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THE ULTIMATE 2024

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QUARTERBACKS

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Jayden Daniels
QB - LSU

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	AY/A	TD	Int	Rate
*2019	Arizona State	Pac-12	FR	QB	12	205	338	60.7	2943	8.7	9.4	17	2	149.2
2020	Arizona State	Pac-12	SO	QB	4	49	84	58.3	701	8.3	9.0	5	1	145.7
*2021	Arizona State	Pac-12	JR	QB	13	197	301	65.4	2381	7.9	7.1	10	10	136.2
*2022	LSU	SEC	SR		14	266	388	68.6	2913	7.5	8.0	17	3	144.5
*2023	LSU	SEC	SR	QB	12	236	327	72.2	3812	11.7	13.6	40	4	208.0
Career	Overall					953	1438	66.3	12750	8.9	9.5	89	20	158.4
	Arizona State					451	723	62.4	6025	8.3	8.4	32	13	143.4

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6-4 HEIGHT	210 WEIGHT (LBS)	23 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
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Scouting Report

Jayden Daniels won't wait long to hear his name called in this month's NFL Draft; the reigning Heisman Trophy recipient is currently the odds-on favorite of going 2nd overall. The move to LSU brought out the best in Daniels as he was able to play alongside two NFL caliber receivers in Malik Nabers and Brian Thomas Jr. Adding Daniels' threat as a rusher, the Tigers had one of the best offenses in the country.

Despite a smaller frame at 210 pounds, Daniels' mobility and threat of leaving the pocket is elite in this class. Daniels enters the league with 55 starts under his belt (37-18), winning at both Arizona State and LSU. His arm strength may not be elite, but he makes up for it by staying calm in the pocket and improvising under pressure. Daniels displays a high football IQ, and will make defenses pay if he gets in the open field.

Daniels would be expected to start Week 1 of this year, regardless of who selects him. Given his rushing capability, he be a top-5 pick in superflex rookie drafts. Depending on team needs, he could make the argument for second overall behind Caleb Williams. Even in one-quarterback rookie drafts, Daniels is a mid-to-late first round pick.

Positives ➕

+55 career starts
+Leader
+High football IQ
+Athleticism
+Accurate when throwing on the move
+Ability to recognize pre-snap pressure
+Sound footwork
+Comfortable in a crowded pocket
+Scrambling ability
+Top tier big play capability

Negatives ➖

–Smaller frame
–Non-elite velocity on throws
–Adequate arm elasticity
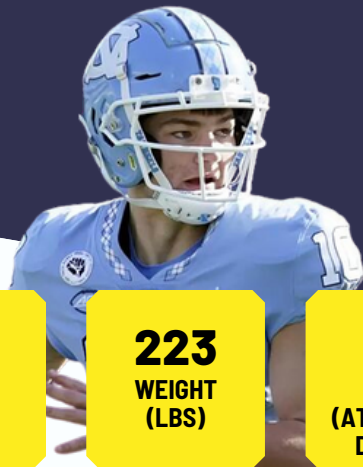–Tendency to extend plays can get him in trouble

ARCHETYPE: DUAL THREAT

NFL COMP: LAMAR JACKSON

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Drake Maye
QB - North Carolina

					Passing							
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	AY/A	TD	Int	Rate
*2021	North Carolina	ACC	FR	QB	4	7	10	70.0	89	8.9	10.9	1	0	177.8
*2022	North Carolina	ACC	FR		14	342	517	66.2	4321	8.4	9.2	38	7	157.9
*2023	North Carolina	ACC	JR	QB	12	269	425	63.3	3608	8.5	8.7	24	9	149.0
Career	North Carolina					618	952	64.9	8018	8.4	9.0	63	16	154.1

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6-4	223	21
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
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Scouting Report

Drake Maye entering 2023 was regarded as the quarterback two of this class. With a quote on quote down year he is regarded as the quarterback three. If you dive into the 2022 tape that will tell you more about who Drake Maye is as a player. In 2022 we saw Drake Maye finish tenth in the Heisman voting as a red-shirt freshman, accumulating 5,019 total yards, 45 total touchdowns, a 66.2 percent completion percentage, and a QBR of 157.9. 2023 unfortunately did not produce the same results. A lot of losses to the draft and transfer portal and unfortunate injuries down the stretch Drake Maye did not live up to the expectations he was held to. But let's dive into Drake Maye the player.

Drake Maye stands at 6'4 and 230 pounds. He is the typical size you want to see from your starting quarterback in the NFL. We have to rave about his arm strength as an elite skill set. Drake Maye can make any throw on the field with ease. Whether that be a 10-yard slant, a 40-yard go ball, or a 15-yard out route to the hashes. He displays elite arm strength at all times and he can fit any ball into tight windows. His pocket awareness is top-notch. One of the things I noticed about his game was the ability to recognize the pocket breaking down, the ability to step up in the pocket in those moments, and he's not scared to stand tall and deliver the football before making contact. Drake Maye isn't just a stand-in-the-pocket quarterback. He shows sneaky athleticism. That is highlighted by his 1,209 rushing yards over his three years at North Carolina. Lastly, once he escapes the pocket his eyes are always downfield trying to make a play. I rave about his arm strength and his pocket awareness. I forgot to mention his elite ability to throw the football on the run. He's my quarterback two in this class.

