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Welcome to The Jet Sweep's very first NFL Draft Guide! Inside you will find profiles on over 100 of the top prospects in the 2023 NFL Draft.

You will also find a number of long-form features from our team of writers on some of the biggest names in this year's class.

This guide would not be possible without the work of our team and is the result of endless hours of tape grinding and report writing.

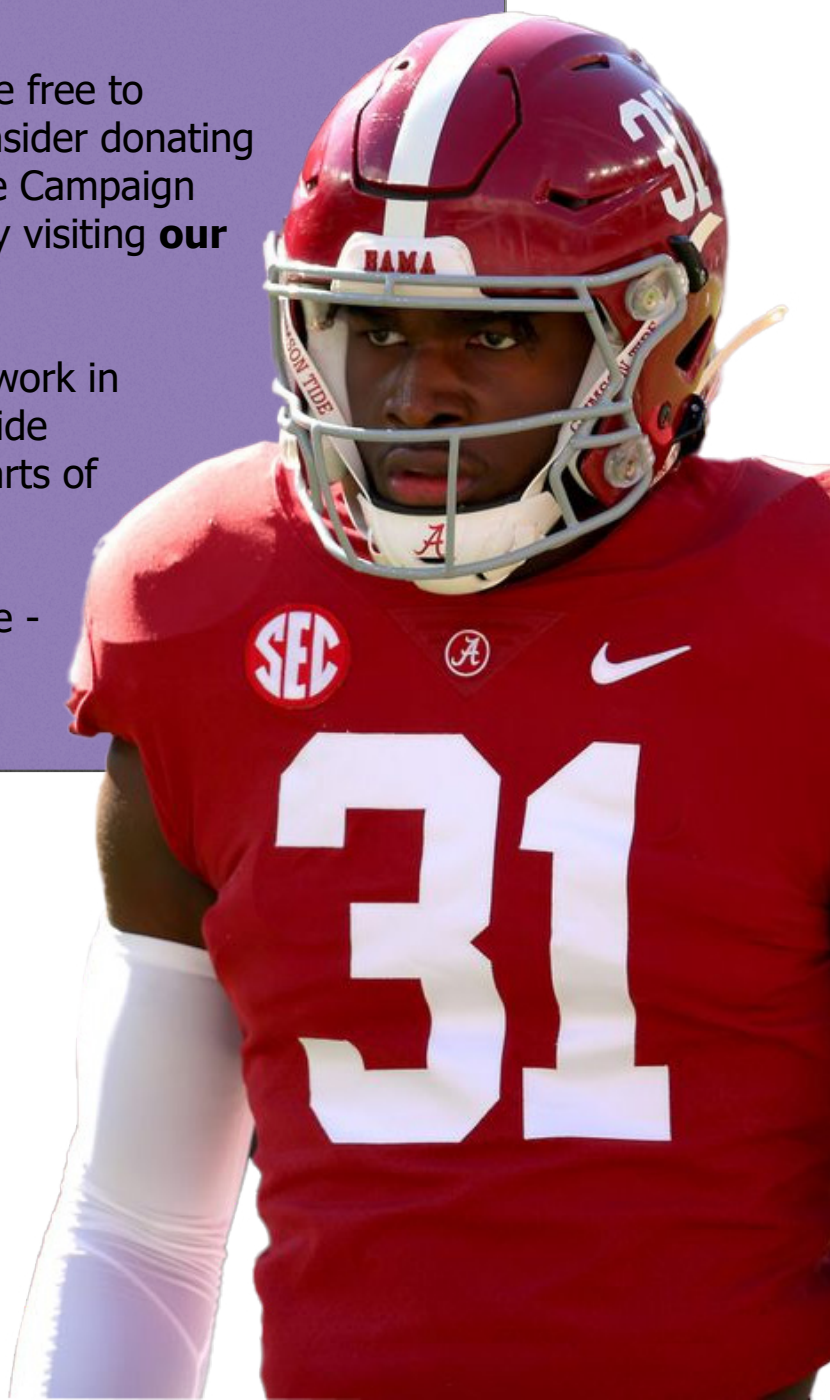
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Thanks again for reading our guide - we hope you enjoy!

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THE RED RAIDER

Texas Tech's Tyree Wilson is a name you are going to get used to hearing on Sundays. **Lee Wakefield** looks into the story behind one of the draft's top defensive prospects.

Upwards trajectory

As the NFL Draft draws ever closer it feels like we can begin to lock in our top prospects into a natural order and perhaps even start to peg them to particular teams. For some, we have always known that they would be first round picks. We could even have predicted that a select few would be locks for the first ten or even top five selections.

However for some it's not always been that way. There are always players who enjoy out-of-this-world seasons and shoot up the draft boards. One of those players who has enjoyed a meteoric rise over the past 12 months is Texas Tech's star defensive lineman, Tyree Wilson.

Turn the clocks back 12 months and Wilson didn't appear in any first round Way Too Early Mock Drafts. Now, he is almost certainly a top 10 pick everywhere you look - so what changed over this past season?

Before we get to this, let's look back on Wilson's college career.

Tyree's journey

Wilson grew up in New London, a small town in the east of Texas. He attended West Rusk High School where he blossomed into a three-star recruit who stood at 6'6 and tipped the scales at 280 lbs. Not bad for a kid from a town with a population of just under 1,000 people!

Wilson was a three-star recruit coming out of high school, a top 500 prospect in the country, and a top 25 weakside-defensive end. That's not ground-breaking, but it showed he was a good prospect, as did his plentiful list of offers.

Wilson's first offer came in February 2017 from the Ragin' Cajuns of Louisiana-Lafayette, then not two weeks later, another from Washington State to whom he committed about a month later.

The offers kept flowing from Group of Five schools like Texas State and Wyoming amongst others. By the spring of 2017, Power Five schools were sending offers his way.

The first was Oklahoma State. Wilson was a man in demand at this point and perhaps these offers were beginning to sow seeds of doubt that his future did not lie in the Pacific Northwest.

Sure enough, by June Wilson had decommitted from the Cougars. Offers from big programmes were imminent - Mississippi State, TCU, and Texas A&M all offered in the week after decommitment.

On June 19th 2017, Wilson committed to becoming an Aggie and despite multiple offers from Big XII and SEC schools, as well as a couple of official visits elsewhere, that decision was final. Wilson completed his West Rusk High School career having contributed 249 tackles of which 60 were behind the line of scrimmage. As a senior Wilson was the defensive MVP for his district and topped it off with second-team all-state honours, having racked up 126 tackles, 38 for loss, five forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries in his final year.

Upon arriving in College Station, he was redshirted for the 2018 season before making the field for 12 games (five starts) in 2019. - modest production and playing time for a player who clearly possessed a high ceiling.

This wasn't going to satisfy Wilson, who had a bounty full of offers coming out of high school. The Aggies only lost a handful of players to graduation and the NFL in 2019, so with another season

of bit-part playing time on the horizon Wilson left for College Station to go northwest to Lubbock, and enroll at Texas Tech.

As a sophomore in 2020, Wilson had to earn his starting spot, which he duly had done by the end of the season, readying himself for a breakout year just as he became draft eligible.

Announcing himself to college football

Statistically speaking, Wilson enjoyed a breakout year in 2021 for Texas Tech with 7 sacks and 13.5 tackles for loss. Wilson started 13 games and was the star player on the Red Raiders' defense - As a junior, he blossomed and the college football world began to see glimpses of the player that Wilson could become.

Despite being named an honorable mention for the All-Big 12 team and Texas Tech achieving their first winning season since 2015, there was no clamour for Wilson to declare for the NFL Draft. Even a win in the Liberty Bowl that saw Wilson named Defensive MVP failed to garner attention. Nothing.

The Liberty Bowl is well worth circling as a moment where Wilson announced himself as a star, not just for Texas Tech, but a budding star edge defender within the whole of college football.

He had two sacks in the game, on back-to-back plays in the third quarter. This stopped a Mississippi State drive and upon receiving the



ball back, Texas Tech drove down the field to score and extend their lead to 20 points to really put the exclamation point on the game.

Fans and analysts everywhere should have been taking more notice. This past year, Wilson made sure that they did.

Senior year and preparing for the NFL Draft

Wilson's senior season saw him go from a player who could make a splashy play to being a consistent game-wrecker on the defensive line.

In 10 games, prior to a foot injury that ended his season prematurely, he had matched his seven sacks of the year previous and bettered his total of tackles for loss from 13.5 to 14 in three fewer games.

Wilson had also added other splash plays with a fumble forced and recovered whilst totaling eight hurries, and seeing his total tackles jump from 38 to 61 from 2021 to 2022. Again I should emphasise, that this was in three fewer games.

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Wilson had become the kind of player whom his coaches could rely upon and build their

defensive front around. Wilson had become a player to fear and gameplan for.

The honorable mention that he had received from the Big XII for their all-conference team became a first-team selection. Wilson received first-place votes for Defensive Player of the Year and Defensive Lineman of the Year from some coaches.

The blossoming that had taken place had actually evolved into Wilson becoming recognised as one the best players at his position in the country. A player well worthy of those top-10 mock draft selections - It just took some a long time to see it compared to some.

Wilson ended the season with an invite to Mobile and the Senior Bowl but had to pull out of the game due to injury. He was also unable to work out and perform in drills in Indianapolis for the Combine.

However, his measurements were taken with the most eye-catching of them all being his wingspan.

Tyree Wilson is a long man! Wilson measured up as having 35.6" arms, which places him in the 96th percentile of edge rushers, with only Ohio State's Zach Harrison having longer arms in this year's class.

Wilson uses his length

to his advantage when getting after quarterbacks.

It is an unteachable asset and one which NFL front offices covet highly.

It remains to be seen when this quarterback hunter will be taken, but now there are analysts suggesting that he could be the first defensive player selected in Kansas City.

That wouldn't be bad for a kid from the east of Texas, from a town of fewer than 1,000 people. This really is quite the rise for a player not even considered in the first round 12 months ago.





THE SOARING

EAGLE

Boston College wide receiver Zay Flowers is generating plenty of buzz. **William Lane** gives you the lowdown on everything you need to know about the speedster.

Just one year ago, Zay Flowers was being talked up as a possible “steal” in the third or fourth round. Fast forward to today and he has flown up draft boards of fans and executives alike. He is even in the conversation for the best receiver in the class.

There is a lot to love about Flowers, whether it is his character, his athleticism, or just his story. Even so, seeing the Boston College receiver become a fan favourite was something that not even I had on my bingo card in 2023.

Before we talk about his college career, let’s take a look into how he reached the point of being a potential first rounder.

Zay’s early life

Flowers grew up in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, a place

known for its beaches.

He is the 11th of 14 children and recalls being outside in pads at the age of four. It was here that his competitive edge and love for the sport blossomed.

He attended University High School, playing as both a wide receiver and defensive back. Flowers finished his high school career with 1,773 yards and 26 receiving touchdowns.

He was listed as a three-star recruit in the 2019 class and earned plenty of interest. His first offer came in May 2017 from Bowling Green. This was shortly followed by Appalachian State and then Boston College.

Before his high school career was over another 26 schools would offer Flowers a scholarship, including the

likes of Kentucky, N.C. State, South Carolina, and Nebraska.

Despite all of this other interest, he rewarded the Eagles’ early interest and committed to Boston College.

Flowers said that he did so because he wanted to pursue his education and become the first in his family to graduate college.

Making a splash

Flowers has referred to himself as a late-bloomer as it wasn’t really until college that he took his game to the next level. It’s safe to say he made an immediate impact upon arrival.

In Week 1 of his freshman season against Virginia Tech, he debuted with 116 all-purpose yards on three carries and two catches.

He would go on to play in all 13 games, finishing with 341 receiving yards and averaging 15.5 yards per catch. He also managed to find the end zone four times.

Becoming a star

Flowers built off of his successful freshman year campaign and followed it up with a breakout season in 2020.

He started in all 11 games that he played and quickly built a strong connection with new Eagles quarterback Phil Jurkovec.

Flowers led the ACC with 103 targets and finished the year with 892 yards and nine touchdowns on his 55 receptions. He went on to earn First Team All-ACC honours in the process.

At this point, all eyes were on Zay entering his junior year in 2021. He was amongst preseason favourites to win the Biletnikoff Award.

He would go on to haul in 44 catches for 746 for an average of 17 yards per catch. He found the end zone five times as well, and did all of this despite losing his quarterback Phil Jurkovec early on into the season.

Flowers was soon met with a pretty tough decision as the floodgates opened on NIL deals. The names of the schools that tried to poach him have remained undisclosed to this day, but Flowers turned each of

them down and chose to stay at Boston College. This was life-changing money that he had decided to pass up on - reports suggest some were as high as six figures.

Senior year and preparing for the Draft

After deciding to return for his senior season, Zay would go on to put up the best numbers of his career.

He hauled in 78 catches, going for 1,077 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also logged an eye-popping passer rating of 106.1 when targeted.

This also saw him cement his name in the school's record books.

He received his second First Team All-ACC selection and set the school record for single season receiving touchdowns, as well as tying the single season reception record.

Flowers would finish his career as Boston College's all-time leader in career receptions (200), career receiving yards (3,056) and career receiving touchdowns (29).

Flowers in the NFL

Despite Flowers' impressive track record, some still have concerns with him as a prospect.

The most obvious concern is his size.

Flowers measured in at 5'9" and 182 lbs at the NFL Combine. Whilst this was heavier than he was listed at Boston College, it is still on the smaller side.

At the Combine he ran a 4.42 40-yard dash and would flash a 10'7" broad jump. His measurables will remain a concern, but his athleticism is far from that.

Flowers is extremely dangerous in the open field and has the ability to make a defense look silly. His balance is also extremely impressive as his ability at tight-ropeing the sidelines is elite.

Traits like these are what have sent Zay soaring up draft boards and some say he could be the first receiver taken off the board.

But now we wait and see when the Golden Eagle receiver will be taken in the 2023 NFL Draft.



THE OTHER LONGHORN



Bijan Robinson isn't the only Texas running back that has a bright NFL future. **Jack Brentnall** explains why Roschon Johnson could be one of this year's true gems.

When you share a backfield with a generational running back prospect, it is probably only natural that you are somewhat overshadowed..

That is the situation that Texas' Roschon Johnson has found himself in over the last few seasons.

Whilst he might not have the name recognition or star power of his fellow Longhorn Bijan Robinson, don't let that fool you into thinking he's not a special prospect in his own right.

Johnson is the kind of player who would have been a starter at almost any other team in college football.

He's also the kind of player that projects very well to the NFL level and who should

have no problem carving out a long and successful career in the pros.

So just how good is the "other Longhorn"?

A road less travelled

It is fair to say that Johnson has had a less-than-conventional route to the NFL.

He was a quarterback at Port Neches-Groves High School in Texas and finished up as the school's all-time leading passer with 7,710 career yards.

This earned plenty of attention as a recruit. Johnson was listed as a four-star dual threat quarterback, earning offers from the likes of Texas, Oklahoma, and Ohio State.

He committed to his home state Longhorns with the intention of playing quarterback.

He actually started the season there as a backup to Sam Ehlinger, but a raft of injuries at running back threatened to potentially derail the Longhorns' season.

It was at this point that Johnson showed his trademark competitiveness and selflessness, reportedly texting then-Longhorns head coach Tom Herman to say "If you need me, play me."

And with that, as they say, the rest is history. Johnson made the full-time switch to running back and he hasn't looked back since.

He finished the year with 650 yards on 123 carries, whilst tying for a team lead with seven touchdowns.

Despite the arrival of a certain Bijan Robinson ahead of the 2020 season, Johnson didn't grumble. Instead he continued to toil away in the Texas backfield and became arguably the best backup in college football.

Johnson enters the NFL with over 2,100 rushing yards and 23 touchdowns to his name.

Translatable skillset

Being a good college player is one thing, but being able to translate to the NFL is something else. That's where Johnson really shines.

At 6'0" and 219 lbs he is built like an NFL running back. He is a bruiser too, who is consistently able to churn out additional yardage. It is no coincidence that over 70% of Johnson's career yardage came after contact.

Johnson marries this power with the short area quickness you need to thrive at the next level.

Then come the intangibles. Despite still being relatively new to the position, Johnson possesses some of the best vision in this year's class.

His understanding of how to pace his runs and his ability to quickly identify and exploit cutback opportunities is hugely impressive.



He tops this all off with some legitimate ability on third downs. Johnson can be a reliable receiver out of the backfield and puts in a shift as a pass blocker.

It's safe to say that is a pretty impressive résumé. But that's not all.

Once you start digging into Johnson's advanced numbers you'll see some impressive stuff.

There's one number that sticks out though, and that is his performance in our signature metric, Forced Missed Tackles Over Expected (FMTOE).

What is FMTOE?

FMTOE is a simple concept. We've taken every college rushing season since 2014 and worked out the average forced missed tackle rate for a running back.

You can then compare how players perform relative to this average - an average

back would score 1.00.

Anything over that and they are forcing missed tackles at a higher than expected rate.

If you look the top performers in recent years, you will see some of the familiar names.

The tables below include the top five scores by draft-eligible backs in each of the last two classes.

2021

Player	FMTOE
Dameon Pierce	2.04
Zonovan Knight	1.80
Kenneth Walker	1.75
Trestan Ebner	1.74
Jaylen Warren	1.73

2020

Player	FMTOE
Javonte Williams	2.53
Rhamondre Stevenson	1.86
Jaret Patterson	1.75
Michael Carter	1.56
Elijah Mitchell	1.52

FMTOE is by no means a perfect metric, but both of those lists are telling.

As you might expect there are a couple of the big names there in the form of Javonte Williams and Kenneth Walker.

What is interesting is the other names that show up. Many of these are players who went under the radar as prospects, before impressing in the NFL.

Take Rhamondre Stevenson for example. He finished his collegiate career with just 165 carries and had to wait until the fourth round to hear his name called.

Fast forward two years and he has supplanted Damien Harris to lead New England's backfield.

Dameon Pierce was in a similar position as far as his collegiate production was concerned. He's now heading into his second season after putting up 939 yards as a rookie.

You also have a pair of undrafted backs who are carving out NFL roles for themselves in Zonovan Knight and Jaylen Warren.

The bottom line is that FMTOE provides a useful means of identifying running back talent and unearthing hidden gems.

So, back to Roschon Johnson. What exactly does FMTOE tell us about him?

In short it's very encouraging.

The table below shows how Johnson compares to all of the other running backs profiled in our draft guide.

Player	FMTOE
Roschon Johnson	2.55
Bijan Robinson	2.11
Chris Rodriguez	1.91
Tank Bigsby	1.79
DeWayne McBride	1.70
Kendre Miller	1.63
Eric Gray	1.43
Zach Charbonnet	1.43
Tyjae Spears	1.42
Devon Achane	1.41
Chase Brown	1.32
Jahmyr Gibbs	1.31
Zach Evans	1.30
Sean Tucker	1.18
Deuce Vaughn	1.02
Israel Abanikanda	1.00

Johnson doesn't just lead the class - he absolutely crushes the competition!

The only player that is remotely close to him is his Longhorns running mate, Bijan Robinson, and we all know what kind of talent he is.

Even then, Johnson is far ahead. The gap between him and Robinson in second is larger than the gap between Robinson and fifth-placed DeWayne McBride.

So how does this compare to others? In one word, it is historic.

Johnson's FMTOE of 2.55 isn't just the highest in this year's class - it is the highest mark by a draft-eligible running back since charting began in 2014.

A future NFL star?

When you take Johnson's tape and his advanced numbers into account, it is hard not to be impressed.

He might not have had the limelight that others did by virtue of sharing the backfield with Bijan Robinson, but overlook him at your own risk.

Johnson has the tools, the intangibles, and the track record to be a difference maker at the NFL level.

He's sure to make one team very happy on draft day.





THE DAWG

Nolan Smith made a name for himself at Georgia before blowing up the NFL Combine. **Tayyib Abu** gives you the lowdown on the former No. 1 overall recruit.

With the NFL Draft just weeks away, the build-up is beginning to hit a fever pitch.

This year's edition promises to be one of the most exciting recent times, featuring a glut of talent at various positions, particularly on defense.

In this latest preview, we break down Georgia's National Champion, Nolan Smith.

A Prospect with Pedigree

Nolan Smith was a high school recruit with all the pedigree and accolades. 247 Sports graded Smith as a five-star prospect, while ESPN had him as the No. 2 overall prospect in the 2019 recruiting class.

The Georgia native played high school football at IMG Academy and was a First Team All-American per

MaxPreps. USA Today named Smith to the All-USA high school football team.

His athletic profile and high school production netted him ten collegiate offers. The Savannah-born prospect ultimately committed to the Georgia Bulldogs and joined at just the right time.

Dominating With The Dawgs

Having joined Georgia in 2019, Smith spent all four eligible seasons in Athens as a part of an SEC superpower.

Smith played 46 games and started 23 for Georgia across his four-year stint. The depth of talent on Kirby Smart's defense often forced Smith to wait and take his chances when they came. Smith's breakout season came in 2021, when he played 499 snaps for the National Champions.

He tallied 56 total tackles, 27 quarterback hits, and 3.5 sacks. Smith played over 200 pass-rush snaps for Georgia that season as he established himself in a 14-start season.

A pectoral injury cut short his 2022 season, but the recovery has gone well, and Smith looked in fine shape at the NFL Combine. Smith left Georgia as a two-time champion, recording 114 tackles and 11.5 sacks.

The Lowdown

In a class loaded with talented edge rushers, Smith is undoubtedly among the upper tier of players. Weighing in at 238 pounds, Smith is not as beefy or heavy-set as other draftees. Iowa's Lukas Van Ness weighs 272 lbs, while Tyree Wilson stands at 271 lb. Smith does not look like a heavy-hitting, edge-setter.

Looks can be deceiving though. Smith's electric get-off and understanding of blocking and gap assignments make him a tenacious run defender.

At the NFL Combine, Smith recorded a blazing 40-yard time of 4.39 seconds, with a 10-yard split of 1.5 seconds. That speed allows Smith to beat guards and tackles to get to the ball carrier.

His strength in run defense is his balance, quick feet, and feel for attacking blocks with intelligent angles and electrifying bursts.

Watching the Georgia game film, Smith's initial get-off is so good; he would often ghost into the backfield untouched. At Georgia, Smith played almost exclusively on the end and used his speed to contribute to run defense.

Sometimes, Smith did struggle when the battle became power-reliant. As a pass-rusher, Smith wins with speed and bend on the outside. He does not have much luck when trying to bull-rush or rip inside offensive tackles.

As Daniel Jeremiah often says, speed-to-power conversion is critical at the next level. Smith's smaller frame hurts him when linemen match his speed with power. Question marks also surround Smith's ability to disengage blocks or win with secondary moves. At the NFL level, the powerful, wily offensive tackles may

have too much power and size for Smith.

Nonetheless, Smith is still a top defensive end with the potential to improve. A versatile defender, Smith owns traits that can help him contribute in many ways. His athleticism and game intelligence allows him to drop into coverage, play the run, rush the passer, and create opportunities for others.

The Projection and Fit

Many draft outlets and analysts have Smith as a Round 1 prospect.

The Athletic's Dane Brugler has Smith ranked 11th on his big board. Mel Kiper ranks him 15th. NFL.com gave Smith a Combine score of 80, the fifth best among edge prospects, and his prospect grade of 6.33 is solid.

Trying to project a landing spot is a bit trickier. Presently, Smith looks like a weak-side defensive end in an odd-man front. However, Smith's penchant and hunger for run-defense should translate well into even-man defensive fronts.

One worry is Smith's lack of versatility. Last year's top two defensive ends, Aidan Hutchinson and Travon Walker, can play across the defensive line. Smith cannot. In a league now predicated on defensive line versatility and different personnel packages, Smith's edge exclusivity may hurt his draft stock.

At Georgia, Smith did not shade over guards a lot and seldom played at 3T. Nevertheless, if a team can develop Smith's pass-rushing skills and hone his run defense, Smith should become a starting defender in the NFL.

The Bottom Line

Nolan Smith is a first round prospect ready to jump into the NFL.

With winning experience from an NFL development factory and outstanding athleticism, Smith will be coveted by several teams.

A team-first player with a winner's mentality, Smith's head coach Kirby Smith said "Nolan is intelligent. He's charismatic; teammates love him, and he's passionate. Nolan is full of energy, and he's one of the toughest guys I've been around. Nolan is going to be successful at whatever he does."

Smith himself possesses the confidence to go to the top. At the NFL Combine, Smith said, "I'm probably the most athletic outside linebacker that they've seen in a long time."

The end of April will reveal all for Smith and his draft destiny.



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- **Riley Moss** (Iowa)
- **Clark Phillips** (Utah)
- **Joey Porter** (Penn State)
- **Eli Ricks** (Alabama)
- **Kelee Ringo** (Georgia)
- **Cam Smith** (South Carolina)
- **DJ Turner** (Michigan)
- **Garrett Williams** (Syracuse)
- **Devon Witherspoon** (Illinois)

SAFETY

- **Jordan Battle** (Alabama)
- **Brian Branch** (Alabama)
- **Ji'Ayir Brown** (Penn State)
- **Sydney Brown** (Illinois)
- **Trey Dean** (Florida)
- **Ronnie Hickman** (Ohio State)
- **Antonio Johnson** (Texas A&M)
- **Brandon Joseph** (Notre Dame)
- **Jammie Robinson** (Florida State)
- **JL Skinner** (Boise State)
- **Christopher Smith** (Georgia)
- **Rashad Torrence** (Florida)



Quarterback



STETSON BENNETT



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CLAYTON TUNE



BRYCE YOUNG

STETSON BENNETT

QB, GEORGIA (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 11

Round Projection: 5th



Height	5'11"
Weight	192
Class	2017

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Completions/Att	309/454	184/288	86/158
Completion %	68.1%	63.9%	54.4%
Adj Completion %	76.3%	76.7%	64.3%
Yards	4,132	2,861	1,174
Yards per attempt	9.1	9.9	7.4
TD/INT	27/7	29/7	8/6
Passer Rating	110.1	120.2	79.5

BACKGROUND

Bennett was a two-star quarterback recruit in the 2017 class. He earned just four offers, with only two of those coming from FBS schools. He decided to turn down these scholarship offers, instead deciding to walk on at Georgia, the team he supported throughout his childhood.

After one year with the Bulldogs he transferred out to junior college, playing for Jones College in Mississippi. He ended up transferring back to Georgia the following season. Bennett improbably started 10 games in 2020 after beginning the season as the third-string quarterback. He has been the team's starter ever since, leading them to back-to-back national titles and winning the Manning Award as the best college quarterback in 2022.

PROS

- » Good athlete with quick footwork and impressive burst
- » Capable play extender who is comfortable working outside of structure
- » Has experience running a pro-style offense at Georgia

CONS

- » No real arm strength to speak of. The ball dies in the air when he throws deep
- » Reluctant to throw into tight coverage
- » Seriously undersized from both a height and wide perspective
- » Turns 26 years old as a rookie

ONE LINER

"Bennett is a good athlete with some nice flashes as a processor, but his lacklustre arm strength and size coupled with his age mean that he is at best likely to be a backup at the NFL level"

MAX DUGGAN

QB, TCU (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 9

Round Projection: 5th



Height	6'2"
Weight	207
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Completions/Att	267/420	145/228	145/242
Completion %	63.6%	63.6%	59.9%
Adj Completion %	74.2%	71.8%	70.2%
Yards	3,697	2,040	1,802
Yards per attempt	8.8	8.9	7.4
TD/INT	32/8	16/6	10/4
Passer Rating	109.2	104.8	89.9

BACKGROUND

Duggan was a four-star recruit in the 2019 class and the No. 1 overall prospect in the state of Iowa. He earned offers from an impressive list of schools, including Georgia, Ohio State, and Notre Dame, but made the decision to commit to the Horned Frogs. It took him just a matter of weeks to earn the starting role, with his first start coming in Week 4 of his true freshman season. Duggan has held down the role ever since.

He took his game to the next level in 2022 with the arrival of head coach Sonny Dykes. Duggan helped guide TCU to the national title game and was voted Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year and the winner of the Davey O'Brien Award, given to the best quarterback in college football.

PROS

- » Capable athlete who will be a threat as a designed runner
- » Nifty pocket movement to avoid sacks and keep plays alive
- » Solid arm strength and accuracy
- » Trusts himself as a deep ball thrower

CONS

- » Hugely inconsistent mechanics, particularly in his lower body
- » Processing speed isn't up to scratch
- » Double clutches far too frequently
- » Had issues deciphering disguised coverage and post-snap rotations

ONE LINER

"Duggan is a good athlete with a good enough arm to translate to the NFL, but he is let down by inconsistent mechanics. That, coupled with his lack of any real trump card, means he is likely a backup at the next level"

JAREN HALL

QB, BYU (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 10

Round Projection: 5th



Height	6'0"
Weight	207
Class	2016

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Completions/Att	247/376	189/296	--
Completion %	65.7%	63.9%	--
Adj Completion %	75.9%	72.9%	--
Yards	3,162	2,583	--
Yards per attempt	8.4	8.7	--
TD/INT	31/6	20/5	--
Passer Rating	112.7	107.1	--

BACKGROUND

A three-star recruit in the 2016 class, Hall earned offers from BYU and Utah coming out of Maple Mountain High School in Utah. He committed to the Cougars, following in the footsteps of his both his parents and his older brother KJ. He then undertook a two year mission as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Hall returned to BYU in 2018, where he featured in two games before redshirting the season. Hall served as the backup to Zach Wilson during the 2019 season, before a hip injury forced him to take a medical redshirt in 2020. He finally earned the starting role in 2021, leading the Cougars to a 10-3 record. He had another strong year in 2022, with career highs in passing yards and touchdowns.

PROS

- » Good poise in the pocket to navigate pressure
- » Capable of progressing through his reads and making the right decisions
- » Good all-around athletic profile
- » Adept at varying touch

CONS

- » Lacks ideal size, both in terms of his height and his weight
- » Far too many inexplicable misses on his tape
- » You don't see many anticipatory throws
- » Older prospect, who will be 25 on draft day

ONE LINER

"Hall has some promising tools to work with, but he still requires real development to take snaps at an NFL level. When you consider the fact he is already 25 years old on draft day, that is a tough sell."

