carrying the ball as well as catching it out of the backfield. Sermon does the little things well and could develop into a featured runner on Sundays in the right offense.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New England Patriots, Baltimore Ravens, New Orleans Saints



## KENNETH GAINWELL

**RUNNING BACK** 

5'11"<br/>HEIGHT195 LBS<br/>WEIGHTMEMPHIS<br/>SCHOOLRS SOPHOMORE<br/>YEAR3.66<br/>GRADE3RD<br/>PROJECTED ROUND06<br/>POSITION RANK<br/>OVERALL RANK

A former quarterback at Yazoo County High School, Kenneth Gainwell has transformed his playmaking ability with his legs into being one of the most explosive running backs in college football.

The three-star athlete saw limited game time in 2018 but finished fourth in the nation in total scrimmage yards -- 2,069 total yards -- as a redshirt freshman in 2019. After opting out of the 2020 season, Gainwell has just 235 career carries.

### **POSITIVES**

Moved into the starting lineup as a redshirt freshman in 2019 after Patrick Taylor was injured, then opted out of the 2020 season. Explosive and creative ball carrier who is also a solid pass catcher.

Quick, creative, and plays with balance. Sets up defenders then makes them miss, keeps the play in bounds, and works to pick up positive yardage.

Has a burst through the hole, immediately gets to top speed, and has enough speed to turn the corner. Quick-footed with a nice stutter

step, deceptively strong, and runs with excellent lean. Possesses good vision, uses blocks everywhere on the field, and consistently finds the running lanes.

Terrific receiver out of the backfield and also effectively lined up in the slot. Picks up blocking assignments and stays with the action.

### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses average size and won't be able to handle a lot of carries in the NFL. Has a very small body of work at the college level.

## **ANALYSIS**

Gainwell did an outstanding job after stepping into the starting lineup in 2019 and shows great versatility as a ball carrier, a pass catcher, and even a blocker. He's a high-upside prospect who also comes with downside risk, but Gainwell is a situational back with potential on all three.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New England Patriots, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Pittsburgh Steelers



## **JAVIAN HAWKINS**

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'8"** HEIGHT 183 LBS WEIGHT LOUISVILLE SCHOOL RS SOPHOMORE YEAR

**3.64** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Nicknamed "Playstation" as a high school running back due to his computer game character level of ability, Javian Hawkins translated his three-star recruiting ranking into a recordbreaking redshirt freshman season for Louisville.

His 1,525 rushing yards in 2019 was a school record. Additionally, his 233 yards against Syracuse broke a single-game record set by Lamar Jackson.

With shortened 2018 and 2020 seasons, Hawkins has less miles on the clock than some running backs in the 2021 NFL Draft class.

## **POSITIVES**

Undersized ball carrier who is dangerous in space and can take it the distance. Patient, effectively follows blocks and possesses outstanding footwork.

Creates yardage and improvises when plays break down, bouncing around piles or defenders. Possesses outstanding vision, finds the open lanes, and has a burst through the hole. Easily cuts back against the grain without losing momentum, keeps his feet moving, and runs with outstanding balance as well as body control.

Turns on his burst in a single step, immediately gets to top speed, and runs away from opponents. Displays good blocking vision and stays with assignments.

## **NEGATIVES**

Undersized, doesn't pick up much yardage off initial contact, and gets brought down at the point by a single opponent. Marginal pass-catching production at Louisville.

## **ANALYSIS**

Hawkins is a dangerous open-field runner who creates yardage and can run to daylight in the open field. He's more of a situational runner who must improve his pass-catching skills, but Hawkins nicely translates as a rotational runner or third-down back at the next level.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Miami Dolphins, Atlanta Falcons, Tampa Bay Buccaneers



## KHALIL HERBERT

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'9"** HEIGHT 210 LBS WEIGHT VIRGINIA TECH SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.62** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**106** OVERALL RANK

After four years of limited production at Kansas, Khalil Herbert proved a change is as good as a rest in 2020. The former three-star running back out of American Heritage High School had an explosive senior season as a graduate transfer at Virginia Tech.

In addition to his 1,183 rushing yards, he set a school record for all-purpose yards in a single game in a 38-31 win over Duke.

## **POSITIVES**

Explosive ball carrier coming off a career campaign. Patiently waits for blocks to develop, runs with balance as well as body control and finds the open lanes.

Possesses vision, follows blocks everywhere on the field, and keeps his feet moving. Makes defenders miss in the open field, creates yardage, and keeps plays alive.

Possesses a burst of speed and beats defenders into the open field. Terrific pass catcher extending his hands to make the reception away from his frame.

Keeps the play in bounds whenever the ball is in his hands and consistently takes plays north and south. Possesses terrific blocking vision.

## **NEGATIVES**

Not a big ball carrier who moves piles or picks up yardage off initial contact. Lacks true perimeter speed.

## **ANALYSIS**

After toiling as a productive reserve running back for Kansas, Herbert took hold of his opportunity as the starter at Virginia Tech and turned in a career year. He's an explosive multipurpose back who picks up big chunks of yardage from the line of scrimmage as a ball carrier while also producing as a pass catcher. Herbert is a scheme-specific running back who can start at the next level if he continues to improve his game.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Chicago Bears, Atlanta Falcons, Miami Dolphins, New York Jets



## **CHUBA HUBBARD**

**RUNNING BACK** 

**6'0"** HEIGHT 210 LBS WEIGHT OKLAHOMA STATE SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.55** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Rumors of a running back dominating Canadian high school football trickled down to Stillwater, where three-star Chuba Hubbard would land in 2017.

Having redshirted as a freshman, he was productive in 2018 before an incredible 2,094-yard season as a sophomore catapulted him into the national spotlight.

Having surprisingly returned for the 2020 season, Hubbard's impact on social justice reform was greater than his on-field impact.

### **POSITIVES**

Ultra-productive running back who made an impact since his freshman season. Patient, waits for blocks to develop, and has quick feet with the ability to change direction.

Possesses outstanding vision, picks his way through the traffic, and quickly gets to top speed. Multi-cut runner who possesses outstanding footwork, darts around defenders, and makes several opponents miss over the course of a run.

Keeps the play inbounds, works to pick up yardage whenever the ball is in his hands, and is tough to bring down. Attacks defenders, drives his shoulders into opponents and falls forward when tackled.

Solid receiver out of the backfield. Helps the quarterback sell ball fakes.

## **NEGATIVES**

Not a natural perimeter runner. Best between the tackles and downhill. Carried the ball 585 times in 2.5 years at Oklahoma State.

## **ANALYSIS**

Hubbard is an explosive running back with a variety of skill whenever the ball is in his hands. Despite lacking great size, he's best on the inside, and has enough speed as well as footwork to create yardage and protect himself. Hubbard is more of a scheme-specific ball carrier who will produce at the next level in a rotational role.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

San Francisco 49ers, Buffalo Bills, Los Angeles Chargers



## **KYLIN HILL**

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'10 1/2"** HEIGHT

**214 LBS** WEIGHT

MISSISSIPPI STATE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.49** GRADE

**4TH-5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

An outstanding high school career at Columbus High School in Mississippi led four-star running back Kylin Hill to Starkville and the Mississippi State Bulldogs.

A four-year starter for the Bulldogs, Hill produced his best work as a junior with 1,350 rushing yards. Even though he saw a downturn in carries in 2020 due to Mike Leach's "Air Raid" offense, Hill was able to demonstrate pass-catching skills before opting out to focus on the 2021 NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Versatile ball carrier who had a topsy-turvy last two seasons. Patient, waits for blocks to develop, and has a burst through the hole.

Quick-footed, will pick and choose his spots on the inside, and squeezes through the small openings of the offensive line.

Immediately turns upfield, runs north and south, and works to pick up as much yardage as possible.

Displays outstanding blocking vision, sees the blitz, and squares into opponents.

## Solid pass catcher out of the backfield who can adjust to the errant throw.

## **NEGATIVES**

Not a truly creative ball carrier who makes defenders miss. Cannot beat defenders into the open field.

## **ANALYSIS**

After initially declaring for the 2020 NFL Draft, Hill returned to Mississippi State last season then left the program midway through the campaign. He's a nice-sized ball carrier with the skill to be a rotational back and occasional starter on Sundays.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Buffalo Bills, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Arizona Cardinals



## JERMAR JEFFERSON

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'10"** HEIGHT

206 LBS WEIGHT OREGON STATE SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.46** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**161** OVERALL RANK

A speedy running back who once set a 10.86 personal best in the 100 meters, Jermar Jefferson has been a productive three-year starter at Oregon State.

The former three-star recruit from Harbor City is the only Beavers running back to have two 4-touchdown games in one season. Jefferson rose to prominence in this 2021 NFL Draft class following his standout 226-yard night as Oregon State shocked Oregon during the 2020 college football season.

### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who posted a career-best 1,380 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns as a freshman. An explosive ball carrier who grinds it out on the inside while also displaying the speed to run to daylight.

Patient, displays good vision, and finds the running lanes. Effectively follows blocks, has a burst through the hole, and consistently runs north and south.

Keeps his feet moving and beats defenders into the open field then runs to daylight. Plays much faster than his 40 time. Does not go down without a fight and picks up huge chunks of yardage. Runs with balance as well as body control. Quick-footed, sets defenders up and makes them miss.

## **NEGATIVES**

Displays suspect instincts. Easily knocked off-balance by the initial hit. Not a back who is going to move the pile. Easily brought down by a single defender at times.

## **ANALYSIS**

Jefferson was a dynamic back with an inconsistent game. He looked like a world beater on occasions, then displayed pedestrian skills in other instances. He possesses the size and skill to be a primary back in the NFL, though Jefferson must raise all levels of his game and consistently play at a high level.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Miami Dolphins, Pittsburgh Steelers, Los Angeles Chargers



## DEMETRIC FELTON

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'8 1/2"** HEIGHT

190 LBS WEIGHT **UCLA** SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.44** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**169** OVERALL RANK

Versatility is a valuable commodity in the NFL, and Demetric Felton has versatility in spades. Starting his high school career as a wide receiver, he transitioned to running back.

The three-star recruit has flashed brilliance at both positions at the college level for UCLA. In 2019, his receiving yards outweighed his rushing production, with a role reversal in his senior year where he rushed for 5.1 yards per carry, totaling 668 rushing yards. Felton is a genuine offensive swiss army knife.

### **POSITIVES**

Moved into the starting role last season. Lined up at both running back and wide receiver during Senior Bowl practices. Explosive ball carrier with a variety of ability.

Patient, waits for blocks to develop, and plays much faster than his 40 time. Possesses tremendous instincts and vision, and always works to pick up positive yardage.

Grinds it out on the inside, keeps his feet moving, and breaks arm tackles. Quick-footed, sidesteps defenders, and possesses a burst. Finds the hole, turns upfield and runs north and

south. Possesses the speed to get outside the tackle, displays outstanding short-area quickness, and makes defenders miss.

Outstanding pass catcher out of the backfield who consistently extends and snatches the ball away from his frame with his hands.

## **NEGATIVES**

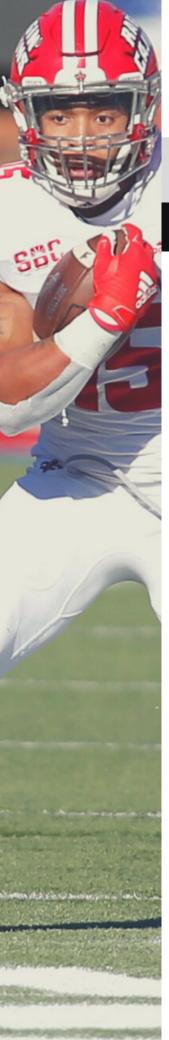
Lacks true breakaway speed. Not a smooth or quick cutback runner. May be a bit short for receiver.

## **ANALYSIS**

Felton turned in a terrific campaign after becoming the Bruins' primary runner, and then looked good in Mobile as a receiver. He possesses the skills to line up at a variety of positions on the field, though I like him best as a third-down back.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Los Angeles Rams, San Francisco 49ers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers



## **ELIJAH MITCHELL**

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'10 1/2"** HEIGHT

201 LBS WEIGHT LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.43** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**176**OVERALL RANK

Although Elijah Mitchell was just a two-star recruit, the Louisiana running back has been able to make a name as one of the best "small school" running back prospects in the class.

Scoring double-digit touchdowns in both his sophomore and junior campaigns, he has hit over 1,000 total yards in three consecutive seasons despite sharing the backfield with fellow Ragin' Cajuns draft prospect Trey Ragas.

## **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who posted a career-best 1,334 rushing yards as a sophomore. Tough, downhill ball carrier who displays solid shortarea quickness.

Runs with proper lean, keeps his feet moving, and drives his shoulder pads into opponents, picking up the difficult yardage. Does not go down without a fight and falls forward when tackled.

Rarely brought down by the first defender. Finds the running lanes and turns it upfield. Runs with authority. Shows the ability to handle a lot of carries.

Solid pass catcher out of the backfield. Quick-footed for a bigger back and made defenders miss during Senior Bowl practices.

## **NEGATIVES**

Lacks corner speed and gets in trouble when he runs east and west. Plays to one speed and doesn't beat defenders into the open field despite his 40-yard dash time.

## **ANALYSIS**

Mitchell was a consistent ball carrier at Louisiana, and while he's best running on the inside, he showed the ability to run around defenders as well as run over them. He's a better pass catcher than given credit for, and he has the ability to be a rotational back at the next level.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Miami Dolphins, Pittsburgh Steelers, Jacksonville Jaguars



## LARRY ROUNTREE III

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'11"** HEIGHT

216 LBS WEIGHT MISSOURI SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.42** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Despite not being ranked even as a top 100 running back in the 2017 recruiting class, Larry Rountree III has gone on to be the most productive running back in Missouri history.

In his four seasons with the Tigers, he has totaled 3,720 rushing yards while finding the end zone 40 times. Although 2018 was his only 1,000-yard season, he has been a consistent performer for the Tigers.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized running back who is best between the tackles. Resilient, slices between defenders and works runs.

Keeps his feet moving, effectively uses blocks, and possesses outstanding vision.

Shows a burst through the hole and runs with authority. Follows blocks everywhere on the field and is tough to bring down.

Willing blocker who squares into defenders and takes them from the action.

## **NEGATIVES**

Gets in trouble when he tries to run east and west. Not a smooth or quick perimeter ball carrier. Plays to one speed.

## **ANALYSIS**

Rountree was a consistent ball carrier who played really well during Senior Bowl practices and displays a complete game. He has the size and ability to be a third running back at the next level as well as a situational starter.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Atlanta Falcons, Pittsburgh Steelers, New England Patriots



## RHAMONDRE STEVENSON

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

227 LBS WEIGHT OKLAHOMA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.40** GRADE

**5TH-6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**191**OVERALL RANK

Rhamondre Stevenson hasn't had the easiest of journeys to the 2021 NFL Draft. Following a broken foot in high school, Stevenson headed to Cerritos College to travel the JUCO path.

Despite a slow start, he racked up 2,000 yards in 2018 and earned interest from Oklahoma.

Even though he was in an RB rotation and he had a suspension that saw him miss time in 2020, Stevenson still put up 1,100 yards in two seasons for the Sooners while finding the end zone 13 times.

## **POSITIVES**

Hard-charging, junior-college transfer who is best running downhill and between the tackles. Big and strong, picks up the tough yardage, and breaks tackles.

Possesses good vision, finds the running lanes, and picks his way through traffic. Displays good short-area quickness, effectively uses blocks, and consistently runs north and south. Solid receiver out of the backfield.

## **NEGATIVES**

Plays to one speed and possesses limited quickness and almost no burst in his game. Not a creative back who will improvise or make something out of nothing.

Cannot quickly cut back against the grain and struggles changing direction.

## **ANALYSIS**

Stevenson is a hard-charging ball carrier who did a good job for Oklahoma last season, but he struggled during Senior Bowl practices. He's one-dimensional and is strictly a short-yardage back who will be a rotational ball carrier on Sundays.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New York Jets, Atlanta Falcons, Cincinnati Bengals



## **CHRIS EVANS**

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'11"** HEIGHT

219 LBS WEIGHT MICHIGAN SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.39** GRADE

**5TH-6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

An incredible high school athlete who earned a four-star recruiting ranking, Michigan's Chris Evans has had a turbulent career at Michigan.

Despite making an instant impact as a freshman -- where his influence was likened to that of Steph Curry -- he fell out of favor following a 2019 suspension from the program.

Despite limited usage in 2020, Evans has averaged 5.6 yards per carry in his Michigan career with 17 total touchdowns. Evans impressed at the Reese's Senior Bowl and flashed his athletic ability at the Michigan Pro Day.

## **POSITIVES**

Talented ball carrier who looked like a special prospect early at Michigan before his career was sidelined.

Possesses excellent size, gets a lot of force going up the field, and dishes out punishment to defenders. Grinds it out on the inside, displays a burst through the hole, and keeps his feet moving.

Patiently waits for blocks to develop and finds the running lanes. Hits the hole with authority and gets a lot of momentum going up the field.

Terrific receiver out of the backfield, adjusting to the errant throw, and snatching the ball away from his frame.

## **NEGATIVES**

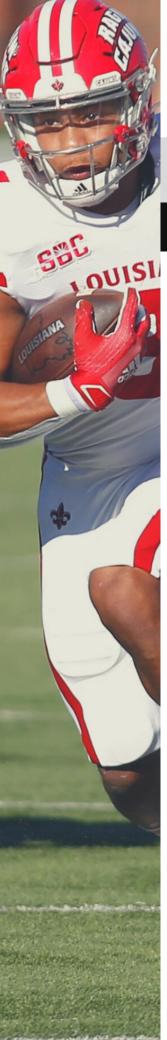
More of a downhill ball carrier who lacks the corner speed or agility to get around the perimeter. Watched his production steadily fall off after a terrific sophomore campaign.

## **ANALYSIS**

Evans established himself as the top back early in his Michigan career before missing the 2019 season and seeing limited action last year. He's not a sure thing based on recent play, but if a team gets Evans back to where he was in 2017 and 2018, they will have a late-round steal on their hands.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New England Patriots, Pittsburgh Steelers, Atlanta Falcons



## TREY RAGAS

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'10"** HEIGHT

214 LBS WEIGHT LOUISIANA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.32** GRADE

**6TH-7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

The higher ranked and more highly recruited of the two Louisiana running backs heads to the 2021 NFL Draft. Trey Ragas was a three-star recruit out of Archbishop Shaw High School.

Although he has started for four years, Ragas has averaged just under 150 carries per season while racking up 43 total touchdowns. He put up 111 yards and a score against Alabama in 2018, demonstrating his ability to play against quality opposition.

## **POSITIVES**

Rotational starter the past three seasons who finished with a career-best 1,410 rushing yards as a sophomore.

Nice-sized back with the ability to make defenders miss. Patient, possesses a stutter step, and bounces around defenders to create yardage.

Waits for blocks to develop, effectively follows them everywhere on the field, and keeps his feet moving. Rarely brought down by a single defender and picks up a lot of yardage off initial contact. Extends his hands and snatches the ball out of the air on the occasions he's used as a pass catcher.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not a smooth or fluid cutback runner and loses momentum trying to immediately change direction. Not very productive catching the ball the past two seasons. Plays to one speed.

## **ANALYSIS**

Ragas was a very productive ball carrier with excellent size, and he has enough skill to make it as a fifth running back on an NFL roster.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Miami Dolphins, Atlanta Falcons, New York Jets



## JARET PATTERSON

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'6 1/2"** HEIGHT

195 LBS WEIGHT BUFFALO SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.31** GRADE

**6TH-7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**240**OVERALL RANK

The running back that no one wanted turned into one of the most talked about running backs of the 2020 college football season. Under-recruited, Jaret Patterson arrived in Buffalo as part of a package to secure his brother.

Three years later, he has 3,884 career rushing yards and 52 touchdowns despite not playing as a freshman. He tied the single-game touchdown record with 8 against Kent State, also coming up just short of the single-game rushing record with 409 yards.

### **POSITIVES**

Two-year starter coming off a record-breaking campaign. Instinctive football player with outstanding vision as well as ball-carrying skills. Quick-footed, displays solid short-area quickness, and sets up defenders to make them miss.

Consistently keeps the play in bounds to pick up as much yardage as possible and runs north and south. Slides off defenders to keep plays alive, does not go down without a fight, and handles a lot of carries.

Runs behind his pads with excellent lean, aggressively attacks defenders, and drives his shoulders through opponents. Falls forward when tackled.

Effectively helps the quarterback sell ball fakes. Patiently waits for blocks to develop, finds the running lanes, and weaves his way through traffic, finding the open spot in the defense. Effectively uses blocks everywhere on the field.

## **NEGATIVES**

Does not display himself as a creative ball carrier nor will he pick up a lot of yardage off initial contact. Plays to one speed and does not show a burst. Benefited from an outstanding line at Buffalo.

## **ANALYSIS**

Patterson was a terrific college ball carrier who showed up every week and consistently produced. He comes with average size and play speed and is not as highly rated as many think, but Patterson possesses the skills necessary to make an NFL roster as a fourth running back.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Buffalo Bills, Pittsburgh Steelers, Jacksonville Jaguars



## BEN MASON

## RUNNING BACK/FULLBACK

**6'2"** HEIGHT

246 LBS WEIGHT MICHIGAN SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.29** GRADE

**7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**250** OVERALL RANK

Although he heads to the 2021 NFL Draft as a fullback prospect, Mason was originally a highly recruited, four-star high school linebacker.

After failing to break into the Michigan depth chart as a LB, his physicality has been put to good use as a blocker in the ground game.

Mason was a productive goal line threat early in his Wolverines' career, with 9 rushing touchdowns in his first two seasons.

## **POSITIVES**

Fierce, athletic lead blocker with next-level athleticism. Tough, always looks for someone to hit, and squares into opponents. Strong, seals open running lanes, and works to finish blocks.

Displays outstanding vision and terrific shortarea quickness and consistently knocks defenders from their angles of attack.

Terrific pass catcher who extends his hands to make the reception away from his frame then turns upfield and works to pick up positive yardage. Possesses good short-area quickness and initial burst as a ball handler or blocker.

### **NEGATIVES**

Only effective carrying the ball downhill and gets in trouble when he tries to run east and west. Shows stiffness in his game.

## **ANALYSIS**

Mason was a productive three-year fullback at Michigan who also saw time on the defensive line. He's one of the better fullbacks in the draft and will be an asset at the next level as a lead blocker and occasional pass catcher out of the backfield.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Atlanta Falcons, Green Bay Packers, San Francisco 49ers



## STEVIE SCOTT III

RUNNING BACK

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

231 LBS WEIGHT INDIANA SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**294** OVERALL RANK

A former three-star running back out of Christian Brothers, Stevie Scott III had an incredibly productive season for Indiana as a true freshman.

After racking up 1,137 yards in 2018, Scott's carries, rushing yards, and yards per carry have decreased every season. Nevertheless, he has found the end zone 10 times in each of his three seasons with the Hoosiers.

## **POSITIVES**

Large grind-it-out ball carrier who is best running downhill. Patient, waits for blocks to develop, and displays outstanding vision.

Pounds it out on the inside, picks up yardage off initial contact, and falls forward when tackled.

Keeps his feet moving, shows strength in his lower body, and effectively follows blocks on the field. Stays with blocking assignments and picks up the blitz.

Squares into defenders and moves them from their angles of attack.

## **NEGATIVES**

Cannot evade defenders or create yardage. Gets into trouble when he tries to run east and west.

## **ANALYSIS**

Scott is a tough ball carrier, but he's a one-dimensional prospect who is best running downhill in short-yardage situations.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Pittsburgh Steelers, Buffalo Bills, Baltimore Ravens



## POOKA WILLIAMS JR.

**RUNNING BACK** 

**5'9"** HEIGHT 172 LBS WEIGHT KANSAS SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A former Mr. Louisiana Football award winner, Pooka Williams was a four-star recruit out of Hahnville High School.

On the field, Williams has been a first-team All-Big 12 honoree in both of his full playing seasons.

He is one of only three freshmen in conference history to have a passing, receiving, and rushing touchdown in the same season.

Williams has some off-field concerns relating to a 2018 incident. He opted out of the 2020 season after four games.

## **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter coming off a disappointing campaign. Runs low to the ground and behind his pads, gets lost behind blockers, and keeps his feet moving.

Quick-footed, has a burst, and runs with an aggressive style despite his diminutive stature. Makes defenders miss, squeezes through the small creases, and runs hard on the inside.

Patient, displays terrific vision, and runs with balance. Quickly gets out of the backfield into pass routes. Productive kick returner in the past.

## **NEGATIVES**

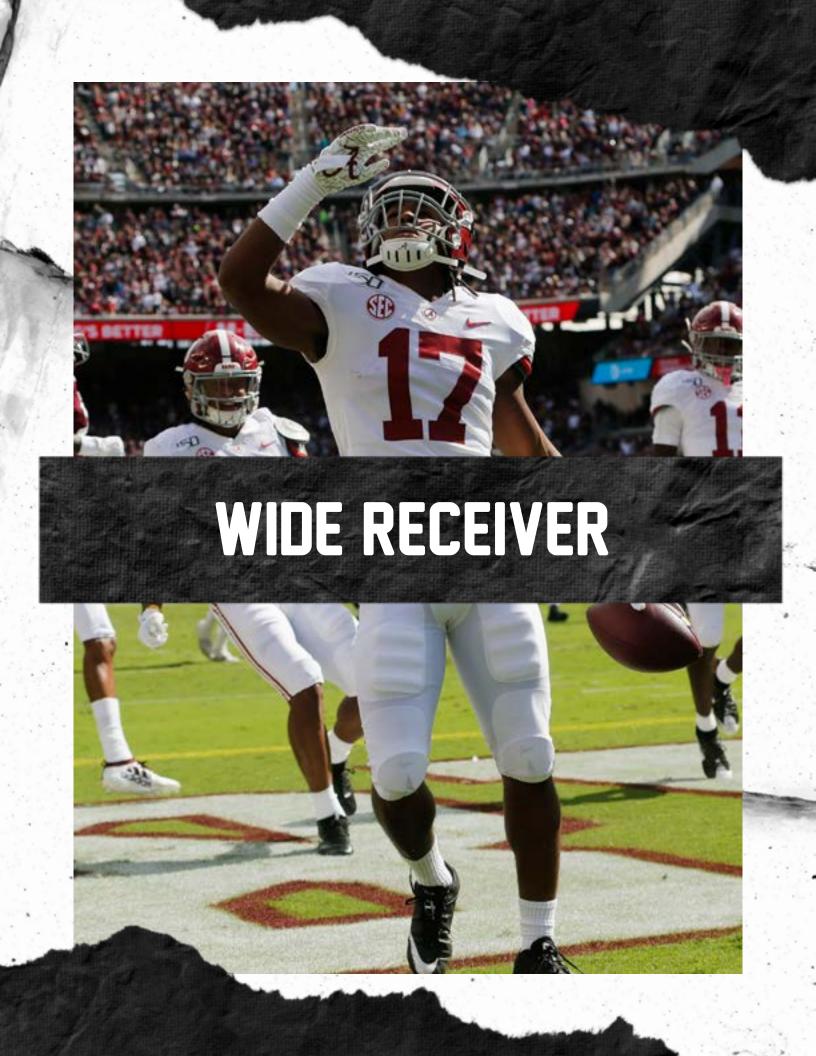
Small, doesn't pick up much yardage off initial contact and is easily brought down by a single opponent. Often stopped dead in his tracks. Did not elevate his game last season.

## **ANALYSIS**

Williams was very productive prior to 2020 and possesses the ability necessary to be a situational ball carrier/third-down back and return specialist at the next level.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New England Patriots, Arizona Cardinals, Denver Broncos



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## JA'MARR CHASE

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'11"** HEIGHT

201 LBS WEIGHT LSU SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.99** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

**01**POSITION RANK

**02** OVERALL RANK

After a quiet freshman season for LSU, Ja'Marr Chase emerged as the nation's leading receiver in 2019. The former four-star recruit out of Archbishop Rummel amassed 1,720 yards and 20 touchdowns on his way to the 2019 Biletnikoff Award.

Despite opting out of the 2020 college football season, Chase is set to be one of the first wide receivers drafted in the 2021 NFL Draft.

## **POSITIVES**

Dominant game-controlling receiver who projects well to the next level. Smooth and fluid, quickly releases into pass routes, and immediately gets to top speed.

Has a burst of speed that helps him separate from opponents, tracks the pass in the air, and nicely times his receptions. Displays outstanding focus and concentration, uses his frame to shield away defenders, and snatches the ball with his hands away from his frame.

Easily adjusts to the errant throw, comes back to the ball to make himself an available target, and keeps the play inbounds after the catch. Plays with balance and body control, and easily reaches back to grab the errant throw from the air.

Very instinctive, plays with great awareness, and is on the same page as his quarterback. Fast in both a straight line and laterally.

## **NEGATIVES**

Gets a little upright in and out of his breaks. Must be more focused running routes. Stands to improve his downfield blocking.

## **ANALYSIS**

Chase is a gifted athlete and natural receiver who dominated at the college level and should easily adapt to the NFL. He projects as a No. 1 wideout at the next level and is a terrific prospect with incredible upside.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Miami Dolphins, Detroit Lions, Philadelphia Eagles



## **DEVONTA SMITH**

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

170 LBS WEIGHT ALABAMA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**4.68** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

After recording 1,256 receiving yards as a junior in 2019, DeVonta Smith could have headed to the NFL Draft. Instead, he returned to Alabama to become the first wide receiver to win the Heisman Trophy since 1991.

The lanky wide receiver has challenged size pre-conceptions since he was a four-star recruit out of Amite High School. Can the "Slim Reaper" continue to silence those concerns in the NFL?

## **POSITIVES**

Polished, productive wide receiver who was an unstoppable force for the Alabama offense. Displays outstanding football instincts and awareness, displaying a sixth sense before the pass is tossed in his direction.

Quickly releases off the line of scrimmage, fires into breaks, and runs outstanding routes to separate from defenders. Shows excellent route discipline, possesses terrific eye/hand coordination, and consistently extends to make the reception away from his frame.

Exposes himself to the big hit in order to come away with the catch, adjusts to the throw, and

is effective running after the reception. Keeps the play inbounds, works to pick up positive yardage, and waits for downfield blocks to develop then follows them.

Uses his hands to separate from defenders, displays phenomenal timing, and is very consistent in all aspects of catching the ball.

Tracks the pass in the air and easily makes the reception at full speed. Impacts the game returning punts.

## **NEGATIVES**

Gives effort blocking, but isn't effective and lacks strength at the point. Small and easily knocked off balance. Lacks a true second gear.

## **ANALYSIS**

Smith was incredibly productive for Alabama and is a complete receiver with a polished game for the next level. The lack of size will scare some teams off, and Smith is a scheme-specific wideout. If properly used in the slot or off the line of scrimmage, I believe Smith will be very productive at the next level.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Miami Dolphins, Detroit Lions, New England Patriots



## JAYLEN WADDLE

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'10"** HEIGHT

180 LBS WEIGHT ALABAMA SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.45** GRADE

**1ST** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A multi-sport high school athlete, the four-star recruit out of Houston Episcopal emerged as an electric big-play threat for Alabama as a freshman in 2018.

Although he missed most of the 2020 college football season, his performances early in the season -- 28 receptions for 591 yards and 4 touchdowns -- demonstrated his gamechanging ability.

Alongside teammate DeVonta Smith, Waddle is set to continue the rich heritage of Alabama receivers in the NFL.

## **POSITIVES**

Game-changing receiver with a second gear. Fast off the line of scrimmage, immediately gets to top speed, and almost always gets a step or two on defenders in the initial 10 yards.

Displays route discipline, easily makes the reception in stride, and adjusts to make the deep catch at full speed.

Gets vertical over defenders and effectively times receptions. Tracks the pass in the air and consistently catches the ball with his hands away from his frame. Explosive return specialist who instantaneously alters the momentum of games with big plays. Shows terrific run-after-the-catch skill.

## **NEGATIVES**

Not a stout skill player and gets easily brought down at the point by a single defender. Struggles in battles.

## **ANALYSIS**

Waddle is an explosive skill player and a lethal force any time the ball is in his hands. He was well on his way to developing his game before sustaining an ankle injury last season, yet he still showed great progress on the field. The lack of size may be a limiting factor, but the speed and pass-catching skill displayed the past two years will lead anyone to the conclusion that Waddle offers big-time potential at the next level.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Miami Dolphins, New York Giants, Washington Football Team



## RASHOD BATEMAN

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

190 LBS WEIGHT MINNESOTA SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.22** GRADE

**1ST** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

The Minnesota Golden Gophers haven't had a player selected in the first round of the NFL Draft since 2006.

Former four-star recruit Rashod Bateman could be the man to break that drought in the 2021 NFL Draft.

Despite seeing less targets than teammate Tyler Johnson in his first two seasons, Bateman still registered 2,395 receiving yards and 19 touchdowns in his Gophers' career. His 16.3 average yards per catch is a testament to his big-play ability.

## **POSITIVES**

Dominant, game-controlling receiver who made an impact for Minnesota ever since stepping onto the field as a freshman. Smooth and fluid, sells routes, and quickly gets into breaks.

Comes across the middle of the field, makes the difficult catch in a crowd, and consistently extends to grab the ball away from his frame. Possesses terrific short-area quickness, keeps his focus and concentration, and stays with the action. Adjusts to the errant throw, displays good eye/hand coordination, and nicely makes the catch in stride.

On the same page as his quarterback, comes back to the ball to make himself an available target, and plays with excellent awareness. Works hard even if the play is away from him.

### **NEGATIVES**

Plays to one speed and never showed a second gear on the field, despite his 40 time. Must do a better job finishing blocks. Comes off a somewhat disappointing 2020 season.

## **ANALYSIS**

Bateman burst onto the scene as a freshman and was a dominant force during his sophomore campaign of 2019. He possesses the size and skill to be a number two receiver at the next level, and Bateman will be a productive wideout in the proper system.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Washington Football Team, Chicago Bears, Baltimore Ravens



## RONDALE MOORE

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'7"** HEIGHT

180 LBS WEIGHT PURDUE SCHOOL RS SOPHOMORE YEAR

**4.05** GRADE

**1ST-2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Rondale Moore shattered Purdue program records as a true freshman in 2018. A wide receiver who can impact the game as a pass catcher, rusher, and kick returner, the former four-star recruit out of Trinity High School racked up over 2,000 all-purpose yards in his first season.

Injuries and the disrupted 2020 college football season have limited him to just seven games since that record-setting season.

## **POSITIVES**

Explosive, game-breaking skill player who can score from any point on the field. Displays tremendous initial quickness with a burst, has a second gear, and runs away from defenders in the open field.

Tracks the pass in the air, adjusts to the errant throw, and displays strong hands with the ability to snatch the ball out of the air at full speed. Extends his hands making the reception away from his frame, displays focus as well as concentration, and makes the over-the-shoulder reception with defenders draped on him.

Comes back to the ball to make himself an available target, settles into the open spot in

the underneath coverage, and displays strong hands. Possesses the speed necessary to beat defenders around the perimeter on reverses.

## **NEGATIVES**

Lets the pass get inside him on occasion. Not a stout receiver and often finishes plays by running out of bounds. Lack of height is a deficit.

## **ANALYSIS**

Moore is a playmaking receiver, return specialist, and reverse runner who is a threat to take it the distance any time the ball is in his hands. The initial quickness he shows the first 2-3 yards when the ball is in his hands is unparalleled and has opponents playing back on their heels. He's size-deficient and lacks growth potential, which could be an issue at the next level. But in the proper system, Moore will be an outstanding NFL skill player.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Green Bay Packers, New Orleans Saints, Jacksonville Jaguars



## **KADARIUS TONEY**

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

193 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**4.03** GRADE

**1ST-2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

**06**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

After sparing usage during his first three years at Florida, Kadarius Toney emerged as an offensive weapon in 2020.

The former three-star "athlete" out of Blount High School racked up 1,145 scrimmage yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior -- more than the previous three seasons combined.

His performances in 2020 saw him named as a finalist for the prestigious Biletnikoff Award.

## **POSITIVES**

Athletic skill player coming off a tremendous senior campaign. Plays with outstanding balance and body control, possesses terrific shortarea quickness, and separates from defenders out of routes.

Fights with his hands to come free, makes his way back to the ball, and extends his hands to offer the quarterback a target. Tracks the pass in the air and makes the over-the-shoulder reception downfield at full speed.

Gets vertical, effectively times his receptions, and contorts to grab the throw from the air.

Makes the reception with his hands away from

his frame. Creative ball handler who makes defenders miss in the open field. Resilient, works after the catch, and immediately gets to top speed.

## **NEGATIVES**

Has a thin build, struggles in battles, and needs space to work. Easily brought down at the point by a single defender.

## **ANALYSIS**

Toney is an athletic prospect who plays heads-up football and can be used as a receiver, return specialist, and ball carrier on reverses. He possesses a degree of upside, although I don't believe he'll ever be anything more than a very productive No. 3 wideout in the NFL.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, San Francisco 49ers, Baltimore Ravens



## TERRACE MARSHALL JR.

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

205 LBS WEIGHT **LSU** SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.94** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

**07**POSITION RANK

48 OVERALL RANK

A highly ranked and heavily recruited five-star high school prospect, Terrace Marshall Jr.'s 2021 NFL Draft stock has largely been hidden due to the shadow cast by Ja'Marr Chase and Justin Jefferson at LSU.

Despite the presence of his two illustrious teammates in 2019, he still found the end zone 13 times. When given the opportunity to shine in 2020, he set career highs in receiving yards (731) and yards per catch (15.2) while adding another 10 touchdowns to his résumé.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized receiver who flashes dominance and comes with a large upside. Smooth releasing off the line of scrimmage, fires into routes and stays low on exit.

Extends his hands to make the reception away from his frame, adjusts to the errant throw, and comes away with the difficult catch when defenders are draped on his back.

Displays quick hands and the ability to pluck the ball from the air. Tracks the ball in the air, displays good eye/hand coordination, and keeps the play inbounds after the catch. Displays focus and makes the difficult catch in a crowd. Exposes himself to the big hit and gets pounded by defenders yet holds onto the throw.

## **NEGATIVES**

Lackadaisical and lets the pass get inside him on occasion. Peeks upfield and takes his eyes off the ball which results in occasional dropped passes. Does not show a deep burst on film.

## **ANALYSIS**

Marshall displayed steady development in his game the past two seasons and is a natural pass catcher who must pay attention to the details of his position. He possesses all the underlying skill to develop into a second wideout for an NFL team.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Washington Football Team, Tennessee Titans, New York Jets



## ELIJAH MOORE

## **WIDE RECEIVER**

**5'9 1/2"** HEIGHT

179 LBS WEIGHT OLE MISS SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.92** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-year starter at Ole Miss, Elijah Moore has had a steady year-on-year increase in production that culminated with his electric junior season.

Moore racked up 1,193 receiving yards at 13.9 yards per catch while doubling his career touchdown numbers in 2020.

The former four-star recruit earned comparison to former Carolina Panthers receiver Steve Smith from Ole Miss head coach Lane Kiffin during his standout junior season.

## **POSITIVES**

Explosive home-run-hitting skill player who consistently turns in big plays whenever the ball is in his hands. Fires off the snap, quickly gets in and out of breaks.

Stays low on exit, positioning himself to make the reception. Separates from defenders through route running or speed. Displays soft hands, extends to make the reception away from his frame, and plucks the ball out of the air. Displays good eye/hand coordination as well as concentration. Comes back into the clearing to make himself an available target, finds the open spot in the defense, and gets vertical in a crowd to come away with the catch.

Nicely adjusts to the errant throw. Gives effort even if he's not involved in the play.

## **NEGATIVES**

Not a sturdy receiver and is easily taken down at the point by a single defender. Struggles in battles and will struggle handling press coverage at the next level.

## **ANALYSIS**

Moore is coming off a terrific campaign and was unstoppable at times last season. He has size and height limitations that will be a red flag for some teams, but his speed, quickness, and ability to produce as a receiver and a return specialist as well as running reverses is very attractive.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New Orleans Saints, Miami Dolphins, San Francisco 49ers



## TYLAN WALLACE

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

193 LBS WEIGHT OKLAHOMA STATE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.88** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A former four-star recruit out of South Hills High School, Tylan Wallace has become one of the most productive players in college football.

Wallace was a Biletnikoff Award finalist in 2018 following a sophomore season where he finished second in the nation with 1,491 receiving yards.

Despite injuries and a shortened 2020 season, Wallace has amassed 3,434 receiving yards and 26 touchdowns in his career at an average of 16.8 yards per catch.

## **POSITIVES**

Dynamic wideout with an all-around game. Quickly releases off the line of scrimmage, sells routes, and consistently separates from defenders.

Tough, does not back down from a challenge, and comes away with the difficult reception. Adjusts to the errant throw making the reception in stride, extends his hands, and snatches the ball out of the air.

Tracks the pass in the air and displays outstanding eye/hand coordination. Keeps the

play inbounds after the catch and works to pick up positive yardage.

Quickly recognizes blocking assignments, gives effort, and gets results.

### **NEGATIVES**

One-speed receiver who lacks a deep burst. Not a big-bodied receiver and loses out in battles despite his competitive nature.

## **ANALYSIS**

Wallace was a terrific receiver for Oklahoma State who reminds me in many ways of 2020 first -round pick Brandon Aiyuk with his ability to separate and consistently catch the ball. His versatility makes him a scheme fit for a variety of offenses and Wallace has the ability to line up as a No. 2 receiver.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New York Giants, New York Jets, Tennessee Titans



## D'WAYNE ESKRIDGE

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'9 1/2"** HEIGHT

188 LBS WEIGHT WESTERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.83** GRADE

**2ND-3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**69**OVERALL RANK

A high school running back who was also a regional track star, D'Wayne Eskridge has developed into one of the most dangerous receivers at the Group of Five level.

Due to injury in 2019, the Western Michigan wide receiver has five years of college experience.

A big-play threat, Eskridge has averaged over 20 yards per catch in each of the last three seasons. He finished his college career with 2,244 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns from just 121 receptions.

## **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter coming off a terrific senior campaign. Eskridge is quick-footed, uses his hands to separate from defenders, and can turn it on in a single step. Fast and possesses a second gear as well as a legitimate downfield burst.

Nicely adjusts to the errant throw, makes the difficult catch in contorted positions, and looks at the ball go into his hands. Easily makes the reception in stride at full speed.

Comes back to the ball out of breaks and displays soft hands. Gives effort blocking when the situation presents itself.

### NEGATIVES

Small, struggles in battles, and will struggle to handle press coverage at the next level. Easily brought down at the point by a single defender. Needs space to work.

## **ANALYSIS**

Eskridge is a home-run threat at the receiver position, averaging more than 20 yards per catch the past three years. He's a big-play wideout who has size limitations, but he should get lateround consideration as a slot receiver/return specialist.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Washington Football Team, New Orleans Saints, Cleveland Browns



# **AMON-RA ST. BROWN**

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

197 LBS WEIGHT **USC** SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.80** GRADE

**2ND-3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A high-profile capture for USC, Amon-Ra St. Brown chose the Trojans over the likes of Alabama and Ohio State as they enabled him to stay close to home.

He made an immediate impact as a freshman, accounting for over 25% of the team's receiving production. In his three years at USC, he has amassed 2,270 receiving yards and 16 touchdowns, earning first team All-Pac-12 honors in his junior year with the Trojans.

## **POSITIVES**

Explosive playmaking receiver who made an impact at USC as a true freshman. Fluid, displays good speed moving in any direction and possesses quick, strong hands.

Consistently extends to make the reception away from his frame and easily adjusts to the errant throw. Keeps the play inbounds and works to pick up yardage after the catch.

Tracks the pass in the air, possesses outstanding eye/hand coordination, and gets vertical to grab the ball away from opponents.

Quickly gets into breaks, stays low on exit, and shows a lot of natural pass-catching skills.

## **NEGATIVES**

Struggled last season and had a lot of lapses in concentration. Took his eyes off the ball and dropped catchable throws. Lazily gets in and out of routes at times. Does little more than get in the way as a blocker.

## **ANALYSIS**

St. Brown looked every bit of a first-round prospect off the 2019 film, but did not elevate his game last season and even regressed in certain aspects. He's a reliable playmaking receiver with natural hands and plays much faster than his forty time. St. Brown possesses the ability to be a No. 1 at the next level, yet must stay focused and consistently play a high level.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Baltimore Ravens, Green Bay Packers, Indianapolis Colts



## NICO COLLINS

## **WIDE RECEIVER**

**6'4 1/2"** HEIGHT

215 LBS WEIGHT MICHIGAN SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.75** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A highly productive high school prospect from Pinson, Nico Collins' college career has been somewhat hampered by a lackluster Michigan offense.

Despite this, he was named Michigan's Offensive Player of the Year following a junior season that saw him catch 37 passes for 729 yards and 7 touchdowns.

Due to the uncertainty of the 2020 college football season, Collins opted out to focus on preparing for the 2021 NFL Draft.

### **POSITIVES**

Large, strong possession receiver with reliable hands. Plays big-boy football, fights with his hands to separate from defenders, and gets vertical to come away with the reception when defenders are draped on him.

Finds the open spot on the field, tracks the pass in the air, and possesses strong hands, displaying the ability to pull the ball away from his frame.

Nicely makes the reception on crossing patterns. Reliable.

## **ANALYSIS**

Prior to opting out last season, Collins was a productive wideout who consistently came away with the reception when the ball was thrown in his direction. His inability to separate through route running or speed is an issue. Collins will be a solid Day 2 selection for a team needing a big, strong possession receiver.

## **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Houston Texans, Philadelphia Eagles, Cleveland Browns

## **NEGATIVES**

Lacks quickness, speed and any semblance of a deep burst. Ran incredibly well during pro day workout but has never shown the ability to translate that speed onto the field.



# **ANTHONY SCHWARTZ**

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'0"** HEIGHT 186 LBS WEIGHT AUBURN SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.69** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**90** OVERALL RANK

A member of the highly successful American Heritage High School team that was coached by Patrick Surtain, Anthony Schwartz translated gold-medal-winning 100-meter speed into being a dangerous wide receiver threat.

He ran a 4.26 in the 40-yard dash at the Auburn Pro Day if evidence of his game changing speed was required.

In addition to his pass-catching prowess, Auburn used Schwartz to devastating effect -- 7.7 yards per carry, 7 career touchdowns -- in the ground game.

#### **POSITIVES**

Game-breaking receiver with home-run-hitting speed. Immediately gets to top speed, plays to his 40 time and beats opponents downfield in foot races.

Extends his hands, looks the ball in, and makes the reception away from his frame. Displays the ability to make the difficult over-theshoulder reception downfield. Solid route runner, fires into breaks and stays low on exit to separate from opponents.

Flashes strong hands and the ability to pull the ball from the air.

### **NEGATIVES**

Not a big-framed receiver and gets easily brought down at the point by a single defender. Double-catches too many throws. Struggles finding the ball in the air at times.

### **ANALYSIS**

Schwartz is a terrific athlete with a second gear and the ability to break big plays, yet he needs to polish and complete his game. He comes with a large upside, and if properly coached, Schwartz could develop into a third receiver at the next level.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Houston Texans, Washington Football Team



# DYAMI BROWN

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

189 LBS WEIGHT NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.68** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A four-star recruit who spurned more high profile programs to play for his hometown Tar Heels, Dyami Brown has been a three-year contributor for North Carolina.

Although he saw action as a freshman, his major accomplishments have come in the last two seasons.

In addition to consecutive 1,000-yard seasons, Brown amassed 20 touchdowns between 2019 and 2020, resulting in first-team All-ACC honors as a junior last season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Game-breaking receiver with an underrated game. Fluid releasing off the line, quickly gets into breaks and stays low on exit, positioning himself to make the reception.

Tracks the ball in the air, looks the pass into his hands, and easily makes the reception in stride or at full speed. Extends and makes the catch away from his frame.

Tracks the pass in the air and makes the difficult over-the-shoulder reception downfield.

Displays good eye/hand coordination in the deep field.

Goes over the middle, adjusts to the errant throw, and grabs the pass from the air. Displays terrific timing on receptions and looks the ball into his hands. Plays with balance as well as body control.

### **NEGATIVES**

Struggles in battles. Lacks a true second gear.

### **ANALYSIS**

Brown has displayed himself as a legitimate vertical threat in the North Carolina offense the past two years, as he's a receiver who consistently comes away with big plays down the field. He needs to fill out his frame, but Brown has all the tools necessary to develop into a No. 2 wideout at the next level.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Los Angeles Rams, New Orleans Saints, Los Angeles Chargers



# MARQUEZ STEVENSON

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'10"** HEIGHT

182 LBS WEIGHT HOUSTON SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.67** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Despite an injury-riddled start to his college career, Marquez Stevenson has emerged as a consistent threat for the Houston Cougars' offense over the last three seasons.

The speedy deep threat has totaled 2,233 receiving yards and 22 touchdowns in his career. Furthermore, he's put his speed to good use in the ground game, averaging nearly 9 yards per carry on 26 attempts with 2 touchdowns.

### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who continually displayed himself as a game-breaking receiver. Displays good recognition, is always on the same page as his quarterback, and plays with balance as well as body control.

Quickly releases off the line of scrimmage, fires into breaks, and stays low on exit, snatching the ball out of the air with his hands. Sells routes and uses his frame to shield away defenders or protect the pass.

Competes to come away with the difficult grab even when defenders are draped on him. Nicely tracks the deep pass in the air, looks the ball into his hands, and makes the difficult over-the -shoulder reception at full speed. Possesses good eye/hand coordination. Plays to his 40 time.

### **NEGATIVES**

Struggles in battles. Easily knocked off balance or knocked to the ground by the initial hit.

### **ANALYSIS**

Stevenson was a big-play threat at Houston and projects as a vertical receiver who can also return kicks. He needs to get stronger, but he should flourish early in his career as a slot wideout.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Jacksonville Jaguars, Houston Texans



# **IHMIR SMITH-MARSETTE**

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

182 LBS WEIGHT IOWA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.65** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A diverse high school athlete who excelled at water polo and hurdling, Ihmir Smith-Marsette has become a creative and explosive wide receiver for the Iowa Hawkeyes.

At a program that isn't famed for producing NFL-caliber receiving talent, Smith-Marsette impressed as a big-play threat as a junior in 2019, averaging 16.4 yards per reception.

His 10 touchdowns that year were made up of receiving, rushing, and kick return scores that showcase his versatility.

### **POSITIVES**

Smooth, fluid receiver who flashes ability. Displays a sense of timing, tracks the pass in the air, and consistently extends his hands to snatch the ball away from his frame.

Possesses eye/hand coordination and agility and makes a lot of incredibly athletic receptions. Quickly turns upfield after the catch. Experienced kick returner.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Doesn't play to his 40 time or show a deep burst. Loses his focus and concentration and drops the occasional easy pass. Inconsistent.

### **ANALYSIS**

Smith-Marsette was given huge grades from NFL scouts entering the season, but he never lived up to expectations. He possesses terrific size as well as outstanding speed, but he must elevate his game to have a career at the next level.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Chicago Bears, San Francisco 49ers



# SETH WILLIAMS

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'3"** HEIGHT

211 LBS WEIGHT AUBURN SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.62** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

**17** POSITION RANK

**107** OVERALL RANK

An accomplished high school athlete, Seth Williams medaled in both the long jump and high jump, in addition to guiding Bryant High School to a basketball state championship.