Positives

+Prototypical size for the QB position
+One of the best arms in this class
+Great pocket awareness and the ability to escape a collapsing pocket
+Can throw on the run with the best of them

Negatives

-He typically makes bad plays worse. -Will take a big sack or throw an interception trying to make something out of nothing
-Pre-snap recognition needs work. -Deciphering where the blitz is coming from.
-Deciphering whether the defense is in man or zone coverage

ARCHETYPE: GUNSLINGER

NFL COMP: JUSTIN HERBERT

80.0
86TH PERCENTILE

JJ McCARTHY
QB - MICHIGAN

6-2 HEIGHT	219 WEIGHT (LBS)	21 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
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Scouting Report

JJ McCarthy wasn't often asked to carry the Michigan offense. He was more of a game manager type. However, when he was asked to make plays in key situations, McCarthy seemed to always rise to the occasion. He ran a pro-style offense in college and is well prepared for the NFL because of that. His physical tools aren't going to knock anyone's socks off, but he is good enough in all areas to be a quality starting quarterback at the next level. McCarthy is a pocket passer but he has very good mobility within the pocket, plus the tools to escape and make accurate throws when forced to flush out. He is no Jayden Daniels as a runner, but McCarthy is a more than capable tactical scrambler.

McCarthy's college career was massively successful, with a 27-1 career record, capped off by a national championship victory. He is still only 21 years old and he enters the NFL with about as high a floor as any quarterback in the 2024 class. The questions come in when talking about his ceiling. He is probably not ever going to be a true difference-making quarterback like a Patrick Mahomes or Josh Allen. Instead, we could be looking at Kirk Cousins-level production. That's not a bad thing, though! Cousins has been about as consistent as anyone in football over the last five years. McCarthy is well worth the draft capital that he is going to get, and it's not crazy to draft him in the top-6 of a superflex rookie draft either.

Positives ➕

+Pocket Presence & Mobility
+Consistency
+Steps up when the pressure is on
+Toughness
+Experience
+Ran a pro system in college
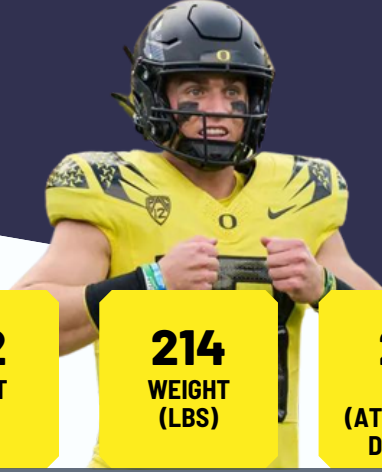+Throws with accuracy on the run
+High Floor

Negatives ➖

-Sometimes locks onto his first read for too long
-No elite physical traits
-Accuracy is less consistent than you'd like

ARCHETYPE: POCKET PASSER

NFL COMP: KIRK COUSINS

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Bo Nix
QB - Oregon

6-2 HEIGHT	214 WEIGHT (LBS)	24 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

							Passing						
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	AY/A	TD	Int	Rate
*2019	Auburn	SEC	FR	QB	13	217	377	57.6	2542	6.7	6.9	16	6	125.0
*2020	Auburn	SEC	SO	QB	11	214	357	59.9	2415	6.8	6.6	12	7	123.9
*2021	Auburn	SEC	JR	QB	10	197	323	61.0	2294	7.1	7.4	11	3	130.0
*2022	Oregon	Pac-12	SR		13	294	409	71.9	3593	8.8	9.4	29	7	165.7
*2023	Oregon	Pac-12	SR	QB	14	364	470	77.4	4508	9.6	11.2	45	3	188.3
Career	Overall					1286	1936	66.4	15352	7.9	8.5	113	26	149.6
	Auburn					628	1057	59.4	7251	6.9	6.9	39	16	126.2
	Oregon					658	879	74.9	8101	9.2	10.4	74	10	177.8

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
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Scouting Report

Bo Nix's move from in-state Auburn to Oregon proved to be the best thing for his career. He took the next step from an above average Power Five starter to a Heisman finalist. In his time at Oregon, Nix displayed a high football IQ, along with good mobility and arm strength. Thanks to an extra year due to the Covid pandemic, Nix enters the NFL Draft with the most collegiate starts in NCAA history. Nix has played well under pressure, proving difficult to bring down throughout his career.

Unfortunately for Nix, his 61-career starts means he will be 24 years old as a rookie. And while he played well under pressure, he did not score well with a clean pocket. While Nix had success in Oregon's system, the Ducks' play calling led to many screens and passes behind the line of scrimmage. This led to one of the lower average depth of target (aDot) for Nix in this class.