HENDON HOOKER

QB, TENNESSEE (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 7

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'3"
Weight	217
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Completions/Att	229/331	207/304	87/183
Completion %	69.2%	68.1%	63%
Adj Completion %	75.9%	76.4%	75.2%
Yards	3,135	2,948	1,232
Yards per attempt	9.5	9.7	8.9
TD/INT	27/2	31/3	8/5
Passer Rating	123.9	129.1	96.0

BACKGROUND

Hooker was listed as a four-star recruit coming out of high school in North Carolina, earning 18 offers. He elected to commit to Virginia Tech over the likes of Oregon and Clemson, but things didn't quite go to plan in Blacksburg. He almost transferred prior to the 2019 season after falling to fourth on the depth chart, but eventually chose to stay and finish his degree.

Hooker spent the subsequent two seasons as the Hokies' starter, before entering the transfer portal ahead of the 2021 season. He made the move to Tennessee and created an exciting partnership with their new head coach Josh Heupel. Since arriving in Knoxville, he has taken his game to the next level and was voted SEC Offensive Player of the Year in 2022.

PROS

- » Good athlete who can create out of structure and as a designed runner
- » Has a really nice deep ball in his arsenal
- » Very accurate as a quick game thrower
- » Doesn't take unnecessary risks with the football

CONS

- » An older prospect who will turn 26 before the end of his rookie season
- » Success has come in a simplistic college offense that isn't going to translate well
- » Does everything well but it's hard to find an elite trait in his game
- » Suffered a torn ACL in his final season

ONE LINER

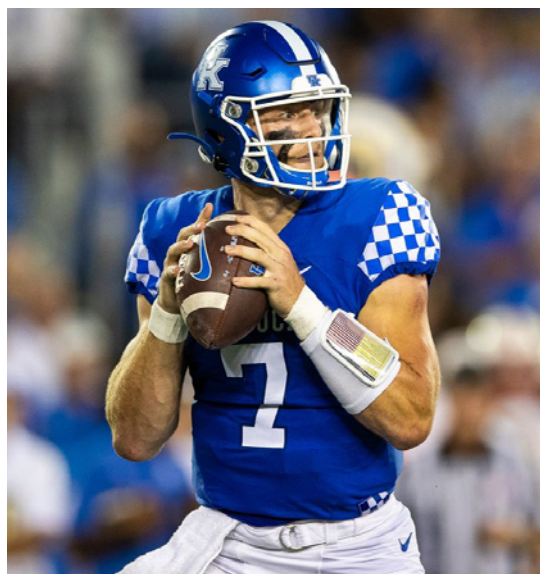
"Hooker has the tools and decision making you look for in an NFL quarterback, but he lacks the ceiling of his contemporaries. His advanced age and inexperience executing pro-style concepts will limit his appeal."

WILL LEVIS

QB, KENTUCKY (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 4

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'4"
Weight	229
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Completions/Att	186/286	232/352	32/54
Completion %	65%	65.9%	59.3%
Adj Completion %	75.6%	74.8%	66.7%
Yards	2,416	2,827	414
Yards per attempt	8.4	8.0	7.7
TD/INT	19/10	24/13	1/0
Passer Rating	99.1	97.8	89.6

BACKGROUND

Levis was listed as a three-star recruit and the No. 2 overall prospect in the state of Connecticut in the 2018 recruiting class. An academic standout in high school, five of his 25 offers came from Ivy League schools. Levis chose instead to commit to Penn State, where he spent three seasons as backup quarterback.

After failing to supplant Sean Clifford, Levis entered the transfer portal ahead of the 2021 season and committed to Kentucky. In his first season he helped lead the team to a bowl game, scoring 33 total touchdowns. He finished his Kentucky career with 17 wins, the second-most by a Wildcats quarterback since 1993.

PROS

- » Has a howitzer for an arm. Would rank amongst the strongest in the NFL
- » Tough as nails in the pocket. No fear of pressure
- » Solid athlete who can create with his legs and be a weapon in short yardage
- » Operated a pro-style offense at Kentucky

CONS

- » Still has a long way to go as a decision maker
- » Play speed is way off. Really struggles to consistently progress through his reads
- » Toughness borders on complete obliviousness at times
- » An older prospect who turns 24 as a rookie

ONE LINER

"Levis' rare combination of size, arm strength, and athleticism will earn comparisons to Josh Allen, but he needs to see a major improvement in his decision making and processing to become an effective NFL starter."

TANNER MCKEE

QB, STANFORD (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 5

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'6"
Weight	231
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Completions/Att	265/433	206/315	3/7
Completion %	61.2%	65.4%	42.9%
Adj Completion %	72%	75.6%	42.9%
Yards	2,949	2,325	62
Yards per attempt	6.8	7.4	8.9
TD/INT	13/8	15/7	0/0
Passer Rating	83.8	93.9	74.7

BACKGROUND

McKee has had an interesting route to becoming an NFL prospect. He beat cancer aged just 16, before becoming a four-star recruit and a top 50 prospect in the 2018 class. He was hotly recruited, earning 31 offers from the likes Alabama, Georgia, and Texas. As a California native he made the decision to stay closer to home, and committed to Stanford.

McKee then delayed his chance to play college football in order to undertake his two-year LDS mission in Brazil. He returned to Stanford in 2020, where he served as the backup to Davis Mills. McKee was named as the team's starter in 2021 and spent the next two seasons under center for the Cardinal, throwing for 28 touchdowns and 15 interceptions.

PROS

- » Cerebral passer who is quick to decipher coverages and identify matchups
- » Doesn't put the ball in harms way - had a turnover-worthy play rate of just 1.5%
- » Enough arm strength to attack all three levels of the field
- » Competent quick game thrower

CONS

- » Not particularly mobile and won't be able to consistently extend plays
- » Takes a lot of sacks, with a concerning 27% pressure-to-sack rate
- » Long and winding release
- » Clunky feet and slow to re-align his base

ONE LINER

"McKee lacks the play extension ability you want in a quarterback, but he ticks off the other boxes. He is a cerebral passer with good arm talent and has the potential to develop into a starter at the next level."

AIDAN O'CONNELL

QB, PURDUE (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 12

Round Projection: 6th



Height	6'3"
Weight	213
Class	2017

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Completions/Att	318/499	314/438	88/137
Completion %	63.7%	71.7%	64.2%
Adj Completion %	73%	77.1%	74.2%
Yards	3,483	3,709	916
Yards per attempt	7.0	8.5	6.7
TD/INT	22/13	28/11	7/2
Passer Rating	88.1	108.0	94.4

BACKGROUND

O'Connell played basketball and football in high school but he was not a sought-after recruit. His lone offer came from D-II Davenport University in Michigan. What interest he did receive from D-I schools did not come with scholarship offers, and O'Connell subsequently decided to enroll at Purdue as a walk-on in 2017.

He didn't play a snap for the Boilermakers over his first two seasons with the team. His opportunity eventually arrived in 2019, playing in six games and starting three. He began the 2020 season as the starter, before suffering a season-ending foot injury. O'Connell earned the starting role again the following season and was voted a Second Team All-Big Ten member in both 2021 and 2022.

PROS

- » Solid accuracy on short and intermediate throws
- » Good pocket navigator to avoid sacks and keep plays alive
- » Not afraid of taking a hit in order to deliver the perfect pass

CONS

- » Below average arm strength by NFL standards
- » Not much of an athlete, with limited creation capacity
- » Pre-determines throws pre-snap far too often
- » Will be a 25-year old rookie

ONE LINER

"O'Connell has good accuracy and pocket movement skills, but his lack of physical tools and underwhelming processing ability make it difficult to project him as anything more than a depth option in the NFL."

ANTHONY RICHARDSON

QB, FLORIDA (RS-SOPHOMORE)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 1

Round Projection: 1st

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Height	6'4"
Weight	244
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Completions/Att	175/330	37/63	1/2
Completion %	53%	58.7%	50%
Adj Completion %	63.9%	66.7%	50%
Yards	2,553	527	27
Yards per attempt	7.7	8.4	13.5
TD/INT	17/9	6/5	1/1
Passer Rating	84.3	84.6	95.8

BACKGROUND

Richardson was a standout dual-threat quarterback in high school and was ranked as a four-star recruit in the 2020 class. His high school was just a short drive from The Swamp and he committed to Florida early in the recruiting cycle. Despite re-opening his recruitment and earning offers from the likes of Georgia and Michigan, he decided to stick with the Gators.

Richardson redshirted his freshman season, before earning the backup role behind Emory Jones in 2021. He appeared in seven games, including one start against Georgia. Following Jones' transfer and the appointment of Billy Napier as the Gators' head coach, Richardson became the team's full-time starter in 2022, finishing the season with 17 touchdowns and eight interceptions.

PROS

- » Special arm talent, with the ability to make any throw
- » Generational athlete who has speed and power to threaten as a runner
- » Great poise - his 9.2% pressure-to-sack rate is the best in the class
- » Shows promising signs as a processor and decision maker

CONS

- » Footwork is a complete mess. Bounces and never throws from a consistent base
- » Accuracy suffers because of poor mechanics
- » Inexperienced as a starter, with just 455 career dropbacks

ONE LINER

"Richardson's accuracy is a real concern, but he has seriously rare tools. Add in some promising pocket presence and processing ability and you have the quarterback with the highest ceiling in the class."

CJ STROUD

QB, OHIO STATE (RS-SOPHOMORE)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 2

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'3"
Weight	214
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Completions/Att	257/390	317/443	--
Completion %	65.9%	71.6%	--
Adj Completion %	72.8%	79%	--
Yards	3,684	4,424	--
Yards per attempt	9.4	10.0	--
TD/INT	41/6	44/6	--
Passer Rating	125.0	130.8	--

BACKGROUND

As a four-star recruit and the No. 2 pro-style quarterback in the 2020 class, Stroud wasn't short of offers. He garnered interest from the likes of USC and Georgia but decided instead to make the move to Columbus. After redshirting his freshman season, Stroud won the starting job after Justin Fields' departure to the NFL.

He had a somewhat slow start to the 2021 season, before growing into the starting role. Stroud finished the year a Heisman Trophy finalist with a slew of honours. This included a First Team All-Big Ten nod, as well as being selected as the conference's best freshman and best offensive player. In 2022 he earned Second Team All-American honours and was a First Team All-Big Ten selection.

PROS

- » Outstanding accuracy with an advanced understanding of touch and placement
- » Comfortable working through his progressions
- » Good arm strength that won't look out of place in the NFL
- » Capable thrower on the move

CONS

- » Panics when defenses are able to generate interior pressure
- » Decent athlete but never looked like a dynamic creator with his legs
- » Has a habit of locking his front leg when releasing

ONE LINER

"Stroud offers the combination of arm strength, accuracy, and processing ability that all great quarterbacks possess. He feels like the safest quarterback in the class, though his issue handling pressure will be a concern."

DORIAN THOMPSON-ROBINSON

QB, UCLA (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite

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Position Rank: 6

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'1"
Weight	203
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Completions/Att	266/384	175/284	91/140
Completion %	69.3%	61.6%	65%
Adj Completion %	77.4%	71.2%	71.5%
Yards	3,159	2,390	1,128
Yards per attempt	8.2	8.4	8.1
TD/INT	27/10	21/6	12/4
Passer Rating	106.7	104.3	106.5

BACKGROUND

Thompson-Robinson was a highly-regarded high school prospect. He earned a four-star rating as the No. 2 dual threat quarterback in the class and he was a top 50 player in the nation. He earned 26 offers, committing to UCLA over the likes of Alabama, Georgia, and Michigan.

Thompson-Robinson had an immediate impact for the Bruins, starting seven games as a true freshman and starting a further 11 as a sophomore in 2019. He impressed during the abbreviated 2020 season, playing five games and being voted as a Second Team All-Pac-12 member. He achieved that feat again in 2021, before returning for his fifth and final season as a starter. Thompson-Robinson departs UCLA as the school's all-time leader in passing touchdowns with 88.

PROS

- » Has a legitimately live arm and generates a tonne of velocity
- » True dual threat, with 28 rushing touchdowns in his career
- » Very competent processor
- » Consistently accurate in short to intermediate areas

CONS

- » Prone to some bad decision making when extending plays as a passer
- » Footwork is inconsistent and he needlessly leans away from throws at times
- » Deep ball accuracy and touch are poor
- » Lacks ideal size for an NFL quarterback

ONE LINER

"Thompson-Robinson has the physical tools as well as the processing ability to succeed at the NFL level. There are still several aspects of his game that need tidying up, but he is a player with legitimate starting upside."

CLAYTON TUNE

QB, HOUSTON (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 8

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'3"
Weight	220
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Completions/Att	333/496	288/425	170/287
Completion %	67.1%	67.8%	59.2%
Adj Completion %	79.5%	77.6%	72.1%
Yards	4,065	3,542	2,040
Yards per attempt	8.2	8.3	7.1
TD/INT	40/10	30/10	15/10
Passer Rating	110.7	107.0	84.0

BACKGROUND

Tune was listed as a three-star quarterback prospect in the 2018 recruiting class. He earned six offers from the likes of Ole Miss, Kansas, and UCF, but chose to stay in state and commit to play for Houston. He served as the backup to D'Eriq King during his freshman season, appearing in five games.

With King redshirting the following year, Tune was handed the starting role and has held it ever since. His form in 2022 saw him recognised with First Team All-AAC honours after throwing for 40 touchdowns and just 10 interceptions. Tune finishes his college career with the second most passing touchdowns in school history.

PROS

- » Supremely accurate on short and intermediate throws
- » Solid athlete who can threaten defenses with his legs
- » Comfortable working as a play extender
- » Toughness in the pocket and as a runner

CONS

- » Clearly lacks ideal arm strength
- » Deep ball accuracy is erratic
- » Did not look comfortable when asked to stand in and go through his reads
- » An older player who will be 24 years old on draft day

ONE LINER

"Tune's accuracy and play extension ability saw him have success at the collegiate level, but his lacklustre arm strength and issues as a processor mean that he is likely a backup at the NFL level."

BRYCE YOUNG

QB, ALABAMA (RS-SOPHOMORE)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 3

Round Projection: 1st



Height	5'10"
Weight	204
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Completions/Att	245/380	365/550	13/22
Completion %	64.5%	66.4%	59.1%
Adj Completion %	77.4%	78.1%	85%
Yards	3,325	4,860	156
Yards per attempt	8.8	8.8	7.1
TD/INT	32/5	47/7	1/0
Passer Rating	114.9	117.4	96.0

BACKGROUND

Coming out of Mater Dei High School in California, Young was listed as the No. 2 overall recruit in the 2020 class. He was ranked as the top dual threat quarterback and the No. 20 prospect during the 247 era (since 1999). He had his pick of the blue blood programs, with 28 offers from the likes of Ohio State, USC, and Alabama.

Young settled on the Crimson Tide and served as the backup to Mac Jones during his freshman season. He earned the starting role in 2021 and had a historic debut season, winning the Heisman Trophy and being voted a Consensus All-American. Young is showing more of the same in 2022 and will no doubt be one of the top quarterbacks taken in the upcoming class.

PROS

- » Poise and pocket presence that belies his youth
- » Accurate and can throw with touch
- » Good athlete who can create out of structure
- » Toughness you wouldn't expect for a player of his size

CONS

- » Major outlier in terms of size. Built more like a receiver than a quarterback
- » Tends to linger on his first read
- » Lower body mechanics are noticeably inconsistent
- » Arm strength is just okay by NFL standards

ONE LINER

"Young is a major outlier in terms of his size, but his calmness in the face of pressure and ability to deliver the ball accurately and on time at every level of the field is evidently translatable to the NFL."

Running Back



ISRAEL ABANIKANDA



DEVON ACHANE



TANK BIGSBY



CHASE BROWN



ZACH CHARBONNET



ZACH EVANS



JAHMYR GIBBS



ERIC GRAY



ROSCHON JOHNSON



DEWAYNE MCBRIDE



KENDRE MILLER



BIJAN ROBINSON



CHRIS RODRIGUEZ



TYJAE SPEARS



SEAN TUCKER



DEUCE VAUGHN

ISRAEL ABANIKANDA

RB, PITTSBURGH (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 12

Round Projection: 4th



Height	5'11"
Weight	216
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	241	123	28
Yards	1,426	651	95
Yards per carry	5.9	5.3	3.4
Missed tackles forced	46	40	5
Touchdowns	20	7	1
Receptions	12	24	2
Receiving yards	146	197	11

BACKGROUND

Abanikanda comes from a football background, with both his father and brother having played college football. He was also a standout track athlete in high school, running a 10.69 in the 100m. He was rated as a three-star recruit in the 2020 class, earning offers from 17 schools. Abanikanda committed to Pitt over the likes of Duke and Tennessee.

He featured sparingly as a true freshman, with 95 yards on his 28 carries. His role increased the following season, leading the team with 651 yards and seven touchdowns. 2022 proved to be a breakout year as he led all FBS players with 20 rushing touchdowns on his way to First Team All-American honours.

PROS

- » Has the top gear to break away from defenders in the open field
- » NFL-ready short area quickness
- » Showed he can be a bell cow, with 23 touches per game in 2022
- » One of the youngest players in the class and won't turn 21 until October

CONS

- » Doesn't have the power you'd expect for his size
- » More of a one-cut and go runner than an elusive ball carrier
- » Vision is noticeably inconsistent
- » Has had issues with drops and body catches

ONE LINER

"Abanikanda has the long speed to be a home run threat in the NFL. His lack of either power or elusiveness is concerning though and might limit his ability to be a consistent difference maker at the next level."

DEVON ACHANE

RB, TEXAS A&M (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 9

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	5'9"
Weight	188
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	196	130	43
Yards	1,100	885	364
Yards per carry	5.6	6.8	8.5
Missed tackles forced	51	36	17
Touchdowns	8	9	1
Receptions	36	24	5
Receiving yards	196	261	97

BACKGROUND

Achane was a standout football player and track athlete in high school. He was voted the 2020 Texas Track and Field Athlete of the Year and was rated as a four-star running back recruit. He earned 20 offers, including from some of the biggest schools in the country, but chose to stay in state with the Aggies over the likes of Alabama and Georgia.

Achane featured sparingly behind Isaiah Spiller in his true freshman season before an excellent 2021 season that saw him lead the team with 6.3 yards per carry and nine touchdowns. He emerged as the team's leading rusher in 2022 after Spiller's departure, becoming one of just four 1,000+ yard rushers in the SEC and earning First Team All-SEC honours.

PROS

- » Legitimate track speed. Ran a 10.14 100m in college
- » Shifty and twitched up runner who can navigate tight spaces
- » Very effective as a pass catcher
- » Dynamic special teamer who averaged 31.1 yards per kick return

CONS

- » Really small. Built more like a slot receiver than a running back
- » Struggles to be an effective runner between the tackles
- » Gets overwhelmed in pass protection
- » Might never lead an NFL backfield at his size

ONE LINER

"Achane is an electric ball carrier with game-breaking burst and home run speed. His size will likely prevent him from leading a backfield, but he can be a good rotational option with upside as a returner on special teams."

TANK BIGSBY

RB, AUBURN (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 5

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'0"
Weight	210
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	178	224	138
Yards	976	1,104	834
Yards per carry	5.5	4.9	6.0
Missed tackles forced	60	48	47
Touchdowns	10	10	5
Receptions	30	20	11
Receiving yards	180	180	84

BACKGROUND

Bigsby was ranked as a four-star prospect and the No. 4 running back in the 2020 recruiting class. He earned plenty of interest, garnering 34 offers from the likes of Alabama, Michigan, and his home state Georgia Bulldogs. He committed instead to Auburn after visits with the Tigers, South Carolina, and LSU.

Bigsby instantly established himself as one of the brightest talents in college football. As a true freshman in 2020 he rushed for 834 yards on 138 carries and was voted the SEC Freshman of the Year. He topped 1,000 yards as a sophomore before once again leading the team in rushing yards and touchdowns in 2022.

PROS

- » Impressive vision and decision making as a runner
- » Tough runner who showcases good contact balance
- » So light on his feet for a bigger back
- » Produced in spite of a poor supporting cast

CONS

- » Limited route tree out of the backfield
- » Hands are spotty - 11.6% drop rate throughout his career
- » Long speed is solid enough, but he isn't going to break away from many defenses

ONE LINER

"Bigsby has the blend of size, quickness, and vision that all good backs possess. He might never be a difference maker on passing downs, but he has the solid all around profile to be a good contributor at the NFL level."

CHASE BROWN

RB, ILLINOIS (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 15

Round Projection: 5th



Height	5'10"
Weight	209
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	329	170	102
Yards	1,632	1,005	538
Yards per carry	5.0	5.9	5.3
Missed tackles forced	77	44	20
Touchdowns	10	5	3
Receptions	27	14	7
Receiving yards	240	142	64

BACKGROUND

Brown was born and brought up in Canada, before moving to Florida in high school. He earned a three-star rating in the the 2018 recruiting class, earning offers from six schools. Brown fielded six offers, choosing to commit to Western Michigan over the likes of Syracuse and UCF.

Brown spent his true freshman season as part of a backfield rotation for the Broncos, finishing the year with 345 yards on 71 carries. Ahead of the 2019 season he made the decision to enter the transfer portal, joining his twin brother Sydney at Illinois. He became a starter in 2020, before putting up 1,005 yards and earning Third Team All-Big Ten honours in 2021. In his final year he logged career highs in carries, yards, and touchdowns, earning a Second Team All-Big Ten nod.

PROS

- » A home run hitter with some impressive long speed
- » Good explosiveness out of his cuts
- » A true workhorse back - averaged over 27 carries per game in 2022
- » Solid option as a pass catching back

CONS

- » Ball security is a legitimate concern, with eight career fumbles
- » Not much of a power profile
- » Doesn't have the leg churn to drive out hard yardage
- » Pass protection needs plenty of work

ONE LINER

"Brown's home run speed and reliability as a pass catcher will help him make an impact in the NFL, but he is a little too one-dimensional to be a true do-it-all player that leads a backfield."

ZACH CHARBONNET

RB, UCLA (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite

Ucla



Position Rank: 3

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'0"
Weight	214
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	194	204	19
Yards	1,358	1,153	124
Yards per carry	7.0	5.7	6.5
Missed tackles forced	52	69	5
Touchdowns	14	13	1
Receptions	37	23	6
Receiving yards	320	181	41

BACKGROUND

As a four-star recruit and the No. 46 overall prospect in the 2019 class, Charbonnet earned 25 offers. He committed to play for Michigan prior to his senior season and had an immediate impact for the Wolverines. As a true freshman in 2019 he led the team in both rushing yards (726) and touchdowns (11), earning Third Team All-Big Ten honours.

Charbonnet saw a substantially reduced workload the following season, leading to him entering the transfer portal ahead of the 2021 season. A California native, he made the decision to move closer to home and committed to UCLA. He has earned All-Pac-12 honours in each of his two seasons with the Bruins and was voted a First Team All-American in 2022.

PROS

- » A big runner with NFL-level power
- » Legitimate burst - had the fifth highest explosive run rate in the FBS last season
- » Like a pinball in the way he bounces off defenders
- » Showed solid hands as a receiver

CONS

- » More of a linear athlete than a shifty one
- » Can look hesitant if the blocking in front of him isn't right
- » Not much more than a checkdown option in the passing game

ONE LINER

"Charbonnet is a tough and physical runner with some impressive contact balance. He isn't the most agile ball carrier, but his combination of size and explosiveness projects very well to the NFL."

ZACH EVANS

RB, OLE MISS (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite

Ole Miss



Position Rank: 11

Round Projection: 4th



Height	5'11"
Weight	202
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	144	92	54
Yards	930	648	415
Yards per carry	6.5	7.0	7.7
Missed tackles forced	35	26	14
Touchdowns	9	5	4
Receptions	12	10	8
Receiving yards	119	130	76

BACKGROUND

A five-star prospect coming out of high school, Evans was the No. 1 prospect in the state of Texas and their highest ranked running back recruit in almost a decade. He predictably earned offers from the great and the good of college football and initially committed to Georgia. He was later released from his letter of intent and signed with TCU, becoming their first ever five-star recruit.

As a true freshman, Evans formed part of a backfield committee for the Horned Frogs. He saw an increased role in 2021, but his season was cut short as a result of a turf toe injury. He then made the decision to enter the transfer portal, committing to Ole Miss. Evans had a strong year with the Rebels, recording career highs in carries, yards, and touchdowns.

PROS

- » Very explosive for a bigger back
- » True big play threat - 36 career breakaway carries
- » Can seemingly change direction without gearing down
- » Great at navigating defenders at the second level

CONS

- » His vision at the line of scrimmage needs an awful lot of work
- » Comes with some off-field concerns about his maturity
- » Limited experience as a pass catcher
- » Was a liability in pass protection

ONE LINER

"Evans' explosiveness and elusiveness jump off the tape, but lacklustre vision and limited contributions on third down are very real concerns. Those don't tend to be things that you can easily improve on in the NFL either."

JAHMYR GIBBS

RB, ALABAMA (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 4

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	5'9"
Weight	199
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	151	143	89
Yards	929	764	467
Yards per carry	6.2	5.2	5.2
Missed tackles forced	38	34	35
Touchdowns	7	4	4
Receptions	44	36	23
Receiving yards	444	470	301

BACKGROUND

As a four-star prospect in the 2020 recruiting class, Gibbs earned plenty of offers. He ended up committing to Georgia Tech over the likes of Alabama, LSU, and Ohio State, becoming the Yellow Jacket's highest rated recruit since 2007. He had an immediate impact as a true freshman, before a hugely impressive 2021 season that saw him rack up over 1,200 scrimmage yards and earn All-American honours.

Gibbs made the decision to enter the transfer portal ahead of the 2022 season and was the No. 3 ranked prospect in the country. He committed to Alabama and fast became a central part of their offense, logging a career-high 1,373 yards from scrimmage in his lone season in Tuscaloosa.

PROS

- » Dynamic receiver with route running chops
- » Hands are like glue - two drops on 105 career catchable targets
- » Has quick feet and violent cutting speed
- » Has the burners to take it to the house on every play

CONS

- » Undersized for an every-down role. Built more like a receiver
- » Goes down on first contact too often
- » Needs to do a better job of varying the pacing of his runs
- » Really struggled in pass protection

ONE LINER

"Gibbs is an elusive and dynamic runner who also offers plenty of upside in the passing game. His slight frame will present some concerns, but he can be a legitimate difference maker in any offense."

ERIC GRAY

RB, OKLAHOMA (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 8

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	5'10"
Weight	207
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	212	78	156
Yards	1,372	412	758
Yards per carry	6.5	5.3	4.9
Missed tackles forced	58	27	26
Touchdowns	11	2	4
Receptions	34	23	31
Receiving yards	238	229	262

BACKGROUND

A four-star prospect in the 2019 recruiting class, Gray was a high school All-American and a three-time winner of the Tennessee Mr. Football award. As a top 100 recruit, he initially committed to play for Michigan, before flipping to his home state Tennessee.

Gray spent his first two seasons with the Volunteers. As a true freshman he formed part of a committee backfield, before leading the team in carries, yards, and touchdowns as a sophomore. Following Tennessee's recruiting scandal, Gray announced that he would be entering the transfer portal and eventually landed at Oklahoma. He spent much of the 2021 season behind Kennedy Brooks, before a strong 2022 campaign that saw him earn Second Team All-Big 12 honours.

PROS

- » Showcases great patience and vision as a runner
- » Quick footwork that allows him to navigate traffic between the tackles
- » So slippery and elusive once he hits the open field
- » Reliable receiver out of the backfield

CONS

- » Doesn't possess ideal play strength to consistently break tackles
- » Long speed isn't great
- » Has issues sustaining blocks in pass protection
- » One of the oldest running back prospects in the class, turning 24 as a rookie

ONE LINER

"Gray is an older prospect, but his combination of vision, elusiveness, and three-down versatility are hugely valuable and will help him see the field early in his NFL career."

ROSCHON JOHNSON

RB, TEXAS (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 7

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'0"
Weight	219
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	94	95	80
Yards	545	569	418
Yards per carry	5.8	5.9	5.2
Missed tackles forced	46	40	27
Touchdowns	5	5	6
Receptions	14	11	8
Receiving yards	128	83	51

BACKGROUND

Johnson was an All-American high school quarterback and was listed as a four-star prospect in the 2019 class. He earned 17 offers, committing to his home state Longhorns over the likes of Ohio State, Oklahoma, and Florida. A litany of injuries at running back saw Johnson switch positions just a week before the start of his freshman season.

He shared the backfield with Keontay Ingram as a freshman, before serving as the backup to Bijan Robinson for the next three years of his collegiate career. Johnson was a consistently reliable presence in the Longhorns' backfield, playing in 47 games and ranking 18th all-time in school rushing yards with 2,190.

PROS

- » Impressive vision for a player that is still new to the position
- » Legitimate size to be a workhorse back in the NFL
- » Contact balance is exceptional
- » Good hands and pass protection make him an asset on third downs

CONS

- » More of a north-south runner than a lateral athlete
- » High-cut runner who is susceptible to lower shots
- » Doesn't have that elite top gear
- » Has no experience of handling a high workload

ONE LINER

"Johnson might have been playing second fiddle in college, but don't sleep on him. His combination of vision, power, and third down chops make him one of the most well-rounded running backs in this class."

DEWAYNE MCBRIDE

RB, UAB (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 10

Round Projection: 4th



Height	5'10"
Weight	209
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	233	204	47
Yards	1,702	1,366	439
Yards per carry	7.3	6.7	9.3
Missed tackles forced	76	78	21
Touchdowns	19	13	4
Receptions	2	3	--
Receiving yards	10	19	--

BACKGROUND

McBride was listed as a three-star recruit in the 2020 class and earned 21 offers. In addition to playing football, he also made a name for himself in the shot put and discus. The Florida native opted to commit to UAB over offers from a number of Power Five teams, including Louisville, Rutgers, and Purdue.

McBride played in a rotational role as a true freshman, featuring in six games and averaging an impressive 9.3 yards per carry. He became the starting back for the Blazers the following season, leading the team with 1,366 rushing yards. McBride finished with an incredible 2022 season that saw him set single season school records for rushing yards, touchdowns, and 100+ yard games.

PROS

- » Incredible production with the ability to carry a heavy workload
- » Has the power to churn out tough yardage
- » Light on his feet for his size, with enough wiggle to make defenders miss in space
- » Natural runner who is blessed with good vision

CONS

- » His nine fumbles over the last two seasons are the most in college football
- » Offers nothing as a pass catcher - has five catches in three seasons
- » Averaged just 3.6 yards per carry in his two games against Power Five opponents
- » Lacking home run speed

ONE LINER

"McBride needs to remedy his ball security issues, but he has the size, contact balance, and vision to be a successful early down runner in the NFL. He isn't going to offer much on passing downs though."

