



# *MICS IN MOTION*

**IDP Rookie Report - Version 1.0**

Pre-Combine



**Welcome to our Mics in Motion IDP Rookie Report! We're glad you're here, whether you're already a loyal MiM listener or reading about us for the first time today!**

**We're part of the Mics in Motion podcast, which is all about Individual Defensive Players (IDP) in fantasy football. As passionate fantasy football players, we are fascinated by the defensive side of the sport and have made it our mission to bring this great hobby out into the world and get the defense more love.**

**As we do every year, we take a close look at the upcoming NFL Draft, have a closer look at the top defensive talents and discuss them at our podcast.**

**As we're entering our fifth season as a podcast this year, we thought we'd prepare something very special for you to mark the occasion.**

**And we've been working our fingers to the bone for months, evaluating and summarizing everything for you in this ever-growing PDF!**

**You can get a first insight with our pre-combine version. Here we took the effort to analyze the players individually and independently before the Combine, without exchanging information with each other beforehand. This was a real challenge for us, but also a lot of fun, as the top 10 rankings of the respective position groups provide exciting constellations.**

**The second version will follow after the Combine, as we are expecting big changes in the rankings this year, new talents will be added that we definitely want to include and of course we want to involve you right away.**

**You will receive the third and final version after the 2024 NFL Draft, where we will also specifically address the landing spots of the respective rookies and share our fantasy football assessments with you.**

**We hope you enjoy this work, because we really put a lot of heart and soul into it.**

**For our English-speaking audience, we have made an effort to provide an accurate translation. Please forgive any errors.**



# ABBREVIATIONS LIST

**PRW%:** Pass Rush Win Rate

**SK:** Sacks

**HIT:** Hits - when the passer is hit by the defender

**HUR:** Hurries - when the passer is hurried by the defender

**PRS:** Pressures

**BAT:** Batted Passes - the number of passes batted or deflected at the line of scrimmage

**TKL:** Tackles

**AST:** Assisted Tackles

**MIS%:** Missed Tackle Rate

**STOP:** Defensive Stops - tackles that constitute a "failure" for the offense

**FF:** Forced Fumbles

**COV%:** Percentage of Coverage Snaps

**TGT:** Receiving Targets

**REC%:** Percentage of targets caught

**PBU:** Pass Breakups

**INT:** Receiving Interceptions

**NFL:** NFL Passer Rating Against

**PEN:** Total (Declined+Offset): Total and (declined or offsetting) penalties





DEFENSIVE TACKLE



LINEBACKER



SAFETY

EDGE RUSHER



CORNERBACK





# DEFENSIVE TACKLE







**DT**

# JER'ZHAN NEWTON

**21y / 6'2" / 295lbs / Illinois**

**#1**



**#1**



**#1**



**#1**





# STRENGTH

- **Great first step**
- **Distinct arsenal of pass rush moves and counters**
- **Stops the run**

# WEAKNESS

- **Newton relies more on his athleticism than his basic skills**
- **Injury history**



**The Big Ten's reigning Defensive Player of the Year is a strong guy with quick feet and a powerful motor who is versatile and a nightmare for his opponents.**

**His explosiveness is particularly noticeable, leaving opposing blockers standing with his first step or using his speed to chase down the ball carrier.**

**Even when he relies on his exceptional athleticism, he always uses a variety of pass rush moves and counter-attacks to beat his opponent. His game vision and instincts allow him to make the right decisions, making him a true defensive playmaker.**

**Newton is a rare talent that has the potential to be a dominant force at the next level, and I wouldn't be surprised if he goes off the board as a top-10 pick this year.**

15.4% PRW%

8 SK

8 HIT

28 HUR

2 BAT

33 TKL

20% MIS%

32 STOP

2 FF

0 INT

3 PEN







**DT**

# LEONARD TAYLOR IIII

**21y / 6'3" / 305lbs / Miami**

**#2**



**#3**



**#3**



**#4**





# STRENGTH

- **Athletic**
- **Explosive release, good speed**
- **Violent Hands**
- **Skillset**

# WEAKNESS

- **Gap Control**
- **Understanding of the game and experience**
- **Focused on QB only**
- **Usage varies**



**Taylor may only be my #3, but damn is he athletic! He's the right size and frame for an inside pass rusher. Taylor shoots explosively from the holes and looks so light on his feet.**

**He keeps his opponent busy with violent hands and wins disruptively through the middle. Every snap is 100% full throttle for him and you can see that he wants to make the play. But he only goes for the QB.**

**The run is secondary, unless it runs through his gap. Then he can also finish the tackle, but still too inconsistently. Once the runner has passed him, however, it becomes difficult for him as he lacks the pursuit speed. He also occasionally overruns the play or opts for the wrong gap, which is due to his lack of experience.**

**Nevertheless, his athleticism makes him an exciting prospect who could even jump into the first round.**

14.7% PRW%

1 SK

3 HIT

17 HUR

0 BAT

10 TKL

27.8% MIS%

11 STOP

0 FF

0 INT

1 PEN





**DT**

**#3**



# MAASON SMITH

**21y / 6'6" / 315lbs / LSU**



**#2**



**#2**



**#8**



# STRENGTH

- **Athletic**
- **Size**
- **Good pass rush moves (spin & swing move)**

# WEAKNESS

- **Lack of power in upper body**
- **Bad Countermoves**
- **Little experience**

**Mason Smith was one of the most exciting DT prospects as a freshman in 2021. But he got injured in the 2022 season, after only 8 snaps. His comeback last season was more impressive and he showed what an impact he can have at the line of scrimmage. Because a player his size and weight shouldn't be able to move like that!**

**Smith has a good burst, great closing speed and is even relatively bendy for his size. He has powerful legs and can set an anchor or edge well. He has several pass-rush moves. His skillset suggests that he can play both inside and outside in the Dline. Thanks to his size and arm length, he has a very large tackling radius.**

**But his size and weight make him one-dimensional. He regularly wins against guards, but when he has to play against strong tackles, he has problems getting away from them.**

9.5% PRW%

3 SK

2 HIT

18 HUR

2 BAT

16 TKL

0% MIS%

13 STOP

0 FF

0 INT

4 PEN







**DT**

**#4**



# MICHAEL HALL JR.

**20y / 6'2" / 280lbs / Ohio State**



**#4**



**#6**



**#3**



# STRENGTH

- **Energizer Bunny**
- **Well-trained technician**
- **Good against the run**

# WEAKNESS

- **Undersized**
- **Has an injury history**



18.3% PRW%

2 SK

5 HIT

22 HUR

0 BAT

15 TKL

15.4% MIS%

15 STOP

0 FF

0 INT

3 PEN

**What immediately struck me about Michael Hall Jr. is his tremendous drive and the intensity with which he approaches every play. There really is energy behind it!**

**He may be a little on the small side, but he makes up for it with his explosiveness and agility. He also has a good repertoire of pass-rush moves and counters, which he executes skillfully with his strong hands. Thanks to his speed and ability to execute tight turns, Michael is also able to make an impact from the wing. He adapts to his opponents, has a good vision and defends well against the run.**

**Against much bigger blockers, he might have some trouble getting through. And when he runs against double blocks in the pass rush, he tends to roll out, which sometimes leads to large gaps. But he should be able to overcome this with targeted training.**







**DT**

**#5**

# KRIS JENKINS

**22y / 6'3" / 305lbs / Michigan**



**#7**



**#4**



**#7**



# STRENGTH

- **Very powerful**
- **Sets an outstanding anchor**
- **High Motor**

# WEAKNESS

- **No Passrush Upside**
- **Not explosive**
- **Undersized**



**Jenkins was an important part of one of the best defenses in college football this past season and one of the leaders of the national champions.**

**He impresses with his strength and commitment. All his actions are pure power!**

**He has powerful hands and a solid arsenal of counter moves. He sets an outstanding anchor and doesn't let blockers into the backfield. He even has decent speed for his size.**

**But his size is also his biggest weakness. He's small even for a NT, but doesn't work at as a DE. Even for the 3Tech he is not explosive enough and has no pass rush moves. All the pressure comes from his strength, which won't be as big of an advantage in the NFL as it was in college.**

**I'm curious to see how well he tests at the 40 yard dash. How explosive is his get off? How fast is he in the first 10 yards? And has he worked on his mobility to maybe have potential as a 3Tech and make him more exciting for teams because he's more flexible.**

|      |      |
|------|------|
| 11%  | PRW% |
| 2    | SK   |
| 0    | HIT  |
| 18   | HUR  |
| 0    | BAT  |
| 30   | TKL  |
| 5.3% | MIS% |
| 26   | STOP |
| 0    | FF   |
| 1    | INT  |
| 0    | PEN  |







**DT**

**#6**



# RUKE ORHORORO

**22y / 6'4" / 290lbs / Clemson**



**#5**



**#5**



**#9**



# STRENGTH

- **Strong tackling**
- **Gap Control**
- **Versatile in use**
- **Anchor**

# WEAKNESS

- **Less athletic**
- **Closing Speed**
- **Focused on QB only**
- **Not always fully committed**



8.7% PRW%

5 SK

4 HIT

17 HUR

1 BAT

15 TKL

13.6% MIS%

17 STOP

0 FF

0 INT

0 PEN

**First things first: We call him Ruke O. His greatest strength is his confident tackling, where he can set the anchor and stop the runner at the point of attack.**

**But his versatility also speaks for itself. He can play as a DT in a 3 or 4 man front and has even seen outside snaps. He can also control two gaps well. Although he does this with power, he lacks the technique to consistently assert himself against the O-line and rarely uses his arm length. This causes him to lose interest and play with less commitment. But his athleticism also limits him somewhat. He lacks the speed to win or stay with the runner.**

**However, he has good balance thanks to his wrestling past. Ultimately, he is a Day 2 player, the only question is whether it will be enough for Round 2.**





**DT**

**#7**

# BYRON MURPHY III

**21y / 6'1" / 308lbs / Texas**



**#6**



**#13**



**#2**



# STRENGTH

- **Extremely explosive and agile**
- **Effective against double blocks**
- **Can be used variably**