Nix should be able to be a reliable backup option, but competing in camp and sitting behind a starter would benefit him.

Positives ➕

+ NCAA record 61 starts at quarterback
+ High football IQ
+ Arm strength
+ Mobile
+ Plays well under pressure
+ Avoids sacks; 1.2% sack rate in 2023 (2nd nationally; 92nd percentile, PFF)
+ 87.0 collegiate QBR (93rd percentile, PlayerProfiler.com)

Negatives ➖

– 24-year old rookie
– Graded poorly in a clean pocket (17th percentile, PFF)
– Footwork in the pocket needs improvement
– Nearly 30% of his pass attempts in 2023 were behind the line of scrimmage (PFF)

ARCHETYPE: POCKET PASSER

NFL COMP: ANDY DALTON

73.8

79TH PERCENTILE

Michael Penix Jr
QB - Washington

6-2	216	23
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

					Passing								
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	AY/A	TD	Int	Rate
2018	Indiana	Big Ten	FR	QB	3	21	34	61.8	219	6.4	7.0	1	0	125.6
*2019	Indiana	Big Ten	FR	QB	7	110	160	68.8	1394	8.7	8.8	10	4	157.6
*2020	Indiana	Big Ten	SO	QB	6	124	220	56.4	1645	7.5	7.9	14	4	136.5
2021	Indiana	Big Ten	JR	QB	5	87	162	53.7	939	5.8	4.3	4	7	101.9
*2022	Washington	Pac-12	JR		13	362	554	65.3	4641	8.4	8.8	31	8	151.3
*2023	Washington	Pac-12	SR	QB	15	363	555	65.4	4903	8.8	9.2	36	11	157.1
Career	Overall					1067	1685	63.3	13741	8.2	8.4	96	34	146.6
	Indiana					342	576	59.4	4197	7.3	7.1	29	15	132.0
	Washington					725	1109	65.4	9544	8.6	9.0	67	19	154.2

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
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Scouting Report

Injuries and shortened seasons limited our exposure of Michael Penix Jr. until he left Indiana for Washington. Once he landed in Seattle, he became a prolific prospect under Kaleb DeBoer. In an air raid offense with talented receivers across the field, Penix proved to be the missing piece for Washington on their quest to be national champions. He is difficult for opposing defenses to bring down and does well with a clean pocket. Penix has the mental and physical tools to play at the next level.

Medical evaluations will be vital for Penix's NFL outlook, as any red flag given his injury history could have him off team's draft boards. Penix will have to improve his accuracy when moving out of the pocket to avoid pressure.

In a deeper quarterback class, age and an injury history could see Penix get his number called on Day 2 of the 2024 NFL Draft. Penix could compete for a starting job if he lands in the right situation, but I believe Penix will find himself as a QB2 to start the 2024 season.

Positives ✚

+ High velocity
+ High football IQ
+ Toughness, resiliency
+ Can attack all levels of the field
+ Good with a clean pocket (79th percentile, PFF)
+ Elite at avoiding sacks (96th percentile, PFF)
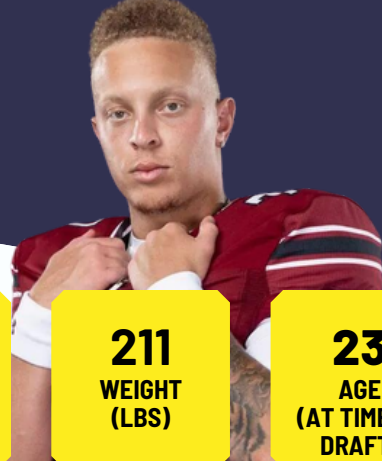+ 81.8 collegiate QBR (81st percentile, PlayerProfiler.com)

Negatives ━

– College injury history (four season-ending injuries)
– 24-year old rookie
– Average in non-play action plays (48th percentile, PFF)
– Consistency under pressure

ARCHETYPE: POCKET PASSER

NFL COMP: GENO SMITH

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69.8
73RD PERCENTILE

Spencer Rattler
QB - South Carolina

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	AY/A	TD	Int	Rate
Passing														
*2019	Oklahoma	Big 12	FR	QB	3	7	11	63.6	81	7.4	9.2	1	0	155.5
*2020	Oklahoma	Big 12	FR	QB	11	214	317	67.5	3031	9.6	10.3	28	7	172.6
*2021	Oklahoma	Big 12	SO	QB	9	140	187	74.9	1483	7.9	7.9	11	5	155.5
*2022	South Carolina	SEC	JR		13	264	399	66.2	3026	7.6	7.1	18	12	138.7
2023	South Carolina	SEC	SR	QB	12	275	399	68.9	3186	8.0	8.0	19	8	147.1
Career	Overall					900	1313	68.5	10807	8.2	8.3	77	32	152.2
	Oklahoma					361	515	70.1	4595	8.9	9.4	40	12	166.0
	South Carolina					539	798	67.5	6212	7.8	7.6	37	20	143.2