KENDRE MILLER

RB, TCU (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 2

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	5'11"
Weight	215
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	224	83	54
Yards	1,399	623	392
Yards per carry	6.2	7.5	7.3
Missed tackles forced	70	28	14
Touchdowns	17	7	2
Receptions	16	12	1
Receiving yards	116	117	-4

BACKGROUND

Miller played football and basketball in high school was listed as a three-star running back prospect in the 2020 recruiting class. Despite some impressive production in high school, he only earned offers from four schools, committing to TCU over UTSA, Southern Miss, and Wyoming.

Miller enrolled with the Horned Frogs at the same time as five-star recruit Zach Evans and the two split carries over their first two seasons. With Evans transferring to Ole Miss ahead of the 2022 season, Miller was finally given the opportunity to lead the backfield. He delivered in style, rushing for 1,399 yards and earning First Team All-Big 12 honours as TCU made it to their first national championship game.

PROS

- » Has the ideal combination of size and explosiveness
- » Patience and vision that are amongst the best in the class
- » Shiftiness that you rarely see in a back of his size
- » Will still be just 20 years old on draft day

CONS

- » Doesn't have the kind of power you'd expect for his size
- » Limited experience as a receiver
- » Needs to work on his technique in pass protection
- » Suffered a season-ending MCL injury in 2022

ONE LINER

"Miller boasts some impressive physical traits, yet he also plays with vision and patience that belies his age and relative inexperience. He has the potential to become a true three-down back at the next level.."

BIJAN ROBINSON

RB, TEXAS (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 1

Round Projection: 1st



Height	5'11"
Weight	215
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	257	195	87
Yards	1,575	1,127	705
Yards per carry	6.1	5.8	8.1
Missed tackles forced	104	79	29
Touchdowns	18	11	4
Receptions	19	26	15
Receiving yards	314	293	196

BACKGROUND

Recruits don't come much more sought-after than Robinson. A five-star recruit out of Arizona, he earned 21 offers from the likes of Alabama, LSU, Ohio State, and USC. Whilst many expected him to land in Columbus, Robinson instead committed to Texas, where he became their highest ranked running back recruit since 2012.

Robinson has been a star for the Longhorns ever since. After averaging an absurd 8.2 yards per carry as a true freshman, he took on the starting role in 2021. He swiftly racked up over 1,400 scrimmage yards on his way to earning First Team All-Big 12 honours. He did the same in 2022, whilst also being voted a Unanimous All-American and the winner of the Doak Walker Award.

PROS

- » Built in a lab when it comes to his size/speed combo
- » Elite change of direction ability and quickness to his cuts
- » Won't go down on first contact - forced 104 missed tackles in 2022 alone
- » Legitimate weapon as a receiver

CONS

- » Some ball security issues, with six career fumbles
- » Good, not great long speed once he hits the open field

ONE LINER

"Power, elusiveness, contact balance, receiving ability - Robinson has it all. He is one of the best running back prospects we have seen in recent years and should be a high-level NFL back from day one."

CHRIS RODRIGUEZ

RB, KENTUCKY (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 13

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'0"
Weight	217
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	175	224	119
Yards	904	1,377	785
Yards per carry	5.2	6.1	6.6
Missed tackles forced	63	56	31
Touchdowns	6	9	11
Receptions	5	13	1
Receiving yards	41	61	12

BACKGROUND

Rodriguez started out as an offensive lineman in high school, before moving to running back and strong safety. As a three-star recruit in the 2018 class he earned 11 offers. Just three of those came from Power Five schools and he committed to Kentucky over Ole Miss and Mississippi State.

After redshirting his freshman season, Rodriguez appeared in 12 games for the Wildcats in 2019. He became the team's lead back the following year and then went on to earn First Team All-SEC honours in 2021. Rodriguez returned for his senior season, once again leading the team in all major rushing metrics. He leaves the Wildcats with third most rushing yards and second most touchdowns in team history.

PROS

- » Strong and physical runner who can churn out the hard yards
- » Would-be tacklers bounce off him
- » Tonnes of experience as a zone-scheme runner
- » Solid as a pass protector

CONS

- » No real burst to break away at the second level
- » Ball security was an issue - nine fumbles in his career
- » Limited receiver, with 20 career catches
- » Will turn 24 as a rookie

ONE LINER

"Rodriguez is a tough runner who is an asset in short yardage. His below average athleticism and non-existent receiving profile coupled with some serious ball security issues will limit his NFL ceiling though."

TYJAE SPEARS

RB, TULANE (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 6

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	5'10"
Weight	201
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	231	129	37
Yards	1,586	863	274
Yards per carry	6.9	6.7	7.4
Missed tackles forced	63	43	16
Touchdowns	19	9	2
Receptions	22	19	2
Receiving yards	251	145	30

BACKGROUND

Spears played wide receiver and running back in high school, whilst also featuring on the track team. Despite his obvious talent, injuries limited his opportunities and he was ranked as a three-star recruit in the 2019 class. Spears earned just five offers, committing to Tulane over the likes of Southern Miss and McNeese State.

He featured in four games as a true freshman, with 182 yards on 30 carries. Spears entered the 2020 season as the starter, before suffering a season-ending torn ACL in his third game. He bounced back in 2021, leading the team in all major rushing categories, before a career year in 2022 that saw him earn First Team All-AAC honours and be voted the conference's Offensive Player of the Year.

PROS

- » Gets up to top speed in a hurry, with NFL-level burst and quickness
- » Good vision and decision making as a ball carrier
- » Twitched up runner who can change direction without sacrificing speed
- » Runs hard and fights for extra yardage

CONS

- » Injury history is concerning, having torn his ACL twice
- » He is built more like a wide receiver than a running back
- » Solid pass catcher, but not as dynamic as as you would like for his size

ONE LINER

"There will be concerns about Spears' injury history and durability, but he is an incredibly dynamic ball carrier with an impressive athletic profile and contact balance. If he can stay healthy he can be a quality NFL back."

SEAN TUCKER

RB, SYRACUSE (RS-SOPHOMORE)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 14

Round Projection: 4th



Height	5'9"
Weight	207
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	204	247	137
Yards	1,062	1,515	626
Yards per carry	5.2	6.1	4.6
Missed tackles forced	43	66	27
Touchdowns	11	12	4
Receptions	37	18	8
Receiving yards	262	249	113

BACKGROUND

As a three-star running back recruit from Maryland, Tucker didn't garner much interest coming out of high school. He received just five offers, choosing to commit to Syracuse over Air Force, Kent State, Rutgers, and Wisconsin. A combination of injuries and opt outs saw him earn the starting running back role as a true freshman and he has held it ever since.

Tucker truly broke out as sophomore. He was one of just six players in the country to have over 1,500 rushing yards and broke Syracuse legend Joe Morris' single-season record in the process. Tucker also managed to earn First Team All-ACC honours and was voted an All-American. He had another strong year in 2022, finishing with over 1,000 yards and Second Team All-ACC honours.

PROS

- » Possesses the ideal combination of quick feet and explosiveness
- » Elusive in space, but also has the strength to bulldoze opponents
- » Proven ability as a workhorse back
- » Good production despite a poor offensive line

CONS

- » Inconsistent vision that sees him leave easy yards on the table
- » Nothing special as a receiver, with average hands and a limited route tree
- » Some really rough tape as a pass blocker
- » Reported long speed rarely shows up on tape

ONE LINER

"Tucker's collegiate production and athletic ability are encouraging, but his poor vision and average profile as a pass catcher are likely to limit his ability to be a difference maker at the next level."

DEUCE VAUGHN

RB, KANSAS STATE (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 16

Round Projection: 5th



Height	5'5"
Weight	179
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Attempts	291	234	121
Yards	1,561	1,409	642
Yards per carry	5.4	6.0	5.3
Missed tackles forced	57	50	25
Touchdowns	9	18	7
Receptions	43	49	25
Receiving yards	373	468	434

BACKGROUND

The son of a former college football player and current NFL scout for the Dallas Cowboys, Vaughn was a talented track athlete and footballer growing up in Texas. Vaughn was listed as a three-star recruit in the 2020 class and earned offers from seven schools. He committed to Kansas State over the likes of Arkansas and Missouri.

Vaughn made an instant impact, racking up over 1,000 scrimmage yards and being voted the Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year. His sophomore season was even better as he earned All-Conference honours for the second time and was voted a Consensus All-American. Vaughn was a force once again in 2022, becoming the Wildcats' first Unanimous All-American in 20 years.

PROS

- » Corraling him in the open field is like catching lightning in a bottle
- » Will be a plus contributor in the passing game from day one
- » Was a high volume back in college despite his small frame
- » Good vision and patience as a runner

CONS

- » Historically small - would be tied for the second shortest player in NFL history
- » Lacks the power to consistently break tackles
- » Absolute liability in pass protection, despite his best efforts
- » Scheme-specific runner

ONE LINER

"Vaughn is one of the most entertaining players to watch in the entire draft class and he has produced to a high level in college. It is difficult to overlook the size concerns though, and he is a scat back at best in the NFL."

Wide Receiver



JORDAN ADDISON



KAYSHON BOUTTE



TANK DELL



JOSH DOWNS



ZAY FLOWERS



JALIN HYATT



QUENTIN JOHNSTON



MARVIN MIMS



JONATHAN MINGO



PUKA NACUA



AT PERRY



RASHEE RICE



JAXON SMITH-NJIGBA



CEDRIC TILLMAN



PARKER WASHINGTON



MICHAEL WILSON

JORDAN ADDISON

WR, USC (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 8

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	5'11"
Weight	173
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	59/79	100/144	60/87
Yards	875	1,593	662
Yards per catch	14.8	15.9	11.0
Touchdowns	8	17	4
Yards per route run	2.78	2.94	2.00
Missed tackles forced	6	21	12
Drop rate	3.3%	9.9%	14.3%

BACKGROUND

Addison played quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back in high school and was listed a four-star athlete recruit in the 2020 class. He earned 12 offers, with five coming from Power Five schools. He committed to Pittsburgh over an offer from his home state Maryland and had an instant impact.

Addison led the team in receptions, yards, and touchdowns as a true freshman. He followed that up with a stellar 2021 campaign that saw him voted a Consensus All-American and win the Biletnikoff Award as the best receiver in college football. He then made the decision to enter the transfer portal, landing with Lincoln Riley at USC. Addison once again led the team in all major receiving metrics and earned First Team All-Pac-12 honours.

PROS

- » Smooth and fluid athlete
- » Knows how to manipulate defenders to create separation
- » Has the long speed to be a three-level threat
- » Very reliable hands inside his frame, with a 3.3% drop rate in 2022

CONS

- » Skinny frame that limits his effectiveness in contested situations
- » Struggled against physicality at the line of scrimmage
- » Has a limited catch radius
- » Tries his best but gets overwhelmed as a blocker

ONE LINER

"Addison's combination of athleticism and route running technique lend themselves well to the NFL. His lack of size and strength might prevent him from being a true alpha, but he can be a very dependable second option."

KAYSHON BOUTTE

WR, LSU (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 13

Round Projection: 4th



Height	5'11"
Weight	195
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	48/73	37/50	45/76
Yards	538	503	735
Yards per catch	11.2	13.6	16.3
Touchdowns	2	9	5
Yards per route run	1.49	2.27	2.38
Missed tackles forced	10	8	12
Drop rate	12.7%	7.5%	11.8%

BACKGROUND

Boutte was a highly-regarded high school prospect, earning a five-star rating and being ranked as the No. 2 wide receiver in the 2020 class. A Louisiana native, he made the decision to commit to LSU during his junior season at Westgate High School over offers from the likes of Alabama and Tennessee.

Boutte was thrust into LSU's starting lineup as a true freshman after Ja'Marr Chase opted out to prepare for the 2021 NFL Draft. He led the team in receiving yards, doing so again as a sophomore in 2021. This was despite playing just six games due to a season-ending ankle injury. Boutte returned for the 2022 season, contributing 48 catches for 538 yards and two touchdowns.

PROS

- » Possesses the ideal combination of size and speed
- » One of the best in the class with the ball in his hands
- » Has experience producing out wide and in the slot
- » Still just 20 years old

CONS

- » Raw and unrefined as a route runner
- » Injury concerns, having already had two surgeries on his ankle
- » Seemed to lack suddenness and twitch after his ankle injury in 2022
- » Some rumours of off-field character concerns

ONE LINER

"Boutte is the ultimate high risk, high reward prospect. His tape shows plenty of promise, but his evaluation is clouded by significant concerns surrounding his injuries and off-field behaviour."

TANK DELL

WR, HOUSTON (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 10

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	5'8"
Weight	165
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	108/152	91/139	29/48
Yards	1,399	1,328	428
Yards per catch	13.0	14.6	14.8
Touchdowns	17	12	3
Yards per route run	2.54	2.84	1.61
Missed tackles forced	19	19	6
Drop rate	7.7%	10.8%	6.5%

BACKGROUND

Dell was listed as a two-star recruit coming out of high school in 2018. The Florida native earned a single offer from Florida International and whilst he committed shortly after, the offer subsequently fell through. Dell then enrolled at Alabama A&M in the FCS, before making the transfer to junior college, where he was the star receiver for Independence Community College.

Dell then elected to transfer to Houston, where he led the team in both catches and receiving yards in his first year. What followed in 2021 was a true breakout campaign. Dell led the AAC with 1,328 receiving yards and earned First Team All-AAC honours. He followed this up with career highs in receptions, yards, and touchdowns in 2022, once again being voted a First Team All-AAC member.

PROS

- » One of the best separators in the class. Always seems to be open
- » Has a very good understanding of how to run routes and set up defenders
- » Short area quickness is excellent
- » Legitimate open field skill, which also shows up as a returner

CONS

- » Absolutely tiny frame. Would be a major outlier in the NFL
- » Can sometimes try and be too clever with his releases
- » Will get bullied at the catch point
- » Hands are just okay, with some focus drops on tape

ONE LINER

"Dell's size is a major concern, but he is a jitterbug receiver who has shown the ability to separate consistently throughout his career. That stuff translates, and he could be a nice complementary weapon in the right scheme."

JOSH DOWNS

WR, UNC (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 5

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	5'9"
Weight	171
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	94/116	101/144	7/10
Yards	1,029	1,335	119
Yards per catch	10.9	13.2	17.0
Touchdowns	11	8	3
Yards per route run	2.17	2.80	2.90
Missed tackles forced	7	14	0
Drop rate	3.1%	9%	12.5%

BACKGROUND

Downs was a multi-sport athlete in high school, excelling on the football field, the basketball court, and in track and field. He made the decision to pursue football and was rated as a four-star recruit and the No. 95 overall prospect in the 2020 class. He earned offers from 30 different schools, choosing the Tar Heels over Ohio State and Michigan.

Downs had a limited role as a true freshman, playing just 75 snaps through 10 games. He became the star of North Carolina's passing game in 2021, hauling in 101 catches for 1,335 yards and earning First Team All-ACC honours. He earned all-conference honours again in 2022 after leading the team in all major receiving statistics.

PROS

- » Noticeably explosive athlete who is able to separate consistently
- » Reliable hands that make him a quarterback's best friend
- » Fluid hips and footwork
- » Production has been outstanding since becoming a starter

CONS

- » Really small and lacks ideal strength to hold up against bigger corners
- » Has a small catch radius and struggles to work outside his frame
- » Played almost exclusively in the slot in college

ONE LINER

"Downs' size might limit him to a slot-only role in the NFL, but it is hard to look past his athleticism and well-rounded technical ability. He feels like a plug-and-play starter who could become a high volume pass catcher."

ZAY FLOWERS

WR, BOSTON COLLEGE (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 4

Round Projection: 1st



Height	5'9"
Weight	182
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	78/124	44/82	55/103
Yards	1,077	746	892
Yards per catch	13.8	17.0	16.2
Touchdowns	12	5	9
Yards per route run	2.22	2.27	2.15
Missed tackles forced	15	10	9
Drop rate	10.3%	8.3%	11.3%

BACKGROUND

Flowers spent his high school career playing wide receiver and defensive back and was listed as a three-star recruit in the 2019 class. Despite his lack of size he wasn't short of offers, earning 29 of them. He initially committed to Nebraska, before flipping his commitment and signing with Boston College.

Flowers played in all 13 games as a true freshman, putting up over 500 scrimmage yards. In 2020 he became just the second receiver in school history to earn First Team All-ACC honours. He led the team in receiving yards once again in 2021, despite the Eagles' issues at quarterback. Flowers returned for a career year in 2022 that saw him once again voted a First Team All-ACC member.

PROS

- » Exceptional route running chops
- » Outstanding athletic ability, with the ideal combination of long speed and burst
- » Like a human joystick after the catch - 40 forced missed tackles on 199 receptions
- » Tough player who plays bigger than his listed size

CONS

- » Will struggle to maintain his boundary-heavy role in the NFL at his size
- » Had issues against bigger defensive backs at the line of scrimmage
- » Inconsistent hands with a limited catch radius

ONE LINER

"Flowers is an outstanding athlete who plays tougher and bigger than his size. He might be more of a slot receiver at the next level, but with smart route running and dynamic YAC ability that is no bad thing."

JALIN HYATT

WR, TENNESSEE (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 11

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'0"
Weight	176
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	67/89	21/32	20/30
Yards	1,267	226	276
Yards per catch	18.9	10.8	13.8
Touchdowns	15	2	2
Yards per route run	3.28	1.31	1.65
Missed tackles forced	8	1	3
Drop rate	6.9%	12.5%	0%

BACKGROUND

Hyatt comes from an athletic family. His father was a college basketball player, whilst his mother was a professional cyclist. He inherited this athleticism, recording a 10.46 in the 100m in high school and setting school records for receiving yards and touchdowns. Hyatt was listed as a four-star recruit and earned 16 offers, committing to Tennessee over the likes of Michigan and Miami.

Hyatt played a fairly minor role for Tennessee through his first two seasons, before exploding onto the scene in 2022. He led the SEC with 1,267 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns on his way to becoming the school's first unanimous All-American since 2009 and their first ever Biletnikoff Award winner.

PROS

- » Possesses elite game-breaking speed
- » Will eat up space instantly if defenders play off coverage
- » Great balance and body control
- » Surprisingly effective as a run blocker on the perimeter

CONS

- » One-trick pony as a go-ball merchant
- » Thin frame and needs to add more weight
- » More of a linear athlete and lacks dynamism after the catch
- » Virtually no experience against press coverage

ONE LINER

"Hyatt's speed and big-play ability is always going to have value. He played a very one-dimensional role in college though, and needs a tonne of work to be anything more than a one-trick pony in the NFL."

QUENTIN JOHNSTON

WR, TCU (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 1

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'3"
Weight	208
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	59/94	33/61	22/41
Yards	1,064	604	487
Yards per catch	18.0	18.3	22.1
Touchdowns	6	6	2
Yards per route run	3.22	2.60	2.28
Missed tackles forced	18	10	16
Drop rate	11.9%	5.7%	12%

BACKGROUND

Johnston was a standout athlete in high school who excelled in three sports. He was a dominant basketball player, whilst also being a state medalist in track and field. Football was his primary passion though, and he was rated as a four-star receiver in the 2020 class. He earned 11 offers, committing to his home state Horned Frogs over offers from Texas, Notre Dame, and Oklahoma.

Johnston played a rotational role in 2020, setting a true freshman Big 12 record for yards per catch with 22.1. This was followed by a breakout sophomore year where he led the team in receiving yards and touchdowns whilst earning First Team All-Big 12 honours. He managed to repeat that feat in his final college season in 2022.

PROS

- » Has the size that teams want in an X receiver
- » Has twitch and suddenness you rarely see in a receiver of his size
- » Dynamic YAC weapon
- » Impressive release package you want in a boundary receiver

CONS

- » The embodiment of the old adage "looks like Tarzan, plays like Jane"
- » Noticeably unrefined route tree
- » Hands are concerning, with a frustrating tendency to body catch

ONE LINER

"Johnston has the size and athletic ability teams covet at the wide receiver position. Whilst he lacks technical refinement and needs to work on his hands, he flashes the traits required to be a true alpha receiver."

MARVIN MIMS

WR, OKLAHOMA (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 6

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	5'11"
Weight	183
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	54/87	32/41	37/49
Yards	1,082	705	610
Yards per catch	20.0	22.0	16.5
Touchdowns	6	5	9
Yards per route run	2.75	2.62	4.07
Missed tackles forced	7	4	2
Drop rate	6.9%	3%	5.1%

BACKGROUND

Mims was a legend during his high school career in Texas. His 5,485 career receiving yards set a state record and he was named Mr Texas Football after his senior season. Mims earned a four-star rating in the 2020 recruiting class and fielded offers from 30 schools. He initially committed to Stanford over the likes of Notre Dame and Ohio State, before flipping to Oklahoma.

Mims had an immediate impact upon arrival. He finished his freshman season with a team high 610 yards and nine touchdowns, earning Second Team All-Big 12 honours in the process. As a sophomore he was one of just five Power Five players to log 20+ yards per catch. He had a career year in 2022, racking up 1,082 yards and being voted a First Team All-Big 12 member.

PROS

- » Has the speed to separate with ease
- » Quick to locate the football, with reliable and active hands
- » Big play threat, who averaged 19.5 yards per reception in his career
- » Plays bigger at the catch point than his size suggests

CONS

- » On the smaller side - might have to be a slot in the NFL
- » Ran a pretty limited route tree in college
- » Doesn't show much nuance to his routes
- » Solid after the catch, but not as creative as you'd expect for a guy of his size and speed

ONE LINER

"Mims lacks the polish you want in a receiver prospect, but it is impossible to overlook his excellent athletic profile and consistent production as a deep threat. At worst he can be a good field stretcher in the NFL."

JONATHAN MINGO

WR, OLE MISS (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite

Ole Miss



Position Rank: 3

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'2"
Weight	220
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	51/87	23/38	27/50
Yards	861	360	379
Yards per catch	16.9	15.7	14.0
Touchdowns	5	3	3
Yards per route run	2.14	1.66	1.11
Missed tackles forced	8	3	2
Drop rate	7.3%	14.8%	10.0%

BACKGROUND

Mingo played both wide receiver and safety in high school, whilst also starring as a track athlete. He was rated as a four-star wide receiver recruit in the 2019 class, earning offers from 12 schools. Despite interest from schools including Georgia, Oregon, and Notre Dame, Mingo chose to stay in state and committed to Ole Miss.

Mingo made an immediate impact upon arrival. He started all 12 games of his true freshman season, finishing the year with 12 catches for 172 yards. He continued to produce at a solid level over the next two seasons, before a breakout senior season in 2022. Mingo logged 861 yards and five touchdowns on his 51 receptions, earning Second Team All-SEC honours in the process.

PROS

- » Possesses imposing size and strength
- » Legitimate athlete with impressive short area quickness
- » His athleticism and size make him a real open field weapon
- » Strong and reliable hands with impressive ball tracking downfield

CONS

- » Not the most fluid player in and out of route breaks
- » Not as dominant in contested catches as you might expect for his size
- » Didn't have a single season where he led the team in catches or receiving yards

ONE LINER

"Ole Miss has a history of producing size/speed weapons at wide receiver. With reliable hands and impressive YAC ability, Mingo has a great chance to be the next notable NFL name on that list."

PUKA NACUA

WR, BYU (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 16

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'2"
Weight	201
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	48/67	44/65	9/12
Yards	625	805	151
Yards per catch	13.0	18.3	16.8
Touchdowns	5	6	1
Yards per route run	3.53	3.44	2.60
Missed tackles forced	6	8	1
Drop rate	5.9%	6.4%	25%

BACKGROUND

Nacua was an All-American high school receiver in Utah, setting state records in catches, receiving yards, and receiving touchdowns. He earned a four-star rating in the 2019 class and had offers from 12 schools. He initially made his commitment to play for USC, but later flipped his commitment to sign with Washington.

Nacua featured sparingly for the Huskies, making seven catches across his eight games. He had nine catches in three games of the abbreviated 2020 season, before entering the transfer portal and signing with BYU. Nacua led the Cougars with 805 yards and six touchdowns in his first year with the team, before leading the team in catches and receiving yards in his final season.

PROS

- » Showed the ability to be a dynamic ball carrier after the catch
- » Legitimate weapon in contested catch situations
- » Good linear athleticism to win on the vertical tree
- » Plays bigger than his size would suggest

CONS

- » Doesn't have the suddenness or twitch to win in short areas
- » Average size for a player who trades on his contested catch ability
- » Ran a very basic route tree during his time at BYU
- » Looks clunky in and out of his breaks

ONE LINER

"Nacua doesn't have the route running chops or fluidity to be a true X receiver in the NFL, but his impressive downfield production and ability in the open field will see him play a role on Sundays."

AT PERRY

WR, WAKE FOREST (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 15
Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'4"
Weight	198
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	81/129	71/125	16/34
Yards	1,100	1,296	218
Yards per catch	13.6	18.3	13.6
Touchdowns	11	15	1
Yards per route run	2.57	2.66	1.42
Missed tackles forced	5	11	1
Drop rate	9%	11.3%	11.1%

BACKGROUND

Perry was a standout athlete in high school. In addition to playing wide receiver and cornerback he was also a county long jump champion and basketball star. He was rated as a three-star recruit in the 2018 class and earned 14 offers. He originally committing to play for the UAB Blazers, before a late offer from Wake Forest saw him flip his commitment to the Demon Deacons.

Perry did not play a single snap as a true freshman, before logging four catches during the 2019 season. He became a starter during the 2020 season, which he followed up with a breakout season that saw him earn First Team All-ACC honours and named a semi-finalist for the Biletnikoff Award. He had another strong campaign in 2022, once again earning All-Conference honours.

PROS

- » Built like a pterodactyl with good height and a huge wingspan
- » Great body control at the catch point
- » Good play strength throughout the route to match physical defenders
- » Has enough long speed to threaten at all three levels

CONS

- » Too skinny for his height - really needs to add muscle mass to his frame
- » Hands are not nearly as reliable as you would expect for a bigger receiver
- » High-hipped with less than ideal fluidity
- » Needs more development than you'd like for a player who soon turns 24

ONE LINER

"Perry has the height and length to be a true X receiver, but his average ball skills and skinny frame will cap his NFL ceiling. If he can add some more muscle mass then he can develop into a solid starter."

RASHEE RICE

WR, SMU (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 14

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'0"
Weight	204
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	96/156	64/79	47/76
Yards	1,344	682	681
Yards per catch	14.0	10.7	14.5
Touchdowns	10	9	5
Yards per route run	3.05	2.08	1.96
Missed tackles forced	18	16	11
Drop rate	8.6%	1.5%	17.5%

BACKGROUND

Rice thrived as a multi-sport athlete in high school, playing football, basketball, and running track. He earned a three-star rating and was the No. 102 ranked wide receiver prospect in the 2019 recruiting class. Despite earning a handful of Power Five offers from the likes of Minnesota, Arizona State, and Texas Tech, Rice committed instead to the Mustangs.

He saw the field immediately as a true freshman, playing in 10 games and logging 25 catches for 403 yards. Rice then led the Mustangs in all major receiving statistics as a sophomore, before leading the team in targets, receptions, and touchdowns as a junior. Rice had a career year in 2022, logging a school record with 1,344 yards and earning First Team All-AAC honours in the process.

PROS

- » Outstanding body control to catch anything thrown near to him
- » Strong and active hands
- » Explosive athlete in short areas
- » Dynamic receiver after the catch - 52 forced missed tackles on 232 receptions

CONS

- » Gets smothered at the line of scrimmage far too often
- » Long speed is solid but not spectacular
- » Relies too much on contested catches for an average-sized receiver
- » Ran a limited route tree at SMU

ONE LINER

"Rice's game is still raw in a number of key areas, but he has NFL-ready size and some of the most reliable hands in this year's class. When coupled with his YAC ability he projects as a solid possession receiver."

JAXON SMITH-NJIGBA

WR, OHIO STATE (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 2

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'0"
Weight	196
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	4/8	95/112	10/13
Yards	39	1,595	49
Yards per catch	9.8	16.8	4.9
Touchdowns	0	9	1
Yards per route run	0.98	4.01	0.71
Missed tackles forced	0	19	1
Drop rate	0%	5.9%	0%

BACKGROUND

As a five-star recruit in Texas, Smith-Njigba turned plenty of heads. He finished his senior season in high school with an eye-popping 2,094 yards and 34 touchdowns. Offers flooded in and he committed to Ohio State where he joined a star-studded receiving room under the tutelage of Brian Hartline.

Smith-Njigba played a limited role as a true freshman, finishing with just 10 catches for 49 yards. He exploded onto the scene in 2021 where he formed an exciting connection with quarterback CJ Stroud. Smith-Njigba put himself in the record books with 95 catches for 1,595 yards and nine touchdowns. His 2022 season was hampered by injuries, limiting him to just 62 total snaps.

PROS

- » Has the polished route running technique of an NFL veteran
- » Very reliable and active hands with the ability to play well through contact
- » Really dynamic creator after the catch
- » Produced at a historic level in his one year as a starter

CONS

- » Nothing special when it comes to his long speed
- » Used almost entirely in the slot in college, with no real experience facing press coverage
- » Missed almost all of 2022 with injuries

ONE LINER

"Smith-Njigba is a sound technician who boasts great hands and elite production. He might never be an out-and-out boundary receiver in the NFL, but he can be the engine room of an offense from the slot."

CEDRIC TILLMAN

WR, TENNESSEE (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 7

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'3"
Weight	213
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	37/59	64/86	3/13
Yards	417	1,081	67
Yards per catch	11.3	16.9	22.3
Touchdowns	3	12	1
Yards per route run	2.02	2.46	0.75
Missed tackles forced	3	8	0
Drop rate	5.1%	4.5%	0%

BACKGROUND

Tillman will be looking to follow in the footsteps of his father, who played in the NFL for the Broncos and Jaguars in the 1990s. Despite his NFL lineage and some impressive high school production, Tillman went under the radar as a recruit in 2018. He earned just four offers, with the Volunteers being the only Power Five team to offer a scholarship.

Tillman spent his first three years at Tennessee as a backup wide receiver, learning behind a room filled with future NFL talent. His opportunity as a starter finally arrived in 2021 and he didn't disappoint. He led the team with 1,081 receiving yards, including 152 yards against Alabama and 200 against Georgia. An ankle injury limited him to just six games in his final season.

PROS

- » Exceptional hands with an enormous catch radius
- » Good long speed to threaten defenses vertically
- » Great body control at the catch point
- » Biggest games came against top competition

CONS

- » Not exactly a twitched up receiver
- » Relies on hand fighting at the top of routes to separate from opponents
- » Needs to show he can recapture 2021 form after his ankle injury
- » Long speed is good, but definitely not great

ONE LINER

"Tillman isn't the most impressive athlete, but his strength and body control at the catch point make him a very reliable target. If he can get back to his 2021 form he can be a good starting X receiver at the NFL level."