# WEAKNESS

- **Undersized**
- **Sometimes too aggressive**



**Byron was a standout player for the Longhorns and was utilized in a variety of ways. Whether it was as a nose tackle, three-technique or five-technique, he always had a big impact.**

**He is able to hold his ground against double blocks or control them vs. the run. He always exudes a certain calmness that makes it look effortless. It's easy for him to get rid of the opponent's hands and free himself up to create pressure. He is also quick enough to win chases and penetrate the opponents.**

**However, he needs to work on his pass rush plan to not give the other side a chance to place their hands first.**

**I think Murphy will be picked late in the first round or early in the second round and has the potential to be a disruptive and impactful player in the NFL.**

19.6% PRW%

6 SK

3 HIT

36 HUR

0 BAT

15 TKL

18.5% MIS%

21 STOP

0 FF

0 INT

0 PEN





**DT**

**#8**

# MCKINNLEY JACKSON

*age unknown (Senior) / 6'2" / 325lbs / Texas A&M*



**#10**



**#7**



**#6**



# STRENGTH

- **Fast, agile feet**
- **Good acceleration**
- **Strong Rundefender**

# WEAKNESS

- **Misses Passrush-Moves**
- **Bad timing**
- **A bit small**



**Jackson was finally able to play a full season this year. Which was good for the Aggies and his draft stock. Because he is one of the most exciting and flexible Dline prospects in this year's draft class.**

**He can line up as a NT thanks to his build, but his quick feet make him interesting for the 3Tech position. He sets the anchor/edge well against the run. Recognizes the gaps that open up very quickly and closes them effectively.**

**Despite his powerful upper body and aggressive hands, he still regularly has trouble getting off physical blockers. He comes purely through his physicality/athleticism. He still lacks technique and timing in his actions.**

**Those are also the points I want to see from him at the Combine. How well does he perform in drills? And can he back up his athleticism with numbers?**

8.7% PRW%

4 SK

2 HIT

8 HUR

0 BAT

12 TKL

26.9% MIS%

15 STOP

1 FF

0 INT

1 PEN





**DT**

**#9**

# MEKHI WINGO

**21y / 6'1" / 295lbs / LSU**



**#8**



**#8**



**#10**



# STRENGTH

- **Release and speed**
- **Workhorse**

# WEAKNESS

- **Body measurements**
- **Limited mobility**
- **Finish inconsistent**
- **Injury Prone**



**Wingo is a very balanced player. His release is solid, sometimes even explosive, but he often oversleeps it. He gets up to speed quite quickly, but can only maintain it as long as he keeps going straight ahead. Nevertheless, he is a workhorse and constantly works hard.**

**He lacks the body and arm length to be able to assert himself. His hands don't work enough and his skillset mainly consists of a push-pull move. He can make a solid tackle in the run game, but rarely gets away from the blocker to be able to hold his gap regularly. He can also contribute to the tackle in the open field with a solid wrap-up, but is still too inconsistent.**

**He recognizes the play well, can even play inside and outside, but is too heavy for the latter in my opinion. On top of that, he missed a few games in 2023 with an injury, which obviously needs to be monitored.**

7.9% PRW%

5 SK

2 HIT

12 HUR

0 BAT

14 TKL

9.1% MIS%

11 STOP

0 FF

0 INT

0 PEN







**DT**

**#10**

# T'VONDRE SWEAT

**22y / 6'4" / 362lbs / Texas**



**#12**



**#10**



**#5**





# STRENGTH

- **The guy has the size of a bear...**
- **...and he plays like one!**

# WEAKNESS

- **He runs out of breath towards the end**
- **Must develop a pass rush game plan**

**T'Vondre Sweat is an impressive defensive lineman who can overwhelm the opposing offensive line with his physical presence and fighting spirit.**

**He has strong hands and arms to control and shed blocks, a stable base and a low center of gravity to prevent opponents from moving him. His relentless motor and long reach allow him to prevent or stop plays. He is effective in both the run and pass game as he can close gaps and deflect passes. He can play both nose tackle and three-tackle, making him versatile and valuable to NFL teams.**

**However, he needs to work on some aspects of his game, such as his quickness and explosiveness after the snap and his pass-rush game plan. He also needs to improve his conditioning and stamina, as he tends to slack off during games.**



15.3% PRW%

2 SK

3 HIT

26 HUR

6 BAT

28 TKL

8.3% MIS%

26 STOP

0 FF

0 INT

1 PEN





#1 JER'ZHAN NEWTON

LEONARD TAYLOR III #2

#3 MAASON SMITH

MICHAEL HALL JR. #4

#5 KRIS JENKINS

RUKE ORHORHORO #6

#7 BYRON MURPHY II

MCKINNLEY JACKSON #8

#9 MEKHI WINGO

T'VONDRE SWEAT #10



# EDGE RUSHER







**ED**

**#1**

# JARED VERSE

**23y / 6'4" / 260lbs / Florida State**



**#3**



**#1**



**#1**



# STRENGTH

- **Elite athlete, dictates the direction against tackles with his powerful hands**
- **Explosive first step that clearly influences his game**
- **All Around very well trained and experienced**

**Jared Verse could have landed in Las Vegas last year and teamed up with his idol! Instead, he returned to Tallahassee and could be the first defensive end off the board in April.**

**Verse is an intriguing blend of power and athleticism! He dominates offensive tackles with his speed and power on the outside. He relies on his well-honed pass rush moves! His explosiveness off the snap and incredible strength make opponents look bad at times.**

**His strong hands help him to break off blocks. As a result, he cuts a fine figure in run defense as well. In one-on-one situations, this guy is almost unstoppable, even in the NFL!**

**For me, Verse is the complete package at defensive end in a four-man or hybrid front. If he has a weakness, it's his coverage skills! But let's face it, who wants to see a guy like that in coverage?**

# WEAKNESS

- **Doesn't feel comfortable in coverage**
- **He occasionally overlooks the run play and breaks out too far**



21.8% PRW%

11 SK

14 HIT

35 HUR

2 BAT

25 TKL

19.1% MIS%

24 STOP

1 FF

0 INT

1 PEN







**ED**

**#2**



# LAIATU LATU

**23y / 6'4" / 265lbs / UCLA**



**#1**

**#3**

**#2**



# STRENGTH

- **Pass rush skillset**
- **Football IQ**
- **Explosive release**

# WEAKNESS

- **Tackling**
- **Work assignment**
- **Body weight**
- **2 Point Stance only**

26.2% PRW%

15 SK

11 HIT

37 HUR

0 BAT

26 TKL

24% MIS%

33 STOP

3 FF

2 INT

1 PEN



**Why is Latu my #1 on EDGE this year? His reliable reads and ice-cold instincts allow him to locate the ball quickly. He can be used in a variety of ways, including in coverage. Explosiveness is his specialty, even if he needs a little time to pick up speed.**

**His stature: perfect! Long arms, bendy upper body and violent hands make life difficult for the O-line. His pass rush plan and moves for this: Check! The full range is on display, including spin moves, punches, duck moves, and more. The finish: Hard and painful for the opponent!**

**But what else is missing? He needs to work on his release technique and not offer too much surface area. This causes him to lose speed and gives the tackle a point of attack. This leads to the next point: he needs to get away from the tackle more consistently to be able to make the tackle. Last point: He needs to become more confident in open-field tackling and improve his angles to the runner.**

**Still, the clear 3-4 EDGE is the best in the class for me and finds himself on a team's board early to mid-round 1.**





**ED**

**#3**



# DALLAS TURNER

**21y / 6'4" / 242lbs / Alabama**



**#4**



**#2**



**#3**



# STRENGTH

- **Speedster with fierce explosiveness**
- **Modern EDGE that feels comfortable with every task**
- **Works hard on his pass rush repertoire**
- **Great size with upside in weight and strength**

**In the 2023 season, Dallas Turner was named SEC Defensive Player of the Year and First Team All American. He has everything you would expect from a modern EDGE. His speed/explosiveness in particular gives opponents a headache. He passes the blocker incredibly quickly and uses several pass rush moves such as the Dip&Rip or Ghost Rush, which he continues to develop.**

**Turner is also very agile, flexible and intelligent and feels comfortable in coverage. What he still lacks, however, is more mass and strength, which his body should be able to handle without any problems. Especially with his strength and physicality, it's noticeable that he often gets caught by tight ends in run defense or doesn't have enough strength in pass rush to push the arms of blockers away.**

**But we all know about the NFL's infamous Peanut Butter Sandwiches, which should help here. Dallas to me has the most upside among all pass rushers and could become an elite EDGE. I see him going off the board as a late 1st or early 2nd.**

# WEAKNESS

- **He needs to work on his strength, consistency and physicality...**
- **...especially in the running game**



| 19.6% | PRW% |
|-------|------|
| 11    | SK   |
| 11    | HIT  |
| 33    | HUR  |
| 1     | BAT  |
| 29    | TKL  |
| 22.2% | MIS% |
| 26    | STOP |
| 2     | FF   |
| 0     | INT  |
| 6     | PEN  |





**ED**

**#4**

# CHOP ROBINSON

**21y / 6'3" / 250lbs / EDGE / Penn State**



**#2**



**#5**



**#6**



# STRENGTH

- **Agility**
- **Speed**
- **Release**
- **Commitment and determination**

# WEAKNESS

- **Tackling efficiency**
- **Pass Rush only**
- **Body size**
- **Lack of experience**

20.9% PRW%

3 SK

5 HIT

18 HUR

1 BAT

10 TKL

7.1% MIS%

12 STOP

2 FF

0 INT

1 PEN



**My #2 shows why the class is so close together. Chop Robinson shines with his athletic skills. He's quick as an arrow out of the pocket, has the agility to weave through the gaps and finish off the final speed.**

**Yes, he's a little undersized and still too light, but we all know NFL teams have the recipe for this. 100% effort, on every snap - that's his promise. Constantly working hands and solid counter moves are already part of his repertoire, but there is still room for improvement. When he hits, he really hits. Attention: risk of turnover! What he simply lacks is experience. This is evident in duels with better tackles and reflects the inconsistency in his reads. Against the run, he has great potential for improvement - which could lead to us talking only about pass-rush ability with him.**