A three-year starter for the Auburn Tigers, Williams has put his athletic ability to good use as a physical red-zone contributor.

He has totaled 2,124 receiving yards at 16.1 yards per catch with 17 touchdowns.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized possession receiver who comes away with some incredibly athletic catches.

Fluid releasing off the line of scrimmage, quick for a bigger receiver, and tracks the pass in the air.

Adjusts to the errant throw, grabs the ball from the air, and possesses strong hands. Uses his hands to separate from defenders and makes the difficult catch with opponents draped on him.

Effective downfield blocker.

### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks a burst and plays to one speed. Not very quick in or out of breaks. Wins out for the contested throw, yet struggles to separate from opponents.

### **ANALYSIS**

Williams was the go-to guy at Auburn the past two seasons and showed consistent improvement in his game. He's a solid possession receiver who will be a good red-zone threat, but his inability to separate through routes and speed limits him.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New England Patriots, Detroit Lions, Las Vegas Raiders



# **AMARI RODGERS**

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'9 1/2"** HEIGHT

211 LBS WEIGHT CLEMSON SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.59** GRADE

**3RD-4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

After recovering from a 2019 ACL tear, Amari Rodgers emerged as Trevor Lawrence's go-to target in 2020.

The explosive wide receiver tallied 1,020 receiving yards and 7 touchdowns in his senior season, almost eclipsing his production from the previous three seasons combined.

The former four-star recruit lived up to his high school profile -- he averaged 30 yards per catch as a senior -- at just the right time.

#### **POSITIVES**

Slightly undersized receiver who also doubles as a return specialist. Quickly releases off the line, fires into routes, and stays low on exit.

Displays terrific quickness in and out of breaks and positions himself to make the reception. Extends his hands to snatch the ball out of the air and lays out to make the difficult catch.

Reliable, possesses terrific eye/hand coordination, and nicely adjusts to the errant throw. Follows the quarterback across the field and finds the soft spot in the defense.

Plays bigger than his size and fights to come away with the difficult grab in a crowd. Effective returning punts.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Easily taken down in the open field by a single defender. Lack of height is a hindrance, especially trying to grab high throws. Plays to one speed and lacks a deep burst.

### **ANALYSIS**

Rodgers was a terrific receiver for Clemson both coming off the bench and as a starter. He comes with average physical dimensions but nicely projects as a slot wideout who can also return punts.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Washington Football Team, Miami Dolphins



# SHI SMITH

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'9 1/2"** HEIGHT

186 LBS WEIGHT SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.58** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A talented four-star recruit out of Union County High School, Shi Smith chose South Carolina over Clemson as the program presented him with the best opportunity to play early in his career.

Despite a talented wide receiver room, he has been a four-year starter for the Gamecocks. Smith was at his most productive as a sophomore when he averaged 15 yards per catch, totaling 673 yards and 4 touchdowns.

In addition to his receiving skills, Smith returned kicks at an average above 20 yards during his Gamecocks' career.

### **POSITIVES**

Smallish, speedy receiver who can double as a return specialist. Quick, fires into pass routes, and consistently separates from defenders.

Displays good awareness, tracks the pass in the air and gets vertical. Uses his hands to come free from opponents, adjusts to the errant throw, and consistently extends to snatch the ball away from his frame.

Possesses strong, quick hands and solid eye/hand coordination. Works hard after the catch and effectively follows blocks.

Terrific vertical receiver. Effective running reverses and follows blocks everywhere on the field.

### **NEGATIVES**

Has height and size limitations. Tries to play big football but loses out to large defensive backs.

### **ANALYSIS**

Smith was a shining light in what was a dreary 2020 season for South Carolina. He's a sure-handed receiver with outstanding quickness and toughness as well as a head for the game. Smith possesses the ability to line up as a third receiver who can be used in the slot, returning punts, or running reverses.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Pittsburgh Steelers, Green Bay Packers, New Orleans Saints





WIDE RECEIVER

**5'9"** HEIGHT 155 LBS WEIGHT LOUISVILLE SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.57** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

If speed kills, then Chatarius "Tutu" Atwell might be the most dangerous wide receiver in the class.

A former dual-threat quarterback, Atwell was under-recruited due to his size before landing at Louisville to play wide receiver. His 1,292 receiving yards as a sophomore broke the school receiving record.

Atwell continued to prove his big-play value as a junior with a touchdown in six of his nine games in 2020.

### **POSITIVES**

Game-breaking skill player with home-runhitting speed as a receiver and return specialist. Fluid releasing off the line of scrimmage, has a burst of speed that he turns on in a single step and beats opponents downfield in a foot race.

Sells routes, uses his frame to shield away defenders, and extends his hands to pull the ball from the air.

Nicely adjusts to the errant throw at full speed and easily makes the downfield reception,

looking the ball into his hands. Runs well laterally and easily makes the reception in stride. Lays out for the difficult catch. Plays faster than his 40-yard dash time.

### **NEGATIVES**

Small to the point of being tiny and struggles in battles. Rounds off his routes on occasion. Had lapses in concentration.

### **ANALYSIS**

Atwell is an undersized yet explosive skill prospect who plays with outstanding speed and quickness. Used in a variety of roles for Louisville, he was effective running reverses and on toss sweeps, and he comes with return ability. Size limitations mean Atwell will be best in the slot or even backed off the line of scrimmage, but his speed and big-play ability are attractive.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Green Bay Packers, Kansas City Chiefs, Arizona Cardinals



# JAVON MCKINLEY

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6/1 1/2"** HEIGHT

215 LBS WEIGHT NOTRE DAME SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.55** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**130** OVERALL RANK

A highly productive and heavily recruited fourstar high school prospect, Javon McKinley's college career was derailed by injuries early in his time at Notre Dame.

Nevertheless, the big-play threat rallied as a senior in 2020. He averaged 17.1 yards per catch on his way to 717 receiving yards and 3 touchdowns.

McKinley played a pivotal role as the Fighting Irish shocked then No. 1 ranked Clemson during the season.

### **POSITIVES**

Tall, athletic receiver who displayed tremendous development in his game last season. Plays with outstanding body control, adjusts to the errant throw, and makes a lot of acrobatic receptions.

Tracks the pass in the air, fights with his hands to separate from defenders, and gets vertical pulling the ball from the air.

Stout receiver who possesses outstanding eye/ hand coordination, comes away with the difficult catch in a crowd, and takes a big hit but holds on to the throw. Quick for a bigger wideout, consistently extends his hands, and snatches the ball away from his frame.

Displays strong hands. Flashes the ability to be a dominant blocker.

### **NEGATIVES**

More of a one-speed receiver and lacks a burst as well as a second gear. Marginally productive until last season and showed a lot of inconsistency in his game early in his Notre Dame career.

### **ANALYSIS**

McKinley caught just 11 passes prior to last season, but his game took off in 2020. He's an exciting receiver with a great amount of potential, but he must polish the details of his position and prove last season was not the exception to the rule. If McKinley continues to progress on the field, he has the underlying ability to develop into a No. 1 wideout at the next level.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Kansas City Chiefs, Green Bay Packers, Pittsburgh Steelers



# JAELON DARDEN

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'7 1/2"** HEIGHT

175 LBS WEIGHT NORTH TEXAS SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.54** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-star high school quarterback, Jaelon Darden made the transition to wide receiver as a freshman at North Texas in 2017.

A semi-finalist for the Biletnikoff Award in 2020, Darden finished second in the nation in touchdowns and third in receiving yards. He finished his college career as North Texas' all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards, and receiving touchdowns.

Amongst multiple accolades, he was named the Texas College Offensive Player of the Year by Dave Campbell's Texas Football.

### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who impacted UNT as both a receiver and return specialist. Smooth releasing off the line of scrimmage and quickly gets in and out of breaks then separates from defenders.

Uses the sidelines well, knows where he is on the field and plays with excellent body control. Extends his hands exposing himself to the big hit, snatches the ball out of the air, and displays good eye/hand coordination. Comes back to the ball, competes to come away with the difficult reception, and nicely adjusts to the errant throw.

Makes the reception in stride and displays himself as a solid vertical threat. Effectively uses blocks everywhere on the field and works to pick up positive yardage whenever the ball is in his hands.

Shows solid run-after-the-catch skill and the ability to create his own yardage.

#### **NEGATIVES**

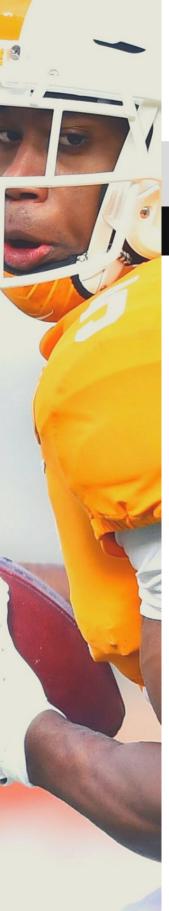
Lack of height poses mismatch problems. Lacks a true second gear and home run hitting speed. Has small hands.

### **ANALYSIS**

Darden was incredibly productive at the college level but comes with size limitations. He's a slot receiver who is best off the line of scrimmage or in motion before the snap and will lend a hand as a punt returner.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Seattle Seahawks, New York Giants, Washington Football Team



# JOSH PALMER

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

210 LBS WEIGHT TENNESSEE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.50** GRADE

**4TH-5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**149** OVERALL RANK

The Canadian-born son of Jamaican parents rose to footballing prominence at St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

A three-star recruit, Josh Palmer had limited opportunities to rack up impressive statistics at Tennessee.

However, he demonstrated his big-play ability with an impressive 21 yards per catch average as a sophomore, which ranked seventh best in the nation.

Hobbled by inconsistent quarterback play as a senior, his performance at the Senior Bowl will have helped boost his draft stock.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized wideout with reliable hands. Sells routes, knows where he is on the field, and uses the sidelines well.

Tracks the pass in the air and extends his hands, snatching the ball away from his frame. Displays solid eye/hand coordination, plays with excellent body control, and keeps his focus as well as his concentration.

Comes back to the ball out of breaks, stays low on exit, and offers the quarterback a big target.

#### NEGATIVES

Possesses minimal quickness and shows no real burst in his game. Cannot run to the deep throw. Occasionally does a bit of double-catching.

### **ANALYSIS**

Palmer is a nice-sized receiver with a solid game and struggled primarily due to poor quarter-back play at Tennessee. He displayed a lot of skill during Senior Bowl practices and is a Day 3 selection who could make a roster as a fourth receiver.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New England Patriots, Baltimore Ravens, Detroit Lions



# SIMI FEHOKO

## **WIDE RECEIVER**

**6'4"** HEIGHT 222 LBS WEIGHT STANFORD SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.44** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

173 OVERALL RANK

A former Gatorade Utah Player of the Year and Utah Mr. Football, Simi Fehoko has traveled a longer road to the NFL Draft than most.

A devout Mormon, he spent two years in Seoul on an LDS mission between high school and college. After setting a school record with 23.58 yards per catch in 2019, he earned first-team All-Pac-12 honors in 2020.

In his standout career game against UCLA, Fehoko broke the program record for catches while snagging the third-most single game receiving yards in Stanford history.

### **POSITIVES**

First-year starter coming off a career season. Large, game-controlling wideout who was the go-to receiver who could not be stopped at Stanford.

Physical, outmuscles cornerbacks, and wins out for contested throws. Displays terrific eye/ hand coordination as well as focus. Tracks the pass in the air, extends to make the reception away from his frame, and possesses soft as well as strong hands.

Comes back to the ball and follows the quarterback across the field to make himself an available target.

Athletic, gets vertical and plucks the ball out of the air. Stout and rarely knocked out of his pass route by the inadvertent hit. Works his hands to separate from defenders and makes the reception in stride.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Plays to one speed, does not play to his forty-yard dash time, and lacks a burst. Occasionally lets passes slip through his hands. Rounds off routes and displays limited quickness in and out of breaks.

### **ANALYSIS**

After a productive freshman season, Fehoko improved during his shortened sophomore campaign. He's a big possession receiver and a stellar red-zone threat with potential as a fourth or even third receiver at the next level.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Pittsburgh Steelers, Detroit Lions, New England Patriots



# TAMORRION TERRY

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

207 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA STATE SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.42** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

After a tumultuous 2020 season, Tamorrion Terry has become somewhat of a forgotten man in a deep wide receiver class.

A late bloomer in high school, Terry would get off to a slow start at FSU. However, he rewrote the record book for the Seminoles in 2018 before totalling 1,188 receiving yards and 9 touchdowns in 2019.

A big-play threat, he led the nation with an incredible 57.89 yards per touchdown that year. Impressive testing at FSU's Pro Day suggests he has finally overcome the knee surgery that plagued his senior season.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized receiver with consistent hands. Sturdy receiver who gets up in a crowd and comes away with the difficult reception in battles.

Stays low exiting breaks, positions himself to make the reception, and displays strong hands with the ability to pull the fastball from the air. Consistent hands catcher who extends to make the reception away from his frame.

Displays good awareness, settles into the open spot on the field, and uses his frame to shield away opponents. Tracks the pass in the air and makes the difficult over-the-shoulder reception at full speed.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not quick off the snap, plays to one speed, and does not show a burst. Must pick up the blocking intensity. Coming off a very disappointing season.

### **ANALYSIS**

Terry flashed ability throughout his Florida State career yet never truly elevated his play, in large part due to poor quarterback play at Florida State. He's a nice-sized possession receiver who does not play to his forty-yard dash time, but he has the dependability to line up as a fifth wideout on Sundays.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New England Patriots, San Francisco 49ers, Kansas City Chiefs



# TREVON GRIMES

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'4"** HEIGHT 220 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.41** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A five-star recruit who played one season at Ohio State before returning home to play for the Florida Gators.

Trevon Grimes has largely been overlooked in an offense that has contained playmakers like Van Jefferson, Kyle Pitts, and Kadarius Toney.

Nevertheless, Grimes contributed 9 touchdowns and 589 receiving yards in 2020, showcasing his ability at just the right time.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized receiver with good athleticism. Sturdy, snatches the ball away from his frame, and takes a big hit yet holds onto the throw.

Possesses soft hands, uses his frame to protect the ball, and gives outstanding effort after the catch.

Consistently comes away with the difficult catch and wins out for contested passes. Possesses solid eye/hand coordination. Effective blocker downfield who gives effort.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Really doesn't play to his 40 time and plays to one speed. Must improve his route running. Has occasional lapses in concentration.

### **ANALYSIS**

Grimes flashed ability the past three years yet never really elevated his game to the level many thought possible. He was a terrific red-zone threat last season and comes with an upside, but he must quickly turn up the wick.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Detroit Lions, Seattle Seahawks



# TRE NIXON

# **WIDE RECEIVER**

**6'0"** HEIGHT 187 LBS WEIGHT CENTRAL FLORIDA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.40** GRADE

**5TH-6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

193 OVERALL RANK

An impressive and productive high school receiver who was heavily recruited, Tre Nixon spent two seasons with Ole Miss before transferring to UCF.

The Florida native thrived on home soil, recording 11 touchdowns and 1,392 receiving yards in his first two seasons.

Despite attracting Biletnikoff Award preseason attention, a broken collarbone disrupted his senior season after starting with 94 yards and 2 touchdowns against Georgia Tech.

### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who struggled with a shoulder injury as a redshirt senior. Explosive receiver who plays faster than his 40 time and presents himself as a legitimate downfield threat.

Very quick, comes back to the ball out of breaks, and immediately turns it upfield running after the catch. Displays terrific focus as well as concentration, extends his hands, and looks the pass into his hands.

Consistently comes away with the difficult catch. Sneaky fast, has opposing cornerbacks

playing back on their heels, and makes the over-the-shoulder reception at full speed without breaking stride.

Follows the quarterback across the field to make himself an available target and easily adjusts to the errant throw.

Effective when he makes the reception away from his frame. Displays soft and strong hands. Plays smart, instinctive football.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Occasionally lets the pass get inside him. Possesses better play speed than timed speed and lacks a true second gear. Coming off a shoulder injury.

### **ANALYSIS**

Nixon was a consistent threat for Central Florida as an underneath receiver who took it deep on occasion. Medical exams, as well as testing results, will dictate where he is eventually drafted, but Nixon possesses the ability to make a roster as a fourth receiver at the next level.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Green Bay Packers, Kansas City Chiefs, Detroit Lions



# **AUSTIN WATKINS JR.**

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

207 LBS WEIGHT **UAB** SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.39** GRADE

**5TH-6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

196 OVERALL RANK

The cousin of former first-round pick Sammy Watkins, UAB wide receiver Austin Watkins has had a slightly different journey to the NFL Draft.

Unranked out of high school, he travelled the JUCO route to UAB before a breakout year in 2019.

He became only the third receiver in UAB history to surpass 1,000 yards in a season, joining a select group that includes Roddy White.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized receiver with reliable hands and next-level ability. Plays with balance and displays outstanding focus and concentration. Ran exceptional routes to separate from opponents during Senior Bowl practices.

Extends his hands and catches the ball away from his frame. Locates the pass in the air, adjusts to the errant throw, and makes the overthe-shoulder reception at full speed.

Competes to come away with the reception in battles, extends his hands to offer the quarterback a target, and consistently makes the catch away from his frame. Possesses soft and consistent hands as well as eye/hand coordination. Gives effort blocking.

#### NEGATIVES

Plays to one speed, lacks a burst, and isn't a vertical threat. Inconsistent running routes throughout his college career.

### **ANALYSIS**

Watkins was a consistent receiver at UAB and displayed progress in his game each year. He's not a vertical threat but would be a solid fourth wideout in a timing offense.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Detroit Lions, Washington Football Team, Houston Texans



# FRANK DARBY

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'0"** HEIGHT

200 LBS WEIGHT ARIZONA STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.38** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**204** OVERALL RANK

A two-way player at Lincoln High School, Frank Darby was a physical specimen who has consistently used his frame to dominate his opposition, regardless of the level.

Originally committed to Iowa, he found his way to Arizona State in 2016. Between 2017 and 2019, the big-play threat averaged 21.96 yards per catch on his way to 1,317 career receiving yards and 13 touchdowns.

An injury-plagued 2020 season meant he wasn't able to take advantage of being the true No. 1 target on the team.

### **POSITIVES**

Two-year starter who struggled with injuries last season. Underrated receiver with a high upside. Quickly releases off the line of scrimmage, battles cornerbacks to get free, and comes away with the difficult catch in a crowd.

Extends his hands, uses his frame to shield away defenders, and adjusts to the errant throw. Offers the quarterback a nice target, possesses solid eye/hand coordination, and snatches the ball out of the air.

Tough, takes a big hit, and holds onto the throw. Tracks the ball in the air and keeps his focus and concentration.

### **NEGATIVES**

Plays to one speed and does not possess a deep burst. Tends to round off routes.

### **ANALYSIS**

Darby played second fiddle at Arizona State behind former first-round selections N'Keal Harry and Brandon Aiyuk, then struggled through a shortened senior campaign. Darby possesses next-level size and pass-catching skills as well as better-than-average speed and could turn into a Day 3 steal.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New England Patriots, Miami Dolphins, Tennessee Titans



# **BRANDON SMITH**

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

218 LBS WEIGHT **IOWA** SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.37** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**30** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A standout in a small town, Brandon Smith was a state champion high jumper in addition to being a productive wide receiver at Lake Cormorant High School.

Discovered by accident, he became one of the stars of Iowa's 2017 recruiting class.

A combination of inconsistent quarterback play and a run-heavy offense has limited Smith's college production, but highlight plays against Minnesota and Penn State give glimpses of his potential in the NFL.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized receiver who flashes ability. Sells routes, uses his hands to separate from defenders, and tracks the pass in the air.

Adjusts to the errant throw, gets down to scoop up low passes, and possesses eye/hand coordination.

Follows the quarterback across the field then extends his hands and nicely makes the reception on crossing patterns.

### **NEGATIVES**

Must pick up the blocking intensity. Does not show a burst in his game and plays to one speed.

## **ANALYSIS**

Smith possesses the measurables to play at the next level and flashes pass-catching ability, but he lacks consistency. He comes with an upside but must quickly elevate his game to have any chance to stick on an NFL roster.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Washington Football Team, Green Bay Packers, Detroit Lions



# DAZZ NEWSOME

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'10"** HEIGHT

190 LBS WEIGHT NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.36** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A high school athlete who many considered would become a college cornerback, Dazz Newsome became one of the most productive wide receivers in North Carolina history.

Newsome has the program's third-most catches, fifth-most receiving yards, and seventh-most receiving touchdowns.

From a family of footballers, Newsome's father and brother both played for Virginia Tech.

### **POSITIVES**

Reliable pass catcher with average size and speed. Settles into the open spot of the defense, exposes himself to come away with the difficult grab, and possesses outstanding eye/hand coordination.

Adjusts to the errant throw, looks the ball into his hands, and makes the reception in stride.

Consistent hands catcher who keeps the play in bounds and works to pick up positive yardage after the catch.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Displays limited play speed and literally no burst in his game. Comes with average size and struggles in battles.

### **ANALYSIS**

Newsome showed terrific development in his game last season and really progressed as a senior. He's a sure-handed wideout who does the little things well and can make a roster as a fifth receiver in a timing offense.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Indianapolis Colts, Kansas City Chiefs, New England Patriots



# CADE JOHNSON

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'10 1/2"** HEIGHT

186 LBS WEIGHT SOUTH DAKOTA ST.
SCHOOL

RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.34** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

An unranked receiver out of high school, Cade Johnson received just two FCS offers. Ultimately choosing South Dakota State, he redshirted as a freshman before starring as a kick returner in 2017.

Johnson put together consecutive 1,000+ yard seasons as a receiver and totaled 25 touchdowns across the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

Following the cancellation of the FCS fall season, Johnson flirted with the transfer portal before declaring for the 2021 NFL Draft.

He earned a Senior Bowl invite and impressed throughout the week.

### **POSITIVES**

Well-built receiver with solid pass-catching hands. Plays with outstanding balance and body control, looks the pass into his hands, and consistently makes the reception away from his frame.

Quickly gets into breaks, adjusts to the errant throw, and makes the reception in stride.

Possesses eye/hand coordination as well as a sense of timing and soft hands. Tracks the pass in the air and displays focus as well as concentration.

Effective returning kicks and productive running reverses.

### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks a second gear and elite burst. Finishes plays by lazily running out of bounds on occasion. Not a strong or sturdy receiver.

### **ANALYSIS**

Johnson was a solid small-school pass catcher who produced as a return specialist as well as running reverses. He offers possibilities as a slot receiver/fifth wideout and kick/punt returner at the next level.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Detroit Lions



# ISAIAH MCKOY

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'2"** HEIGHT 200 LBS WEIGHT KENT STATE SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.33** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-star high school recruit, Isaiah McKoy made an immediate impact for Kent State as a true freshman in 2018.

As the number one target in the Flashes' offense the last two years, McKoy averaged 16.9 yards per catch on his way to 13 touchdowns in just 15 games.

The shortened 2020 season stunted a campaign where he was on pace to surpass 1,000 receiving yards for the first time in his college career.

### **POSITIVES**

Dependable pass catcher who is best on underneath routes. Uses his hands to separate from defenders, effectively times receptions, and displays terrific eye/hand coordination.

Tracks the pass in the air, gets vertical, and wins out for contested throws.

Effectively uses his frame to shield away defenders, extends his hands to make the reception away from his frame, and takes a big hit yet holds onto the throw.

Adjusts to the pass and nicely makes the reception in stride. Possesses terrific shortarea quickness and has a burst.

Keeps the play in bounds, follows blocks, and works to pick up as much yardage as possible after the reception.

### **NEGATIVES**

Plays to one speed and isn't a vertical threat. Lacks overall size and play speed.

### **ANALYSIS**

McKoy was a consistent, productive receiver who showed a lot of progress in his game the past three years. He lacks much physical upside, but he's dependable and can make a depth chart as a fifth receiver.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New York Giants, Indianapolis Colts, Philadelphia Eagles



# DEZ FITZPATRICK

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

208 LBS WEIGHT LOUISVILLE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.32** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**54** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A four-star recruit out of Farmington, Michigan, Dez Fitzpatrick flashed promise as a redshirt freshman for Louisville. Unfortunately, he never fully capitalized on that promising beginning.

At any rate, following his most productive year in 2020, and an extremely impressive performance at the 2020 Reese's Senior Bowl, he proved he can be a reliable option for an offense in the NFL.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized wideout who flashed ability in the past. Has nice length, uses his size as an advantage, and boxes out opponents with his frame.

Tracks the pass in the air and possesses terrific eye/hand coordination as well as soft hands. Extends and exposes himself to the big hit, looks the ball into his hands, and grabs the pass out of the air.

Adjusts to the errant throw and effectively times his receptions. Sells routes and works hard even if he's away from the action.

Solid downfield blocker who works to move defenders from the action.

### **NEGATIVES**

Not sharp in and out of breaks and tends to round off routes. Does not play to his 40 -yard dash time and lacks a deep burst. Never capitalized on a terrific freshman season.

### **ANALYSIS**

I believed Fitzpatrick could potentially be a top-100 choice with the receiving skills he displayed in 2017. He got lost in the shuffle at Louisville and his game leveled off, though Fitzpatrick showed signs of life last season. He's a dependable receiver with reliable hands and has shown ability as a red zone threat in the past. In the right system, Fitzpatrick could be a fifth wideout.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Baltimore Ravens, Tennessee Titans, New England Patriots



# SAGE SURRATT

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

209 LBS WEIGHT WAKE FOREST SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.31** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

One of two brothers heading to the 2021 NFL Draft, Sage Surratt tallied a mind-boggling 5,626 receiving yards as a high school standout

Originally committed to Harvard, Surratt took his receiving talents to Wake Forest where he earned first-team All-ACC honors and was a Biletnikoff Award finalist following a 2019 season where he broke the 1,000-yard barrier.

Surratt opted out of the 2020 college football season, relying on his small, but impressive, body of work to drive his draft stock.

### **POSITIVES**

Large, sure-handed possession receiver who has not played football since his injury in November 2019.

Tracks the pass in the air, effectively times receptions, and displays soft hands. Reliable, possesses outstanding focus and concentration, and extends to snatch the ball away from his frame.

Gets vertical in a crowd fighting to come away with the difficult catch, makes the reception

with defenders draped on him, and plays to his size. Fights with his hands to separate from opponents. Displays terrific awareness in his game. Solid downfield blocker.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses limited speed and quickness. Shows no burst in his game. Must return from a significant shoulder injury.

### ANALYSIS

Surratt is a reliable, dependable pass catcher with outstanding size and hands. He comes with limited speed and quickness and will struggle to separate at the next level, but Surratt should stand out running underneath routes and as a red-zone threat.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Detroit Lions, Chicago Bears, Cleveland Browns



# JONATHAN ADAMS JR.

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'2"** HEIGHT

210 LBS WEIGHT ARKANSAS STATE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.30** GRADE

**6TH-7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**247**OVERALL RANK

A versatile and productive high school receiver who -- after a slow start to his college career -- emerged as a touchdown machine in 2020.

Jonathan Adams Jr. impressed as a junior in 2019 with 851 receiving yards, but his 12 touchdowns in 2020 coupled with his 1,111 receiving yards at 14.1 yards per catch, helped establish him as a big-play threat.

Adams was named the 2020 Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Year for his role in the Red Wolves' offense.

### **POSITIVES**

Two-year starter who posted a career-best 8 touchdowns last season. Long, sure-handed wideout who wins out for the contested throws.

Settles into the soft spot of the defense, uses his frame to shield away defenders, and extends his hands to offer the quarterback a target.

Snatches the ball away from his frame and displays outstanding eye/hand coordination.

Tracks the pass in the air, uses his hands to

separate from defenders, and nicely times receptions.

Plays big football and wins out in battles. Nicely adjusts to the errant pass and makes the reception in stride.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks quickness and play speed. Lacks balance in and out of breaks and struggles positioning himself on exit to make the reception. Plays to one speed.

### **ANALYSIS**

Adams was very productive the past two seasons at Arkansas State and came through during the big moments. He's a possession receiver who does not play to his 40 time, but he comes with a good degree of upside.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New England Patriots, Cincinnati Bengals, Detroit Lions



# TYLER VAUGHNS

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'2"** HEIGHT 185 LBS WEIGHT **USC** SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.29** GRADE

**7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**255**OVERALL RANK

A four-star recruit who went on to have a consistent career as a four-year starter for USC.

After redshirting in 2016, Tyler Vaughns has averaged 12.6 yards per catch as a Trojan while amassing 2,801 receiving yards and 20 touchdowns.

Although not considered glamorous, his special teams experience during his time at USC could help him stick on an NFL roster.

### **POSITIVES**

Four-year starter who was very reliable for USC. Consistently finds ways to separate from opponents, always finds the open spot on the field, and comes back to the ball to make himself an available target.

Displays solid eye/hand coordination, possesses strong hands, and snatches the ball out of the air.

Easily adjusts, makes the difficult catch in contorted positions, and uses his frame to protect the pass. Always extends to grab the throw away from his body. Shows terrific focus as well as concentration.

### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks deep speed and a burst. Struggles in battles. Possesses a thin build.

### **ANALYSIS**

Vaughns was consistent and productive for USC, and he's a terrific route runner who separates from defenders and catches everything thrown to him. He lacks great deep speed, but Vaughns projects as a fourth or fifth receiver at the next level.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Seattle Seahawks, Chicago Bears, Indianapolis Colts



# WHOP PHILYOR

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'9 1/2"** HEIGHT

184 LBS WEIGHT INDIANA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.29** GRADE

**7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**256**OVERALL RANK

Mister Elias De'Angelo Philyor might be a bit of a mouthful. Ironically, his parents began calling him Whop due to his love of Burger King's Whoppers.

He went from fast food to a fast-rising star, making an immediate impact as a freshman. In his four-year Indiana career, he has become one of the most productive wide receivers in Hoosiers' history.

His 2,097 career receiving yards sits ninth, and he has the most games with double-digit receptions in program history.

### **POSITIVES**

Diminutive receiver who was also effective as a return specialist. Smooth and fluid, runs sharp routes, and separates from defenders.

Tracks the pass in the air, gets vertical, and contorts to come away with the difficult catch. Easily adjusts and makes the reception in stride.

Displays strong hands as well as the ability to pull the ball from the air.

### **NEGATIVES**

More quick than fast and lacks a second gear. Occasionally, takes his eyes off the ball, which results in dropped passes. Gives effort blocking but really doesn't get results.

## **ANALYSIS**

Philyor is a quick, creative skill player who can be used as a slot receiver and punt returner. He must fine-tune his receiving skill, but his greatest value at the next level will be on special teams.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Seattle Seahawks, Green Bay Packers



# **OSIRUS MITCHELL**

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

210 LBS WEIGHT MISSISSIPPI STATE
SCHOOL

RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.28** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**260** OVERALL RANK

A standout basketball player at Booker High School, Osirus Mitchell also impressed as a physical, big-play threat at wide receiver, earning him a place at Mississippi State.

Although not productive in a run dominated offense, his first exposure to Mike Leach's "Air Raid" offense saw him rack up 183 receiving yards and 2 touchdowns against defending national champions LSU.

### **POSITIVES**

Large, game-controlling receiver with reliable hands. Consistently comes back to the ball to make himself an available target, exposes himself to the big hit in order to come away with the reception, and makes the difficult catch in a crowd.

Uses his hands to separate from defenders, snatches the ball out of the air, and quickly turns upfield after the catch.

Adjusts to the errant throw, reaches back for the pass, and displays strong hands.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Displays limited play speed and quickness. Cannot run to the long throw.

### **ANALYSIS**

Mitchell is a big-bodied possession receiver who does the little things well, but will struggle to separate at the next level. His reliability catching the ball and potential as a red-zone threat could help him grab a roster spot as a fifth receiver.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New England Patriots, Detroit Lions, New Orleans Saints



# **TIM JONES**

## NIDE RECEIVER

6'0 1/2" HEIGHT

**208 LBS** WEIGHT

**SOUTHERN MISS.** SCHOOL

**SENIOR** YEAR

3.28 **GRADE** 

7TH-FA PROJECTED ROUND

**POSITION RANK** 

261 **OVERALL RANK** 

After recording 121 yards and a touchdown as a true freshman, Southern Mississippi wide receiver Tim Jones steadily improved his production culminating in a career-high 902 receiving yards as a junior.

Due to the shortened 2020 college season, he only recorded 480 yards but set career highs in touchdowns (4) and yards per catch (16).

### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who led the team in receiving as a junior. Sure-handed receiver coming off an injury-plagued campaign.

Displays excellent awareness, stays on the same page as his quarterback, and comes back into the clearing to make himself an available target.

Extends to snatch the ball away from his frame, possesses strong hands, and keeps the play in bounds running after the catch.

Sells routes, gets vertical, and contorts to come away with the difficult reception. Keeps the play in bounds running after the catch and gets results blocking downfield.

**ANALYSIS** 

Jones is an underrated receiver prospect coming off a slightly disappointing campaign due to injuries. He possesses the pass-catching skills and the size to make an NFL roster as a fifth receiver.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Los Angeles Chargers, New Orleans Saints, Baltimore Ravens

### **NEGATIVES**

Plays faster than his 40 time but lacks a deep burst and second gear.



# **DILLON STONER**

# **WIDE RECEIVER**

**6'0"** HEIGHT 194 LBS WEIGHT OKLAHOMA STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.28** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**262** OVERALL RANK

A two-way player at Jenks High School, Dillon Stoner also showcased athletic ability with a state title in the 400 meters.

Largely overshadowed by teammate Tylan Wallace in the Oklahoma State offense, Stoner demonstrated ability at receiver whenever called upon, in addition to seeing significant special teams time.

His 247 receiving yards racked up against Baylor was the third-best single-game performance in Cowboys' history.

#### **POSITIVES**

Reliable possession receiver who was a terrific complement at Oklahoma State. Displays vision, plays smart, heads-up football, and finds ways to separate from defenders.

Extends his hands to make the reception away from his frame, displays eye/hand coordination, and makes the catch in stride.

Shows focus as well as concentration, and comes away with the tough catch in a crowd. Tracks the pass in the air, uses his hands to separate from opponents, and makes the over-

the-shoulder reception downfield. Snatches the ball away from his frame with soft, strong hands.

#### NEGATIVES

Lacks deep speed and isn't a great vertical receiver. Slow releasing off the line of scrimmage. Has short arms.

### **ANALYSIS**

Stoner is a reliable wideout who makes plays with football intellect and dependable hands. He's a natural pass catcher with enough skill to make a roster as a fifth receiver.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Philadelphia Eagles, Baltimore Ravens, Green Bay Packers



# **BRENNAN EAGLES**

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'1"** HEIGHT 221 LBS WEIGHT **TEXAS** SCHOOL

JUNIOR YEAR

**3.27** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Brennan Eagles was a high school All-American who ran track and competed in both the high and long jump, in addition to excelling on the football field.

A three-year contributor to the Texas Longhorns' offense, he made 15 starts while appearing in 32 games.

Eagles had a career-high 522 receiving yards and 6 touchdowns as a sophomore in 2019.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized receiver who was a terrific red-zone threat at Texas the past two years. Stout, plays like a big-bodied receiver, and uses his frame to shield away defenders.

Comes over the middle of the field, competes to make the reception, and takes a big hit yet holds onto the throw.

Comes back to the ball making himself an available target and displays solid quickness for a big-bodied receiver as well as eye/hand coordination.

Displays soft hands pulling the ball from the air.

### **ANALYSIS**

Eagles possesses the size and pass-catching skill to be a possession receiver at the next level, though he must expand and improve his route running.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Chicago Bears, San Francisco 49ers, Houston Texans

### **NEGATIVES**

Plays to one speed and isn't a vertical threat. Shows stiffness in his game. Must improve his route running.



# **CORNELL POWELL**

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**6'0"** HEIGHT

205 LBS WEIGHT CLEMSON SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.26** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

45 POSITION RANK **280**OVERALL RANK

The former three-star recruit out of Greenville, North Carolina, has emerged at just the right time.

Cornell Powell has spent four years buried on the Clemson depth chart, scraping by on the odd reception until his patience was rewarded with an elevated role in the Tigers' 2020 offense.

Powell bloomed late in the season to produce 825 receiving yards and 7 touchdowns as a senior.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized receiver coming off a career campaign. Shows great awareness, comes back to the ball to make himself an available target, and consistently comes away with the difficult reception.

Extends his hands to snatch the ball out of the air, exposes himself to the big hit, and wins out for contested throws.

Displays eye/hand coordination and lays out or extends to come away with the difficult grab.

### **NEGATIVES**

Occasionally stops his routes rather than finishing them. Plays to one speed and lacks a second gear.

### **ANALYSIS**

After riding the bench most of his Clemson career, Powell was forced into the starting lineup last season and responded brilliantly. He's a nice-sized receiver with reliable hands as well as a good amount of upside, but Powell needs to brush off the details of his position. He turned himself into an NFL prospect, and Powell nicely projects as a fourth receiver at the next level.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions



# MARLON WILLIAMS

**WIDE RECEIVER** 

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

209 LBS WEIGHT CENTRAL FLORIDA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.26** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A former wildcat quarterback and pass catcher at McGill-Toolen, Marlon Williams originally committed to USC before turning to UCF to realize his ambition of starting early and playing in an aerial offense.

Over his four years, he's impressed as a bigplay threat and return specialist, culminating in a senior season that saw him lead the team in receiving yards (1,039) and touchdowns (10).

### **POSITIVES**

First-year starter coming off a career season. Reliable possession receiver who is polished in all aspects of the position.

Displays good awareness, knows where he is on the field, and uses the sidelines well. Consistent hands catcher who snatches the ball away from his frame.

Quickly releases off the line of scrimmage, tracks the pass in the air, and gets vertical for nicely timed receptions.

Contorts or adjusts to the errant throw, competes to come away with the tough catch, and plays with balance.

Possesses good vision, finds the open space in the defense, and exposes himself to the big hit in order to come away with the catch. Effective blocker who gives effort.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Plays to one speed and lacks a deep burst as well as a second gear. Not very tall for a possession receiver.

### **ANALYSIS**

Williams has cemented himself as a Day 3 pick after two productive seasons at Central Florida. He's a consistent pass catcher with speed and height limitations and is best suited for a timing offense.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Chicago Bears, Miami Dolphins, Baltimore Ravens



# T.J. VASHER

# **WIDE RECEIVER**

**6'4 1/2"**HEIGHT

210 LBS WEIGHT TEXAS TECH SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

299 OVERALL RANK

A basketball and football standout at S.H. Rider High School, T.J. Vasher earned a four-star recruiting ranking and had offers from Ohio State and Mississippi State.

He opted to play for Texas Tech where he emerged as a big-play threat as a redshirt freshman, averaging nearly 19 yards per catch.

Vasher had over 500 yards in three consecutive seasons before chalking up just 227 yards as a fifth-year senior.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tall and usually sure-handed receiver coming off a terrible campaign. Tracks the pass in the air, gets vertical, and effectively times receptions. Exposes himself to the big hit in order to come away with the tough catch.

Follows the quarterback across the field to make himself an available target, adjusts to the errant throw, and displays solid eye/hand coordination.

Uses the sidelines well, comes back to the action, and offers the quarterback a target.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks deep speed and a second gear. Really shows no burst in his game. Unnecessarily let the pass get inside him at times last year.

Has a thin build, struggles in battles, and will struggle handling jams at the next level.

## **ANALYSIS**

Vasher showed terrific development in his game during his sophomore and junior seasons at Texas Tech, but he took a big step back last year when he was a non-factor most of the time. He's a tall, thin pass catcher with natural receiving skills who will struggle separating at the next level. He offers possibilities as a possession receiver, but Vasher is now starting from scratch in many ways.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New England Patriots, Detroit Lions, Houston Texans



# DAX MILNE

# **WIDE RECEIVER**

**6'1"** HEIGHT

195 LBS WEIGHT **BYU** SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

**46** POSITION RANK

300 OVERALL RANK

Dax Milne was a two-sport standout at Bingham High School where he was part of state championship winning teams in both football and basketball, earning the Male Athlete of the Year Award.

It should come as no surprise given his father -- Darren -- was an All-Conference Baseball player for BYU and was drafted by the Detroit Tigers.

After totaling just 354 yards across two seasons, Milne broke out alongside QB Zach Wilson with 1,188 receiving yards and 8 touchdowns in 2020.

### **POSITIVES**

Dependable receiver coming off a sensational campaign. Displays great awareness, uses the sidelines well, and battles to come away with the reception.

Tracks the ball in the air, displays outstanding eye/hand coordination, and consistently makes the reception away from his frame. Comes back to the ball, uses his hands to separate from defenders, and displays great short-area quickness.

Adjusts to the errant throw and nicely makes the reception in stride. Keeps the play in bounds and follows blocks after the catch. Quickly gets in and out of breaks and is a sharp route runner.

#### **NEGATIVES**

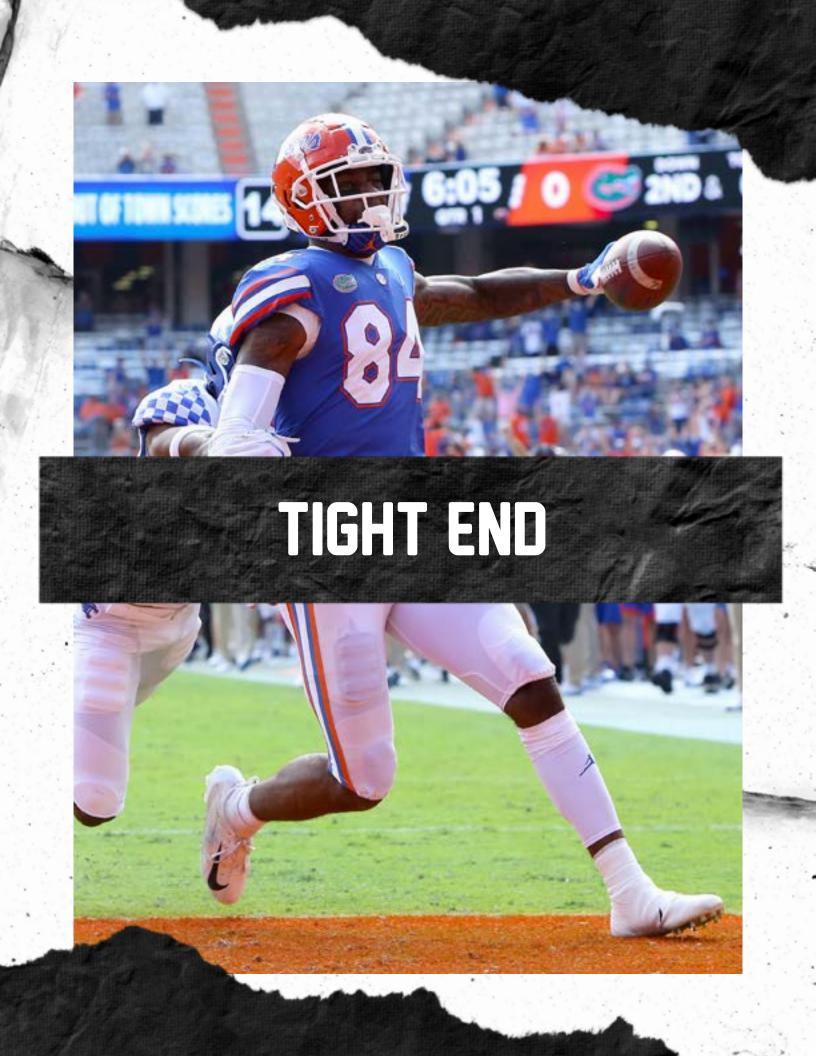
Lazily comes off the line of scrimmage. Unnecessarily lets the pass get inside him on occasion. Plays to one speed and lacks a deep burst.

### **ANALYSIS**

After two marginally productive seasons, Milne had a breakout campaign last year and was tough for opponents to stop. He comes with average size and speed, but his reliability and sense of what's happening on the field could help Milne grab hold of a roster spot as a fifth receiver.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New York Giants, Detroit Lions, Arizona Cardinals



# **TIGHT END**

16 PROSPECTS IN THE TOP 300 (AS OF APRIL 12)				
Player	Grade	<b>Projected Round</b>	Position Rank	Overall Rank
Kyle Pitts	4.88	1st	01	4
Pat Freiermuth	3.86	2nd	02	64
Tommy Tremble	3.77	3rd	03	81
Brevin Jordan	3.69	3rd	04	89
Hunter Long	3.55	4th	05	129
Kenny Yeboah	3.53	4th	06	138
Tre' McKitty	3.49	4th-5th	07	153

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Kylen Granson

Zach Davidson

**Nick Eubanks** 

Noah Gray

John Bates

Trae Barry

Luke Farrell

**Quintin Morris** 

Dylan Soehner



### **KYLE PITTS**

TIGHT END

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

**245 LBS** WEIGHT

FLORIDA SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.88** GRADE

**1ST** PROJECTED ROUND

**01**POSITION RANK

**04** OVERALL RANK

Despite performing at a high level as a sophomore in 2019, Kyle Pitts transcendence to the top of the tight end tree will be forever linked to his 2020 season.

The Florida pass catcher hauled in 43 passes for 770 yards and 12 touchdowns in his junior year.

A former four-star high school prospect, Pitts has gone on to outplay his ranking -- and the other tight ends from his recruiting class. An insane athlete, he blurs the traditional lines between tight end and receiver.

### **POSITIVES**

Amazingly athletic pass catcher who's a receiver in a tight end's body. Agile, fluid, and a natural pass catcher. Quickly releases off the line into pass routes, extends to make the reception away from his frame, and looks the ball into his hands.

Tracks the ball in the air, displays outstanding timing, and comes away with the difficult grab. Gets vertical, adjusts, and climbs over defensive backs to come away with the difficult catch. Displays outstanding focus as well as

concentration.

Plays smart football, comes back to the ball, and works to make himself an available target. Runs solid routes for a bigger pass catcher, uses his hands to separate from defenders, and consistently finds ways to come free.

Quickly turns upfield after the catch and keeps the play inbounds to pick up as much yardage as possible. Sells routes and easily makes the reception in stride. Gives effort blocking and is very effective blocking at the second level.

### **NEGATIVES**

Must improve his blocking strength. Tends to slow and gather into blocks.

### **ANALYSIS**

Pitts was a dominant tight end who took over games, usually doing so against the opponent's top cornerback. He has tremendous upside, and rather than playing the traditional tight end position, Pitts has the skill and the ability to be used in a variety of pass-catching roles.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Cincinnati Bengals, Miami Dolphins, Dallas Cowboys



### PAT FREIERMUTH

TIGHT END

**6'4"** HEIGHT

250 LBS WEIGHT PENN STATE SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.86** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**64**OVERALL RANK

A physical specimen even as a high school player in Massachusetts, Pat Freiermuth earned the nickname "Baby Gronk" early in his playing career at Penn State.

A four-star recruit who became a three-year starter for the Nittany Lions, Freiermuth earned All-American recognition as a sophomore.

Although his college career ended with a season-ending injury, Freiermuth still heads to the 2021 NFL Draft with the reputation as being one of the most complete tight ends in the class.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized tight end who shows a complete game at the position. Natural receiver who plays heads-up football and shows great awareness.

Sells routes, extends his hands, and snatches the ball away from his frame with strong hands. Displays focus as well as concentration, consistently finds the soft spot in the defense, and takes a big hit yet holds on to the throw. Easily adjusts to the errant pass and makes the reception in stride.

Often lines up in the slot, fluidly releases into pass routes, and gets downfield. Locates the pass in the air and makes the difficult catch in a crowd with multiple defenders draped on him.

Bends his knees, plays with leverage, and gives effort blocking even if the play is away from him.

### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses average blocking strength and really doesn't get much movement. Average run-after-the-catch skill.

Doesn't show the great burst or play speed for a top-rated tight end.

### **ANALYSIS**

Freiermuth was a consistent tight end for Penn State the past three seasons and has an NFL-ready game. He must improve his strength as a blocker and may never be a great downfield threat at the position, but Freiermuth is reliable in all aspects of his position.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Washington Football Team, Indianapolis Colts, Buffalo Bills



### TOMMY TREMBLE

TIGHT END

**6'3"** HEIGHT **241 LBS** WEIGHT

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.77** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Tommy Tremble is an NFL Draft prospect with strong NFL bloodlines. His father, Greg, was a standout cornerback at Georgia before winning a Super Bowl with the Dallas Cowboys.

A high school defensive end turned tight end, Tremble's defensive beginnings are apparent in the physical blocking which has become his hallmark.

Although his statistics are meager, his impact at Notre Dame stretched beyond the box score.

### **POSITIVES**

Athletic tight end who flashed dominance as both a blocker and a pass catcher. Sets with a wide base, bends his knees, and possesses terrific blocking vision.

Explosive at the point and knocks defenders back from the action, working through the whistle. Runs well laterally, follows the quarterback across the field, and adjusts and swipes the ball out of the air on crossing patterns.

Extends to make the reception away from his frame and displays strong hands with the abil-

ity to pull the fastball out of the air. Works to make himself an available target and uses his frame to shield away defenders.

### **NEGATIVES**

Used more as a rotational tight end for Notre Dame rather than a consistent starter. Must improve his route running.

### **ANALYSIS**

Tremble displayed flashes of being a complete tight end last season, dominating as a blocker and coming up with big plays as a pass catcher. He's a tough, athletic, and grind-it-out tight end, with a large upside, but he may need time before he's truly ready to be a starter at the next level.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Buffalo Bills, Tennessee Titans, Pittsburgh Steelers



### **BREVIN JORDAN**

TIGHT END

6'2 1/2" HEIGHT 247 LBS WEIGHT MIAMI SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.69** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

**04** POSITION RANK

**89**OVERALL RANK

A standout at the ultra-successful Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas, Brevin Jordan traveled across the country to play college football at Miami.

Citing their track record of sending tight end prospects to the NFL as the reason behind his decision, the former four-star recruit has demonstrated the productivity to continue the tradition.

Jordan has amassed 1,358 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns while honing his blocking skills against two of the best pass rushers in the 2021 NFL Draft class.

### **POSITIVES**

Incredibly athletic tight end who shows flashes of brilliance. Fluid releasing off the line of scrimmage, displays natural pass-catching skills, and works hard in all areas.

Sturdy and takes a big hit yet keeps his feet and holds onto the throw. Nicely adjusts to the errant throw, makes the reception in stride, and displays soft hands. Occasionally lines up in the slot and plays like a tall possession receiver. Snatches the ball out of the air with strong hands.

Blocks with leverage and knee bend, has a nasty attitude, and works to finish off opponents. Possesses solid blocking strength.

### **NEGATIVES**

Not a sharp route runner. Does not consistently come away with difficult receptions.

### **ANALYSIS**

Jordan is an athletic pass-catching tight end who holds his own as a blocker and has shown consistent development in his game. Well-versed in all areas of the position, Jordan should only get better with time and can develop into a No. 1 tight end at the next level.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Baltimore Ravens, Arizona Cardinals, New Orleans Saints



### **HUNTER LONG**

**TIGHT END** 

**6'4 1/2"** HEIGHT

252 LBS WEIGHT BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.55** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-star recruit who attracted little attention early in the recruiting process, Hunter Long also had to wait for his chance to shine at Boston College.

During the past two seasons, however, he's amassed 1,194 receiving yards and 7 touchdowns as the main receiving threat for the Eagles.