PARKER WASHINGTON

WR, PENN STATE (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 12

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	5'10"
Weight	204
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	46/66	64/86	36/58
Yards	611	820	489
Yards per catch	13.3	12.8	13.6
Touchdowns	2	4	6
Yards per route run	2.18	2.00	1.55
Missed tackles forced	15	16	7
Drop rate	6.1%	3%	7.7%

BACKGROUND

Washington was a multi-sport athlete in high school, playing football, basketball, and baseball. He was listed as a four-star wide receiver recruit in the 2020 class and garnered plenty of interest, fielding scholarship offers from 15 schools. He made the decision to commit to Penn State over offers from the likes of Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Boston College.

Washington hit the ground running upon his arrival at University Park, ranking second on the team in catches, yards, and touchdowns. He achieved the same feat as a sophomore in 2021, forming a deadly duo with future first round pick Jahan Dotson. Washington concluded his collegiate career by leading the Nittany Lions with 611 receiving yards as a junior in 2022.

PROS

- » One of the most dynamic open field weapons in the draft
- » Very reliable hands - eight drops on 154 career catchable targets
- » Impressive toughness at the catch point
- » Still very young - turned 21 a month before the draft

CONS

- » Still clearly developing a feel for the finer points of playing the position
- » Not the most sudden or explosive athlete
- » Doesn't have the top gear speed to win foot races in the open field
- » Second percentile arm length

ONE LINER

"Washington still needs plenty of development to reach his ceiling, but his reliable hands and YAC ability make him a quarterback's best friend. He projects as a good possession receiver at the NFL level."

MICHAEL WILSON

WR, STANFORD (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 9

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'2"
Weight	213
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	27/40	19/30	19/26
Yards	421	179	255
Yards per catch	15.6	9.4	13.4
Touchdowns	4	0	1
Yards per route run	2.30	1.57	2.18
Missed tackles forced	2	4	10
Drop rate	12.9%	9.5%	13.6%

BACKGROUND

Wilson was a highly productive high school pass catcher, leaving his school as the all-time leader in receiving yards. He earned a four-star rating in the 2018 class and was ranked the No. 30 prospect in the state of California. Wilson committed to Stanford over offers from the likes of Notre Dame and Kentucky.

Wilson featured in 13 games as a true freshman, before leading the team in receptions and receiving yards as a sophomore in 2019. His 2020 season was cut short after four games with a foot injury. That same injury saw him miss the beginning of his senior season, playing just five games. He returned with a strong 2022 campaign but this was once again cut short after another injury.

PROS

- » Crisp and refined route runner who creates separation consistently
- » Very smooth mover for a bigger receiver
- » Showed the ability to create his own yardage after the catch
- » NFL-ready size - he's built like a true X receiver

CONS

- » Serious injury worries - hasn't played more than six games in a season since 2019
- » Long speed is nothing to write home about
- » Only one season where he produced to a high level
- » A few too many concentration drops on tape

ONE LINER

"Wilson's tape is hugely impressive and he has all of the traits to translate effortlessly to the NFL level. The big question is whether or not he can stay healthy - if he can, he has a very solid NFL future ahead of him."

Tight End



DALTON KINCAID



TUCKER KRAFT



ZACK KUNTZ



SAM LAPORTA



CAMERON LATU



MICHAEL MAYER



LUKE MUSGRAVE



LUKE SCHOONMAKER



DARNELL WASHINGTON



JOSH WHYLE

DALTON KINCAID

TE, UTAH (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 2

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'4"
Weight	246
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	70/93	36/45	1/3
Yards	890	510	14
Yards per catch	12.7	14.2	14.0
Touchdowns	8	8	0
Yards per route run	2.42	2.09	0.54
Missed tackles forced	16	1	0
Drop rate	2.8%	0%	0%

BACKGROUND

Kincaid was primarily a basketball player growing up and played just one year of football at Faith Lutheran High School. He managed to earn all-state honours that year, though it was not enough to earn a single scholarship offer. Kincaid made the decision to enrol at San Diego and join the football team as a walk-on.

Kincaid quickly developed into a key part of the Toreros' offense, racking up 835 yards on 44 catches and earning FCS All-American honours as a sophomore. A transfer to Utah followed shortly after. Kincaid logged a single catch in 2020, before putting up over 500 yards in 2021. His collegiate career finished with an outstanding 2022 campaign that earned him First Team All-Pac-12 honours.

PROS

- » Hands are like Teflon. Just two drops on 128 career catchable targets
- » Good athlete who has the speed to separate up the seam
- » Great body control and post-catch balance
- » Showed some good elusiveness in 2022, forcing 16 missed tackles

CONS

- » A little smaller than you'd want a tight end to be
- » Functional strength issues show up routinely as a blocker
- » Not a guy you can trust to play inline
- » Fifth-year senior who will turn 24 as a rookie

ONE LINER

"Kincaid is your prototypical F tight end. He's not going to offer much value as an inline blocker, but his athleticism and reliable hands make him a natural pass catcher who can work all three levels of the field."

TUCKER KRAFT

TE, S. DAKOTA STATE (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 6

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'5"
Weight	254
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	27/38	65/84	7/10
Yards	348	770	90
Yards per catch	12.9	11.8	12.9
Touchdowns	3	6	0
Yards per route run	2.32	2.38	2.00
Missed tackles forced	9	16	1
Drop rate	6.9%	9.7%	30%

BACKGROUND

Kraft was an unheralded recruit coming out of Timber Lake High School in South Dakota, failing to earn a rating from any of the major recruiting agencies. He had played running back, linebacker, and punter in high school, but enrolled at South Dakota State as a tight end. He stuck to this commitment in spite of a last-minute offer from Wyoming.

Kraft redshirted as a freshman, before playing a limited role in the FCS spring season of 2021. His production exploded the following year, hauling in 65 catches for 780 yards en route to earning FCS All-American honours. Ankle injuries plagued his 2022 season, but Kraft still managed to do enough to once again make the FCS All-American team.

PROS

- » Soft hands with good body control and an impressive catch radius
- » Showed the ability to create his own yardage after the catch
- » Good size and strength to chip in as a blocker
- » Good all-around athleticism

CONS

- » Not the most nuanced route runner
- » Long speed isn't anything special and limits his ability to threaten the seams
- » Some concerns around level of competition
- » Blocking technique requires some refinement

ONE LINER

"Kraft's game requires some polish, but his combination of reliable hands, creativeness after the catch, and competence as a blocker present a very translatable skillset. He could develop into a good NFL starter."

ZACK KUNTZ

TE, OLD DOMINION (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 8

Round Projection: 4th

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RELATIVE ATHLETIC SCORE

Height	6'7"
Weight	255
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	12/28	73/112	--/--
Yards	144	692	--
Yards per catch	12.0	9.5	--
Touchdowns	2	5	--
Yards per route run	1.26	2.16	--
Missed tackles forced	1	7	--
Drop rate	7.7%	5.2%	--

BACKGROUND

Kuntz was a multi-sport athlete coming out of high school in 2018. A state champion hurdler and a standout on both the football field and the basketball court, he was ranked as a four-star prospect and the No. 4 tight end in his recruiting class. Kuntz committed to Penn State over offers from the likes of Alabama, Ohio State, and Notre Dame.

Kuntz spent his time at Penn State sitting behind future second round pick Pat Freiermuth, making just three catches for 26 yards in three seasons. He subsequently transferred to Old Dominion to join his former offensive coordinator and was voted a First Team All-C-USA member in his first year with the team. His 2022 season was cut short after suffering a season-ending injury in Week 5.

PROS

- » A true mismatch weapon - too big for safeties, too fast for linebackers
- » Tested as one of the most athletic tight end prospects in history
- » Huge wingspan to corral off-target passes
- » Good route runner who sinks well for someone so tall.

CONS

- » Struggles with his pad level and functional strength as a blocker
- » Only one real season of production
- » Had to transfer to a smaller school to find playing time
- » Will turn 24 before the start of his rookie season

ONE LINER

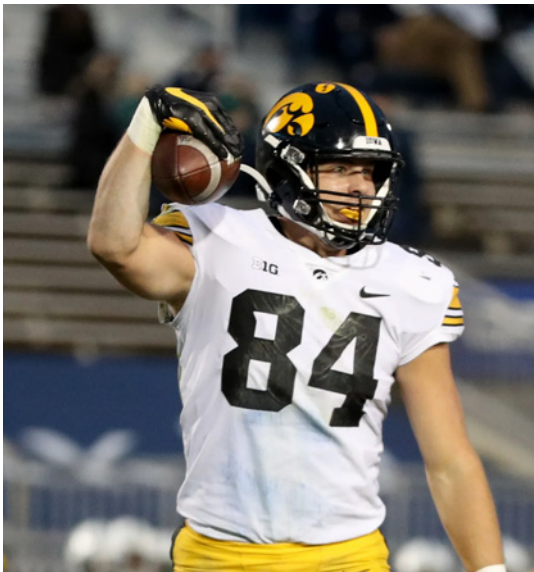
"Kuntz has just one year of production and needs work as a blocker, but his combination of size and athleticism makes him the kind of mismatch passing game weapon that teams are looking for at the tight end position."

SAM LAPORTA

TE, IOWA (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 4

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'3"
Weight	245
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	58/90	53/81	27/46
Yards	648	670	271
Yards per catch	11.2	12.6	10.0
Touchdowns	1	3	1
Yards per route run	2.15	1.97	1.28
Missed tackles forced	20	10	2
Drop rate	9.4%	8.6%	10%

BACKGROUND

LaPorta was a prolific wide receiver in high school, racking up 3,793 yards and 50 touchdowns during his time at Highland High School in Illinois. He was recruited as a tight end though, earning a three-star rating and garnering three offers. He made the decision to commit to Iowa over Bowling Green and Central Michigan.

LaPorta played a rotational role as a true freshman in 2019, catching 15 passes through 10 games. He became the Hawkeyes' starting tight end the following year and led the team in receptions. This marked the start of a three-year run where he would achieve that feat. LaPorta had a career year in 2022, earning First Team All-Big Ten honours and being voted the conference's best tight end.

PROS

- » Easy athlete - you can see why he played receiver and cornerback in high school
- » Fluid hips to sink at the top of his routes
- » One of the best tight ends in the class after the catch
- » Great competitive toughness in every facet of his game

CONS

- » Has struggled with drops and adjusting to poor ball placement
- » Lacklustre in contested catch situations considering his size
- » Technique as a blocker needs plenty of work
- » Not exactly a refined route runner

ONE LINER

"There are still areas of LaPorta's game that require refinement, but his athleticism and creation capacity are intriguing. That, coupled with his experience of handling a high volume of targets, projects well to the NFL."

CAMERON LATU

TE, ALABAMA (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 10

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'4"
Weight	242
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	30/49	26/38	--
Yards	376	409	--
Yards per catch	12.5	15.7	--
Touchdowns	4	8	--
Yards per route run	1.02	1.31	--
Missed tackles forced	2	4	--
Drop rate	9.1%	13.3%	--

BACKGROUND

Growing up in Minnesota, rugby was actually Latu's sport of choice. Following a move to Utah, he began to play football and featured as a defensive end and tight end in high school. He was originally recruited as a defensive end, earning a four-star rating and offers from the likes of Alabama, Notre Dame, and Oregon.

Latu redshirted his freshman season and made the full-time transition to tight end the following year. For two years he featured primarily on special teams, before breaking into the starting lineup in 2021. Latu quickly became a key part of the Crimson Tide's offense, playing over 1,600 snaps over the past two seasons.

PROS

- » Good speed allows him to threaten downfield - 14 yards per catch in college
- » Effective runner after the catch
- » Strength at the catch point makes him a real weapon in the red zone
- » Has the ability to work inline or out of the slot

CONS

- » Still getting to grips with the detail of the tight end position
- » Not exactly elusive with the ball in his hands
- » Had some issues when asked to work outside of his frame
- » Gets outleveraged as a blocker

ONE LINER

"Latu is still fairly new to the tight end position and it shows. That said, he has sufficient athletic ability and play strength to be a solid option in the passing game, with real value as a red zone weapon."

MICHAEL MAYER

TE, NOTRE DAME (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 1

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'4"
Weight	249
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	67/101	71/95	42/59
Yards	809	840	450
Yards per catch	12.1	11.8	10.7
Touchdowns	9	7	2
Yards per route run	2.44	1.99	1.39
Missed tackles forced	12	8	11
Drop rate	5.6%	4.1%	10.6%

BACKGROUND

Mayer originally wanted to play college basketball, but he was a sought-after tight end recruit in the 2020 class. A five-star prospect and the No. 1 overall player in the state of Kentucky, he earned 16 offers. Mayer made the decision to commit to Notre Dame over offers from the likes of Alabama, Georgia, and Ohio State.

Mayer had an immediate impact upon arrival in South Bend, with 450 yards as a true freshman. He became the focal point of the Fighting Irish's passing attack the following season and was voted a Third Team All-American. Mayer had another great season as a junior, earning a First Team All-American nod on his way to becoming Notre Dame's all-time receptions leader at tight end.

PROS

- » Commanding size and legitimate play strength throughout the route
- » Sticky hands with a good catch radius
- » Smart route runner who has more wiggle than you would expect
- » Brings it as a blocker and has the power to match

CONS

- » Long speed is clearly lacking
- » Smooth, but definitely not an explosive route runner
- » Aggression can sometimes work against him as a blocker

ONE LINER

"Mayer is your archetypal Y tight end who can contribute as both a receiver and a blocker. He might not be an elite athlete, but he has the strength and technical polish to be a very dependable starter in the NFL."

LUKE MUSGRAVE

TE, OREGON STATE (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 5

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'6"
Weight	253
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	11/15	23/37	12/24
Yards	169	304	142
Yards per catch	15.4	13.8	11.8
Touchdowns	1	1	0
Yards per route run	3.38	1.23	1.08
Missed tackles forced	0	2	0
Drop rate	8.3%	12%	25%

BACKGROUND

Musgrave was a multi-sport athlete in high school. In addition to excelling on the gridiron, he also made a name for himself on the track, as a lacrosse player, and as a state champion skier. His father Doug was a quarterback for Oregon in the early 1990s and his uncle Bill is a veteran NFL coach currently with the Cleveland Browns.

Musgrave earned just five offers as a three-star recruit in the 2019 class, committing to the Beavers over offers from the likes of Oregon and California. Musgrave played a limited role through two seasons, before a breakout 2021 that saw him put up 304 yards on 22 catches. He was named to the Mackey Award Watch List ahead of the 2022 season, but injuries limited him to just two games.

PROS

- » Straight line speed that makes him a mismatch weapon
- » Has an ideal frame for an NFL tight end
- » Capable of lining up inline or from the slot
- » Hands are active and solid, with good ball tracking ability

CONS

- » Lacks refinement as a route runner
- » Limited collegiate production, with just 633 yards in four years
- » Doesn't offer much after the catch
- » Technical issues as a run blocker limit his effectiveness

ONE LINER

"Musgrave has the size and athleticism you want at tight end, but the rest is a work in progress. He needs to develop as a technician and show he can handle receiving volume, but the upside is easy to see."

LUKE SCHOONMAKER

TE, MICHIGAN (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 7

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'5"
Weight	251
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	35/45	17/23	--/--
Yards	418	165	--
Yards per catch	11.9	9.7	--
Touchdowns	3	3	--
Yards per route run	2.15	0.91	--
Missed tackles forced	1	1	--
Drop rate	5.4%	5.6%	--

BACKGROUND

Schoonmaker was a quarterback and tight end in high school. He was recruited to play the latter, earning a three star rating in the 2018 class and being ranked as the No. 3 prospect in the state of Connecticut. He earned 10 offers, committing to Michigan over the likes of Rutgers and Indiana.

It took Schoonmaker some time to make an impact at the collegiate level. He played six snaps as a freshman, before featuring in 11 games in 2019 and making two catches. He appeared in all six of Michigan's games in 2020 but didn't log a single target. Schoonmaker saw an expanded role in 2021, before a breakout campaign in his fifth and final season with the Wolverines where he had 418 yards and three touchdowns, being voted a Third Team All-Big Ten member in the process.

PROS

- » Reliable hands, with just three drops on his 57 career catchable targets
- » Good athlete with the speed to threaten up the seam
- » Very reliable as an inline blocker
- » Has a natural feel for finding space

CONS

- » Really struggled in contested situations
- » Offers very little after the catch, forcing two missed tackles on 54 receptions
- » Collegiate production was pretty underwhelming
- » Will turn 25 early on in his rookie season

ONE LINER

"Schoonmaker might never be a difference maker in the passing game, but his good athletic profile and reliability as an inline blocker means he should carve out a long and steady career in the NFL."

DARNELL WASHINGTON

TE, GEORGIA (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 3

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'7"
Weight	264
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	27/41	10/12	7/15
Yards	426	154	166
Yards per catch	15.8	15.4	23.7
Touchdowns	2	1	0
Yards per route run	1.77	1.41	1.42
Missed tackles forced	5	3	6
Drop rate	6.9%	9.1%	22.2%

BACKGROUND

Washington was a standout high school athlete in Nevada. He played football and basketball, whilst also featuring as sprinter, high jumper, and long jumper. He chose football over basketball and was rated as a five-star athlete and the No. 23 overall prospect in the 2020 recruiting class. Washington earned 35 offers, committing to Georgia over the likes of Alabama, Ohio State, and Clemson.

He earned playing time as a true freshman, starting seven games for the Bulldogs and hauling in seven catches for 166 yards. He played in 11 games during the 2021 season as Georgia won their first national title since 1980. Washington's breakout season came in 2022, catching 28 passes for 454 yards on his way to Second Team All-SEC honours.

PROS

- » Terrifying blend of size and athleticism
- » Looks almost like a sixth offensive lineman when asked to block
- » Good long speed to threaten up the seam
- » Surprisingly dynamic after the catch for his size

CONS

- » Not a lateral athlete, and looks clunky out of his breaks
- » Barely any receiving production in college
- » Wins with strength rather than technique as a blocker

ONE LINER

"Washington is a man-mountain and one of the best blockers you will find at tight end. He remains something of a projection as a pass catcher, though he has sufficient athleticism to be develop into a good NFL starter."

JOSH WHYLE

TE, CINCINNATI (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 9

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'7"
Weight	248
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	32/51	26/40	28/34
Yards	326	330	353
Yards per catch	10.2	12.7	12.6
Touchdowns	3	6	6
Yards per route run	1.11	1.58	2.94
Missed tackles forced	2	2	3
Drop rate	3%	10.3%	0%

BACKGROUND

Whyle was listed as a three-star tight end recruit in the 2018 class. He wasn't short of interest, with 28 scholarship offers coming his way from schools including Georgia, Auburn, Oregon, and Wisconsin. A native of Cincinnati, Whyle turned down the Power Five opportunities to suit up for his home town Bearcats.

Whyle redshirted his freshman season after playing just 55 snaps through four games. He featured primarily on special teams in 2019, before Josiah Deguara's departure to NFL opened up a starting opportunity the following season. Whyle earned Second Team All-AAC honours in his first year as a starter and finished with a First Team All-AAC nod as a redshirt senior in 2022.

PROS

- » Good long speed to threaten defenses up the seam
- » Big catch radius and is comfortable high pointing the football
- » Has the speed to separate from defenders after the catch
- » Good effort as a blocker

CONS

- » Lacks the play strength to consistently break tackles
- » Hand placement and leverage limit his effectiveness as a blocker
- » No experience as a high volume pass catcher
- » Turns 24 as a rookie

ONE LINER

"Whyle's solid athletic profile and impressive ball skills project well to an F tight end role, but he's never been a high volume receiver in college. His lacklustre play strength means he's likely a rotational option in the NFL."

Offensive Tackle



MATTHEW BERGERON



BRAEDEN DANIELS



JAELYN DUNCAN



BLAKE FREELAND



ANTON HARRISON



RYAN HARRIS



PARIS JOHNSON



BRODERICK JONES



DAWAND JONES



PETER SKORONSKI



DARNELL WRIGHT

MATTHEW BERGERON

OT, SYRACUSE (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 6

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'5"
Weight	318
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	294	406	255
Pass block snaps	392	378	411
Sacks	5	1	4
Hits	4	1	0
Hurries	3	9	11
Pass block efficiency	97.7%	98.3%	97.6%
True pass set efficiency	96.5%	97.3%	95.3%

BACKGROUND

Bergeron was born and brought up Quebec, Canada. He earned a three-star rating in the 2019 class, but went under the radar throughout the recruiting cycle. Syracuse was the only team to offer him a scholarship after he attended one of their summer training camps. Bergeron became the first player in his high school's history to earn a Division I scholarship offer.

Bergeron quickly established a presence in the trenches for Syracuse. He appeared in all 12 games as a true freshman, starting five of them. He became a full-time starter in 2020, a role he has held ever since. Bergeron finishes his college career with an impressive 39 starts under his belt and a Second Team All-ACC nod in 2022.

PROS

- » Has the combination of height, size, and length for an NFL tackle
- » Good technique and mentality as a run blocker
- » Handles stunts and twists very well
- » Has experience starting at both left and right tackle

CONS

- » Solid athlete but little more
- » Hand timing and placement need plenty of work, particularly in pass protection
- » Wide hands leave him vulnerable to bull rushes
- » Can struggle against quicker edges

ONE LINER

"Bergeron's issues in pass protection will be a concern out of the gate, but he is already a very effective run blocker. He projects as a solid starter at either tackle spot, with potential to develop into a plus contributor."

BRAEDEN DANIELS

OT, UTAH (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 10

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'4"
Weight	294
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	453	486	60
Pass block snaps	513	473	74
Sacks	0	1	1
Hits	1	2	0
Hurries	14	13	1
Pass block efficiency	98.5%	98.1%	97.8%
True pass set efficiency	97%	97.1%	95.9%

BACKGROUND

Daniels was listed as a three-star recruit coming out of Hebron High School in Texas, where he played football and competed in track and field. He was initially recruited as a guard and earned interest from 13 schools. Daniels initially committed to play for Illinois, but later flipped to Utah, choosing the Utes over the likes of Houston and Boise State.

Daniels featured in two games as a true freshman, before earning the starting job at left guard in 2019. He started just two games the following year, splitting time with Keaton Bills. Daniels was subsequently moved to right tackle during the 2021 season, where he earned Second Team All-Pac-12 honours. He moved to left tackle in 2022 and was voted a First Team All-Pac-12 member.

PROS

- » Good athlete with ideal burst and lateral agility to play in space
- » Comfortable dealing with stunts and twists as a pass protector
- » Has experience starting at guard, as well as both tackle spots
- » Solid technique as a pass blocker

CONS

- » Undersized with corresponding concerns about his anchor strength
- » Below average arm length and hand size
- » Lack of natural power sees him get over his toes in the running game
- » Has a habit of oversetting

ONE LINER

"A player of Daniels' size won't be for everyone, but his combination of movement skills and positional versatility should see him find a place on an NFL roster. In the right scheme he could become a spot starter."

JAELYN DUNCAN

OT, MARYLAND (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 8

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'6"
Weight	306
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	327	315	119
Pass block snaps	476	489	194
Sacks	7	4	1
Hits	4	2	1
Hurries	17	7	6
Pass block efficiency	96.1%	98.2%	97.5%
True pass set efficiency	92%	95.5%	95.1%

BACKGROUND

Duncan played on both sides of the trenches in high school and was listed as a four-star offensive tackle recruit in 2018. As a Maryland native, the Terrapins were the first team to offer him and despite interest from 13 other schools including Michigan and LSU he decided to commit to his home state's team.

Duncan didn't play in his first season on campus, but started 11 games at left tackle in 2019. He has held that role ever since. He started all five of the Terrapins' games in the 2020 season, with a further 11 starts during the 2021 season that saw the offense set school records for passing yards and touchdowns. He was ever-present in his final season, finishing his career with 39 starts.

PROS

- » Quick and smooth footwork
- » Good lateral agility to mirror in pass protection
- » Looks like a natural in space as a lead blocker or climbing to the second level
- » Four years as a starter for the Terrapins

CONS

- » Struggled to anchor against power
- » Hand timing and placement are both very inconsistent
- » Will lunge at opponents, causing issues with his balance
- » Struggles to sustain and steer blocks

ONE LINER

"Duncan has the athletic tools that teams can work with along the offensive line, but his issues with hand technique and anchor strength mean he is a developmental prospect as things stand."

BLAKE FREELAND

OT, BYU (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 9

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'8"
Weight	302
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	398	450	211
Pass block snaps	462	426	241
Sacks	0	1	0
Hits	3	1	3
Hurries	4	3	11
Pass block efficiency	99.2%	99.3%	96.9%
True pass set efficiency	98.3%	98.8%	92.7%

BACKGROUND

Freeland was a six-time all-state in track and field during his high school career, winning state championships in the shot put and javelin and setting a state record in the latter. He was listed as a three-star athlete recruit and committed to BYU over offers from Utah and Vanderbilt. In doing so he followed in the footsteps of his father, who played linebacker for the Cougars in the 1990s.

He earned the starting right tackle role down the stretch as a true freshman, starting seven games. He started eight games the following year, before making the switch to left tackle following the departure of Brady Christensen. Freeland started every game for the Cougars over the last two seasons, earning Third Team All-American honours after a strong campaign in 2022.

PROS

- » Ticks all the boxes when it comes to size and length
- » Legitimate athlete who has no issues mirroring in pass protection
- » Four years as a starter at BYU
- » Great hand placement to sustain blocks in the running game

CONS

- » Natural leverage disadvantage that defenders can exploit
- » Needs to improve core strength and add more weight to his frame
- » Lacks the power to consistent move defenders

ONE LINER

"Freeland is an outstanding athlete who would be a great fit in a wide zone scheme. His issues with leverage and core strength are legitimately concerning though and could limit his opportunities as a starter."

ANTON HARRISON

OT, OKLAHOMA (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 7

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'4"
Weight	315
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	415	289	160
Pass block snaps	447	382	173
Sacks	1	2	1
Hits	0	1	2
Hurries	8	14	4
Pass block efficiency	98.8%	97.4%	97.5%
True pass set efficiency	97.2%	96.2%	96.1%

BACKGROUND

As a four-star offensive tackle recruit in the 2020 class, Anton Harrison earned 23 offers. He made the decision to commit to Oklahoma over offers from the likes of Ohio State, Michigan, and Texas A&M. Harrison immediately got an opportunity to impress, featuring in nine games as a true freshman.

He beat out starting left tackle Erik Swenson ahead of the 2021 season, playing in all 13 of the Sooners' games that year and starting 12 of them. He built on this strong foundation during his final collegiate season, allowing a single sack across his 12 starts on his way to being voted a First Team All-Big 12 member.

PROS

- » Good athlete, with the foot quickness and lateral agility you want in a tackle
- » Very reliable pass protector
- » Handles blitzes and stunts very well
- » Has the size and length profile to translate well to the NFL level

CONS

- » Sorely lacking the functional strength to displace defenders
- » Hand placement is noticeably erratic
- » Struggles to maintain good pad level
- » Lacks any real mean streak to his game

ONE LINER

"Harrison has the measurables you want in an offensive tackle, but he lacks the play strength and technique to make the most of it. He could become an NFL starter, but he needs time to develop."

RYAN HAYES

OT, MICHIGAN (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 11

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'6"
Weight	298
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	433	501	53
Pass block snaps	356	427	86
Sacks	0	3	0
Hits	3	5	0
Hurries	8	19	1
Pass block efficiency	98.4%	96.3%	99.4%
True pass set efficiency	97.3%	93.5%	98.6%

BACKGROUND

Hayes was listed as a four-star offensive tackle recruit in the 2018 class, despite having not played the position in high school, where he was a tight end, defensive end, and punter. He earned offers from 11 schools, committing to his home state Wolverines over the likes of Notre Dame, Minnesota, and Kentucky.

Hayes didn't play a single snap in his first season at Michigan. He saw action the following year, making two starts and appearing in 12 games. His stint as a backup continued in 2020, with just two starts to his name again. Hayes then became the full-time starter in 2021, starting all 14 games and earning Second Team All-Big Ten honours, a feat he repeated in the 2022 season.

PROS

- » Good strength to create movement in the run game
- » Plays with physicality to latch and finish his blocks
- » Solid athlete to seal and climb to the second level on combo blocks
- » Shows independent hand usage

CONS

- » Sub-33" arms means he might have to kick inside at the NFL level
- » Lacks the foot quickness to contain speed rushers
- » Height leads to issues with pad level
- » Has a habit of bending at the waist

ONE LINER

"Hayes is a people mover with a mean streak, but his lack of length and issues with pad level are real concerns at tackle. When you add in concerns surrounding his foot quickness, his best future might be at guard."

PARIS JOHNSON

OT, OHIO STATE (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 3

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'6"
Weight	313
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	378	307	11
Pass block snaps	449	461	15
Sacks	2	0	1
Hits	0	1	0
Hurries	12	13	1
Pass block efficiency	98.1%	98.4%	90%
True pass set efficiency	97%	97.1%	88.9%

BACKGROUND

A highly-touted high school prospect, Johnson was a five-star recruit and the No. 9 overall player in the 2020 recruiting class. He earned 48 offers from all of the biggest programs in the country, electing to commit to his home state Buckeyes. At the time of his commitment he ranked as their 11th highest ranked recruit of all time.

Johnson featured primarily on special teams as a true freshman, before earning the starting job at right guard in 2021. He earned Second Team All-Big Ten honours that year, and with the departure of Nicholas Petit-Frere he returned to his natural home at left tackle in 2022. Johnson shone in his new role, earning First Team All-Big Ten honours and being voted a Consensus All-American.

PROS

- » Easy athleticism that jumps off the tape
- » Rare height and length - 36.1" arms rank in the 97th percentile
- » Very competent pass protector who thrives on an island
- » Tough to stop as a blocker on the move

CONS

- » Hand usage needs work. Is overly reliant on two hand punches at present
- » Gets too aggressive and loses his balance as a result
- » Could benefit from more lower body strength to handle power

ONE LINER

"Johnson has the size, length, and athleticism that you want in an offensive tackle. He's still got a few rough edges to his game, but you're always going to bet on his combination of traits and good college tape."