**He fits best in a 3-4 system where he can shine with his speed. The potential could propel him into the mid-first round.**







**ED**

**#5**



# JONAH ELLISS

**21y / 6'2" / 246lbs / Utah**



**#5**



**#6**



**#7**



# STRENGTH

- **Speed**
- **Spin Move**
- **High Motor**

# WEAKNESS

- **Height and weight**
- **Missing counters**
- **Power**

17.9% PRW%

13 SK

2 HIT

24 HUR

2 BAT

17 TKL

20.7% MIS%

25 STOP

1 FF

0 INT

1 PEN



**Jonah Elliss of the Utah Utes has been one of the most dangerous pass rushers in college this year!**

**One of his biggest strengths is his explosiveness off the snap. This coupled with strong closing speed and a quick spin move makes him a constant threat to the opposing QB. Additionally, he is powerful and THE example of a high motor player. He doesn't waste a play and doesn't spare himself for a second. Elliss even has experience in man and zone coverage against TEs.**

**But unfortunately he's not the biggest and he's pretty light. He will have problems with bigger Oliners. He lacks counter moves to keep his pads clear or get away from the Oliner.**

**His missed tackles should also be monitored. Because he is small, he has to play quite upright, which makes it even easier for opponents to get to his pads.**

**I'm curious about his measurements at the Combine (how tall is he really?).**







**ED**



**#6**

# BRALEN TRICE

**23y / 6'4" / 274lbs / EDGE / Washington**



**#6**



**#8**



**#5**



# STRENGTH

- **Hard work and determination**
- **Body size**
- **Athletic**
- **Hard hitter**

# WEAKNESS

- **Speed and timing**
- **Open field tackling**
- **Block shedding**
- **Stiff hips**

17.2% PRW%

8 SK

17 HIT

51 HUR

1 BAT

33 TKL

24.2% MIS%

29 STOP

1 FF

0 INT

3 PEN



**If you're looking for a player to give you sample measurements, you'll be stuck with Bralen Trice. Top size, top frame, athletic, what more could you ask for?**

**A full-time, high-motor player who played over 1000 snaps in college, who works in and especially through the tackle with power and an already solid skillset and then brings the ball carrier down hard with confidence. His experience is reflected in his versatility to be a player for both schemes. He also has good reads and good anticipation, which can sometimes backfire and cause him to overrun the play. The measurements take away some of his mobility and speed, his release is often off-time. He needs to disengage from the tackle more consistently in order to become more efficient in the run game.**

**I see him most likely in a 4-3 scheme where he can set the EDGE. Whether it's enough for round 1 is a bit doubtful, but early on day 2 should be realistic.**





**ED**

**#7**



# CHRIS BRASWELL

**22y / 6'3" / 255lbs / Alabama**



**#13**



**#4**



**#4**



# STRENGTH

- **Elite athlete with a strong mix of length, strength and speed**
- **Cool as a cucumber, whether at the LoS or in coverage**
- **Closing speed is outstanding**

# WEAKNESS

- **Insufficient arsenal of pass rush moves and counters**
- **Must convert its speed more consistently into power**



**Braswell still doesn't get enough love for me. The guy is #10 on Bruce Feldman's "Freak's List" and has steadily improved his performance over the last three years.**

**It's fascinating how Braswell delays his movements during the play, unsettling his opponents in order to beat them at the same moment and pursue the QB with incredible speed! His long arms and strength support him perfectly. His patience and calmness also pay off in coverage.**

**However, he still lacks pass rush moves and counters to become more variable and unpredictable. I am convinced that he will attract attention at the Combine.**

**Chris Braswell is an exciting player with a lot of experience and strong performances in college. In my opinion, he is one of the top talents of the second round.**

18.2% PRW%

13 SK

10 HIT

33 HUR

0 BAT

22 TKL

12.2% MIS%

24 STOP

3 FF

1 INT

3 PEN







**ED**

**#8**

# BRANDON DORLUS

**23y / 6'3" / 290lbs / Oregon**



**#8**



**#9**



**#9**





# STRENGTH

- **Physically NFL ready**
- **Good acceleration**
- **Good tight Spinmove**

# WEAKNESS

- **Possibly too heavy for Outside**
- **Cannot set edge well**
- **Not a big pass rush arsenal**



**Brandon Dorlus was a 3 year starter for the Oregon Ducks. He is a physically strong DE/Edge prospect that can start right away due to his outstanding strength and huge experience. He has an NFL ready body, with strong legs and a high motor. For his weight, he is quick and driven and has solid closing speed. Thanks to good stamina, he almost never has to leave the field and is versatile, able to move inside for small formations and play as a DT. He has a good, very tight inside spin move.**

**Nevertheless, he is unfortunately not a good edge setter and has problems against the run, which raises the big question: where and how should he be used?**

**Since he has trouble getting away from physical OTs when they get their hands on him, he doesn't seem predestined for DE. At the same time, his bulk limits him as an OLB/extra pass rusher out of the backfield.**

**That's why I want to see at the Combine:**

**What group he's practicing with, has he lost weight, and how tall he really is.**

10.5% PRW%

4 SK

7 HIT

35 HUR

6 BAT

14 TKL

13.6% MIS%

16 STOP

0 FF

0 INT

3 PEN







**ED**

# ADISA ISAAC

**22y / 6'4" / 254lbs / EDGE / Penn State**

**#9**



**#7**



**#13**



**#8**





# STRENGTH

- **Versatile**
- **Body measurements**
- **Release when the opportunity arises**
- **Understanding of the game**

# WEAKNESS

- **End speed missing**
- **Effort inadequate**
- **Experience**
- **Thin skillset**

13% PRW%

9 SK

4 HIT

20 HUR



0 BAT

26 TKL

10% MIS%

26 STOP

1 FF

0 INT

0 PEN

**Isaac also shines with his physical attributes, which makes him my #7. He is tall, has long arms and is also athletic. Has good mobility, which allows him to come from the outside, but also from the inside.**

**Although he hasn't been on the field continuously, he has the experience to operate out of both stances, can also drop in coverage and has good reads. Sometimes he reads a little too long, which means he misses the snap a little and loses a few meters. However, he plays with a lot of effort and works with his hands to achieve his goal.**

**But he needs a better plan with more moves to be able to hit the tackle more consistently. I also find him more effective and explosive when he plays out of the 2-point stance. He lacks speed in pursuit, so he needs to close the edge better to make the play at the line sooner. He'll have to start in the rotation and learn before he can hopefully take on a 3-down role - I wish he could, because he has the disposition for it.**







**ED**



# DARIUS ROBINSON

*age unknown (Senior) / 6'5" / 296lbs / Missouri*

**#10**



**#11**



**#7**



**#10**



# STRENGTH

- **Physically**
- **Strong edge setter**

# WEAKNESS

- **Slow**
- **Lack of pass rush moves**
- **Agility**

16.2% PRW%

9 SK

6 HIT

26 HUR

0 BAT

22 TKL

17.1% MIS%

27 STOP

1 FF

0 INT

2 PEN



**Darius Robinson was already one of the best edge defenders in college in the 2022 season, but has improved even more in the past season and made significant gains in the pass rush area. This is clearly reflected in his sacks (up from 3 to 9) and hurries (up from 10 to 26) numbers. He has the physical tools to be a Day 1 starter in the NFL.**

**He's big, powerful, with aggressive hands that he uses with purpose. He has long arms, which leads to a large tackling radius and the power to set the edge or anchor. All attributes for a good to very good run defender. All of this paired with a lot of experience and understanding of the game (is a super senior) makes him an exciting DE prospect for a 4-3 Dline that can go straight for the first 2 downs.**

**Despite the improvement last season, I wouldn't call him a pass rushing force yet. Probably needs to slim down and add some athleticism (agility and speed) and learn some pass rush moves (that don't come via power). At the Combine, I hope to see that he's either lost some weight and added speed. Or that Robinson shows more pass-rush moves and presents himself as an option for a 3-tech DT.**





#1 JARED VERSE

LAIATU LATU #2

#3 DALLAS TURNER

CHOP ROBINSON #4

#5 JONAH ELLISS

BRALEN TRICE #6

#7 CHRIS BRASWELL

BRANDON DORLUS #8

#9 ADISA ISAAC

DARIUS ROBINSON #10



# LINEBACKER







**LB**

**#1**



# CEDRIC GRAY

**21y / 6'3" / 235lbs / North Carolina**



**#1**



**#1**



**#5**



# STRENGTH

- **Athletic**
- **Team Leader**
- **Versatile use**
- **Agility**

# WEAKNESS

- **Change of direction**
- **Speed**
- **Football IQ**
- **Tackling**

43,6% COV%

5 SK

16 HIT

30 HUR



3 PBU

80 TKL

31 AST

14,6% MIS%

54 STOP

2 FF

1 INT

**Cedric Gray is very promising. He has the size, the body and is very athletic. He lacks a bit of strength, even to set the anchor, but he can make tackles in the box and distribute hard hits.**

**He is a team leader and plays like one. He is versatile, can play in the box, but can also drop in coverage. He reads the play well, finds his way around traffic well and is a high motor player.**

**However, he lacks a little light-footedness and sometimes reacts a little too slowly to a play, which is a good reason to place him a little further back. He is consistently good at keeping free, but has problems tackling in the open field. He doesn't exude enough confidence here and sometimes overshoots. His speed is the big question mark. He has to show this at the Combine, otherwise he could go down further. Despite everything, the first round will be difficult for him.**





**LB**

**#2**



# EDGERRIN COOPER

**22y / 6'3" / 230lbs / Texas A&M**



**#4**



**#5**



**#2**



# STRENGTH

- **Prototype of a modern LB**
- **Above average in all tasks**
- **Constantly productive**

# WEAKNESS

- **He lacks functional strength**
- **Needs fine-tuning**

**Edgerrin is a versatile, athletic and prototypical modern three-down linebacker. He has the length, explosiveness and instincts to disrupt at the line of scrimmage, as well as the coverage skills and range to handle duties on the back end of the field.**