6-0 HEIGHT	211 WEIGHT (LBS)	23 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.95	32"	9'0	4.37	7.21

Scouting Report

Spencer Rattler is an experienced passer who has four years of starts under his belt, across two schools. He is a tough quarterback who isn't afraid to hang in and make a tough throw under pressure. Rattler isn't going to scare anyone with his running ability, but he is a quality tactical scrambler who can pick up a first down when things open up for him. As a passer, the name of the game for Rattler is consistency. It's something he has struggled with. Sometimes he looks deadly accurate, other times not so much. Sometimes he'll read the defense well and make his way through his progressions, other times he locks onto a target for far too long.

Rattler's game will be mostly limited to the short and intermediate areas, as his arm strength is lacking to be a true downfield killer at the NFL level. That can also pop up when making tight window throws—the drive on the ball just isn't there.

In the NFL, Rattler projects as a high-end backup quarterback who may get a chance to be a starter at some point in his career if he develops.

Positives ➕

+Experience
+Tough under pressure
+Tactical Scrambler
+Able to work through progression (although inconsistently)
+Patience in the pocket

Negatives ➖

-Inconsistent accuracy
-Sometimes locks in on his first read for too long
-Lacks deep ball strength
-Lacks drive on tight window throws

ARCHETYPE: POCKET PASSER

NFL COMP: BAKER MAYFIELD

YARDS PER FANTASY

Caleb Williams
QB - USC

6-1	214	22
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	AY/A	TD	Int	Rate
*2021	Oklahoma	Big 12	FR	QB	11	136	211	64.5	1912	9.1	10.2	21	4	169.6
*2022	USC	Pac-12	SO		14	333	500	66.6	4537	9.1	10.3	42	5	168.5
*2023	USC	Pac-12	SR	QB	12	266	388	68.6	3633	9.4	10.3	30	5	170.1
Career	Overall					735	1099	66.9	10082	9.2	10.3	93	14	169.3
	Oklahoma					136	211	64.5	1912	9.1	10.2	21	4	169.6
	USC					599	888	67.5	8170	9.2	10.3	72	10	169.2

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
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Scouting Report

Caleb Williams is the presumed number-one overall pick in the NFL draft. We knew he was special when he took over for Spencer Rattler in the Red River rivalry game in 2021 and led Oklahoma to a 55-48 comeback win finishing the game with 212 passing yards on 25 attempts with two passing touchdowns through the air and a QBR of 97.5. Along with 88 rushing yards and a touchdown. From that moment a star was born. Following Lincoln Riley to USC in 2022 Caleb Williams won a Heisman trophy in what seemed to be a video game-like year. He had 4,919 total yards and 52 total touchdowns on a 66.6 percent completion percentage.

When you sit back and watch Caleb Williams on the football field there's nothing he can't do. Overall he's one of the best quarterback prospects to come out of college since Andrew Luck. His ability to play out of structure is second to none. There isn't a single throw he can't make on the field. He can make any throw with ease whether that be from a clean pocket and he steps up to deliver a strike or if he's off platform and he's throwing on the move. On top of the elite arm, he has an elite touch on the football. Whether it be delivering the ball into a tight window or throwing a touch pass over the defender, Caleb Williams can do it all. If you have the 1.01 in your rookie drafts, you need QB help look no further than Caleb Williams.

Positives +

+Ability to play out of structure
+Awareness to see the pocket collapse and the ability to extend the play
+Elite arm strength
+Elite touch on the football
+He can make plays with his legs when the situation calls for it

Negatives −

-A little on the smaller side at 6'1 215 lbs
-He played in a West Coast-style scheme. How will he translate to a pro-style system?
-Footwork needs some cleaning up
-Most of his snaps are taken from a shotgun. How will he operate under the center?
-When he takes off to make a play with his legs he tends to run with the ball away from his body

ARCHETYPE: PROTOTYPE

NFL COMP: PATRICK MAHOMES

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RUNNING BACKS

55.8
51ST PERCENTILE

Rasheen Ali
RB - Marshall

							Rushing			Receiving				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2020	Marshall	CUSA	FR	RB	6	5	22	4.4	0	0	0		0	5	22	4.4	0
*2021	Marshall	CUSA	FR	RB	13	250	1401	5.6	23	45	334	7.4	1	295	1735	5.9	24
*2022	Marshall	Sun Belt	SO		3	47	273	5.8	1	2	10	5.0	1	49	283	5.8	2
*2023	Marshall	Sun Belt	SR	RB	12	212	1135	5.4	15	28	213	7.6	1	240	1348	5.6	16
Career	**Marshall**					514	2831	5.5	39	75	557	7.4	3	589	3388	5.8	42

sports-reference.com

5-11	206	23
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
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Scouting Report

Rasheen Ali is an underrated running back in the 2024 class. He runs with good patience but is decisive when a lane becomes available. His lateral agility makes for an effective vertical cut up the field, particularly on outside concepts. Where Ali is lacking is in play strength, breakaway speed, and overall elusiveness. However, he makes up for it, though, with above average receiving skills. Ali is one of the more productive running backs in the passing game among the 2024 class. He has the skill to catch passes out of the backfield as well as line up in the slot or even out wide. That's where he will have to make his way in the NFL if he's going to have a career at the pro level.