BRODERICK JONES

OT, GEORGIA (RS-SOPHOMORE)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 2

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'5"
Weight	311
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	463	244	24
Pass block snaps	470	194	1
Sacks	0	2	0
Hits	2	1	0
Hurries	7	5	0
Pass block efficiency	99%	97.3%	100%
True pass set efficiency	97.7%	96%	100%

BACKGROUND

Jones was a highly touted recruit coming out of Lithonia High School in Georgia. He was rated as a five-star prospect and the No. 11 overall player in the 2020 recruiting class. He committed to his home state Bulldogs as a high school sophomore, choosing them over the likes of Alabama and Auburn.

Jones redshirted his freshman year after playing just 25 snaps at right tackle. He saw more playing time in 2021 and made four starts in place of the injured Jamaree Salyer, earning SEC All-Freshman honours in the process. With Salyer departing for the NFL, Jones became the Bulldogs' full-time starter at left tackle in 2022 and was named a First Team All-SEC member.

PROS

- » Natural athlete with ideal mobility
- » Has a lethal punch. Stonewalls rushers and displaces defenders with ease
- » Looked great in pass protection as a one-year starter
- » Has a real mean streak to finish his blocks

CONS

- » Uses two-hand punches far too often
- » Hand placement and timing are both noticeably inconsistent
- » Limited experience, with just one year as a starter in college

ONE LINER

"Jones needs some polish, but that is to be expected in a one-year starter. What he does offer is an unteachable combination of size, athleticism, and sheer power. If he puts it all together the sky is truly the limit."

DAWAND JONES

OT, OHIO STATE (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 5

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'8"
Weight	374
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	344	322	43
Pass block snaps	419	468	37
Sacks	0	3	0
Hits	0	1	0
Hurries	5	7	1
Pass block efficiency	99.4%	98.4%	98.5%
True pass set efficiency	99.3%	97.4%	95%

BACKGROUND

Jones was a two-sport athlete coming out of high school, earning Division I offers for both football and basketball. He made the decision to pursue the former and was rated as a three-star offensive tackle recruit. Jones landed 21 football scholarship offers, committing to Ohio State over the likes of Penn State and USC.

He played a limited role through his first two seasons, playing 170 snaps through seven games. Jones then became the Buckeyes' starter at right tackle as a junior, earning Second Team All-Big Ten honours. He started all 12 games of the 2022 season and finished his collegiate career as a First Team All-American.

PROS

- » Generational size. There really aren't many humans this big
- » Incredible power to uproot defenders with ease
- » Surprisingly solid athlete for his size
- » He's a mean and imposing blocker who loves to get his opponents on the floor

CONS

- » Has some noticeable tightness to his lower half
- » Struggles when asked to redirect against quicker edge rushers
- » His height unsurprisingly causes issues with his pad level
- » Too happy to use a two-hand punch

ONE LINER

"Jones is a behemoth at offensive tackle with truly rare size and power. He is somewhat scheme limited as a prospect, but he has the elite physicality and solid athleticism to be a good tackle at the NFL level."

PETER SKORONSKI

OT, NORTHWESTERN (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 1

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'4"
Weight	313
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	407	392	324
Pass block snaps	474	436	348
Sacks	1	2	2
Hits	2	6	4
Hurries	3	12	11
Pass block efficiency	99.2%	97.4%	97.2%
True pass set efficiency	99.1%	95.1%	95.3%

BACKGROUND

Skoronski was rated as a four star recruit coming out of high school in 2020, and the third highest ranked player in the state of Illinois. Despite playing both offensive and defensive tackle in high school he was initially recruited as a center. He earned offers from nine schools, including Michigan and Notre Dame, but opted to stay in-state with Northwestern.

Skoronski was thrust into the limelight as a true freshman after Wildcats left tackle Rashawn Slater opted out of the 2020 season, leaving him to fill the void. He has performed admirably ever since, earning All-Conference honours in each of his three seasons. Skoronski was also voted a Unanimous All-American and winner of the Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2022.

PROS

- » Has the hand usage you'd expect from an NFL veteran
- » Refined technique allows him to overcome some of his power limitations
- » Good athlete with smooth and quick footwork
- » College tape is consistently exceptional

CONS

- » Sub-33" arms mean he might have to kick inside in the NFL
- » Can lean into blocks to compensate for his lack of length
- » Anchor is okay, but could benefit from some more play strength

ONE LINER

"Some might see Skoronski as a guard, but he should get a shot at tackle. He is the closest you'll get to a can't miss prospect along the offensive line, with his refined technique and athleticism giving him a very high floor."

DARNELL WRIGHT

OT, TENNESSEE (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 4

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'5"
Weight	333
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	388	427	260
Pass block snaps	507	495	309
Sacks	0	3	5
Hits	2	1	5
Hurries	6	13	9
Pass block efficiency	99.1%	97.8%	95.9%
True pass set efficiency	98%	98.1%	94.9%

BACKGROUND

Wright was a consensus five-star recruit coming out of high school in 2019. He was ranked as the No. 10 overall prospect in the class and the No. 2 offensive tackle, behind only Evan Neal. He committed to Tennessee over the likes of Alabama, Georgia, and his home state West Virginia, becoming one of three top 50 recruits for the Volunteers that year.

Wright started seven games as a true freshman, earning Freshman All-SEC honours. He became Tennessee's starter at right tackle in the abbreviated 2020 season, before switching to left tackle in 2021. He moved back to his natural right tackle spot ahead of the 2022 season and the move paid dividends. Wright finished his college career by earning First Team All-SEC honours.

PROS

- » Has the height, weight, and length of an NFL offensive tackle
- » Great functional strength and powerful hands to displace defenders
- » Elite pass protection tape against top competition
- » Four years as a starter in the SEC

CONS

- » Lateral quickness causes issues against inside counters in pass protection
- » Hand placement is inconsistent
- » Ducks his head into contact, causing issues with his balance
- » Struggles to locate and latch when climbing to the second level

ONE LINER

"Wright has a strong track record against top competition. He might not be the most fleet of foot, but he has NFL-level power and some outstanding tape as a pass protector. That projects very well to the next level."

Interior Offensive Line



STEVE AVILA



ANTHONY BRADFORD



EMIL EKIYOR



CODY MAUCH



OLUSEGUN OLUWATIMI



JARRETT PATTERSON



JOHN MICHAEL SCHMITZ



RICKY STROMBERG



JOE TIPPMANN



O'CYRUS TORRENCE



ANDREW VORHEES



LUKE WYPLER

STEVE AVILA

IOL, TCU (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 2

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'4"
Weight	332
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	480	372	255
Pass block snaps	540	374	255
Sacks	0	2	2
Hits	2	1	1
Hurries	9	11	6
Pass block efficiency	98.9%	97.8%	97.7%
True pass set efficiency	98.4%	96.9%	97.3%

BACKGROUND

Avila was listed as a three-star prospect and the No. 44 ranked offensive guard in the 2018 recruiting class. He earned five offers coming out of South Grand Prairie High School, electing to commit to his home state Horned Frogs over the likes of Kansas State and Utah.

Avila didn't play a single snap for TCU as a true freshman in 2018. He featured in 12 games the following year, though the majority of this was on special teams. Avila's opportunity to start arrived in 2020, where he started nine games, playing center, guard, and tackle. He featured in all 12 games in 2021, playing mainly as a center and earning First Team All-Big 12 honours. He switched positions again in 2022, logging a Consensus All-American season at left guard.

PROS

- » Impressive anchor to withstanding power rushers
- » Has some good initial quickness for a player of his size
- » Rarely phased in pass protection
- » Has experience of starting at both guard and center

CONS

- » Hand placement is inconsistent
- » Struggles to sustain his blocks when climbing to the second level
- » Had some rough moments against stunts and twists
- » Needs to maintain better pad level when engaging defenders

ONE LINER

"Avila has both the core strength and short area quickness to succeed along the interior. There's some technical improvement required, but he is a very dependable player who projects as a plus starter at the NFL level."

ANTHONY BRADFORD

IOL, LSU (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 11

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'4"
Weight	332
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	308	96	7
Pass block snaps	507	163	0
Sacks	4	1	--
Hits	3	2	--
Hurries	5	5	--
Pass block efficiency	98.3%	97.1%	--
True pass set efficiency	97.3%	97.3%	--

BACKGROUND

Bradford was listed as a four-star recruit and the No. 6 overall prospect in the state of Michigan in the 2019 recruiting class. He earned some notable interest, garnering offers from the likes of Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee, but chose instead to commit to LSU.

Bradford featured in just three games as a true freshman, playing 22 snaps as the Tigers won a national title. He played in seven games the following year, though the vast majority of his snaps came on special teams. It wasn't until 2021 that Bradford earning meaningful starting opportunities, making five starts primarily as a left tackle. Bradford moved back inside to right guard in 2022, appearing in 13 games and making 12 starts.

PROS

- » Imposing size and strength make him an asset as a run blocker
- » Plays with that mean streak you want at the position
- » Has the anchor to drop his weight against power rushers
- » Has experience at tackle and guard

CONS

- » Lateral agility is limited and twitchier defenders will cause him problems
- » Will struggle to consistently execute reach blocks on zone runs
- » Only one season as a full-time starter
- » Gets over his toes and struggles with balance

ONE LINER

"Bradford is the kind of physical player that offensive line coaches will love to have on their team. He's certainly not the finished article, but you can see why someone will take a chance on him as a developmental prospect."

EMIL EKIYOR

IOL, ALABAMA (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 9

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'4"
Weight	314
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	291	391	407
Pass block snaps	414	619	478
Sacks	0	0	2
Hits	0	5	4
Hurries	8	18	8
Pass block efficiency	99%	98.1%	98.2%
True pass set efficiency	97.8%	96.7%	96.8%

BACKGROUND

Ekiyor was listed as a four-star recruit in the 2018 class and the No. 1 overall prospect in the state of Indianapolis. He wasn't short of offers, earning interest from no less than 34 different schools. He initially committed to Michigan over the likes of Tennessee, Georgia, and Oklahoma. A late offer from Alabama resulted in him flipping his commitment to the Crimson Tide.

Ekiyor spent his first two seasons in Tuscaloosa serving as a backup, primarily at left guard. He earned a starting role during the 2020 season as the team won the national championship. He has held down that role ever since, playing in all 28 games over the course of the 2021 and 2022 seasons. Ekiyor earned First Team All-SEC honours in his final season.

PROS

- » Good strength with the power to displace defenders
- » Physical blocker who loves to finish
- » Experienced, with over 2,700 career snaps under his belt
- » Has a good first step

CONS

- » Gets over-aggressive and will end up on the deck as a result
- » Lacks ideal size for an interior blocker
- » Not very effective when asked to play in space
- » Lets opponents into his chest too often

ONE LINER

"Ekiyor is a physical and imposing blocker with bags of starting experience. He really struggles defending against power though, and that's not something you can easily overlook along the interior."

CODY MAUCH

IOL, N. DAKOTA STATE (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 6

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'5"
Weight	302
Class	2017

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	552	567	348
Pass block snaps	304	324	194
Sacks	1	1	0
Hits	2	0	3
Hurries	6	7	3
Pass block efficiency	98.3%	98.6%	98.4%
True pass set efficiency	97.8%	97.1%	97.6%

BACKGROUND

Growing up in North Dakota, Mauch was a multi-sport athlete. In addition to playing quarterback, tight end, and defensive end on the gridiron, he was also an all-conference basketball player and state qualifier in track. His lone scholarship offer came from Division II Minnesota State-Moorhead, and Mauch elected instead to join North Dakota State as a walk-on tight end.

Mauch redshirted his freshman season before adding 40 lbs and moving to offensive tackle. He then featured as a rotational option, logging 175 snaps over the next two years. Mauch became a starter in 2020 before a breakout 2021 season. Mauch finished his college career with an outstanding campaign in 2022, being voted a Consensus First Team FCS All-American.

PROS

- » You can tell he used to be a tight end by the way he moves in space
- » Good lateral agility to redirect in pass protection
- » Mauler in the run game - latches and sustains so well
- » Has that mean streak to finish his blocks

CONS

- » Played almost wholly as a tackle but short arms mean he's a guard in the NFL
- » Skinny frame, which is going to be a worry on the interior
- » Pass protection technique needs a tonne of work
- » Turns 25 before the end of his rookie season

ONE LINER

"Mauch is a great athlete who also makes his presence felt as a run blocker. The worry will be that he lacks length and needs a tonne of work in pass protection. That's not ideal for a player who turns 25 as a rookie."

OLUSEGUN OLUWATIMI

IOL, MICHIGAN (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 10

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'3"
Weight	309
Class	2017

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	508	246	264
Pass block snaps	410	664	454
Sacks	0	3	0
Hits	5	5	2
Hurries	4	12	13
Pass block efficiency	98.8%	98.2%	98.2%
True pass set efficiency	97.8%	96.8%	97.6%

BACKGROUND

Oluwatimi was listed as a two-star recruit in the 2017 class and earned interest from just two schools. He committed to Air Force over East Carolina, but did not play a snap in his lone season with the Falcons. He subsequently transferred to Virginia, where he was forced to sit out the 2018 season due to the switch.

Oluwatimi became a starter for the Cavaliers the following season, making 13 starts in 2019, before starting all 10 games of the 2020 season. He had a true breakout campaign in 2021, being voted a Second Team All-American and a Rimington Trophy semi-finalist. Oluwatimi transferred to Michigan for the 2022 season where he became a Consensus All-American and won the Rimington Trophy.

PROS

- » Smart player who is comfortable setting protections and communicating
- » Shows independent hand usage in pass protection
- » Core strength to withstand the bull rush
- » Plays with some impressive competitive toughness

CONS

- » Incredibly small hands, which limits his ability to sustain blocks
- » Doesn't have the desired lateral quicks
- » Lacks ideal power to displace defenders in the running game
- » Turns 24 during the offseason

ONE LINER

"Oluwatimi is a smart and physical blocker with some encouraging college tape. His lack of a true trump card limits his ceiling at the NFL level, but he could potentially develop into a solid starter."

JARRETT PATTERSON

IOL, NOTRE DAME (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 12

Round Projection: 5th



Height	6'5"
Weight	306
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	445	392	282
Pass block snaps	382	526	281
Sacks	0	0	0
Hits	1	1	1
Hurries	8	11	8
Pass block efficiency	98.8%	98.8%	98.3%
True pass set efficiency	97.6%	98.3%	98.2%

BACKGROUND

Patterson was listed as a four-star offensive tackle prospect and the No. 45 overall player in the state of California in the 2018 recruiting class. He earned offers from 27 schools, and initially made his commitment to Arizona State. He subsequently de-committed and chose Notre Dame over offers from Michigan and UCLA.

Patterson played just 16 snaps across three games as a true freshman, before making the move from left tackle to center. He was given the opportunity to start in 2019, and thus began his four years as a key piece of Notre Dame's interior offensive line. Patterson spent three seasons as the starting center for the Fighting Irish, before moving to left guard for the 2022 season.

PROS

- » Has experience at both center and guard
- » Tonnes of experience, with four years as a starter at Notre Dame
- » Good hand technique to sustain and steer blocks
- » Very smart player in pass protection - didn't allow a single sack in his career

CONS

- » Short arms, even for an interior lineman
- » Limited athlete who struggles when asked to redirect laterally
- » Not a guy you want playing in space
- » Turns 24 before the start of his rookie season

ONE LINER

"Patterson offers plenty of experience and has the technique and smarts to match. His limited athleticism and serious lack of length are a concern though and make him a very scheme-specific player at the NFL level."

JOHN MICHAEL SCHMITZ

IOL, MINNESOTA (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 5

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'4"
Weight	301
Class	2017

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	465	520	240
Pass block snaps	302	317	182
Sacks	2	0	0
Hits	1	0	2
Hurries	5	5	4
Pass block efficiency	98.3%	99.1%	98.3%
True pass set efficiency	97.5%	98.4%	96.7%

BACKGROUND

Schmitz spent his high school career as a left tackle but was listed as a three-star center recruit in the 2017 class. He earned offers from eight schools and initially made the decision to commit to Western Michigan under PJ Fleck. He later flipped his commitment to Minnesota when Fleck joined the Golden Gophers.

It took Schmitz two years to earn a starting opportunity at Minnesota, making four starts in 2019. He made six starts in the abbreviated 2020 season before a stellar 2021 season that saw him earn Second Team All-Big Ten honours. Schmitz looked even better in 2022, being voted a First Team All-Big Ten member and a First Team All-American.

PROS

- » So much experience to draw upon
- » Smart player who is effective in setting protections
- » Absolute natural as a reach blocker on wide zone runs
- » Rock solid anchor in pass protection

CONS

- » Nothing special athletically
- » Can be over-aggressive and leave gaps for quicker defenders to exploit
- » Struggles to locate and sustain in space
- » Sixth-year senior who will be a 24-year old rookie

ONE LINER

"Schmitz's athletic limitations present a cap on his NFL ceiling, but he is a smart and savvy center who has a rock solid floor as both a pass protector and as a run blocker. That's worth something."

RICKY STROMBERG

IOL, ARKANSAS (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 8

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'3"
Weight	306
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	482	491	273
Pass block snaps	416	382	355
Sacks	0	3	1
Hits	0	2	1
Hurries	11	7	2
Pass block efficiency	98.6%	97.9%	99.2%
True pass set efficiency	97.6%	93.9%	100%

BACKGROUND

Stromberg was listed as a three-star recruit and the No. 6 center in the 2019 class. He earned 10 offers, initially committing to play for his hometown Tulsa. A late offer from Arkansas changed that, and he flipped his commitment to the Razorbacks, who were his lone Power Five offer.

Stromberg had an instant impact upon his arrival, starting 11 games at left and right guard, not allowing a single sack all season. He moved to center ahead of the 2020 season, making eight starts in the abbreviated season. His 2021 season was particularly impressive and saw him start every game on his way to earning Second Team All-SEC honours. Stromberg finished his collegiate career by earning First Team All-SEC honours as a senior in 2022.

PROS

- » Impressive athletic profile with excellent lateral quickness
- » Solid anchor strength to hold up against power rushers
- » Very good eyes to pick up blitzers and stunts
- » Four years as a starter in the SEC

CONS

- » Has a habit of bending at the waist rather than the knees
- » Can duck his head into contact and get himself out of position
- » Needs to add some lower body strength to drive defenders off the ball
- » Will stop his feet on contact too often

ONE LINER

"Stromberg is an experienced center with the combination of quickness and strength to translate nicely to the NFL. He needs to tidy up aspects of his technique, but he feels like a very high floor prospect."

JOE TIPPMANN

IOL, WISCONSIN (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 3

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'6"
Weight	313
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	399	421	11
Pass block snaps	359	266	0
Sacks	1	0	--
Hits	2	2	--
Hurries	2	2	--
Pass block efficiency	99.1%	99.2%	--
True pass set efficiency	98.5%	99.1%	--

BACKGROUND

Tipmann played along both the offensive and defensive line in high school and was listed as a four-star offensive tackle prospect in the 2019 recruiting class. As the No. 6 prospect in the state of Indianapolis he earned interest from some notable schools, choosing to commit to Wisconsin over the likes of Iowa, Minnesota, and Purdue.

Tipmann redshirted his true freshman season in 2019, before playing just 11 snaps at right guard in the abbreviated 2020 season. He made the move over to center the following offseason and starting opportunities followed. Tipmann started 10 games during the 2021 season, before starting every game in 2022. He was an Honorable Mention All-Big Ten in both years as a starter.

PROS

- » Legitimate athlete who looks effortless in space
- » Possesses the power to uproot defensive linemen in the running game
- » His strength and prowess as a puller should allow him to excel at guard
- » A mean finisher

CONS

- » Tall for a center and has issues with leverage
- » Hands are too late too often
- » Loses ground if defenders get into his pads early
- » Balance was occasionally an issue as he would lunge at opponents

ONE LINER

"Tipmann's combination of athleticism and power make him a truly scheme versatile offensive lineman. He does need to fix a few technical issues, but all the tools are there for him to be a quality NFL starter."

O'CYRUS TORRENCE

IOL, FLORIDA (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 1

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'5"
Weight	330
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	343	412	369
Pass block snaps	355	395	332
Sacks	0	0	0
Hits	0	1	0
Hurries	8	4	2
Pass block efficiency	98.8%	99.3%	99.7%
True pass set efficiency	97.3%	97.3%	99.2%

BACKGROUND

Torrence was rated as a three-star offensive tackle prospect in the 2019 recruiting class. Despite earning a scholarship offer from Georgia, he made the decision to stay in state and commit to Louisiana. Once he arrived on campus he was kicked inside to play guard.

Torrence was thrust into action straight away, earning 13 starts and appearing in all 14 of the Ragin' Cajuns' games in 2019. Second Team All-Sun Belt honours followed during the 2020 season, before an excellent junior season that saw him earn First Team honours. Torrence entered the transfer portal at the end of the 2021 season, following his head coach Billy Napier to Florida, where he earned First Team All-SEC honours and was selected as a Consensus All-American.

PROS

- » Heavy hands to lock on and sustain his blocks
- » Impressive core strength to displace defenders in the run game
- » Stout anchor when tested in pass protection
- » Smart processor

CONS

- » Not the most agile lineman
- » Lateral athleticism limitations will limit his scheme versatility
- » Struggled to locate defenders at the second level
- » Can sometimes lower his head into blocks

ONE LINER

"Torrence is a one-man wrecking crew along the offensive line. His average athletic ability means he won't be a fit in every offense, but he has the potential to be a plus starter in a gap scheme-heavy team."

ANDREW VORHEES

IOL, USC (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 7

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'6"
Weight	310
Class	2017

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	284	358	147
Pass block snaps	436	544	268
Sacks	2	0	1
Hits	1	2	2
Hurries	12	11	7
Pass block efficiency	97.9%	98.7%	97.8%
True pass set efficiency	95.8%	98.1%	95.7%

BACKGROUND

Vorhees played both offensive and defensive tackle in high school and he was listed as a three-star prospect in the 2017 recruiting class. He earned 13 offers, choosing to commit to his home state Trojans over the likes of Oregon, UCLA, and Utah.

Upon arrival at USC, Vorhees made the move inside to right guard. He started nine games as a true freshman in 2017, before becoming the full-time starter the following season. An ankle injury limited him to two games in 2019 and he switched to left guard when he returned. He split time between guard and tackle during the 2021 season, before returning for his sixth season in 2022. Vorhees was selected as a First Team All-American and winner of the Morris Trophy in his final season.

PROS

- » Has been starting since his true freshman year in 2017
- » Looked very comfortable against stunts and twists
- » Good power at the point of attack
- » Core strength that sees him anchor well against power

CONS

- » Average athlete with less than ideal foot quickness
- » Height sees him get out-leveraged
- » Hands are often wide on contact
- » 24 year old rookie who tore his ACL at the Combine

ONE LINER

"Vorhees' experience and power profile give his game a solid foundation. The concern will be that he is an average athlete with poor hand technique who comes with both injury and age concerns."

LUKE WYPLER

IOL, OHIO STATE (RS-SOPHOMORE)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 4

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'3"
Weight	303
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run block snaps	378	344	15
Pass block snaps	449	516	0
Sacks	1	0	0
Hits	0	1	0
Hurries	7	7	0
Pass block efficiency	98.9%	99.2%	--
True pass set efficiency	97.9%	98.8%	--

BACKGROUND

Wypler was rated as a four-star prospect in the 2020 recruiting class. He was listed as the No.2 overall center and No. 2 prospect in the state of New Jersey. He garnered plenty of interest, earning 23 scholarship offers. He committed to Ohio State over the likes of Notre Dame, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

Wypler played just 15 snaps through three games before redshirting his freshman season. He earned the starting center role the following season, starting all 13 games and racking up 860 snaps. He was once again a 13 game starter in 2022 and had a fantastic season that saw him earn Third Team All-Big Ten honours.

PROS

- » Smooth athlete with some impressive short area quickness
- » Great at climbing on zone runs or as a puller on gap runs
- » Hand placement is very good
- » Looks like a natural in pass protection

CONS

- » Slight frame that struggles to match power rushers
- » No real anchor ability
- » Sub 32" arms are very short
- » Has played exclusively as a center in college

ONE LINER

"Wypler ticks the boxes when it comes to athletic ability and technical proficiency. He needs to add more core strength to prevent being overwhelmed by power rushers, but he can be a quality center in a zone scheme."

Interior Defensive Line



ADETOMIWA ADEBAWORE



KEEANU BENTON



BRYAN BRESEE



JALEN CARTER



GERVON DEXTER



SIAKI IKA



CALIJAH KANCEY



JAQUELIN ROY



MAZI SMITH



KOBIE TURNER

ADETOMIWA ADEBAWORE

IDL, NORTHWESTERN (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 6

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'2"
Weight	282
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	394	296	176
Pass rush snaps	305	277	278
Run stops	22	18	8
Sacks	6	5	2
Hits	3	4	5
Hurries	22	21	10
Pass rush win rate	14.3%	15.6%	6.4%

BACKGROUND

Adebawore was listed as a three-star prospect in the 2019 recruiting class. He earned plenty of interest, fielding offers from 16 different schools, including a number of Ivy League programs. He committed to play for Northwestern over offers from the likes of Washington State, Tulane, and Toledo.

Adebawore appeared in eight games as a true freshman, before starting all nine games of the abbreviated 2020 season. His role increased as a junior, leading the Wildcats with 30 pressures and five sacks through his 12 games. He led the team in those categories once again as a senior, earning Third Team All-Big Ten honours in the process.

PROS

- » His first step quickness is elite. Very few offensive linemen can react fast enough
- » Possesses the combination of size and speed to play along the defensive line
- » Strong hands and lower body to set the edge against the run
- » Good natural leverage

CONS

- » Production never matched the traits
- » A little too tight-hipped to be a consistent edge threat
- » Not the most advanced technician and gets stuck on blocks too often
- » Might be a little small to be a consistent interior player

ONE LINER

"Adetomiwa's tape is that of a day three prospect, whilst his outrageous athletic ability is more akin to a top ten pick. It is a little worrying that his dominance never matched those traits, but the upside is easy to see."

KEEANU BENTON

IDL, WISCONSIN (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 5

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'6"
Weight	313
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	201	216	91
Pass rush snaps	227	256	82
Run stops	21	14	6
Sacks	6	2	0
Hits	11	7	2
Hurries	11	12	3
Pass rush win rate	13.3%	11.8%	9.3%

BACKGROUND

Benton played football and was a two-time state qualifier as a wrestler in high school. He was rated as a three-star defensive tackle prospect in the 2019 recruiting class. He failed to garner any significant interest, earning just two offers. A Wisconsin native, he committed to the Badgers over an offer from Iowa.

Benton featured in 13 games as a true freshman, making six starts. He then played in all seven of Wisconsin's games the following year, earning five starts. 2021 turned out to be Benton's breakout season, starting all 13 games and earning Second Team All-Big Ten honors. He improved further as a senior, logging a career-high six sacks and being voted a First Team All-Big Ten member.

PROS

- » Has the violent and powerful hands that you need along the interior
- » Has the shock on contact to knock back and overwhelm most opponents
- » Wrestling background shows in his leverage and quick hands
- » Can play all along the interior

CONS

- » Not as much of an impact player on passing downs as you would like
- » Solid enough athlete but nothing special
- » Lacks the twitch to beat opponents with finesse
- » Had issues anchoring against the run when he got lazy with pad level

ONE LINER

"Benton has the power and quick hands to cause problems for opposing offensive lines, with some good alignment versatility. He just needs to put it all together and play with a touch more consistency."

BRYAN BRESEE

IDL, CLEMSON (RS-SOPHOMORE)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 2

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'6"
Weight	298
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	126	51	174
Pass rush snaps	203	100	255
Run stops	6	7	11
Sacks	3	1	4
Hits	4	3	6
Hurries	17	6	16
Pass rush win rate	14.5%	11.5%	14.3%

BACKGROUND

Bresee was a high-profile prospect coming out of Damascus High School in Maryland. He was a five-star recruit and ranked as the No. 1 overall prospect in the 2020 recruiting class, as well as the No. 18 ranked prospect of all-time. Bresee committed to Clemson over the likes of Alabama, Georgia, and Ohio State.

He made an immediate impact, earning ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year and being voted a First Team All-ACC member as a true freshman. He was limited to just four games as a sophomore after suffering a knee injury. Bresee returned in 2022, starting seven games and earning Second Team All-ACC honours in a season that was overshadowed by the untimely death of his younger sister.

PROS

- » Has the first step quickness to shoot gaps and get into the backfield
- » Heavy hands that pack a real punch on contact
- » Versatility to line up from nose to 5-tech
- » Core strength to anchor against drive blocks

CONS

- » Durability concerns - injuries limited him to less than 500 snaps the last two years
- » No real semblance of a plan as a pass rusher at this point
- » Tall for an interior defender and struggles to maintain good pad level

ONE LINER

"It's easy to see why Bresee was such a highly-regarded high school recruit. He has all the tools you want at the position - he just needs to stay healthy and work on his technique to hit his sky high ceiling."

JALEN CARTER

IDL, GEORGIA (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 1

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'3"
Weight	314
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	119	129	96
Pass rush snaps	273	264	191
Run stops	18	15	7
Sacks	3	4	2
Hits	5	6	2
Hurries	24	24	9
Pass rush win rate	16.3%	18.9%	11%

BACKGROUND

Carter was a five-star recruit coming out of high school and was ranked as the No. 18 overall prospect and the No. 4 defensive tackle in the class. He predictably earned offers from some of the blue blood programs of college football, including Georgia, Alabama, and Clemson. He committed to the Bulldogs on National Signing Day and has built his reputation as a rising star ever since.

Carter earned a rotational role as a freshman, playing 287 snaps across ten games. His production exploded in his sophomore year as part of a fearsome Georgia defensive line that helped carry the team to their first national title since 1980. He continued his dominance in 2022, earning First Team All-SEC and Unanimous All-American honours in the process.

PROS

- » Outstanding athlete with great short area quickness for his size
- » So much power. Will bulldoze opponents if left one-on-one
- » Consistently productive as a pass rusher
- » His combination of power and quicks makes him a great run defender

CONS

- » Inconsistent pad level when engaging with blockers
- » Tends to win with traits rather than technique as a pass rusher
- » Has been the subject of some serious off-field issues

ONE LINER

"Carter is one of the best defensive tackle prospects to come out in recent year and has All-Pro potential. The off-field question marks will be a big part of his evaluation, but there's little doubt he's a force on the field."

GERVON DEXTER

IDL, FLORIDA (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 7

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'5"
Weight	310
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	335	251	142
Pass rush snaps	346	229	112
Run stops	25	21	6
Sacks	2	4	0
Hits	3	8	1
Hurries	20	12	3
Pass rush win rate	8.6%	13.4%	8.4%

BACKGROUND

Dexter was one of the most sought-after recruits in the 2020 class. A five-star defensive tackle, he was ranked as the No. 1 player in the state of Florida and the No. 12 player in the entire class. He earned 30 offers, but elected to stay in state and commit to the Gators over the likes of Alabama and Georgia.