**His passion for the game and Football IQ have allowed him to mature into an extremely productive and consistent playmaker.**

**However, he is not yet complete. He lacks functional strength and still needs to polish his movements. He often plays too high and therefore loses his balance too quickly or offers blockers too much room to strike. For me, he also attacks the ball too rarely in coverage.**

**But he can work on these points and is one of the top prospects at LB in this year's draft.**

**44,3% COV%**

**10 SK**

**5 HIT**

**12 HUR**

**2 PBU**

**58 TKL**

**17 AST**

**12,8% MIS%**

**56 STOP**

**2 FF**

**0 INT**





**LB**

**#3**



# JUNIOR COLSON

**21y / 6'3" / 247lbs / Michigan**



**#5**



**#6**



**#1**



# STRENGTH

- **Fearless & Tough**
- **Tackle machine**
- **He is always on the ball carrier!**

# WEAKNESS

- **Few big plays so far**
- **Needs more patience**



**Colson is one of the players I'm most excited about this year. Even though I am alone in this view, I am convinced that Junior has everything it takes to be a successful three-down linebacker in the NFL.**

**If you watch his game, you notice that he is always near the ball no matter where he started. He's really comfortable between the big guys in the trenches, burrowing through or creating enough space against much bigger blockers and stopping ball carriers with a certain pop for sure.**

**However, he needs to become more patient to avoid falling into traps. But Colson regularly plays big in the important situations and quickly makes up for mistakes. It's not a surprise that he was a finalist in the Lott IMPACT Trophy.**

**I think anyone who finishes the game with a broken hand shows the fighting spirit and commitment that I love so much about this sport!**

51,7% COV%

1 SK

2 HIT

10 HUR

1 PBU

68 TKL

34 AST

4,7% MIS%

36 STOP

0 FF

0 INT





**LB**

**#4**

# TOMMY EICHENBERG

**23y / 6'2" / 239lbs / Ohio State**



**#6**



**#2**



**#6**



# STRENGTH

- **Launches everything on the field**
- **Good Runstopper**
- **Good Floor**

# WEAKNESS

- **Not the most athletic**
- **One-dimensional**
- **Low ceiling**

**For the last three years, Tommy Eichenberg has been a consistent presence in the middle for the Buckeyes. The tackle machine from Cleveland came to Columbus as a 4 star recruit and could have gone in the draft last year.**

**His biggest strengths are his sure tackling (8.7% missed tackle rate) and his outstanding effort. He always plays at full speed, has solid downhill speed and a good get off. He reads the play when it's in front of him very well, can read blocking schemes well and recognize opening gaps. He's also a solid zone cover LB thanks to his tall/wide build.**

**His frame also ensures that he is not the most mobile and agile (no sideline-to-sideline ability). He also doesn't have pass-rush technique or polished counter moves to have impact in the pass rush (only 5 sks. in 3 years). His body looks very finished, which raises the question of whether he hasn't already reached his athletic ceiling.**

**He would have to show that at the Combine... How fast and agile is he really?**

**44,3% COV%**

**1 SK**

**2 HIT**

**8 HUR**

**2 PBU**

**57 TKL**

**27 AST**

**8,7% MIS%**

**31 STOP**

**1 FF**

**0 INT**





**LB**

**#5**



# JEREMIAH TROTTER JR.

**21y / 6'0" / 230lbs / Clemson**



**#2**



**#9**



**#4**





# STRENGTH

- **Mindset**
- **Versatile in use**
- **Light-footed with speed**

# WEAKNESS

- **Lack of body length and power**
- **Misread prone**
- **Big Play ability**



**Trotter is always in action. He is a player with a constantly running engine who is always helping his teammates and never stops working. He is light on his feet, can go sideline to sideline and adapts quickly to the play.**

**He gets through traffic very well, can shoot explosively through the gap and secure the TFL. His tackling is pretty solid, even in the open field as a wrap-up. He is already a 3 down LB who can play in the box, get involved in the pass rush or drop into coverage. He has careful reads and good instincts. However, these let him down when it comes to read option plays. Here he often runs into nothing, which leads to unnecessarily long runs.**

**His lack of body length and therefore lack of power raise questions. As a result, he struggles to establish himself in the pass rush and often loses the upper hand against blockers. I also think he lacks a turnover ability, he will make fewer big plays, but rather the sure tackles. He will also go off the board early on the second day.**

|  | 45,7% | COV% |
|--|-------|------|
|  | 7     | SK   |
|  | 7     | HIT  |
|  | 14    | HUR  |
|  | 2     | PBU  |
|  | 53    | TKL  |
|  | 24    | AST  |
|  | 16,3% | MIS% |
|  | 37    | STOP |
|  | 1     | FF   |
|  | 2     | INT  |







**LB**

**#6**



# PAYTON WILSON

**24y / 6'4" / 230lbs / North Carolina State**



**#3**



**#10**



**#3**



# STRENGTH

- **Great instincts**
- **Big Play affine**
- **Can be used for practically anything**

# WEAKNESS

- **"You need lift a little more!"**
- **Can he stay healthy?**



**At 6'4", NC State's Payton Wilson is a very long and slender player and is also comparatively old at 24. He is an instinctive and athletic playmaker who has qualities in both coverage and run defense.**

**He plays with great discipline, has a good eye and nimble hands, which earned him four interceptions and two forced fumbles in the 2023 season.**

**With his slender limbs, however, he still lacks the strength and technique to better pick off his opponents. Or to put it in the words of R. Sherman: "You need lift a little more!" He can still work on that, then he could become a fully-fledged three-down LB.**

**With his long injury history and his lack of strength and finesse, he is also a big risk. He needs to pass the medical tests and prove that he can stay healthy and improve his weaknesses.**

42,7% COV%

6 SK

7 HIT

9 HUR

3 PBU

92 TKL

31 AST

4,7% MIS%

67 STOP

2 FF

3 INT





**LB**

**#7**



# TY'RON HOPPER

**23y / 6'2" / 224lbs / Missouri**



**#7**



**#3**



**#7**



# STRENGTH

- **Athletic**
- **Flexibility**
- **Build like a Saftey, hits like a Linebacker**

# WEAKNESS

- **No Passrush Moves**
- **Lean**
- **Raw and impatient**

**44,8% COV%**

**3 SK**

**1 HIT**

**13 HUR**



**2 PBU**

**45 TKL**

**13 AST**

**22,7% MIS%**

**29 STOP**

**0 FF**

**0 INT**

**Hopper has been a starter at Missouri since transferring from the Florida Gators for the 2022 season, making the All-SEC Second Team both years.**

**With the Tigers, he has impressed with his speed and flexibility from the start. He can cover very well in zone (2022 Coverage Grade 78.6) and always had a solid impact in the pass rush. Which is confirmed by his numbers over the last 2 years: 7 sacks, 36 hurries and 70 stops.**

**He's still pretty raw and impatient in his actions though. Doesn't have any distinct pass rush moves, only comes through his speed and agility. And allows too many yards after contact or bounces off the runner (missed tackle rate 22.7%), which is also related to his somewhat slender stature. Therefore, he can't get away from blockers once they get their hands on his pads. I'm curious to see if he has put on a little more muscle by the time of the Combine and hasn't lost his explosiveness.**







**LB**

**#8**

# MARIST LIUFAU

**23y / 6'2" / 239lbs / Notre Dame**



**#8**



**#4**



**#19**





# STRENGTH

- **Stronger in Coverage (Man and Zone)**
- **Fast**
- **Flexible / agile**

# WEAKNESS

- **Small and thin**
- **Bad vs. Run**
- **No passrush upside**



32,1% COV%

5 SK

4 HIT

16 HUR

1 PBU

29 TKL

14 AST

18,9% MIS%

22 STOP

1 FF

0 INT

**Luifau was a 2-year starter for the Fighting Irish and was especially impressive in coverage. His coverage grade of 84.1 (according to PFF) for the entire season puts him in the top 20 in all of college football. Coverage is also his biggest strength! Of course, his athleticism helps him tremendously. He is fast, with very strong closing speed. Bendy and agile, so he can cover TEs and RBs in man and can mirror their routes well. His effort also stands out, he doesn't shy away from contact with physically superior opponents and even seems to seek it out at times.**

**Unfortunately, this effort can't make up for his physical limitations (he's not the tallest and quite light) or his lack of strength. Which could be a problem against the run and makes him almost useless for the pass rush, as he can't disengage from blockers and can be pushed into the backfield too easily.**

**I'm curious to see if Liufau has packed on some muscle and if he can confirm his coverage skills in drills at the Combine.**





**LB**

**#9**

# CURTIS JACOBS

**22y / 6'1" / 238lbs / Penn State**



**#9**



**#8**



**#15**



# STRENGTH

- **Change of direction**
- **Speed**
- **Tackling**
- **Agility**

# WEAKNESS

- **Skillset**
- **Limited versatility**
- **Lack of power**
- **Commitment**



***Curtis Jacobs wins with his light-footedness. He can move sideline to sideline and also drops well in coverage. He has the speed to keep up with RBs or TEs in man coverage and also bring it to the pass rush on straight runs. However, he needs to come unblocked for this, as he lacks the pass rush moves - which wasn't his main role in college - but still wouldn't be bad.***

***He has good block-shedding and can bring his opponent to the ground with a good bear hug. On clear passing downs, he was sometimes not even on the field.***

***He is a read and react player, but can compensate for this with good mobility. I miss his lack of effort during his time on the field. Although he works behind and tries to help his colleagues and finishes what they haven't finished, he sometimes gets lost in traffic and doesn't give me the impression of wanting to set the tone.***

**39,2% COV%**

**3 SK**

**4 HIT**

**6 HUR**

**0 PBU**

**36 TKL**

**13 AST**

**12,5% MIS%**

**24 STOP**

**0 FF**

**0 INT**







**LB**

**#10**



# JACKSON MITCHELL

*age unknown (Senior) / 6'1" / 235lbs / Connecticut*



**#12**



**#7**



**#18**



# STRENGTH

- **Strong cover LB**
- **Good tackler**
- **Playcaller with lots of experience**

# WEAKNESS

- **Small and thin**
- **Not much power**



**Mitchell is one of the most experienced prospects in the entire LB class. Even as a freshman he played 445 snaps in 7 games. Since then he has been a 3 year starter for the UConn Huskies.**

**Mitchell brings great technique along with experience. He is a sure tackler, good in zone coverage, has the athletic potential to hold his own in man coverage against TEs and RBs and also has a small pass rush upside thanks to his speed and agility. He was also the defense's playcaller.**

**But the upside is limited because of his build. Jackson Mitchell is rather small and lean. Doesn't impress with his strength. Has trouble getting off blockers and can't set an edge or anchor against the run. He also doesn't have long arms, which makes it difficult for him to keep blockers from getting to his pads, limits him in terms of potential pass-rush moves and provides a small tackle radius.**

**I'm curious to see how big Mitchell really is and if he's packed on some bulk and strength.**

48,2% COV%

1 SK

5 HIT

12 HUR

1 PBU

67 TKL

31 AST

19,7% MIS%

32 STOP

1 FF

1 INT





#1 CEDRIC GRAY

EDGERRIN COOPER #2

#3 JUNIOR COLSON

TOMMY EICHENBERG #4

#5 JEREMIAH TROTTER JR.