Positives ➕

+Agility
+Patience
+Decisive Runner
+Can lineup at WR
+1.85 best season yards per team play
+49% best season touchdown share
+75 career receptions
+13.9% best season reception share

Negatives ➖

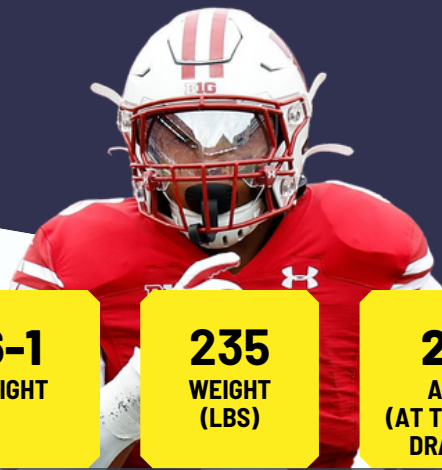-Strength
-Lacks breakaway speed

ARCHETYPE: SATELLITE+

NFL COMP: TRESTAN EBNER

YARDS PER FANTASY

Braelon Allen
RB - Wisconsin

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
						Rushing				**Receiving**				**Scrimmage**			
*2021	Wisconsin	Big Ten	FR	RB	12	186	1268	6.8	12	8	39	4.9	0	194	1307	6.7	12
*2022	Wisconsin	Big Ten	SO		12	230	1242	5.4	11	13	104	8.0	0	243	1346	5.5	11
*2023	Wisconsin	Big Ten	JR	RB	11	181	984	5.4	12	28	132	4.7	0	209	1116	5.3	12
Career	Wisconsin					597	3494	5.9	35	49	275	5.6	0	646	3769	5.8	35

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6-1 HEIGHT	235 WEIGHT (LBS)	20 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
-	32"	9'9	-	-

Scouting Report

Braelon Allen is a massive running back, standing at 6-1, and nearly 240 lbs. Unsurprisingly, his game is built around a downhill running style, utilizing his strength and power to physically dominate defenses between the tackles. Allen runs with good vision and is decisive on choosing a lane and blasting through the hole. He may lack in explosion, breakaway speed, and open field elusiveness, but he makes up for it with his tackle-breaking ability and knack for falling forward for additional yardage after contact.

Allen is built for a heavy workload at the NFL level. He has a frame that can handle 20+ carries week in and week out. He will need to land on a team that runs a rushing scheme that will fit his skill set. He's certainly not the run to the tackles, put a foot in the ground and go type guy that you would see in Miami, for example. A more of a gap/power scheme would be perfect. Allen projects as a team's primary between the tackles grinder and goal line back. He will be best paired with a fast/quick backfield mate who can come in on passing downs because Allen is below average across the board when it comes to the receiving game.

Braelon Allen will likely hear his name called on Day 2 of the NFL Draft. He has a shot to be the first running back drafted but could fall as far as RB4 or RB5 with no clear top backs in this class. The same could be said for dynasty where Allen will have a wide range of potential draft slots in rookie drafts. He could go as high as the middle of the first in single quarterback leagues or as low as the late second. His ADP will settle somewhere in between. His fantasy football ceiling is somewhat capped given the lack of receiving game usage and the athleticism to create breakaway runs. He is a young prospect, though, so his dynasty lifespan will likely be longer than most.

Positives ➕

+Size
+Physical
+Power & Strength
+Vision
+Decisive runner
+Ran for over 1,200 yards and 12 TDs as a freshman (17 years old)
+33% TD share in 2023
+Will be 20 years old for the entirety of his rookie season

Negatives ➖

-Pass Protection
-Lacks receiving skills
-Lacks elusiveness in the open field
-Not a fit in all running schemes
-Lacks breakaway speed
-Poor stop/start ability
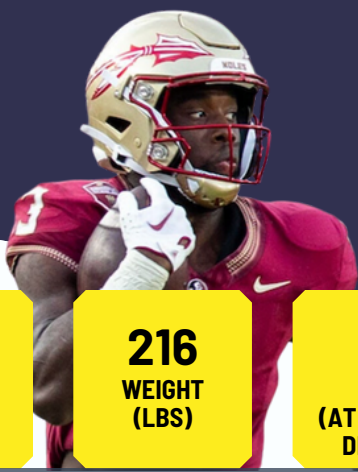-Lacks explosion
-1.2 yards per team play in 2023