After playing a part-time role as a true freshman, Dexter earned a starting role in his sophomore season. Though his box score production has been modest, he has established himself as a key part of the Gators' defense over the last two years. Dexter started all 13 games in both the 2021 and 2022 seasons.

PROS

- » Has the size to translate well to the NFL
- » Heavy hands to knock opponents back on contact
- » Impressive explosiveness
- » Flashes are genuinely exceptional - looks unblockable at times

CONS

- » Timing off the snap is so inconsistent. Routinely the last to react
- » Pad level causes issues as a pass rusher and as a run defender
- » No real plan as a pass rusher
- » Struggles to anchor against double teams

ONE LINER

"Dexter has the size, strength, and explosiveness to be a disruptor in the trenches. You can see why a team will buy in to that, but the big question is why it never resulted in production at the collegiate level."

SIAKI IKA

IDL, BAYLOR (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 8

Round Projection: 3rd

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Height	6'3"
Weight	335
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	198	230	28
Pass rush snaps	217	275	47
Run stops	13	15	3
Sacks	0	6	1
Hits	3	3	3
Hurries	15	24	1
Pass rush win rate	12.1%	16.2%	18.2%

BACKGROUND

A four-star recruit in the 2019 class, Ika was the No. 2 recruit in the state of Utah. He received 20 offers, committing to LSU over offers from the likes of Alabama and Ohio State. As a true freshman he featured in 13 games for the Tigers en route to their 2019 National Championship win. Following a shift in scheme in 2020, Ika decided to enter the transfer portal.

He landed at Baylor, where he re-united with former LSU defensive coordinator Dave Aranda. Ika got his first full-time starting role in 2021 and looked excellent. He earned First Team All-Big 12 honours and was voted the conference's Defensive Newcomer of the Year. He was once again selected as a First Team All-Big 12 member in 2022.

PROS

- » Really light on his feet for a big man
- » Like a block of granite - opponents can't shift him off his spot
- » Controls the point of attack well against the run
- » Nice pass rushing chops you rarely see in a nose tackle

CONS

- » Struggles to maintain good pad level
- » Athletic for 350+ lbs but still below average by positional standards
- » Not the quickest to find counters
- » Will be exclusively a nose tackle at the next level

ONE LINER

"Ika is a matchup nightmare against the run, but he's also more effective pass rusher than you might initially expect. At his size he is unlikely to be an every down player in the NFL, but he can be an effective contributor."

CALIJAH KANCEY

IDL, PITTSBURGH (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 3

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'0"
Weight	281
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	179	207	147
Pass rush snaps	275	367	251
Run stops	13	14	17
Sacks	8	9	2
Hits	9	10	9
Hurries	30	19	15
Pass rush win rate	22.7%	12.4%	14%

BACKGROUND

Kancey was listed as a three-star recruit coming out of Miami Northwestern High School, which counts Teddy Bridgewater and Amari Cooper amongst its alumni. Despite his production, he was overlooked by many of college football's bigger schools by virtue of being just 264 lbs. He ended up earning 19 offers, committing to Pitt over the likes of Kansas State and South Carolina.

He played just seven snaps as a true freshman before redshirting the season. He took on a more prominent role the following year, appearing in 11 games and starting four of them. Kancey then had a breakout 2021 season that saw him earn First Team All-ACC honours. He built on this success in 2022, leading the team with 47 pressures and being voted a Unanimous All-American.

PROS

- » Great athlete with unreal first step quickness and twitch
- » Already a refined pass rusher
- » His height allows him to play with consistently good leverage
- » Motor runs red hot on every play

CONS

- » Massively undersized
- » Gets uprooted far too easily against the run due to poor anchor
- » Lacks ideal length - arms rank in the first percentile
- » Very much a scheme specific player

ONE LINER

"At his size, Kancey may never develop into a three-down interior lineman in the NFL. That said, his ability to impact the passing game is hugely valuable and his combination of quicks and technique is tough to contain."

JAQUELIN ROY

IDL, LSU (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 9

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'3"
Weight	305
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	297	211	132
Pass rush snaps	377	285	135
Run stops	21	14	6
Sacks	2	2	1
Hits	5	8	1
Hurries	20	22	17
Pass rush win rate	10.1%	15.6%	11.7%

BACKGROUND

Roy was rated as a four-star prospect in the 2020 recruiting class, being ranked as the No. 2 prospect in the state of Louisiana and the No. 41 overall player in the country. He predictably garnered plenty of interest, earning 25 offers. He eventually committed to his home state Tigers over the likes of Alabama, Georgia, and Oregon.

Roy earned a rotational role as a true freshman, featuring in nine games. He took on a larger role in 2021, playing in 13 games and leading all of LSU's interior defenders with 497 snaps. Roy was one of the central figures of the Tigers' defense in 2022, playing in all 13 games and starting 12 of them as the team won the SEC West.

PROS

- » Good first step quickness to get into opponents' pads
- » Has enough pop in his hands to win with power
- » Comfortable playing across the interior
- » Never leaves the field - averaged 52 snaps per game in 2022

CONS

- » Hand technique and pass rush plan are noticeably inconsistent
- » Has issues anchoring against drive blocks
- » Hips are little stiffer than you'd like
- » Often seemed slow to properly diagnose plays

ONE LINER

"Roy's combination of quickness and power is encouraging, as is his alignment versatility and iron-man durability. He's still raw though, and will need to address his anchor issues to achieve his potential."

MAZI SMITH

IDL, MICHIGAN (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 4

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'3"
Weight	323
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	238	271	37
Pass rush snaps	393	271	14
Run stops	27	19	2
Sacks	1	1	0
Hits	1	1	0
Hurries	19	14	0
Pass rush win rate	11.4%	9.1%	0%

BACKGROUND

Smith was rated as a four-star defensive tackle prospect and the No. 105 overall player in the 2019 recruiting class. He earned 20 offers, including from the likes of Alabama, Penn State, and Georgia, but elected instead to commit to his home state Wolverines.

Smith served as a backup in his true freshman season, playing just seven snaps in two games. He was a backup once again in 2020, featuring for 51 snaps in four games whilst earning an Academic All-Big Ten nod. Smith became a starter in 2021, starting all 14 games as the Wolverines won their first Big Ten Championship since 2004. Smith once again featured as a 14 game starter in 2022 on his way to First Team All-Big Ten honours.

PROS

- » Rare athlete for his size - was the No. 1 overall player on Feldman's Freaks List
- » Grown man strength
- » Will overwhelm most linemen if left in one-on-one situations
- » Light on his feet for a bigger lineman

CONS

- » More of a pocket pusher than a pass rusher
- » Slow to react and adjust with his hands
- » Late to get out of his stance far too often
- » Inconsistent pad level

ONE LINER

"Smith has a rare combination of size and quickness that projects well to the NFL. His biggest issue is turning that into consistency on the field. He feels like the kind of player who has his best football still ahead of him."

KOBIE TURNER

IDL, WAKE FOREST (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Height	6'3"
Weight	290
Class	2017

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	195	259	82
Pass rush snaps	323	356	115
Run stops	22	20	9
Sacks	3	5	3
Hits	4	4	3
Hurries	27	20	12
Pass rush win rate	14.7%	11.9%	17.9%

Position Rank: 10
Round Projection: 4th



BACKGROUND

Turner played both offensive and defensive line in high school, but despite his on-field talent he failed to garner any interest. He was listed as a zero-star recruit in the 2017 class and earned a single offer. He subsequently committed to play for the Richmond Spiders in the FCS as a walk-on.

Turner didn't make an appearance during his freshman year, but he played in 11 games during the 2018 season. He then started all 12 games in 2019, being voted a Third Team All-CAA member. He broke out during the 2020 spring season, being voted the conference's Co-Defensive Player of the Year. He spent one more year with Richmond before transferring to Wake Forest ahead of the 2022 season, where he finished the season with three sacks and 27 defensive stops.

PROS

- » Good first step quickness to challenge offensive linemen in pass protection
- » Excellent natural leverage that he uses to his advantage
- » Powerful hands that create plenty of pop on contact
- » Plays until the whistle - red hot motor

CONS

- » Undersized for an NFL interior lineman
- » Noticeably short arms that limit his ability to stack and shed blocks
- » Needs to add some more anchor strength to hold his ground in the running game
- » Sixth-year senior who turns 24 before the draft

ONE LINER

"Turner enters the NFL with a strong track record of production. His lack of size and strength might limit his ability to consistently see the field, but he can add value as a rotational interior pass rusher."

Edge Rusher



WILL ANDERSON



FELIX ANUDIKE-UZOMAH



ANDRE CARTER



DERICK HALL



ZACH HARRISON



NICK HERBIG



ISAIAH FOSKEY



WILL MCDONALD IV



MYLES MURPHY



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TYREE WILSON

WILL ANDERSON

EDGE, ALABAMA (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Height	6'4"
Weight	253
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	275	333	231
Pass rush snaps	383	482	359
Run stops	18	33	12
Sacks	14	15	8
Hits	9	11	16
Hurries	42	56	36
Pass rush win rate	20.3%	17.2%	19.5%

Position Rank: 1

Round Projection: 1st



BACKGROUND

As a five-star recruit and the No. 17 overall prospect in the 2020 class, Anderson received 39 offers coming out of high school. He decided to commit to the Crimson Tide over offers from the likes of LSU and Florida and the rest, as they say, is history. Anderson became a starter as a true freshman in 2020 and was voted a Second Team All-SEC member.

He took his game to new heights in 2021, leading college football with 82 pressures on 482 pass rushing snaps. His outstanding performances over the past two years have been recognised with a number of notable awards. Anderson is a two-time SEC Defensive Player of the Year and Bronko Nagurski Trophy winner.

PROS

- » Excellent first step to be a threat as a speed rusher
- » Great bend and ankle flexion to flatten at the top of the arc
- » Plays with far more strength than his listed weight would suggest
- » Absolutely red hot motor

CONS

- » Needs to stack pass rush moves and get quicker at employing counters
- » Misses too many tackles - 27.5% miss rate in 2022
- » Had issues against longer and stronger tackles

ONE LINER

"Anderson is a blue-chip prospect with elite collegiate production and impressive athletic traits. He might benefit from a little more polish, but he feels like he can be the next big name at edge rusher in the NFL."

FELIX ANUDIKE-UZOMAH

EDGE, KANSAS STATE (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 7

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'3"
Weight	255
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	275	243	7
Pass rush snaps	388	280	34
Run stops	22	20	1
Sacks	8	13	1
Hits	9	5	1
Hurries	29	25	2
Pass rush win rate	15.9%	20.7%	6.1%

BACKGROUND

Anudike-Uzomah was rated as a three-star defensive end recruit coming out of Lee's Summit High School in Kansas City. He earned just six offers, with only two coming from FBS schools. He initially made the decision to commit to North Dakota State, but eventually flipped his commitment to Kansas State.

Anudike-Uzomah saw playing time as a true freshman in 2020, playing 43 snaps across six games. He followed this up with a breakout sophomore season that saw him voted a First Team All-Big 12 member and the conference's Defensive Lineman of the Year. He had another strong year in 2022, once again earning all-conference honours and being voted a First Team All-American.

PROS

- » Good athlete, with a quick first step and impressive bend
- » Heavy hands that shock on contact
- » Makes big plays - 21 sacks and eight forced fumbles in two seasons
- » Nice variety to his pass rushing plan

CONS

- » Slow to employ counters
- » Inconsistent at stacking and shedding against the run
- » Struggled when asked to move between the tackles
- » A little tight in the hips

ONE LINER

"Anudike-Uzomah might only be a two-year starter, but he is already an advanced and productive pass rusher. Combine that with a strong athletic profile and he feels like a very safe bet in the NFL."

ANDRE CARTER

EDGE, ARMY (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 15

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'7"
Weight	256
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	333	259	87
Pass rush snaps	173	293	72
Run stops	17	10	5
Sacks	4	15	1
Hits	2	9	3
Hurries	17	35	8
Pass rush win rate	21.4%	26%	18.6%

BACKGROUND

Carter was an under-the-radar recruit coming out of high school. He spent most of his time as a tight end, where he was stuck behind a four-star prospect and didn't see the field. A transfer ahead of his senior season and a switch to defense helped matters, but he still failed to earn a star rating or garner much interest. Army were the only FBS school to offer him a scholarship.

Carter didn't make an appearance as a true freshman, before playing a rotational role in 10 games as a sophomore. A starting opportunity arose in 2021 and Carter had a breakout season, finishing with the second most sacks in the country. The sacks may have diminished in 2022, but Carter had another very impressive season for the Black Knights.

PROS

- » Rare movement skills for his size. Looks comfortable dropping into coverage
- » A deep tool box of moves as a pass rusher
- » Good natural length to keep his chest clean when engaging
- » Great quickness and agility to beat tackles around the edge

CONS

- » Functional strength is sorely lacking, making him a liability against the run
- » Needs to stack his pass rushing moves better
- » Level of competition could be a concern
- » Struggles to maintain good pad level by virtue of his height

ONE LINER

"The high end of Carter's tape is outstanding, but his lack of functional strength is a concern. That should be remedied once he's in an NFL weight room and not subject to Army training duties, but it may take some time."

DERICK HALL

EDGE, AUBURN (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 9

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'3"
Weight	254
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	312	276	148
Pass rush snaps	355	310	174
Run stops	17	14	9
Sacks	8	10	4
Hits	11	8	6
Hurries	28	25	21
Pass rush win rate	17.4%	18.9%	21.5%

BACKGROUND

Hall was an impressive athlete during his high school career. He excelled as an edge rusher on the football field, but he was also a basketball player and a state finalist in the 200m. Hall was listed as a four-star recruit in the 2019 class and was considered the No. 9 overall prospect in the state of Mississippi. He earned 15 offers, choosing Auburn over the likes of LSU and Florida.

Hall featured in 11 games as a true freshman in 2019, starting three of them. He played an increased role in 2020, logging over 350 snaps through 11 games. His opportunity as a full-time starter arrived the following season and he finished the year as a Second Team All-SEC member. Hall had a career year in 2022, leading the Tigers with 47 pressures and earning First Team All-SEC honours.

PROS

- » Excellent arm length to keep his chest clean when engaged
- » Legitimately impressive first step
- » Knows how to wreak havoc with a nice speed-to-power rush
- » Sets the edge nicely against the run

CONS

- » Linear athlete with tightness in his hips
- » Lacks diversity to his pass rush plan
- » Motor would run hot and cold
- » Looked out of place when asked to drop back into coverage

ONE LINER

"Hall's explosiveness and natural length advantage project well to the next level and his solid run defense gives him a solid floor. He is a little predictable though, and will need a deeper toolbox to win consistently in the NFL."

ZACH HARRISON

EDGE, OHIO STATE (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Height	6'5"
Weight	274
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	220	233	70
Pass rush snaps	257	299	144
Run stops	12	21	5
Sacks	6	4	2
Hits	3	4	1
Hurries	24	20	19
Pass rush win rate	14.5%	16.5%	24.6%

Position Rank: 14

Round Projection: 3rd



BACKGROUND

Harrison was a high profile recruit coming out of Olentangy Orange High School in 2019. He earned a five-star rating and was the No. 1 prospect in the state of Ohio and the No. 12 prospect in the entire country. In addition to his success on the football field, Harrison was a standout track athlete, logging a 10.78 100m and a 21.55 200m.

Harrison played a rotational role through his first two seasons in Columbus and earned Second Team All-Big Ten honours in 2020. The departure of Jonathon Cooper ahead of the 2021 season opened up a starting role and Harrison has held it ever since. In his final season he led the Buckeyes with 33 pressures and was voted a First Team All-Big Ten member.

PROS

- » Has a frame that was built in a lab, including 99th percentile arm length
- » Scarcely believable explosiveness - has run a 10.7 in the 100m
- » Impressive power profile
- » Sets the edge very well against the run

CONS

- » Tight-hipped, with no real bend
- » Otherworldly traits didn't come with expected on-field production
- » No real plan as a pass rusher
- » Can struggle to maintain good pad level

ONE LINER

"Harrison has the tools. The big question facing him is whether he can develop his technique. His traits-based approach worked in college, but he needs to add more nuance to reach his ceiling in the NFL."

NICK HERBIG

EDGE, WISCONSIN (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 13

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'2"
Weight	240
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	233	286	138
Pass rush snaps	192	208	142
Run stops	15	21	13
Sacks	11	9	1
Hits	6	6	2
Hurries	17	26	2
Pass rush win rate	23.9%	27.3%	12%

BACKGROUND

Herbig is the younger brother of former Stanford Cardinal and current Pittsburgh Steeler guard, Nate Herbig. He was listed as a four-star recruit in the 2020 class, earning offers from 16 different schools. He committed to play for Wisconsin over the likes of Stanford, Oklahoma, and his native Hawaii.

Herbig had an immediate impact upon arrival, starting all seven games of the 2020 season as a true freshman. He then started all 13 games as a sophomore, leading the team with 41 pressures and leading the Big Ten in pass rush win rate. As a junior, Herbig became the first Badger to average one sack per game since 1996 and was voted a First Team All-Big Ten member in the process.

PROS

- » Big-play machine, who seems to spend his time living in the backfield
- » Refined pass rusher, with a deep toolbox of moves to call upon
- » Impressive first step quickness to challenge opponents around the edge
- » Comfortable dropping back into coverage

CONS

- » Undersized for a traditional edge rusher role, with lack of size and length
- » Lacks ideal play strength to set the edge against the run
- » Pretty much a finesse player only
- » Likely an off-ball linebacker in the NFL, but has no real experience at that spot

ONE LINER

"Herbig has been one of the most productive pass rushers in college football over the last two years, but his lack of size and play strength makes him a complicated projection. A switch to linebacker might be his best bet."

ISAIAH FOSKEY

EDGE, NOTRE DAME (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 10
Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'5"
Weight	264
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	229	210	104
Pass rush snaps	314	284	153
Run stops	15	20	7
Sacks	12	11	4
Hits	3	4	6
Hurries	18	17	8
Pass rush win rate	14.5%	14.2%	12.8%

BACKGROUND

Foskey was a two-way player in high school, starring as both a defensive end and a tight end. He was recruited to play the former, earning a four-star rating as the No. 28 prospect in the state of California. Foskey earned 26 offers, committing to Notre Dame over the likes of Alabama, Penn State, Ohio State.

Foskey played just 63 snaps as a true freshman in 2019, before emerging as a rotational edge rusher as a sophomore. With both of the Fighting Irish's starting edge rushers departing for the 2021 NFL Draft, Foskey became a starter and made an instant impact, finishing the season with 11 sacks. He had another dominant year in 2022, being voted a Consensus All-American.

PROS

- » Ticks the box in terms of his size/speed combo
- » Good length, with a mean bull rush
- » A strong finisher with a boatload of sacks and forced fumbles
- » Uses length well as a run defender

CONS

- » A bit of a one-trick pony as a pass rusher who is overly reliant on the bull rush
- » Struggles to quickly find counters when his initial rush fails
- » More of a linear athlete than a bendy one
- » Struggles to play with consistent leverage

ONE LINER

"Foskey has the size and speed of an NFL edge with some impressive backfield production to match. He remains a little one-dimensional though and needs to add more variety as a rusher to reach his ceiling."

WILL MCDONALD IV

EDGE, IOWA STATE (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 8

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'4"
Weight	239
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	246	217	100
Pass rush snaps	260	273	222
Run stops	17	12	3
Sacks	6	13	9
Hits	3	8	6
Hurries	16	24	20
Pass rush win rate	16.8%	21%	19%

BACKGROUND

McDonald was a multi-sport athlete in high school, playing football, basketball, and baseball, in addition to starring in track and field. As a basketball-first athlete he didn't earn many offers to play football. His home state Wisconsin offered him an opportunity as a preferred walk-on, with Iowa State being his lone scholarship offer.

McDonald featured primarily on special teams during his first two seasons, before a breakout 2020 campaign that saw him earn First Team All-Big 12 honours. McDonald went on to repeat that feat in each of the next two seasons as he led Iowa State in pressures in both 2021 and 2022. He also won the Big 12 Co-Defensive Lineman of the Year award following the 2021 season.

PROS

- » One of the most explosive players in the entire draft class with a mean first step
- » Incredible length to control blocks and keep his chest clean
- » Forced 11 fumbles throughout his career
- » Loose athlete who can bend and finish at the top of the arc

CONS

- » Noticeably undersized for an NFL edge
- » Play strength is a legitimate concern in all phases of the game
- » Struggles to anchor and hold his ground against the run
- » Not overly comfortable reading and reacting to situations as a pass rusher

ONE LINER

"McDonald's role in college wasn't conducive to production and he has the burst, bend, and length to be an effective pass rusher in the NFL. His lacklustre play strength and issues against the run limit his ceiling though."

MYLES MURPHY

EDGE, CLEMSON (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 4

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'5"
Weight	268
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	214	201	184
Pass rush snaps	356	332	225
Run stops	13	11	15
Sacks	6	9	5
Hits	7	0	3
Hurries	21	33	12
Pass rush win rate	14.3%	16.1%	13%

BACKGROUND

Murphy was a highly-touted recruit coming out of high school. He was rated as a five-star prospect and the No. 7 overall player in the 2020 class. He garnered plenty of interest, with 16 offers from schools including Clemson, Alabama, Georgia, and Michigan. Murphy committed to the Tigers, becoming one of their five five-star recruits in that class.

Murphy logged two sacks in his college football debut and the rest, as they say, is history. He has been a key part of Clemson's defense ever since, logging 96 pressures, 20 sacks, and six forced fumbles in his three seasons. He was selected as a Second Team All-ACC member as a sophomore before making the First Team in 2022.

PROS

- » Raw power personified. Will manhandle opposing tackles
- » Good athlete for his size with impressive short area quickness
- » Sets the edge nicely as a run defender
- » Wreaks havoc on stunts and twists

CONS

- » Not nearly as consistent when he tries using finesse
- » His size results in some issues with bend
- » Never really dominated as much as his traits might suggest he should

ONE LINER

"Murphy's combination of size, power, and athletic ability don't come around very often. You'd liked to have seen more development in college, but he still has all of the tools to be a game-wrecker in the pros."

BJ OJULARI

EDGE, LSU (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 6

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'2"
Weight	248
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	334	295	124
Pass rush snaps	334	346	189
Run stops	15	18	6
Sacks	9	8	4
Hits	14	13	3
Hurries	26	33	17
Pass rush win rate	18%	17.4%	18.7%

BACKGROUND

Ojulari was a star pass rusher during his high school career in Georgia, setting a school record with 19 sacks as a senior. He was rated as a four-star prospect in the 2020 recruiting class and top 100 player nationally. He earned 18 offers and had the chance to follow his older brother Azeez to Georgia. Instead he committed to Tennessee, before flipping to LSU later in the process.

Ojulari featured in ten games as a true freshman, starting once against Auburn. He earned a starting role the following year, leading the team with 54 pressures and eight sacks. Ojulari led the team in pressures once again in 2022, and this time he saw his efforts rewarded with a selection as a First Team All-SEC member.

PROS

- » Possesses impressive athletic ability and explosiveness
- » Already has a deep arsenal of pass rushing moves
- » Proficient and sound run defender
- » Motor runs hot - never seems to take plays off

CONS

- » Has no real power profile whatsoever
- » Does have issues anchoring against drive blocks
- » Pass rush plan can look a little too pre-determined

ONE LINER

"Ojulari is a pass rush technician with a solid record of production. His issues with play strength will limit his ability to be a three-down difference maker out of the gate, but he can develop into a plus starter."

NOLAN SMITH

EDGE, GEORGIA (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 2

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'2"
Weight	238
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	69	172	69
Pass rush snaps	104	256	82
Run stops	10	18	5
Sacks	2	7	3
Hits	5	3	4
Hurries	12	18	11
Pass rush win rate	25%	13.7%	19.7%

BACKGROUND

Smith wasn't just one of the most prominent high school recruits in his class - he was one of the most sought-after of all time. As a five-star prospect who was the No. 1 overall player in the country and the No. 20 prospect of all-time, it should come as no surprise that he wasn't short of suitors. Smith committed to Georgia over offers from the likes of Alabama, Penn State, and Clemson.

He served as a rotational pass rusher in his true freshman season, featuring in all 14 games. He played the same role in 2020, logging 18 pressures and three sacks. Smith became a starter in the Bulldogs' national title-winning 2021 season. He returned for his senior season, starting eight games before a torn pectoral injury ended his campaign.

PROS

- » Eye-popping athletic profile
- » Fluidity and twitch to beat blocks but also to drop back into coverage
- » Really impressive run defender for a player of his size
- » Good pass rush production in a scheme that isn't always friendly to edge rushers

CONS

- » Tough to make a living as an every down edge in the NFL at his size
- » Predictably lacking in the play strength department
- » Hand placement is still a little spotty

ONE LINER

"Smith lacks ideal size and strength, but he's an elite athlete with a track record of production as both a pass rusher and run defender. That translates well to the NFL and he can be a high-quality edge at the next level."

TULI TUIPULOTU

EDGE, USC (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 11

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'3"
Weight	266
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	283	321	83
Pass rush snaps	403	289	116
Run stops	15	17	7
Sacks	13	6	2
Hits	6	6	1
Hurries	37	17	6
Pass rush win rate	19.2%	15.3%	12.3%

BACKGROUND

Tuipulotu comes from a family of athletes. His brother Marlon plays defensive tackle for the Philadelphia Eagles, and his cousin Talanoa Hufanga was a First Team All-Pro with the 49ers last season. Tuli was rated as a three-star defensive tackle recruit and earned 15 offers. He committed to USC to join his older brother over offers from Oregon, Stanford, and Wisconsin.

Tuipulotu featured in six games as a true freshman, making three starts. He became a starter for the Trojans the following year, starting all 12 games and earning First Team All-Pac-12 honours. His collegiate career culminated in an outstanding 2022 season that saw him voted the best defensive player in the conference and a Unanimous All-American.

PROS

- » Smart pass rusher with a deep tool box of moves
- » Good first step quickness to attack upfield
- » Eye-popping production in 2022
- » Has experience playing from a range of alignments

CONS

- » Really short arms that rank in the ninth percentile amongst edge prospects
- » Tighter in the hips than you'd like
- » Lacks the bend to consistently win around the outside

ONE LINER

"Tuipulotu played up and down the defensive line in college but he is an edge in the NFL. He isn't the bendiest guy you'll find, but his refined technique and short area quickness translate very well to the next level."

LUKAS VAN NESS

EDGE, IOWA (RS-SOPHOMORE)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 5

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'5"
Weight	272
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	203	175	--
Pass rush snaps	271	287	--
Run stops	10	9	--
Sacks	9	4	--
Hits	6	10	--
Hurries	31	14	--
Pass rush win rate	18.8%	13.5%	--

BACKGROUND

Van Ness played football and ice hockey growing up in Illinois and was listed as a three-star defensive end recruit in the 2020 class. He earned 29 offers, including from a number of Ivy League schools. He eventually decided to commit to Iowa over the likes of Minnesota, Illinois, and Kansas State.

Van Ness didn't see any action as a true freshman in 2020, choosing to redshirt the season. He went on to appear in all 14 of Iowa's games during the following season and was voted a Freshman All-American. Van Ness built on this success as a redshirt sophomore in 2022, leading the Hawkeyes with 46 pressures and earning Second Team All-Big Ten honours.

PROS

- » Has the kind of frame to win from a range of alignments
- » Tremendous raw power you don't expect for a redshirt sophomore
- » Seriously explosive for a bigger edge, with the bend to flatten the arc
- » Reliable edge setter against the run

CONS

- » Has no experience as a starter - didn't start a single game in his college career
- » One-trick pony as a pass rusher who is overly reliant on his bull rush
- » Slow to find counters if his initial plan of attack fails
- » Still developing as a processor

ONE LINER

"Van Ness is a little one-dimensional at the moment, but that's to be expected for someone with such little experience. With the dream combination of size and athleticism it is easy to buy into his ceiling."

KEION WHITE

EDGE, GEORGIA TECH (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 12

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'5"
Weight	285
Class	2017

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	282	36	--
Pass rush snaps	274	36	--
Run stops	20	0	--
Sacks	7	0	--
Hits	4	0	--
Hurries	30	2	--
Pass rush win rate	20.1%	12.1%	--

BACKGROUND

White was a two-way starter in high school, playing as both a tight end and defensive end. He was listed as a two-star recruit in the 2017 class and earned just five offers. He committed to play tight end at Old Dominion, with the Monarchs being the only FBS school to offer him a scholarship.

White redshirted his true freshman season, before catching 11 passes the following year. It was at this point that he made the switch to defense, earning Second Team All-C-USA honours in his first year playing the position. White subsequently redshirted during the abbreviated 2020 season, before transferring to Georgia Tech. An ankle injury forced him to miss much of the 2021 season, before a strong final season that saw him earn Third Team All-ACC honours.

PROS

- » Special athlete, with movement skills you don't see in players that are 280+ lbs
- » Alignment versatility, with experience playing along the defensive line
- » Powerful rusher with strong hands
- » Still just scratching the surface of his potential

CONS

- » An older prospect, who will turn 25 before the end of his rookie season
- » The definition of a project - not ideally for a sixth-year senior
- » No sense of refinement or strategy as a pass rusher
- » Hand placement and timing is poor

ONE LINER

"You don't find many players as big as White who possess his blend of power and speed. That said, the fact he is a sixth-year senior who still needs a tonne of development does give you cause for concern."

TYREE WILSON

EDGE, TEXAS TECH (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 3

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'6"
Weight	271
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Run defense snaps	256	251	183
Pass rush snaps	261	352	205
Run stops	25	18	4
Sacks	8	6	2
Hits	10	5	2
Hurries	32	26	15
Pass rush win rate	22%	15.3%	10.2%

BACKGROUND

Wilson earned a three-star rating coming out West Rusk High School in Texas in 2018. 23 scholarship offers came his way, and he initially decided to commit to Washington State. He later re-opened his recruitment and committed to Texas A&M over offers from the likes of Florida, Arkansas, and Texas.

Wilson redshirted his true freshman season before appearing in 12 games for the Aggies during the 2019 season. He entered the transfer portal the following summer, landing with the Red Raiders. In 2020 he started the final five games of the season. Wilson became a full-time starter the following year and ended his career as a First Team All-Big 12 member and First Team All-American in 2022.