PAYTON WILSON #6

#7 TY'RON HOPPER

MARIST LIUFAU #8

#9 CURTIS JACOBS

JACKSON MITCHELL #10



# CORNERBACK

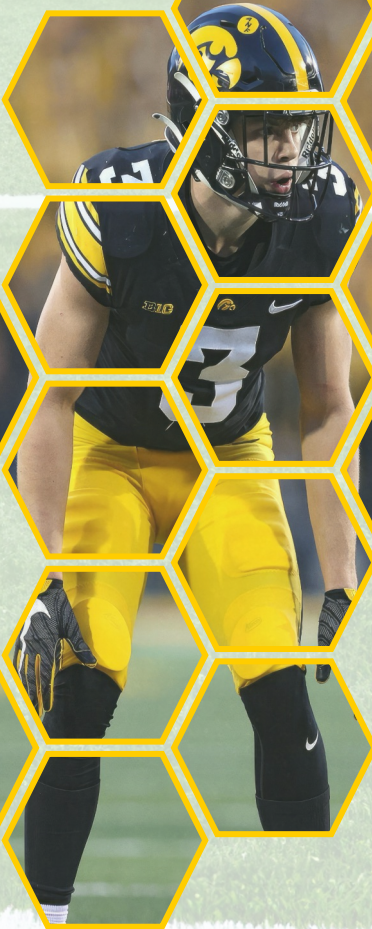






**CB**

**#1**



# COOPER DEJEAN

**21y / 6'1" / 207lbs / Iowa**



**#1**



**#2**



**#1**



# STRENGTH

- **Understanding of the game**
- **Athletic**
- **Body size**
- **Speed**

# WEAKNESS

- **Agility**
- **Skillset**
- **Tackling**



**DeJean is the best cornerback in the class for me. He has the perfect body length, frame and mass to make life difficult for any WR.**

**With his athleticism, he can stick to the receiver and not give them any room at all. He has the acceleration to challenge comeback routes directly, he can keep his speed across the field and if a gap should arise, he can close it very quickly. As a reminder: the man runs the 100m in 11.16 sec!**

**And with this speed, he can not only play perfectly in man coverage, but can also be incorporated into blitzes. Of course he can also play in zone coverage, but I think he's too strong in man press.**

**What you can criticize is his turnover production. He's not a player who catches INTs non-stop, but he still has a natural nose for the ball. In addition, he is too hasty in the open field and misses the tackle as a result. But that's all complaining at the highest level.**

**Guaranteed first round.**

46 TGT

43,5% REC%

4 PBU

37,8 NFL

0 PRS

29 TKL

12,2% MIS%

10 STOP

0 FF

2 INT

3 PEN







**CB**

**#2**

# TERRION ARNOLD

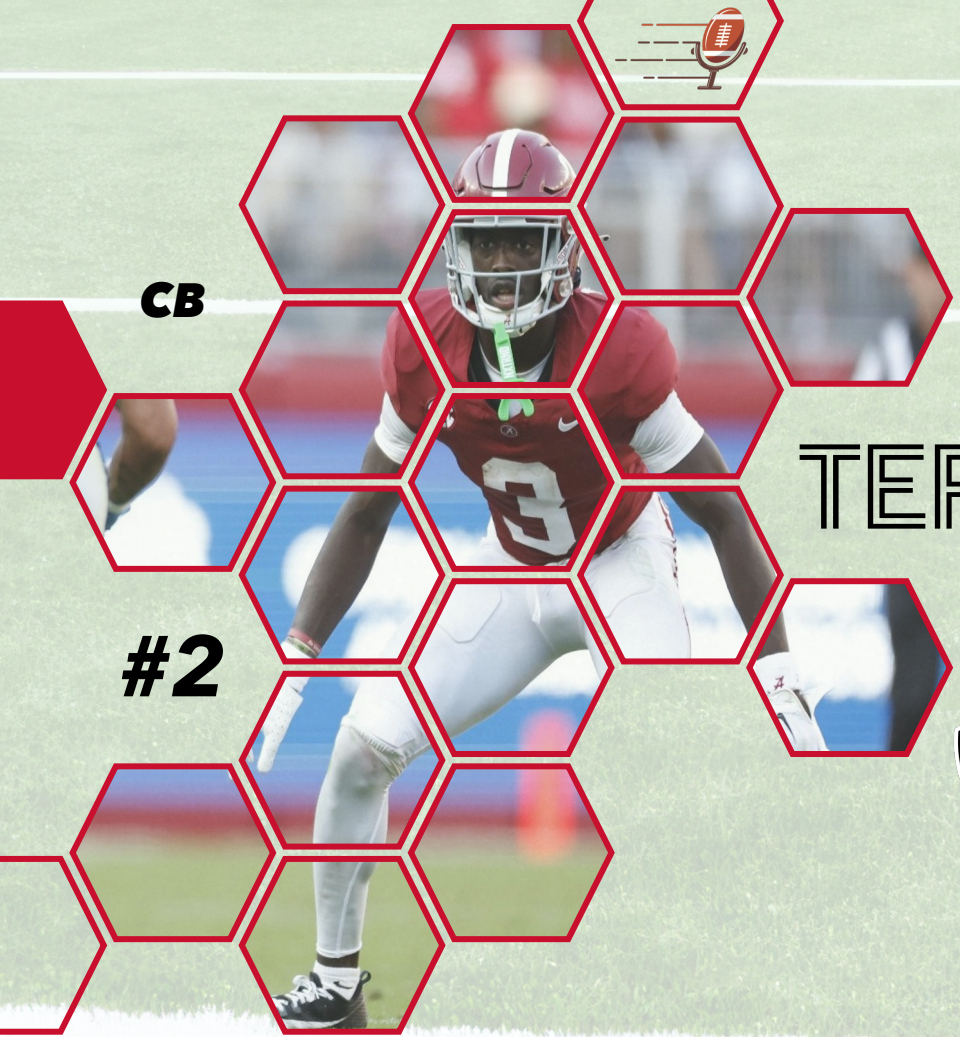
*21y / 6'0" / 196lbs / Alabama*



**#3**

**#1**

**#2**





# STRENGTH

- **Very fast**
- **Powerful**
- **Very strong in mancoverage**

# WEAKNESS

- **To grabby**
- **Pure outside CB**



**Before the season, Arnold was still overshadowed by his team-mate Kool-Aid McKinstrey, but that has changed over the course of the season. Depending on who you believe at the moment, he could even be picked ahead of his colleagues with the eye-catching name. There are reasons for that!**

**He brings solid size, long arms and great speed in all his actions. Can defend quick cuts, thanks to his loose hips and quick feet, and is one of the surest tacklers in the CB class. His athleticism makes him perfect for man coverage. All attributes you look for in a shutdown CB.**

**Nevertheless, there are a few small weaknesses in his game. He is solid in zone, but prefers to have the clear task of taking out a player in man. When he plays press, he occasionally gets too grabby and takes his hands away from the opponent too late, which can lead to penalties in the NFL.**

**But the positives clearly outweigh the negatives and make him a 1st round talent.**

79 TGT

51,9% REC%

13 PBU

50,7 NFL

4 PRS

50 TKL

11,3% MIS%

21 STOP

1 FF

5 INT

3 PEN





**CB**

**#3**



# KOOL-AID MCKINSTRY

**21y / 6'1" / 195lbs / Alabama**



**#4**



**#5**



**#4**



# STRENGTH

- **Excellent physique**
- **Ball skills**
- **Finds his place in every scheme**
- **QB very rarely throws in his direction!**

**Kool-Aid, what a name! The former five-star recruit has excellent physicality, speed and athleticism for a cornerback.**

**He is very versatile, can play as a press-man, off-man or in the zone and is also a dangerous weapon as a blitzer.**

**He still needs to work on his positioning on deep passes, as he tends to give the receiver too much space or lose sight of the ball. In college, he was usually able to make up for this with his talent, but in the NFL this tends to be punished.**

**Unfortunately, we saw much less of his potential in the 2023 season as the opposing offenses consistently played around him, which greatly benefited his teammate Arnold.**

**Kool-Aid is a highly talented and confident player who can develop into a Pro Bowler and will have an immediate impact in any system as a starter and playmaker.**

# WEAKNESS

- **Must work better against the deep pass**



39 TGT

48,7% REC%

4 PBU

73,1 NFL

2 PRS

27 TKL

8,1% MIS%

12 STOP

0 FF

0 INT

0 PEN







**CB**

**#3**



# QUINYON MITCHELL

*age unknown (Junior) / 6'0" / 195lbs / Toledo*



**#5**



**#3**



**#5**



# STRENGTH

- **Straight linespeed**
- **Hard tackler**
- **Very strong at the catchpoint**

# WEAKNESS

- **Size**
- **Agility**
- **Too reserved in zone**



**A maximum average-sized outside CB from Toledo is shaking up the draft boards, you rarely see anything like it. It's no longer surprising after a closer look at his tape. He has great speed, sure hands and a "nose" for the ball. Despite his size, he is very strong at the catch point, which enables him to understand routes and mirror them well. And the kid can also hustle really hard.**