His performances in 2020 earned him All-American honors, a rare feat for a Boston College tight end.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized tight end with a reliable game. Fluid and natural as a pass catcher, nicely makes the reception on crossing patterns and adjusts to grabs the errant pass in stride.

Tracks the pass in the air, displays terrific focus and concentration, and holds onto the catch after big hits. Uses his hands to separate from defenders and extends to make the reception away from his frame.

Plays with excellent balance and body control, knows where he is on the field, and uses the

sidelines well. Possesses outstanding blocking vision, keeps his head on a swivel, and looks for someone to hit.

Stays square and seals defenders from the action.

### **NEGATIVES**

Shows limited play speed and doesn't stretch the seam. Must improve his playing strength and finish blocks.

### **ANALYSIS**

Long was a consistent, reliable tight end for Boston College and has a game that translates well to the NFL. He's not flashy, nor is he a true playmaker, but he's a natural pass catcher who holds his own as a blocker. I believe Long can develop into a starting NFL tight end, though he'll never make big plays down the field.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New York Jets, Jacksonville Jaguars, Buffalo Bills



### KENNY YEBOAH

TIGHT END

**6'4"** HEIGHT

247 LBS WEIGHT OLE MISS SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.53** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**06** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Unranked in the 2016 recruiting class, Kenny Yeboah parlayed a camp appearance at Temple into a scholarship offer for the Owls.

A wide receiver by trade, he bulked up and transitioned to tight end where he made an impact in 2019. Opting to transfer prior to his final year of college, Yeboah landed at Ole Miss and produced a breakout year.

His 6 touchdowns and 524 receiving yards in Lane Kiffin's up-tempo offense earned him national recognition.

### **POSITIVES**

Explosive pass-catching tight end coming off a career year. Quickly releases off the line into pass routes, moves well about the field, and shows a lot of athleticism.

Extends his hands on crossing patterns to offer the quarterback a target and makes the reception away from his frame.

Contorts or adjusts to the errant throw, looks the ball into his hands, and works to come away with the difficult reception. Gives effort blocking and effectively blocks at the second level. Displays good vision as both a pass catcher and a blocker.

### NEGATIVES

Lacks an elite burst and plays more to one speed. Must improve his blocking strength and struggles finishing off opponents.

### **ANALYSIS**

Yeboah made the right move transferring from Temple to Mississippi and watched his game take off last season. He's a terrific pass catcher who shows flashes of ability as a blocker and has the tools necessary to develop into a productive tight end at the next level.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Jacksonville Jaguars, Buffalo Bills, Los Angeles Chargers



## TRE' MCKITTY

TIGHT END

**6'4 1/2"** HEIGHT

247 LBS WEIGHT **GEORGIA** SCHOOL

SENIOR YEAR

**3.49** GRADE

**4TH-5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**07**POSITION RANK

153 OVERALL RANK

Following a knee injury that resulted in surgery, Tre' McKitty's 2020 season with Georgia yielded few results.

Prior to his transfer to the Bulldogs, however, the former four-star recruit out of the IMG Academy in Florida had produced over 200 yards in each of his two starting seasons at Florida State.

McKitty possesses the athletic profile we've come to expect from prospects recruited from the Florida area.

### **POSITIVES**

Well-rounded tight end who is effective as a blocker and pass catcher. Moves well around the field, adjusts to the errant throw, and makes the reception in stride.

Extends his hands to grab the ball out of the air. Stout pass catcher who takes a big hit and holds onto the ball. Gives effort blocking, stays square, and anchors at the point.

### **NEGATIVES**

Plays to one speed and shows no burst in his game. Minimally productive throughout his college career.

### **ANALYSIS**

McKitty possesses the size, growth potential, and football skill to get late-round consideration and make a roster as a third tight end.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Carolina Panthers, New York Jets, Cincinnati Bengals



### KYLEN GRANSON

**TIGHT END** 

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

242 LBS WEIGHT **SMU** SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.44** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**08**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Kylen Granson was a two-star recruit whose only Division I offer came from the Rice Owls. After impressing as a freshman for Rice, he transferred to SMU following his sophomore season.

He broke the school record for touchdowns by a tight end in 2019, before earning first-team All-AAC honors and a Senior Bowl invite from his senior season endeavors.

### **POSITIVES**

Rice transfer who started the past two seasons for SMU. Productive pass-catcher who projects as a move tight end in the NFL.

Athletic, consistently makes the reception with his hands, and displays good eye/hand coordination. Plays faster than his 40-time, nicely makes the reception in stride, and adjusts to grab the errant throw.

Effective running after the catch and works to pick up positive yardage. Does a terrific job working to come free and makes himself an available target.

Shows good blocking vision, bends his knees, and blocks with leverage. Works hard in all aspects of the position.

### **NEGATIVES**

Shorter and has growth limitations. Lacks dominant strength as a blocker and needs a running start into opponents.

### **ANALYSIS**

Granson was a solid player the past two seasons and could be used as a move tight end or H-back at the next level. He'll have a place on a roster as a third tight end.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Kansas City Chiefs, Baltimore Ravens, Washington Football Team



### **ZACH DAVIDSON**

TIGHT END

**6'6 1/2"** HEIGHT

**245 LBS** WEIGHT

CENTRAL MISSOURI SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.41** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**187**OVERALL RANK

An impressive performance at Missouri's Pro Day has alerted people to Zach Davidson's athletic ability, but that barely scratches the surface of his story.

A high school punter, Davidson is now a unique tight end/punter hybrid. He doesn't play either position adequately either, earning first-team All-MIAA honors at both positions as well as being named a Division II All-American.

Additionally, he set a school record with 15 touchdowns in 2019.

### **POSITIVES**

Outstanding small school tight end prospect with the ability to play at the next level. Fluid releasing off the line of scrimmage, tracks the pass in the air, and displays focus as well as concentration.

Times his receptions, gets vertical in a crowd, and extends to snatch the ball from the air. Displays good route discipline and eye/hand coordination and makes the difficult catch in contorted positions.

Possesses soft hands and works to pick up yardage after the catch. Stays square as a blocker, gets leverage at the point of attack, and blocks with strength.

### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks a second gear and doesn't stretch the seam. Has a thin build and must physically fill out.

### **ANALYSIS**

Davidson was a terrific small school tight end who is reliable as both a pass catcher and a blocker. He lacks elite athleticism but comes with the size, growth potential, and upside to develop into a second tight end in the NFL.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Tennessee Titans, Pittsburgh Steelers, Washington Football Team



## **NICK EUBANKS**

TIGHT END

**6'4"** HEIGHT 245 LBS WEIGHT MICHIGAN SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.37** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

As a three-star high school prospect, Nick Eubanks was heavily recruited out of American Heritage.

He hasn't had the most productive career at Michigan since then, however. His 578 receiving yards and 6 touchdowns are less than some other tight ends achieve in a season, although that can be partly attributed to suboptimal quarterback play.

Eubanks was a team captain as a senior and a special teams' contributor throughout his career.

### **POSITIVES**

Athletic tight end who previously flashed ability but is coming off a poor senior campaign. Plays tough, nasty football, shows good awareness, and works hard as a blocker or pass catcher.

Quickly releases off the line, runs solid routes for a bigger tight end, and extends his hands to offer the quarterback a target.

Nicely adjusts to the errant throw and extends to snatch the ball away from his frame. Makes the difficult catch with defenders draped on his back. Moves incredibly well for a big man, uses his hands to separate from opponents, and comes back to the ball to make himself an available target.

Starts with good knee bend, blocks with proper pad level, and keeps his head on a swivel.

### **NEGATIVES**

Looked like he was going half-speed at times last season. Struggles coming away with the difficult reception.

### **ANALYSIS**

Eubanks looked like he was developing into a top-100 pick off the 2019 film, but he struggled last season along with the entire Michigan offense. He possesses the size, blocking ability, and pass-catching skill, to play at the next level. He'll be a steal in the later rounds.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Jacksonville Jaguars, Los Angeles Chargers, Buffalo Bills



# NOAH GRAY

**TIGHT END** 

**6'3"** HEIGHT 240 LBS WEIGHT **DUKE** SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.33** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Standing at almost 6'4" even in high school, Noah Gray had the look of an NFL tight end from early in his career.

A two-sport athlete, he played basketball while also lining up at quarterback. Duke presented him with the opportunity to play Power Five football unlike some of the smaller school offers he received.

Gray has been a consistent contributor despite catching passes from three different quarter-backs in his four-year college career.

### **POSITIVES**

One-time highly rated tight end who is smooth releasing off the line of scrimmage, runs solid routes, and separates from opponents out of breaks.

Displays good awareness, finds the soft spot in the defense, and extends his hands to make the reception away from his frame.

Smooth, fluid, and nicely adjusts to the errant throw. Competes to make the catch in a crowd, uses his frame to shield away defenders, and takes a pounding but holds on the ball. Possesses terrific eye/hand coordination.

### **NEGATIVES**

Displays little in the way of blocking strength and cannot control opponents or hold his ground.

Plays to one speed and does not show a deep burst. Does not always come away with the difficult reception. Coming off a disappointing season.

### **ANALYSIS**

Gray was graded by several scouts as a potential Day 2 pick entering the season, yet he didn't possess the skill or upside to justify such a ranking. He's a solid pass-catching move tight end with growth potential who could line up as a No. 2 on Sundays.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Philadelphia Eagles, Indianapolis Colts, Houston Texans



### DYLAN SOEHNER

TIGHT END

**6'7"** HEIGHT 272 LBS WEIGHT IOWA STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.32** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A productive three-star recruit who earned All-State honors as a high school senior, Dylan Soehner also competed in basketball, baseball, and track and field.

Used as part of a tight-end trio at Iowa State, Soehner's contributions to the ground game as a blocker were more impressive than his receiving statistics, achieving a career-high 205 yards in 2020.

### **POSITIVES**

Part-time starter the past three seasons who also saw action on special teams. Big-bodied tight end who stands out blocking.

Displays outstanding vision, shows strength, and turns defenders from the action. Always looks for someone to hit, fires out to the second level, and squares into linebackers or defensive backs, taking them from the action.

Explosive at the point and knocks defenders back with violent hand punch. Quickly releases into pass routes, extends his hands to offer the quarterback a target, and catches the ball away from his frame.

Gets up in a crowd and comes away with the difficult reception.

### **NEGATIVES**

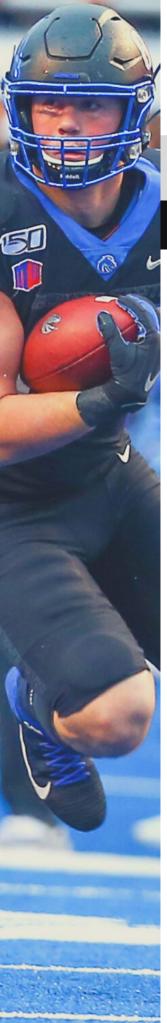
Little more than a short-range pass catcher. Shows stiffness in his game. Struggles to adjust and finish blocks.

### **ANALYSIS**

Soehner is not a downfield threat at the tight end position; he's a short-yardage target who stands out as a blocker. He'll have a home as a third tight end brought onto the field for third-and-short or goal-line situations.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Indianapolis Colts, Tennessee Titans, Baltimore Ravens



## **JOHN BATES**

TIGHT END

6'5 1/2" HEIGHT

259 LBS WEIGHT BOISE STATE SCHOOL

RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.29** GRADE

**7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Boise State's John Bates has an outstanding athletic background that helps mitigate the lack of any real production at the college level. In high school, he competed in 110 meter hurdles, javelin, the long jump, and triple jump.

Additionally, he was an All-State football player and All-Conference basketball player. When the opportunity presented itself at Boise, he showcased how his athletic ability can translate to the field at the next level.

### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who recorded a career-best 22 catches as a junior. A large, tough tight end who is effective in all facets of the position.

Bends his knees, blocks with leverage, and fires off the snap into defenders. Explosive at the point, plays heads-up football, and works blocks.

Solid route runner, stays low exiting breaks, and makes the reception with his hands. Extends and snatches the ball out of the air, making the difficult catch in a crowd. Possesses focus as well as eye/hand coordination.

### **NEGATIVES**

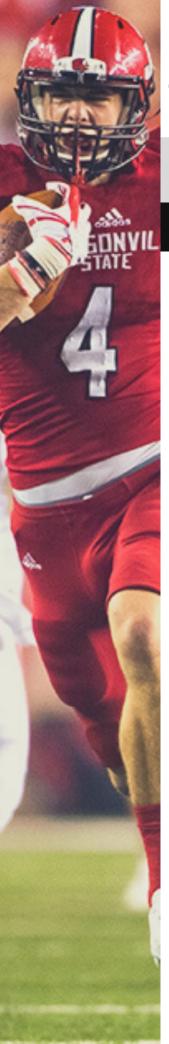
Slow, plays to one speed, and lacks a burst. Average athlete.

### **ANALYSIS**

Bates was a consistent college player who looked good during three days of Senior Bowl practices as both a pass catcher and a blocker. He lacks great upside but is a solid football player who can make an NFL roster as a third tight end.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, New York Jets, Jacksonville Jaguars



### TRAE BARRY

TIGHT END

**6'6"** HEIGHT 235 LBS WEIGHT JACKSONVILLE ST. SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.29** GRADE

**7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**271**OVERALL RANK

A two-star recruit out of Spanish Fort High School, Trae Barry played quarterback, wide receiver, and tight end in addition to basketball and track.

Saw starting time as a freshman where he earned Freshman All-American honors. A productive pass-catching tight end, Barry scored at least 1 touchdown in each of his three seasons for Jacksonville State.

### **POSITIVES**

Tall, angular tight end who is an outstanding pass catcher. Tracks the pass in the air, adjusts to the errant throw, and makes the reception in stride.

Displays focus as well as concentration, extends his hands, and consistently snatches the ball from the air. Plays faster than his 40 time and moves well about the field.

Works blocks and displays solid strength at the point. Stays square and out-positions opponents from the action.

### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks a quick release off the line into pass routes. Possesses a thin frame, lacks next-level strength, and struggles finishing blocks. Plays to one speed.

### **ANALYSIS**

Barry is a tight end I first took notice of when he was a junior in 2018. He returned to form last fall from an injury that sidelined him in 2019 and displayed consistent progress on the field. He needs to get a little bigger but has the size and skill to develop into a second tight end at the next level. As of posting, it's not yet known if Barry will enter the draft or stay for an additional year of college football in 2021.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Buffalo Bills, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans



### LUKE FARRELL

**TIGHT END** 

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

251 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.27** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Not to be confused with baseball pitcher Luke Farrell, the Ohio State tight end has contributed in each of his four seasons with the Buckeyes.

Although his college career has failed to emulate his high school production, he has scored a touchdown in three consecutive seasons.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized tight end who plays tough, instinctive football. Keeps his head on a swivel as a blocker, stays with assignments, and bends his knees.

Stays square, shows strength, and works blocks. Quickly releases into pass routes, displays dependable hands, and nicely adjusts to the errant throw.

Takes a big hit yet holds onto the ball and makes the difficult reception with defenders draped on him. Finds the open spot in the underneath coverage and also gives effort blocking downfield.

### **NEGATIVES**

Plays to one speed, lacks a burst, and isn't a downfield threat as a pass catcher. Solid, yet not, dominant blocker.

### **ANALYSIS**

Farrell lacks great upside but gets the most from his ability. He's accomplished enough as both a blocker and pass catcher to make an NFL roster as a third tight end.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Tennessee Titans, Pittsburgh Steelers, Los Angeles Chargers



## **QUINTIN MORRIS**

TIGHT END

**6'2 1/2"**HEIGHT

240 LBS WEIGHT BOWLING GREEN SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A high school wide receiver who transitioned to tight end upon arrival at Bowling Green.

Despite consecutive seasons with 500+ receiving yards, inconsistent quarterback play -- particularly in his senior season -- hindered Quintin Morris and prevented him from putting his athletic profile to explosive use.

### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who projects as a move tight end. Fluid releasing off the line of scrimmage, runs well laterally on crossing patterns, and extends his hands then looks the ball in.

Follows the quarterback across the field to make himself an available target, exposes himself to the big hit in order to come away with the catch, and works to pick up yardage running after the reception.

Gives effort blocking, stays square, and keeps his feet moving.

### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses average quickness and really does not show much of a burst. Drops the occasional easy pass.

### **ANALYSIS**

Morris was a consistent pass catcher for Bowling Green and is a fluid tight end who makes a lot of plays down the field. He needs to run well before the draft and show that he can be a consistent blocker to have a career in the NFL.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Buffalo Bills, Pittsburgh Steelers, Jacksonville Jaguars





OFFENSIVE TACKLE 26 PROSPECTS IN THE TOP 300 (AS OF APRIL 12)				
Player	Grade	<b>Projected Round</b>	Position Rank	
Penei Sewell	4.90	1st	01	
Christian Darrisaw	4.37	1st	02	

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**Teven Jenkins** 

Jalen Mayfield

Dillon Radunz

Samuel Cosmi

Spencer Brown

**Brady Christensen** 

**Jackson Carman** 

Walker Little

Adrian Ealy

James Hudson

Stone Forsythe

Royce Newman

**Brenden Jaimes** 

Carson Green

**Jaylon Moore** 

Tommy Doyle

Dan Moore Jr.

**Landon Young** 

Alaric Jackson

Foster Sarell

**Drew Himmelman** 

Josh Ball

Liam Eichenberg

Alex Leatherwood

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### PENEI SEWELL

### **OFFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'5"** HEIGHT

331 LBS WEIGHT OREGON SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.90** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

**01**POSITION RANK

**03** OVERALL RANK

Despite missing time as a freshman and opting out of the 2020 college football season, Penei Sewell has demonstrated the potential to be an elite left tackle.

Born in American Samoa, he moved to Utah at the age of 12 and immediately immersed himself in football. Originally a guard at Desert Hills High School, he didn't play left tackle until he arrived at Oregon, where he is credited with not allowing a sack in 2019.

Sewell won the Outland Trophy and was recognized as a first-team All-American as a sophomore.

### **POSITIVES**

Two-year starter at left tackle. Incredibly athletic prospect with a large upside. Smooth, sets with a wide base, and bends his knees. Agile, moves well around the field, and easily adjusts to pass rushers.

Keeps his feet moving, slides off the edge, and shows terrific lateral blocking range. Fundamentally sound, stays square, and turns defenders from the action.

Flashes explosive hand punch. Gets out to the second level and easily redirects to hit a moving target. Athletic and hits multiple defenders on a single snap.

### **NEGATIVES**

Really doesn't work to annihilate opponents or finish blocks on an every-down basis. Lacks dominant power.

### **ANALYSIS**

From the onset of his career, Sewell was projected as a potential early draft pick at the all-important left tackle position. He possesses the footwork, agility, and movement skills to hold down the position at the next level, and he projects well in a zone-blocking scheme. He must improve his strength at the point and develop a nasty attitude, but Sewell comes with a large upside.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Cincinnati Bengals, Los Angeles Chargers, Carolina Panthers



### **CHRISTIAN DARRISAW**

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'4 1/2"** HEIGHT

322 LBS WEIGHT VIRGINIA TECH SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.37** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

He may be one of the top offensive tackles in the 2021 NFL Draft class, but Christian Darrisaw was once the 171st-ranked high school tackle recruit. His rise through Fork Union Military Academy and Virginia Tech has been meteoric.

From his first start at left tackle to his firstteam All-ACC and second-team All-American honors as a junior, Darrisaw's NFL Draft trajectory has been consistently pointing north.

He was credited with allowing zero sacks in 2020.

### **POSITIVES**

Athletic, explosive offensive tackle who stands out in pass protection and blocking for the run. Sets with a wide base, works to bend his knees, and stays square.

Patient in pass protection, keeps his feet moving, and makes exceptional use of angles. Correctly places his hands into defenders and easily rides them from their angles of attack.

Explosive at the point, knocks back defenders with violent hand punch, and drives opponents from the line when run blocking.

Quick out to the second level and shows ability blocking in motion. Bends his knees and plays with proper pad level.

### **NEGATIVES**

Slow picking up blitzes and overextends on occasion. Struggles to adjust. Lacks quick, fluid footwork off the edge.

### **ANALYSIS**

Darrisaw was a terrific tackle at Virginia Tech the past two seasons and showed a lot of progress in his game during the 2020 campaign. He's a devastating run blocker who holds his own in pass protection, and I believe he offers possibilities at left or right tackle in the NFL.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Los Angeles Chargers, Indianapolis Colts, Pittsburgh Steelers



### **TEVEN JENKINS**

### **OFFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'6"** HEIGHT 317 LBS WEIGHT OKLAHOMA STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**4.19** GRADE

**1ST** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-star recruit out of Topeka, Kansas, Teven Jenkins eschewed hometown offers to join the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

Gaining experience across the line during his first two years, Jenkins would become a two-year starter at right tackle between 2019 and 2020.

He helped spring Chuba Hubbard for 2,000 yards in 2019, before earning first-team All-Big 12 honors last year despite opting out of the season in late November.

### **POSITIVES**

Athletic tackle prospect with potential on both the left and right side. Sets with a wide base, bends his knees, and is quick with his hands. Stays square, shows strength, and easily turns defenders from the action.

Nicely adjusts to oncoming opponents. Fires out to the second level, gets fits on linebackers and seals them from the action. Smooth pulling across the line of scrimmage and effective blocking in motion.

Keeps his feet moving, displays solid lateral blocking range, and anchors in pass protection. Strong enough to move opponents off the line run blocking.

### **NEGATIVES**

Could do a better job sinking his butt at the line of scrimmage. Does not possess long arms for tackle.

### **ANALYSIS**

Jenkins is athletic, agile, and powerful, and blocks with proper fundamentals. He needs a bit of polish, but has starting potential at the next level, and he's a versatile lineman who could be used in a multitude of offensive systems.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Indianapolis Colts, Pittsburgh Steelers, New York Jets



### JALEN MAYFIELD

### **DFFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'5"** HEIGHT 326 LBS WEIGHT MICHIGAN SCHOOL RS SOPHOMORE YEAR

**4.06** GRADE

**1ST-2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

An extremely productive defensive lineman at Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Jalen Mayfield bulked up from 245 pounds to over 300 pounds as he became a full-time offensive lineman for the Michigan Wolverines.

Despite seeing snaps at left tackle in 2018, Mayfield predominantly played right tackle for the Wolverines, starting 15 games at the position between 2019 and 2020.

His opportunity for more starts was disrupted by injury and the shortened 2020 college football season.

### **POSITIVES**

Large, athletic tackle with the potential to line up on the left or right side. Starts with a wide base, bends his knees, and keeps his head on a swivel.

Possesses outstanding blocking vision, moves well on his feet, and plays technically sound football. Makes good use of angles, blocks with leverage, and squares into opponents, riding them from their angles of attack.

Strong, anchors in pass protection, and seals defenders from the action. Keeps his feet moving and displays solid footwork in space.

Explosive and shows the ability to adjust and redirect. Correctly places his hands into opponents and rides them from their angles of attack. Blocks down well and engulfs opponents.

### **NEGATIVES**

Not a lineman who gets a lot of movement run blocking. Late with his hands on occasion. Has a limited body of work at the college level.

### **ANALYSIS**

Mayfield was dominant at times the past two seasons as both a pass protector and run blocker. He has a large upside and is versatile, but Mayfield's inexperience likely means bumps in the road early in his NFL career.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New York Jets, Cincinnati Bengals, Los Angeles Chargers



### **ALEX LEATHERWOOD**

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

312 LBS WEIGHT ALABAMA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**4.02** GRADE

**1ST-2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A five-star recruit, and the third-ranked offensive tackle in the 2017 class, Alex Leatherwood has been a three-year starter across the Alabama offensive line.

A second-team All-SEC honoree as a right guard in 2018, he earned first-team All-SEC honors at right tackle in 2019. Making the switch to left tackle in 2020, he once again earned first-team honors while being named a finalist for the Outland Trophy.

The Alabama offensive line won the Joe Moore Award last season with Leatherwood protecting Mac Jones' blindside in their run to the national championship.

### **POSITIVES**

Athletic left tackle prospect with a large upside. Sets with a wide base, blocks with leverage, and stays square.

Fires off the snap into blocks, keeps his head on a swivel, and displays excellent blocking vision. Explosive, quick out to the second level, and easily adjusts to hit a moving target. Displays solid footwork off the edge and terrific lateral blocking range. Gets his hands into pass rushers, riding them from their angles of attack.

Agile, mobile, and keeps his feet moving. Makes excellent use of blocking angles. Quick and fluid pulling across the line of scrimmage and blocking in motion.

### **NEGATIVES**

Must improve his overall strength at the point. Rarely finishes blocks. Does not always play with a nasty attitude.

### **ANALYSIS**

Leatherwood showed flashes of dominance in 2019, but I was disappointed he did not progress at the rate I thought possible last season. He's a natural left tackle with the footwork and movement skills to be used in a zone-blocking system, but Leatherwood must get stronger and compete to finish blocks on every down.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Pittsburgh Steelers, Cincinnati Bengals, New York Jets



### **DILLON RADUNZ**

**DFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

304 LBS WEIGHT NORTH DAKOTA ST.
SCHOOL

SENIOR YEAR

**3.93** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**50** OVERALL RANK

Dillon Radunz has emerged from humble beginnings to become one of the best players at the FCS level. A two-star defensive end prospect, he arrived at North Dakota State to play defense.

However, he transitioned to offensive tackle, and despite an ACL tear in 2017, has been a two-year starter. A two-time FCS national champion, Radunz earned FCS All-American honors after allowing zero sacks and paving the way for Trey Lance in 2019.

He returned in 2020, but played just one game due to the postponement of the FCS season until the spring.

### **POSITIVES**

Talented small-school left tackle with position versatility on the offensive line. Tough, strong, and displays terrific awareness. Patient, fundamentally sound, and consistently bends his knees, blocking with leverage.

Stays square, does a great job using body positioning, and seals defenders from the action. Fires into blocks, shows explosiveness at the point, and plays with a nasty attitude.

Keeps his feet moving in pass protection, gets his hands into defenders, and rides them from their angles of attack.

Strong enough to turn defenders off the line run blocking. Keeps his head on a swivel and picks up stunts and twists. Quick out to the second level blocking in motion.

### **NEGATIVES**

Must improve his balance blocking on the move. Lacks great footwork off the edge. Not a dominant drive-blocking lineman.

### **ANALYSIS**

Radunz was an outstanding left tackle for North Dakota State and turned in three outstanding days of practice during January's Senior Bowl. He offers possibilities at left tackle or even inside at guard in a zone-blocking system and comes with a large upside. While there may be bumps in the road early in his NFL career, Radunz will be a starter in the right system.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Indianapolis Colts, Miami Dolphins, Chicago Bears



### LIAM EICHENBERG

### **OFFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'6"** HEIGHT 306 LBS WEIGHT NOTRE DAME SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.87** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**63**OVERALL RANK

A highly touted recruit out of Cleveland St. Ignatius in the 2016 class, Liam Eichenberg chose Notre Dame over Ohio State.

The Fighting Irish have a history of producing stellar offensive linemen, and Eichenberg spent two years learning behind now San Francisco 49ers tackle Mike McGlinchey.

As a three-year starter at left tackle, Eichenberg has proven solid against some of the nation's top edge rushers and didn't allow a sack in 2019.

### **POSITIVES**

Large, strong college left tackle who projects to the right side at the next level. Blocks with proper lean and displays outstanding vision as well as awareness.

Terrific position blocker who picks up stunts and blitzes, squares into opponents, and seals defenders from the action. Keeps his feet moving, correctly places his hands into opponents, and makes terrific use of angles.

Strong, flashes power as a run blocker, and moves defenders off the line.

Better-than-average range off the edge, gets leverage on opponents, and looks to hit multiple defenders on each down.

### **NEGATIVES**

Really doesn't sink his butt at the line of scrimmage. Struggles handling speed rushers and gets exploited on the blitz.

Not light on his feet or effective blocking in motion and lacks quick, fluid footwork off the edge.

### **ANALYSIS**

Eichenberg is an imposing offensive lineman who gets the most from his ability and plays intelligent, intense football. He was productive and durable for Notre Dame and comes with growth potential. Eichenberg has the tools necessary to develop into a terrific right tackle in the NFL.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Indianapolis Colts, Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers



### SAMUEL COSMI

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

**6'5"** HEIGHT 282 LBS WEIGHT **TEXAS** SCHOOL

RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.85** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

**08**POSITION RANK

**66** OVERALL RANK

Despite being a productive high school offensive tackle, Samuel Cosmi was under-sized and under-recruited out of Atascocita High School.

After taking a redshirt year in 2017, he has been a three-year starter for Texas. He was a Freshman All-American right tackle in 2018, before earning All-Big 12 honors in consecutive seasons at left tackle.

In addition to pass protection, Cosmi turned pass catcher in 2019, scoring a touchdown against West Virginia.

### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starting left tackle who flashes bigtime ability. Quickly sets up off the snap, stays square, and shows strength at the point. Fundamentally-sound tackle, makes good use of angles, and easily anchors in pass protection.

Redirects and adjusts to defenders, knocking pass rushers from their angles of attack or sealing opponents from the action. Patient, keeps his feet moving, and displays lateral blocking range.

### **NEGATIVES**

Bends at the waist or overextends into blocks. Must do a better job sinking his butt at the line of scrimmage and playing with consistent knee bend.

Does not always play with great intensity and gives halfhearted efforts on occasion.

### **ANALYSIS**

Since his freshman season, Cosmi has displayed flashes of next-level ability and the potential to be an early-round pick. His play was up and down the past two years, and while Cosmi looks great at times, there are also instances when he looks rather pedestrian. He possesses an enormous amount of upside and could wind up as a starting left tackle in the league, or Cosmi could be an underachiever who bounces from team to team and never realizes the expectations scouts have of him.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Green Bay Packers, Pittsburgh Steelers



### SPENCER BROWN

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'8 1/2"** HEIGHT

314 LBS WEIGHT NORTHERN IOWA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.83** GRADE

**2ND-3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**68**OVERALL RANK

A zero-star tight end recruit out of a small town in Iowa, Spencer Brown's only collegiate offer was from Northern Iowa.

The Panthers moulded him into an offensive lineman, giving him his first start in 2018. A full -time starter in 2019, he earned preseason FCS All-American acknowledgement heading into 2020.

However, with no FCS season in 2020, he used the Senior Bowl to help elevate his NFL Draft stock.

### **POSITIVES**

Massive right-tackle prospect with starting potential at the next level. Fires off the snap, shows explosiveness at the point, and effectively blocks with leverage for a taller lineman.

Plays with a nasty attitude, displays strength, and easily turns defenders off the line. Gets his hands into opponents, steers them from the action, and controls defenders once engaged at the point.

Makes outstanding use of blocking angles, anchors in pass protection, and keeps his feet

moving. Keeps his head on a swivel and looks for someone to hit.

Quickly recognizes assignments and works well with linemates.

### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks quick, fluid footwork off the edge. Struggles adjusting in motion. Lacks lateral blocking range. Struggled during Senior Bowl practices.

### **ANALYSIS**

Brown looked terrific in 2019 before deciding to opt-out last season and having issues at the Senior Bowl. He's a long, strong right tackle prospect with above-average athleticism who displays a feel for blocking. Brown comes with a terrific upside, and if he gets his game back to where it was in 2019 and continues to develop, he could eventually break into a starting lineup in the NFL.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Chicago Bears, Denver Broncos, Los Angeles Rams



### **BRADY CHRISTENSEN**

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'6"** HEIGHT 302 LBS WEIGHT **BYU** SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.81** GRADE

**2ND-3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

While Zach Wilson was earning rave reviews in 2020, it was left tackle Brady Christensen who was keeping him upright.

An unranked prospect out of high school, he spent two years in New Zealand on an LDS mission before returning to honor his commitment to BYU.

He redshirted in 2017 but has amassed 38 starts at left tackle between 2018 and 2020. Christensen earned first-team All-American honors for his play this past season.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized, pass-blocking left tackle with good mobility. Fundamentally sound, sets with a wide base, and gets leverage on opponents. Stays square, keeps his feet moving, and anchors in pass protection.

Makes outstanding use of angles in pass protection, keeps defenders in front of him, and knocks rushers from their angles of attack with violent hand punch.

Patient and seals defenders from the action as a position blocker.

Stays with the action and plays with a nasty attitude, working to finish off defenders. Quick out to the second level with the ability to redirect and hit a moving target.

### **NEGATIVES**

Lazy and late with his hands. Not an overpowering run blocker who gets much movement.

### **ANALYSIS**

Christensen was a solid blindside protector for Zach Wilson, and he offers starting potential at the next level if he improves his playing strength and hand use.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Los Angeles Rams, Seattle Seahawks, Cincinnati Bengals



### JACKSON CARMAN

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'5"** HEIGHT 317 LBS WEIGHT CLEMSON SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.79** GRADE

**2ND-3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A borderline five-star recruit who was the second-ranked offensive tackle in the 2018 recruiting class, Jackson Carman logged over 200 snaps for Clemson as a true freshman.

Since then, he has protected the blindside for Trevor Lawrence as a two-year starter at left tackle. Carman finished his Clemson career as a second-team All-American and second-team All-ACC honoree.

### **POSITIVES**

Productive college left tackle who will also get consideration at guard in the NFL. Sets with a wide base, bends his knees, and quickly sets up off the snap.

Immediately gets his hands into opponents and jolts defenders with A violent punch. Keeps his feet moving, displays lateral blocking range off the edge, and stands out in pass protection.

Stays square, can slide his feet, and adjusts to knock speed rushers from their angles of attack. Sees the blitz and gets out laterally to pick it up.

Turns opponents from the action and gets movement run blocking. Keeps his feet moving and keeps his head on a swivel.

### **NEGATIVES**

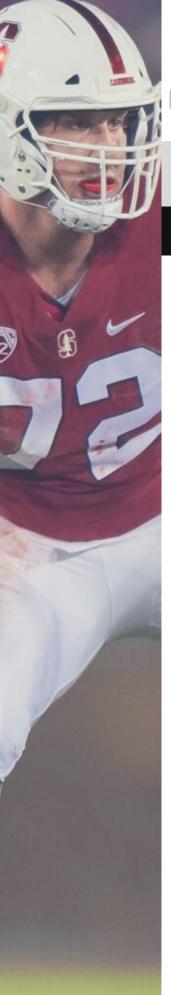
Must do a better job sinking his butt at the line of scrimmage. Marginally effective blocking in motion.

### **ANALYSIS**

Carman was a solid blindside protector for the top quarterback prospect in this year's draft, and though he may not be able to handle left tackle in the NFL, he should be a solid starting right tackle or guard.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Chicago Bears, Seattle Seahawks, Pittsburgh Steelers



### WALKER LITTLE

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'7 1/2"** HEIGHT

313 LBS WEIGHT STANFORD SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.78** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**79** OVERALL RANK

There are several 2021 NFL Draft prospects with NFL bloodlines, and Walker Little is one of them. Both his grandfather and uncle were drafted to the NFL in the 1950s.

A five-star recruit and the number one offensive tackle in the 2017 class, Little became the first freshman to start at left tackle for Stanford since 2000.

He earned first-team All-Pac-12 honors as a sophomore before losing most of 2019 to a knee injury. Little opted out of the 2020 college football season.

### **POSITIVES**

Dominant left tackle prospect who had his 2019 campaign cut short by injury then chose to opt-out last season.

Tall, athletic, and displays terrific footwork in pass protection. Intelligent, displays terrific vision, and quickly picks up stunts or blitzes. Active with his hands, keeps his feet moving, and keeps his head on a swivel.

Smooth and fluid pulling across the line of scrimmage, easily moves around the field, and

possesses great blocking range. Quick to the second level, redirects to linebackers and works blocks.

### **NEGATIVES**

Must improve his run blocking. Overextends into blocks on occasion. More of a finesse blocker than an overpowering lineman.

### **ANALYSIS**

Little was already a highly-considered left tackle prospect entering the 2019 season until his year was cut short by injury after the first game. He possesses the size, mobility, and footwork necessary to play left tackle in the NFL, but Little must get his game back on track and show little rust after two years away from the field.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Pittsburgh Steelers, Indianapolis Colts, Green Bay Packers



### JAMES HUDSON

### **OFFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'4 1/2"**HEIGHT

302 LBS WEIGHT CINCINNATI SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.72** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A first-team All-Ohio defensive end and fourstar defensive recruit, James Hudson transitioned to playing offensive tackle at Michigan.

Following two years and several games at right tackle for the Wolverines, Hudson transferred to Cincinnati.

After sitting out a year, he emerged as a first-team All-AAC left tackle as the Cincinnati Bearcats impressed as a potential College Football Playoff contender.

### **POSITIVES**

Michigan transfer who broke into the starting lineup last season and had a tremendous junior campaign.

Bends his knees, sets with a wide base, and stays square. Powerful, explosive at the point, and correctly places his hands into defenders. Fluid and smooth getting out to the second level, annihilates linebackers, and works to finish blocks.

Makes good use of angles, possesses terrific hand punch, and easily rides rushers from their angles of attack. Powerful run blocker who regularly turns defenders off the line.

### **NEGATIVES**

Stiff sliding off the edge, and he must improve his blocking ability in motion. Struggles going up against quick, nimble opponents. Lacks great footwork off the edge.

### **ANALYSIS**

After marginal playing time the prior four years, Hudson moved in with the first team in 2020 and had an outstanding season. He possesses the size, strength, and upside potential to eventually develop into a starting right tackle in the NFL, but his game needs more polish.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Green Bay Packers, Kansas City Chiefs, Seattle Seahawks



### **ADRIAN EALY**

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'6 1/2"**HEIGHT

326 LBS WEIGHT OKLAHOMA SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.57** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A two-time second-team All-Big 12 offensive tackle, Adrian Ealy has played predominantly at right tackle. He did start one game at left tackle this past season.

Ealy gained valuable experience as a backup tackle behind the 2018 Joe Moore Award winning offensive line.

A former high school defensive end as well as offensive tackle, the four-star recruit received rave reviews for his speed, size, and technical ability coming out of high school.

### **POSITIVES**

Fourth-year junior who started the past two seasons and participated in the Senior Bowl this January.

Terrific right tackle who annihilates opponents at the point of attack. Keeps his head on a swivel, stays square, and out-positions opponents from the action. Possesses solid footwork, slides off the edge and anchors in pass protection.

Nasty, jolts defenders with outstanding hand punch, and looks to finish off opponents.

Tosses defenders to the ground and annihilates them at the point. Fluid pulling across the line of scrimmage.

### **NEGATIVES**

Blocks with limited knee bend and does not get leverage on opponents. Must make better use of angles. Struggles handling speed rushers, bends at the waist and overextends.

### **ANALYSIS**

Ealy is a powerful blocker who does a terrific job in pass protection as well as on running downs. He doesn't play with leverage, but finds a way to make it work. Ealy is a Day 2 selection who could eventually slide into the starting spot at right tackle for an NFL team.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Las Vegas Raiders, Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals



## STONE FORSYTHE

### **DFFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'8"** HEIGHT

307 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.53** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Another 2021 NFL Draft prospect with NFL bloodlines, Stone Forsythe is the son of former Cincinnati Bengals offensive lineman Ray Forsythe.

A distinctly decorated high school prospect, Stone earned a full-time starting spot at left tackle for Florida in 2019 after seeing action across the offensive line.

A giant offensive tackle, Forsythe performed admirably against presumptive first-round pick Azeez Ojulari this season.

### **POSITIVES**

Large college left tackle who projects to the right side at the next level. Patient, stays square, and shows strength at the point.

Anchors in pass protection, turns defenders from the action, and seals open running lanes. Keeps his head on a swivel, correctly places his hands into defenders, and works through the whistle. Makes solid use of angles and body positioning.

### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks footwork off the edge. Struggles to adjust and pick up blitzes. Exploited by speed rushers.

### **ANALYSIS**

Forsythe has next-level size, but is limited to a small area and comes with marginal upside. He's a backup at right tackle or guard for a power-gap offense.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Indianapolis Colts, Pittsburgh Steelers, Green Bay Packers



## **ROYCE NEWMAN**

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'5"** HEIGHT 306 LBS WEIGHT OLE MISS SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.48** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**156**OVERALL RANK

Originally a three-star offensive tackle recruit, Royce Newman transitioned to guard for Ole Miss in 2019 following two seasons spent as a backup tackle and guard.

He was credited with allowing only 1 sack on 416 pass-blocking snaps in 2019. Despite that success, new head coach Lane Kiffin moved Newman back to tackle for 2020 where he impressed enough to earn a Senior Bowl invite.

### **POSITIVES**

Underrated tackle who blocks with proper fundamentals. Bends his knees, stays square, and plays with strength.

Quickly sets up in pass protection, keeps his feet moving, and anchors at the point. Immediately gets his hands into defenders and correctly places them.

Makes outstanding use of angles as well as body positioning and easily turns defenders from the play.

Controls opponents in one-on-one blocking assignments, gets movement run blocking, and plays with a nasty attitude.

Fires out to the second level and always looks for someone to hit.

### **NEGATIVES**

Struggles to adjust and cannot hit a moving target. Lacks smooth and quick footwork off the edge.

### **ANALYSIS**

Newman is an under-the-radar right tackle with nice size and strength as well as growth potential. He turned in a solid season in 2020 and went on to perform well during Senior Bowl practices. Though he may take a bit of time to round out his game, Newman could be a Day 3 steal and eventually develop into a Sunday starter.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Cincinnati Bengals, Seattle Seahawks, New York Giants



### CARSON GREEN

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'6"** HEIGHT 320 LBS WEIGHT TEXAS A&M SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.45** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**165** OVERALL RANK

Carson Green was a low three-star recruit who went on to outplay his recruiting ranking at Texas A&M.

After replacing the injured Keaton Sutherland at right tackle as a freshman, he started the next three years at the position.

Green earned a Senior Bowl invitation as the result of his play, demonstrating valuable versatility and athletic ability in Mobile.

### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized college right tackle who projects to guard in the NFL. Sets with a wide base, stays square, and shows strength at the point.

Keeps his feet moving, works his hands, and makes terrific use of angles and body positioning to seal defenders from the play.

Fires off the snap, bends his knees, and blocks with proper pad level. Quick with his hands, keeps his head on a swivel, and always looks for someone to hit.

### **NEGATIVES**

Struggles to adjust and does not display a lot of athleticism. Not quick or fluid pulling across the line of scrimmage and late getting to the spot blocking in motion.

### **ANALYSIS**

Green is a nice-sized blocker who gets the most from his ability, and after a solid season, he turned in three good days of practice at the Senior Bowl. While he has the size to stay at tackle, I prefer him inside at guard in a power-gap system. Green has starting potential at the next level if he continues to develop his game.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Las Vegas Raiders, Los Angeles Chargers, Baltimore Ravens



## **BRENDEN JAIMES**

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

300 LBS WEIGHT NEBRASKA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.44** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-star recruit who only ever considered Nebraska, Brenden Jaimes has been one of the most experienced Cornhuskers in program history.

His 40 career starts put him just one shy of the program record. As versatile as he is experienced, Jaimes played at right tackle as a freshman before switching to the left side in 2018.

His importance to the program was demonstrated with him being named Nebraska's Offensive MVP in 2019.

### **POSITIVES**

Versatile offensive lineman who was used at guard and tackle. Quickly gets into blocks, stays square, and works his hands throughout the action.

Patient, keeps his head on a swivel, and possesses outstanding vision. Properly places his hands into opponents and rides them from their angles of attack.

Makes great use of angles and body positioning to seal defenders from the action. Starts with good knee bend, plays with a nasty attitude, and attacks assignments. Also works well with linemates and shows excellent recognition.

### **NEGATIVES**

Bends at the waist and overextends, which hurts his balance. Lacks great footwork off the edge. Not a natural knee bender and does not sink his butt at the line of scrimmage.

### **ANALYSIS**

Jaimes was a terrific blocker for Nebraska and had three outstanding days of practice at the Senior Bowl. Though he's not the greatest athlete, he gets the most from his ability, has a feel for blocking, and also comes with the versatility to line up at several positions. He's a Day 3 pick who could be a steal and eventually develop into a starter at the next level.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Baltimore Ravens, Tennessee Titans, Miami Dolphins



## JAYLON MOORE

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'4"** HEIGHT 311 LBS WEIGHT WESTERN MICHIGAN SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.43** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Arriving at Western Michigan in 2016, Jaylon Moore was expected to be a tight end in P.J. Fleck's high-powered offense. Instead, he's made a noticeable impact on the Broncos' offensive line.

Since becoming the starter in 2018, he has twice earned second-team All-MAC honors. Furthermore, the Broncos have gone from 47th ranked to 10th ranked in terms of fewest sacks allowed per game since Moore has been anchoring their offensive line.

#### **POSITIVES**

Underrated offensive tackle who was a threeyear starter for Western Michigan. Bends his knees, blocks with consistent leverage, and stays square.

Strong, turns defenders from the line and seals them from plays. Keeps his feet moving, makes good use of angles, and anchors in pass protection.

Keeps his head on a swivel, immediately picks up blocking assignments, and can be an overwhelming force. Attacks assignments and always looks to finish off defenders.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks quick and fluid footwork off the edge. Bends at the waist. Average ability blocking in motion.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Despite not being graded by scouts coming into the season, I've had Moore stamped as a Day 3 prospect since his sophomore campaign. He offers potential at right tackle or even inside at guard. He'll fit best in a system that does not ask him to block in motion.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Miami Dolphins, San Francisco 49ers, Chicago Bears



### TOMMY DOYLE

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

**6'7"** HEIGHT 311 LBS WEIGHT MIAMI (OH) SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.40** GRADE

**5TH-6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A defensive standout at a Minnesota high school more commonly known as a hockey pipeline, Tommy Doyle transitioned to offensive tackle at Miami of Ohio.

He redshirted in 2016, and played in five games in 2017 before emerging at right tackle in 2018. A move to left tackle in 2019 saw him receive first-team All-MAC honors as the Redhawks won their first MAC Championship since 2010.

Doyle played just three games in the shortened 2020 season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tall and fluid offensive tackle who was a starter the past three seasons. Stays square, effectively uses his hands, and blocks down well or engulfs opponents altogether.

Patient in pass protection, keeps the defender in front of him, and blocks with proper pad level as well as leverage.

Quickly gets into blocks, shows ability at the second level, and plays through the whistle.

Quick enough and strong enough to turn defenders from the action as a run blocker and keeps his feet moving.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Tends to get tall as the play proceeds. Lacks quick, fluid footwork off the edge. Must add bulk to his frame and power to his game and learn to finish blocks.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Doyle is a physical specimen who entered the season with high grades from scouts, yet plays like a last-day pick more often than not. He has incredible upside and is a developmental prospect who could move into a starting lineup on Sundays if he completes his game.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Indianapolis Colts, Pittsburgh Steelers, Los Angeles Chargers



### DAN MOORE JR.

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

311 LBS WEIGHT TEXAS A&M SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.38** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**203** OVERALL RANK

A guard at West Brook High School, Dan Moore's size made him a natural offensive tackle for Texas A&M. He earned his first start at right tackle as a freshman, making the position his own between 2018 and 2019.

For 2020, he made the move to left tackle where he anchored an offensive line that was a finalist for the Joe Moore Award.

A second-team All-SEC honoree as a senior last season, Moore earned an invite to the Senior Bowl.

#### **POSITIVES**

Hard-working college left tackle who projects to the strong side in the NFL. Starts with good knee bend, stays square, and shows strength at the point.

Anchors in pass protection and blocks down on opponents. Makes good use of angles in pass protection and picks up blitzes.

Fundamentally-sound tackle and shows the ability to adjust and recover. Keeps his head on a swivel and always looks for someone to hit.

Effectively fights with his hands and correctly places them into defenders.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not a quick or nifty lineman. Stiffness hinders his ability to finish blocks. Lacks footwork off the edge.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Moore is an efficient blocker who gets the most from his ability, yet lacks great upside. He has enough skill and size to back up on the strong side at tackle or guard.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Green Bay Packers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Los Angeles Rams



### **JOSH BALL**

### **OFFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'7 1/2"** HEIGHT

308 LBS WEIGHT MARSHALL SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.37** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**209** OVERALL RANK

A giant of an offensive tackle, Josh Ball was a four-star recruit who started his college career at Florida State.

Following a season spent at Butler Community College in 2018, Ball returned to Division I football with Marshall.

He helped pave the way for Conference USA MVP Brenden Knox in 2019, before starting eight games at left tackle for the Thundering Herd in 2020.

Ball earned first-team All-Conference USA honors as a senior.

#### **POSITIVES**

Florida State transfer coming off a tremendous senior campaign. Moves well for a big man, keeps his knees bent, and blocks with leverage. Sets with a wide base, stays square, and shows strength at the point.

Makes outstanding use of blocking angles in pass protection and anchors at the point. Attacks assignments, turns defenders off the line, and finishes run blocks.

Displays good awareness, quickly picks up assignments, and is very effective with his hands. Gets a pad on defenders and shows the ability to knock speed rushers from their angles of attack.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Shows some stiffness and overextends into blocks. Lacks quick, fluid footwork off the edge. Has off the field issues from his days at Florida State which must be checked out.

#### **ANALYSIS**

After being used on a rotational basis in 2019, Ball moved into the starting lineup as a senior and took his game to another level. He possesses size, growth potential, and enough athleticism to eventually develop into a starting right tackle in the NFL. The bottom line for Ball -- he has Day 2 football ability but the interpretation of issues from his days at Florida State by teams could result in a deep draft day fall.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Green Bay Packers, Los Angeles Chargers



## LANDON YOUNG

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'6"** HEIGHT 310 LBS WEIGHT KENTUCKY SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.32** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**233** OVERALL RANK

A multi-sport athlete in high school who was a three-time Class 3-A discus champion in addition to being ranked as the top wrestler in the state of Kentucky.

Landon Young was a five-star football recruit who went on to start 26 games at left tackle for Kentucky despite losing the whole 2018 season to injury.

Earned first-team All-SEC honors in 2020 after earning third-team acknowledgment in 2019.

#### **POSITIVES**

Large, strong blocker who is best in a small area. Sets with a wide base, stays square, and displays terrific hand technique.

Patient in pass protection and anchors at the point. Turns defenders from the action and seals them from plays. Flashes footwork off the edge.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks agility and struggles to adjust. Marginal skill blocking in motion.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Young was a solid lineman at Kentucky and comes with size as well as growth potential. He'll be best as a strong-side blocker in the NFL at either tackle or guard, and is a developmental prospect who may have to spend a season on the practice squad.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Indianapolis Colts, Carolina Panthers



### **ALARIC JACKSON**

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

318 LBS WEIGHT IOWA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.27** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**270** OVERALL RANK

A three-star recruit out of Renaissance High School in Detroit, Alaric Jackson received instate offers from Michigan and Michigan State.

However, he chose Iowa where he redshirted in 2016 before going on to make over 40 starts for the Hawkeyes.

He toyed with declaring for the 2020 NFL Draft alongside teammate Tristan Wirfs, but returned for a senior season where he earned first-team All-Big Ten honors.

#### **POSITIVES**

College left tackle who flashes ability and versatility. Effective with his hands, easily adjusts, and redirects and knocks defenders from their angles of attack.