ARCHETYPE: GRINDER

NFL COMP: AJ DILLON

YARDS PER FANTASY

Trey Benson
RB - Florida State

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rushing Att	Rushing Yds	Rushing Avg	Rushing TD	Receiving Rec	Receiving Yds	Receiving Avg	Receiving TD	Scrimmage Plays	Scrimmage Yds	Scrimmage Avg	Scrimmage TD
*2020	Oregon	Pac-12	FR	RB										0	0		0
*2021	Oregon	Pac-12	FR	RB	10	6	22	3.7	1	0	0		0	6	22	3.7	1
*2022	Florida State	ACC	SO		13	154	990	6.4	9	13	144	11.1	0	167	1134	6.8	9
*2023	Florida State	ACC	JR	RB	13	156	906	5.8	14	20	227	11.4	1	176	1133	6.4	15
Career	Overall					316	1918	6.1	24	33	371	11.2	1	349	2289	6.6	25
	Oregon					6	22	3.7	1	0	0		0	6	22	3.7	1
	Florida State					310	1896	6.1	23	33	371	11.2	1	343	2267	6.6	24

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6-0 HEIGHT	**216** WEIGHT (LBS)	**21** AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.39	**33.5**	**10'2**	**-**	**-**

Scouting Report

Trey Benson overcame a brutal injury to begin his college career and went on to have two productive seasons at Florida State. He is a big running back at 6-0, 216 lbs. He runs with violence and aggression and is difficult to take down with simple arm tackles, especially once he gets a head of steam. But Benson is not your typical 220-lb bruising running back. He is an excellent athlete with impressive acceleration and explosion to shoot through holes and get to the next level of a defense. Then he has the breakaway speed to take it to the house. He is a true home-run threat.

On top of that, Benson displays good patience and vision with lateral agility and a devastating vertical cut to make the most of every running lane. He is elusive enough to make guys miss in the open field, but he will sometimes invite contact more than he needs to. In the passing game, Benson has natural hands and uses his running back skills well to eat up chunks after the catch. However, he will need to improve in pass protection if he is going to become a consistent contributor on passing downs at the NFL level.

Speaking of the NFL, Benson has all the traits to be a starting running back on a lot of teams. He will bring value on all three downs and he proved at Florida State that he can thrive in multiple rushing schemes. As things stand now, Benson is looking like a third round pick but it would not be surprising to see him come off the board in the second. In dynasty, he will make for an excellent pick in round two of rookie drafts. And while it's still early in the process, Benson is trending towards being my RB1 in this 2024 draft class.

Positives ➕

+Speed
+Acceleration
+Explosive
+Home-Run Threat
+Elusiveness
+Patience
+Natural Hands
+11.2 career yards per reception
+0 career fumbles

Negatives ➖

-Pass Protection
-Inconsistent effectiveness in short yardage situations
-Has a tendency to run towards contact
-1.26 yards per team play (2023)
-7.6% reception share (2023)

ARCHETYPE: ALL-PURPOSE

NFL COMP: JOE MIXON

Jonathon Brooks
RB - Texas

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
2021	Texas	Big 12	FR	RB	4	21	143	6.8	1	1	12	12.0	0	22	155	7.0	1
*2022	Texas	Big 12	FR		7	30	197	6.6	5	2	37	18.5	1	32	234	7.3	6
*2023	Texas	Big 12	SO	RB	11	187	1139	6.1	10	25	286	11.4	1	212	1425	6.7	11
Career	Texas					238	1479	6.2	16	28	335	12.0	2	266	1814	6.8	18

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6-0	216	20
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
-	-	-	-	-

Scouting Report

Jonathon Brooks is an undersized back who runs with good patience and vision, and uses a variety of tactics to work his way to the second level of a defense. Once he finds the lane he wants to hit, Brooks will quickly cut vertically up the field with impressive lateral agility and then use his top-notch acceleration to burst through the hole. That, combined with his physicality and power make him a solid fit in any rushing scheme. Brooks has good enough speed to pick up chunks on the ground, but he's not quite fast enough to be considered a home-run threat. He does get caught from behind time to time.

In the passing game, Brooks still has some work to do as a route runner, but he can get there. He possesses natural hands and a reliable option out of the backfield. He will also be a trusted pass protector which will only help his case to get (or stay) on the field for third downs.

At the NFL level, Jonathon Brooks projects as a committee running back who can be deployed on all three downs. Given his little time as a lead back, thanks to being stuck behind Bijan Robinson and Roschon Johnson for multiple seasons, Brooks is still somewhat of a "green" prospect, meaning he still has plenty of room to develop and showcase skills that maybe we didn't get to see in his handful of games as the starter. The team that drafts him is definitely banking on him hitting that upside.

However, the late season ACL injury will force him to miss all pre-draft workouts and will threaten the start of his rookie season. Depending on how teams feel about the medicals and his limited resume, Brooks could slide down the draft board further than expected. As it stands now, though, he projects as a Day 2 pick. In dynasty, he will make for a high upside, yet somewhat risky, selection in the second round of rookie drafts.