**Still, Mitchell has some things to work on to become a true #1 in the NFL. Most of it has to do with his agility, he still loses too much speed on quick cuts and has problems back-paddling.**

**In zone, he sometimes seems a little "reserved" or wait-and-see, which can allow a few too many yards after catch.**

**On the whole, however, his athletic profile makes him an exciting prospect as an outside cover CB who can also be taken on Day 1.**

62 TGT

43,5% REC%

14 PBU

51,1 NFL

1 PRS

39 TKL

6,3% MIS%

12 STOP

0 FF

1 INT

0 PEN







**CB**



# NATE WIGGINS

**20y / 6'2" / 185lbs / Clemson**

**#3**



**#2**



**#8**



**#3**



# STRENGTH

- **He is the shutdown corner prospect of the 2024 Draftclass**
- **Only 20 years old...**
- **...Sky is the Limit!**

**Wiggins is a former four-star recruit and an All-ACC First-Team selection. For his size, he has impressive quickness, agility and physicality.**

**He can play both man and zone defense and uses his instincts and ball skills expertly. His technique, especially his tackling, still needs coaching. He often plays too high, especially when changing direction, which costs him speed.**

**He should also build up more strength and mass to be able to deal better with bigger and stronger opponents. But these are fine-tuning issues that good coaching and training can fix.**

**He's only 20 years old, but he already has the skills and confidence to make his mark in the NFL as a shutdown cornerback!**

**I'm looking forward to the Combine, but the first round should already be safe.**

# WEAKNESS

- **Requires fine adjustments**
- **More mass = more class**



41 TGT

43,9% REC%

4 PBU

44,4 NFL

2 PRS

23 TKL

13,3% MIS%

8 STOP

2 FF

2 INT

1 PEN





**CB**

**#6**

# T.J. TAMPA

**22y / 6'2" / 200lbs / Iowa State**



**#6**



**#6**



**#6**



# STRENGTH

- **Commitment**
- **Solid reads**
- **Size**

# WEAKNESS

- **Acceleration**
- **Grabby tendency**
- **Orientation**



**Tampa is a very balanced player overall. It's hard to pinpoint any strengths or weaknesses.**

**He has the frame and body to make an impact as an outside CB in the league. His speed is good enough to match up with receivers and catch up to them if necessary. However, he lacks the top speed and lacks the agility in man coverage to stay with jukes to the middle. Here he tends to be grabby.**

**He is good at disengaging from blockers and getting involved in the run game, which is what he wants to do. He is a high motor player who wants to make his mark on every play. At the point of catch, he specifically goes for pass break-ups.**

**He can be used in a variety of ways, I find him more effective in zone than in man because he can read the QB better there and react more agilely than in man with a very good understanding of the zone.**

**For me he is a player for the second round - maybe his name makes a suitable landing spot.**

49 TGT

51% REC%

6 PBU

54,8 NFL

1 PRS

44 TKL

16,9% MIS%

14 STOP

0 FF

2 INT

3 PEN





**CB**

**#7**



# ENNIS RAKESTRAW JR.

*age unknown (RS Junior) / 6'0" / 188lbs / Missouri*



**#8**



**#4**



**#7**



# STRENGTH

- **Competitive and confident demeanor, plays with a lot of confidence**
- **Excellent pressman skills with physicality, footwork and hand use at the line**

**Ennis Rakestraw Jr. has good size, length and athleticism for a corner. You can tell he loves to compete and is up for any challenge.**

**His movements are fluid and smooth, making it easy for him to mirror receivers in and out of their breaks. He is very physical at the Line of Scrimmage where he uses his arms to disrupt or even break running lanes. He also has good instincts to find the ball and disrupt the play.**

**He also needs to work on his tackling technique and should build up more strength and mass to be able to play off the opposition even more effectively with his aggressive style of play.**

**He has the potential to be an immediate starter in the NFL. Especially in a system where he can play pressman coverage.**

# WEAKNESS

- **Has trouble with bigger and stronger receivers who can overpower him**
- **Tackling technique and consistency need to improve**



28 TGT

64,3% REC%

2 PBU

96,9 NFL

0 PRS

26 TKL

8,3% MIS%

10 STOP

1 FF

0 INT

3 PEN





**CB**

**#8**



# KAMARI LASSITER

**21y / 6'0" / 180lbs / Georgia**



**#9**



**#7**



**#8**



# STRENGTH

- **Speed**
- **Agility**
- **Technique**

# WEAKNESS

- **Too slender**
- **Insecure in mancoverage**
- **Too grabby**



**Lassiter is another strong defensive prospect from Georgia.**

**He was a 2-year starter in the Bulldogs' secondary and was especially impressive this year. What immediately stands out about him is his speed and agility. He has good acceleration and closing speed and very agile hips, which help him in turn-and-run situations.**

**The second big plus point is his good technique. He picks up receivers well, can mirror their routes (which is due to his past as a WR) and allows little at the catch point. He also has a secure tackling technique (wrap-up).**

**The only problem is his physicality. Lassiter is quite lean and lacks the power to hold his own against physical outside receivers. This raises the question of how flexible he is and whether he is more of a pure zone cover CB. In his desperation, he also gets very grabby when he has to play pressman.**

39 TGT

38,5% REC%

5 PBU

48,7 NFL

2 PRS

28 TKL

9,5% MIS%

11 STOP

0 FF

0 INT

1 PEN







**CB**

**#9**



# KALEN KING

**21y / 5'11" / 191lbs / Penn State**



**#11**



**#11**



**#10**



# STRENGTH

- **Acceleration and speed**
- **Understanding of the game**
- **Tackling**

# WEAKNESS

- **Versatility**
- **Body measurements**
- **Skillset**



**The Penn State cornerback shines with his acceleration and speed. He gets out of the holes quickly, can build up speed very fast and stay with the receiver. He can also maintain this speed across the field and integrate himself well into the run.**

**He is light on his feet and can play in zone and man, although the latter is more effective as he is often too late in zone coverage. He plays intuitively and recognizes plays very quickly, but sometimes loses sight of his opponent.**

**Apart from that, he can make good tackles, going full-body ahead, but this can also result in missed tackles.**

**However, he is too grabby on the move, he lacks the reaction time to be closer to the man**

**He primarily plays outside CB, occasionally even as a strong safety, but he has one problem: he is too small. At 5'11", it can be difficult against big Z receivers, which is why a nickle cornerback role could suit him.**

41 TGT

61% REC%

1 PBU

82,4 NFL

1 PRS

27 TKL

16,7% MIS%

10 STOP

0 FF

0 INT

4 PEN





**CB**

**#10**

# CAELEN CARSON

**22y / 6'0" / 195lbs / Wake Forest**



**#15**



**#9**



**#11**



# STRENGTH

- **Cloosingspeed**
- **Safe tackler**
- **Strong in zone**

# WEAKNESS

- **Grabby**
- **Balltraking (when in the air)**
- **Problems in mancoverage**



**Caelon Carson is one of the most experienced prospects in the draft. Despite his average size at best, the very athletic outside CB brings 4 years of experience as a starter for Wake Forest. He has good closing speed and moves well in traffic.**

**Carson is one of the sure tacklers in the CB class, which with his athletic attributes makes him a very good zone cover CB. He always has the QB in his sights and loves it when the play is in front of him.**

**As good as his zone coverage is, his man defense is problematic. He really stalls on quick cuts and is too slow to get loose again. He becomes grabby and has trouble locating the ball in the air.**

**This makes him very one-dimensional and only useful for teams that play mostly in zone.**

64 TGT

56,3% REC%

4 PBU

98,2 NFL

0 PRS

41 TKL

11,8% MIS%

11 STOP

1 FF

0 INT

2 PEN





#1 COOPER DEJEAN

TERRION ARNOLD #2

#3 KOOL-AID MCKINSTRY

QUINYON MITCHELL #4

#5 NATE WIGGINS

T.J. TAMPA #6

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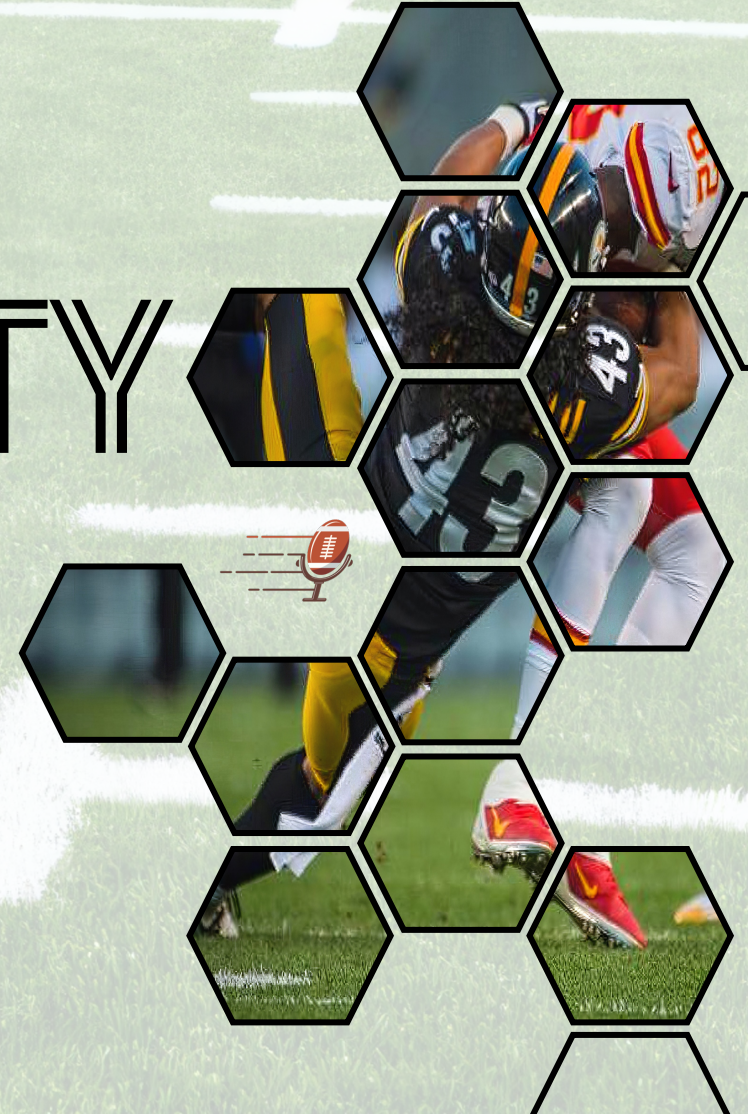
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SAFETY