Explosive, stays square, and keeps defenders in front of him. Starts with good knee bend, blocks with proper pad level, and quickly gets to the second level.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Doesn't block with a nasty attitude. Must improve the strength of his base. Bends at the waist and lacks blocking balance.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Jackson was a consistent starter at left tackle the past three seasons for Iowa and comes with upside, but he needs work on his game. He must improve his overall playing strength, develop a nasty attitude if possible, and make better use of blocking angles.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Minnesota Vikings, Green Bay Packers, Pittsburgh Steelers



### DREW HIMMELMAN

### **OFFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'9"** HEIGHT 320 LBS WEIGHT ILLINOIS STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.26** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

He may currently be one of the best offensive tackles at the FCS level, but Drew Himmelman was a high school defensive end/tight end who went unranked out of Geneseo, Illinois.

Accepting an offer from Illinois State, he has made 35 starts at left tackle and earned first-team All-FCS honors in 2019.

He helped pave the way for now Jacksonville Jaguars running back James Robinson as he was twice the leading rusher at the FCS level.

#### **POSITIVES**

Massive right tackle prospect who is best in a small area. Sets with a wide base, bends his knees, and blocks with patience.

Stays square, quickly gets into blocks, and plays with a nasty attitude. Explosive, strong, and gets movement run blocking.

Keeps his feet moving, keeps his head on a swivel, and works well with linemates.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Played left tackle for Illinois State but is better off on the right side. Lacks blocking balance and is on the ground too much. Lacks footwork off the edge.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Himmelman is a size prospect with growth potential who plays to his measurables. He's a developmental right tackle who could make a depth chart next fall.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New York Jets, Cincinnati Bengals, Baltimore Ravens



### FOSTER SARELL

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'6 1/2"** HEIGHT

318 LBS WEIGHT STANFORD SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

**26** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

After suffering an injury that cost him most of the 2018 season, Foster Sarell started 17 games at right tackle for Stanford over the last two years.

A former five-star recruit who was a two-time captain at Graham-Kapowsin, Sarell played in 14 games as a freshman before suffering an injury in the second game of his sophomore campaign.

Sarell never lived up to his five-star ranking, with an All-Pac-12 honorable mention as the only recognition of note during his four-year career.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized college right tackle with growth potential. Sets with a wide base, works to bend his knees, and fires off the snap into blocks.

Explosive at the point, stays square, and turns defenders from the action or seals them with body positioning. Tenacious, stays with blocks, and plays through the whistle.

Keeps his feet moving, makes outstanding use of angles and anchors in pass protection.

Keeps his head on a swivel and works well with linemates.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Doesn't get much movement run blocking and lacks finishing strength. Must polish his footwork sliding off the edge.

Not quick out to the second level and gets off-balance blocking in motion.

#### ANALYSIS

Sarell was a solid starter for two years at Stanford, and he's an athletic right tackle prospect with a large upside. He must fill out his lanky frame, improve his playing strength, and give attention to detail, but Sarell is a solid developmental prospect who should get practice squad consideration.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Cincinnati Bengals, New York Jets, Baltimore Ravens



OFFENSIVE GUARD  19 PROSPECTS IN THE TOP 300 (AS OF APRIL 12)						
Player	Grade	<b>Projected Round</b>	Position Rank			
Rashawn Slater	4.36	1st	01			
Alijah Vera-Tucker	4.18	1st	02			

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Jack Anderson

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### RASHAWN SLATER

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'4"** HEIGHT 305 LBS WEIGHT NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**4.36** GRADE

**1ST** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A former high school guard who doubled as a defensive end, Rashawn Slater was a three-star recruit who has seen a rapid ascension as an offensive tackle prospect.

Slater played 26 games at right tackle for Northwestern before switching to left tackle in 2019. He was credited with allowing zero sacks and just one quarterback hit in 2019.

Despite opting out of the 2020 season, his stock has continued to rise -- thanks partly to an impressive display at his pro day. Rashawn Slater is the son of former NBA star, Reggie Slater.

#### **POSITIVES**

Fast-rising offensive lineman who can be used at tackle or guard. Bends his knees, blocks with outstanding pad level, and consistently gets leverage on opponents.

Quickly sets up off the snap, keeps his feet moving, and easily slides off the edge, displaying outstanding lateral blocking range.

Stays square, immediately gets his hands up, and correctly places them into opponents.

Makes outstanding use of angles as well as body positioning and really stands out in pass protection.

Fires out to the second level, keeps his feet moving, and is effective in motion. Blocks with a nasty attitude and always works to finish off opponents.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks dominant strength in his base and struggles finishing blocks. More of a position blocker than a lineman who drives opponents off the ball in the run game. Lacks great height and arm length for left tackle.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Slater was a terrific left tackle at Northwestern who opted out of the 2020 season and then turned in a sensational pro-day workout. I prefer him as a zone-blocking guard rather than a left tackle in the NFL. In a system that puts him in motion and gives him a running start, Slater will be very effective at the next level.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

San Francisco 49ers, Minnesota Vikings, Los Angeles Chargers



### **ALIJAH VERA-TUCKER**

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'4 1/2"** HEIGHT

308 LBS WEIGHT USC SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**4.18** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

**02** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A four-star recruit who excelled on both sides of the trenches at Bishop O'Dowd High School, Alijah Vera-Tucker has become one of the most versatile offensive lineman in the 2021 NFL Draft class.

He saw time at right guard in 2018, excelled at left guard in 2019, then finished his USC career at left tackle in 2020.

A first-team All-Pac-12 honoree at both guard and left tackle, Vera-Tucker was named the USC Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2019.

#### **POSITIVES**

Two-year starter who was used at both guard and left tackle. Fast-rising offensive lineman coming off a tremendous campaign. Plays with good pad level, stays square and consistently gets leverage on opponents.

Keeps his feet moving, displays better-thanaverage footwork off the edge, and rides pass rushers from their angles of attack. Works his hands, blocks with a nasty attitude and attacks assignments. Blocks down well on opponents despite his lack of height. Patient, does not overextend into blocks, and displays outstanding awareness.

#### **NEGATIVES**

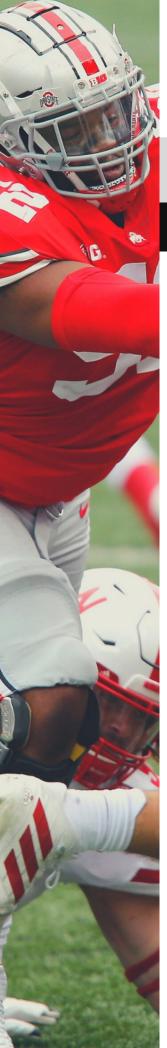
Better run blocker than pass protector. Does not finish blocks in pass protection. Short for the left tackle position. Occasionally pushed back into the pocket.

#### **ANALYSIS**

After initially announcing he would opt out of the 2020 season, Vera-Tucker returned to the field and had a brilliant campaign. He displays terrific footwork, strength as a run blocker, and the tenacity to start in the NFL, though I believe it will be at guard rather than tackle.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Los Angeles Chargers, Indianapolis Colts, Pittsburgh Steelers



## WYATT DAVIS

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

315 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**4.01** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**36**OVERALL RANK

At 6'3" and 319 pounds in high school, Wyatt Davis was a four-star recruit who attracted national attention. He became a two-year starter for Ohio State after a redshirt year and a year as a rotational backup.

A first-team All-American in 2019 after springing J.K. Dobbins for over 2,000 yards, Davis originally opted out of the 2020 season.

However, he returned to help guide the Buckeyes to the CFP National Championship Game and unanimous All-American honors.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic guard with terrific size and upside. Sets with a wide base, bends his knees, and consistently gets leverage on opponents.

Fires off the snap, fluidly gets out to the second level, and is outstanding blocking in motion. Easily slides in space displaying good lateral blocking range, stays square, and keeps his feet moving.

Very effective with his hands, properly placing them into defenders and displaying strength in his game.

Terrific leader on the offensive line who is intelligent and quickly picks up assignments.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Does not display a dominant base despite his size. Must learn to finish blocks. Suffered a significant leg injury during the national championship game in January.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Davis was a dominant lineman for Ohio State the past two seasons and showed continued development in his game. He's a zone-blocking lineman with outstanding size and needs only to improve his finishing strength to complete his game. The injury suffered during the national title game will push him down draft boards, but once he returns to health, Davis will be a productive starting guard in the NFL.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Kansas City Chiefs, San Francisco 49ers, New York Giants



## TREY SMITH

### OFFENSIVE GUARD

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

321 LBS WEIGHT TENNESSEE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.94** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

46 OVERALL RANK

The No. 1 recruit in the 2017 recruiting class, Trey Smith impressed immediately at Tennessee, earning Freshman All-American honors at left tackle.

Unfortunately, a medical condition discovered in 2018 meant he would take time away from the game. Returning in 2019 at left guard, he put together two solid seasons.

Smith is credited with allowing just 1 sack in a 2020 season where he earned an invite to the Senior Bowl.

#### **POSITIVES**

Highly rated offensive lineman who plays tough, efficient football. Terrific position blocker who sets with a wide base, bends his knees, and seals defenders from the action.

Quickly sets up off the snap, stays square, and easily turns defenders from the play. Explosive, strong, and blocks with a nasty attitude.

Patient, keeps his feet moving, and makes terrific use of positioning as well as angles. Keeps his head on a swivel and works well with linemates.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Struggles handling speedy defenders and bends at the waist or reaches into blocks. Shows stiffness in his game. Lacks footwork in space and cannot stride. Occasionally late with his hands.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Smith was graded as the top senior prospect in the nation by scouts entering the season, and after a terrific senior campaign, he looked good during Senior Bowl practices. He's not a flashy or overly athletic lineman, rather he's a stoutly built and competitive blocker who will start for a power-gap offense at the next level.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Cincinnati Bengals, Minnesota Vikings, Los Angeles Chargers



# **QUINN MEINERZ**

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'3"** HEIGHT

230 LBS WEIGHT WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.79** GRADE

**2ND-3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-sport athlete who excelled in football, wrestling, and track and field, Quinn Meinerz is a Division III standout who has used an impressive Senior Bowl performance to elevate his 2021 NFL Draft stock.

A two-year starter at guard for Wisconsin-Whitewater, Meinerz was the team's MVP in 2019 as well as an AP first-team All-American.

He is set to follow Ben Bartch and Ali Marpet as "small-school" offensive linemen who took advantage of the Senior Bowl to make their way to the NFL.

#### **POSITIVES**

Dominant small-school blocker who has been on the rise since January. Built low to the ground, bends his knees, and blocks with leverage.

Explosive at the point, strong and dominates opponents or controls them at the point. Gets movement run blocking and seals defenders from the action or engulfs them altogether. Keeps his feet moving, works his hands, and blocks with a nasty attitude.

Shows the ability to adjust and pick up blitzes or speed rushers. Keeps his head on a swivel and is smart as well as tough.

#### **NEGATIVES**

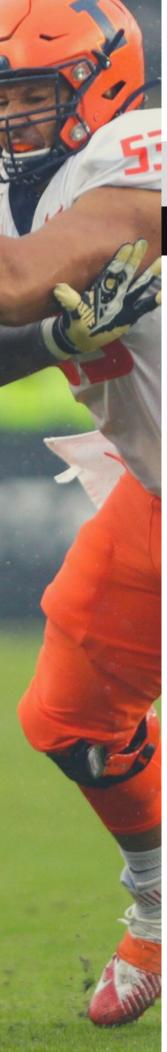
Top-heavy. Not overly effective in motion. Not a true zone-blocking lineman.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Meinerz was a dominant small-school blocker who took it to another level at the Senior Bowl and dominated every day of practice. He's a true power gap lineman who can line up at guard or center, and Meinerz comes with a large upside. He's a determined prospect who I believe will be starting in the NFL by the end of his rookie season.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Kansas City Chiefs, Houston Texans, Seattle Seahawks



# KENDRICK GREEN

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'4"** HEIGHT 312 LBS WEIGHT ILLINOIS SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.66** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

**06**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A productive high school defensive lineman with a background in wrestling, Kendrick Green transitioned to the offensive line following his redshirt season at Illinois.

Green has made 33 consecutive appearances for Illinois, with experience both at guard and center.

In 2020, he became the first Illinois player since 2011 to earn All-American honors, while adding first-team All-Big Ten honors to his résumé.

#### **POSITIVES**

Versatile interior lineman who can be used at guard or center. Strong, keeps his feet moving, and blocks with a nasty attitude.

Fires off the snap, quickly gets to the second level, and takes linebackers from the action.

Gets movement run blocking, knocks defenders from their angles of attack with a violent hand punch, and works to finish off opponents.

Sets with a wide base, blocks with good knee bend, and always looks for someone to hit.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Stiffness hurts his ability to finish blocks. Does not move well enough laterally for a zone-blocking scheme.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Green was productive and durable for Illinois at several positions on the offensive line. He comes with an upside and is a solid middle-round choice who would fit a power gap system.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New York Giants, Baltimore Ravens, Seattle Seahawks



### **AARON BANKS**

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

325 LBS WEIGHT NOTRE DAME SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.63** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**100** OVERALL RANK

After winning the starting job midway through 2018, Aaron Banks has been the Notre Dame left guard ever since.

The former four-star recruit committed to Notre Dame over local offers because of their reputation for sending offensive line talent to the NFL.

He earned first-team All-ACC honors following a 2020 season where the Fighting Irish made it to the College Football Playoffs. His play also earned him an invite to the Reese's Senior Bowl.

#### **POSITIVES**

Large, explosive lineman who is best suited for a power gap offense. Fires off the snap, blocks with proper lean, and easily controls defenders at the point.

Opens up the running lanes, anchors in pass protection, and blocks down on opponents, completely smothering them from the action. Plays with a nasty attitude, keeps his head on a swivel, and always looks for someone to hit.

Jolts defenders with a violent hand punch and easily knocks opponents from their angles of attack.

#### NEGATIVES

Minimally effective blocking in motion. Cannot slide in space. Struggles to adjust and cannot hit a moving target.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Banks is a big, powerful lineman with outstanding size. He plays to his measurables, but is not light on his feet, and will struggle in any system that asks him to move around the field. In the proper system, Banks could start at the next level.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Cincinnati Bengals, Los Angeles Chargers, Baltimore Ravens



## D'ANTE SMITH

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

305 LBS WEIGHT EAST CAROLINA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.61** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

D'Ante Smith was a heavyweight wrestler in high school in addition to being an All-Region offensive tackle. A three-star recruit, he originally committed to Appalachian State before flipping to East Carolina.

Although he suffered injuries in his first and last seasons for the Pirates, he started 28 games at left tackle with an additional start at guard.

A team captain in 2019, he earned a place on Phil Steele's All-AAC third-team.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter at left tackle who projects to guard in the NFL. Sets with a wide base, bends his knees, and stays square.

Works his hands throughout the action, keeps his feet moving, and makes good use of angles as well as body positioning. Strong, anchors in pass protection and controls opponents once engaged in a block.

Very effective with his hands, jolts defenders with a punch, and keeps his head on a swivel.

Plays with a nasty attitude and attacks defenders. Smooth and fluid getting out to the second level then seals linebackers from the action.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Struggles adjusting and gets exploited by inside moves. On the ground too much, and must improve his blocking balance. Lacks quick and smooth footwork off the edge.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Smith was a consistent lineman for East Carolina but will be best in confined quarters at the next level. He's an offensive guard with possibilities in a zone-blocking scheme if he improves his balance and finishes his game.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Indianapolis Colts, Los Angeles Chargers



## JACK ANDERSON

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'5"** HEIGHT 309 LBS WEIGHT TEXAS TECH SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.54** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A starter in all four of his years at Texas Tech, the only thing to keep Jack Anderson off the field in his college career was a shoulder injury in 2019.

He has earned honors every season for the Red Raiders, ranging from freshman All-American in 2017 to first-team All-Big 12 honors in his final season.

Anderson could have gone to a powerhouse program like LSU or Georgia as a four-star recruit, but the opportunity to play early in his college career saw him choose the Red Raiders.

#### **POSITIVES**

Versatile, durable interior offensive lineman who can play guard or center. Strong, plays through the whistle, and works hard to finish off opponents.

Solid run blocker who bends his knees, blocks with leverage, and turns defenders from the action.

Keeps his feet moving, keeps his head on a swivel, and stays with assignments. Fires into blocks and shows explosiveness at the point.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Late with his hands. Must do a better job sinking his butt at the line of scrimmage. Lacks footwork in space.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Anderson was a terrific offensive lineman for Texas Tech and only had his career slowed down by a shoulder injury in 2019. He's a power gap blocker who can play multiple positions on the interior of the offensive line, versatility that is very attractive.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Los Angeles Rams, Cincinnati Bengals, New York Giants



### KAYODE AWOSIKA

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'3"** HEIGHT 307 LBS WEIGHT **BUFFALO** SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.52** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**10** POSITION RANK

140 OVERALL RANK

Although scouts considered switching the athletic high school offensive tackle to defense, Kayode Awosika has had an extremely successful college career on the offensive line.

A backup in 2017, he started every game between 2018 and 2019 at right tackle. In 2020, he was the starting left tackle for an offensive line that was a Joe Moore Award semi-finalist.

Awosika ended his college career with first-team All-MAC honors.

#### **POSITIVES**

Four-year starter at both left and right tackle who projects to guard in the NFL. Powerful, blocks with a nasty attitude, and attacks opponents.

Keeps his feet moving, works his hands, and shows patience in pass protection. Strong, gets movement run blocking, and knocks defenders back off the line.

Displays tremendous strength in his game and consistently finishes blocks. Squares into defenders and easily turns them from the action or anchors at the point in pass protection.

Keeps his head on a swivel and shows outstanding awareness. Quickly gets out to the second level and always looks for someone to hit.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Does not sink his butt at the line of scrimmage or block with proper knee bend. Lacks footwork off the edge and bends at the waist.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Awosika was a consistent blocker for Buffalo and constantly manhandled opponents. He's a devastating run blocker who has starting potential at guard in the NFL, but he must brush up his techniques and improve his fundamentals.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Minnesota Vikings, San Francisco 49ers, Pittsburgh Steelers



# **ROBERT HAINSEY**

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'4 1/2"** HEIGHT

306 LBS WEIGHT NOTRE DAME SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.47** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Although he was the top-ranked guard in the 2017 class, Robert Hainsey made a name for himself as an offensive tackle at Notre Dame. Hainsey made his first start at right tackle against LSU in 2018.

He would go on to have 34 starts total for the Fighting Irish despite dealing with a fractured ankle in 2019.

Hainsey was a two-time captain for Notre Dame in addition to earning second-team All-ACC honors for his performances in 2020.

#### **POSITIVES**

College right tackle who projects to guard in the NFL. Explosive, strong, and gets movement run blocking. Powerfully drives defenders off the line, keeps his feet moving, and works blocks hard.

Exceptional position blocker who stays square, gets his hands into defenders, and knocks them from their angles of attack or seals them from plays. Quick to the second level, displays outstanding vision, and works to hit as many defenders as possible on a single snap.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lumbers around the field. Ineffective pulling across the line of scrimmage. Struggles to adjust.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Hainsey was a productive, durable right tackle for Notre Dame, but he lacks the athleticism and movement skills to stay at the position in the NFL. Despite this, he has the size, strength, and wherewithal to line up at guard for a power gap offense.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Baltimore Ravens, Pittsburgh Steelers, Minnesota Vikings



### DAVID MOORE

### OFFENSIVE GUARD

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

350 LBS WEIGHT GRAMBLING STATE
SCHOOL

RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.44** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**167** OVERALL RANK

Grambling State hasn't had an offensive lineman drafted in nearly 30 years. Following an impressive Senior Bowl, David Moore could be set to break that drought.

A two-year high school starter, Moore was under-recruited and made his way to Grambling. He played three seasons for the Tigers before opting out of the FCS spring season to focus on the 2021 NFL Draft.

He impressed in Mobile with his dominating play and positional versatility.

#### **POSITIVES**

Wide-bodied, explosive blocker who shows ability at the line of scrimmage and at the second level.

Sets with a wide base, bends his knees, and shows strength at the point. Stays square, seals defenders from the action, and turns them from the line. Fights with his hands throughout the play, shows the ability to slide in space, and keeps his feet moving.

Fires into blocks, quickly gets out to the second level, and redirects in motion, displaying the

ability to take linebackers from the play. Keeps his head on a swivel and looks for someone to hit.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lazy and late with his hands on occasion. Does not properly place his hands into defenders. Doesn't consistently get movement run blocking despite his size.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Moore is a short, squat lineman with above-average movement skills and a large upside. He needs to polish his game, but he's a late-round pick with scheme versatility who could develop into a starter.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

San Francisco 49ers, Baltimore Ravens, Los Angeles Chargers



### **BEN CLEVELAND**

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'6 1/2"** HEIGHT

354 LBS WEIGHT **GEORGIA** SCHOOL

RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.38** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A four-star recruit out of Stephens County High School, Ben Cleveland chose Georgia over nationwide offers that included Clemson and Alabama.

Despite seeing starting time throughout his Bulldogs' career, he didn't become the full-time starter until this last season.

He earned first-team All-SEC honors in 2020 as Georgia overcame early adversity to finish strong.

Cleveland earned a Senior Bowl invite but suffered a sprained ankle during the opening practice.

#### **POSITIVES**

Large, wide-bodied blocker who is best in a small area. Strong, starts with good knee bend, and gets movement run blocking.

Stays square, anchors in pass protection, and easily turns defenders off the line. Keeps his head on a swivel, always looks to take opponents out, and works well with linemates.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks footwork in space and struggles to adjust. Ineffective blocking in motion.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Cleveland is a strong, tough power-gap lineman who stands out as a run blocker. He needs to slim down and improve his agility if possible, but his size and power are enough for Cleveland to make a roster as a backup.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Minnesota Vikings, Los Angeles Chargers, New York Giants



## TOMMY KRAEMER

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

309 LBS WEIGHT NOTRE DAME SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.36** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A highly regarded high school offensive tackle, Tommy Kraemer was the first offensive lineman since 2006 to win the Gatorade Ohio Player of the Year.

After redshirting in 2016, he started in four consecutive seasons for Notre Dame. Kraemer was a part of the 2017 Joe Moore Award-winning offensive line and earned first-team All-ACC honors for his part in guiding the Fighting Irish to a College Football Playoffs appearance.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tough, durable blocker who is best in a small area. Explosive, strong at the point, and always looks for someone to hit.

Quickly sets up off the snap, stays square, and works his hands throughout the action. Anchors in pass protection, turns defenders off the line on running downs, and seals them from plays.

Gets leverage on opponents, possesses outstanding size, and easily controls opponents once engaged in a block.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks agility and struggles to adjust. Not light on his feet and ineffective blocking in motion. Must do a better job sinking his butt at the line of scrimmage.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Except for missing a few games late in his Notre Dame career due to an appendectomy, Kraemer was a terrific college blocker and is an underrated guard prospect for the NFL. He has athletic and scheme limitations but could start in a power gap offense.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Minnesota Vikings, Los Angeles Chargers, Atlanta Falcons



## **DEONTE BROWN**

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

346 LBS WEIGHT ALABAMA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.29** GRADE

**7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

An Alabama native, Deonte Brown was a fourstar recruit who only ever had eyes for the Crimson Tide. He redshirted in 2016 and saw special teams and reserve offensive line action in 2017 before earning starts in 2018.

After missing time in 2018 and 2019 due to suspension, Brown was at his best in 2020, receiving first-team All-SEC honors.

Brown is credited with never giving up a sack during his Alabama career which culminated in a National Championship victory.

#### **POSITIVES**

Massive, wide-bodied blocker who is only effective in a small area. Starts with good knee bend, stays square, and shows strength.

Explosive at the point, fires into blocks and consistently controls opponents. Sets with a wide base, bends his knees, and sinks his butt at the line of scrimmage.

Fundamentally sound and blocks with leverage. Keeps his head on a swivel, remains disciplined with assignments, and always looks for someone to hit. Easily turns defenders off the line and opens up running lanes.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lumbers around the field. Ineffective blocking in motion. Not quick out to the second level and cannot pull across the line of scrimmage. Struggles adjusting and redirecting.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Brown is a massive lineman who plays to his size and blocks with sound fundamentals. He's a power-gap blocker who must lose weight and, if possible, improve his agility.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Seattle Seahawks, Minnesota Vikings, Cincinnati Bengals





### **OFFENSIVE GUARD**

**6'4"** HEIGHT 290 LBS WEIGHT FAYETTEVILLE ST. SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.27** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**265** OVERALL RANK

Following an injury going into his high school senior year, Kion Smith lost most of his college interest and ended up accepting an offer from Fayetteville State.

He suffered a shoulder injury as a sophomore that cost him his junior season. Smith impressed enough during his FSU career to earn a Tropical Bowl invite where he demonstrated his versatility.

#### **POSITIVES**

Small-school college left tackle who projects to guard in the NFL. Blocks with proper lean, keeps his head on a swivel, and plays with a nasty attitude.

Sets with a wide base, bends his knees, and effectively places his hands into opponents. Fluid pulling across the line of scrimmage, quick out to the second level, and effective blocking in motion.

Patient in pass protection and makes good use of angles as well as body positioning to seal defenders from plays.

Knocks pass rushers from their angles of attack with violent hand punch. Shows power as a run blocker and drives opponents off the line and deep into the backfield.

Keeps his head on a swivel and always looks for someone to hit. Works to finish off the play and hits multiple defenders on a single snap.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Must do a better job finishing blocks. Lacks fluid footwork off the edge and isn't a great pass protector. Struggles adjusting.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Smith was a solid small-school left tackle who has the skill set that projects as a power-gap guard in the NFL. He must physically mature and learn to finish off opponents, but he's a developmental prospect who could begin his NFL career as a backup.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Baltimore Ravens, Tennessee Titans, Los Angeles Chargers

# WILLIAM SHERMAN

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

304 LBS WEIGHT COLORADO SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.26** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Colorado offensive tackle William Sherman was a high school guard tasked with protecting Kyler Murray.

The three-star recruit made nine starts at left tackle in 2018 before switching to right tackle for the 2019 season.

As a junior in 2020, he allowed just 1 sack in six starts at left tackle, earning second-team All-Pac-12 honors for the first time in his career.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who lined up at both left and right tackle. Athletic, agile college tackle who projects as a zone-blocking guard in the NFL. Sets with a wide base, bends his knees, and blocks with leverage.

Fires off the snap, quickly gets to the second level, and can hit a moving target. Displayed a nasty attitude last year and attacked assignments.

Rarely off his feet, looks to hit multiple defenders, and works his hands throughout the action. Anchors in pass protection, easily adjusts to pick up the blitz, and covers a lot of area.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Must make better use of blocking angles. Struggles handling bigger, stronger opponents. Must be more consistent placing his hands into opponents.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Sherman caught my eye off his redshirt-freshman campaign, and he really elevated his game in 2020. He lacks the size and skills in pass protection to stay at tackle, but I believe his movement skills and ability to adjust in motion make Sherman the perfect zone-blocking guard.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Seattle Seahawks, Los Angeles Chargers, Arizona Cardinals





### SADARIUS HUTCHERSON

**OFFENSIVE GUARD** 

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

321 LBS WEIGHT SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-star offensive tackle prospect out of Huntingdon, Tennessee, Sadarius Hutcherson has become a versatile and important part of the South Carolina offensive line.

Although he redshirted in 2016, Hutcherson started 34 games between 2018 and 2020.

Those break down to 12 at left guard, 11 at right guard, and 11 at left tackle -- the epitome of versatility.

#### **POSITIVES**

Strong, wide-bodied blocker who is only effective in a small area. Patient, stays square, and shows strength at the point.

Solid position blocker who keeps his feet moving, works blocks, and seals defenders from the action.

Explosive at the point, anchors in pass protection, and works through the whistle. Keeps his head on a swivel.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Neither quick nor fluid getting out to the second level. Shows a lot of stiffness in his game. Not a natural knee bender and blocks very tall.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Hutcherson was a solid lineman at South Carolina and comes with next-level size, but his inability to block with leverage hurts his chances at thriving in the NFL.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New York Giants, Los Angeles Chargers, Minnesota Vikings



## MATT FARNIOK

### **OFFENSIVE GUARD**

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

311 LBS WEIGHT NEBRASKA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Matt Farniok was a four-star offensive tackle prospect coming out of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He chose Nebraska over multiple Big Ten offers and redshirted in 2016.

Farniok was a rotational piece as a redshirtfreshman before becoming a two-year starter at right tackle.

Earned Nebraska Offensive Lineman of the Year honors in 2019 before switching inside to play right guard, with one start at center. Farniok was a two-time captain for the Cornhuskers.

#### **POSITIVES**

Large college tackle who projects to guard at the next level. Quickly gets off the snap, stays square, and fires his hands into defenders.

Keeps his head on a swivel, shows good awareness, and plays with a nasty attitude. Keeps his feet moving, shows strength, and turns defenders from the action.

#### **NEGATIVES**

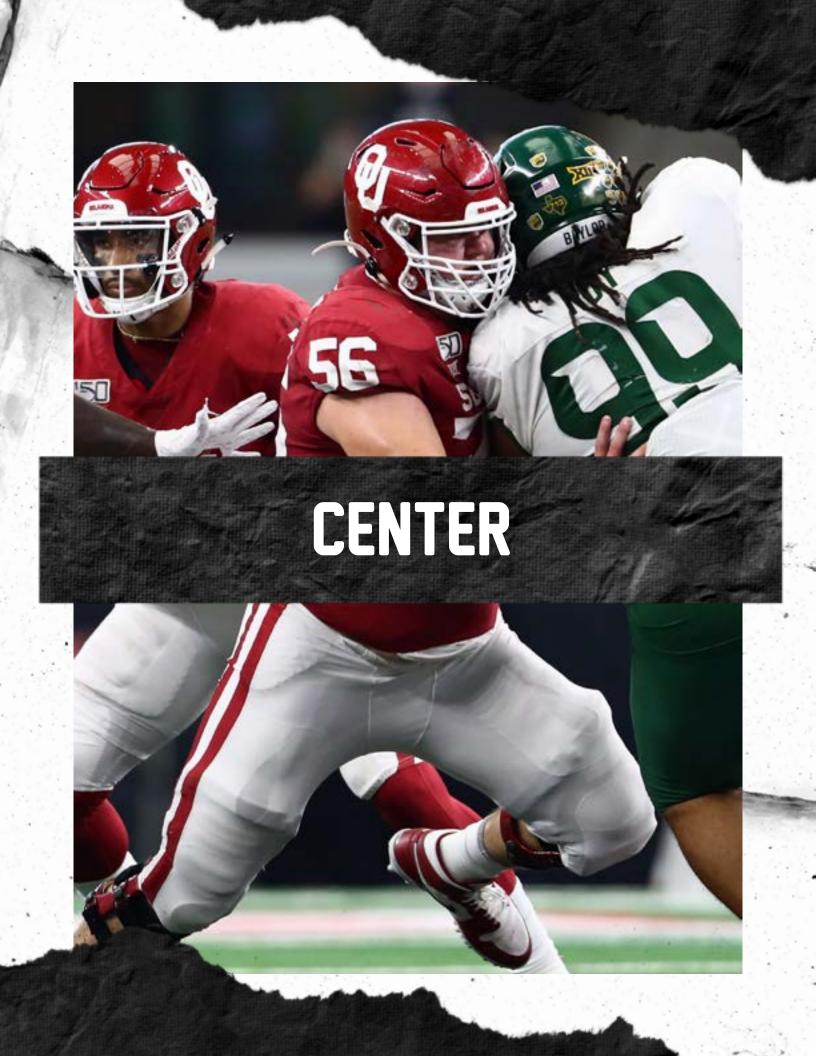
Lacks blocking balance in motion and isn't effective at the second level. Struggles handling quick, athletic opponents. Does not make good use of angles or body positioning in pass protection.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Farniok was a solid college lineman who got the most from his ability. He's a size prospect who comes with limited upside.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Cincinnati Bengals, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Atlanta Falcons



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**Overall Rank** 

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8 PR	CENTERS 8 PROSPECTS IN THE TOP 300 (AS OF APRIL 12)				
Player	Grade	Projected Round	Position Rank		
Creed Humphrey	4.07	1st-2nd	01		
Josh Myers	3.92	2nd	02		

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3.35

3.26

Michal Menet

Trey Hill

**Drew Dalman** 

Landon Dickerson

**Drake Jackson** 

**James Morrisey** 



## CREED HUMPHREY

CENTER

**6'4 1/2"** HEIGHT

312 LBS WEIGHT OKLAHOMA SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**4.07** GRADE

**1ST-2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

**01**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A skilled wrestler in high school, Creed Humphrey has developed the strength and skills acquired in that sport and transitioned them to the gridiron.

Once ranked as the third-best recruit in Oklahoma, Humphrey was the anchor of a Joe Moore Award winning offensive line in his first year as a starter in 2018.

A finalist for the prestigious Rimington Trophy in 2019, and named to the first-team All-Big 12 in 2020, Humphrey is credited with not allowing a sack in the last two years.

#### **POSITIVES**

Dynamic zone-blocking center who started the three years he played at Oklahoma. Fundamentally-sound lineman, sets with a wide base, and bends his knees.

Explosive at the point, fires into blocks and stays square. Keeps his feet moving, can slide in space and displays good blocking range.

Possesses outstanding vision, keeps his head on a swivel, and displays a good feel for what's happening on the field. Terrific with the shotgun snap.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not a big, mauling center who gets a lot of movement run blocking. Must improve his strength at the point.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Humphrey was productive as well as durable for Oklahoma, and showed consistent progress in his game. He's a mobile center with growth potential who comes with an upside. Humphrey should be the first player at his position selected in April and have a long starting career in the NFL.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Baltimore Ravens, Pittsburgh Steelers, Miami Dolphins



## JOSH MYERS

CENTER

**6'5"** HEIGHT 310 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.92** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A four-star offensive guard out of Miamisburg, Ohio, Josh Myers saw playing time as a backup guard in 2018 before transitioning to play center for Ohio State in 2019.

Myers earned second-team All-Big Ten honors in 2019 as part of an offensive line that saw J.K. Dobbins rush for 2,000+ yards.

In 2020, he secured first-team All-Big Ten honors as Ohio State made the national championship game.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive blocker at the pivot who displays terrific strength in his game. Fires off the snap, turns defenders from the line, and keeps his feet moving.

Gets movement run blocking, fires out to the second level, and seals linebackers from the action. Anchors in pass protection, gets a shoulder on defenders, and takes them from their angles of attack.

Effective with the shotgun snap. Effectively quarterbacks the offensive line.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Stiff and doesn't play like a nimble or overly athletic blocker. Struggles to adjust.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Myers was a terrific center for Ohio State and comes with growth potential. While he's effective at the second level, I do not project him as a pure zone-blocking lineman. However, Myers could be a longtime starter in the NFL in the proper system.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Baltimore Ravens, Miami Dolphins, Pittsburgh Steelers



## MICHAL MENET

CENTER

**6'3"** HEIGHT

300 LBS WEIGHT PENN STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.60** GRADE

**3RD-4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**03**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A two-time high school captain who dominated on both sides of the trenches for Exeter Township, Michal Menet was a five-star recruit in the 2016 class.

After redshirting in 2016 and appearing in 12 games in 2017, Menet started 34 games at center for Penn State between 2018 and 2020.

He was a team captain in his final two seasons for the Nittany Lions and earned third-team All-Big Ten honors as a redshirt senior.

#### **POSITIVES**

Strong, fundamentally sound blocker with an underrated game. Smart, displays outstanding awareness and does a great job quarterbacking the offensive line.

Keeps his head on a swivel, works well with linemates, and plays nasty football. Explosive at the point, squares into opponents, and blocks with terrific pad level.

Fires off the snap, adjusts to defenders, and quickly gets out to the second level. Jolts opponents with an explosive hand punch and anchors at the point.

### ANALYSIS

Menet was a productive three-year starter for Penn State and projects well at the next level as a zone-blocking center. He possesses a good amount of upside, and I foresee Menet as a long-time starter in the NFL in the proper system.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers, Miami Dolphins

#### **NEGATIVES**

Doesn't get much movement run blocking. Often seems as though he needs a running start.



# TREY HILL

**6'3"** HEIGHT

320 LBS WEIGHT **GEORGIA** SCHOOL

JUNIOR YEAR

**3.58** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**04** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Trey Hill's high school experience as both a guard and offensive tackle ensured that he made an immediate impact upon arrival at Georgia in 2018.

A rotational piece on the offensive line as a freshman, Hill earned Offensive Newcomer of the Year honors, with his performances leading to him being named the starting center in 2019.

He's made 22 starts at the position, receiving second-team All-SEC honors in 2019.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized center who is fundamentally sound, fires off the snap, and consistently gets leverage on opponents.

Stays square, seals defenders from the action, and out-positions them from the play.

Displays solid footwork in space with the ability to slide laterally and is very effective blocking in motion. Quickly gets out to the second level and annihilates linebackers. Easily adjusts to hit a moving target, shows great awareness, and keeps his head on a swivel.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks a dominant base and gets pushed back into the pocket, despite his size. Struggled with consistency and snapping the ball last season.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Off his sophomore film, I had Hill graded as a potential Day 2 choice. He struggled last season with a lot of inconsistency, but he's a nice-sized, zone-blocking lineman with tremendous upside. If he irons out the rough edges in his game, Hill can start for a team on Sundays.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Baltimore Ravens, Los Angeles Rams, Seattle Seahawks



# DREW DALMAN

**CENTER** 

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

299 LBS WEIGHT STANFORD SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.43** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**174** OVERALL RANK

Drew Dalman is following in his father's footsteps to the NFL. Chris Dalman played college football at Stanford before being drafted by the San Francisco 49ers, who he won Super Bowl XXIX with.

A rotational player in 2018, Drew Dalman earned the starting center role in 2019, making 18 career starts in two seasons. He was credited with allowing zero sacks or quarterback pressures in a 2020 season where he earned first-team All-Pac-12 honors.

A team captain, Dalman received program awards for his devotion to the game and epitomizing excellence.

#### **POSITIVES**

Two-year starter who lined up at both guard and center for Stanford. An explosive zone-blocking lineman with nice upside. Explosive, fires into blocks, and quickly gets out to the second level.

Fluid if asked to pull across the line of scrimmage, plays with great pad level, and consistently gets leverage on opponents.

Stays square, moves smoothly about the field, and easily redirects to hit a moving target. Keeps his head on a swivel and works well with linemates. Effective with the shotgun snap.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Comes with average size and strength, and rarely finishes blocks. Gets obliterated at the point by big, strong defensive tackles. May have size limitations.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Dalman is a smart, tough zone-blocking lineman who was effective at both center and guard. He lacks next-level power and needs a running start, but he would be very effective in a system that puts linemen in motion.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Seattle Seahawks, Miami Dolphins, Pittsburgh Steelers



## LANDON DICKERSON

CENTER

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

340 LBS WEIGHT ALABAMA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.40** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A highly-regarded and heavily-recruited center in the 2016 class, Landon Dickerson's career has been beset with injuries.

A move to guard for Florida State as a freshman yielded seven starts before injury ended his season early. Dickerson's seasons were cut short over the next two seasons as well, leading him to eventually transfer to Alabama.

He saw time at guard and center in 2019, earning second-team All-SEC honors before earning first-team honors in 2020.

After 24 consecutive starts for the Crimson Tide, injury struck again, ending his senior season prematurely.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tough, physical center with nice size but a long injury history. Plays smart football, keeps his head on a swivel, and works well with linemates.

Nasty, attacks opponents, and will hit two or even three defenders on a single snap. Stays square, keeps his feet moving, and gets his hands into defenders. Strong, seals opponents from the action with great body positioning, and blocks with leverage. Effective with the shotgun snap.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks footwork and cannot slide in space. Heavy-footed moving around the field and isn't effective at the second level.

### **ANALYSIS**

Dickerson is large, dominant and best in a small area. Severely hampered by injuries early in his college career at Florida State, he watched his game take off the past two seasons at Alabama. Dickerson is a power-gap blocker with starting potential at the next level if he's able to stay healthy.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Kansas City Chiefs, Seattle Seahawks, Los Angeles Rams



## DRAKE JACKSON

CENTER

**6'2"** HEIGHT

293 LBS WEIGHT KENTUCKY SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.35** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

The second-best center in the 2016 recruiting class, per 247 Sports, Drake Jackson redshirted upon his arrival in Kentucky.

Since then, he has started 44 consecutive games at center for the Wildcats. Earned first-team All-SEC honors in 2019 after allowing just one quarterback sack all season.

Was a team captain in 2020 on his way to a second-team All-SEC appearance and Senior Bowl invite.

#### **POSITIVES**

Slightly undersized center who plays tough football and gets the most from his ability.

Fires off the snap into blocks, quickly gets out to the second level, and nicely redirects to linebackers, displaying the ability to hit a moving target.

Stays square, adjusts to oncoming opponents and seals defenders from the action. Keeps his head on a swivel, plays with great awareness, and works well with teammates.

Very effective with his hands, correctly places them into opponents, and rides defenders from their angles of attack. Knows what's happening on the field and does a great job quarterbacking the offensive line.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses average size and strength, and is often tossed aside by bigger opponents. Not the greatest athlete.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Jackson is a smart, hard-working center who lacks great upside, but has a terrific feel for what's happening on the field. He's a fringe late-round pick, but his approach to the game should help him catch on as a backup center.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

San Francisco 49ers, Miami Dolphins, Kansas City Chiefs



### JAMES MORRISSEY

CENTER

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

293 LBS WEIGHT PITTSBURGH SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.26** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**274** OVERALL RANK

James Morrissey went from a walk-on in 2016 to be Pittsburgh's starting center for four consecutive years.

Morrissey has made 47 starts for the Panthers, including one at right guard. He is credited with giving up just two sacks in his final two seasons with the program.

Ended his Pitts career as the winner of the Burlsworth Trophy, given to college football's most outstanding player who began their career as a walk-on.

#### **POSITIVES**

Undersized zone-blocking center who is most effective in motion. Patient, fundamentally sound in all areas and displays great awareness.

Bends his knees, immediately gets his hands up, and consistently blocks with proper leverage. Fires off the snap into blocks, shows explosiveness at the point, and quickly gets out to the second level.

Possesses outstanding vision, sees the blitz, and adjusts to knock defenders from their an-

gles of attack. Effective with the shotgun snap. Does a great job quarterbacking the offensive line.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Must improve his strength at the point of attack. Needs a running start into blocks and doesn't move defenders off the ball.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Morrissey was a consistent center for Pittsburgh and gets the most from his ability. He comes with size limitations yet will flourish in a zone-blocking system.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Pittsburgh Steelers, Miami Dolphins, Seattle Seahawks



DEFENSIVE END 24 PROSPECTS IN THE TOP 300 (AS OF APRIL 12)							
	Grade	<b>Projected Round</b>	Position Rank				
	4.39	1st	01				
	4.12	1st-2nd	02				

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24 PROSPECTS IN THE TOP 300 (AS OF APRI						
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Kwity Paye	4.39	1st	01			

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Jaelan Phillips

Carlos Basham Jr.

**Gregory Rousseau** 

**Ronnie Perkins** 

Jayson Oweh

**Patrick Jones** 

**Elerson Smith** 

**Daelin Hayes** 

**Quincy Roche** 

Dayo Odeyingbo

**Chauncey Golston** 

Payton Turner

Rashad Weaver

Cameron Sample

Tarron Jackson

Joshua Kaindoh

William Bradley-King

Raymond Johnson III

Jonathon Cooper

Earnest Brown

Malik Herring

Janarius Robinson

Adetokunbo Ogundeji



# **KWITY PAYE**

### **DEFENSIVE END**

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

263 LBS WEIGHT MICHIGAN SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**4.39** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

**01**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Kwity Paye has not had your average journey to the 2021 NFL Draft. His mother fled war-torn Liberia, arriving in Rhode Island where she thrust her son into community activities.

He was the star of Bishop Hendricken High School, earning All-State honors and a threestar ranking.

Originally committed to Boston College, Paye saw playing time for Michigan as a freshman before developing into a starter.

He had his most productive season as a junior -- 12.5 tackles for loss, 6.5 sacks -- with a combination of injury and the shortened season limiting him to just four games in 2020.

#### **POSITIVES**

Hard-working, relatively athletic defensive end who leads by example. Displays great explosion in his game, fires off the snap, and plays with excellent pad level, getting leverage on opponents.

Effectively uses his hands to protect himself, bends off the edge, and displays good change-of-direction skills.

Splits double-team blocks and is rarely off his feet. Immediately alters his angle of attack, plays with excellent balance, and has a closing burst.

Fluid if asked to twist or stunt. Strong for his size and knocks back bigger offensive tackles with a violent hand punch.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks great bulk and struggles facing off against big, athletic tackles. He may be a liability against the run at the next level.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Paye was a terrific football player for Michigan and is an outstanding story off the field. He's athletic with speed as well as solid playing strength, and Paye comes with a large upside. I envision him being used at defensive end in a four-man line as well as occasionally standing up over tackle to rush the passer. Paye will only improve as he physically matures and adds bulk to his frame.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Minnesota Vikings, Buffalo Bills, New York Giants



### JAELAN PHILLIPS

DEFENSIVE END

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

260 LBS WEIGHT MIAMI (FL) SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.12** GRADE

1ST-2ND
PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A dominant high school defensive end who earned first-team All-USA honors in 2016, Jaelan Phillips was a five-star recruit. Family connections to UCLA saw him begin his career for the Bruins, where he got off to an explosive start as a freshman.

However, a combination of football injuries and a moped crash resulted in him retiring from football in 2018.

He returned to the field for Miami in 2020, earning second-team All-American honors with 15.5 tackles for loss and 8 sacks.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive edge rusher who took his game to the next level and is coming off a sensational season. Breaks down well, plays with outstanding pad level, and gets leverage on opponents.

Fluid moving in every direction and displays a tremendous first step off the snap. Flows well laterally and gets down the line of scrimmage to make plays in space.

Fundamentally sound, displays solid technique with his hands, and covers a good amount of

area on the field. Easily changes direction, bends off the edge, and shows great speed up the field.

Agile, nicely redirects and plays tough, instinctive football. Does more than just rush up the field and get after the passer and gives effort defending the run. Chases downfield to make plays if necessary.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks bulk and is easily controlled at the point by a single blocker. Not a stout tack-ler. Struggled with minor injuries and concussions in the past.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Phillips was given the opportunity to step into the starting lineup after Gregory Rousseau opted out of the season, and he made the most of his chance. He's a terrific athlete with natural pass-rushing skills as well as growth potential. If Phillips passes medical checks and stays healthy, he offers great upside and should only improve as he physically matures and adds bulk and strength to his frame.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Denver Broncos, Cleveland Browns, New York Giants



## CARLOS BASHAM JR.

**DEFENSIVE END** 

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

**274 LBS** WEIGHT

WAKE FOREST SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**4.10** GRADE

1ST-2ND
PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

28 OVERALL RANK

A three-star high school prospect from Roanoke, Virginia, Carlos Basham Jr. was ranked as the 163rd-best player at his position.

After redshirting his freshman year at Wake Forest, Basham was a rotational piece in 2017. Earning the starting job in 2018, Basham Jr. developed into a first-team All-ACC defensive lineman by the end of 2019.

He returned for the 2020 season, logging 5 sacks and 4.5 tackles for loss before declaring for the 2021 NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tough, explosive, and instinctive defender with a complete game. Intelligent but also a slug-it-out defender. Immediately diagnoses and unfolds plays and shows speed moving in every direction.

Plays with proper pad level out of a three-point stance, effectively uses his hands to protect himself, and displays a variety of moves getting off blocks.

Forceful up the field, rarely off his feet, and consistently attracts double-team blocks. Chas-

es the action hard and plays through the whistle on every snap.

Displays good change-of-direction skills and speed up the field and possesses a closing burst. Stays with assignments and plays within the system.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks bulk and gets out-positioned from the action by a single blocker. Does not display a great first step off the snap.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Basham is a defensive prospect who checks all the boxes -- instincts, intensity, and athleticism. He was asked to do more than rush the passer at Wake Forest and effectively handled assignments, but when let loose at the Senior Bowl as a pass rusher, he was a dominant force. I prefer Basham in a system that stands him over tackle, and he comes with a large upside.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

San Francisco 49ers, Minnesota Vikings, Buffalo Bills



### **GREGORY ROUSSEAU**

**DEFENSIVE END** 

**6'6 1/2"** HEIGHT

**265 LBS** WEIGHT

MIAMI (FL) SCHOOL RS SOPHOMORE YEAR

**4.09** GRADE

1ST-2ND
PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Gregory Rousseau was a productive high school safety and wide receiver before transitioning to play defensive line in his senior season at Champagnat High School.

He started as a freshman for Miami but suffered a fractured ankle, ending his season. Rousseau broke out in 2019 as a Freshman All-American and the ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year.

He finished the season second in the nation for sacks -- behind Chase Young -- before opting out of the 2020 season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive college pass rusher with outstanding athleticism and upside. Fast moving in any direction, immediately alters his angle of attack and runs down ball handlers in the open field.

Plays with great quickness, keeps his feet moving, and possesses an explosive burst of closing speed. Fast up the field, can bend the edge, and plays with suddenness.

Effective out of a three-point stance as well as standing over tackle.

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**ANALYSIS** 

Rousseau is a natural pass rusher who creates a lot of havoc off the edge and up the field. He was relentless in pursuit of opposing quarterbacks and impossible to stop at times. He will struggle holding the point at the next level and must fill out his tall, thin frame as well as improve the details of his position, but Rousseau comes with tremendous upside and should make an impact as a rookie rushing the passer.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New York Jets, Indianapolis Colts, Miami Dolphins

#### **NEGATIVES**

Must improve his playing balance. Easily slowed by blocks or controlled by a single opponent. Struggles defending the run. Played just one full year of college football.



### RONNIE PERKINS

DEFENSIVE END

**6'2"** HEIGHT 242 LBS WEIGHT OKLAHOMA SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.00** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Ranked as the No. 1 player in Missouri, Ronnie Perkins was named the St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-Metro Football Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.

He made an immediate impact at Oklahoma, earning Freshman All-American honors. Perkins continued to impress in 2019 but ended the season with a suspension which would carry over to the 2020 season.

He returned in explosive style to take his Oklahoma career tally to 32 tackles for loss and 16.5 sacks.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who was a game-impacting defender. Plays with excellent pad level and balance and is rarely off his feet.

Fast off the edge, slices through double-team blocks, and easily changes direction or immediately alters his angle of attack.

Keeps his feet moving, works his hands, and covers a tremendous amount of area on the field.

Explosive, very sudden, and has a closing burst bearing down on quarterbacks. Works his hands to protect himself, plays off blocks from tight ends, and gives effort defending the run.

Easily exploits immobile tackles and constantly disrupts the action behind the line of scrimmage. Gives effort and stays with assignments. Displays speed pursuing the action laterally.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks great size for defensive end. May be a liability against the run at the next level. Potential character issues must be checked out.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Perkins was a defender who jumped off the film when he was on the field, and opponents struggled to stop him. He gives terrific effort not only rushing the passer but also chasing the action in space to make plays against the ball handler. Perkins is one of the more underrated defenders in this year's draft and comes with a high upside. If focused on the task at hand, Perkins will be a very productive NFL defender.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Cleveland Browns, Minnesota Vikings, Indianapolis Colts



## JAYSON OWEH

DEFENSIVE END

**6'5"** HEIGHT 250 LBS WEIGHT PENN STATE SCHOOL RS SOPHOMORE YEAR

**3.98** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

**Ub** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

An explosive athlete even in his early career, Jayson Oweh reportedly clocked a 4.63 40-yard dash and mid-30s vertical jump while still in high school.