PROS

- » Huge frame with outstanding length
- » Physically imposing with a particularly mean bull rush
- » Very impressive athlete for someone who is 270+ lbs
- » Too quick and strong to contain in the running game

CONS

- » He is never going to be the bendiest rusher off the edge
- » Can attack blocks too upright leading to loss of leverage
- » Hand placement is inconsistent
- » An older player who turns 23 before the start of training camp

ONE LINER

"Wilson is a true bully in the trenches who relentlessly dominated his competition with a rare blend of length, strength, and quickness. You can bet that translates very well to the NFL level."

Linebacker



JACK CAMPBELL



DAIYAN HENLEY



DEMARVION OVERSHOWN



IVAN PACE JR.



OWEN PAPPOE



DREW SANDERS



NOAH SEWELL



TRENTON SIMPSON



HENRY TO'O TO'O



DORIAN WILLIAMS

JACK CAMPBELL

LB, IOWA (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 1

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'5"
Weight	249
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Total tackles	122	139	27
Missed tackle rate	9%	9.2%	6.9%
Defensive stops	51	56	18
Receptions/Targets	39/42	26/39	7/10
Yards allowed	236	299	61
Forced incompletions	3	5	3
Pass rush win rate	21.7%	9.2%	21.4%

BACKGROUND

Campbell was a three-sport star in high school, playing football, basketball, and track and field. He was ranked as a three-star linebacker recruit coming out of Cedar Falls High School in Iowa. He earned just four offers, committing to the Hawkeyes over Iowa State, Minnesota, and Northern Iowa.

Campbell became a core special teams player as a true freshman in 2019, whilst also appearing sparingly on defense. He earned a rotational role in the abbreviated 2020 season, before becoming a starter as a junior in 2021. Campbell hit the ground running, earning First Team All Big Ten honours. He then topped this with an outstanding senior season that saw him voted a Unanimous All-American and win the Butkus Award as the best linebacker in the country.

PROS

- » Moves really well for a player built like a true bigger-bodied linebacker
- » Innate feel for space in zone coverage
- » Physical in effort to stack and shed
- » Calm and collected tackler who wraps up well in space

CONS

- » Solid if unspectacular range
- » Not the guy you want in man coverage against more athletic tight ends
- » Can look a little too patient at times
- » Will sometimes stop his feet on contact when engaging blockers

ONE LINER

"Campbell is an incredibly well-rounded player with the size and smarts to be a quality linebacker in the NFL. He might not possess great long speed, but he just does everything else so well."

DAIYAN HENLEY

LB, WASHINGTON STATE (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 5

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'0"
Weight	225
Class	2017

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Total tackles	92	98	40
Missed tackle rate	5.2%	9.3%	13%
Defensive stops	40	40	19
Receptions/Targets	34/46	26/38	17/23
Yards allowed	361	178	127
Forced incompletions	2	5	1
Pass rush win rate	18.9%	14%	16.1%

BACKGROUND

Henley played quarterback in high school and earned a two-star rating in the 2017 recruiting class. He was ranked as the No. 150 pro-style quarterback in the class and didn't earn much attention. His lone offer came from Nevada, and he committed to the Wolfpack shortly after.

Henley transitioned to wide receiver upon his arrival in Nevada and spent his first two seasons there, catching 17 passes for 232 yards. The decision was made to move him to linebacker ahead of his junior season, but an injury limited him to just two games. He became a starter for the Wolfpack the following season, spending two seasons with the team before transferring to Washington State. As a Cougar, Henley was voted a First Team All-Pac-12 member.

PROS

- » Athletic linebacker with impressive burst and range
- » Fluid mover who looks like a natural dropping into coverage
- » Flashed some nice pop on contact
- » Impact player on third downs with good production as a blitzer

CONS

- » Still fairly new to the linebacker position
- » Instincts just aren't where you want them to be at this point
- » Doesn't have the strength to stack and shed consistently
- » An older prospect who will turn 24 during his rookie season

ONE LINER

"Henley's tape is hugely encouraging for someone so new to the position. He needs more development than you'd like for an older prospect, but his blend of athleticism and coverage skills is what every team wants."

DEMARVION OVERSHOWN

LB, TEXAS (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 7

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'3"
Weight	229
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Total tackles	92	71	63
Missed tackle rate	13.2%	20.2%	24.1%
Defensive stops	46	32	29
Receptions/Targets	26/33	25/28	31/41
Yards allowed	214	222	223
Forced incompletions	2	1	7
Pass rush win rate	15.5%	24.3%	11.8%

BACKGROUND

Overshown was a heavily recruited prospect coming out of Arp High School in Texas. He was ranked as a four-star safety prospect and the No. 52 overall player in the country. He earned offers from 26 schools, committing to the Longhorns over the likes of Alabama, Clemson, and Ohio State.

Overshown played a bit-part role as a safety over his first two seasons at Texas. Following spring practice in 2020, the decision was made to move Overshown into the box full-time and he has played as a linebacker ever since. He earned First Team All-Big 12 honours in 2022 and comes into the draft as one of the more experienced players at the position, with over 2,000 career snaps to his name.

PROS

- » Explosive athlete with good long speed
- » Fluid mover in space - background as a safety is evident
- » Some impressive production as a blitzer
- » Looks like a banshee when getting downhill

CONS

- » Small for a linebacker and lacking ideal play strength
- » Gets washed away against the run far too often
- » Could still improve as a processor
- » Has missed a tonne of tackles in his career

ONE LINER

"Overshown is a live-wire with real playmaking potential. His lack of size and inadequacy against the run might prevent him from being a three-down player in the NFL, but you can expect him to be a good role player."

IVAN PACE JR.

LB, CINCINNATI (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 9

Round Projection: 4th



Height	5'11"
Weight	231
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Total tackles	126	118	30
Missed tackle rate	13.1%	10.6%	9.1%
Defensive stops	69	57	16
Receptions/Targets	12/14	17/26	5/7
Yards allowed	114	162	42
Forced incompletions	3	3	0
Pass rush win rate	36.4%	33.3%	33.3%

BACKGROUND

Pace played linebacker and running back in high school and was listed as a two-star prospect in the 2019 class. He was named as the best defensive player in Ohio as a senior, but in spite of his on-field production he earned just two offers. He committed to play for Miami (OH) over Cincinnati.

Despite only being used in a rotational role as a true freshman, Pace led the RedHawks with six sacks in 2019. He started all three games in the abbreviated 2020 season, before a strong 2021 campaign that saw him earn First Team All-MAC honours. He subsequently transferred to Cincinnati to join his younger brother Deshawn, becoming the AAC Defensive Player of the Year and a Unanimous All-American in the process.

PROS

- » Like a heat-seeking missile when he's asked to rush the passer
- » Legitimate athlete with the quickness to translate to the NFL
- » Nimble on his feet to slip blocks
- » Tough player who adds value as a special teamer

CONS

- » Really short, with first percentile height and third percentile length
- » Lack of length limits his ability to stack and shed against the run
- » Naturally small tackle radius
- » Will have issues if asked to play a tonne of man coverage

ONE LINER

"Pace's lack of height and length will take him off some draft boards completely, but his ability to wreak havoc as a blitzing and add value on special teams mean that at the very worst he will be a solid depth option."

OWEN PAPPOE

LB, AUBURN (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 10

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'0"
Weight	225
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Total tackles	94	25	88
Missed tackle rate	6.9%	16.7%	11.4%
Defensive stops	25	7	32
Receptions/Targets	25/34	7/10	24/27
Yards allowed	211	58	182
Forced incompletions	4	0	1
Pass rush win rate	10.5%	13.3%	12.7%

BACKGROUND

Pappoe was a high-profile high school star, becoming the youngest player in history to be invited to Nike's The Opening showcase, an event dedicated to highlighting elite football prospects. He was rated as a five-star prospect and the No. 25 overall prospect in the 2019 class. He earned 44 offers, committing to Auburn over the likes of Alabama, Georgia, and Ohio State.

Pappoe had an instant impact for the Tigers, starting every game of his true freshman season. He managed the same feat in his sophomore season, before an ankle injury limited him to just five games as a junior. Pappoe bounced back with a strong senior season that saw him lead the team with 94 total tackles.

PROS

- » Outstanding athlete - nicknamed "The Freak" for a reason
- » Flashed some nice coverage ability
- » Smooth mover who is excellent at slipping blocks
- » Four-year starter and two-time team captain

CONS

- » Noticeably undersized for an NFL linebacker
- » Struggles when asked to stack and shed
- » You would like to see him read and react to plays quicker
- » Nothing special as a tackler

ONE LINER

"Pappoe has bags of experience and his elite athletic ability is difficult to ignore. The potential is there, but he needs to get bigger and improve his processing quickness to be a difference maker in the NFL."

DREW SANDERS

LB, ARKANSAS (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 3

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'4"
Weight	235
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Total tackles	90	25	3
Missed tackle rate	19.6%	16.7%	0%
Defensive stops	43	9	1
Receptions/Targets	22/27	9/10	3/4
Yards allowed	238	77	80
Forced incompletions	3	1	0
Pass rush win rate	28.3%	6.5%	14.8%

BACKGROUND

Sanders played on both sides of the ball in high school and was highly-sought after recruit. A five-star prospect, he was listed as the No. 1 athlete in the 2020 class and the No. 22 player in the nation. Sanders initially committed to Oklahoma over the likes of Georgia and Oregon, before flipping his commitment to Alabama.

Sanders was listed as an edge rusher at Alabama, featuring primarily on special teams as a true freshman. He then became a rotational player in his sophomore season, before entering the transfer portal and committing to Arkansas. A switch to off-ball linebacker followed and Sanders was voted a First Team All-SEC member and First Team All-American in his lone season as a Razorback.

PROS

- » Impressive athlete with legitimate sideline-to-sideline speed
- » Force of nature as a pass rusher
- » Has the tools to be a very good coverage defender
- » His traits give him perhaps the highest ceiling at the position in this class

CONS

- » Tackling technique needs a tonne of work
- » Still getting a feel for coverage and route distribution
- » Needs to add more play strength
- » Only one season as a starter at linebacker

ONE LINER

"Sanders has all of the tools to be a great NFL linebacker. He needs plenty work on the finer points of playing the position, but it is easy to see that he has some of the highest upside in this year's class."

NOAH SEWELL

LB, OREGON (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 8

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'2"
Weight	246
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Total tackles	56	87	42
Missed tackle rate	12.5%	17.9%	12.5%
Defensive stops	23	37	26
Receptions/Targets	25/31	28/40	5/7
Yards allowed	230	240	40
Forced incompletions	3	4	1
Pass rush win rate	22%	38.7%	18.4%

BACKGROUND

Sewell was a highly regarded high school prospect. He was one of just two five-star inside linebackers in the 2020 recruiting class, along with future Oregon teammate Justin Flowe. Sewell ranked as the top prospect in the state of Utah and the No. 13 ranked player in the class. He earned 33 offers, rejecting the likes of Alabama and Georgia to join his older brother Penei in Eugene.

Noah has been a starter for the Ducks since he got to campus, becoming the only Power Five true freshman to lead their team in tackles. He was voted as the Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year, before earning First Team All-Pac-12 honours in 2021. He then went on to earn Second Team All-Pac-12 honours in his final collegiate season.

PROS

- » Impressive athlete for his size, with outstanding speed and burst
- » So much pop on contact
- » Produced well as a blitzer - will destroy running backs if left one-on-one
- » Smart player, who reads the game well

CONS

- » Missed far too many tackles for a downhill enforcer
- » Approach angles are seriously inconsistent
- » Stiff hipped and struggles when asked to redirect
- » Nothing special whatsoever in coverage

ONE LINER

"Sewell is a menace coming downhill, whether that is engaging with blocks or rushing the passer. He's less impressive when asked to play in space, but in the right scheme and role he can be a solid contributor."

TRENTON SIMPSON

LB, CLEMSON (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 2

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'2"
Weight	235
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Total tackles	68	56	19
Missed tackle rate	10.5%	11.1%	24%
Defensive stops	29	35	15
Receptions/Targets	23/36	21/30	6/7
Yards allowed	196	157	53
Forced incompletions	1	1	0
Pass rush win rate	11.5%	16.1%	17.8%

BACKGROUND

Simpson was ranked as a five-star recruit in the 2020 class, earning offers from 25 different schools. He originally committed to play for Auburn, but later flipped his commitment to Clemson, choosing them over the likes of Georgia and LSU. Simpson became one of five five-star recruits in the Tigers' 2020 recruiting class.

After earning a part-time role as a true freshman in the abbreviated 2020 season, he became a starter on Brent Venables' defense in 2021 and played a versatile role. With the arrival of Wes Goodwin in 2022, Simpson shifted to a more traditional linebacker role in 2022 and earned Third Team All-ACC honours.

PROS

- » Has the exceptional all-around athletic profile teams crave
- » Versatility to play as a linebacker as well as in the slot and even in deep zones
- » Really effective blitzer
- » Good tackler in the open field

CONS

- » Only one year playing a traditional linebacker role
- » Solid, but unspectacular when it comes to play strength
- » No ball production during his college career

ONE LINER

"Simpson is the kind of athlete that modern defenses need at linebacker. You'd like to see a little more in terms of his ball production, but you have to think that this will come with time to develop in the NFL."

HENRY TO'OTO'O

LB, ALABAMA (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 6

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'1"
Weight	227
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Total tackles	95	108	81
Missed tackle rate	14.4%	15%	14.7%
Defensive stops	49	38	30
Receptions/Targets	29/39	42/50	29/38
Yards allowed	236	390	309
Forced incompletions	0	0	2
Pass rush win rate	11.5%	5.4%	6.1%

BACKGROUND

To'oTo'o was listed as four-star recruit and the No. 44 overall prospect in the 2019 recruiting class. He earned 19 offers before committing to Tennessee. His recruitment was a major coup for the Volunteers, as To'oTo'o chose them over the likes of Alabama and Oregon. He started every game in his first two seasons with Tennessee, earning Second Team All-SEC honours in 2020.

To'oTo'o entered the transfer portal ahead of the 2021 season in the wake of the Volunteers' recruiting scandal. He landed at Alabama, where he has started every game over the last two seasons. His time in Tuscaloosa saw him earn another Second Team All-SEC nod, before making the First Team in 2022.

PROS

- » Smart player who reads the game well and has a great first step
- » Four years as a starter at two different SEC schools
- » Very reliable run defender
- » Motor runs red hot

CONS

- » A little clunky when asked to flip his hips
- » Nothing to write home about as a coverage defender
- » Doesn't have the play strength to stop on contact
- » Has missed too many tackles in college

ONE LINER

"To'oTo'o is a cerebral player whose attitude and toughness stand out. His limitations as an athlete might prevent him from ever being a true NFL playmaker, but he has solid starter written all over him."

DORIAN WILLIAMS

LB, TULANE (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 4

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'1"
Weight	228
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Total tackles	133	77	73
Missed tackle rate	8.3%	10.5%	13.1%
Defensive stops	54	28	45
Receptions/Targets	19/27	22/26	15/22
Yards allowed	161	270	72
Forced incompletions	5	3	2
Pass rush win rate	14.7%	14.8%	19.4%

BACKGROUND

Williams played safety and linebacker in high school and was listed as a three-star prospect in the 2019 recruiting class. He didn't earn many offers, garnering interest from just three schools. Williams committed to play for Tulane over Coastal Carolina and Troy.

Williams featured in 13 games as a true freshman in 2019, with the vast majority of those appearances coming on special teams. He became a starter the following year, leading the Green Wave with 45 defensive stops in 2020 and being named a Second Team All-AAC member. He played a big role once again in 2021, leading the team with 77 tackles. Williams closed out his college career by leading the conference in tackles and being voted a First Team All-AAC member.

PROS

- » A natural in coverage with a track record of ball production
- » Smart player who reads the game well
- » Very impressive length to shed blocks and wrap up as an open field tackler
- » Fluid athlete who looks very comfortable playing in space

CONS

- » Lacks ideal play strength, which will only be more pronounced in the NFL
- » Gets taken out of the play by climbing linemen
- » Engages blocks, but isn't consistent in clearing them to get to the ball
- » Will stop his feet on contact too often

ONE LINER

"Williams undoubtedly needs to add some play strength to reach his NFL ceiling, but his combination of coverage instincts, length, and athleticism are incredibly promising when projecting to the next level."

Cornerback



DEONTE BANKS



JULIUS BRENTS



EMMANUEL FORBES



CHRISTIAN GONZALEZ



TRE'VIUS HODGES-TOMLINSON



JAYLON JONES



KYU BLU KELLY



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CLARK PHILLIPS



JOEY PORTER



ELI RICKS



KELEE RINGO



CAM SMITH



DJ TURNER



GARRETT WILLIAMS



DEVON WITHERSPOON

DEONTE BANKS

CB, MARYLAND (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 3

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'0"
Weight	197
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	26/60	2/4	8/17
Completion %	43.3%	50%	47.1%
Yards	258	25	99
TDs/INTs	4/1	0/0	0/0
Passer rating allowed	71.4	69.8	65.6
Defensive stops	7	1	1
Missed tackle rate	2.8%	0%	16.7%

BACKGROUND

Banks was rated as a three-star prospect in the 2019 class and was listed as the No. 12 ranked player in the state of Maryland. Despite his size and athletic background, he earned just six offers. Maryland was Banks' lone Power Five offer, committing to the Terrapins over the likes of Buffalo and Kent State.

Banks made an instant impact upon his arrival. He featured in 11 games as a true freshman, logging eight starts, before playing in all five games of the abbreviated 2020 season. He started the first two games of his junior year, before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury against Howard. Banks returned for a stellar 2022 campaign that saw him lead the team with eight pass breakups.

PROS

- » Great combination of long speed and explosiveness
- » Very fluid corner who mirrors with ease
- » Comfortable playing from both press and off coverage
- » Exceptional open field tackler

CONS

- » Can be over-aggressive in press
- » Will be manipulated by route fakes far too easily
- » Struggles to quickly locate the ball
- » Injury concerns - he missed almost all of 2021 with a shoulder injury

ONE LINER

"Banks is an elite athlete who has shown that he can be an impact player in all phases of the game. If he can polish up his technique in press coverage then he is a player with legitimate All-Pro potential."

JULIUS BRENTS

CB, KANSAS STATE (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 8

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'3"
Weight	198
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	24/52	30/47	3/15
Completion %	46.2%	63.8%	20%
Yards	374	306	19
TDs/INTs	3/4	4/1	0/0
Passer rating allowed	57.7	101.9	39.6
Defensive stops	17	13	1
Missed tackle rate	8%	14.8%	42.9%

BACKGROUND

Brents was initially recruited as a safety, earning a three-star rating in the 2018 class and being ranked as the No. 4 prospect in the state of Indiana. He earned 12 offers, committing to Iowa over the likes of Cincinnati, Indiana, and Michigan State.

Brents switched to corner upon his arrival at Iowa, starting five games in his true freshman season. Injuries kept him off the field for almost the entire 2019 season, playing just eight snaps and exercising his medical redshirt. Brents struggled to find his way back into the starting lineup in 2020 and transferred to Kansas State where he became an immediate starter, playing in all of the Wildcats' 27 games over the last two seasons.

PROS

- » Incredible blend of height and length, with 98th percentile arms
- » Great reactive athleticism, with some impressive burst
- » Flashed some promising ball skills
- » Great effort and physicality as an open field tackler

CONS

- » Lacks ideal top end speed and struggles when tested vertically
- » Does get a little grabby when he loses a step in man coverage
- » Eagerness to make plays can be exploited by route fakes
- » An older prospect who turns 24 as a rookie

ONE LINER

"Brents's lack of long speed and transitional quickness mean he won't be a fit in every defense, but put him in a scheme that asks him to beat up opposing receivers in press and watch him go to town."

EMMANUEL FORBES

CB, MISSISSIPPI STATE (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 5

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'1"
Weight	166
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	31/58	44/71	35/62
Completion %	53.4%	62%	56.5%
Yards	284	518	602
TDs/INTs	3/6	5/3	6/5
Passer rating allowed	44.7	90.0	88.2
Defensive stops	19	32	12
Missed tackle rate	14.3%	18.1%	17%

BACKGROUND

Forbes was a two-way player in high school, lining up at both cornerback and wide receiver. He was recruited to play the former, earning a four-star rating as the No. 13 cornerback prospect in the 2020 class. A Mississippi native, he committed to the Bulldogs over offers from Memphis, Nebraska, and Ole Miss.

Forbes made an immediate impact as a true freshman, leading the SEC with five interceptions in his 11 games. He had another strong year as a sophomore and earned Second Team All-SEC honours. He topped this all off with an outstanding 2022 campaign that saw him rack up 13 forced incompletions on his way to First Team All-SEC and Consensus All-American honours.

PROS

- » Great length to disrupt releases at the line
- » Springy athlete who is exceptional at attacking the catch point
- » Possesses some of the best ball skills in the class
- » Held his own against the best the SEC had to offer

CONS

- » Perilously thin frame, making him the lightest CB prospect in over 20 years
- » Has issues with technique and strength as a tackler
- » Needs to be more disciplined with his eyes to not lose receivers mid-route

ONE LINER

"Forbes is a lanky man-cover corner with some impressive ball skills and a track record of production. He urgently needs to add more muscle mass to play his way in the NFL, but if he can there is bags of potentials."

CHRISTIAN GONZALEZ

CB, OREGON (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 1

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'1"
Weight	197
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	39/64	30/55	20/36
Completion %	60.9%	54.5%	55.6%
Yards	495	320	239
TDs/INTs	3/4	3/0	1/0
Passer rating allowed	74.7	90.0	85.3
Defensive stops	12	20	5
Missed tackle rate	4.9%	12.9%	17.9%

BACKGROUND

Gonzalez comes from a family of athletes. His father played college basketball at UTEP and two sisters were both All-American sprinters. As a four-star defensive back recruit out of Texas, he earned 32 offers, including from the likes of Alabama and Ohio State. He initially chose to commit to Purdue, before flipping his commitment to Mel Tucker's Colorado.

Gonzalez spent two seasons with the Buffaloes, before entering the transfer portal ahead of the 2022 season. He then made the decision to follow his cornerback coach Demetrice Martin over to Oregon. He has since developed into a key part of this Ducks defense. Gonzalez earned First Team All-Pac 12 honours in his final collegiate season.

PROS

- » Electric athlete with burst high-level closing speed
- » Ideal boundary cornerback size
- » Showed real improvement in his ball skills in 2022
- » Very effective run defender and tackler

CONS

- » Lacks ideal play strength throughout the route
- » Feels like he could play with more aggressiveness at times
- » Can get a little high-hipped through his transitions

ONE LINER

"Gonzalez has the size and speed teams will crave, as well as impressive ball skills and tenacity against the run. He could stand to improve his play strength, but his tape is incredible for a player who is yet to turn 21."

TRE'VIUS HODGES-TOMLINSON

CB, TCU (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 12

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	5'8"
Weight	178
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	28/81	24/47	16/49
Completion %	34.6%	51.1%	32.7%
Yards	365	389	192
TDs/INTs	2/3	2/2	2/0
Passer rating allowed	42.5	75.6	59.2
Defensive stops	22	7	9
Missed tackle rate	10.7%	17.3%	20.6%

BACKGROUND

Hodges-Tomlinson is the nephew of former Chargers great and NFL Hall of Famer, LaDainian Tomlinson. He was listed as a three-star safety recruit in the 2019 class, following in his uncle's footsteps by committing to TCU. He did so over offers from Baylor, Kansas State, and Texas State.

Hodges-Tomlinson switched to cornerback upon arrival at Fort Worth and featured in 12 games as a true freshman. He earned an opportunity as a starter in 2020 and immediately made a name for himself, earning First Team All-Big 12 honours. He repeated that feat in 2021, before a stellar senior season that saw him earn a First Team All-American nod and become the second player in school history to win the Jim Thorpe Award as the best defensive back in college football.

PROS

- » Very impressive athlete with good burst and top end speed
- » Fast feet and loose hips give him some exceptional transitional quickness
- » Gets his hands on the football a lot - has 34 career forced incompletions
- » Smart and technically refined

CONS

- » Diminutive stature that could hurt his transition to the NFL
- » Gets bullied by bigger bodied receivers
- » Far too grabby - had an FBS-high 14 penalties in 2022 alone
- » Likely a slot, but barely played there in college

ONE LINER

"Hodges-Tomlinson is a major outlier when it comes to his size, but he makes up for it with some outstanding twitch and technical refinement. He is a scheme-specific player, but he can become a good NFL starter."

JAYLON JONES

CB, TEXAS A&M (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 9

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'2"
Weight	200
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	10/19	31/60	22/35
Completion %	52.6%	51.7%	62.9%
Yards	94	434	312
TDs/INTs	0/1	2/6	1/4
Passer rating allowed	66.6	83.6	108.3
Defensive stops	9	11	8
Missed tackle rate	15.6%	10%	13.9%

BACKGROUND

Jones excelled on the football field and as a track star in high school. He was rated as a five-star safety prospect in the 2020 class, and he wasn't short of offers. They flooded in from all of the college football powerhouses, including Alabama, Georgia, and Ohio State. As a Texas native, Jones instead decided to stay in state and commit to the Aggies.

He had an immediate impact upon arrival. Jones became a starter from the outset of his true freshman season and has held the role ever since. He led the team in pass breakups in his debut season and did so again in 2021. In 2022, Jones allowed just 94 yards, the fewest of any SEC cornerback with at least 200 coverage snaps.

PROS

- » Big-bodied corner who plays a physical brand of football
- » Competes at the catch point, with 14 forced incompletions on 114 targets
- » Tenacious run defender
- » Three years as a starter in the SEC

CONS

- » Looks clunky through his transitions and has issues with his pad level
- » Gets very grabby downfield when he starts to lose a step
- » Some questions around his long speed

ONE LINER

"Jones has a well-rounded profile that projects well to the NFL. Whilst he might not be elite in any area, his combination of size, ball skills, and run defense will help him see the field early in his career."

KYU BLU KELLY

CB, STANFORD (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 14

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'0"
Weight	191
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	22/42	37/64	15/22
Completion %	52.4%	57.8%	68.2%
Yards	373	536	188
TDs/INTs	2/0	3/2	3/0
Passer rating allowed	98.6	87.8	134.1
Defensive stops	9	16	5
Missed tackle rate	14%	14.5%	5%

BACKGROUND

Kyu Blu Kelly is the son of 11-year NFL veteran and Super Bowl winning cornerback, Brian Kelly. He was ranked as a three-star cornerback recruit and the No. 4 prospect in the state of Nevada in the 2019 class. He earned offers from 14 schools, committing to Stanford over the likes of Oregon, UCLA, and Utah.

Kelly became a starter in Week 4 of his true freshman season, starting each of the final nine games. He played in five games during the abbreviated 2020 season, before leading the team in forced incompletions as a junior in 2021, earning Second Team All-Pac-12 honours. Kelly was once again voted an All-Conference player in his senior season.

PROS

- » Really refined technique, especially in terms of his footwork
- » Physical at the line of scrimmage
- » Ticks the box when it comes to height and length
- » Four years of starting experience

CONS

- » Some concerns about his long speed
- » Had issues wrapping up as an open field tackler
- » Much less effective from off coverage
- » Can look a little stiff through his transitions

ONE LINER

"Kelly has the build and bloodlines of an NFL corner. His noticeable lack of long speed and stiff transitions limit his ability to be a true lockdown player, but he be a solid starter in the right scheme."

RILEY MOSS

CB, IOWA (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 15
Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'1"
Weight	193
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	31/65	23/43	27/43
Completion %	47.7%	53.5%	62.8%
Yards	352	407	342
TDs/INTs	4/1	1/4	2/2
Passer rating allowed	78.5	55.1	83.7
Defensive stops	19	15	10
Missed tackle rate	10.3%	21.2%	9.3%

BACKGROUND

Moss was a multi-sport athlete in high school, excelling on both sides of the gridiron and running track. As a two-star recruit in the 2018 class he initially committed to play for FCS powerhouse North Dakota State, but flipped his commitment to his home state Hawkeyes, who were his only FBS offer.

Moss featured in 13 games as a true freshman in 2018, splitting his time between cornerback and special teams. His 2019 season was hampered by injuries, but Moss returned to take on a full-time starting role during the abbreviated 2020 season. He was voted a Third Team All-American in 2021 and was a two-time First Team All-Big Ten member.

PROS

- » True ball hawk, with 11 career picks and 20 pass breakup
- » Good football IQ
- » Physical playstyle and is a willing tackler in run support
- » Bags of experience, with over 2,500 career snaps under his belt

CONS

- » Had issues mirroring in man coverage, particularly against twitchier receivers
- » 30" arms are shorter than you would like for a boundary corner
- » Tackling form needs some work
- » Prone to giving up big plays - 14 touchdowns allowed in his career

ONE LINER

"Moss is an experienced corner with a strong athletic profile, though his issues mirroring in man coverage are a concern. With great ball production and processing ability he might actually find his best future at safety."

CLARK PHILLIPS III

CB, UTAH (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 7

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	5'9"
Weight	184
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	41/66	55/87	18/25
Completion %	62.1%	63.2%	72%
Yards	511	608	243
TDs/INTs	4/6	2/2	1/1
Passer rating allowed	68.4	82.0	99.3
Defensive stops	12	18	9
Missed tackle rate	26.5%	10%	20%

BACKGROUND

Phillips was listed as a four-star recruit coming out of high school and was the sixth highest ranked cornerback in the 2020 recruiting class. He earned 36 offers, including from the likes of Alabama, Clemson, and Ohio State. He initially committed to play for the Buckeyes, but backtracked on his decision following the departure of defensive backs coach Jeff Hafley.

Phillips re-opened his recruitment and soon after signed with Utah. He quickly became a key part of the Utes' defense and has started all but one game for them since arriving on campus as a freshman. It all culminated in an outstanding 2022 season that saw him earn All-American honours and be voted Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year.

PROS

- » Twitched up and explosive athlete
- » Incredibly sticky in man coverage, giving up a passer rating of 53.4 in 2022
- » A true ball hawk, with 23 career forced incompletions
- » Tough as nails and gives his all in every phase of the game

CONS

- » Noticeably undersized and may be a slot-only corner in the NFL
- » Struggles to hold his own against bigger-bodied receivers
- » Small tackle radius results in far too many missed tackles

ONE LINER

"Phillips' tape is as good as any cornerback in this class. He might lack the size to stick on the boundary, but wherever he ends up he projects as a quality starter."