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**#1**

# KAMREN KINCHENS

**21y / 6'0" / 205lbs / Miami**



**#1**



**#1**



**#1**



# STRENGTH

- **Top athlete**
- **Flexible to use**
- **Speed Speed Speed**

# WEAKNESS

- **Must tackle more consistently**
- **Get more routine**
- **A little too hasty**



**Kam Kinchens comes into the draft as one of the youngest safeties. The Miami product is not inexperienced, as he has been starting since his freshman year.**

**He impresses with athleticism, power and his effort. His explosive burst and strong closing speed make him flexible to use. His speed and agility allow him to defend the deep zone on his own as a FS. At the same time, it makes him exciting for the big nickel and strong safety spots.**

**Initially, one of the two spots closer to the LoS would be a better fit, as he still has trouble anticipating deep/longer routes and his open-field tackling still leaves a lot to be desired. He jumps into the opponent more with his body than he wraps around him. As great as his motivation is, and he sometimes carries his teammates along with his energy, it can also be "dangerous" for his game, as he occasionally misses the target. This is particularly noticeable against the run, whereby the question is whether he misses because he wants to make the big play or because he reads running lanes/blocking badly or incorrectly.**

55,6% COV%

1 SK

2 HUR

2 PBU

52 TKL

11 AST

13,7% MIS%

13 STOP

0 FF

5 INT

0 PEN







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#2

# TYLER NUBIN

22y / 6'2" / 210lbs / Minnesota



#6



#2



#2



# STRENGTH

- **Adjustment**
- **Versatile in use**
- **Hand skills**

# WEAKNESS

- **Athleticism missing**
- **Speed limited**
- **Game Recognition**

53,9% COV%

1 SK

4 HUR

4 PBU

43 TKL

15 AST

9,4% MIS%

13 STOP

1 FF

5 INT

2 PEN



**Nubin is versatile, has spent a lot of time as a free safety, has occasionally played in the box at strong safety and has seen a healthy mix of coverage snaps and run snaps.**

**This is where my opinion of him splits though. He lacks athletic skills, seems stiff in the hips, doesn't have the downhill speed to come from deep or the speed and body to play single high FS. His acceleration is constant and okay, but nothing more. His frame tells me: a man for strong safety, but he lacks experience here, especially in man coverage against TEs or RBs.**

**He can get into the tackle well with a body, even in open field, through a wrap up, but it's not the safest and he chooses long routes to the man, so the angles are weird. He takes too long to recognize the play in the box and needs to recognize the blocking schemes better to avoid ending up in the wrong gap or getting caught by blockers. He did this better and more consistently from a little further up the field and was able to show off his ball skills and catch INTs.**







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# BEAU BRADE

*age unknown (Senior) / 5'11" / 208lbs / Maryland*

#3



#5



#3



#5





# STRENGTH

- **Fast and agile**
- **Plays very powerfully**
- **Reliable tackler**

# WEAKNESS

- **Still has problems reading the game**
- **Lacks technique/only comes through athleticism**



**Brade was a starter for the surprisingly good Maryland Terrapins the last 2 years. He was utilized in a variety of ways in those games. As a sophomore he played most of the time at FS, as a junior he was used more flexibly throughout the defensive backfield.**

**This also shows one of his great strengths. Beau Barde can play everything from nickel CB to box safety to free safety. He impresses with speed and power. He is fast, agile and explosive when it comes to finishing plays. He works hard against the run, which might qualify him more as a box safety or big nickel. This is also supported by the fact that he copes better when the field/zone he has to defend is rather small.**

**The bigger the zone, the bigger his mistakes seem to be, as he anticipates long routes poorly and shoots past the play in overzealousness, which can lead to big plays.**

**I'm curious to see if he works on his zone coverage in the offseason for Pro Day and Combine, which would make him one of the most complete safeties in the class. A day starter for me!**

49% COV%

0 SK

3 HUR

4 PBU

62 TKL

16 AST

18,8% MIS%

25 STOP

1 FF

1 INT

0 PEN







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**#4**

# JAVON BULLARD

**21y / 5'10" / 197lbs / Georgia**



**#3**



**#9**



**#3**



# STRENGTH

- **Fluid hips and quick feet in coverage**
- **High football IQ and understanding of the game**
- **Tracks the ball well and has good hands**
- **Dedication and grit**

# WEAKNESS

- **Small stature and build**
- **Inconsistent tackler and technique**



55,2% COV%

0 SK

0 HUR

5 PBU

45 TKL

13 AST

10,8% MIS%

13 STOP

1 FF

2 INT

1 PEN

**Javon Bullard is someone you enjoy watching. His commitment and grit are immediately noticeable!**

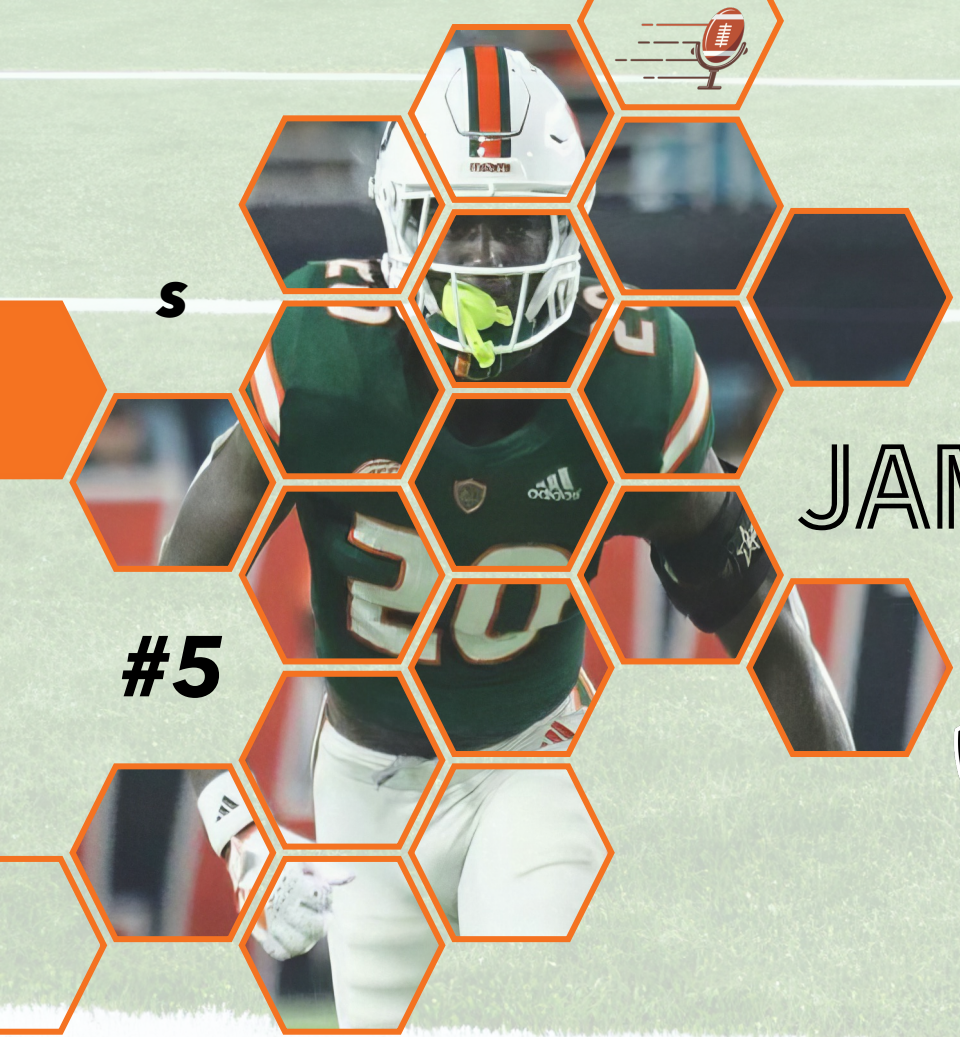
**As a free safety, he virtually flies across the field and can cover a huge area. He shows an exceptional understanding of the game, which means he always positions himself well and takes up a lot of space with his good burst. He always has his eye on the ball, attacks opponents and the ball at the right moment and can also generate the odd big play thanks to his good hands.**

**His small stature brings natural disadvantages, such as relatively short arms, and his tackling is also quite inconsistent, which will put some teams off.**

**Still, I think he's one of the best talents at safety and should find a suitable taker in the second round.**







# JAMES WILLIAMS

*21y / 6'5" / 224lbs / Miami*



**#7**



**#4**



**#4**



# STRENGTH

- **Impressive size and length for a safety**
- **Good instincts and awareness in zone coverage**
- **Can disrupt the timing and catch point of receivers**
- **Leader and communicator on the field**

**Williams is an impressive five-star recruit at the safety position because he's just HUGE! And his skillset is so special that he can really become a gamechanger.**

**His enormous wingspan alone means he covers a gigantic area, which is further enhanced by his athleticism and poses enormous problems for quarterbacks and receivers.**

**Especially in zone defense, he can play to his strengths by covering large parts of the field with his agility and speed. He plays instinctively and aggressively at the catch point and against the run. He is not afraid to attack the ball in order to generate turnovers.**