A redshirt as a freshman in 2018, Oweh thrived in a rotational role in 2019 logging 5 sacks and 2 forced fumbles.

Despite not recording a sack as a starter in 2020, Oweh is credited with an 18% win rate as a pass rusher, one of the best in the Big Ten conference.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive, undersized college defensive end with great athleticism. Plays with terrific pad level, effectively uses his hands, and has good strength for his size.

Jolts opponents with terrific punch, plays off blocks, and gets behind the line of scrimmage making plays against the run. Smooth and fluid moving about the field or dropping off the line to play in space.

Quick, explosive, and fast up the field. Agile, has a stout build, and rarely gets off his feet.

Fast moving in every direction, gets out laterally in pursuit of the ball handler, and gives effort.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks bulk and gets easily out-positioned from the action by a single blocker. Has average instincts and is slow locating the ball.

Occasionally stands over tackle but isn't as effective as he is in a three-point stance.

Oweh was an explosive, athletic college defensive end who made a lot of plays behind the line of scrimmage and in space. He must fill out his frame to play out of a three-point stance or improve his game standing over tackle. Although Oweh comes with huge upside, he'll start off as a situational pass rusher as a rookie and may experience a lot of bumps in the road.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

**ANALYSIS** 

Buffalo Bills, Indianapolis Colts, Minnesota Vikings



### PATRICK JONES

DEFENSIVE END

**6'4 1/2"** HEIGHT

264 LBS WEIGHT PITTSBURGH SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.70** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-star recruit out of Chesapeake, Virginia, Patrick Jones was ranked as the 90th-best pass rusher in the 2016 recruiting cycle.

Despite being overlooked out of high school and under-utilized in his first two seasons in Pittsburgh, Jones' performances in 2018 earned him a starting role in 2019.

He parlayed that opportunity into second-team All-ACC honors in 2019 and first-team All-ACC honors in 2020, logging 17.5 sacks and 24 tackles for loss in his final two years as a Panther.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic edge rusher who causes a lot of disruption behind the line of scrimmage. Plays with proper pad level, works his hands, and is forceful up the field.

Explosive, bends off the edge, and displays good change-of-direction skills, flowing laterally to plays.

Displays speed up the field pursuing the action, nicely redirects to the ball handler, and has good instincts.

Stays with assignments and does more than just pin his ears back and rush up the field. Athletic and agile.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Struggles getting off blocks and gets easily out-positioned from the action by a single blocker or knocked from his angle of attack by the initial hit. Can be engulfed at the point.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Jones is an athletic prospect who showed a lot of pass-rushing skill the past two seasons and comes with growth potential. He must physically fill out his frame, as he will be a liability against the run on Sundays, but Jones has the ability to develop into a starting defensive end in a four-man front.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Indianapolis Colts, Cleveland Browns, New York Jets



### **ELERSON SMITH**

DEFENSIVE END

**6'6 1/2"** HEIGHT

262 LBS WEIGHT NORTHERN IOWA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.68** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A physically gifted high school athlete, Elerson Smith combined football with basketball, wrestling, and track and field.

A tight end and defensive end, he was overlooked as a two-star prospect. After two seasons without seeing the field, Smith exploded onto the scene as one of the best defensive players in the FCS.

Between 2018 and 2019, he amassed an eyewatering 32 tackles for loss, 21.5 sacks, and 6 forced fumbles. He was denied the opportunity to add to those numbers, unfortunately, due to the postponement of the 2020 FCS season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic pass rusher with terrific size and upside. Fires off the snap, shows flexibility, and plays with excellent pad level.

Quickly changes direction, immediately alters his angle of attack, and chases the action in pursuit. Effectively uses his hands and slices inside blocks. Fluid when asked to twist or stunt, rushes the edge with speed, and keeps his feet moving.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Displays average strength at the point of attack and gets controlled by a single blocker or annihilated at the point of attack. Struggled against the run in 2019.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Smith is an athletic pass rusher who came to the Senior Bowl bigger as well as stronger and had three good days of practice. He's developing into a defensive end in a four-man line and comes with both growth potential and upside. Smith could be a pass-rush specialist early in his NFL career and eventually develop into a starter.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Indianapolis Colts, Cleveland Browns, Buffalo Bills



### ADETOKUNBO OGUNDEJI

**DEFENSIVE END** 

**6'4 1/2"** HEIGHT

260 LBS WEIGHT NOTRE DAME SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.62** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**103** OVERALL RANK

Ade Ogundeji had to wait four years to get his opportunity as a full-time starter, but when the opportunity arose, he delivered 20 tackles, 6 tackles for loss, and 6 sacks.

The former three-star high school prospect out of Walled Lake, Michigan ,redshirted as a freshman and was a rotational player for most of his Notre Dame career.

His impressive 2020 campaign earned him a Senior Bowl invite where he continued to flash potential.

#### **POSITIVES**

Large, explosive pass rusher who flashes ability on occasion. Strong, gets leverage on opponents and keeps his feet moving.

Possesses a solid build, is forceful up the field and shows the ability to bend off the edge. Keeps his feet off blocks, stays with the action, and possesses a closing burst.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Must improve his playing balance. Slow locating the ball. Very inconsistent.

#### **ANALYSIS**

There were times over the past two seasons when Ogundeji displayed himself as a dominant force upfront for Notre Dame and looked like a terrific next-level prospect. However, there were also times when he disappeared for stretches. The bottom line is that Ogundeji comes with a terrific amount of upside as well as growth potential and could develop into a starting defensive lineman in the NFL. On the other hand, he could bounce from team to team and never reach his full potential.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Cleveland Browns, San Francisco 49ers, New Orleans Saints



### DAELIN HAYES

**DEFENSIVE END** 

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

253 LBS WEIGHT NOTRE DAME SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.59** GRADE

**3RD-4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Daelin Hayes started as a high school outside linebacker out of Ann Arbor, Michigan. However, following a growth spurt, he transitioned to being a highly coveted, four-star defensive end prospect.

A starter as a sophomore in 2017, Hayes has seen significant playing time in the last four years despite losing most of 2019 to a shoulder injury.

Hayes had 3 sacks and 6 tackles for loss in his final season at Notre Dame before impressing at the 2021 Senior Bowl

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic, explosive defender who can be used at end, standing over tackle, or even inside on passing downs. Agile, fires off the snap, and quickly changes direction or alters his angle of attack.

Plays with excellent lean as well as leverage, effectively uses his hands to protect himself, and knocks blockers back with a violent punch.

Occasionally stands over tackle, displays good speed off the edge, and quickly closes to the

action. Remains disciplined with assignments and does more than just pin his ears back and rush up the field.

#### **NEGATIVES**

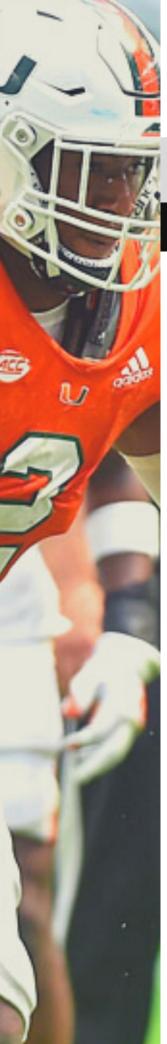
Lacks great bulk and gets out-positioned from the action on occasion. Easily ridden from his angle of attack on occasion.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Hayes was a terrific defender for Notre Dame who led by example and was only slowed by injury during the middle part of his career. He's tough, instinctive, and comes with growth potential as well as versatility. I prefer Hayes to line up in a four-man line, but his athleticism and pass-rush skill make it so that he could stand over tackles on occasion.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New York Jets, Buffalo Bills, Las Vegas Raiders



## **QUINCY ROCHE**

DEFENSIVE END

**6'3"** HEIGHT 243 LBS WEIGHT MIAMI (FL) SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.57** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A school record-setting sack artist for New Town High School, Quincy Roche took his talents to Temple as a three-star recruit.

After redshirting in 2016, Roche built on his high school reputation as an extremely productive member of the Temple defense.

A single-digit number honoree -- awarded to Temple's toughest players -- he accumulated 26 sacks and 39.5 tackles for loss over his career with the Owls.

He transferred to Miami for the 2020 season, earning third-team All-ACC honors in his attempts to prove himself against tougher opposition.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tough, intense defensive front-seven player who is effective in all facets of the game. Fluid moving laterally, shows technique getting off blocks, and nicely redirects to ball handlers.

Breaks down, stays with assignments, and displays good football intellect. Fires off the snap with an explosive first step out of a three-point stance and plays with proper pad level.

Easily moves about the field standing over tackle.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Comes with poor size and playing speed. Struggles getting off blocks and controlled by a single blocker.

Ineffective in pursuit and does not translate his 40-yard dash time into football speed.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Roche is a tough, instinctive defender who comes with average athleticism and upside. He's a situational player who can be used in a variety of roles on defense as well as play special teams on Sundays.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Las Vegas Raiders, New York Jets, Cleveland Browns



### DAYO ODEYINGBO

DEFENSIVE END

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

280 LBS WEIGHT VANDERBILT SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.55** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Dayo Odeyingbo was a four-star high school recruit out of Irving, Texas, who eschewed bigger offers to try and help bring an element of SEC respectability to Vanderbilt.

An immediate contributor as a freshman, Odeyingbo earned a starting role by his second season, putting up impressive numbers.

He saved his best for last, earning second-team All-SEC honors in 2020 after recording 8 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks in just eight games.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive defensive line prospect with outstanding physical skills and a large upside. Plays with consistent knee bend, fundamentally sound, and very effective with his hands.

Fires off the snap with a terrific first step and rushes the edge with speed. Sets the edge and occupies blockers. Intense.

Easily gets down the line of scrimmage and out into space to make plays, chases the action hard, and is rarely off his feet.

Remains disciplined with assignments and does more than pin his ears back and rush up the field.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Out-positioned from the action by a single blocker. Must improve his playing strength. Suffered a significant injury prior to the Senior Bowl and may not be ready for the season.

### **ANALYSIS**

I believed Odeyingbo was one of the most underrated defensive linemen in this year's draft prior to his injury in January, and he's a three-down defender with great upside. He'll only get better as he physically matures, but now has the additional hurdle of returning from injury. While I initially graded him as a top-75 selection, Odeyingbo could fall through the draft and end up a Day 3 steal.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Baltimore Ravens, Buffalo Bills, San Francisco 49ers



## CHAUNCEY GOLSTON

DEFENSIVE END

**6'5"** HEIGHT 268 LBS WEIGHT IOWA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.51** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**145** OVERALL RANK

A team captain on the successful East English Village Prep football team, Chauncey Golston helped guide the team to three state playoffs.

A three-star recruit, Golston's only scholarship offer came from Iowa. He saw action in just two games during his first two seasons and didn't earn a starting role until 2019.

In his final season, however, he registered 5.5 sacks in just eight games.

#### **POSITIVES**

Underrated defensive end prospect with upside and growth potential. Fires off the snap, breaks down well, and plays with proper pad level.

Moves well laterally, slides off blocks, and makes plays in pursuit. Incredibly quick, displays terrific hand technique, and bends off the edge, immediately altering his angle of attack to pursue the action.

Occasionally stands over tackle and shows the ability to rush the passer. Exploits marginally athletic offensive tackles, plays hard and is rarely off his feet.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Struggles getting off blocks and is more of a first-step lineman. Must significantly improve his strength at the point.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Golston was a solid starter at lowa the past two seasons and went on to have a good week of practice at the Senior Bowl. He's a natural 4-3 defensive end and a situational pass rusher who will eventually mature into an every-down player.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Cleveland Browns, Minnesota Vikings, Indianapolis Colts



## PAYTON TURNER

DEFENSIVE END

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

270 LBS WEIGHT

HOUSTON SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.48** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A lanky high school defensive end who was coming off a knee injury in his senior season, Payton Turner didn't create much recruiting buzz.

A two-star prospect, he stayed close to home with the Houston Cougars. He heads to the 2021 NFL Draft with much more hype as a three-year starter with experience off the edge and on the interior of the defensive line.

He earned All-AAC recognition in 2020 after a season where he tallied 10.5 tackles for loss and 5 sacks.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter with an underrated game. Plays with good lean, effectively uses his hands, and keeps his feet moving.

Has excellent length, moves well about the field, and moves fluidly if asked to twist or stunt.

Strong, displays the ability to push blockers off the line, and stays with the action.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not a great natural pass rusher and does not show much speed off the edge. Possesses an average closing burst.

### **ANALYSIS**

Turner was consistently productive for Houston and has both size and growth potential. He's a developmental prospect who could eventually grow into a defensive tackle in a four-man line.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Cleveland Browns, Indianapolis Colts, San Francisco 49ers



## RASHAD WEAVER

**DEFENSIVE END** 

**6'4 1/2"** HEIGHT

265 LBS WEIGHT PITTSBURGH SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.46** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**159** OVERALL RANK

Rashad Weaver would have been a three-year starter for Pittsburgh if an ACL injury hadn't deprived him of his 2019 season.

The injury didn't slow the former three-star recruit out of Copper City, Florida, down in 2020, however. He earned first-team All-ACC honors after accumulating 34 tackles, 14 tackles for loss, and 7.5 sacks.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized defensive lineman who made a terrific return from injury last season. Plays with proper pad level, works his hands throughout the action, and gets off the snap with a quick first step.

Can flatten off the edge or immediately change direction. Displays a variety of moves getting off blocks and flashes strength at the point of attack.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Easily knocked from his angle by the initial block. Gets tall on occasion and makes himself an easy target. Must improve his playing balance.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Though there were bumps in the road last season, Weaver played well returning from an injury that sidelined him in 2019 and showed a lot of next-level ability. He's a tall, athletic defensive lineman who must add bulk to his frame and power to his game, and he must be more consistent with the details of his position. Weaver comes with a large upside and in time should develop into a starter.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New York Jets, Detroit Lions, Indianapolis Colts



## CAMERON SAMPLE

DEFENSIVE END

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

**267 LBS** WEIGHT

**TULANE** SCHOOL

SENIOR YEAR

**3.44** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**166** OVERALL RANK

A two-star recruit who was overlooked out of high school, Cameron Sample received just one FBS offer from Tulane.

He has overcome and out played his recruiting profile to have an impact for the Green Wave in all four years with the program.

His most productive season came in his senior campaign where he racked up 52 tackles, 7.5 tackles for loss, and 5 sacks, earning first-team All-AAC honors.

Sample also earned a Senior Bowl invite, where he continued to impress during the week in Mobile.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter for Tulane who also saw action with the first team as a freshman. Athletic college defensive end with a large upside. Possesses good first-step quickness, effectively uses his hands, and easily changes direction in backside pursuit.

Fast in a straight line as well as laterally, possesses a closing burst and works his hands throughout the action.

Breaks down well, shows the ability to bend off the edge, and constantly makes his presence felt.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks size and bulk. Easily out-positioned by opponents. More of a first-step lineman.

### **ANALYSIS**

Sample was a terrific college defensive end who made his presence felt at Tulane. He's a Day 3 selection who can help a team as a rookie and eventually develop into a starter. Sample has upside but would benefit from some time in an NFL strength and conditioning program.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Seattle Seahawks, Green Bay Packers, Cincinnati Bengals



## TARRON JACKSON

DEFENSIVE END

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

254 LBS WEIGHT COASTAL CAROLINA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.42** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Unranked out of Silver Bluff High School, Tarron Jackson would go on to become a four-year starter for the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers.

Jackson has earned All-Sun Belt honors for three consecutive seasons, including a 2019 first-team selection where he set the school record with 10 sacks.

Jackson was named the Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year in 2020 alongside earning first-team All-American honors.

His 14 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks last season helped him to become a finalist for the Nagurski Trophy, in addition to earning a Senior Bowl invite.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who participated in the Senior Bowl this year. Hard-working college defensive end with average size and speed.

Plays with balance and body control, is rarely off his feet, and effectively uses his hands.

Keeps his feet moving, fluidly moves about the field, and easily gets down the line of scrim-

mage in pursuit of the action. Agile, breaks down well, and easily changes direction.

Gets leverage on opponents and plays through the whistle.

#### **NEGATIVES**

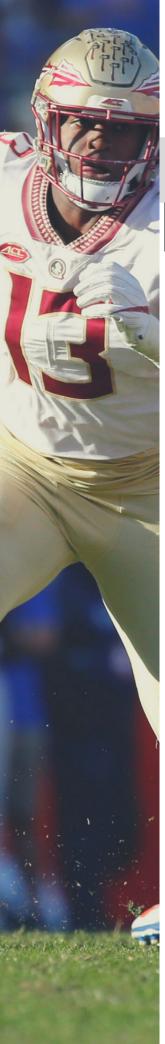
Lacks great first-step quickness, has an average burst, and marginal long speed. Easily slowed by the initial block and gets outpositioned from the action by lesser opponents.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Jackson had a productive college career and was a major contributor for the Coastal Carolina defense. He lacks the size for a defensive tackle as well as the quickness and speed to play defensive end, but he has enough tools to be a serviceable backup at the next level.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New England Patriots, Miami Dolphins, Cleveland Browns



## **JOSHUA KAINDOH**

DEFENSIVE END

**6'6"** HEIGHT 255 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA STATE SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.37** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**205** OVERALL RANK

A first-team All-USA defensive end out of the IMG Academy in Florida, Joshua Kaindoh was a five-star high school prospect, who eventually chose Florida State after originally committing to his hometown Maryland Terrapins.

Despite a productive freshman season, injury derailed Kaindoh's career, and he never really lived up to his high school promise.

Despite this, he saw significant playing time in 2020, becoming the first FSU defensive lineman to secure an interception since 2009.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic pass rusher who flashed ability throughout his college career. Possesses excellent length and good change-of-direction skills and fluidly moves about the field.

Quick off the snap, plays with proper pad level, and keeps his feet moving. Forceful off the edge, rarely off his feet, and works his hands throughout the action.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Inconsistent and marginally productive throughout his Florida State career. Must get stronger, as he's easily controlled at the point and gets out-positioned by a single blocker.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Kaindoh was a favorite of scouts the past three years and flashed ability as well as athleticism, but he never elevated his game. He possesses excellent length and growth potential and comes with an upside, but Kaindoh needs a lot of development and at present time is nothing more than a situational pass rusher.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Cleveland Browns, Buffalo Bills, Minnesota Vikings



### **WILLIAM BRADLEY-KING**

DEFENSIVE END

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

254 LBS WEIGHT **BAYLOR** SCHOOL

RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.32** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Under-recruited and underrated as a two-star high school recruit, William Bradley-King's late-career emergence is in stark contrast to his humble beginnings.

His only Division I offer came from the Arkansas State Red Wolves, where he redshirted in 2016 before seeing two seasons as a rotational piece.

In 2019, he dominated the Sun Belt Conference, earning first-team recognition with 13.5 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks.

He transferred to Baylor to elevate his draft stock where he led the team in pass deflections and tied the lead for sacks. Bradley-King's play in the Big 12 earned him a Senior Bowl invite.

#### **POSITIVES**

Arkansas State transfer and Senior Bowl participant. Slightly undersized edge rusher who gets the most from his ability.

Quick off the snap, plays with terrific leverage out of a three-point stance, and effectively uses his hands. Keeps his feet moving, possesses good change-of-direction skills, and fluidly chases the action laterally.

Flashes pass-rush skill, shows speed off the edge, and shows effectiveness out of a three-point stance as well as standing over tackle.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks bulk and gets easily controlled at the point by a single opponent. Easily knocked from the action by the initial hit. Average size and play speed.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Bradley-King turned in a solid season after transferring to Baylor, then flashed during Senior Bowl practices. He'll be a situational pass rusher at the next level and should help out on special teams.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Minnesota Vikings, Indianapolis Colts, Buffalo Bills



## JONATHON COOPER

DEFENSIVE END

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

253 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.31** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

An Ohio native, Jonathon Cooper grew up just a short distance from Columbus and committed to the Ohio State Buckeyes early in his impressive high school career.

A rotational contributor as a freshman, Cooper became a starter alongside Nick Bosa in 2018 before losing his senior season to injury.

Returning in 2020, Cooper was at his most productive, with 3.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, and a forced fumble in just seven games.

A team captain, he has excelled both on and off the field for the Buckeyes.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tough, intelligent defensive end with marginal size and speed. Fires off the snap with a terrific first step, displays good athleticism, and can bend off the edge.

Fast up the field, immediately alters his angle of attack, and flattens to pursue plays from the back side. Plays with terrific pad level and consistently gets leverage on opponents.

Quick in all his actions, displays an explosive inside move, and works his hands throughout the action. Plays with balance and is rarely off his feet.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Easily tied up at the point by blocks. Outpositioned from the play by lesser opponents. Lacks bulk. Does not possess great pursuit speed.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Cooper was a hard-working defensive end for Ohio State but may be physically tapped out. He'll be a pass-rush specialist at the next level who can line up in a three-point stance and stand over tackle.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

San Francisco 49ers, Indianapolis Colts, Cleveland Browns



### RAYMOND JOHNSON III

DEFENSIVE END

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

260 LBS WEIGHT GEORGIA SOUTHERN SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.30** GRADE

**6TH-7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**244** OVERALL RANK

A two-sport athlete at Sumter High School, Raymond Johnson III was a three-star recruit who chose Georgia Southern over some Power Five offers, including Wake Forest.

An experienced pass rusher, Johnson is credited with 47 starts in his career. A two-time first-team All-Sun Belt selection, he recorded 36 tackles for loss and 16.5 sacks in his Georgia Southern career.

#### **POSITIVES**

Four-year starter who also played extensively on special teams.

Breaks down well and bends his knees. Rarely off his feet. Easily changes direction and gets out into space to pursue the ball handler.

Attracts double-team blocks, gets leverage on opponents, and bends off the edge. Gets a lot of momentum and force going up the field.

Displays outstanding hand technique to protect himself or get off blocks. Tough but also instinctive and quickly locates the ball.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks great edge speed and a closing burst. Possesses average bulk and is easily outpositioned by a single blocker. Displays an average burst off the snap.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Johnson was a terrific defensive end for Georgia Southern and was constantly around the action making positive plays. He comes with marginal size and athleticism but could make a roster as an eighth defensive lineman in a four-man front.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Pittsburgh Steelers, Chicago Bears, New York Giants



### EARNEST BROWN IV

DEFENSIVE END

**6'4 1/2"** HEIGHT

270 LBS WEIGHT NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.29** GRADE

**7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**249** OVERALL RANK

A heavily recruited four-star prospect out of Billy Ryan High School and also the basketball captain, Earnest Brown IV received a lot of local interest as the 36th-ranked player in the state of Texas.

However, pursuit of academic excellence led him to Northwestern. Either side of an injury shortened 2019 season, Brown has been productive for the Wildcats, helping guide Northwestern to the Big Ten Championship in both 2018 and 2020.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic, underrated pass rusher whose college career was interrupted by injury. Fires off the snap with a quick first step, plays with excellent pad level, and gets leverage on opponents.

Athletic, easily changes direction, and fluidly pursues the action. Plays with consistent knee bend, effectively uses his hands to shed blocks, and displays an inside move.

Has a closing burst, makes big-league plays on occasion, and shows explosiveness.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Struggles against the run and gets stood up by blockers. Too often out-positioned from the action.

### **ANALYSIS**

Brown is a terrific next-level prospect with the size, athleticism, and growth potential to be used in a variety of schemes. He displays speed as a pass rusher and excellent movement skills, and projects as a defensive end in a four-man line.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Buffalo Bills, Cleveland Browns, Dallas Cowboys



## MALIK HERRING

DEFENSIVE END

**6'3"** HEIGHT 283 LBS WEIGHT **GEORGIA** SCHOOL

SENIOR YEAR

**3.26** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**273** OVERALL RANK

Al'Malik Demichia Herring -- Malik for short -- has been a two-year starter for the Georgia Bulldogs.

He saw extensive playing time in his first two years for the Bulldogs after arriving as a fourstar recruit out of Mary Persons High School.

Following a senior season where he made 4.5 tackles for loss and had 2 sacks, Herring earned a Senior Bowl invite. Unfortunately, he tore his ACL while impressing at practice in Mobile.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive, relatively athletic defensive line prospect who can be used in a variety of schemes. Quick off the snap, uses his hands well, and easily moves about the field.

Plays with good knee bend as well as proper pad level, easily changes direction, and gets out into space to make plays.

Keeps his feet moving and gets a lot of momentum going up the field. Agile and nicely redirects to the action. Competes throughout the play.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Out-positioned from the action by bigger tackles and easily blocked at the point. Slow locating the ball.

Suffered a significant leg injury during Senior Bowl practices. Turned in limited production during his Georgia career.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Herring possesses the size, play speed, and skill to be used as a three-technique tackle or defensive end in a one-gap system. He comes with an upside, but must quickly produce and elevate his game this summer.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Chicago Bears, Pittsburgh Steelers



### **JANARIUS ROBINSON**

DEFENSIVE END

**6'5 1/2"** HEIGHT

266 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Following a productive high school career at Bay High School, Janarius Robinson was a highly regarded four-star recruit and viewed as a top-10 defensive end prospect.

Robinson saw game time in 2017 after previously redshirting before becoming a three-year starter. He led Florida State in tackles for loss in 2019 and sacks in 2020.

Robinson earned a Senior Bowl invite where he impressed on the scales and on the field.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tall, athletic defensive end who flashes ability. Quick off the snap, resilient and breaks down well

Easily moves about the field, displays good change-of-direction skills, and works his hands.

Shows the ability to rush the edge standing over tackle and is fast getting up the field.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses a tall, thin build and gets easily controlled at the point. Marginally productive at the college level and really wasn't much of a factor.

Possesses more of a short burst of speed than the ability to sustain and pursue the action.

### **ANALYSIS**

Robinson flashed ability at the college level yet never put together a complete game or elevated his play. He's a tall, lanky defensive end with growth potential and athleticism, but he must physically mature and, more than anything else, start making plays on the field.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Buffalo Bills, Cleveland Browns, Indianapolis Colts





DEFENSIVE TACKLE 21 PROSPECTS IN THE TOP 300 (AS OF APRIL 12)								
Player	Grade	<b>Projected Round</b>	Position Rank	Overall Rank				
Christian Barmore	3.96	2nd	01	41				
Levi Onwuzurike	3.94	2nd	02	45				
Daviyon Nixon	3.89	2nd	03	56				
Milton Williams	3.79	2nd-3rd	04	74				

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Tommy Togiai

Jay Tufele

Tyler Shelvin

Alim McNeill

**Bobby Brown III** 

Marvin Wilson

**Khyiris Tonga** 

Austin Faoliu

Jaylen Twyman

Josiah Bronson

Tedarrell Slaton

Quinton Bohanna

**Jordon Scott** 

Ta'Quon Graham

Jonathan Marshall

Marlon Tuipulotu

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## **CHRISTIAN BARMORE**

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'4"** HEIGHT 310 LBS WEIGHT ALABAMA SCHOOL RS SOPHOMORE YEAR

**3.96** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Although he was ranked as the fifth-best defensive lineman in the 2018 class, Christian Barmore's lack of early interest saw him commit to Temple.

As offers poured in, he decommitted and ultimately opted for Alabama. After a redshirt in 2018, he played 12 games as a rotational playmaker in 2019.

Despite a slow start to 2020, he earned first-team All-SEC honors and played a pivotal role in terrorizing the Ohio State offense in the National Championship.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive three-technique tackle who shows a lot of athleticism. Agile, keeps his feet moving, and nicely redirects to the action.

Plays with proper pad level and consistent knee bend, easily moves about the field, and consistently gets leverage on opponents.

Fluid moving laterally, quickly changes direction, and displays speed in both a straight line and out to the flanks.

Explodes off the snap with a terrific first step and is consistently focused on by opponents.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Flashes power in his game yet must improve his overall playing strength. Often handled by a single blocker if he does not get the first step on opponents. Struggles facing off against larger, mauling blockers.

### **ANALYSIS**

Barmore displayed consistent progress in his game the past two seasons and is a conventional DT in a four-man line with growth potential. He should only improve as he adds bulk to his frame as well as strength to his game, though Barmore may struggle early in his NFL career.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Dallas Cowboys, Cleveland Browns, Tampa Bay Buccaneers



## LEVI ONWUZURIKE

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

**6'3"** HEIGHT 290 LBS WEIGHT WASHINGTON SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.94** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-star defensive end out of Allen, Texas, Levi Onwuzurike rose to prominence for the Washington Huskies in 2018.

Although he saw playing time as a redshirt freshman in 2017, he began to stand out following Vita Vea's departure to the NFL.

A breakout season in 2019 saw him amass 45 tackles, 2 sacks, and 6 tackles for loss, earning first-team All-Pac-12 honors.

After opting out of the 2020 season, Onwuzurike impressed early at the Senior Bowl before an injury forced him to miss the rest of the week.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive, athletic defensive tackle who has blocked punts in the past. Fires off the snap, gets a lot of force going up the field, and can be tough to stop.

Clogs the middle of the line, stands up blockers, and works his hands throughout the action.

Bull rushes opponents up the field and collapses the pocket. Very intense and chases the action.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Really not much of a pass rusher. Must improve his playing balance.

### **ANALYSIS**

Onwuzurike showed the ability to be a game changer at Washington, occupying blocks, penetrating the line of scrimmage, and even getting out in space to make plays. He comes with a large upside, but must polish his game to grab hold of a starting job in the NFL.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Seattle Seahawks, Green Bay Packers, Dallas Cowboys



### **DAVIYON NIXON**

### **DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'3"** HEIGHT

313 LBS WEIGHT **IOWA** SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.89** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

**03**POSITION RANK

**56** OVERALL RANK

Although he was an impressive high school defensive lineman, Daviyon Nixon had to travel the JUCO route following a diagnosis of a learning disability which hampered his academic eligibility.

While working to remedy his grades at Iowa Western CC, Nixon was a dominant and disruptive force. Enrolling at Iowa in 2018, he redshirted his first year and was used as a rotational player in 2019.

After flirting with the transfer portal, he stayed at lowa to become the 2020 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, recording 13.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks.

#### **POSITIVES**

Junior-college transfer who displayed tremendous development in his game the past year. Quick off the snap, fires his hands into blockers, and effectively protects himself.

Plays with proper pad level, holds his ground, and does not give up an inch to opponents. Powerful and does a great job occupying blockers.

Fluid moving laterally, makes a lot of athletic plays, and pursues the action to the sidelines.

Fires through the open gaps of the offensive line to penetrate the backfield and possesses a closing burst of speed.

Plays tough, smart football and gets his hands up to bat away the pass if he cannot get to the passer. Keeps his feet moving and is a load to handle in the middle of the line.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks bulk and isn't a big or overpowering defensive tackle who collapses the pocket or bull rushes opponents off the line. Has just one year of big-time production on his college football resume.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Nixon really burst onto the scene this year, improving his game and forcing opponents to gameplan around him. He's an athletic big man in the middle of the line who comes with upside as well as growth potential. Nixon is a scheme-versatile lineman who can be used in a variety of systems and should eventually develop into a starter at the next level.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Las Vegas Raiders, Seattle Seahawks, Dallas Cowboys



### MILTON WILLIAMS

### **DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'3"** HEIGHT 288 LBS WEIGHT LOUISIANA TECH SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.79** GRADE

**2ND-3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**74**OVERALL RANK

A multi-sport athlete, Milton Williams excelled at both basketball and football at Crowley High School. Despite his success, he received just one major offer from Louisiana Tech.

He became a regular starter in 2019, leading the team in sacks. After an offseason spent working out in a private gym, Williams became a dominant interior defensive lineman, earning first-team All-Conference USA honors.

#### **POSITIVES**

Fast-rising defensive lineman who started the past two seasons. Smooth, rarely off his feet, and plays with outstanding pad level.

Easily alters his angle of attack or redirects to the action. Strong for his size, stands up blockers, and makes plays against the run.

Fast getting to the flanks in pursuit of the action and effectively works his hands. Bends off the edge, quickly gets upfield, and moves fluidly in every direction. Athletic and agile.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not a quick or sudden lineman and lacks a great first step off the snap. Must improve his playing strength.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Williams' draft stock has been skyrocketing the past two seasons as his athleticism and development have been very impressive. He comes with a large amount of upside but is a scheme-specific player who would be best in a four-man line. Williams could contribute as a rookie while he continues to develop before breaking into the starting lineup.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Cleveland Browns, Buffalo Bills, Dallas Cowboys



### **TOMMY TOGIAI**

### **DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

295 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.76** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Hailing from Pocatello, Idaho, Tommy Togiai was the small-town prospect that attracted big -name programs.

A four-star recruit who ranked as the fourth best defensive tackle in the 2018 class, Togiai chose Ohio State over a plethora of offers. A rotational piece in his first two seasons, he broke out in 2020 with 23 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, and 3 sacks.

He earned second-team All-Big Ten honors but unfortunately missed the National Championship loss to Alabama.

#### **POSITIVES**

Quick, explosive interior lineman who plays like a strong 3-technique tackle. Fires off the snap with a great first step and plays with excellent lean and proper pad level.

Gets leverage on opponents, moves well laterally, and pursues the play down the line of scrimmage or outside the box.

Works his hands throughout the play, jolts blockers with a violent punch, and knocks them back off the ball.

Consistently doubled by opponents in the middle of the line.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks bulk and gets tied up in blocks too often. Turned in just one year of big-time production for Ohio State before turning pro.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Togiai elevated his game last season and was the force opponents accounted for on every snap in the middle of the Ohio State line. He comes with average size and limited growth potential but would be a solid addition as a defensive tackle in a four-man front.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Atlanta Falcons, Green Bay Packers, Las Vegas Raiders



## JAY TUFELE

### **DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'2"** HEIGHT

305 LBS WEIGHT

USC SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.66** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

**06** POSITION RANK

**94** OVERALL RANK

A former rugby player, Jay Tufele attracted early attention as the number one high school player in the state of Utah.

He chose USC over offers from in-state programs BYU and Utah. Tufele redshirted in 2017 but earned second-team All-Pac-12 honors in 2018.

He was named the USC Defensive Lineman of the Year in both 2018 and a 2019 campaign where he amassed 41 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, and 3.5 sacks. Tufele opted out of the 2020 season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Former starting defensive tackle at USC who chose to opt-out last season. Feisty, tough, and plays aggressive football.

Quick off the snap, plays with great pad level, and consistently gets leverage on opponents.

Easily changes direction, keeps his feet moving, and chases hard. Tough to move off the point, works his hands throughout the play, and gives outstanding effort.

Finds a way to bust through blocks, get behind the line of scrimmage, and disrupt the action.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Often handled at the point or outpositioned by a single blocker.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Tufele was an explosive, hard-charging defensive lineman who flashed a complete game and made plays on the ball. He's a potential three-technique tackle, but must add power to complete his game.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New Orleans Saints, Cleveland Browns, Dallas Cowboys



### TYLER SHELVIN

### **DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'2"** HEIGHT

350 LBS WEIGHT

LSU SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.58** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**07**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A dominant run defender at the high school level, Tyler Shelvin transferred to Notre Dame High School in a move credited with salvaging his football career.

Prior to the move, he ballooned to over 370 pounds and struggled academically. Choosing to stay close to home at LSU, he redshirted in 2017 before playing six games in 2018.

After being an afterthought in the Tigers DL rotation, Shelvin was at his best in 2019. Although he didn't rack up gaudy statistics, his impact against the run was pivotal to LSU's national championship run.

Shelvin opted out of the 2020 college football season after originally returning for his redshirt -junior season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Big, wide-bodied defensive tackle who is impossible to move off the point. Plays with excellent pad level, takes up a ton of room in the middle of the line, and attracts a lot of double-team blocks.

Fires off the snap, quickly gets his hands up, and shows power in his game. Gets a lot of push up the field with the ability to collapse the pocket and overwhelm blockers.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Small-area lineman who isn't going to get outside the box and make plays. Too large, poorly conditioned, and tends to wear down quickly.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Shelvin is a traditional two-gap nose tackle whose size, power, and ability to consistently get leverage on opponents gives him the upper hand. He may be a little bit too large at this point and must adhere to year-round conditioning, but if he's focused on football, Shelvin will have a long and productive career in the NFL.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Green Bay Packers, Cincinnati Bengals



## MARLON TUIPULOTU

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'2"** HEIGHT 307 LBS WEIGHT USC SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.55** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**08**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A high school defensive star and state champion wrestler, Marlon Tuipulotu opted to follow family ties to USC over a hometown offer from Oregon.

After injury marred his freshman season, he went on to start 27 games on the USC defensive line, earning first-team All-Pac-12 honors at the end of the 2020 college football season.

Following his productive final year -- 3.5 tackles for loss and 2 sacks in just five games -- Tuipulotu earned an invite to the Senior Bowl.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who missed most of his freshman season with a back injury. Possesses great first-step quickness, consistently gets leverage on opponents, and works his hands throughout the action.

Athletic, rarely off his feet and fluid moving in any direction. Possesses a closing burst and shows the ability to make plays in space, even when dropped off the line. Plays with balance as well as body control.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Easily out-positioned from the action by a single blocker or knocked off the line by bigger opponents.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Tuipulotu has shown a steady line of progress in his game the past three seasons. He's a three -technique tackle who must improve his playing strength and complete his game.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New Orleans Saints, Cleveland Browns, Buffalo Bills



## OSA ODIGHIZUWA

### **DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

282 LBS WEIGHT **UCLA** SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.49** GRADE

**4TH-5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**09**POSITION RANK

**151**OVERALL RANK

NFL bloodlines and a background that includes being a three-time state wrestling champion usually bodes well for a defensive tackle prospect.

Despite this, Osa Odighizuwa was only a three-star recruit out of high school. After redshirting for UCLA in 2016 and playing a reserve role in 2017, he started 20 games between 2018 and 2019.

In the shortened 2020 season, he earned firstteam All-Pac-12 honors after a career-high 4 sacks and 6 tackles for loss in just seven games.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who also saw significant action as a reserve during his freshman season. Explosive, hard-charging defensive lineman who makes plays in every area of the field.

Fires off the snap with an incredible first step, is rarely off his feet, and plays with tremendous pad level. Intense, effectively uses his hands and knocks back blockers with great punch.

Explodes through the gaps upfield, quickly changes direction or alters his angle of attack,

and possesses a closing burst. Stays with assignments and does more than pin back his ears and rush up the field. Plays with a nasty attitude and always looks to make plays.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks bulk and gets controlled at the point of attack by a single blocker. May not have much growth potential.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Odighizuwa was an explosive defensive lineman for the Bruins but may not have a true position at the next level. He projects as a three-technique tackle or defensive end in a four-man front, although he'll have to improve his strength at the point to develop into a starter on Sundays.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Cleveland Browns, Minnesota Vikings, Jacksonville Jaguars



## **ALIM MCNEILL**

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

**6'2"** HEIGHT 317 LBS WEIGHT NC STATE SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.47** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**157**OVERALL RANK

A three-time All-Conference baseball player who also lined up at linebacker and running back for Sanderson High School, Alim McNeill made the move to defensive tackle upon his arrival at North Carolina State.

A freshman All-American in 2018, he emerged as a disruptive presence up front in 2019 with 7.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks.

A big-man touchdown that displayed his athleticism was the highlight of a 2020 season that concluded with McNeill declaring for the 2021 NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive one-gap defensive lineman who can be used at nose tackle or as a three-technique lineman.

Fires off the snap with a quick first step, plays with outstanding pad level, and gets leverage on opponents. Fires his hands into blockers, working them to protect himself or get off opponents.

Focused on by opponents and attracts doubleteam blocks yet holds his ground. Fluid moving laterally, displays good change-of-direction skills, and shows power in his game.

Shoots through gaps and overruns defenders to penetrate the line of scrimmage.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Out-positioned by a single blocker and gets caught up in the wash. Average pass rusher.

#### **ANALYSIS**

McNeill is a short, squat-bodied defensive tackle who can be used in a variety of schemes at the next level. Though not much of a pass rusher, he can be a disruptive run stuffer who can start in the right system.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Denver Broncos, Chicago Bears



### **BOBBY BROWN III**

### **DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'4"** HEIGHT 321 LBS WEIGHT TEXAS A&M SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.45** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**162**OVERALL RANK

A former four-star defensive tackle who decommitted from Alabama to stay at home in Texas with the Aggies.

Bobby Brown III emerged as a 2021 NFL Draft prospect following a junior campaign that saw him earn first-team All-SEC merits.

He racked up 7.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks in 2020. Brown made 21 starts in the last two seasons after seeing action as a freshman in 2018.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive three-technique tackle who plays with outstanding fundamentals. Fires off the snap, plays with excellent pad level, and draws the focus of opponents.

Consistently gets leverage on blockers, shows agility, and immediately alters his angle of attack and redirects to the action.

Moves well laterally chasing the play down the line of scrimmage. Aggressive. Tough to move off the point.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Struggles getting off blocks. Easily knocked off balance by the initial block.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Brown owns the size and style to line up as a three-technique tackle or one-gap defensive lineman. He boasts stellar upside and should only improve as he gets stronger with time.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Dallas Cowboys, Cleveland Browns, Seattle Seahawks



## MARVIN WILSON

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

**6'4"** HEIGHT 303 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA STATE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.41** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

The number one defensive tackle prospect in the 2017 recruiting class, Marvin Wilson made an early impact for Florida State.

Over the first three years of his college career he built a reputation as one of the most disruptive defensive linemen in the nation, culminating in a 2019 season that -- despite injury -- saw him land first-team All-ACC honors.

Considered a first-round NFL Draft pick in 2020, his stock plummeted during his senior season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized interior defensive lineman who watched his game level off the past two years. Plays with proper pad level and gets leverage on opponents. Resilient and rarely off his feet.

Explosive, aggressively defends the run and possesses a closing burst. Does not give up on plays and chases the action hard.

Attracts a lot of double-team blocks and is tough to handle in the middle of the line.

#### **NEGATIVES**

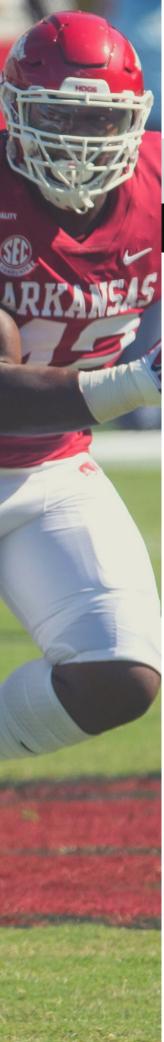
Gets stymied at the point and got little in the way of penetration last year. Not much of a pass rusher and doesn't get outside the box to make plays.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Wilson looked like a potential star in the making throughout his sophomore campaign yet never elevated his game. He possesses the size and tenacity to line up in a four-man front or as a nose tackle, but he would best be utilized as a gap occupier at the next level.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Dallas Cowboys, Cleveland Browns, Jacksonville Jaguars



## JONATHAN MARSHALL

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

295 LBS WEIGHT ARKANSAS SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.38** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Jonathan Marshall worked his way from a redshirt in 2016, a predominantly special teams contributor in 2017 and 2018, a defensive line contributor in 2019, to a dominant breakout season for Arkansas in 2020.

He earned second-team All-SEC recognition following a campaign where he had six consecutive games with at least 1 tackle for loss.

A former top-100 player in Texas, Marshall endured a wild recruiting ride as he bounced from TCU to Oklahoma State before finally landing in Arkansas.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic one-gap defensive tackle with scheme versatility. Fires off the snap with a great first step, plays with great pad level, and consistently gets leverage on opponents.

Explosive up the field, quickly gets his hands into blockers, and keeps his feet moving. Displays good change-of-direction skills with the ability to immediately alter his angle of attack.

Plays with balance, moves well about the field, and flashes pass-rush skill.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Marshall is an athletic defensive lineman with a large upside, but he must improve his strength and increase his production to have any chance of sticking at the next level.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Green Bay Packers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Cincinnati Bengals

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks great bulk, played out of position at nose tackle for Arkansas last season and was consistently hung up by blocks.

Easily knocked off balance or from his angle of attack by the initial hit. Moderately productive throughout his college career.



### KHYIRIS TONGA

### **DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'3"** HEIGHT 325 LBS WEIGHT **BYU** SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.37** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**206** OVERALL RANK

A former rugby player who played both sides of the trenches in high school in addition to lining up at tight end.

Khyiris Tonga committed to Utah as a two-star prospect before making his two-year LDS mission to Wichita. Upon his return, he flipped his commitment to BYU and started all four years in Provo.

He has been consistently productive, with 16 career tackles for loss, 8.5 sacks, and 12 pass breakups.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive, wide-bodied defender who takes up a lot of room in the middle of the line. Fires off the snap, plays with excellent pad level, and is rarely off his feet.

Very good with his hands, resilient, and flashes athleticism. Consistently double-teamed in the middle of the line, keeps his feet moving, and plays through the whistle. Solid first step off the snap.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Often handled at the point by a single blocker despite his size. Does not display himself as an overpowering lineman. Not much of a pass rusher and doesn't make a lot of plays behind the line of scrimmage.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Tonga possesses the size and athleticism to be a dominant force on the field and has flashed as much in the past. He comes with a large upside but must pull the pieces of his game together and consistently play at the level he's capable.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Denver Broncos, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Chicago Bears



## TA'QUON GRAHAM

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

**6'3"** HEIGHT 290 LBS WEIGHT **TEXAS** SCHOOL

SENIOR YEAR

**3.36** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A productive defensive end in the hotbed of high school football, Ta'Quon Graham was voted to the Dave Campbell Texas Football 2016 Super Team prior to enrolling at Texas.

After seeing a limited number of starts early in his career, Graham made 24 starts between 2019 and 2020, emerging as one of the most disruptive players for the Longhorns.

He registered 17.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks over those two seasons, earning a Senior Bowl invite following the conclusion of the 2020 season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic interior defensive tackle with nextlevel physical skills. Fires off the snap with an explosive first step, plays with proper lean, and effectively uses his hands.

Strong, gets leverage on opponents, and makes plays up the field or down the line of scrimmage. Forceful, flies around the action and gives effort.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Gets tied up in blocks or driven off the line by a single opponent. Must develop more moves disengaging from opponents.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Graham was out of position in the Longhorns three-man line, but possesses a large upside due to his athleticism. He's a Day 3 pick who could be used as a rotational lineman early in his NFL career while he develops his game.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Las Vegas Raiders, Cleveland Browns, Dallas Cowboys



## **AUSTIN FAOLIU**

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'3"** HEIGHT

287 LBS WEIGHT OREGON SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.33** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-star recruit out of Mater Dei High School, Austin Faoliu earned praise for his play in the trenches.

He chose Oregon over a number of Power Five offers, repaying the Ducks' faith with 3 tackles for loss and a sack in his freshman season.

He has been a steady contributor throughout his four seasons in Oregon, with his 2019 season being the statistical standout.

He heads to the 2021 NFL Draft after earning an All-Pac-12 honorable mention for the first time in his career.

#### **POSITIVES**

Full-time starter the past two seasons after seeing part-time action with the first team as a sophomore.

Athletic defensive line prospect with a large upside. Fires off the snap and penetrates the line of scrimmage. Fluid pursuing laterally and shows the ability to make plays in space.

Consistently bends his knees, plays with terrific pad level, and is fluid if asked to twist or stunt.

Agile, has excellent length, and works his hands. Stays with the action, keeps his feet moving, and gives effort.

#### NEGATIVES

Struggles getting off blocks and must improve his strength at the point of attack. Gets pushed off the ball by big-bodied blockers.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Faoliu flashed potential the past three seasons at Oregon, yet never truly progressed in his game. He possesses the athleticism and underlying physical skills to start in the NFL but needs to improve his playing strength and consistently produce.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers



## JAYLEN TWYMAN

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

301 LBS WEIGHT PITTSBURGH SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.32** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

230 OVERALL RANK

A three-star recruit out of H.D. Woodson High School, Jaylen Twyman reportedly chose the University of Pittsburgh to play college football.

Prior to the 2019 season, Twyman changed his number to match the 97 worn by Aaron Donald during his time at Pitt. The result was a season where Twyman logged 12 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks, becoming the first Pitt defensive tackle to lead the team in sacks since Donald.

He eschewed the 2020 NFL Draft to return to Pitt, but eventually opted out of the 2020 season citing family concerns.

#### **POSITIVES**

Undersized, explosive three-technique lineman. Fires off the snap with an explosive first step, displays tremendous quickness, and possesses a closing burst.

Plays low to the ground with outstanding pad level and gets leverage on opponents. Easily changes direction and gets into space to pursue the action.

Fluid when asked to twist or stunt and agile. Immediately redirects and alters his angle of attack to get to the ball handler. Has an outstanding closing burst and shows a lot of ability rushing the passer.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks size as well as growth potential. Must get the first step on blockers or he's easily taken from the play or outpositioned from the action.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Twyman made an immediate impact for the Pittsburgh defense the day he stepped on the field. He's explosive and athletic but undersized, and he must line up in a one-gap system where he's covered by his teammates.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Dallas Cowboys, Buffalo Bills, Jacksonville Jaguars



## **JORDON SCOTT**

### **DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

**6'0"** HEIGHT 311 LBS WEIGHT OREGON SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.28** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Originally committed to the Florida Gators, Jordon Scott ultimately ended up at Oregon as a three-star defensive tackle in the 2017 recruiting class.

Scott was named a FWAA Freshman All-American after making 11 starts and amassing 34 tackles in 2017.

Scott was the heart of the Oregon defensive line as he made over 40 starts for the Ducks during his four-year career.

#### **POSITIVES**

Four-year starter who lost 40 pounds before his senior season. Large, powerful nose tackle prospect who holds his ground in the middle of the field.

Takes up a lot of room, plays with leverage and is impossible to move from the point of attack. Holds his ground against double and even triple-teams.

Keeps his feet moving, works his hands and shows power at the point of attack.

#### **NEGATIVES**

More of a gap occupier than a playmaker. Seemed to lose an edge last year with all the weight loss.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Scott is a nose tackle prospect with the girth and power to play the position at the next level. He lacks great upside, but is a polished prospect for a defense needing someone to occupy blockers in the middle of the field.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Chicago Bears, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Green Bay Packers



### **JOSIAH BRONSON**

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE** 

**6'3"** HEIGHT 304 LBS WEIGHT WASHINGTON SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.26** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**276** OVERALL RANK

A team captain as a senior at Kentwood High School, Josiah Bronson played defensive end and tight end to an All-Area level.

He spent two seasons with Temple before joining Washington in 2017. Bronson saw action in 2018 but became a full-time starter in his final two seasons with the Huskies.

He secured his only career sack against Eastern Washington in 2019, with a half tackle for loss against Arizona in 2020.

#### **POSITIVES**

Two-year starter who began his college career at Temple. Explosive defensive lineman with an underrated game.

Quick off the snap, bends his knees, and plays with proper pad level. Agile, nicely redirects to the play, and goes hard.

Rarely off his feet, works his hands throughout the action, and shows the ability to get out in space chasing the action. Solid athlete.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks bulk and gets easily out-positioned from the action by a single blocker. Displays limited playing strength. Marginally productive at the college level.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Bronson is an explosive, hard-working defensive lineman who could be used as a three-technique tackle and possibly at defensive end in a three-man front. He must improve his strength at the point of attack, but Bronson comes with significant upside.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Cincinnati Bengals, New York Giants, Cleveland Browns



## TEDARRELL SLATON

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

**6'4"** HEIGHT 330 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Tedarrell Slaton hailed from the same American Heritage High School as several 2021 NFL Draft prospects including Patrick Surtain.