JOEY PORTER JR

CB, PENN STATE (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 4

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'2"
Weight	193
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	15/30	33/55	21/31
Completion %	50%	60%	67.7%
Yards	143	370	215
TDs/INTs	0/0	2/1	4/0
Passer rating allowed	63.6	84.7	127.0
Defensive stops	5	14	8
Missed tackle rate	17.6%	8.3%	3%

BACKGROUND

If Porter's name sounds familiar, that's because it is. He is the son of five-time All-Pro edge rusher Joey Porter, who the Steelers selected in the third round in 1999. Porter Jr was a four-star recruit coming out of high school in 2019 and ranked as the No. 4 prospect in the state of Pennsylvania. He chose to stay in state, committing to the Nittany Lions over offers from 15 other schools.

Porter redshirted his first season with the team, before starting every game in the Covid-19 abbreviated season. He earned Third Team All-Big Ten honours that year, and in 2021, where he started all 13 games. In 2022 he took his game to the next level and was a semi-finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, given annually to the best defensive back in college football.

PROS

- » Insane length - 34" arms would be good for a tackle, let alone a corner
- » Absolute bully in press coverage
- » Length allows him to compete consistently at the catch point
- » Willing tackler with a large tackle radius

CONS

- » Transitional quickness is limited, causing issues against twitchier receivers
- » Grabs far too much at the top of routes
- » Gets a little upright through his backpedal
- » Lots of pass breakups, but just one interception in four years

ONE LINER

"Porter is built to play press man coverage. He does have some athletic limitations, but if he can refine his technique and turn some more pass breakups into picks, he can be a very effective starter in the NFL."

ELI RICKS

CB, ALABAMA (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 16

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'2"
Weight	188
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	6/19	11/17	13/28
Completion %	31.6%	64.7%	46.4%
Yards	77	136	237
TDs/INTs	0/0	1/1	2/4
Passer rating allowed	45.3	84.4	60.3
Defensive stops	3	2	6
Missed tackle rate	13.3%	26.7%	16%

BACKGROUND

Ricks earned a five-star rating coming out of high school. He was ranked as the No. 2 cornerback prospect in the class and the No. 14 overall player in the nation, ahead of notable names like Bijan Robinson and Will Anderson. He earned 30 offers, committing to LSU over offers from Alabama, Clemson, and Georgia.

Ricks began his collegiate career with a bang, putting out one of the best true freshman seasons we've seen from a cornerback in recent years. He earned Second Team All-SEC honours in the process. His 2021 season was cut short with injuries and he made the decision to transfer to Alabama for his junior year. Ricks started five games and finished the year with five pass breakups.

PROS

- » Tall and long corner whose frame will translate well to the NFL
- » Seems to always be competing at the catch point
- » Physical and aggressive demeanour
- » Instinctive player who reads the game well

CONS

- » Lacks the long speed to carry vertical routes consistently
- » Hasn't played 400+ snaps in a season since his true freshman year
- » Lacks the twitch to match shifty receivers
- » Nothing special in run support

ONE LINER

"Ricks' true freshman tape was great, but he hasn't hit the same heights since. That, added to some athleticism and injury concerns, might limit his appeal. He needs some development to be NFL ready."

KELEE RINGO

CB, GEORGIA (RS-SOPHOMORE)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 11

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'2"
Weight	207
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	42/78	24/59	--
Completion %	53.8	40.7%	--
Yards	552	346	--
TDs/INTs	1/2	3/2	--
Passer rating allowed	70.0	63.2	--
Defensive stops	11	8	--
Missed tackle rate	12.2%	7.3%	--

BACKGROUND

Coming out of high school in 2020, Ringo was one of the most sought-after prospects in his recruiting class. He was listed as a five-star prospect and the No. 4 overall player in the class. Ringo committed to Georgia over offers from 32 other schools, including Alabama, Oregon, and Ohio State.

He elected to redshirt as a freshman, learning behind the talented cornerback duo of Eric Stokes and Tyson Campbell. His opportunity as a starter arrived in 2021 and he has been a key part of this defense ever since. That season culminated in a pick six in the National Championship that helped the Bulldogs win the national title. Ringo also earned Second Team All-SEC honours in 2022.

PROS

- » Physically imposing corner who has reportedly played as big as 220 lbs
- » Bully at the line of scrimmage and excels in press coverage
- » Legitimate athlete with impressive long speed
- » Willing tackler and run defender

CONS

- » Size causes issues in transitions, especially against twitchier receivers
- » Far too easily fooled by misdirection
- » Struggles to get his head around when the ball is in the air
- » Had some really rough tape against top competition

ONE LINER

Ringo has all of the physical tools you could ask for, but he has some way to go in order to be a good NFL starter. His future may be best spent at safety thanks to his size, physicality, and sideline-to-sideline speed."

CAM SMITH

CB, SOUTH CAROLINA (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 6

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	6'1"
Weight	180
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	18/38	15/32	12/21
Completion %	47.4%	46.9%	57.1%
Yards	211	184	261
TDs/INTs	2/1	1/3	3/2
Passer rating allowed	71.3	36.5	101.5
Defensive stops	4	13	3
Missed tackle rate	17.2%	13.3%	27.8%

BACKGROUND

Smith was ranked as a four-star recruit coming out of high school, earning scholarship offers from 25 programs. A South Carolina native, Smith committed to the Gamecocks over offers from the likes of Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

After redshirting his freshman season, Smith earned playing time in 2020, with three starts opposite future top ten pick Jaycee Horn. With Horn heading to the NFL, Smith took over the mantle of CB1 in 2021 and flourished in his new role. He had a breakout season, leading the team in forced incompletions and earning Second Team All-SEC honours in the process. He had another strong season in 2022, allowing just 211 yards in 11 games.

PROS

- » Smooth and fluid athlete who is sticky in single coverage
- » Comfortable in a range of techniques, including press, bail, and soft shoe
- » A natural at the catch point
- » His game oozes physicality and aggression in every facet

CONS

- » Far too reliant on getting physical throughout the route
- » Has a tendency to grab if he gets out of phase
- » Doesn't have the frame to match his playstyle
- » Has had issues as a tackler

ONE LINER

"Smith has the mirror ability and ball skills to be a true lockdown man coverage cornerback. He needs add size and reign in on contact throughout the route, but if he can do this, he can be a quality starter in the NFL."

DJ TURNER

CB, MICHIGAN (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 10

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	5'11"
Weight	178
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	33/71	26/59	--
Completion %	46.5%	44.1%	--
Yards	408	267	--
TDs/INTs	2/1	2/2	--
Passer rating allowed	68.3	54.8	--
Defensive stops	6	7	--
Missed tackle rate	13.6%	9.5%	--

BACKGROUND

Turner was a three-star recruit coming out of high school, but that didn't stop him earning some notable interest. He received 32 scholarship offers, including from the likes of Alabama, Georgia, LSU, and Clemson. He chose instead to commit to Michigan, where he featured mainly on special teams for his first two seasons.

Turner became a starter for the Wolverines after Ambry Thomas departed for the 2021 NFL Draft, and he has been playing at a high level ever since. Throughout his college career he allowed a passer rating of just 60.4. This culminated in him earning Second Team All-Big Ten honours in the 2022 season.

PROS

- » True burner with a 4.26 40-yard dash
- » Easy mover, with quick feet and fluid hips to mirror receivers
- » Great fundamentals and technical ability throughout his game
- » Good and willing tackler

CONS

- » Needs to add more weight - not many guys succeed in the NFL at 178 lbs
- » Had issues locating the ball in mid-air
- » Can get a little grabby through the route
- » Struggles to impose himself against the run

ONE LINER

"Turner has the elite athleticism teams crave. His thin frame might result in a move to the slot, but his comfort in press and man coverage gives you confidence he can develop into a good boundary cornerback."

GARRETT WILLIAMS

CB, SYRACUSE (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 13

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	5'10"
Weight	192
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	14/21	33/51	45/67
Completion %	66.7%	64.7%	67.2%
Yards	253	379	573
TDs/INTs	1/2	4/0	3/2
Passer rating allowed	84.1	113.1	96.2
Defensive stops	5	20	17
Missed tackle rate	13.2%	12.7%	11.4%

BACKGROUND

Williams played quarterback and cornerback in high school, as well as being a member of his school's track team. He was listed as a three-star cornerback recruit in the 2019 class and the No. 75 ranked player in the state of North Carolina. He earned offers from 13 schools, electing to commit to Syracuse over the likes of Maryland and West Virginia.

Williams spent much of his first season featuring on special teams. He had a breakout year in 2020, logging nine forced incompletions and being named an honorable mention All-ACC member. Williams had another strong season in 2021, starting 10 games and logging six pass breakups. He was voted a team captain in his final season but injuries limited him to just seven games.

PROS

- » Explosive and sudden athlete
- » Fluid hips and lightning quick feet give him ideal transitional quickness
- » Possesses good click and close ability in coverage
- » Showed some good effort as a run defender

CONS

- » Undersized for a boundary cornerback
- » Played almost exclusively in off coverage at Syracuse
- » Can get too aggressive when gearing up to attack the ball
- » Tore his ACL during the 2022 season

ONE LINER

"Williams is a smooth and fluid athlete with exceptional mirror ability that lends itself well to man coverage. His size will limit his versatility and his torn ACL is a worry, but in the right scheme he can be a good NFL corner."

DEVON WITHERSPOON

CB, ILLINOIS (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 2

Round Projection: 1st



Height	5'11"
Weight	181
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	22/63	34/58	23/33
Completion %	34.9%	58.6%	69.7%
Yards	206	421	381
TDs/INTs	0/3	1/0	4/2
Passer rating allowed	25.0	86.9	122.6
Defensive stops	16	19	5
Missed tackle rate	11.4%	12.5%	10%

BACKGROUND

Devon Witherspoon did not start playing football until his junior year of high school. As a zero-star recruit, he originally planned to attend Hutchinson Community College, but a late offer from the Fighting Illini made him reconsider. He arrived at Illinois in 2019, playing mainly as a special teamer and in a rotational role in defense as a freshman.

Witherspoon earned a starting role in the abbreviated 2020 season and never looked back. He started 10 games in 2021, leading the team with six pass breakups. His collegiate career culminated in an outstanding 2022 season that saw him voted a Consensus All-American and winner of the Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year.

PROS

- » Maybe the best ball skills of any player in the class
- » Played tonnes of man coverage at Illinois and looked elite when doing so
- » Fluid and explosive athlete
- » Red hot motor on every rep

CONS

- » Skinny frame more akin to a slot corner
- » Struggles to maintain physicality against bigger receivers
- » Can be overly aggressive and grabby
- » Prone to gambling in coverage

ONE LINER

"Witherspoon might lack ideal size, but he has everything else. He is a fluid athlete who is battle-tested in man coverage and has exceptional ball skills. Add in his ability as a run defender and you have everything you need."

Safety



JORDAN BATTLE



BRIAN BRANCH



Jl'AYIR BROWN



SYDNEY BROWN



TREY DEAN



RONNIE HICKMAN



ANTONIO JOHNSON



BRANDON JOSEPH



JAMMIE ROBINSON



JL SKINNER



CHRISTOPHER SMITH



RASHAD TORRENCE

JORDAN BATTLE

S, ALABAMA (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 8

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'1"
Weight	209
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	17/22	19/33	26/36
Completion %	77.3%	57.6%	72.2%
Yards	133	200	190
TDs/INTs	1/1	2/3	2/1
Passer rating allowed	87.9	57.6	91.2
Defensive stops	11	16	13
Missed tackle rate	11.8%	8.5%	13.6%

BACKGROUND

Battle was a highly-regarded prospect coming out of high school. Listed as a four-star safety and the No. 43 player in the 2019 class, he earned 27 offers. Predictably many of these came from the blue blood college programs, with Battle committing to Alabama over the likes of Ohio State, Clemson, and Georgia.

He earned a role on defense straight away, starting four games as a true freshman. He then became a full-time starter in 2020 and was part of Alabama's national title winning team. Battle went on to start every game for the Crimson Tide over the next two seasons, earning First Team All-SEC honours on both occasions.

PROS

- » Cerebral defender with over 3,000 career snaps under his belt
- » Has experience playing across the secondary
- » Good tackler who wraps up well in space
- » Fluid mover who can man up against bigger players in the slot

CONS

- » Nothing special as an athlete. Lacks any sort of burst
- » Limited range means he's unlikely to be a reliable single-high safety
- » Effort was inconsistent, especially as a run defender
- » Plays small and timid

ONE LINER

"Battle is a smart and cerebral player who has plenty of experience already under his belt. His average athletic ability and inconsistent effort will be a concern though and could limit his ceiling at the NFL level."

BRIAN BRANCH

S, ALABAMA (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 1

Round Projection: 1st



Height	6'0"
Weight	190
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	36/57	37/55	23/36
Completion %	63.2%	67.3%	63.9%
Yards	240	376	245
TDs/INTs	2/2	4/0	2/2
Passer rating allowed	69.3	110.9	79.1
Defensive stops	43	22	9
Missed tackle rate	3.3%	0%	3.8%

BACKGROUND

Branch played wide receiver and safety in high school and was rated as a four-star prospect and the No. 3 safety in the 2020 recruiting class. The Georgia native garnered plenty of interest, with offers flooding in from 27 schools. He eventually made the decision to commit to Alabama over his home state Georgia, Ohio State, and Michigan.

He featured in 12 games as a true freshman, before taking over from Malachi Moore as the team's primary slot cornerback in 2021. He has held down that role admirably ever since. Branch started every game of the 2022 season for the Crimson Tide, earning First Team All-SEC honours in the process.

PROS

- » One of the best tacklers you'll ever see
- » Outstanding run defender who plays bigger than his size
- » Reads the game incredibly well
- » Reliable in single coverage against big slot receivers and tight ends

CONS

- » Lacks ideal long speed to carry vertical routes downfield
- » Gets overly physical in coverage
- » Played almost exclusively as a slot corner in college

ONE LINER

"Branch brings the physicality and relentless effort that every NFL team wants in their secondary. He isn't the fastest, but his outstanding tackling and football intelligence give him a very high floor as a nickel safety."

JI'AYIR BROWN

S, PENN STATE (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 9

Round Projection: 4th



Height	5'11"
Weight	203
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	22/29	18/28	1/6
Completion %	75.9%	64.3%	16.7%
Yards	213	184	45
TDs/INTs	0/4	3/6	1/0
Passer rating allowed	56.3	79.2	97.9
Defensive stops	27	18	1
Missed tackle rate	13.9%	15.1%	16.7%

BACKGROUND

Brown was an unranked cornerback recruit in the 2018 recruiting class. Academic issues meant that he chose instead to attend junior college, joining the team at Lackawanna Community College. It was there that he played with future Penn State teammate Jaquan Brisker. Brown spent two years at Lackawanna before transferring to Penn State.

He appeared in nine games for the Nittany Lions during the 2020 season. Brown got an opportunity as a starter alongside his former JUCO teammate Brisker in 2021 and excelled. He finished the season with an FBS-high six interceptions, earning Third Team All-Big Ten honours in the process. He returned for another season in 2022, once again earning a Third Team All-Big Ten nod.

PROS

- » True do-it-all safety - can play in the box, the slot, and as a deep center fielder
- » Ball skills for days, with 10 picks in two seasons as a starter
- » Impressive short area quickness
- » Tone-setter on defense

CONS

- » Takes risks and will get burned badly as a result
- » Really inconsistent with pursuit angles
- » Fluidity doesn't match his linear athleticism
- » Testing numbers were a cause for concern

ONE LINER

"Brown has the versatility that teams want in a modern safety. If he can show some improvements as a decision maker then he has a future as an NFL starter."

SYDNEY BROWN

S, ILLINOIS (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 5

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	5'10"
Weight	211
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	27/46	17/25	10/16
Completion %	58.7%	68%	62.5%
Yards	342	225	114
TDs/INTs	1/6	0/0	1/0
Passer rating allowed	49.6	96.3	104.7
Defensive stops	25	23	5
Missed tackle rate	16.5%	17%	19.1%

BACKGROUND

Brown was born and brought up in Canada, before moving to Florida in high school, where he was a standout track athlete. He played as a safety and cornerback during his high school career and like his twin brother Chase, he earned a three-star rating in the 2019 recruiting class. He committed to play for Illinois, who were his only scholarship offer.

Brown hit the ground running upon arriving on campus. He started all ten games as a true freshman, finishing the year with 55 tackles. He started a further ten games in 2019 and started all six of the Illini's games in the 2020 season. Brown had another strong year in 2021, before being voted a First Team All-Big Ten member in his final season.

PROS

- » Impressive ball skills, with 23 career forced incompletions to his name
- » Five years of starting experience
- » Very impressive athlete with excellent explosiveness
- » Rocked up frame, with the kind of physique that lends itself well to the NFL

CONS

- » Not a reliable tackler, having missed 17.8% of his career attempts
- » Played primarily in the box, but that's unlikely to be his role in the NFL
- » Lacks ideal size to match up with tight ends in single coverage
- » A little tightness to his hips

ONE LINER

"Brown is an incredibly experienced safety with the ball skills to match. His tackling issues mean he's unlikely to stick as a box safety, but he has the traits to be a plus contributor as a deep safety."

TREY DEAN III

S, FLORIDA (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 11

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'2"
Weight	200
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	20/35	14/30	9/13
Completion %	57.1%	46.7%	69.2%
Yards	356	193	83
TDs/INTs	0/0	2/1	0/1
Passer rating allowed	92.1	76.1	54.3
Defensive stops	20	20	5
Missed tackle rate	12.6%	16.8%	25.6%

BACKGROUND

Dean was listed as a four-star safety recruit in the 2018 class. He initially decided to commit to Tennessee over offers from the likes of Alabama and Georgia, but backtracked on that and committed instead to Florida. In doing so he followed in the footsteps of his cousin and former All-American Ahmad Black.

Dean wasted no time making an impact, earning a starting role at cornerback after Marco Wilson suffered a season-ending injury. He played in all 13 games in 2019, moving over into the slot. Dean played a reduced role in 2020, before making a switch to a more traditional safety role in 2021. He has held that position on the Gators' defense ever since.

PROS

- » Possesses an NFL-ready frame and athleticism, with fluid hips and quickness
- » Comfortable in man coverage
- » Length allows him to be disruptive at the catch point
- » Has played all across the secondary during his career

CONS

- » Some perplexing decision making on tape leading to big plays
- » Will get his eyes caught in the backfield
- » Route recognition is a work in progress
- » Only four picks in his five seasons in college

ONE LINER

"Dean offers some impressive versatility and a frame that translates well to the NFL. The worry will be that his college tape is littered with mental mistakes and lapses, something he cannot afford at the next level."

RONNIE HICKMAN

S, OHIO STATE (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 7

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	6'0"
Weight	203
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	13/30	30/40	1/2
Completion %	43.3%	75%	50%
Yards	107	404	5
TDs/INTs	0/1	3/2	0/0
Passer rating allowed	39.2	110.8	56.3
Defensive stops	12	27	2
Missed tackle rate	16.9%	13.4%	25%

BACKGROUND

Hickman was rated as a four-star safety prospect coming out of high school in 2019. He was listed the No. 10 ranked safety in the recruiting class and the No. 3 prospect in the state of New Jersey. Hickman fielded offers from 19 schools, committing to Ohio State over offers from the likes of Notre Dame, Penn State, and Florida.

He redshirted his true freshman season to recover from an injury suffered in high school. He featured in five games in 2020, doing so primarily on special teams. Hickman's opportunity as a starter arrived with the 2021 season, which saw him earn Second Team All-Big Ten honours. He finished his collegiate career with a Third Team All-Big Ten nod as a redshirt junior.

PROS

- » Smooth athlete who looks good through his transitions
- » Has experience in the box, the slot, and as a free safety
- » Attacks the ball well at the catch point
- » Good effort as a run defender and tackler

CONS

- » Still developing as a processor
- » More of a see-and-chase player than one who anticipates
- » No real ball production in his career
- » Had some issues with his angles as a tackler

ONE LINER

"Hickman is a solid prospect with some impressive versatility and toughness, but he needs to see some real development with the mental side of his game before he can become a starter."

ANTONIO JOHNSON

S, TEXAS A&M (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Height	6'2"
Weight	198
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	20/29	41/62	14/15
Completion %	69%	66.1%	93.3%
Yards	140	228	138
TDs/INTs	1/0	1/1	2/0
Passer rating allowed	91.2	71.2	144.6
Defensive stops	28	26	6
Missed tackle rate	15.5%	8.4%	7.1%

Position Rank: 3

Round Projection: 2nd



BACKGROUND

Johnson was rated as a four-star recruit and the No. 4 overall safety in the 2020 recruiting class. He wasn't short of suitors, earning 25 offers from schools including Alabama, Georgia, and reigning national champions LSU. After visiting Texas A&M, he decided to announce his commitment to the Aggies.

Johnson played sparingly as a true freshman in the abbreviated 2020 season, before earning a starting role in 2021. He established himself as an exceptional slot cornerback, earning Second Team All-SEC honours. Despite missing three games with an injury, he managed to achieve the same feat in 2022, whilst also being named as a semi-finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award.

PROS

- » Smart player who has very impressive football IQ
- » Smooth athlete with good long speed
- » Physical and willing as a run defender
- » Looked equally comfortable in man and zone coverage from the slot

CONS

- » No real ball production in college - just one interception in his career
- » Inconsistent pursuit angles when working from deep
- » Thin frame for a safety who plays primarily in the box

ONE LINER

"Johnson has the athleticism and football intelligence that every team will want at safety. His lack of ball production and slight frame will present concerns, but he has the tools to be a solid contributor out of the gate."

BRANDON JOSEPH

S, NOTRE DAME (RS-JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 10

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'0"
Weight	202
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	11/17	26/32	8/24
Completion %	64.7%	81.3%	33.3%
Yards	80	214	50
TDs/INTs	1/1	1/3	0/6
Passer rating allowed	70.7	65.9	2.8
Defensive stops	7	22	13
Missed tackle rate	11.1%	19.8%	10.5%

BACKGROUND

Joseph was listed as a three-star safety prospect coming out of high school. An academic standout, he saw three of his 17 offers come from Ivy League schools. A Texas native, he initially committed to play for Texas Tech, before flipping his commitment to Northwestern.

After redshirting his true freshman season, Joseph burst on to the scene in 2020. He hauled in six interceptions in just nine games and finished up as a First Team All-American and a First Team All Big Ten member. After a more subdued 2021 season he transferred to Notre Dame to play under their new head coach, Marcus Freeman. Joseph started all 12 games of the Fighting Irish's 2022 season.

PROS

- » A true ball hawk, with 10 picks on 73 career targets
- » Smart player who reads the game well
- » Has experience playing single-high, two-high, and in the slot
- » Willing tackler who likes to make big hits

CONS

- » Poor tackler despite effort, mainly due to terrible technique
- » Thin frame for a safety. Looks more like a corner on tape
- » Play strength is a real concern
- » Average athletic profile

ONE LINER

"Joseph's ball production is great, but he is a difficult player to project. He is too slight to be a box safety and lacks the range to be a single-high free safety. It is hard to see a player like that becoming a full-time starter."

JAMMIE ROBINSON

S, FLORIDA STATE (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 4

Round Projection: 3rd



Height	5'11"
Weight	191
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	14/25	29/41	39/52
Completion %	56%	70.7%	75%
Yards	173	297	409
TDs/INTs	1/1	3/4	1/1
Passer rating allowed	74.3	76.0	95.8
Defensive stops	23	19	18
Missed tackle rate	7.4%	6.6%	10.4%

BACKGROUND

Robinson was listed as a three-star safety prospect and the No. 41 player in the state of Georgia in the 2019 recruiting class. He was the subject of plenty of interest, earning 26 offers coming out of Lee County High School. Robinson surprised some with his decision to commit to South Carolina over offers from the likes of Alabama, Georgia, and Clemson.

Robinson saw the field instantly for the Gamecocks, starting in Week 1 of his true freshman season against North Carolina. His role increased the following year, starting all 10 games and averaging 67.9 snaps per game. Following a coaching change he transferred to Florida State, where he was immediately voted a First Team All-ACC member. He repeated this feat as a senior in 2022.

PROS

- » Versatile player, who has played all over the secondary in college
- » Exceptional tackler with just 12 misses on 171 attempts over the last two years
- » Springy and nimble athlete
- » Motor runs hot - effort is consistently excellent

CONS

- » Limited range. Not a guy you want playing a tonne of single-high
- » Small frame with smaller arms
- » Gets bullied throughout the route too often
- » Lacks ideal make-up speed when he loses a step

ONE LINER

"Robinson is an exceptional tackler, but lacks the size you want for him to play full-time as a box safety. He doesn't have great range either, but he could still be a very good split-field safety at the next level."

JL SKINNER

S, BOISE STATE (SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 6

Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'4"
Weight	209
Class	2019

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	17/32	21/32	13/23
Completion %	53.1%	65.6%	56.5%
Yards	176	309	193
TDs/INTs	1/4	2/2	3/1
Passer rating allowed	40.1	91.8	105.6
Defensive stops	19	39	12
Missed tackle rate	12%	12%	15.9%

BACKGROUND

Skinner was an athletic standout in high school, playing wide receiver, defensive back, and making a name for himself as a basketball and track star. He was listed as a three-star athlete recruit in the 2019 class, committing to the Broncos over the likes of Iowa State and Louisville.

Skinner spent most of his true freshman season featuring on special teams, appearing in 14 games. He earned a starting opportunity on defense the following year, playing six games in the abbreviated 2020 season. Skinner followed this up with a breakout 2021 campaign that saw him earn Second Team All-Mountain West honours. He bettered this as a senior, leading the team with four interceptions and being voted a First Team All-Mountain West member.

PROS

- » Ticks the height and length boxes
- » Good athlete for his size, with some impressive short area quickness
- » Plays with the physicality you'd expect for a player of his size
- » Good ball skills, with seven picks and 10 pass breakups on 95 targets

CONS

- » High cut, with some tightness to his transitions
- » Thin frame. Not as much muscle as you'd ideally like
- » Lack of transitional quickness causes issues in man coverage
- » A little limited in terms of his role

ONE LINER

"Skinner is a long and physical safety with deceptively good athletic ability. He's never going to be the guy you want roaming the deep center field, but he can be a very effective box and nickel safety."

CHRISTOPHER SMITH

S, GEORGIA (RS-SENIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 2

Round Projection: 2nd



Height	5'11"
Weight	192
Class	2018

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	20/34	18/26	4/8
Completion %	58.8%	69.2%	50%
Yards	211	130	50
TDs/INTs	1/3	1/3	0/0
Passer rating allowed	50.0	53.8	69.8
Defensive stops	18	9	4
Missed tackle rate	15.1%	12.8%	15.2%

BACKGROUND

Smith was listed as a four-star cornerback prospect coming out of high school and earned 31 scholarship offers. A Georgia native, he committed to the Bulldogs over the likes of Alabama and Michigan. Upon arriving in Athens, Smith was converted to safety and spent most of his first two seasons on special teams.

His opportunity as a starter arrived in 2020, where he played alongside future first rounder Lewis Cine. In the following season, Smith was a key part of a historic, national championship winning defense. He decided to return for a fifth season in 2022 and the move paid dividends. He finished the year as a Unanimous All-American and a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Award.

PROS

- » Smart player with a lightning fast trigger
- » Ball hawk, forcing an incompletion on 18% of his career targets
- » Good run defender who takes good pursuit angles
- » Very smooth and fluid athlete

CONS

- » Lacks the long speed to consistently hold up in man coverage
- » Gets caught flat footed out of breaks
- » Stops his feet on contact, inhibiting his ability to wrap up
- » Slighter frame than you'd like

ONE LINER

"Smith is a smart player who plays much faster than he tests. His smooth hips and ball hawking ability combined with some impressive run defense from deep means he is built to be a free safety in the NFL."

RASHAD TORRENCE II

S, FLORIDA (JUNIOR)



Via 247 Composite



Position Rank: 12
Round Projection: 4th



Height	6'0"
Weight	193
Class	2020

Season Stats	2022	2021	2020
Receptions/Targets	14/23	18/27	4/9
Completion %	60.9%	66.7%	44.4%
Yards	138	281	27
TDs/INTs	2/0	2/3	1/0
Passer rating allowed	106.8	86.1	88.7
Defensive stops	11	17	1
Missed tackle rate	12.1%	14.1%	7.7%

BACKGROUND

Torrence was listed as a four-star recruit coming out of Marietta High School, Georgia in 2020. He committed to Florida early on in the recruitment process and that commitment never wavered despite growing interest from elsewhere. Torrence earned 26 offers, sticking with the Gators over the likes of Alabama and Clemson.

Torrence saw the field as a true freshman in 2020, appearing in nine games and starting three of them. He saw an increased role as a sophomore, starting all 13 games for the Gators. Torrence actually led the team with 803 snaps and had a team-high three interceptions. He featured heavily once again as a junior, starting 12 games and leading the team in tackles.

PROS

- » Has experience playing as a free safety and from the box
- » Plays the game with a real ferocity
- » Good effort and pursuit angles as a tackler
- » Solid processor who keys plays quickly

CONS

- » Lacks ideal range for a single-high role
- » Not got much in the way of short area quickness
- » Tight hips limit his ability hold up consistently in single coverage
- » Had some issues wrapping up tackles

ONE LINER

"Torrence shows good toughness, but he is a tricky player to project to the next level. He lacks the speed you need from a true free safety, but doesn't have the size or play strength to play from the box consistently."

2024 NFL Draft Preview

It's never too early to start looking ahead to next year's draft. If you're already excited about what 2024 might hold, we've got you covered. Below is a list of some of the names you should be keeping eye on. These aren't exhaustive and they aren't ranked, but they should be a nice introduction if you fancy doing some tape griding of your own over the summer.

Quarterback



Caleb Williams



Drake Maye



Jordan Travis



KJ Jefferson

Interior defensive line



Michael Hall Jr.



Tyler Davis



Jer'Zhan Newton



Leonard Taylor

Running back



Raheim Sanders



TreVeyon Henderson



Blake Corum



Braelon Allen

Edge rusher



Jared Verse



Dallas Turner



Bralen Trice



JT Tuimoloau

Wide receiver



Marvin Harrison Jr.



Emeka Egbuka



Malik Nabers



Xavier Worthy

Linebacker



Jeremiah Trotter



Tommy Eichenberg



Cedric Gray



Xavier Sorey

Tight end



Brock Bowers



Ja'Tavion Sanders



Jaheim Bell



Bryson Nesbit

Cornerback



Kool-Aid McKinstry



Josh Newton



Kalen King



Quinyon Mitchell

Offensive line



Joe Alt



Olu Fashanu



Cooper Beebe



JC Latham

Safety



Kamren Kinchens



Calen Bullock



Javon Bullard



Rod Moore