Positives ➕

+Patience
+Vision
+Acceleration
+Lateral Agility
+Scheme Versatile
+Receiving Skills
+Quality pass protection

Negatives ➖

-Very limited experience/college production
-Upright runner
-Slight build
-Route running is a work in progress
-ACL recovery

ARCHETYPE: ONE-CUT SLASHER

NFL COMP: DEVONTA FREEMAN

YARDS PER FANTASY

Blake Corum
RB - Michigan

72.7
80TH PERCENTILE

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rushing Att	Rushing Yds	Rushing Avg	Rushing TD	Receiving Rec	Receiving Yds	Receiving Avg	Receiving TD	Scrimmage Plays	Scrimmage Yds	Scrimmage Avg	Scrimmage TD
2020	Michigan	Big Ten	FR	RB	6	26	77	3.0	2	5	73	14.6	0	31	150	4.8	2
*2021	Michigan	Big Ten	SO	RB	12	144	952	6.6	11	24	141	5.9	1	168	1093	6.5	12
*2022	Michigan	Big Ten	JR		12	247	1463	5.9	18	11	80	7.3	1	258	1543	6.0	19
*2023	Michigan	Big Ten	SR	RB	15	258	1245	4.8	27	16	117	7.3	1	274	1362	5.0	28

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5-8 HEIGHT	205 WEIGHT (LBS)	23 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.53	35.5"	-	4.12	6.82

Scouting Report

Blake Corum is one of the better running backs in the 2024 NFL Draft class. He is a natural runner who displays good patience, vision, and discipline behind the line of scrimmage. He uses his blockers well to work his way to the second level of a defense but he is also creative enough to make something happen on his own as well. Corum is a high-energy runner who has requisite speed plus exceptional lateral agility and acceleration. At Michigan, Corum gained experience in both zone and gap schemes so he will be a fit in just about any offense that drafts him.

While Corum has the toughness and willingness to get physical, he wasn't the most effective short-yardage and goal line guy in college. He was also not used a whole lot in the passing game. However, Corum flashed skill and upside in terms of both hands and route running ability. Perhaps that is an area of his game that he will be able to expand on at the next level.

In the NFL, Blake Corum projects as a mid-level starter/high end RB2 who can beef up a backfield in need of a plug-and-play running back. He is likely to come off the board in the second round of the NFL Draft with a real shot to be the first running back drafted. Draft capital and landing spot will determine his dynasty ADP, but Corum is looking like a top-5 back in the class and could find his way into the back-end of the first round of rookie drafts.

Positives ➕

+Vision
+Patience
+Change of direction
+Experience as a kick returner
+43.8% touchdown share
+61 career touchdowns
+More than 3,600 rushing yards over last three seasons

Negatives ➖

-Lacks power/effectiveness in short-yardage situations
-Lacks breakaway speed
-Older prospect
-Underwhelming passing game usage/production
-6.2% reception share

ARCHETYPE: ONE-CUT SLASHER

NFL COMP: RAY RICE

Isaiah Davis
RB - South Dakota State

STATS	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
2023	236	1,578	6.7	18	66	23	199	8.7	1
2022	249	1,451	5.8	15	47	21	173	8.2	0
2021	95	701	7.4	7	53	2	8	4.0	0
2020	96	818	8.5	10	85	7	107	15.3	0

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6-0 HEIGHT	218 WEIGHT (LBS)	22 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.57	34.5"	9'11	-	-

Scouting Report

Isaiah Davis is a big running back who runs with power and physicality. He displays good patience and vision behind the line of scrimmage as he sets up his blocks and works his way to the second level. His strength and constant leg churning makes him difficult to bring down on first contact as he seems to always gain additional yardage. Davis does have a tendency to try to bounce runs outside more often than he should which is something he will need to work on at the next level, especially where his athleticism will not translate nearly as well to the NFL as it did at South Dakota State. He has the requisite traits, but his speed and explosiveness are not going to blow anyone away.

Davis showed enough in the passing game to believe he could add value as a check-down option in the NFL. He won't be a "receiving weapon," but he has the hands to catch swing passes, screens, and dump-offs.

Davis projects as a back-up running back at the next level. His size and history as a workhorse will give teams the confidence he can handle a heavy workload when needed, plus the versatility to play on all three downs. They will also trust him to protect the football, given he fumbled just three times on nearly 700 carries in college. He will be a mid-round pick in the NFL Draft and will be about the same in dynasty rookie drafts. Select him with the hopes he lands a backup job and can find himself in a fantasy relevant role in the case of an injury to his team's top back.