A four-star recruit, Slaton chose Florida over the likes of Georgia and Miami. Although he saw action as a freshman, he was more of a rotational piece until his senior season.

Starting all games in 2020, Slaton registered 3.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks.

#### **POSITIVES**

Large, wide-bodied gap occupier who flashes power. Fires off the snap, uses his hands well, and keeps his feet moving.

Strong in his lower body and bull rushes blockers off the line of scrimmage to penetrate the backfield. Plays with proper lean.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Was a little too large at Florida, tipping the scales at more than 350 pounds. Average production in college and isn't much of a pass rusher.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Slaton displayed the ability to clog the middle of the field and push the pocket at the college level, but he must round into a complete defensive lineman if he's to play on Sundays.

He's dropped almost 30 pounds since the end of his senior season and is headed in the right direction. Slaton's size and power will get consideration from two-gap defenses, and at the very least he's worth stashing on a practice squad next fall.

If he puts his mind to it and meets expectations, he can be a starter at the next level. Otherwise, he will bounce from roster to roster and be nothing more than an occasional contributor.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Chicago Bears, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Green Bay Packers



## **QUINTON BOHANNA**

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

**6'4"** HEIGHT 327 LBS WEIGHT KENTUCKY SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**287**OVERALL RANK

A three-star prospect out of Cordova, Quinton Bohanna made an immediate impact for Kentucky. He started five games as a freshman and 33 total in his career for the Wildcats.

A team captain as a senior in 2020, Bohanna earned fourth-team All-SEC honors from Phil Steele.

The Kentucky defensive tackle has a family connection to the NFL as his uncle, Brian Ingram, played for the New England Patriots and San Diego Chargers.

#### **POSITIVES**

Large gap-occupying nose tackle who takes up a lot of room in the middle of the field. Fires off the snap with a quick first step and gets double -teamed by opponents, yet holds his ground.

Works his hands throughout the action, flashes power in his lower body, and is a load to handle.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Does not play with proper pad level, gets tall and makes himself an easy target. Small-area lineman who is ineffective rushing the passer.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Bohanna is a size prospect who was an overwhelming force when focused on the task at hand. He must learn to bend his knees and play with leverage to have any type of career at the next level.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers



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17 PROSPECTS IN THE TOP 300 (AS OF APRIL 12)				
Player	Grade	Projected Round	Position Rank	Overall Rank
Micah Parsons	4.61	1st	01	8
Zaven Collins	4.32	1st	02	15
Azeez Ojulari	4.30	1st	03	16
Joseph Ossai	3.97	2nd	04	39

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Joe Tryon

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Jordan Smith

Chris Rumph II

Charles Snowden

Hamilcar Rashed Jr.

Patrick Johnson

Malcolm Koonce

Wyatt Hubert

**Chris Garrett** 

**Antjuan Simmons** 

Shaka Toney



### MICAH PARSONS

**DUTSIDE LINEBACKER** 

**6'3"** HEIGHT

246 LBS WEIGHT PENN STATE SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.61** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**08**OVERALL RANK

A do-it-all five-star high school prospect, Micah Parsons excelled at linebacker and running back across two high schools. Despite offers from across the nation, he stayed close to home with the Penn State Nittany Lions where he had an explosive two seasons.

He earned Big Ten Linebacker of the Year honors in 2019, in addition, to being named a consensus All-American. Parsons opted out of the 2020 season, citing health concerns for his two year-old son.

Despite his incredible on-field talent, Parsons' draft stock could be tarnished by some well-documented off-field questions.

#### **POSITIVES**

Insanely athletic linebacker who plays explosive football. Fast moving in every direction, very sudden, and creates turnovers.

Covers a lot of area, possesses a tremendous closing burst, and has a violent nature to his game. Easily changes direction and alters his angle of attack without losing momentum.

Forceful up the field and displays outstanding speed in pursuit. Gets depth on pass drops and shuts off the corners from ball handlers.

Easily stays downfield with tight ends and running backs in coverage. Very competitive.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Instincts run hot and cold. Inefficient getting to the action. Does not drive through tackles. Possesses average ball skills in coverage.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Parsons is a tremendous athlete who forces turnovers with big hits and explosiveness. He offers the ability to develop into a three-down defender, but he must polish his instincts and be quicker diagnosing plays rather than relying on sheer athleticism to get to the action. He's a scheme-versatile linebacker, though I prefer him as a traditional weakside 4-3 outside 'backer.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Carolina Panthers, Detroit Lions, Las Vegas Raiders



### **ZAVEN COLLINS**

### **OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**

**6'5"** HEIGHT 249 LBS WEIGHT TULSA SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**4.32** GRADE

**1ST** PROJECTED ROUND

UZ POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Zaven Collins rose to prominence in 2020 after his incredible performances at Tulsa earned him All-American and All-AAC honors, in addition to being named the recipient of the Nagurski Award as the best defensive player in the nation.

He's come a long way since being a three-star recruit who wasn't even considered as a top-2,000 player coming out of Hominy High School in Oklahoma.

An impressive all-around player, Collins recorded 7.5 tackles for loss, 4 sacks, 4 interceptions, and 2 forced fumbles in 2020.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive, game-impacting linebacker who was a three-year starter for Tulsa. Instinctive, breaks down well, and quickly locates the ball handler.

Forceful up the field and plays with balance as well as body control. Gives effort defending the run and attacks assignments as well as opponents.

Big, strong, and defeats blocks to make the play. Easily gets back to playing balance off the initial block and quickly changes direction or alters his angle of attack without losing momentum.

Terrific pass rusher who bends off the edge with speed. Explodes through gaps to penetrate the line of scrimmage.

Very effective making plays in space, fluid moving laterally and shows speed in pursuit. Stays with assignments, possesses solid ball skills, and stands out in coverage.

#### **NEGATIVES**

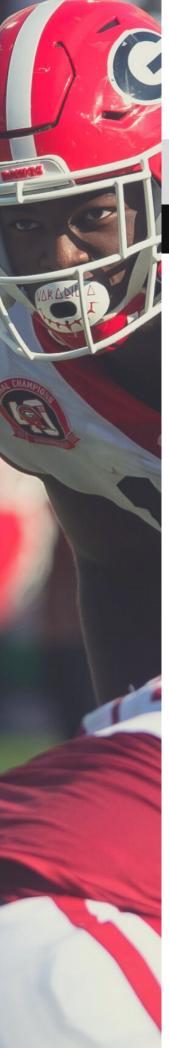
Not overly quick. Occasionally gets caught upfield and out of position.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Collins is a game-impacting defender and one of the more understated prospects in this year's draft. He's not the small run-and-chase linebacker teams prefer these days. Rather, he's a throwback of sorts, and possesses the size as well as speed to be a pass rusher as well as play in coverage. Collins is a true three-down defender who should quickly break into a starting lineup and comes with outstanding scheme versatility.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Carolina Panthers, Denver Broncos, Washington Football Team



## AZEEZ OJULARI

### DUTSIDE LINEBACKER

**6'2"** HEIGHT

249 LBS WEIGHT **GEORGIA** SCHOOL

RS SOPHOMORE YEAR

**4.30** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**16**OVERALL RANK

Growing up just 90 minutes outside of Athens, Azeez Ojulari was one of the top recruits of the Georgia Bulldogs' 2017 recruiting class.

The former four-star out of Marietta saw limited time as a freshman, before a productive 2019 season.

Ojulari accumulated 33 tackles (5.5 for loss), with 5 sacks, in a breakout redshirt sophomore campaign before heading to the 2021 NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Gifted pass rusher who is rounding into a complete defender. Fires off the snap with an explosive first step, plays with excellent balance as well as body control, and effectively uses his hands.

Keeps his feet off the initial block, consistently gets leverage on opponents, and makes a lot of athletic plays. Focused on by opponents but tough to move off the point.

Agile, easily changes direction, and nicely redirects to the ball handler. Displays terrific speed as well as force off the edge, but can also flip

his hips and drop off the line to play in space.

Pursues with speed chasing the action, covers a lot of area, and quickly gets out to the flanks.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks great bulk and gets out-positioned from the play by big offensive tackles. Doesn't show great awareness playing in space.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Entering the season, I graded Ojulari as a potential Day 2 choice off of his freshman film. He displayed a great amount of progress last season and is rounding into a complete defender who can stand over tackle and come out of a three-point stance. His lack of bulk will result in bumps in the road early on, but Ojulari will be a terrific defensive front-seven player in time.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New York Giants, Minnesota Vikings, Baltimore Ravens



### JOSEPH OSSAI

### **OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

256 LBS WEIGHT **TEXAS** SCHOOL

JUNIOR YEAR

**3.97** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

**04** POSITION RANK

**39** OVERALL RANK

Born and raised in Lagos, Nigeria, Joseph Ossai hadn't even seen a down of football until he was 10 years old.

He caught on quickly, earning a four-star ranking after a productive high school career that culminated in a place on the prestigious Dave Campbell Texas Football Super Team.

Ossai was predominantly a special teams' contributor in 2018 before emerging as a productive outside linebacker in 2019.

A switch to defensive end as a junior resulted in 15.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks in a consensus All-American season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive, intense pass rusher who impacts the game in a variety of ways. Athletic, covers a lot of area on the field, and shows a lot of suddenness.

Breaks down well, chases the action hard, and shows ability in backside pursuit. Fires up the field, bends off the edge, and loses no momentum altering his angle of attack.

Goes hard and is rarely off his feet. Nasty, works to finish off opponents, and is a disruptive force. Effective dropped off the line of scrimmage playing in space.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Easily slowed by blocks and takes a while to get back to playing form off the initial hit. Marginally instinctive and often finds himself searching for the ball.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Ossai was an impact player the past two seasons, and opponents always had to account for him. He consistently made a lot of plays up the field as well as in pursuit, and Ossai is an athletic prospect with great intensity. I firmly believe he'll be better standing over tackle than out of a three-point stance, and in the correct scheme Ossai will be a very good player in the NFL.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New England Patriots, Cleveland Browns, Las Vegas Raiders



### JOE TRYON

### OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

**6'5"** HEIGHT

259 LBS WEIGHT WASHINGTON SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.93** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**49** OVERALL RANK

A multi-sport athlete and two-way player on the football field, Joe Tryon came out of Hazen High School as a three-star recruit.

Heavily recruited in-state, he flipped his commitment across the Apple Cup barricades from Washington State to Washington. After redshirting in 2017, Tryon played just two years for the Huskies.

As a full-time starter in 2019, he earned second -team All-Pac-12 honors, after amassing 12.5 tackles for loss and 8 sacks for the season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Full-time starter as a sophomore in 2019 before opting out last season. Potentially, an explosive pass rusher with a large upside.

Quick off the snap, plays with proper pad level, and gets leverage on opponents.

Occasionally stands over tackle and breaks down well. Rarely off his feet, easily changes direction, and plays with balance. Quick and fluid if asked to twist or stunt. Moves well about the field, effectively uses his hands, and bends off the edge rushing the passer.

#### **NEGATIVES**

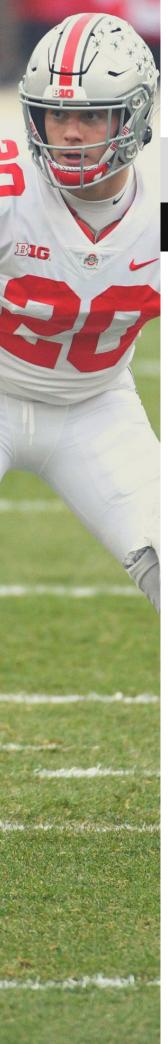
Not quick-twitch for a stand-up linebacker and small for a defensive end. Had one year of big-time production at the college level.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Tryon displayed flashes of brilliance in 2019 before deciding to sit out last season. He offers a good amount of upside potential, but must physically mature and add bulk to his frame before he'll be NFL-ready. I believe Tryon would be best growing into a defensive end and lining up in a four-man line.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

San Francisco 49ers, Indianapolis Colts, Minnesota Vikings



### PETE WERNER

### **DUTSIDE LINEBACKER**

**6'3"** HEIGHT

238 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.88** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

58 OVERALL RANK

A three-year starter for the Ohio State Buckeyes, Pete Werner also saw special teams action as a freshman in 2017.

Werner is a former four-star recruit who chose the Buckeyes over multiple Power Five offers, including in-state Notre Dame.

Although productive during his Ohio State career, he was at his best in 2020 earning first-team All-Big Ten honors.

Another prospect in this class who has family ties to the sport, his father was a tight end in the NFL for two seasons.

#### **POSITIVES**

Instinctive, hard-working linebacker with a three-down game. Quickly reads the action and unfolds plays before they take place.

Immediately locates the ball, flows well to the action, and displays speed in pursuit. Breaks down well, uses his hands to protect himself, and redirects to the ball handler.

Gets depth on pass drops and shows the ability to stay downfield with faster running backs.

Sells out on the blitz, fires upfield defending the run, and displays an explosive closing burst of speed. Wraps up tackling.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks classic size and has a wiry build. Easily disrupted from the action by blocks.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Werner is an underrated linebacker with a terrific combination of instincts and intensity as well as physical skills. He lays it on the line every snap but also plays disciplined football. Werner has scheme versatility and is a three-down linebacker who is effective covering the pass as well as defending the run.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Green Bay Packers, New Orleans Saints, Cleveland Browns



### **NICK BOLTON**

### **DUTSIDE LINEBACKER**

**5'11"** HEIGHT

228 LBS WEIGHT MISSOURI SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.85** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Despite being named District MVP in consecutive seasons for Lone Star High School, Nick Bolton was under-recruited as a three-star line-backer prospect.

He eventually opted for Missouri where he became a two-year starter after seeing time as a true freshman.

Bolton was a first-team All-SEC linebacker in 2019 after registering over 100 tackles. He came close to emulating his sophomore production in 2020 -- despite playing two less games -- and once again earned first-team conference honors.

#### **POSITIVES**

Undersized run-and-chase linebacker who is best in pursuit. Instinctive, quick to read and diagnose, and explosive.

Stays with assignments, finds the ball handler and fires up the field making plays against the run. Plays with great suddenness and flashes on the scene out of nowhere.

Takes proper angles to the action, shows speed to the flanks, and cuts off the corners from ball

handlers. Covers a tremendous amount of area on the field.

Nasty, goes hard after opponents, and wraps up tackling. Fluid moving in every direction and effective making plays in space.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Small, slow getting off blocks, and outpositioned from the action by a single opponent. Not a stout tackler and tends to drag down ball handlers.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Bolton is a tough, athletic linebacker who flies around the field and plays with great speed as well as explosion. He comes with size limitations and needs a free shot at the ball, but Bolton will flourish in the right system that protects him and allows him to make plays in pursuit.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Philadelphia Eagles, Cleveland Browns, Kansas City Chiefs



## **JORDAN SMITH**

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

**6'6"** HEIGHT 255 LBS WEIGHT **UAB** SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.74** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

**08**POSITION RANK

O4 OVERALL RANK

A former three-star recruit who earned SEC attention, Jordan Smith was originally committed to South Carolina before a change of staff changed his direction to Florida.

Expected to be a major contributor, Smith was suspended by the program for his involvement in a credit card scam.

His path to redemption ran through Butler Community College where his productivity earned him a chance at UAB.

He impressed in two seasons with the Blazers, earning first-team All-Conference USA honors and a Senior Bowl invite for his 2020 performances.

#### **POSITIVES**

Florida transfer who was an impact starter for UAB the past two seasons. Incredibly athletic defensive front-seven player who can be used up the field or in space.

Breaks down well and effectively uses his hands. Agile, easily changes direction or redirects and quickly alters his angle of attack in pursuit.

Remains disciplined with assignments. Fluid and smooth.

Gets depth on pass drops, covers a lot of area on the field, and easily gets out to the flanks pursuing the action. Forceful up the field, terrific as a pass rusher and bends off the edge.

Remains disciplined with assignments and does not run aimlessly around the field. Quickly locates the ball handler, explodes through gaps, and gives effort defending the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks bulk and strength and struggles to get off blocks. Doesn't stack well against the run.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Smith is an athletic prospect with outstanding size and speed as well as growth potential. He displays himself as a well-rounded, three-down defender, and should only improve as he gets more playing experience. I project Smith at outside linebacker in a 3-4 system, as he can rush the passer or drop back into coverage on passing downs.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Denver Broncos, Green Bay Packers, New York Giants



### CHRIS RUMPH II

**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER** 

**6'3"** HEIGHT 244 LBS WEIGHT **DUKE** SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.52** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**09**POSITION RANK

**141** OVERALL RANK

One of several prospects with bloodlines to the NFL, Chris Rumph's father is the current Chicago Bears defensive line coach.

The football blood clearly runs strong, as Chris was a two-time first-team All-State honoree at Buchholz High School.

Although he is only credited as being a full-time starter for Duke in 2020, his play earned him Freshman All-American honors and multiple All-ACC awards.

#### **POSITIVES**

Solid college pass rusher who lacks size and strength for the next level. Plays with good pad level, works his hands, and bends off the edge.

Flashes athleticism, collapses down the line of scrimmage in pursuit, and works to get involved in the action.

Gets a lot of momentum going up the field and shows speed off the corner. Gives effort defending the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Displays marginal quickness and lacks a great first step. Undersized, lacks strength, and gets engulfed at the point or taken from the action by a single blocker.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Rumph was a solid pass rusher for Duke and turned in some incredible plays, but he does not project all that well to the next level. He's a situational pass rusher who can be used out of a three-point stance or standing over tackle, but Rumph comes with limited upside.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Cleveland Browns, San Francisco 49ers, Indianapolis Colts



## CHARLES SNOWDEN

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

**6'6 1/2"** HEIGHT

232 LBS WEIGHT VIRGINIA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.46** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**160** OVERALL RANK

A 6'6" man amongst boys at St. Albans High School, Charles Snowden put his size to good use as a linebacker and wide receiver.

A low three-star linebacker recruit, he stayed close to home with Virginia due partly to little national interest. After starting as a true freshman, Snowden's game -- and reputation -- has developed to the point where he earned second-team All-ACC recognition in 2020.

He was invited to the Senior Bowl following his 10 tackles for loss and 6 sacks in his senior season, but his opportunity to impress was derailed by injury.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tall, somewhat athletic linebacker who plays tough, smart football. Instinctive, remains disciplined with assignments, and does not bite on ball fakes or mindlessly run around the field.

Flows well to the action and displays speed in pursuit. Fast up the field and gives effort. Solid run defender who wraps up ball handlers at the point of attack.

Gets depth on pass drops and covers a lot of area on the field. Previously showed the ability to rush the passer and possesses terrific edge speed. Fluid when asked to twist or stunt upfront and sells out on the blitz.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Has a thin build and struggles taking on blocks. Has a high-cut build, which will make it easy for opponents to take his legs out. Struggled with injury last season.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Snowden was a three-down defender at the college level and consistently produced at Virginia. He projects as a 3-4 linebacker but must add bulk to his frame and get stronger. Otherwise, he will struggle in the NFL.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Los Angeles Rams, Denver Broncos, New England Patriots



### SHAKA TONEY

**DUTSIDE LINEBACKER** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

243 LBS WEIGHT PENN STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.41** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**186**OVERALL RANK

Another athletic Penn State product, Shaka Toney was credited with a 4.62 40-yard dash and a 32.5 inch vertical jump as a high school standout in Philadelphia.

A four-year player for the Nittany Lions, Toney has amassed 111 tackles, 20 sacks, and 28.5 tackles for loss in his career while earning first-team All-Big Ten honors in his senior season.

Toney was also a team captain in his final year with Penn State.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic, explosive college pass rusher with a streaky game. Displays good change-of-direction skills and fluidly gets down the line of scrimmage chasing the action.

Possesses excellent movement skills, works his hands throughout the action, and gets leverage on opponents.

Fluid if asked to twist or stunt, fires through the gaps behind the line of scrimmage, and gets outside the box to make plays. Flashes an explosive first step off the snap and plays with excellent balance as well as body control.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Often looks like he's playing half-speed and disappears for stretches. Easily taken from the action by a single blocker. Undersized for a defensive end and will be a liability against the run at the next level.

#### **ANALYSIS**

At the top of his game, Toney displays himself as an outstanding pass rusher who opponents struggle to stop. Unfortunately, he does not consistently play at a high level and disappears for long stretches. He'll be a situational pass rusher at the next level who must learn to play standing over tackle, and more than anything else, show up on every down.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Baltimore Ravens, Denver Broncos, Tampa Bay Buccaneers



### HAMILCAR RASHED JR.

**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

254 LBS WEIGHT OREGON STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.36** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Despite an incredibly productive high school career at Cesar Chavez High School, Hamilcar Rashed Jr. had just two Power Five offers as a three-star recruit.

Choosing Oregon State, he redshirted in 2016 and saw limited playing time in 2017. Since becoming a starter in 2018, Rashed Jr. rediscovered his pass-rush form with a dazzling 2019 season, earning him first-team All-Pac-12 honors.

Some injuries and inconsistencies in 2020 may have seen his draft stock take a hit.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter and a fluid, smooth athlete who previously displayed himself as a game-impacting pass rusher.

Remains disciplined with assignments, stays with the action, and is rarely off his feet. Agile, nicely redirects and flows well to the play.

Easily bends off the edge, displays a burst of speed, and effectively works his hands. Shows the ability to pedal in reverse or make plays in space.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Played uninspired football last season and gave half-hearted efforts. Possesses a thin build and struggles getting off blocks.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Rashed was dominant as a pass rusher and consistently blew plays up behind the line of scrimmage in 2019. He failed to live up to expectations last season and really did not show well at the Senior Bowl. Rashed previously proved himself as a potential starting linebacker in a 3-4 alignment, but must quickly get his game back on track to have any career at the next level.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New York Giants, Denver Broncos, Tampa Bay Buccaneers



### PATRICK JOHNSON

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

**6'6"** HEIGHT 240 LBS WEIGHT TULANE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.34** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

An experienced pass rusher for the Tulane Green Wave, Patrick Johnson has played in over 40 games after starting as a freshman.

A former two-star recruit out of Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga, Johnson has overcome his lowly recruiting profile to be a productive college player.

He is credited with 35 tackles for loss and 24.5 sacks, with the latter setting a school record.

After earning second-team All-AAC honors early in his career, Johnson finished his time at Tulane as a first-team All-AAC honoree.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who was highly honored since his sophomore season. Terrific edgerushing linebacker who makes a lot of plays up the field.

Breaks down well, uses his hands to protect himself, and bends off the edge.

Displays a closing burst, flattens from the backside, and easily pursues the play. Quickly locates the ball and nicely collapses from the outside defending the run. Fluid if asked to twist or stunt and rarely off his feet.

Gets leverage on opponents and remains disciplined with assignments.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Shows little in the way of strength and gets stood up by blocks. Plays faster than he is at times but lacks flat-out speed.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Johnson was very productive as a standup linebacker for Tulane and would be a good situational pass-rushing linebacker in a 3-4 alignment.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Los Angeles Rams, Denver Broncos, Pittsburgh Steelers



## MALCOLM KOONCE

**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER** 

**6'2"** HEIGHT 245 LBS WEIGHT BUFFALO SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.31** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A two-star recruit by 247 Sports, Malcolm Koonce's only Division I offer came from the Buffalo Bulls.

A rotational part on the defensive line in his first two seasons in Northwest New York, Koonce emerged as a dangerous pass rusher in 2019.

He was named the MAC Defensive Player of the Year after logging 11 tackles for loss and 8 sacks, production that continued into his senior year.

Koonce had 6.5 tackles for loss and 5 sacks in 2020, earning himself a Senior Bowl invite.

#### **POSITIVES**

Two-year starter who was an effective pass rusher for Buffalo. Forceful up the field, gets a lot of momentum going, and rushes the edge with speed.

Can bend off the edge, plays with balance as well as body control, and has a nasty attitude. Fluid, quickly locates the ball, and works to finish off opponents.

Smooth pursuing the play laterally, uses his hands to protect himself, and is rarely off his feet.

Takes on double-team blocks and shows the ability to hold his ground and occupy gaps.

Slides off opponents, shows a variety of moves, and plays through the whistle. Relatively effective dropping off the line and playing in space.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses more of a short burst of speed. Ineffective pursuing the action from the backside. Out-positioned from plays by larger offensive linemen. Does not possess an elite closing burst.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Koonce is a bit of a hidden gem as an edge rusher, as he plays bigger than his listed size and faster than his timed speed. He can be used standing over tackles or occasionally out of a three-point stance. Koonce will make an NFL roster if used properly.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Denver Broncos, Green Bay Packers, Pittsburgh Steelers



### WYATT HUBERT

DUTSIDE LINEBACKER

**6'3"** HEIGHT **265 LBS** WEIGHT

KANSAS STATE SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.27** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**267** OVERALL RANK

An All-State honoree as a high school senior at Shawnee Heights, Wyatt Hubert also participated in wrestling and track and field.

He opted to stay in-state for his college career, earning 29 starts in his three playing years for the Kansas State Wildcats.

Hubert earned first-team All-Big 12 honors in two consecutive seasons while also receiving votes for the Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year Award in 2019 and 2020.

#### **POSITIVES**

Fourth-year junior who started the past three seasons and was a Senior Bowl participant in January.

Hard-charging defensive front-seven player who gets the most from his ability. Breaks down well, displays good change-of-direction skills and the ability to immediately alter his angle of attack.

Possesses a variety of moves with his hands protecting himself or getting off blocks. Fluid, gives tremendous effort, and plays with a non-stop motor.

Rarely off his feet, gets out laterally, and consistently chases the action. Fires off the snap with an explosive first step out of a three-point stance and shows ability rushing the passer standing over tackle.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks outright pursuit speed chasing the action from the back side. Easily disrupted from plays by the initial block.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Hubert grades out highly in the areas of hustle and competitiveness, but comes with average size and play speed. He's small for defensive end and slow for stand-up linebacker, but his competitive nature makes him worth considering in the late rounds. Hubert projects as a situational pass rusher/special teams player on Sundays.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Cleveland Browns, Buffalo Bills, Minnesota Vikings



### CHRIS GARRETT

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

230 LBS WEIGHT CONCORDIA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

**16** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A Wisconsin native, Chris Garrett was unranked out of high school but went on to have a productive career for Concordia-St. Paul.

In three seasons for Concordia, Garrett has amassed 48 tackles for loss, 36.5 sacks, and he set a Division II record with 15 forced fumbles.

A Division II first-team All-American in 2019, Garrett received an invite to the 2021 Shrine Bowl despite not playing a down in the canceled 2020 season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive small school pass rusher who projects to outside linebacker in the NFL. Plays with excellent pad level, gets leverage on opponents, and fires off the snap.

Uses his hands well and displays a variety of moves. Immediately alters his angle of attack and redirects to the action. Bends off the edge, gets up the field quickly, and has a burst of closing speed bearing down on the play.

Agile, plays with balance as well as body control, and consistently exploits lesser offensive tackles. Smart, tough, and relentless.

Goes after opponents and attacks quarter-backs. Plays to his 40 time.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Takes the majority of his snaps out of a three-point stance. Used almost solely up the field. Must get bigger and stronger. Will struggle against the run at the next level.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Garrett was a terrific pass rusher at the small-school level, and he's a relentless defender who consistently plays all-out. He's built more like a weakside linebacker than a pass rusher for the NFL, and he must complete his game and learn to make plays in reverse.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New York Giants, Baltimore Ravens, Pittsburgh Steelers



### **ANTJUAN SIMMONS**

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

**5'11"** HEIGHT

218 LBS WEIGHT MICHIGAN STATE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A linebacker and running back at Pioneer High School, Antjuan Simmons was ranked as the No. 1 outside linebacker in Michigan.

He opted to stay in-state with the Michigan State Spartans, seeing extensive time as a freshman.

Simmons made 20 consecutive starts to end his Spartans' career, culminating into second-team All-Big Ten recognition in 2020. His senior season play earned him invites to the 2021 Shrine Bowl and NFLPA Bowl.

#### **POSITIVES**

Safety-sized linebacker who makes plays in every area of the field. Athletic, gets tremendous depth on pass drops and covers a lot of area on the field.

Explosive, fierce, and flies around the action working to make positive plays. Quickly gets outside the numbers in pursuit, fluidly flips his hips, and plays heads-up football.

Breaks down well, fires up the field defending the run, and gives effort.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Undersized, gets easily blocked from the action, and gets caught up in the trash. Lacks growth potential.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Simmons was a tremendous college linebacker and a productive player at Michigan State for three seasons. Size is a limiting factor, and Simmons only fits a few schemes, but he offers potential as a one-gap defender and special teams player.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Denver Broncos, Los Angeles Rams, Tampa Bay Buccaneers



INSIDE LINEBACKER 21 PROSPECTS IN THE TOP 300 (AS OF APRIL 12)									
Player	Grade	<b>Projected Round</b>	Position Rank	Overall Rank					
Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah	4.29	1st	01	17					
Dylan Moses	3.95	2nd	02	43					
Jamin Davis	3.94	2nd	03	47					
Baron Browning	3.83	2nd-3rd	04	67					
Jabril Cox	3.80	2nd-3rd	05	71					

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Cam McGrone

**Derrick Barnes** 

**Chazz Surratt** 

**Ernest Jones** 

**Garret Wallow** 

Isaiah McDuffie

**Buddy Johnson** 

**Erroll Thompson** 

Tony Fields II

Justin Hilliard

Paddy Fisher

Elijah Sullivan

Amen Ogbongbemiga

**Monty Rice** 

K.J. Britt

**Anthony Hines III** 



### JEREMIAH OWUSU-KORAMOAH

**NSIDE LINEBACKER** 

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

221 LBS WEIGHT NOTRE DAME SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**4.29** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A true multi-sport star at Bethel High School, Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah was a standout on the basketball court while playing four positions on the football field.

A three-star "athlete", he courted multiple Power Five teams, eventually flipping his commitment from Virginia to Notre Dame late in the process. After suffering early-career adversity -- a broken ankle ended his 2018 season -he emerged at the team's rover position.

Two impressive seasons culminated in him receiving the Butkus Award as the best linebacker in the nation as well as being named the ACC Defensive Player of the Year in 2020.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive linebacker with a three-down game. Instinctive, quickly locates the ball, and sells out making plays.

Gives outstanding effort, breaks down well, and shows terrific range on the field. Effectively uses his hands to protect himself, plays with force, and possesses a closing burst bearing down on the action.

Gets depth on pass drops, works to get his head back around, and shows solid ball skills. Flows well laterally, displays ability in pursuit, and runs ball handlers down from the backside.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not a stout tackler. Struggles handling blocks head-on.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Owusu-Koramoah was an outstanding linebacker at the college level who got better each season. He lacks classic size, but he's a one-gap defender who is equally effective in coverage or run defense.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New England Patriots, Denver Broncos, Washington Football Team



## **DYLAN MOSES**

### **INSIDE LINEBACKER**

**6'2"** HEIGHT 230 LBS WEIGHT ALABAMA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.95** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A football star in the making since eighth grade when he received offers from Louisiana State and Alabama, Dylan Moses' athletic ability was honed by his drill sergeant father.

A five-star recruit, he landed in Tuscaloosa in 2017. He impressed with a productive two-season spell for Alabama, before an ACL tear ended his junior season before it started.

A consensus first-round NFL Draft pick prior to the injury, his stock is in question following an underwhelming return to action as part of Alabama's national championship-winning team.

#### **POSITIVES**

Underrated linebacker coming off a somewhat disappointing campaign. Plays with outstanding awareness and instincts, and remains disciplined with all his assignments.

Athletic, covers a lot of area on the field, and shows tremendous range in both pursuit and coverage. Fluid, flows to the action laterally, and takes proper angles.

Efficient, gets out into space to make plays, and wraps up tackling. Breaks down well, does

an outstanding job using his hands, and is rarely off his feet. Fluid pedaling in reverse.

Does not bite on ball fakes and does a great job quarterbacking the defense.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Seemed to lose some explosion after his 2019 injury. Was not the same playmaker last year as he was in previous seasons. Out-positioned from the action by blocks.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Moses was often criticized last year for not being a big playmaker, yet he was a disciplined defender with a great head for the football. He does not make many "wow!" plays, rather Moses is consistently productive against the run and in coverage. I expect him to be underdrafted in April, but I feel Moses has starting potential at the next level in a variety of schemes.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Denver Broncos, Cleveland Browns, New England Patriots



## JAMIN DAVIS

### **INSIDE LINEBACKER**

**6'3"** HEIGHT

234 LBS WEIGHT KENTUCKY SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.94** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

**03**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A former three-star recruit out of Long County High School, Jamin Davis was just the second player in school history to sign with a Division I program.

Davis redshirted in 2017 and saw just one start in the following two seasons before starting 10 games in 2020. He emerged as a first-team All-SEC linebacker in 2020 as he led the Kentucky Wildcats with 102 tackles in his junior season.

Additionally, he amassed 4 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, 2 pass breakups, and 3 interceptions for Kentucky in his final season before declaring for the 2021 NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Outstanding run-defending linebacker coming off a career season. Aggressive and displays a terrific head for the ball.

Attacks opponents and brings ball handlers down in the open field. Sells out on the blitz, but also flows well laterally to the play.

Quickly locates the action, immediately diagnoses plays, and works his hands to stay off blocks. Easily changes direction and gets depth

on pass drops. Displays solid skill in coverage and possesses good hands for the interception.

#### **NEGATIVES**

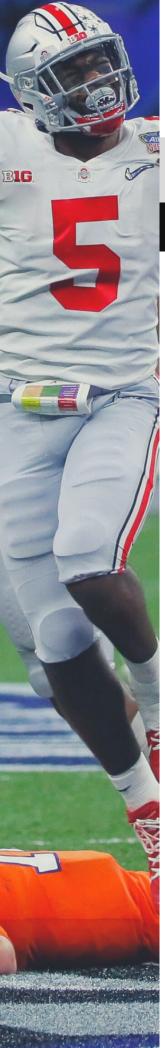
Despite his 40 time during pro day testing (4.47s) shows average playing speed and burst. Produced for just one year at the college level.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Davis is a well-built linebacker who showed tremendous development in his game last season and really popped off the film. He's physical and aggressive but is also a disciplined defender with solid instincts. Although I would like to see Davis play to his 40 time, I do think he could flourish on the inside of a 3-4 alignment.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Washington Football Team, Detroit Lions, Kansas City Chiefs



## **BARON BROWNING**

**INSIDE LINEBACKER** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

245 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.83** GRADE

**2ND-3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

**04** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

An elite athlete at the high school level, Baron Browning was the No. 1 linebacker in the 2017 class and a five-star recruit.

Despite having the option of staying close to his Texas home, he joined Ohio State and made an immediate impression as a freshman.

Browning was at his statistical best as a junior in 2019 when he amassed 43 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, and 5 sacks. He earned an invite to the 2021 Senior Bowl.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic, explosive linebacker who flashes dominance. Fast moving in every direction, fluid getting to the play laterally, and possesses a burst to the ball.

Cuts off the corners from running backs, shows strength, and makes the tackle in space. Explosive hitter who jars the ball loose, forcing fumbles.

Quick and fluid in reverse, displays outstanding range, and fires to the ball out of his plant in coverage.

Plays off blocks, redirects to the ball handler, and immediately alters his angle of attack getting to the action.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Streaky, inconsistent, and disappears for stretches. Instincts are questionable. Inefficient.

### **ANALYSIS**

Browning flashed dominance and potential as the next great linebacker to come from Ohio State during his sophomore season, but he never truly elevated his game or consistently played at a high level. He possesses the athleticism and versatility to be used at a multitude of linebacker positions in a multitude of defensive schemes, but he must brush his instincts and play to his ceiling on every snap.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Green Bay Packers, Carolina Panthers, Detroit Lions



### **JABRIL COX**

### **INSIDE LINEBACKER**

**6'3"** HEIGHT 233 LBS WEIGHT **LSU** SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.80** GRADE

**2ND-3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

**05**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Although he heads to the 2021 NFL Draft as an ascending linebacker prospect, Jabril Cox was a jack-of-all trades high school athlete, a three-year football starter, and four-year starter on the basketball court.

A two-star dual-threat QB prospect, Cox received little attention before arriving at North Dakota State in 2016.

After redshirting his freshman season, Cox helped lead NDSU to three FCS national championships and amassed 258 tackles, 32 tackles for loss, and 14 sacks as a menacing linebacker.

After transferring to LSU for the 2020 season, he continued his impressive form at the SEC level, being named a semifinalist for the Butkus Award.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic, disciplined run-and-chase linebacker with solid size. Agile, fluid moving laterally, and gets tremendous depth on pass drops.

Efficient, instinctive, and goes sideline to sideline covering a terrific amount of area. Remains disciplined with assignments, effectively reads

the action, and takes proper angles to plays.

Quickly picks up coverage assignments, stays with backs downfield, and plays to his 40 time.

Fluid in his hips, possesses good change-of -direction skills, and really stands out in coverage. Effectively uses his hands to protect himself and is rarely off his feet.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not overly stout and doesn't stack well against the run. Struggles taking on blocks.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Cox is a hard-working linebacker who plays tough, instinctive football. He's a true three-down defender and a traditional 4-3 outside linebacker who needs to get a bit stronger to complete his game. Cox offers a tremendous amount of upside, and with proper coaching and in the right system, he could be a quick starter at the next level.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Washington Football Team, Cleveland Browns, New Orleans Saints



## CAM MCGRONE

### **INSIDE LINEBACKER**

**6'0"** HEIGHT 234 LBS WEIGHT MICHIGAN SCHOOL RS SOPHOMORE YEAR

**3.77** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

**06** POSITION RANK

**80**OVERALL RANK

A highly productive high school linebacker who earned four-star acclaim, Cameron McGrone was the defensive jewel in the crown of Michigan's 2018 recruiting class.

After redshirting in 2018, he took advantage of injuries to forge a starting role and never looked back. McGrone racked up 9 tackles for loss in his first season as a starter in 2019.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive, forceful linebacker who is best defending the run. Quick to read and diagnose, physical, and takes proper angles to the action.

Displays a good head for the ball, quickly locates the ball handler, and easily changes direction. Possesses an explosive closing burst, wraps up tackling, and brings opponents down in the open field.

Gets depth on pass drops, displays solid footwork moving in any direction, and stays downfield with tight ends. Athletic. Sells out on the blitz.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Shows a lot of inconsistency in pursuit. Not a big-bodied linebacker. Marginal production in coverage.

#### **ANALYSIS**

McGrone was a terrific linebacker for Michigan the past two seasons and has the ability to line up on the inside of a 3-4 alignment or as a traditional middle linebacker. He's a fierce defender with great explosion and only needs to make plays when the ball is in the air to complete his game.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New Orleans Saints, Denver Broncos, Los Angeles Rams



### DERRICK BARNES

INSIDE LINEBACKER

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

240 LBS WEIGHT

PURDUE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.62** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**104** OVERALL RANK

Despite being named the Kentucky Class 2A District Player of the Year, Derrick Barnes was just a two-star recruit out of Holy Cross High School. Barnes made starts in each of his four years at Purdue.

In 2019, he led the Boilermakers in sacks while leading the team in tackles as a senior. His performances in 2020 earned him an invite to the Senior Bowl.

#### **POSITIVES**

Underrated linebacker who plays with a vicious attitude. Displays a good head for the ball, is effective in pursuit, and chases hard to make plays on the ball handler.

Moves well laterally, gets out to the flanks, and is rarely off his feet. Uses his hands to protect himself, easily changes direction, and has a closing burst.

Wraps up tackling and brings down bigger ball handlers or tight ends in space. Fires up the field, defeats blocks, and is a devastating run defender.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks height and may be tapped out physically. Not fluid flipping his hips in transition with tight ends or running backs in coverage.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Barnes is one of the most underrated linebackers in the draft and is a forceful run defender who can also be used in zone coverage. He'll be a Day 3 steal and offers scheme versatility as well as starting potential at the next level.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Denver Broncos, New York Giants, Pittsburgh Steelers



# **CHAZZ SURRATT**

**NSIDE LINEBACKER** 

**6'2"** HEIGHT 229 LBS WEIGHT NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.62** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A four-star athlete in high school, Chazz Surratt came to the University of North Carolina in 2016 to play quarterback.

Despite leading the team in passing yards and totaling 13 touchdowns in 2017, by 2019 he would be a first-team All-ACC linebacker. In his first season at the position, Surratt registered 15 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks.

As a senior in 2020, he earned All-American recognition as his play at linebacker continued to develop.

#### **POSITIVES**

Underrated linebacker with a three-down game. Breaks down well, flows to the action and shows resilience. Uses his hands to protect himself, is fluid moving laterally, and possesses a closing burst to the play.

Instinctive, quick to read and diagnose, and remains disciplined with assignments.

Easily changes direction and immediately alters his angle of attack without losing momentum. Gets depth on pass drops and shows excellent range.

Fast in pursuit and quickly gets out to the flanks defending the run.

Patient, fires upfield and fills the correct gaps in run defense. Squares and wraps up tackling.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not a big or stout linebacker. Easily sealed from the action and gets out-positioned by blocks. More of a drag-down tackler.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Surratt was a consistent playmaking linebacker for North Carolina the past two years and is a complete three-down defender who is effective pursuing the run or covering the pass. He'll be downgraded because of average size and play speed, yet Surratt offers starting potential in the proper system.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Cleveland Browns, Philadelphia Eagles, Kansas City Chiefs



### **ANTHONY HINES III**

**INSIDE LINEBACKER** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

225 LBS WEIGHT TEXAS A&M SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.55** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Anthony Hines III chose Texas A&M out of almost 100 programs that recruited the athletic four-star linebacker.

Hines made an immediate impact for the Aggies, earning Freshman All-SEC honors after amassing 6 tackles for loss and 3 sacks.

Injury derailed his sophomore season, but he returned to form with 10.5 tackles for loss in 2019.

Hines opted out of the 2020 college football season citing the loss of a family member.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic pursuit linebacker who must get bigger and stronger. Effectively reads and diagnoses the action, takes proper angles to the play, and possesses a closing burst of speed.

Sells out upfield against the run, moves well laterally, and covers a good amount of area. Gets depth on pass drops, smoothly transitions to run with opponents in coverage, and stays with tight ends in coverage.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses a thin build and shows no playing strength. Consistently caught up in the wash and slowed by blocks.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Hines is an athletic linebacker who makes a lot of plays in space, but he struggles taking on blocks and getting through the trash. He needs a free shot at the ball, but his athleticism, range, and ability in coverage will make him an attractive Day 3 prospect.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Washington Football Team, Las Vegas Raiders, New Orleans Saints



## **ERNEST JONES**

**INSIDE LINEBACKER** 

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

230 LBS WEIGHT SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.53** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A first-team All-State honoree as a high school senior, three-star linebacker Ernest Jones courted multiple SEC offers and hometown pressure from Georgia Tech before becoming the first player from Ware County to play for South Carolina.

An immediate contributor as a freshman, Jones became the vocal and physical leader of the defense as a two-year starter before declaring for the 2021 NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Slightly undersized run-and-chase linebacker who stands out defending the run. Displays a terrific head for the ball and flows well laterally pursuing to the flanks.

Feisty, plays with a nasty attitude, and attacks ball handlers. Breaks down well, uses his hands to protect himself, and nicely redirects to the action. Stays with assignments and displays a terrific head in run defense.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not smooth or quick in his hips dropping into coverage. Hesitant with assignments when the ball is in the air. Not forceful on the blitz and is easily slowed by blocks.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Jones is a tough defender who displays a lot of suddenness in his game and plays well injured. He's a bit one-dimensional as a run defender, yet would be very good on the inside of a 3-4 alignment.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Green Bay Packers, Los Angeles Rams, Denver Broncos



## **GARRET WALLOW**

**INSIDE LINEBACKER** 

**6'2"** HEIGHT 220 LBS WEIGHT TCU SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.44** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**168** OVERALL RANK

Although he heads to the 2021 NFL Draft as a productive linebacker, Garret Wallow arrived at TCU as a three-star safety prospect.

A special teams standout as a freshman, Wallow became a three-year starter at linebacker. He put up some impressive numbers as a Horned Frog, with the highlight of his career coming in 2019 when he totaled 18 tackles for loss.

Wallow earned a Senior Bowl invite following his second consecutive appearance on the All-Big 12 first-team.

#### **POSITIVES**

Hard-charging linebacker with an average size and play speed. Instinctive, flows well to the action, and uses his hands to slide off blocks.

Fluid flipping his hips in transition, gets depth on pass drops, and keeps the action in front of him.

Displays a burst of speed and fires upfield defending the run. Squares and wraps up tackling. Effectively quarterbacks the defense.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not super-fast (4.65s 40) for a smaller line-backer. Shows indecision in coverage.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Wallow was a terrific defender at TCU the past three years and led the team in tackles last year despite playing with an injury. He's a hard-charging, instinctive linebacker, who lacks the physical skills to be a star in the NFL, but he possesses the football ability to start in the proper scheme.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Green Bay Packers, Detroit Lions, Carolina Panthers



### MONTY RICE

### **INSIDE LINEBACKER**

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT 238 LBS WEIGHT **GEORGIA** SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.42** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**180**OVERALL RANK

A four-star recruit out of James Clemens High School in Alabama, Monty Rice attracted multiple offers as a junior but remained uncommitted through a productive senior season.

After flipping his original commitment from LSU to Georgia, Rice earned playing time as a freshman and sophomore.

However, he rose to prominence over his final two years, leading the team in tackles, earning all-SEC recognition, and being named as a finalist for the Butkus Award in 2020.

#### **POSITIVES**

Slightly undersized linebacker who displays speed in every direction. Efficient, breaks down well, and takes proper angles to the action.

Fast in pursuit, possesses a closing burst, and attacks ball handlers. Instinctive, quickly reads and diagnoses the action, and flashes on the scene. Effectively quarterbacks the defense making the calls.

Gets depth on pass drops, goes sideline to sideline, and makes plays in space against speedy receivers.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Struggles getting off blocks and is easily slowed at the point. Doesn't stack well against the run.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Rice is a run-and-chase linebacker who is effective in all facets of the position, but he needs a free lane to the action. He stands out in pursuit and is effective in coverage, which gives Rice a large amount of scheme versatility.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Cleveland Browns, Los Angeles Rams, New York Giants



## ISAIAH MCDUFFIE

### **INSIDE LINEBACKER**

**6'1"** HEIGHT 222 LBS WEIGHT BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.38** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**200** OVERALL RANK

A three-star linebacker out of Bennett High School, Isaiah McDuffie flipped his commitment from Syracuse to Boston College ahead of a senior season where he was named the New York State Defensive Player of the Year.

A special teams' contributor as a freshman, McDuffie impressed as a sophomore in 2018 but missed most of 2019 after suffering an injury during Boston College's spring game.

He earned second-team All-ACC honors in 2020 after surpassing 100 tackles including 6.5 for loss and 3 sacks.

#### **POSITIVES**

Slightly undersized, an athletic linebacker with good instincts. Quickly locates the ball, correctly reads the action, and shows good awareness in coverage.

Remains disciplined with assignments, gets depth on pass drops, and keeps the action in front of him.

Works hard getting to the action, sells out, and wraps up tackling. Displays a great head for the ball and makes a lot of athletic plays.

#### **NEGATIVES**

May be tapped out physically and does not possess great growth potential. Not super fast for a smaller linebacker.

#### **ANALYSIS**

McDuffie was a tough, hard-nosed defender who showed athleticism but comes with some limitations. He'll be a solid run-and-chase linebacker who is best suited on the inside of a 3-4 alignment, and he makes plays with instincts and hustle.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Green Bay Packers, Los Angeles Rams, Denver Broncos



### K.J. BRITT

### INSIDE LINEBACKER

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

235 LBS WEIGHT AUBURN SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.37** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**207** OVERALL RANK

Ranked 15th amongst linebackers in the 2017 class, K.J. Britt was a four-star high school recruit with multiple All-State honors.

He chose Auburn from a multitude of offers where he'd see significant game time early despite being designated as a backup.

In his first season as a starter in 2019, Britt earned first-team All-SEC honors -- the first Auburn linebacker to do so since 2004.

After losing his senior season to surgery on damaged ligaments, Britt impressed as the top linebacker on the American Team at the Senior Bowl.

#### **POSITIVES**

Instinctive, disciplined linebacker with a terrific head for the ball. Effectively reads the action, diagnoses plays before they unfold, and explodes upfield defending the run.

Possesses good change-of-direction skills and efficiently takes proper angles to the action. Sells out defending the run, squares into ball handlers, and wraps up tackling.

Does not bite on ball fakes and stays with the play. Effectively quarterbacks the defense and gets his teammates in proper position. Gives great effort chasing the action.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Plays to one speed and does not show much ability in pursuit. Cannot cut off the corners from ball handlers.

### **ANALYSIS**

Britt is a hard-working linebacker with a terrific head for the game, but he comes with average play speed. He projects as either an inside or middle linebacker, and Britt's instincts, as well as intensity, give him the upper hand to make a roster spot.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Cleveland Browns, New Orleans Saints, Kansas City Chiefs



### **BUDDY JOHNSON**

### INSIDE LINEBACKER

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

229 LBS WEIGHT TEXAS A&M SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.34** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A do-it-all four-star high school prospect out of Kimball High School, Buddy Johnson settled into playing linebacker for Texas A&M in 2017.

A two-year starter who led the Aggies in tackles in both 2019 and 2020, Johnson accumulated 18 tackles for loss and 5 sacks over that time span.

In addition to leading the team in tackles, Johnson was a team captain in six games during his senior season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Hard-working, undersized linebacker who is best defending the run. Patient, stays with assignments, and quickly locates the ball handler.

Breaks down well, uses his hands to protect himself, and fires up the field in run defense.

Fluid moving laterally, slides off blocks, and gets to the action making the tackle.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Displays average skill in pursuit despite his 40 times. Best making plays up the field and in the box.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Johnson is a run-and-chase linebacker with size limitations and a bit of a one-dimensional game. He's a good fit on the inside of a 3-4 alignment, and Johnson comes with a special teams mentality.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New York Giants, Denver Broncos, Carolina Panthers



### AMEN OGBONGBEMIGA

INSIDE LINEBACKER

**6'1"** HEIGHT 231 LBS WEIGHT OKLAHOMA STATE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.33** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A Nigerian born linebacker who played his high school football in Canada, Amen Ogbongbemiga was the No. 1 ranked player in Alberta in the 2016 class.

A family connection -- Emmanuel Ogbah -- helped guide him to the Oklahoma State Cowboys where he twice earned second-team All-Big 12 honors.

As a junior in 2019, Ogbongbemiga racked up 100 tackles, with 15.5 tackles for loss and 5 sacks.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tough run-defending linebacker who was very productive the past three years. Breaks down well, displays a good head for the ball in run defense, and does not bite on ball fakes.

Fires up the field, fluidly changes direction, and flows well to the play. Nicely redirects to the action or ball-handler and wraps up tackling.

Athletic, gets out to the sidelines showing speed in pursuit, and covers a good amount of area.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Hesitant and late reacting in coverage. Limited production in coverage during his college career.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Ogbongbemiga is a tough run-defending linebacker who is best at making plays in the box or up the field. He's a two-down defender with the athleticism and tenacity to be used on the inside of a 3-4 alignment.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Cleveland Browns, Kansas City Chiefs, Detroit Lions



## **ERROLL THOMPSON**

**INSIDE LINEBACKER** 

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

255 LBS WEIGHT MISSISSIPPI STATE
SCHOOL

RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.31** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A former high school running back, Erroll Thompson earned four-star recognition as a linebacker in the 2016 class.