**He has not yet gained much experience in man-to-man coverage of tight ends, which still raises questions in some situations. Due to his stature, you could also consider using him as a linebacker, but I personally wouldn't be a big fan of that as he would lose some of his physical advantages.**

# WEAKNESS

- **Thin lower body and average functional strength**
- **Not very experienced in man coverage of tight ends**
- **A little prone to penalties**



58,5% COV%

0 SK

4 HUR

3 PBU

65 TKL

10 AST

14,8% MIS%

15 STOP

2 FF

1 INT

5 PEN







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#6

# JADEN HICKS

*age unknown (RS Sophomore) / 6'3" / 212lbs / Washington State*



#2



#8



#6



# STRENGTH

- **Speed from the top shelf**
- **Effort**
- **Skillset**

# WEAKNESS

- **Versatility**
- **Game Recognition**
- **Needs more mass**



**At 6'3", he has a wingspan and body size that only very few safeties in this class have. He can generate speed quickly, shoot forward explosively and convert that burst into super closing speed that he can work with in all directions.**

**His size limits his mobility somewhat, but he can still cover a lot of grass and drop softly in coverage. Hicks plays with a lot of power and energy, is 100% involved in every play and follows every route, even through traffic. His skillset includes not only a hard tackle with his shoulder in front, but also the ability to come from the second row in the pass rush or to shoot gaps.**

**Watch out: big plays are his ultimate goal! He takes full risks, which can also lead to missed tackles. He is also not versatile. He primarily played in the box, snaps at free safety were the exception. However, he is good at picking up RBs and TEs and shows a good understanding of zone and man coverage.**

**54,3% COV%**

**3 SK**

**3 HUR**

**4 PBU**

**64 TKL**

**17 AST**

**14,7% MIS%**

**34 STOP**

**1 FF**

**2 INT**

**3 PEN**







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#7

# COLE BISHOP

age unknown (Junior) / 6'2" / 207lbs / Utah



#4



#5



#8



# STRENGTH

- **High Motor Player**
- **Agility at its best**
- **Versatility**

# WEAKNESS

- **Grabby due to lack of speed**
- **Missing mass**
- **block shedding**



**He can play well in man against TEs and RBs and be incorporated in the pass rush, although he has a better understanding of the play from deep when he has a little more time to read the play and reacts almost instinctively.**

**In the box, he may neglect the runner and look to pick up the block instead of avoiding it. On the one hand, he lacks the mass to beat this blocker and, on the other, to stop runners more effectively. They would otherwise simply bounce off him. Nevertheless, his tackling looks secure, also in the open field, when he can set good angles from deep.**

**His acceleration is good, he can pick up the pace well downhill. His really relaxed movement is important here. He can easily open his hips in the zone and quickly adjust his direction of travel. He also has the speed to work towards the sideline and doesn't lose it through traffic. Although he is less able to maintain top-end speed over the length, which causes him to be grabby.**

|     |      |
|-----|------|
| 55% | COV% |
| 3   | SK   |
| 6   | HUR  |
| 1   | PBU  |
| 47  | TKL  |
| 13  | AST  |
| 13% | MIS% |
| 22  | STOP |
| 1   | FF   |
| 2   | INT  |
| 2   | PEN  |







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#8

# CALEN BULLOCK

20y / 6'3" / 190lbs / USC



#11



#7



#8



# STRENGTH

- **Fast and agile**
- **Plays very big/long**
- **Can cover large zones on his own**

# WEAKNESS

- **One-trick-pony (Free Safety)**
- **Too light and powerless**
- **Unsafe tackler**



**The former 4-star recruit of the USC Bruins was unable to live up to the high expectations about him, just like almost every player on defense. Still, there's a lot to like about Bullock. He plays big and long/rangy, giving him a big catch radius. He can also defend big and deep zones on his own thanks to his speed. He is very good at the catch point and makes it difficult for receivers in 1on1.**

**Unfortunately, that's the only thing he can do. He is a classic one-trick pony who seems to be best suited deep in coverage. He lacks the physicality to support against the run and has no sure tackling technique. On tape he showed problems in man coverage, especially when mirroring receivers, has trouble following routes and can be thrown off by double moves and quick cuts. He needs the play and the routes in front of him.**

**If he can add some strength/power without sacrificing speed, it would help his draft stock and make him a safe day 2 pick.**

54,2% COV%

0 SK

0 HUR

7 PBU

54 TKL

10 AST

13,5% MIS%

15 STOP

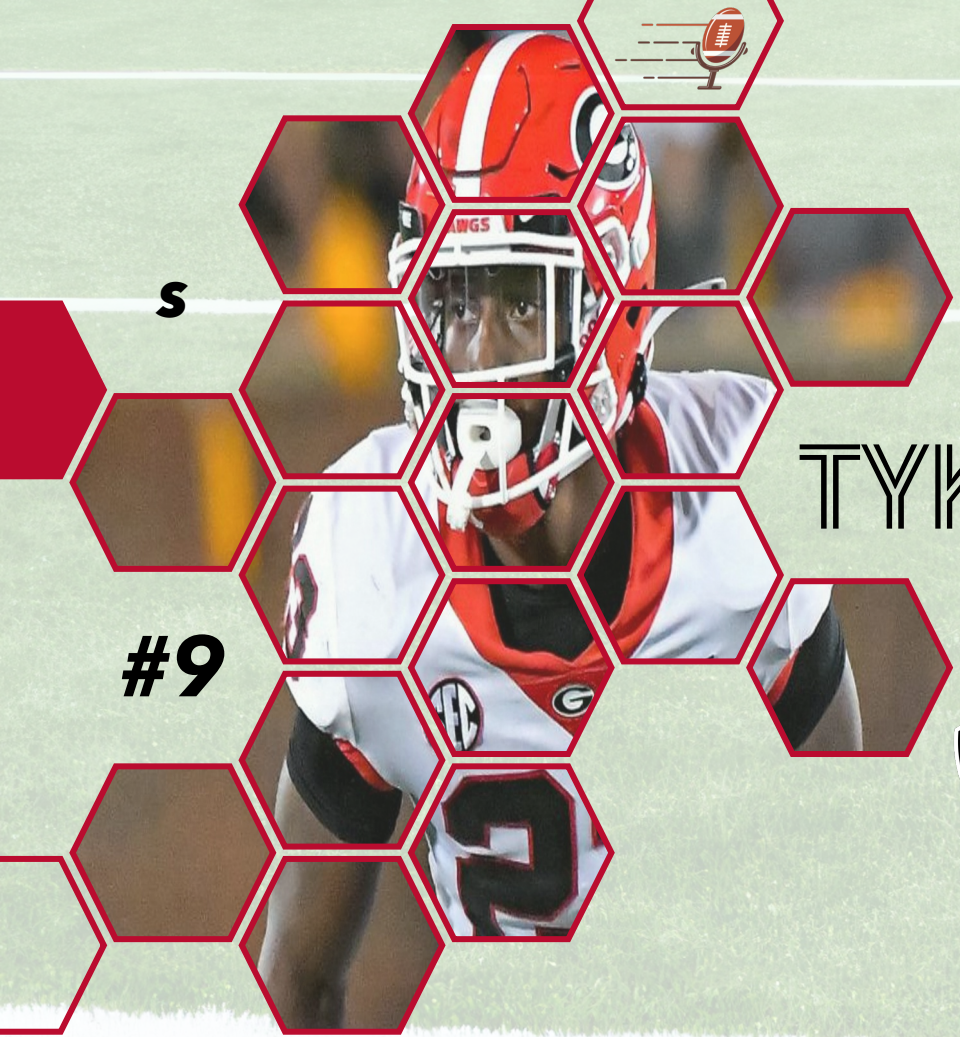
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2 INT

2 PEN







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#9

# TYKEE SMITH

23y / 5'9" / 206lbs / Georgia



#14



#6



#9



# STRENGTH

- **Very explosive**
- **Great closing speed**
- **Ballhawk**

# WEAKNESS

- **Small**
- **Stiff hips/immobile**
- **Pure zone cover DB**

53,7% COV%

2 SK

7 HUR

2 PBU

53 TKL

14 AST

13% MIS%

27 STOP

0 FF

4 INT

2 PEN



**Tykee Smith came to the Bulldogs 3 years ago as a starter from West Virginia, but it wasn't until last season that he developed into the undisputed starter.**

**The speedy and explosive DB played most of his time as a nickel CB, but has also played regularly as a safety. He is a tough tackler with good ball skills (4 interceptions in 2023). He is most comfortable in zone defense when the play is in front of him.**

**Despite a lot of experience, he has problems in man coverage, which is due to his "immobility" (stiff hips, loses a lot of speed on turn & run) and also his size (likes to be overpowered by bigger receivers).**

**His skillset speaks to a nickel CB/box-safety prospect with special teams upside that can be taken early on Day 3.**

**I'm curious to see how explosive he is at the Combine and if he has worked on his mobility.**







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# KITAN OLADAPO

**23y / 6'2" / 219lbs / Oregon State**

**#10**



**#14**



**#10**



**#7**



# STRENGTH

- **Tough tackler**
- **Extremely versatile, with good pass defense against TE**
- **Energizer**

***I love the energy and intensity that Oladapo brings to the field. He always plays with full commitment, regardless of the consequences.***

***Kitan has the perfect size and length for a safety. And with his physical style of play, short area quickness and agility, he is made for the role in the box or in the slot. He has the skills to be used as a blitzer and can easily cover tight ends in the passing game.***

***He has good instincts in the run game and is a good tackler who often delivers very hard hits.***

***Although, he will have a tough time against faster and more agile receivers because he doesn't have the hip mobility to maintain speed on quick changes of direction.***

***I see enough talent here for the second or third round and the potential to be a good starter.***

# WEAKNESS

- **Stiff hips vs faster & agile WR**
- **Loses sight of the ball from time to time**



55,4% COV%

2 SK

6 HUR

7 PBU

63 TKL

11 AST

12,1% MIS%

23 STOP

2 FF

2 INT

1 PEN





#1 KAMREN KINCHENS

TYLER NUBIN#2

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