Redshirting his first season at Mississippi State, he earned SEC All-Freshman honors in 2017 before going on to lead the team in tackles in consecutive seasons to finish his college career.

Thompson was also a team captain for the Bulldogs in 2019 and 2020.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tough, instinctive run-defending linebacker who is best up the field or in the box. Physical, flies around the football, and works making plays.

Quick to read and diagnose, forceful up the field, and sells out on the blitz. Remains disciplined and keeps the action in front of him. Effectively makes the defensive calls.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Shows a lot of stiffness in his game. Plays to one speed, displays a limited burst, and is marginally effective in pursuit.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Thompson has the size, build, and style to be a run-stuffing inside linebacker at the next level. His game is a bit one-dimensional, so Thompson must stand out on special teams to make a roster.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Denver Broncos, Green Bay Packers, Los Angeles Rams



## TONY FIELDS II

### **INSIDE LINEBACKER**

**6'1"** HEIGHT

222 LBS WEIGHT WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.30** GRADE

**6TH-7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**245**OVERALL RANK

A team captain, Tony Fields II played both wide receiver and linebacker as a high school senior.

The three-star recruit chose Arizona for his college career, earning Freshman All-American honors after amassing 104 tackles, 7.5 tackles for loss, and 5 sacks.

He was impactful for the Wildcats in the following two seasons before opting to transfer to West Virginia.

Fields earned first-team All-Big 12 honors while being named the Defensive Newcomer of the Year in the conference.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tough run-defending linebacker who sells out to make plays. Instinctive, quick to read and diagnose, and remains disciplined with assignments.

Flows well laterally to the action, displays good change-of-direction skills, and easily moves about the field.

Does not bite on ball fakes, takes proper angles, and quickly gets outside the numbers to

the flanks in pursuit.

Possesses an explosive closing burst, fires up the field, and works his hands to protect himself. Breaks down well and plays with balance.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not a stout tackler and struggles bringing opponents down at the point of attack.

Playing size mirrors a strong safety more than an inside linebacker. Better making plays up the field and in the box than in reverse.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Fields is a hard-charging linebacker who goes all out and shows terrific skill in pursuit. He's a run-and-chase defender who must polish his ball skills, but Fields offers potential as a one-gap defender.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New England Patriots, Washington Football Team, New Orleans Saints



# **JUSTIN HILLIARD**

### **INSIDE LINEBACKER**

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

227 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.27** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**266**OVERALL RANK

A five-star linebacker out of St. Xavier High School, Justin Hilliard's early Ohio State career was beset by injury.

He lost playing time with a torn bicep in each of his first two seasons. Additionally, he suffered an Achilles injury during the spring prior to the 2019 season.

When he's been healthy, Hilliard has been productive -- 33 tackles including 5 for loss in 2020 -- and played a pivotal role in the Buckeyes' run to a berth in the national championship game this last season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Talented three-down linebacker coming off a career campaign. Quick to read and diagnose, takes proper angles to the action, and breaks down well, using his hands to protect himself.

Keeps the action in front of him, doesn't get caught out of position and flows well to the play. Gets depth on pass drops and quickly picks up coverage assignments.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Displays average speed in pursuit and struggles catching ball handlers from the back side. Possesses average size. Has just one year of starting experience.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Hilliard turned in a terrific season and went from non-entity in the scouting community to draftable prospect. He offers potential at several linebacker positions and will be an inexpensive utility defender at the next level.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Kansas City Chiefs, Detroit Lions, Washington Football Team



### PADDY FISHER

INSIDE LINEBACKER

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

239 LBS WEIGHT NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.26** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**278**OVERALL RANK

A Class 6A Division II Texas State Championship winner at Katy High School, Paddy Fisher was a three-star linebacker who was regarded as one of the nation's Top 50 inside linebackers.

Since 2017, Fisher has earned All-Big Ten recognition in each of his four starting seasons. He has over 400 career tackles, with 24.5 tackles for loss, and 4 interceptions.

#### **POSITIVES**

Instinctive, aggressive two-down linebacker who is best defending the run. Displays a terrific head for the ball, quickly locates the action, and flows to the play.

Breaks down well, uses his hands to protect himself, and plays with intensity.

Chases around the field, fires through the gaps, and sells out defending the run. Consistently wraps up tackling.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Doesn't get much depth on pass drops. Displays a limited closing burst and average pursuit speed.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Fisher is often highly touted outside the scouting community, but he's a two-down defender who is effective making plays in the box or up the field. Fisher would be a good addition on the inside of a 3-4 alignment, but he comes with a one-dimensional game and limitations.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Los Angeles Rams, Denver Broncos, New York Giants



### **ELIJAH SULLIVAN**

### **NSIDE LINEBACKER**

**6'0"** HEIGHT 212 LBS WEIGHT KANSAS STATE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

**21** POSITION RANK

**290**OVERALL RANK

Elijah Sullivan held SEC offers from Florida and Auburn as a three-star prospect out of Tucker High School in Georgia.

He enrolled at Kansas State, however, where he saw little playing time for his first four years due to a combination of opportunity and injury.

He became a starter in 2019, going on to make 21 starts and earn Big 12 honorable mentions in both of his final two seasons.

#### **POSITIVES**

Safety-sized linebacker who started the past two seasons at Kansas State. Plays heads-up football, remains disciplined with assignments, and is explosive moving in any direction.

Fires up the field to fill gaps in run defense, takes good angles to the action and shows a lot of range, going sideline to sideline.

Flashes on the scene displaying suddenness and sells out defending the run. Possesses good hands for the interception.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Undersized and easily knocked from the action by a single blocker or outpositioned from plays altogether.

Plays to one speed and isn't fast enough to move the safety.

### **ANALYSIS**

Sullivan was a hard-charging linebacker at Kansas State and was fun to watch on film, as he sold out on every snap. He's a run-and-chase linebacker with limited appeal due to his size, but Sullivan should stand out as a one-gap defender and on coverage units.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New Orleans Saints, Detroit Lions, Kansas City Chiefs



CORNERBACK 38 PROSPECTS IN THE TOP 300 (AS OF APRIL 12)										
	Grade	Projected	Position	Overall	Player	Grade	Projected			
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	4.49	1st	02	10	Zech McPhearson	3.30	6th-7th			
	4.15	1st	03	25	Rodarius Williams	3.29	7th			
	4.08	1st-2nd	04	30	Marco Wilson	3.28	7th-FA			

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Caleb Farley

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Kelvin Joseph

Tyson Campbell

**Aaron Robinson** 

Asante Samuel Jr.

**Ambry Thomas** 

Paulson Adebo

Camryn Bynum

Robert Rochell

**Trill Williams** 

Benjamin St-Juste

Ifeatu Melifonwu

Shakur Brown

Shaun Wade

Kary Vincent Jr.

Olaijah Griffin

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## PATRICK SURTAIN II

CORNERBACK

**6'2"** HEIGHT 208 LBS WEIGHT ALABAMA SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.73** GRADE

**1ST** PROJECTED ROUND

**U1**POSITION RANK

**06** OVERALL RANK

One of several prospects in the 2021 NFL Draft with family bloodlines to the league, Patrick Surtain II was trained by his father, former Miami Dolphins cornerback of the same name, at American Heritage High School.

A five-star recruit who was the top cornerback in the 2018 class, Surtain II has gone on to become one of the best college cornerbacks while at Alabama.

A rare contributor at Alabama as a freshman, Surtain II has made 38 consecutive starts for the Crimson Tide while earning multiple honors.

#### **POSITIVES**

Large, physical cornerback with a huge upside. Battles opponents at the line of scrimmage, mixes it up throughout the route, and physically beats down receivers to defend the pass.

Stays with assignments, remains disciplined, and has a nice move to the throw. Flips his hips transitioning with opponents off the line, effectively covers receivers on crossing patterns, and works to get his head back around and locate the pass in the air.

Gets vertical and battles to defend passes. Rarely challenged by opposing quarterbacks.

Fires up the field, possesses a burst of closing speed, and gives effort defending the run. Plays to his size and wraps up tackling.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Late reacting to opponents off the snap. Possesses average instincts and gets beaten by ball fakes. Tends to do a bit of face guarding. Better facing the action.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Surtain was a terrific cornerback for Alabama the past three seasons. He comes with the size, play speed, and ball skills to start in the NFL. Though lacking polished ball skills, his physical skills and bloodlines lend me to believe Surtain will develop into an outstanding NFL cornerback in the near future.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Dallas Cowboys, Minnesota Vikings, Los Angeles Chargers



### **JAYCEE HORN**

CORNERBACK

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

205 LBS WEIGHT SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.49** GRADE

**1ST** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

The son of four-time Pro Bowl wide receiver Joe Horn, Jaycee Horn has carved out his own path to the league.

A four-star recruit out of Alpharetta, Georgia, Horn eschewed offers from the likes of Alabama to play for South Carolina.

An immediate starter for the Gamecocks, he earned freshman All-SEC honors. Horn earned himself a reputation as a disruptive playmaker, breaking up 23 passes as a three-year starter.

He received second-team All-SEC recognition before heading to the 2021 NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic corner with outstanding size and a developing game. Quick flipping his hips in transition, feisty, and mixes it up with receivers throughout the route.

Works to get his head back around, tracks the pass in the air, and has a nice move to the throw. Plays tough, physical football and beats down opponents to knock away passes.

Effective facing the action, stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks, and has an explosive closing burst. Does not back down to a challenge and battles bigger receivers throughout the route.

Displays outstanding awareness in man coverage. Effectively covers receivers on crossing patterns. Plays to his size and gives effort defending the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Very quick to leave his backpedal. Must do a better job securing tackles in the open field. Late reacting in zone coverage.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Horn is a large, athletic defensive back who plays aggressive football. He displayed tremendous development in his game last season and has all the necessary tools to develop into a No. 1 cornerback on Sundays. Horn comes with huge upside, and in time, he should develop into one of the better defenders to come from this year's draft.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New England Patriots, Dallas Cowboys, Las Vegas Raiders



## **CALEB FARLEY**

CORNERBACK

**6'1"** HEIGHT 193 LBS WEIGHT VIRGINIA TECH SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**4.15** GRADE

**1ST** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A dual-threat quarterback for Maiden High in North Carolina, Caleb Farley showcased his athletic ability at the high school level with an incredible 5,529 rushing yards and 71 touchdowns. Despite this, he wasn't heavily recruited, with Virginia Tech landing his commitment with the idea for him to play wide receiver.

Family tragedy and a serious knee injury marred his freshman season before he switched to cornerback for the Hokies in 2018. He honed his craft that season, before earning first-team All-ACC honors in 2019.

Farley opted out of the 2020 college football season and then faced further adversity with a back surgery causing significant questions over his draft stock.

#### **POSITIVES**

Excellent-sized cornerback with outstanding speed and ball skills. Physical, jams receivers at the line of scrimmage and mixes it up throughout the route.

Quick and fluid pedaling in reverse, easily flips his hips and loses nothing in transition. Stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks, nicely covers opponents on crossing patterns, and possesses an explosive closing burst.

Effective backed off the line of scrimmage or facing the action, remains disciplined with assignments, and rarely gets challenged by opponents.

Does a terrific job getting his head back around and locating the ball in the air. Works hard to get off blocks and make plays up the field against the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Misreads the action and loses assignments on occasion. Instincts run hot and cold. Possesses a thin frame and must improve his playing strength.

Had back surgery in March, missing pro day workouts, and may not be ready for football until later this summer.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Farley was a terrific cornerback at Virginia Tech since his freshman season, and I've had him highly graded since that time. While I like Farley, I never saw him be a consistent shutdown corner during his time at Virginia Tech and believe he made a mistake opting out of the 2020 season. He's incredibly athletic, possesses good ball skills, and comes with a large upside. Farley comes with good scheme versatility to be used backed off the line of scrimmage in a zone scheme or in man coverage. While he will ultimately be a good NFL corner, I believe there will be bumps in the road before he gets there.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Carolina Panthers, Atlanta Falcons, Philadelphia Eagles



## **GREG NEWSOME**

**CORNERBACK** 

**6'0"** HEIGHT 180 LBS WEIGHT NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.08** GRADE

**1ST-2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**30** OVERALL RANK

Despite a highly productive high school career, Greg Newsome was just a three-star recruit who escaped the attention of college powerhouses.

He made an immediate impact for Northwestern as a freshman before assuming a starting role in 2019.

As a two-year starter, he earned the reputation as a lockdown corner for the Wildcats, earning first-team All-Big Ten honors in 2020 before heading to the 2021 NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized corner with a terrific feel for coverage. Feisty, mixes it up with receivers, and competes defending the pass.

Quick flipping his hips in transition, fluid pedaling in reverse, and rarely challenged by opponents.

Quick to read and diagnose, instinctive, and gets his head back around to locate the ball. Possesses a nice move to the throw and solid ball skills.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses average long playing speed and does not play to his 40 time. Quick leaving his backpedal at times.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Newsome was a terrific cornerback at Northwestern the past two seasons and has the skill to start at the next level. Speed is a concern, though Newsome should be able to play in bump-and-run or even zone.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Indianapolis Colts, Buffalo Bills, San Francisco 49ers



### **KELVIN JOSEPH**

**CORNERBACK** 

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

197 LBS WEIGHT KENTUCKY SCHOOL RS SOPHOMORE YEAR

**3.96** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**40** OVERALL RANK

A versatile multi-sport athlete at Scotlandville Magnet, Kelvin Joseph was a standout basketball player who also excelled all over the football field.

A four-star safety prospect, he had an on-off relationship with in-state LSU before finally enrolling in 2018. He played a notable role as a freshman but following a suspension for violating team rules, he entered the transfer portal.

Joseph transferred to Kentucky and after sitting out the mandatory season, emerged as one of the top cornerbacks in the SEC, finishing second in the conference for interceptions.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized cornerback with terrific ball skills and a large amount of upside. Fierce and aggressive, yet works to keep the action in front of him.

Quick flipping his hips in transition, tracks the pass in the air then gets a beat on the throw and nicely times his pass defenses. Effective facing the action, quickly diagnoses plays then gets off blocks defending the run.

Anticipates the action, takes good angles to plays, and uses his hands to protect himself.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Doesn't show great play speed or burst. Gets a little twisted at times. Sits on his backpedal, which costs him.

#### **ANALYSIS**

After transferring from LSU, Joseph made an immediate impact at Kentucky last season before deciding to enter the draft. He possesses outstanding size as well as ball skills, and could start at the next level once he polishes his game.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

San Francisco 49ers, Indianapolis Colts, Arizona Cardinals



## TYSON CAMPBELL

**CORNERBACK** 

**6'1"** HEIGHT

180 LBS WEIGHT **GEORGIA** SCHOOL

JUNIOR YEAR

**3.95** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

**06**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

An outstanding high school athlete, Tyson Campbell was a state champion in both the 100 and 200 meters.

He put that athleticism to use on the football field as a three-year starter for American Heritage. A five-star recruit, Campbell chose Georgia over Alabama and made an immediate impact for the Bulldogs.

After missing time as a sophomore due to injury, Campbell secured his first career interception as a junior in what was arguably the best season of his career.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized, athletic cornerback who showed terrific development the past two seasons. Engages receivers at the line of scrimmage, quickly flips his hips in transition, and mixes it up with opponents throughout the route.

Stays with assignments, sticks with receivers downfield, and stays on their hip out of breaks. Battles throughout the play, displays a sense of timing on pass defenses, and has a burst to the ball out of his plant.

Jars receivers at the point of attack, shaking the ball free. Fires up the field, works getting off blocks, and willingly defends the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Slow getting his head back around and does a bit of face guarding. May struggle in bump-and-run coverage early in his career. Had a combined 1 interception and 11 pass breakups the past three seasons.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Campbell possesses the size and underlying ball skills to start at the next level, but needs to continue to develop his game. He's athletic and physical with the ability to line up in zone or man-off coverage. Campbell's potential is enticing, and if properly coached, he could easily develop into a No. 2 corner on Sundays.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Dallas Cowboys, Houston Texans, Los Angeles Chargers



## **ERIC STOKES**

CORNERBACK

**6'0"** HEIGHT 180 LBS WEIGHT **GEORGIA** SCHOOL

RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.94** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Another exceptional athlete out of Georgia, Eric Stokes' track speed actually inhibited his football career, with people describing him as a track star that played football.

As a result, he only earned three-star status. Committing to Georgia over Ole Miss, he redshirted in 2017 before starting the final four games of the 2018 season.

A two-year starter, Stokes produced ball skills in a 2020 season where he earned first-team All-SEC and All-American honors.

#### **POSITIVES**

Underrated cornerback with the size and play speed to start in the NFL. Physical, battles opponents throughout the route, and tracks the ball in the air.

Possesses excellent length, effectively diagnoses the action, and has a closing burst. Possesses good hands for the interception.

Easily runs downfield with opponents. Gives effort defending the run and wraps up tackling.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Doesn't flip his hips off the line and loses a half-step transitioning with opponents. Gets a little grabby in coverage.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Stokes possesses terrific measurables and has shown developing ball skills. He's effective facing the action while also displaying the ability to make plays with his back to the ball. Stokes comes with a large upside and offers potential in nickel packages early in his NFL career, and he could eventually develop into a first-team player.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Green Bay Packers, Buffalo Bills, Tennessee Titans



## **AARON ROBINSON**

**CORNERBACK** 

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

186 LBS WEIGHT CENTRAL FLORIDA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.91** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-star cornerback out of Deerfield Beach High School, Aaron Robinson was heavily recruited despite his ranking as the 55th cornerback in the class.

He originally committed to Florida but flipped to Alabama. He saw playing time as a freshman for the Crimson Tide but transferred to UCF the following season.

He missed nearly two seasons due to NCAA regulations and injury, but twice earned second-team All-American honors to appear on the 2021 NFL Draft radar.

#### **POSITIVES**

Alabama transfer who was the starting nickel back for Central Florida. Well-built cornerback effective facing the action.

Flips his hips transitioning with opponents, effectively covers receivers on crossing patterns, and displays a good burst to the ball. Physical and engages receivers at the line of scrimmage.

Fires upfield defending the run. Strong for his size, defeats blocks, and works to make plays

on the ball handler. Effective reading and diagnosing the action.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses average play speed despite timing 4.41 seconds in the 40 at his pro day. Hesitates to react to receivers' moves off the line and is usually a half-step behind opponents. Average instincts.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Robinson was given middle-round grades by scouts entering the season but plays more like a late-round choice. He's a dime back who must face the action, and at the same time, he must improve his instincts.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Dallas Cowboys, San Francisco 49ers, Houston Texans



## ASANTE SAMUEL JR.

CORNERBACK

**5'10"** HEIGHT

180 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA STATE SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.88** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

The son of the former New England Patriots cornerback by the same name, Asante Samuel Jr. has crafted his own successful football career so far.

A four-star recruit after an impressive high school career at St. Thomas Aquinas, he fielded over 30 offers before committing to FSU. He made an immediate impact.

His 9 pass breakups as a freshman led the team before he led the entire ACC with 14 pass breakups as a sophomore.

He earned first-team All-ACC honors as a junior before declaring for the 2021 NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic, feisty cornerback with terrific ball skills. Displays outstanding awareness, quickly picks up coverage assignments, and effectively reads and diagnoses the action.

Fluid pedaling in reverse, smooth flipping his hips, and has a burst of speed running downfield with opponents.

Gets his head back around and positions himself against receivers to break up throws.

Stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks, possesses an explosive closing burst, and quickly gets to the action.

Effectively times and anticipates his pass defenses. Physical and plays bigger than his listed size.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Gets a little grabby at times, which will result in penalties at the next level. Not a stout tackler and comes with a slight build. Lack of height will create mismatch problems for him.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Samuel possesses the athleticism, speed, and ball skills for the next level and comes with great bloodlines. He's a terrific cornerback with height limitations that I expect will pigeonhole him to nickel packages on Sundays.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Detroit Lions, Tennessee Titans, Atlanta Falcons



### **AMBRY THOMAS**

CORNERBACK

**5'11"** HEIGHT

191 LBS WEIGHT MICHIGAN SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.70** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**86**OVERALL RANK

A four-star recruit and the 17th-best corner-back in the 2017 class, Ambry Thomas was a significant capture for the Michigan Wolverines.

His ability as a kick returner helped him be an early contributor. He earned a starting role in 2019, being named the Defensive Skill Player of the Year by his teammates after snagging 3 interceptions.

Thomas opted out of the 2020 college football season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized corner with terrific ball skills. Quick flipping his hips off the line, loses nothing in transition, and effectively positions himself against receivers to break up throws.

Gets his head back around to track the pass in the air, plays heads-up football, and possesses a burst of closing speed. Fast enough to recover and works hard to make plays.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Hesitant at times. Not a stout tackler.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Thomas was well on his way to becoming a top-45 pick off the 2019 film before choosing to opt-out last season. He had his moments during Senior Bowl practices and comes with outstanding size and athleticism as well as upside. I believe Thomas will start off as a nickel back at the next level and has the potential to eventually develop into a starter.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New England Patriots, Buffalo Bills, Tennessee Titans



## PAULSON ADEBO

CORNERBACK

**6'1"** HEIGHT 198 LBS WEIGHT STANFORD SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.64** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**98** OVERALL RANK

A wide receiver and defensive back at Mansfield High School, Paulson Adebo was a top-10 pass catcher and four-star recruit in the 2017 class.

Arriving in Stanford, the coaching staff decided he would be a full-time cornerback, and he started at the position in 2018 following a redshirt year. He broke school records for pass breakups and received first-team All-Pac-12 honors.

Despite earning first-team honors again in 2019, a season-ending injury combined with some less-than-stellar performances saw Adebo's stock drop. This was compounded by his opt-out of the 2020 college football season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter at Stanford who decided to opt-out last season. Performed brilliantly as a redshirt freshman, leading the nation with 24 pass breakups.

Tall, long corner who flashed the ability to shut down opponents in the past. Physical, battles opponents and beats down receivers to defend the throw. Uses his size as an advantage, effectively times his pass defenses, and possesses a closing burst.

Quick to read and anticipate, displays good recognition in zone, and has a nice move to the throw. Gives effort defending the run and wraps up tackling.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Slow getting his head back around and struggles making plays with his back to the ball. Beaten deep often in 2019. Struggled at times early in 2019 and was pummeled by Gabe Davis of Central Florida.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Adebo was a highly-considered prospect after his brilliant redshirt freshman season, but he played somewhat erratic football the next two years. He's a level-headed personality with a large upside who needs to get his game back on track and consistently play at a high level.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New York Jets, Green Bay Packers, Los Angeles Chargers



### **CAMRYN BYNUM**

CORNERBACK

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

198 LBS WEIGHT CALIFORNIA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.62** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**102** OVERALL RANK

Camryn Bynum was a three-star recruit in the 2016 cornerback class who chose California over the likes of Boston College and Boise State.

Bynum was productive in 2017 after redshirting the previous year. He would become the Golden Bears top defensive playmaker in 2018 and 2019.

A meniscus tear in early 2020 cast doubt on his final season, and despite originally opting out, he returned to play four games and earn first-team All-Pac-12 honors.

#### **POSITIVES**

Four-year starter and two-time captain of the Cal football team. Tough, instinctive cornerback with terrific ball skills.

Quick flipping his hips, loses nothing in transition, and rarely makes mental mistakes or gets beaten on the field. Plays heads-up football, possesses next-level ball skills and awareness, and displays excellent hands for the interception.

Rarely challenged by opposing quarterbacks. Plays faster than his 40 time, takes proper angles, and gives effort defending the run. Squares and wraps up tackling.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Struggles against larger pass catchers. Ran better than expected during pro day workouts, but had a propensity for getting beat deep in college.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Bynum was a terrific cornerback four years running at Cal and has the ball skills and instincts to start at the next level. He finished a terrific college career by performing well at the Senior Bowl and will be good value as Day 2 of the draft closes out.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Carolina Panthers, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks



# ROBERT ROCHELL

CORNERBACK

**6'0"** HEIGHT 195 LBS WEIGHT CENTRAL ARKANSAS SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.61** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**108** OVERALL RANK

After being unranked out of high school, Robert Rochell has become one of the best cornerbacks at the FCS level.

Despite redshirting in 2017, his 2019 season put him on the 2021 NFL Draft map. Rochell earned first-team All-American honors following a campaign where he had 5 interceptions and 13 pass breakups.

Expected to be dominant again in 2020, his season was impacted by the global situation, but he still managed to notch up 2 pass breakups against presumptive first-round quarterback Trey Lance.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized corner who flashes next-level ball skills. Displays good instincts and awareness, is very effective facing the action, and possesses a closing burst of speed.

Keeps the play in front of him, engages receivers at the snap, and stays with assignments. Nicely times pass defenses and quickly closes to the action. Solid special teams player who makes a lot of plays on coverage units.

### **NEGATIVES**

Slow flipping his hips in transition. Hesitates when he turns to run with opponents. Not a physical run defender. Inconsistent with his fundamentals and techniques.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Rochell is an athletic corner with excellent size who has flashed ability. He comes with scheme versatility, and Rochell's special teams ability could help him find a roster spot as a No. 4 cornerback.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Arizona Cardinals, Philadelphia Eagles, Los Angeles Chargers



### **BENJAMIN ST-JUSTE**

CORNERBACK

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

200 LBS WEIGHT MINNESOTA SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.60** GRADE

**3RD-4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Despite being the No. 1 ranked player in Canada and a four-star recruit, Benjamin St-Juste landed an offer from Michigan only after making the long trip to one of the Wolverines' training camps.

He carved out a role in special teams as a freshman for Michigan, but following a missed sophomore season, he transferred from the program.

He became a productive cornerback for the Minnesota Golden Gophers, leading the team in pass breakups in 2019. St-Juste played in just five games in the shortened 2020 season, but attracted the attention of the team at the Senior Bowl.

#### **POSITIVES**

Michigan transfer who flashes a lot of ability. Physical, mixes it up with receivers, and battles to break up the throw.

Slows receivers at the line with a jolt of his hands, runs downfield, and displays a burst to the ball out of his plant.

Explosive and flashes on the scene, displaying suddenness in his game. Squares and wraps up tackling.

#### **NEGATIVES**

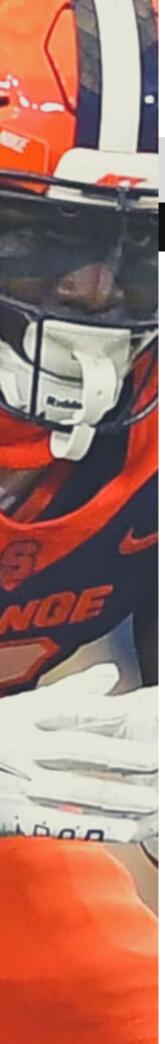
A bit slow transitioning to run with opponents. Does a bit of face guarding. Slow getting his head back around and gives a big cushion.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Off the 2019 film, St-Juste showed a lot of talent and upside for the next level. He was a bit disappointing last year, though a large part of that was due to the way he was used as a nickel back rather than a No. 1 or No. 2 corner. He possesses the size and skill to be used in a variety of systems and comes with a large upside for the next level.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Pittsburgh Steelers, San Francisco 49ers, Dallas Cowboys



# TRILL WILLIAMS

**CORNERBACK** 

**6'0"** HEIGHT 190 LBS WEIGHT SYRACUSE SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.59** GRADE

**3RD-4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Atrilleon "Trill" Williams played both wide receiver and cornerback at Archbishop Stepinac High School but impressed enough at cornerback to be a three-star recruit.

Syracuse beat out multiple Power Five programs to get him, and Williams repaid them with 2 interceptions as a true freshman.

He saw playing time in each of his three seasons despite having his junior season ended early by injury. Williams has also scored a touchdown in every one of his college seasons.

#### **POSITIVES**

Physical corner with excellent size and speed. Athletic, physical, and engages receivers at the line of scrimmage, slowing their release off the snap.

Plays to his size, possesses excellent length, and physically beats down opponents defending the pass. Breaks down well and uses his hands to protect himself. Fires up the field defending the run and wraps up tackling.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Loses transitioning with opponents off the line. Usually a half-step behind the action and ineffective covering receivers on crossing patterns. Possesses an average closing burst.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Williams is a tough defensive back with the physical skills for the next level, but he needs a lot of work on his game. He's better facing the action where he can see the ball and may be limited to a zone system at the next level.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Carolina Panthers, Seattle Seahawks, Los Angeles Chargers



# IFEATU MELIFONWU

**CORNERBACK** 

**6'2"** HEIGHT 200 LBS WEIGHT SYRACUSE SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.58** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

The brother of current San Francisco 49ers safety Obi Melifonwu, Ifeatu was a three-star high school recruit who could have followed in his brother's shoes to UConn.

However, he chose to play for Syracuse where he earned a starting role as a redshirt sophomore.

After two impressive seasons, he earned second-team All-ACC recognition in 2020 before declaring for the 2021 NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic cornerback with outstanding size and upside potential. Smooth flipping his hips in transition, stays with assignments, and effectively covers receivers on crossing patterns.

Runs downfield with receivers, has a nice move to the throw, and bursts to the ball out of his plant.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Must improve his backpedal, as he's neither quick nor fluid moving in reverse. Loses the receiver he's supposed to be covering on occasion. Shows hesitation in his game.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Melifonwu is a physical specimen who flashes ability but must improve the details of his position. Better facing the action, he may ultimately move inside to safety and comes with a large upside.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Las Vegas Raiders, Seattle Seahawks, San Francisco 49ers



# **SHAKUR BROWN**

CORNERBACK

**5'9 1/2"** HEIGHT

185 LBS WEIGHT MICHIGAN STATE SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.57** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A three-star "athlete" who excelled in all three phases of the game in high school, Shakur Brown surprised everyone by committing to Michigan State over West Virginia.

A combination of injuries and lack of opportunity limited his career highlights, but he had a dynamic 2020 season that resulted in first-team All-Big Ten honors. In 2020, Brown snagged 5 interceptions in just seven games.

#### **POSITIVES**

Developing cornerback coming off a career season. Physical, mixes it up with opponents throughout the route, and does not back down from a challenge.

Quick flipping his hips in transition, displays good hands for the interception, and plays heads-up football. Keeps the action in front of him and possesses outstanding ball skills.

Stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks and has a nice burst to the pass out of his plant. Runs downfield with receivers, reads the opponent's eyes, then gets his head back around and positions himself to defend or intercept the pass.

Works to get upfield and defend screen passes.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Deep play speed may be a concern. Shows indecision in his game. Peaks in the backfield, which will cost him. Gets a bit grabby at times.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Brown has shown steady progress the past three years and really jumped off the film at times last season. He possesses a knack for breaking up throws, comes with an upside, and has enough ability to line up in nickel packages at the next level.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Indianapolis Colts, Detroit Lions, Atlanta Falcons



# SHAUN WADE

CORNERBACK

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

196 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.55** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**18** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A consensus five-star recruit who was named the defensive back of the year following his final season at Trinity Christian Academy, Shaun Wade arrived at Ohio State to a packed DB room.

He redshirted as a freshman, saw playing time in 2018, and emerged as a potential first-round draft pick in 2019.

However, in a disrupted final season, his desperation to prove he could play outside resulted in some difficult performances which have significantly impacted his stock.

### **POSITIVES**

Physically talented cornerback who shows a physical nature to his game, mixes it up with receivers, and stays on the opponent's hip out of breaks.

Effectively brackets receivers over the middle of the field with safeties, displays a closing burst, and swiftly gets to the ball.

Consistently gets his head back around to locate the pass in the air. Forces the action upfield when focused on his game.

Effectively defends the run or screen passes. Strong and easily brings opponents down at the point of attack.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Shows a lot of hesitation in his game. Played with a nonchalant attitude last year, seemed as though he was going half-speed, and gave up on plays rather easily. Inefficient and takes too many steps getting to the action.

#### **ANALYSIS**

When breaking down Wade I saw two players on film. The first was a potentially dominant cornerback with the ability to shut down opponents with physicality as well as ball skills. The other prospect, and the one most prominent last year, played like an undrafted free agent that looked like he'd rather be elsewhere than the football field.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Dallas Cowboys, Atlanta Falcons, Los Angeles Chargers



# KARY VINCENT JR.

**CORNERBACK** 

**5'9 1/2"** HEIGHT

186 LBS WEIGHT LSU SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.54** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Kary Vincent Jr. is another 2021 NFL Draft prospect with family connections to the NFL. His father, Kary Vincent Sr., was a sixth-round selection of the New Orleans Saints.

Father coached son in track at Port Arthur Memorial School where Vincent Jr. was a two-time state 200m champion, in addition to being a highly productive cornerback.

LSU was the natural home for a star defensive back. Vincent Jr. continued his productive ways in college with a series of interceptions throughout a career that culminated in a national championship.

Although he originally decided to return in 2020, he ultimately opted out of the season.

### **POSITIVES**

Consistent defensive back with terrific ball skills. Quickly picks up coverage assignments, stays with receivers downfield, and displays excellent awareness.

Tracks the pass in the air, displays a nice move to the throw, and possesses good hands for the interception. Plays fast and has a terrific burst to the ball out of his plant. Displays good route recognition in zone, effectively times his pass defenses, and fights hard to break up passes.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Small and gets overmatched. Struggles getting off blocks. Not very aggressive defending the run.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Vincent was a terrific cornerback for LSU the past two seasons, and he's a good athlete with the speed and ball skills to line up in nickel packages at the next level.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Green Bay Packers, Seattle Seahawks, Houston Texans



### **OLAIJAH GRIFFIN**

CORNERBACK

**5'10"** HEIGHT

175 LBS WEIGHT USC SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.53** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**20** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Not only is Olaijah Griffin the son of rapper Warren G, but his godfather, Willie McGinest, happens to be a former New England Patriots linebacker.

An excellent high school pass catcher, Griffin was a five-star recruit ranked as the third-best cornerback in the 2017 class.

Injuries blighted his early career at USC, but he earned an All-Pac-12 honorable mention in 2019 after making 10 starts and leading the team in pass breakups.

Griffin secured his first career interception in 2020 before heading to the NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Two-year starter who also played special teams extensively as a freshman. Smallish but feisty cornerback with outstanding ball skills.

Fluid pedaling in reverse, smooth flipping his hips, and effectively positions himself against receivers to defend the throw.

Tracks the pass in the air, displays good awareness, and has a burst of closing speed. Stays on

the receiver's hip out of breaks, battles, and works hard to defend passes. Fires up the field and gives effort defending the run. Competes and does not back down to bigger opponents.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lack of size is an issue. Doesn't slow down receivers with jams and struggles in battles. Lacks top-end play speed and struggles to recover.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Griffin was a terrific cornerback at USC the past two seasons, and though he lacks great size, he possesses the ball skills and intensity to line up in dime or even nickel packages at the next level.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Green Bay Packers, Los Angeles Chargers, Philadelphia Eagles



# DEOMMODORE LENOIR

**CORNERBACK** 

**5'10 1/2"** HEIGHT

200 LBS WEIGHT OREGON SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.52** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

An incredibly versatile athlete, there weren't many positions that Deommodore Lenoir didn't play at Salesian High School.

The four-star recruit headed to Oregon where he emerged as an elite cornerback prospect.

Earning second-team All-Pac-12 honors in his final two seasons, Lenoir secured at least 1 interception in each of his four college seasons.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who posted a career-best 3 interceptions and 12 pass breakups as a sophomore. Nice-sized corner who displayed consistent progress on the field.

Fluid and smooth flipping his hips in transition, mixes it up with receivers, and dives around the field to break up throws.

Instinctive, effectively reads the action and stays with assignments. Tracks the pass in the air, has a nice move to the throw, and shows a burst to the ball out of his plant. Keeps the action in front of him.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Must improve his backpedal and be more consistent moving in reverse. Lacks a second gear.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Lenoir is an underrated cornerback who was rarely challenged at Oregon due to his ability to shut down receivers. He possesses enough skills to start in nickel packages at the next level.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Carolina Panthers, Los Angeles Chargers, Seattle Seahawks



# D.J. DANIEL

CORNERBACK

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

183 LBS WEIGHT **GEORGIA** SCHOOL

SENIOR YEAR

**3.51** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

143 OVERALL RANK

D.J. Daniel was a standout at Spalding High School in Georgia who was unfortunately academically ineligible for Division I football as a high school senior.

He spent two seasons at the Georgia Military Academy, impressing as a team captain, special teams star, and cornerstone of a lockdown defense.

Earning a four-star JUCO ranking, he followed his dreams to Athens where he earned Defensive Newcomer of the Year honors as a junior.

An ankle injury prior to his senior season inhibited his progress in his final year, but Daniel still earned a Senior Bowl invite.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized corner who flashes ability. Physical, mixes it up with receivers throughout the route, and works hard to make plays.

Possesses a burst to the ball out of his plant and hits hard. Fires up the field defending the run, and wraps up tackling.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Slow transitioning off the line and finds himself a half-step behind opponents within the first five yards.

Not smooth or fluid moving in reverse and very quick out of his backpedal. Rarely gets his head back around to locate the ball and face guards more times than not. Very inconsistent.

### **ANALYSIS**

Daniel came into the season with high grades from scouts, which were unwarranted. He possesses solid size and play speed but has not shown consistent progress in his game. While he flashed ability at the Senior Bowl, he also displayed a lot of inconsistency, which was an extension of his college career. Daniel has an upside but must improve his fundamentals and learn to make plays with his back to the ball to have a career in the NFL.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Green Bay Packers, Buffalo Bills, Seattle Seahawks



# THOMAS GRAHAM JR.

CORNERBACK

**5'10 1/2"** HEIGHT

193 LBS WEIGHT OREGON SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.51** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**144** OVERALL RANK

A top-50 player in the 2017 recruiting class, Thomas Graham's athleticism and production made him a coveted four-star recruit.

Choosing Oregon over a host of other options, Graham became a starter immediately for the Ducks. He earned second-team All-Pac-12 honors as a sophomore and garnered an honorable mention in 2019.

He ended his career with an interception against Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl as he opted out of the 2020 college football season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who chose to opt out of the 2020 season. Nice-sized corner who flashed the ability to shut down opponents.

Effective facing the action, displays good route recognition, and quickly tracks the pass in the air.

Feisty, stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks, and shows a nice move to the throw. Mixes it up with receivers and battles to defend passes.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Slow transitioning and late reacting to receivers' moves off the line, which puts him a half-step behind opponents.

Possesses an average closing burst and does not show great playing speed in the deep field. Occasionally bites on receivers' moves, which results in blown assignments.

### **ANALYSIS**

Graham was a consistent three-year cornerback at Oregon before sitting on the sidelines last season, but he returned for a strong week of practice at the Senior Bowl. Deep playing speed is a concern, but Graham possesses the tools to line up in a zone system or even backed off the line of scrimmage.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks, Carolina Panthers



# DARREN HALL

CORNERBACK

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

189 LBS WEIGHT SAN DIEGO STATE SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.50** GRADE

**4TH-5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**147**OVERALL RANK

A late bloomer in high school, Darren Hall received a three-star rating following a standout senior season.

Despite attracting Power Five offers, Hall committed to San Diego State where he saw time at safety before injury forced him to redshirt his freshman season.

An ascending prospect, he was part of an Aztecs' cornerback duo that led the nation in pass breakups in 2019 before earning first-team All-Mountain West honors in 2020.

### **POSITIVES**

Two-year starter who also saw extensive action as a freshman. Nice-sized cornerback with a knack for breaking up a lot of passes.

Quick-footed in reverse, effectively reads and diagnoses plays, and possesses a good burst to the ball.

He breaks down well, fights with his hands, and positions himself against receivers to make a play. Gives effort defending the run, firing up the field, and wrapping up ball handlers.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Occasionally bites on receivers' moves, which results in blown assignments. Deep speed is a bit of a concern.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Hall decided to enter the draft after two productive campaigns and looked good during Senior Bowl practices. He possesses the size and ball skills to play nickel at the next level, though I believe Hall would be best in zone coverage or backed off the line of scrimmage.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

San Francisco 49ers, Los Angeles Chargers, Seattle Seahawks



# KEITH TAYLOR

**CORNERBACK** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

187 LBS WEIGHT WASHINGTON SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.49** GRADE

**4TH-5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**150**OVERALL RANK

An accomplished track star and standout cornerback prospect, Keith Taylor was an important part of the Washington Huskies' 2017 recruiting class.

After impressing early in his career, he became a full-time starter in 2019.

Although he failed to secure an interception, Taylor flashed disruptive ability throughout his collegiate career.

#### **POSITIVES**

Two-year starter coming off a terrific senior campaign. Aggressive, feisty, and battles receivers.

Fires up the field defending the run. Instinctive, keeps the action in front of him, and shows outstanding route recognition facing the action.

Displays a good burst to the ball out of his plant, physically beats down receivers to defend the throw, and plays through the whistle.

Defeats blocks by tight ends to get upfield and make plays against the run.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Taylor was a solid yet unspectacular corner at Washington who went on and had a terrific week of practice during the Senior Bowl. He has the size and skill to be a No. 2 cornerback in the NFL, but must clean up his techniques and consistently make plays with his back to the ball.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Indianapolis Colts, Las Vegas Raiders, Atlanta Falcons

### **NEGATIVES**

Must improve and clean up his backpedal. Gave a big cushion to receivers last season. Struggles tracking the pass in man-to-man coverage.



# TRE BROWN

CORNERBACK

**5'10"** HEIGHT

188 LBS WEIGHT OKLAHOMA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.43** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

26 POSITION RANK 175 OVERALL RANK

Tre Brown was a four-star recruit following a decorated high school career that included leading Union High School to a state champion-ship.

He opted to stay in-state at Oklahoma, making his first career start as a freshman. Brown led all Oklahoma cornerbacks with 12 pass breakups in a breakout year as a sophomore in 2018.

Following a crucial interception that helped the Sooners secure a Big 12 Championship win, Brown declared for the NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter who also was a major contributor as a kick returner. Small but feisty corner with solid ball skills.

Quick flipping his hips in transition, tracks the pass in the air, and has a nice move to the throw. Stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks, has an explosive burst out of his plant, and dives around the field to break up passes.

Quick to read and diagnose, and fires up the field defending screen passes or the run.

### **ANALYSIS**

Brown lacks great size but is a feisty corner who could line up in dime packages and be an asset as a return specialist in the NFL.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Detroit Lions, New England Patriots, Miami Dolphins

### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks size and gets physically beaten by bigger receivers. Must improve the consistency of his backpedal. Not a stout tackler. Gets grabby at times.



# **BRANDIN ECHOLS**

CORNERBACK

**5'10"** HEIGHT

179 LBS WEIGHT KENTUCKY SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.41** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Despite being a productive multi-sport athlete, Brandin Echols' lack of exposure from a small high school in Mississippi, combined with disappointing grades, saw him travel the junior college route.

He starred for Northwest Mississippi CC, earning NJCAA second-team All-American honors. A three-star JUCO recruit, he arrived in Kentucky in 2019 where he led the team in pass breakups.

A two-year starter for the Wildcats, he earned Hula Bowl and Shrine Bowl invites following his senior season.

### **POSITIVES**

Slightly undersized cornerback with terrific play speed and ball skills. Quick flipping his hips in transition, fluid pedaling in reverse, and stays with assignments.

Keeps the action in front of him, stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks, and displays a terrific move to the ball.

Effectively covers receivers on crossing patterns, tracks the pass in the air, and nicely

times pass defenses. Reads the quarterback's eyes, makes his move to the throw, and possesses good hands for the interception. Aggressive and fires up the field giving effort against the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses a thin build and gets overmatched by bigger receivers. Not a strong or stout corner.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Echols is a well-rounded cornerback who plays disciplined football and played within the system at Kentucky. His thin build is a hindrance, but Echols has enough skill and ability to line up in dime packages at the next level.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Dallas Cowboys, Cincinnati Bengals, Buffalo Bills



# **NAHSHON WRIGHT**

CORNERBACK

**6'4 1/2"** HEIGHT

183 LBS WEIGHT OREGON STATE SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.40** GRADE

**5TH-6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**190** OVERALL RANK

An unranked high school recruit out of James Logan High School, Nahshon Wright started his college career at Laney College in Oakland.

Highly productive in his sole JUCO season, Wright earned multiple Division I offers, ultimately choosing Oregon State over Boise State, San Jose State, and Hawaii.

He started 10 games for the Beavers in 2019, and despite the disrupted 2020 season, earned an All-Pac-12 honorable mention. Wright registered over 60 tackles and 5 interceptions in his short Power Five career.

#### **POSITIVES**

Junior-college transfer who started the past two seasons for Oregon State. Tall, thin cornerback who flashes ball skills. Instinctive, quick to read and diagnose, and effectively times his pass defenses.

Fluid flipping his hips off the line, displays solid footwork in reverse, and has a nice break to the pass.

Tracks the ball in the air, quickly closes to the action, and possesses a burst of speed.

Efficient, takes proper angles, and stays with assignments. Gives effort up the field on the blitz or defending the run.

#### NEGATIVES

Has a thin build, struggles with physical receivers, and loses out in battles. Shows a little hesitation reacting to receivers' moves off the line.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Wright was a consistent cornerback at Oregon State and showed progress in his game the past three seasons. He possesses size, growth potential, and enough cover skills to play at the next level, but he must improve his playing strength. He's a Day 3 pick who could initially line up in dime packages as a rookie.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Seattle Seahawks, Indianapolis Colts, Carolina Panthers



# **BRYCE THOMPSON**

CORNERBACK

5'10 1/2" **HEIGHT** 

**182 LBS** WEIGHT

**TENNESSEE** SCHOOL

**JUNIOR** YEAR

3.38 **GRADE** 

6ТН PROJECTED ROUND

**POSITION RANK** 

197 **OVERALL RANK** 

Bryce Thompson was a four-star recruit out of Ben Lippen School who originally committed to in-state South Carolina before flipping to Tennessee.

He was immediately productive for the Vols, starting 10 games in 2018 and earning SEC All-Freshman honors.

Despite injuries the next two seasons, Thompson remained productive with 8 career interceptions, including 3 in one game against UAB in 2019.

#### **POSITIVES**

Well-built cornerback who displays a developing game. Instinctive, quickly diagnoses plays, and tracks the pass in the air.

Mixes it up with receivers, is quick pedaling in reverse, and does not back down from a challenge. Possesses a nice move to the throw, has a closing burst of speed, and fires to the ball out of his plant.

Possesses outstanding hands for the interception. Fires upfield defending the run and screen passes.

**NEGATIVES** 

Gets twisted and must improve his playing balance. Tackles a bit tall at times. Struggles with deep coverage assignments.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Thompson is a solid cornerback with next-level ball skills and terrific hands for the interception. He comes with an upside and could see action in nickel packages as a rookie. He could eventually develop into a starter on Sundays as he rounds out his game.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Green Bay Packers, Pittsburgh Steelers, Dallas Cowboys



# **ZECH MCPHEARSON**

**CORNERBACK** 

**5'9 1/2"** HEIGHT

183 LBS WEIGHT TEXAS TECH SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.30** GRADE

**6TH-7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**243** OVERALL RANK

Another 2021 NFL Draft prospect with NFL bloodlines, Zech McPhearson's father was drafted by the New England Patriots and his brother was a seventh-round selection of the New York Giants.

A four-star recruit, the star cornerback attracted offers from around the nation but committed to Penn State. After redshirting, he was a special teams' contributor for the Nittany Lions before entering the transfer portal prior to the 2019 season.

In doing so, he became a two-year starter for Texas Tech. McPhearson was named to the All-Big 12 First Team after leading the Red Raiders in interceptions.

#### **POSITIVES**

Slightly undersized cornerback who flashed cover skills the past two seasons. Instinctive, tough, and plays heads-up football.

Quickly locates the ball in the air, has an explosive burst out of his plant, and possesses good hands for the interception.

Fluid flipping his hips in transition, runs downfield with opponents, and correctly positions himself to break up passes.

Reads the receiver's eyes then works to get his head back around and find the ball. Battles opponents, gives effort defending the run, and does not back down from a challenge.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not a stout tackler. Lack of height is a hindrance against taller receivers.

#### **ANALYSIS**

McPhearson possesses the instincts, speed, and ball skills to play at the next level, though his height is a limiting factor. He offers possibilities as a dime or nickel back in either zone or man coverage, and McPhearson also offers special teams' possibilities.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Los Angeles Chargers, Carolina Panthers, Seattle Seahawks



# RODARIUS WILLIAMS

CORNERBACK

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

189 LBS WEIGHT OKLAHOMA STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.29** GRADE

**7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**248**OVERALL RANK

Somewhat unbelievably, Rodarius Williams is the older brother of Cleveland Browns cornerback Greedy Williams.

He heads to the NFL Draft two years after his younger brother following a four-year starting career at Oklahoma State.

In 2017, his first season as a starter, he tied a program record for pass breakups by a freshman that had previously stood since 1980. Williams earned a Senior Bowl invite following the 2020 season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized cornerback who flashed skill the past three seasons. Mixes it up with receivers battling throughout the route, stays on the opponent's hip out of breaks, and effectively times his pass defenses.

Reads the receiver's eyes, gets his head back around to track the pass in the air, and positions himself against opponents to defend the throw. Fights to get off blocks and make plays against the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Slow reacting to receivers' moves off the line. Does not play to his 40 time. Deep speed may be a concern. Face guards opponents too often.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Williams was a good cornerback at Oklahoma State the past three seasons and had opposing quarterbacks purposely throwing away from him. He possesses the size and tenacity to play at the next level, but he must polish his technique and do a better job making plays with his back to the ball.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New England Patriots, Las Vegas Raiders, Detroit Lions



### MARCO WILSON

**CORNERBACK** 

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

191 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

**3.28** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**257** OVERALL RANK

Marco Wilson's brother is Quincy Wilson, who plays with the New York Giants, and his father was a defensive back at Miami.

The family influence extended to his high school career where his father, Chad, was the assistant coach at American Heritage. Wilson suffered a torn ACL in high school, and yet another torn ACL which prematurely ended his sophomore season at Florida.

Wilson recorded 20 pass breakups for the Gators but will be best remembered for the shoetossing incident that cost Florida a win against LSU in 2020.

#### **POSITIVES**

Consistent cornerback with a solid game. Displays good awareness, keeps the action in front of him, and takes proper angles to the play.

Fires up the field and gives effort defending the run. Aggressive and wraps up tackling. Tracks the pass in the air, displays a burst out of his plant, and dives around the field working to break up throws.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Turned in a tremendous freshman campaign in 2017, yet never truly elevated his game afterwards. Best facing the action.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Wilson is a solid defensive back who can line up in a zone system as either a corner or safety. Playing with an aggressive nature, Wilson can be an asset on special teams and could make a roster as a ninth defensive back.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Seattle Seahawks, Carolina Panthers, Los Angeles Chargers



# JASON PINNOCK

**CORNERBACK** 

**5'11 1/2"**HEIGHT

190 LBS WEIGHT PITTSBURGH SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.27** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**263**OVERALL RANK

A three-star cornerback out of Connecticut, Jason Pinnock also played wide receiver and competed in track and field at Windsor High School.

He saw extensive playing time on special teams as a freshman for Pittsburgh, contributing to a 43-game career that included 19 starts.

His 3 interceptions in 2020 were a career high, with one sealing a win for the Panthers over Louisville.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized cornerback with an underrated game. Quick-footed in reverse, flips his hips in transition and plays heads-up football.

Mixes it up with receivers throughout the route, positions himself to make plays on the pass, and possesses good ball skills.

Physical, uses his hands to get off blocks and gives effort defending the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Play speed is a major concern. Cannot recover. Lacks great closing burst.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Pinnock is a hard-working cornerback with terrific ball skills and a feel for the position. He rarely plays to his 40 time and speed will be an issue, but Pinnock can line up in dime packages for a zone scheme.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Carolina Panthers, Seattle Seahawks, Pittsburgh Steelers



# MICHAEL CARTER II

**CORNERBACK** 

**5'9 1/2"** HEIGHT

186 LBS WEIGHT **DUKE** SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.27** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

**34** POSITION RANK

**264** OVERALL RANK

After seeing meaningful game time as a freshman in 2017, Michael Carter went on to be a three-year starter for Duke.

The former three-star recruit has 24 pass breakups and 4 interceptions in 46 career games that includes 36 starts.

Carter was a team captain in a 2020 season that saw him earn third-team All-ACC honors for the first time in his career.

#### **POSITIVES**

Versatile defensive back who plays aggressive football. Instinctive, quickly picks up coverage assignments and works hard to defend throws. Physical, mixes it up with receivers and has a nice move to the ball out of his plant.

Possesses a terrific burst to the action, fires up the field defending the run, and does not back down to a challenge. Plays to his 40 time and stays downfield with opponents.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Used more as a safety last season and primarily faced the action. Not a big corner and gets overmatched.

Must do a better job getting his head back around and making plays with his back to the ball.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Carter was a solid defensive back at Duke and possesses the speed, athleticism, and ball skills to line up in dime packages on Sundays.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Las Vegas Raiders, Houston Texans, Tennessee Titans



# DICAPRIO BOOTLE

CORNERBACK

**5'9 1/2"** HEIGHT

180 LBS WEIGHT NEBRASKA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.26** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

**35** POSITION RANK

**275**OVERALL RANK

A track star who ran 100 and 200 meters for Killian High School, Dicaprio Bootle was a three -star recruit coming out of Southridge High School in Miami.

He earned his first start for Nebraska as a redshirt-freshman before going on to make 32 consecutive starts. Voted the Cornhuskers' Defensive Back of the Year in 2018 and 2019, he also earned third-team All-Big Ten honors in 2018.

Bootle finished his Nebraska career as a team captain and a top-10 defensive back in program history with 26 pass breakups.

#### **POSITIVES**

Underrated cornerback with potential in dime packages at the next level. Quick to read and diagnose, stays with assignments, and tracks the pass in the air.

Agile, stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks, and displays a burst to the ball. Tracks the pass in the air, has a nice move to the throw, and battles to defend passes.

Very effective facing the action. Fires up the field and gives effort defending screen passes.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not a stout tackler and has opponents running through his arms. Lack of height creates limitations. Displayed a lot of inconsistency throughout his Nebraska career.

#### **ANALYSIS**

At the top of his game, Bootle is a feisty corner with solid ball skills who could be used in zone or backed off the line of scrimmage. Though he's unlikely to be drafted, I would expect Bootle to compete for a roster spot next summer as both a dime back and special teams player.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Green Bay Packers, Los Angeles Chargers, Seattle Seahawks



# RACHAD WILDGOOSE

**CORNERBACK** 

**5'11"** HEIGHT

197 LBS WEIGHT WISCONSIN SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

**36** POSITION RANK

202 OVERALL RANK

A three-star cornerback prospect in the 2018 class, Rachad Wildgoose travelled a long way north from Northwestern High School in Miami to play college football for Wisconsin.

He was productive in seven starts as a truefreshman before securing his first interception in 2019.

Wildgoose logged 15 pass breakups in 17 starts before opting out of the 2020 college football season after suffering a shoulder injury.

#### **POSITIVES**

Underclassman entry who flashes ball skills but comes with a very thin body of work. Quickfooted pedaling in reverse, fluid flipping his hips, and stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks.

Works to get his head back around and locate the pass in the air. Mixes it up with bigger opponents, fights to get off blocks, and works to make his way up the field defending the run or screen passes. Squares and wraps up tackling.

#### **NEGATIVES**

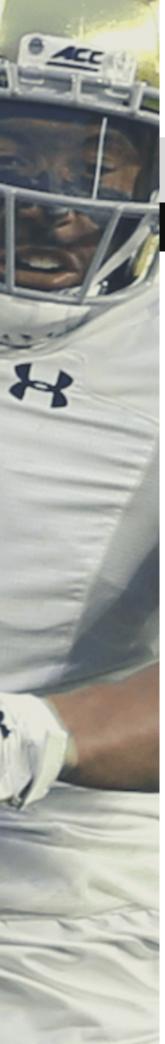
Bites on ball fakes, gets sucked out of position, and blows assignments. Prefers to side shuffle downfield. Struggled to break into the starting lineup at Wisconsin.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Wildgoose possesses solid size and flashed ball skills, but he's unpolished and will need a lot of work on his game before he's NFL-ready.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Dallas Cowboys, Las Vegas Raiders, Houston Texans



# NICK MCCLOUD

### **CORNERBACK**

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

193 LBS WEIGHT NOTRE DAME SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

**37** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A two-way player at South Pointe High School, Nick McCloud started his college career at North Carolina State.

McCloud saw time early in his career before a breakout season as a full-time starter in 2018 where he recorded 2 interceptions and 8 pass breakups.

A knee injury limited him in 2019 before transferring to Notre Dame as a graduate transfer. Started 11 games for the Fighting Irish and played a pivotal role in their overtime win against Clemson.

#### **POSITIVES**

North Carolina State transfer that's flown under the radar all season long. Sized well, aggressive, and uses his frame to out position receivers and defend the pass.

Effective facing the action, nicely covers receivers on crossing patterns, and physically beats down opponents to knock away the throw. Tracks the pass in the air, gets vertical, and correctly times pass defenses.

Works to keep the action in front of him, strong enough to shed blocks, and makes plays against the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not smooth or fluid pedaling in reverse, stiff flipping his hips in transition, and trails opponents in man coverage. Shows hesitation in his game. Does not play to his 40-yard dash time.

#### **ANALYSIS**

McCloud flashed outstanding ball skills last season and while at North Carolina State, and comes with terrific size and speed. He has a large upside but is a bit one-dimensional as he must play in a zone system or facing the action. Unlikely to be selected in the draft, McCloud could contribute next season as a ninth defensive back/special-teams player.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Buffalo Bills, Tennessee Titans, Dallas Cowboys



# **BRYAN MILLS**

**CORNERBACK** 

**6'1"** HEIGHT 174 LBS WEIGHT NC CENTRAL SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.25** GRADE

**FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Bryan Mills rose to prominence as a 2021 NFL Draft prospect following a 2019 breakout season for North Carolina Central.

He earned first-team All-Conference accolades after leading the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference with 5 interceptions in 10 starts.

A former JUCO player, Mills played for Antelope Valley in 2017 and College of the Canyons in 2018. With the cancellation of the FCS fall season, Mills' only opportunity to shine this past season was at the Senior Bowl.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized cornerback with next-level athleticism. Possesses outstanding length and a physical game and battles opponents throughout the action.

Jams receivers at the line and slows their releases off the snap. Quick flipping his hips and works to track the pass in the air.

Displays a good move to the throw, shows a closing burst, and willingly takes on bigger opponents. Fires up the field defending the run and displays himself as a strong tackler.

#### **NEGATIVES**

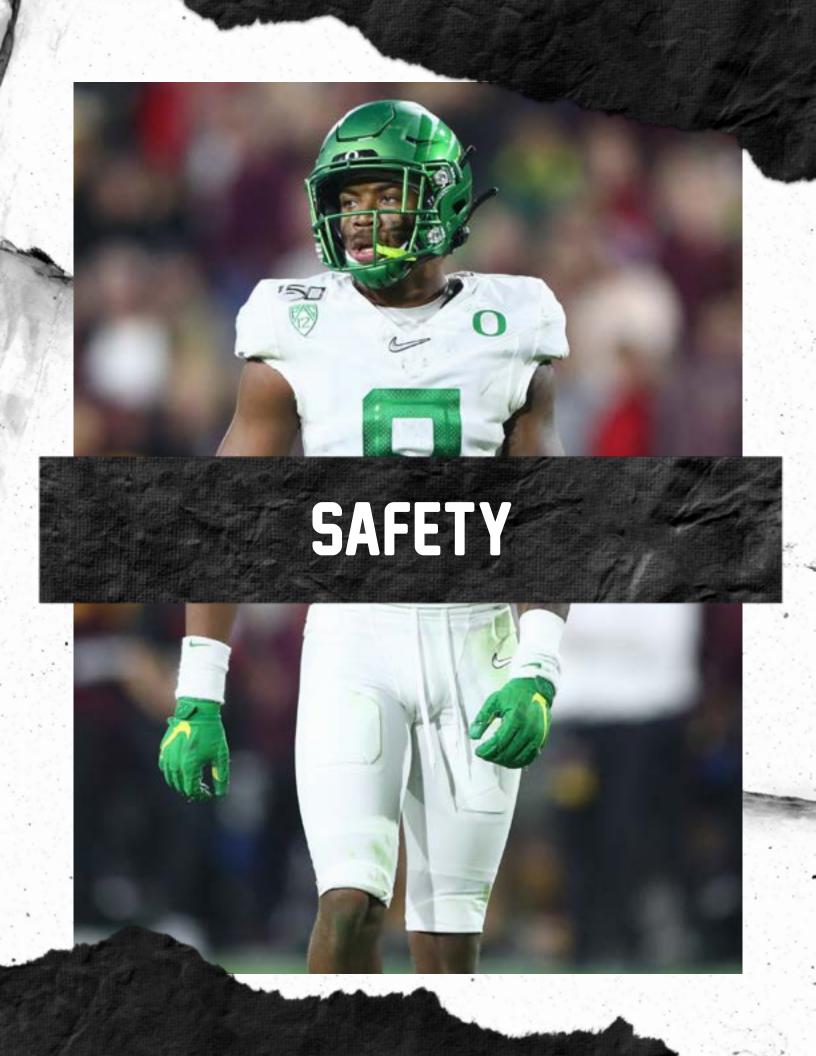
Does not come out of his transition with balance. Plays to one speed and cannot recover. Lacks a quick closing burst. Ineffective backed off the line of scrimmage.

### **ANALYSIS**

Mills possesses the size, strength, and tenacity to line up in press coverage, but he needs to improve all areas of his game and be more consistent before he'll be NFL-ready.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New England Patriots, Detroit Lions, Miami Dolphins



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Jamien Sherwood

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# TREVON MOEHRIG

**SAFETY** 

**6'0"** HEIGHT 205 LBS WEIGHT TCU SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**4.16** GRADE

**1ST**PROJECTED ROUND

**01**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Moehrig's ascension to become a highlyconsidered prospect in the 2021 NFL Draft started as a three-star prospect out of Smithson Valley High School in Texas.

After playing primarily on special teams in his freshman season, he developed into a star on the defensive side of the ball in 2019.

As a sophomore, Moehrig had 62 tackles and 4 interceptions as he was named first-team All-Big 12. In 2020, he once again earned first-team All-Big 12 honors, was named the Jim Thorpe Award winner, and a Chuck Bednarik Award semifinalist.

Moehrig finished his college career with 7 interceptions, 124 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, and 2 forced fumbles.

### **POSITIVES**

Two-year starting safety who was also a dominant special teams player for TCU. Tough, instinctive safety who displays solid ball skills.

Takes proper angles to the action, displays a closing burst, and works hard defending the pass.

Quick and fluid pedaling in reverse, immediately reads and diagnoses plays, and physically outmuscles receivers to defend passes.

Keeps the action in front of him, displays good awareness in coverage, and works hard. Stays with receivers laterally on crossing patterns.

Solid run defender who slides off blocks and makes plays on the ball handler. Willingly takes on bigger opponents and drives through tackles.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Gets too amped up, overcommits and occasionally gets caught out of position.

Must improve his playing balance. Lacks deep speed.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Moehrig was productive for TCU in a variety of ways and has the size as well as skill to line up as a zone or strong safety. He must polish his game, yet Moehrig has enough ability to see significant action as a rookie in the NFL.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Washington Football Team, Baltimore Ravens, Jacksonville Jaguars



# RICHIE GRANT

SAFETY

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

197 LBS WEIGHT CENTRAL FLORIDA SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.90** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Grant has come a long way from the two-star wide receiver that ranked outside the top 2,500 prospects nationally in 2016.

Grant's only Division 1-A offer came from UCF where he redshirted as a freshman. Grant played in a rotational role during UCF's undefeated 2017 season before starting at safety in 2018.

He was named first-team All-AAC as a redshirt sophomore and then followed that up with similar honors in both 2019 and 2020.

In 2020, he was also a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award. Grant finished his college career with 290 tackles. 11.5 tackles for loss, 10 interceptions, 17 passes defensed, and 5 forced fumbles.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter with an underrated game. Moves well laterally and effectively tracks the pass in the air.

Gets a beat on the throw, timing interceptions or pass defenses. Instinctive, quick to read and diagnose, and chases the action hard.

Displays a closing burst and always works to get involved in the play. Fires up the field, hits hard, and sells out defending the run. Consistently takes good angles to the action.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks great lateral range and is slow getting to the flanks in coverage. Average size and play speed.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Grant is a solid safety in all aspects of the position and is effective in covering the pass or defending the run. He comes with average size as well as speed, but he could line up in dime packages or as a traditional strong safety. Grant also comes with a special-teams mentality, which is added value.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Dallas Cowboys, Baltimore Ravens, Washington Football Team



# JEVON HOLLAND

SAFETY

**6'0"** HEIGHT 195 LBS WEIGHT OREGON SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.88** GRADE

**2ND**PROJECTED ROUND

**03**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

After star performances on both sides of the ball in high school, Holland was recruited as a four-star athlete. Taking his talents to Oregon, Holland made an immediate impact as a freshman where he started two games, registering 42 tackles and an impressive 5 interceptions.

He followed that up in his sophomore season with 66 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, 4 interceptions, and a touchdown.

After being named a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award and to the first-team All-Pac-12, Holland opted out of his junior season to prepare for the 2021 NFL Draft.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive, athletic safety with a well-rounded game. Does an outstanding job with coverage assignments, tracks the pass in the air, and displays a good move to the throw.

Follows receivers across the middle of the field, effectively times pass defenses, and possesses good hands for the interception.

Displays terrific ball skills, flips his hips in transition, and gets his head back around to locate

the pass in the air. Not a liability covering the slot receiver. Aggressive and battles receivers throughout the route.

Fires up the field, breaks down well, and gives effort defending the run and stopping screen passes.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses a thin frame and struggles in battles. Will be outmatched by bigger receivers. Inconsistent bursting to the ball.

### **ANALYSIS**

Holland is a good athlete and a developing safety who would've benefited from another season on the field in 2020. His ball skills and coverage ability are such that teams may consider him at cornerback or nickel back. Holland comes with a large upside but needs time to develop his game.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

New Orleans Saints, Washington Football Team, Las Vegas Raiders



# TALANOA HUFANGA

SAFETY

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

200 LBS WEIGHT **USC** SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.78** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

**04** POSITION RANK

**78**OVERALL RANK

After playing QB, RB, WR, and DB in high school, Hufanga was a four-star recruit who chose USC over his hometown team, the Oregon Ducks.

Hufanga started five games of the eight games he played as a freshman. He continued to impress in his sophomore year with 90 tackles and 3.5 sacks.

In his junior season, he reinforced that with another 62 tackles and 3 sacks. Hufanga finished his college career with 203 tackles, 16.5 tackles for loss, 6.5 sacks, 4 interceptions, and 2 forced fumbles. All six of his turnovers came in his final college season.

#### **POSITIVES**

Underrated safety with a complete game. Quickly picks up coverage assignments, displays range and works well with corners covering receivers out on the flanks.

Tracks the pass in the air, finds the ball and makes his move to the throw, displaying a burst. Takes good angles to the play, does not have lapses on the field, and shows explosiveness at the point.

Gives effort defending the run and drives through tackles. Solid open-field tackler who brings opponents down at the point.

#### NEGATIVES

Overpursues the action on occasion and takes himself out of the play. Lacks topend play speed.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Hufanga was a terrific safety at USC and displayed a lot of development in his game last season. Though likely to be characterized as a run-first defender at the safety position, he's much more complete and displays terrific ability in coverage. He possesses classic size for a strong safety, but has enough range and ball skills to play free safety.

### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Las Vegas Raiders, Dallas Cowboys, Detroit Lions



# ELIJAH MOLDEN

**SAFETY** 

**5'9 1/2"** HEIGHT

192 LBS WEIGHT WASHINGTON SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.63** GRADE

**3RD**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**101** OVERALL RANK

As a four-star prospect out of West Linn High School, Molden had a number of suitors before committing to Washington.

Molden contributed immediately with the Huskies but did not become a starter until his junior season. In both 2019 and 2020, Molden was named first-team All-Pac-12.

In those final two seasons, Molden had a total of 103 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, 5 interceptions, and 3 forced fumbles.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tough, instinctive safety with a terrific game. Quick reading and diagnosing the action, explosive, and plays with a degree of suddenness.

Fast arriving on the scene, sells out to make plays, and effectively times his pass defenses. Takes proper angles, moves well laterally, and possesses a closing burst.

Stays with coverage assignments, stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks, and possesses terrific ball skills facing the action. Does a great job leading the defense and quarterbacking the secondary.

Does not bite on crossing patterns or receivers' moves and can burst to the ball out of his plant.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Easily blocked from the action or outpositioned from plays. Not a stout tackler. Does not show great play speed on the field and timed poorly during pro day workouts.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Molden was a consistent college safety and is well-rounded in all areas of the position. He's a tough run defender with solid ball skills, but he has size limitations. Molden offers potential as a free safety or even in a zone system, and won't be a liability lined up against a slot receiver.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Buffalo Bills, Minnesota Vikings, Denver Broncos



# ANDRE CISCO

**SAFETY** 

**5'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

205 LBS WEIGHT SYRACUSE SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.57** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Cisco is a product of the IMG Academy in Florida, where he was a three-star recruit and the 73rd-ranked safety in the 2018 class.

Cisco had a tremendous rookie season, with 60 tackles, 7 interceptions, and a forced fumble, leading to him being named first-team All-ACC. He backed that up with a strong 2019 campaign as a sophomore.

However, a torn ACL in his junior season derailed the end of his college career. He finished his time at Syracuse with 136 tackles, 13 interceptions, and 2 forced fumbles.

#### **POSITIVES**

Explosive three-down safety who was having a terrific season before being shelved with knee injury. Effectively reads and diagnoses the action, takes proper angles to plays, and fires around the field working hard.

Aggressive, efficient, and plays bigger than his size. Displays good awareness in coverage, shows solid ball skills, and possesses an explosive burst to the ball out of his plant.

Watches the quarterback's eyes when facing the action and correctly times his pass defenses. Immediately picks up assignments and works well with cornerbacks.

Possesses good hands for the interception. Physical against the run, fires up the field, and sells out to make tackles.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Has size limitations. Not a stout or secure tackler.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Cisco was highly rated off his tremendous sophomore campaign of 2019, and he showed improvement in his game last year before being sidelined with a knee injury. He's small but explosive and offers potential in a variety of schemes if he gets back to prior playing form.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Houston Texans, Dallas Cowboys, Minnesota Vikings



# TYREE GILLESPIE

SAFETY

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

207 LBS WEIGHT MISSOURI SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.53** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Gillespie headed to Mizzou as a three-star recruit out of Vanguard High School in Florida, where he played at safety and running back.

After appearing mostly on special teams as a freshman, Gillespie saw significant time on defense in his final three seasons.

He finished a four-year college career with 146 total tackles, 6 tackles for loss, 2 sacks, and 12 passes defensed.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized safety who flashes big-time ability. Keeps the action in front of him, tracks the pass in the air, and possesses a solid closing burst.

Explosive, hard-hitting, and effectively times pass defenses. Quickly reads and diagnoses the action, fires upfield defending the run, and wraps up tackling.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Often gets stuck in cement and struggles redirecting to ball handlers. Lacks great speed to the sidelines.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Gillespie has flashed ability the past two seasons in both coverage and defending the run, and he displayed a lot of skill during Senior Bowl practices. He's a developmental prospect who could make a roster as a ninth defensive back and special teams player.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Dallas Cowboys, Las Vegas Raiders, Baltimore Ravens



# JAMAR JOHNSON

**SAFETY** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

205 LBS WEIGHT INDIANA SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.52** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

142 OVERALL RANK

Johnson headed to Indiana as a three-star recruit, ranked 100th at CB in the 2018 class. Throughout his college career, Johnson saw substantial playing time, culminating in being voted to the media All-Big Ten first team in his junior season.

His final season at Indiana saw him register 4 interceptions and 42 tackles, as he finished with 7 career interceptions, 69 tackles, 8 tackles for loss, and 4 sacks.

#### **POSITIVES**

Underrated safety prospect who is explosive against the run and solid in coverage. Feisty, mixes it up with opponents, and displays range.

Tracks the pass in the air, displays a good break to the throw, and effectively times pass defenses. Stays with assignments, fluidly moves in all directions, and possesses good hands for the interception.

Effective facing the action and stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks. Sifts through the trash to get upfield and make plays against the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses average play speed and isn't fast getting to the flanks. Most effective facing the action.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Johnson displayed consistent progress in his game the past two seasons and comes with upside. He's more of a strong safety or zone safety, but he's effective in defending the run and covering the pass.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Las Vegas Raiders, Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins



# **CADEN STERNS**

**SAFETY** 

**5'11"** HEIGHT

207 LBS WEIGHT **TEXAS** SCHOOL

JUNIOR YEAR

**3.51** GRADE

**4TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**09**POSITION RANK

146 OVERALL RANK

After an impressive high-school career, Sterns was a five-star recruit for the Texas Longhorns after originally committing to LSU.

He started in all three years with the Longhorns and was named Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year and first-team All-Big 12.

He missed time during his career with injury, however, and after securing 4 interceptions as a freshman, managed just 1 more in his final two years with the Longhorns.

Sterns finished his career with 173 tackles, 2 sacks, and 5 interceptions.

#### **POSITIVES**

Aggressive safety who is best defending the run. Keeps the action in front of him, quickly picks up assignments, and possesses a solid closing burst.

Works well with cornerbacks, stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks, and is a hard-hitting tackler who brings opponents down at the point. Fast in a straight line as well as laterally.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Overcommits to moves, which results in missed tackles. Does not always take proper angles to the action.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Sterns flashed skill the past two seasons but also showed inconsistency in his game. He possesses the size, athleticism, and mentality to play any safety position, but Sterns will need a lot of work on his game before he'll be an every-down defender in the NFL.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Washington Football Team, Minnesota Vikings, Jacksonville Jaguars



## **AR'DARIUS WASHINGTON**

SAFETY

**5'8"** HEIGHT

175 LBS WEIGHT TCU SCHOOL RS SOPHOMORE YEAR

**3.50** GRADE

**4TH-5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**1U** POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

As a three-star recruit out of Shreveport, Louisiana, Washington chose TCU over LSU, where he redshirted his freshman season.

He started for TCU in 2019, earning Freshman All-American and Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year honors.

After 5 interceptions in 2019, Washington's final season at TCU was somewhat less eventful. He finished his college career with 86 tackles and those 5 interceptions from 2019.

#### **POSITIVES**

Undersized college safety who could be used at cornerback or as a nickel/dime back. Fluid pedaling in reverse, easily flips his hips in transition and displays an explosive burst to the ball out of his plant.

Fast in both a straight line and laterally, quickly closes to the action and effectively times pass defenses.

Tracks the pass in the air, displays terrific ball skills, and makes a lot of positive plays. Quickly picks up coverage assignments, flies around the action, and works to make plays.

Does not bite on ball fakes. Fires up the field and gives effort defending the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Small. Struggles in battles and loses out to bigger receivers. Not a stout tackler. Plays faster than his 40 time but tested poorly during pro day workouts and ran slow.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Washington is an athletic defensive back with terrific ball skills, but he has size limitations. He has the skills and ability to be used in nickel or dime packages at safety or cornerback and won't be a liability over the slot receiver. Washington also comes with potential as a return specialist.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Washington Football Team, Atlanta Falcons, Jacksonville Jaguars



## HAMSAH NASIRILDEEN

**SAFETY** 

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

213 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA STATE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.48** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Nasirildeen headed to Florida State out of Concord High School as a two-way player who had experience at multiple positions on both sides of the ball.

He was a four-star recruit and received offers from a number of schools before settling on Florida State.

Nasirildeen appeared in 13 games his freshman season before playing every game in 2018 and 2019.

A torn ACL in the final game of the 2019 season meant he played just two games in the 2020 season.

In an impressive college career, Nasirildeen finished with 233 tackles, 9 passes defensed, 4 interceptions, and 3 forced fumbles.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tough safety with nice size who is best playing in the box and between the numbers. Explosive run defender who squares into tackles and easily brings opponents down at the point of attack.

Quick to read and diagnose, stays with assignments, and displays a good head for the ball. Works well with cornerbacks to bracket receivers in the middle of the field.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Displays no burst and limited quickness. Not smooth flipping his hips and struggles making plays in reverse. Consistently beaten during coverage drills at Senior Bowl practices.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Nasirildeen was a consistent defender for Florida State when healthy, but he comes with limitations at the next level. He's a traditional run-defending strong safety who may be able to add 10 pounds to his frame and move to linebacker.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Buffalo Bills, Las Vegas Raiders, Miami Dolphins



## **DIVINE DEABLO**

SAFETY

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

226 LBS WEIGHT VIRGINIA TECH SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.45** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**163** OVERALL RANK

Deablo was recruited to Virginia Tech as a three-star recruit at the wide receiver position out of Mount Tabor High School in North Carolina.

After playing one season as a receiver, Deablo moved to safety as a sophomore. He played a total of four years at safety, starting in 2019 and 2020.

With 4 interceptions in the 2020 season, Deablo finished his career with 6 interceptions, 206 tackles, 12.5 tackles for loss, and 3 forced fumbles.

#### **POSITIVES**

Linebacker-sized safety who flashes dominance. Disciplined, quickly diagnoses plays and stays with assignments.

Breaks down well, effectively uses his hands, and works hard defending the run. Fires up the field, lays it on the line, and is forceful on the blitz.

Effective in coverage when facing the action, tracks the ball in the air, and has a nice move to the throw.

Patient and plays within the system. Quarterbacks the secondary and displays a good head for the ball.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Possesses an average closing burst. Stiff pedaling in reverse and slow flipping his hips in transition. Lacks great lateral speed. Did not stand out during Senior Bowl practices.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Deablo's size and speed are off the charts for a defensive back, and he flashed skill the past two years. He's more of a downhill/between-the-numbers type of defensive back who projects as a conventional strong safety, and he may even get looks at linebacker.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Dallas Cowboys, Las Vegas Raiders, Denver Broncos



### MARK WEBB

SAFETY

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

210 LBS WEIGHT **GEORGIA** SCHOOL

SENIOR YEAR

**3.45** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**164** OVERALL RANK

A big play pass catcher at Archbishop Wood High School, Mark Webb was a four-star wide receiver recruit who followed his cousin --D'Andre Swift -- to the Georgia Bulldogs.

Although recruited as a wide receiver, the opportunity to gain playing time at safety presented itself, and Webb carved out a career at the position.

Arguably his best season came in 2019 where he made nine starts and racked up 46 tackles, 3 pass breakups, and 4 quarterback pressures.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized defensive back who can line up at safety or corner. Aggressive, forceful up the field, and sells out making plays.

Stays with coverage assignments, keeps the action in front of him, and displays a burst to the ball out of his plant.

Effectively covers receivers on crossing patterns, sticks on the opponent's hip out of breaks, and runs downfield with receivers.

Works to get his head back around and positions himself to make plays in deep coverage. Physical and gives effort defending the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Inconsistent getting his head back around to locate the pass and does a lot of face guarding. Late reacting on occasion.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Webb is a physical defensive back with nice size who could line up as a corner or safety in zone coverage. He plays with a special teams mentality and should be an asset on coverage units.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Houston Texans, Baltimore Ravens, Miami Dolphins



### ISRAEL MUKUAMU

**SAFETY** 

**6'4"** HEIGHT

212 LBS WEIGHT SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.44** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

terception.

**170** OVERALL RANK

A former three-star prospect, Israel Mukuamu impressed early in his South Carolina career. Although he was recruited as a safety, he has spent most of his Gamecocks' career playing cornerback.

Mukuamu earned third-team All-SEC honors following a 2019 season where he became the first South Carolina player to have 3 interceptions in a single game since 1988.

During a disappointing junior season, Mukuamu opted out following the dismissal of Will Muschamp.

#### **POSITIVES**

Athletic cornerback with nice size but an unpolished game. Quick to read and diagnose, possesses outstanding length, and works hard making plays.

Jams receivers at the line of scrimmage, uses his large frame to box out opponents, and physically beats down pass catchers to defend the throw.

Effective facing the action, does a good job recognizing routes in zone coverage, and has a

### NEGATIVES

Tends to lose a sense of where the receiver is on occasion. Slow to react. Possesses an average closing burst.

nice move to the throw. Tracks the pass in the air and displays good hands for the in-

#### **ANALYSIS**

Mukuamu possesses outstanding measurables and has flashed skill, but he needs a lot of work in his game. Best facing the action, he's well-suited for zone coverage, and may even get consideration at safety in the NFL.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Buffalo Bills, Carolina Panthers, Seattle Seahawks



### DARRICK FORREST

**SAFETY** 

**5'11"** HEIGHT

197 LBS WEIGHT CINCINNATI SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.43** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Forrest was an impact player on defense, offense, and special teams at Walnut Ridge High School in Columbus, Ohio.

He was a three-star recruit coming out of high school and committed to Cincinnati. In college, Forrest was a three-year starter on defense and named to the first-team All-AAC in 2019.

In his career in Cincinnati, Forrest registered 200 combined tackles, 6 interceptions, 6 passes defensed, and 1 fumble recovery.

#### **POSITIVES**

Three-year starter and a solid safety with poor size and play speed. Effectively reads and diagnoses the action, keeps plays in front of him, and works well with cornerbacks in pass defense.

Takes proper angles to the action, fires upfield, and gives effort defending the run.

Displays a solid burst to the ball out of his plant, sells out to make plays, and brings down ball carriers in the open field.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Does not translate his 40 time into playing speed. Late getting to the sidelines in coverage.

### **ANALYSIS**

Forrest was a terrific defensive back at the college level but lacks NFL play speed. He's a dime safety whose career hinges on special teams.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Denver Broncos, Buffalo Bills, Tennessee Titans



## JACOBY STEVENS

SAFETY

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

216 LBS WEIGHT LSU SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.38** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**202** OVERALL RANK

Stevens was a five-star prospect and the 18th-ranked player in the nation in 2017. He headed to LSU as a two-way player and spent time on both offense and defense in his freshman year.

He moved fully to defense during a breakout sophomore season, before starting all 25 games in his final two years at LSU.

He finished his college career with 190 tackles, 21.5 tackles for loss, 9.5 sacks, 4 interceptions, and 4 fumble recoveries.

#### **POSITIVES**

Large, tough safety who is best making plays in the box or up the field. Instinctive, plays headsup football and does a good job with coverage assignments facing the action.

Physical, works hard, and fires up the field defending the run. Breaks down well and works his hands to protect himself or get off blocks.

Sells out to make plays. Works well with cornerbacks to bracket receivers over the middle of the field. Gets his teammates in the secondary in proper position.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Ineffective pedaling in reverse, not quick flipping his hips, and loses in transition. Plays to one speed.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Stevens is a smart, hard-working strong safety prospect who is best facing the action. He could flourish in a system that keeps him between the numbers, primarily having him play downhill.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Baltimore Ravens, New Orleans Saints, Carolina Panthers



## **SHAWN DAVIS**

SAFETY

**5'10 1/2"** HEIGHT

202 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.37** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**208**OVERALL RANK

Davis committed to Florida as a three-star recruit out of Miami Southridge High School in Florida. He started in his final two seasons after being a role player in his freshman and sophomore seasons.

Davis ended his career at Florida with 124 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, 5 interceptions, 10 passes defensed, and a forced fumble.

#### **POSITIVES**

Tough, instinctive safety with solid range. Effectively reads and diagnoses the action, remains patient and keeps plays in front of him.

Stays disciplined, takes proper angles to the action, and fires upfield defending the run. Possesses a closing burst of speed and drives his shoulders through ball handlers.

Quickly picks up assignments in center field, battles receivers, and goes sideline to sideline.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Must sharpen his ball skills. Must do a better job timing his pass defenses. Lacks next-level play speed.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Davis is a tough, physical safety who plays smart football, but comes with athletic limitations. While he plays faster and more athletic than his testing numbers, the lack of pure play speed brings limitations. Davis should do very well in a zone system as a nickel safety.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Dallas Cowboys, Minnesota Vikings, Las Vegas Raiders



### DAMAR HAMLIN

SAFETY

**6'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

201 LBS WEIGHT PITTSBURGH SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.36** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Hamlin was the highest-rated defensive player in Pennsylvania's 2016 recruiting class as a four -star recruit.

At Pitt, Hamlin was a three-year starter at safety and was named to the second-team All-ACC in his redshirt senior season.

The 2020 season saw Hamlin register 66 total tackles, 3.5 for a loss, with 2 interceptions, and 7 passes broken up.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized safety with great instincts and feel for the game. Plays smart football, takes proper angles to the action, and remains disciplined with assignments.

Works well with cornerbacks to bracket receivers over the middle of the field, uses his frame to box out receivers in coverage, and works to make plays on the ball.

Breaks down well, effectively uses his hands to get off blocks, and doesn't make mental errors. Stays on the receiver's hip out of breaks, locates the pass in the air, and possesses terrific ball skills. Outstanding run defender.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks an explosive burst to the ball out of his plant and is usually a half-step late in coverage. Comes with average play speed, which poses limitations.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Hamlin grades highly from the point of view of instincts and playing ability, but he's an average athlete who does not show much speed on the field. Though he has limitations, he's worth a Day 3 pick and should flourish in a zone system that doesn't put him in man-coverage situations at the next level.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Minnesota Vikings, Dallas Cowboys, Buffalo Bills



### JOSHUAH BLEDSOE

**SAFETY** 

**5'11 1/2"** HEIGHT

201 LBS WEIGHT MISSOURI SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.35** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Bledsoe was a three-star recruit out of Dekaney High School in Texas where he contributed on offense, defense, and special teams.

During his four-year career, Bledsoe saw significant playing time, finishing with 130 total tackles, 7.5 tackles for loss, 18 passes defensed, and 3 interceptions.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized safety with a well-rounded game. Quick to read and diagnose, keeps the action in front of him, and is effective playing over the slot receiver.

Works to get his head back around to locate the pass in man coverage, displays a burst of closing speed, and gives terrific effort.

Mixes it up with receivers throughout the route. Fires up the field and aggressively defends the run.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Slow transitioning with opponents off the line of scrimmage, which puts him a half-step behind receivers. Totaled just 1 career interception in college.

### **ANALYSIS**

Bledsoe comes with solid measurables and ball skills as well as a head for the game. Best between the numbers, he's a zone safety who will add value on coverage units.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Carolina Panthers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Baltimore Ravens



## JAMIEN SHERWOOD

**SAFETY** 

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

216 LBS WEIGHT AUBURN SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.33** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

Sherwood was a highly sought-after four-star recruit out of Jensen Beach High School in Florida.

Sherwood did not start for the Auburn Tigers until his junior year in 2020. In his final year at Auburn, he registered 75 tackles to finish with 141 in his career.

He also registered 8.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks, 1 interception, and 10 passes defensed in his three-year career.

#### **POSITIVES**

Large, explosive safety with a physical game. Terrific run defender who is aggressive and takes on bigger opponents. Takes good angles to the action, attacks ball handlers, and works to finish plays.

Athletic, has excellent length, and flashes ability in zone coverage when facing the action. Picks up coverage assignments in the middle of the field and works well with cornerbacks.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks next-level recovery speed. Slow transitioning with opponents in man coverage and does a lot of face guarding.

### **ANALYSIS**

Sherwood has the style, skill, and size to be used as a traditional strong safety or in a zone system. He has limitations in coverage but comes with an upside, and Sherwood plays with a special teams mentality.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Houston Texans, Las Vegas Raiders, Detroit Lions



### RICHARD LECOUNTE

SAFETY

**5'0 1/2"** HEIGHT

190 LBS WEIGHT **GEORGIA** SCHOOL

SENIOR YEAR

**3.31** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**241**OVERALL RANK

Coming out of Liberty County High School in 2017, LeCounte was the 12th-ranked player and the second-highest ranked safety in the nation.

He was highly recruited by the likes of Alabama, Clemson, Florida, and LSU but chose to remain at home in Georgia. He had to wait until his sophomore season for a regular starting opportunity but performed well when he did.

He continued to develop in his final two seasons at Georgia. In 2020, he was named first-team All-SEC, and finished his career with 176 tackles, 8 interceptions, 4 forced fumbles, and 6 fumble recoveries.

#### **POSITIVES**

Well-built safety who is effective covering the pass and defending the run. Quick diagnosing the action, displays range in center field, and takes good angles to the play.

Works well with cornerbacks to bracket receivers over the middle of the field, quickly gets to the flanks, and possesses solid ball skills.

Stays on the receiver's hip in man coverage and possesses a nice move to the throw.

Fires up the field and gives effort against the run, driving his shoulders through ball handlers. Efficient, creates turnovers, and shows good hands for the interception.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Lacks great next-level play speed. Not a stout tackler and has ball carriers running through his arms.

#### **ANALYSIS**

LeCounte was a consistent defender at Georgia the past three seasons and has enough skill to line up as a nickel safety/special teams player in the NFL.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Denver Broncos, Miami Dolphins, Las Vegas Raiders



### CHRISTIAN UPHOFF

SAFETY

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

213 LBS WEIGHT ILLINOIS STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.30** GRADE

**6TH-7TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**246** OVERALL RANK

After impressing on special teams and defense for Washington High School, Uphoff made an impact initially as a kick returner in college.

He started 15 games at free safety in his redshirt junior season in 2019. Uphoff finished his junior season with 70 tackles, 2 interceptions, and 7 pass breakups.

Uphoff did not play in his senior season as the FCS schedule was moved to spring 2021.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized safety prospect with a large upside. Instinctive, quick to read and diagnose, and possesses a closing burst. Crashes upfield defending the run, stays with assignments, and works hard getting off blocks.

Plays with good speed, moves well laterally, and possesses range. Fires to the action with a terrific closing burst and possesses solid ball skills.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Shows stiffness in his game. Must improve his tackling and become more secure at the point.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Uphoff was a consistent small-school safety who showed flashes of next-level ability during Senior Bowl practices. He possesses the size, speed, and ball skills to play at the next level. Uphoff is a potential late-round choice who could make a roster as a ninth defensive back.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Las Vegas Raiders, Atlanta Falcons, Detroit Lions



## **BRENDON WHITE**

**SAFETY** 

**6'1"** HEIGHT

212 LBS WEIGHT RUTGERS SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.27** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**269** OVERALL RANK

Brendon White played numerous positions in high school, including defensive back, quarterback, and wide receiver.

White was the third-highest ranked athlete in the nation as a consensus four-star recruit. After committing to Ohio State, White played at both WR and DB before settling at DB full time.

He transferred to Rutgers ahead of the 2020 college football season, where he started five games.

He was selected as an honorable mention All-Big Ten player by coaches as he registered 40 tackles, 2 pass breakups, 1 interception, 1 forced fumble, and 1 fumble recovery.

#### **POSITIVES**

Ohio State transfer who turned in a terrific campaign in 2020. Shows good awareness, plays physical football, and possesses an explosive burst to the action out of his plant.

Fires upfield defending the run, sells out on the blitz, and recognizes assignments. Keeps the action in front of him, quickly locates the ball, and works well with cornerbacks to bracket receivers over the middle of the field. Wraps up tackling and gives effort.

#### NEGATIVES

Must improve his backpedal. Lacks long speed. Posted just one moderately productive season at Ohio State before transferring to Rutgers.

#### **ANALYSIS**

White is a nice-sized safety who showed flashes of ability since moving from the receiver position as a freshman. He's a strong safety with the ball skills and instincts to also be used in a zone system.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Carolina Panthers, Washington Football Team, Jacksonville Jaguars



## PARIS FORD

**SAFETY** 

5'11" HEIGHT 195 LBS WEIGHT SCHOOL RS JUNIOR YEAR

3.25 FA PROJECTED ROUND POSITION RANK OVERALL RANK

Ford was a talented four-star prospect coming out of high school, where he played on both sides of the ball. Despite a number of offers from the top schools in the nation, Ford elected to remain in-state at Pitt.

Ford did not break into the Panthers starting lineup until his redshirt sophomore season in 2019. He finished his sophomore year with 90 tackles and 3 interceptions.

After initially electing to play in 2020, Ford opted out after seven games. In those seven games, he registered 41 tackles and 3 more interceptions.

#### **POSITIVES**

Forceful safety who displays terrific range in center field and comes with a large upside. Physical, always looks to get involved and attacks opponents.

Quick and fluid pedaling in reverse, easily moves about the field and goes sideline to sideline. Possesses an outstanding closing burst of speed and flashes on the scene.

A vicious run defender who drives his shoulders through ball handlers and brings them down at the point of attack.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Does not consistently take proper angles to the action. Does not correctly time his pass defenses.

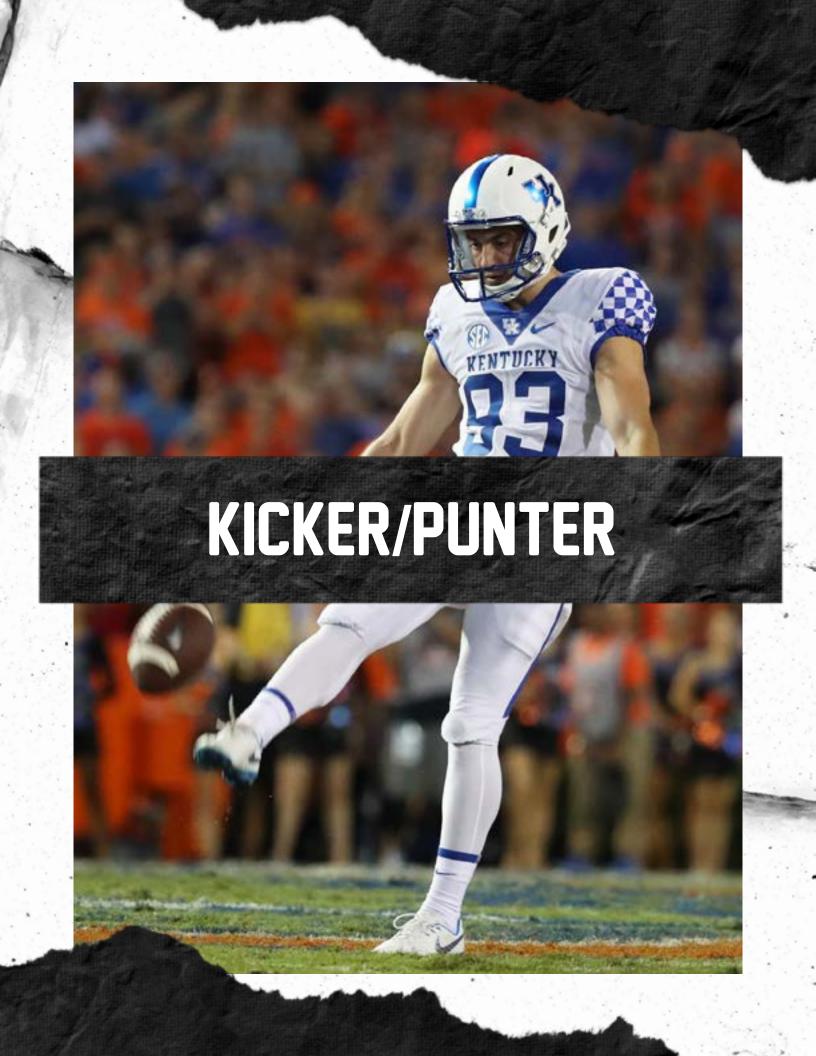
Overcommits to plays and gets caught out of position. Tested horribly during pro day workouts, showing little in the way of athleticism or long speed.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Ford possesses the size and football skills to be used as a strong or free safety, but he must improve his instincts and play smart football on every snap. He comes with upside but will need time and proper coaching to develop his game. His pro day numbers will drop him at least three rounds in the draft.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Tennessee Titans, Minnesota Vikings, Baltimore Ravens





## EVAN MCPHERSON

**KICKER** 

**5'11"** HEIGHT

185 LBS WEIGHT FLORIDA SCHOOL JUNIOR YEAR

**3.42** GRADE

**5TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**01**POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A dual-threat kicker who was the No. 1 ranked prospect in the 2018 class, Evan McPherson was also the fifth-ranked punter hailing from Fort Payne High School.

A three-year starter for Florida, McPherson missed just 4 field goals heading into 2020. 5 misses in his last season tainted what had previoudly been an 89.5% completion percentage while only missing 1 PAT in his career.

#### **POSITIVES**

Big-legged kicker who is also effective on kickoffs. Drives the ball off his foot on field-goal attempts, nicely follows through, and consistently puts the ball through the goalposts.

Possesses a big-time leg and consistently drives kickoffs through the opposing end zone.

Missed just a single PAT in his Florida career. Connected on 85% of his field goals. Never had a kick blocked at Florida.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Not a big-bodied athlete and will struggle making the tackle when necessary. Missed some important kicks at Florida.

#### **ANALYSIS**

McPherson is easily the best kicker in this draft and offers a big leg that he consistently uses to drive field goals through the uprights. A Day 3 selection, McPherson has starting potential at the next level.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

Minnesota Vikings, Tennessee Titans, Detroit Lions



## **BLAKE HAUBEIL**

**KICKER** 

**6'1 1/2"** HEIGHT

220 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.34** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

**220**OVERALL RANK

A first-team All-American at Canisius High School, Blake Haubeil has been a four-year contributor for Ohio State and their starting place kicker since his sophomore year.

He never missed a PAT on 146 attempts, while missing just 7 field goals in his three years as the starter for the Buckeyes.

Haubeil was third-team All-Big Ten selection as a junior in 2019 after nailing 85 extra point attempts.

#### **POSITIVES**

Double-duty kicker with a consistent leg. Gets immediate lift on field goals and drives them through the uprights.

Follows through on field goals and displays a big-time leg. Hit his career-best 55-yard field goal with room to spare. Gets decent hang time on kickoffs.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Doesn't drive his kickoffs through the opponent's end zone. Seems to direct kicks on occasion, which leads to ruin.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Haubeil has shown consistent progress in his game, but he's a better field-goal kicker than kickoff man. He must improve the latter to make a roster at the next level.

#### **PFN'S BEST NFL FITS**

Minnesota Vikings, Tennessee Titans, Philadelphia Eagles



## DRUE CHRISMAN

**PUNTER** 

**6'2 1/2"** HEIGHT

210 LBS WEIGHT OHIO STATE SCHOOL RS SENIOR YEAR

**3.39** GRADE

**5TH-6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

**01**POSITION RANK

**194** OVERALL RANK

A decorated high school punter who also saw time at quarterback, Drue Chrisman chose Ohio State over a slew of college offers.

A semifinalist for the prestigious Ray Guy Award as a redshirt freshman in 2017, he was named the Ray Guy Punter of the Week in 2018 for his heroics in a game against Michigan State that has been dubbed "the fist-fight in the frost won by a foot."

Chisman has a 100% completion percentage throwing the football after connecting on a 21 -yard pass on a fake punt fake against Wisconsin.

#### **POSITIVES**

Versatile punter who was a four-year starter at Ohio State. Gets big hang time on punts, allowing coverage teams to get down the field and make the play.

Has a smooth, fluid kicking stroke. Effectively handles the bad snap.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Slow getting the ball off his foot and must hasten his delivery.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Chrisman is a nice-sized punter with a big leg and the ability to place his kicks. He possesses an upside and also has the size necessary to make tackles in the open field. He's a Day 3 pick who could quickly break-in as a team's starting punter as a rookie.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New Orleans Saints, Minnesota Vikings, Green Bay Packers





PUNTER

**6'0"** HEIGHT 175 LBS WEIGHT KENTUCKY SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.32** GRADE

**6TH** PROJECTED ROUND

POSITION RANK

OVERALL RANK

A former Australian Football League player who transitioned to the gridiron, Max Duffy will be a 28-year-old rookie -- just four years shy of Ola Kimrin who became the oldest rookie to play in an NFL game in 2004.

A highly decorated college punter, Duffy earned the Ray Guy Award as the best punter in 2019 in addition to earning All-American honors. Duffy placed 60 career punts inside the 20 yard line and averaged 46 yards per punt.

#### **POSITIVES**

Australian-born punter who flashes brilliance on occasion. Possesses a big-time leg and easily flips the field.

Displays the ability to pooch punt and effectively places punts. Handles the bad snap and can kick under pressure.

#### **NEGATIVES**

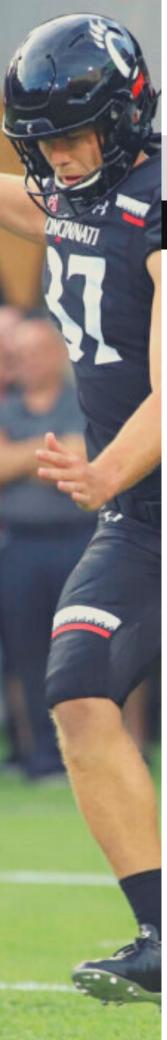
Will be 28 years old this fall. Takes a while to get the ball off his foot.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Duffy was a terrific punter the past three years at Kentucky, not only displaying a big leg but also placing punts when necessary. He needs to fine-tune his game but has a terrific upside. At 28 years old, the clock is ticking.

#### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New Orleans Saints, Green Bay Packers, Baltimore Ravens



### JAMES SMITH

**PUNTER** 

**6'3 1/2"** HEIGHT

220 LBS WEIGHT CINCINNATI SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

**3.27** GRADE

**7TH-FA**PROJECTED ROUND

**03**POSITION RANK

**268**OVERALL RANK

Another Australian punter in the 2021 NFL Draft class, James Smith arrived in Cincinnati in 2013 after a spell with the Wangaratta Rovers.

Smith was a finalist for the Ray Guy Award in 2018 amidst a career where he earned All-AAC honors in each of his four seasons with the Bearcats.

Smith has placed 91 punts inside the 20-yard line and has a career average 43.9 yards per punt.

#### **POSITIVES**

Nice-sized punter with the leg strength to flip the field. Shows the ability to handle the bad snap, effectively punts under pressure, and quickly gets the ball off his foot.

Drives punts for long distances. Possesses good size and can make the tackle when necessary.

#### **NEGATIVES**

Very inconsistent with his hang time. Takes an unconventional run-up to get the punt away.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Smith possesses the size and leg strength to make an NFL roster, but he must brush off the details of his punting, especially the delivery of the ball.

### PFN'S BEST NFL FITS

New Orleans Saints, Baltimore Ravens, Green Bay Packers















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