Positives ➕

+Size
+Power
+Patience
+Vision
+Can play on all three downs
+10.1% reception share
+2.01 yards per team play

Negatives ➖

-Indecisive Runner
-Lacks breakaway speed
-Tries to bounce runs outside too often
-Lacks explosion

ARCHETYPE: ALL-PURPOSE

NFL COMP: TYLER ALLGEIER

YARDS PER FANTASY

71.3
78TH PERCENTILE

Ray Davis
RB - Kentucky

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2019	Temple	American	FR	RB	12	193	936	4.8	8	15	181	12.1	2	208	1117	5.4	10
2020	Temple	American	SO	RB	4	78	308	3.9	1	12	62	5.2	0	90	370	4.1	1
2021	Vanderbilt	SEC	JR	RB	3	44	211	4.8	1	5	27	5.4	0	49	238	4.9	1
2022	Vanderbilt	SEC	SR		12	232	1042	4.5	5	29	169	5.8	3	261	1211	4.6	8
*2023	Kentucky	SEC	SR	RB	13	199	1129	5.7	14	33	323	9.8	7	232	1452	6.3	21
Career	Overall					746	3626	4.9	29	94	762	8.1	12	840	4388	5.2	41

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5-8 HEIGHT	**211** WEIGHT (LBS)	**24** AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)		

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.52	**35"**	**9'11**	**4.51**	**-**

Scouting Report

Ray Davis is quietly one of the more complete running back prospects in the 2024 NFL draft class. He has excellent size at 5-8, 211-pounds, with the requisite speed and athletic traits to fit into any rushing scheme. Davis is an efficient runner with good patience and decisiveness to find the hole and hit the hole. In the passing game, Davis is well-rounded with reliable hands and the skills to run a number of routes out of the backfield. He has one of the better receiving profiles in the class. It's one of several analytics boxes he checks, including elite numbers in the big three—reception share, yards per team play, and touchdown share.

Where he needs to improve, though, is in pass protection. Davis flashes ability but is inconsistent. He will need to become more reliable if he is to carve out a true three-down role at the next level. While Davis has good speed, it takes him a minute to reach his top gear. He also lacks the burst to be an explosive play threat in the NFL. When he does reach the open field, Davis is not the most elusive. He will run through arm tackles but he's not making many guys miss with his moves.

Overall, Ray Davis projects as a quality No. 2 running back in the NFL who will provide value on all three downs. He's your classic "jack-of-all trades, master of none." He is a big, north-south runner who can also run routes and catches passes. He is experienced and ready to make an impact right away. Davis may not have the highest ceiling, but teams that like a safe pick and want to add a steady presence to their backfield are going to favor him over some of the other backs in the class. Draft capital will likely come in the middle rounds—round four or five. In dynasty, he will make for a nice floor play in the third round of rookie drafts.

Positives ➕

+Size
+Patience
+Receiving Skills
+15.6% reception share (2023)
+2.03 yards per team play (2023)
+48.8% touchdown share (2023)

Negatives ➖

-Lacks explosion
-Older Prospect
-Lacks the power you'd expect from a 220-lb running back

ARCHETYPE: ALL-PURPOSE

NFL COMP: DAMEON PIERCE

YARDS PER FANTASY

Audric Estime
RB - Notre Dame

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
						Rushing				**Receiving**				**Scrimmage**			
*2021	Notre Dame	Ind	FR	RB	12	7	60	8.6	0	0	0		0	7	60	8.6	0
*2022	Notre Dame	Ind	SO		13	156	920	5.9	11	9	135	15.0	1	165	1055	6.4	12
*2023	Notre Dame	Ind	SR	RB	12	210	1341	6.4	18	17	142	8.4	0	227	1483	6.5	18
Career	**Notre Dame**					373	2321	6.2	29	26	277	10.7	1	399	2598	6.5	30

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5-11 HEIGHT	221 WEIGHT (LBS)	20 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.71	38"	10'5	-	-

Scouting Report

Audric Estime is a bowling ball running back at 5-11, 221 lbs. He wins with power, strength, and a bruising downhill running style. He exhibits great patience behind the line of scrimmage with just enough burst to get to the second level. Estime is difficult to bring down on first contact with impressive balance and a knack for always falling forward for additional yardage. He is absolutely not going down with a simple arm tackle.

Where Estime lacks is in breakaway speed and overall explosion. He can take it to the second level, but won't be able to consistently run away from NFL speed. He will also have a hard time beating defenders to the edge on outside handoffs. But he doesn't completely lack athleticism, as he has been known to dial up an impressive hurdle from time to time. Estime displayed good hands at Notre Dame but he was mostly used as a check-down option and never displayed the upside to develop into anything more as a receiver. I don't expect he will contribute much on passing downs in the pros, either.

At the NFL level, Audric Estime projects as a between-the-tackles, north-and-south grinder running back. He will dominate in short-yardage and goal line opportunities. Estime will likely operate in a committee, but he certainly has the frame to handle a heavy workload when called upon. Estime could hear his name called as early as the fourth round on draft weekend. In dynasty, he is looking like "just a guy" in the final rounds of rookie drafts.

Positives ➕

+Size
+Strength
+Power
+Patience
+Balance
+1.83 yards per team play (2023)
+30.5% touchdown share (2023)

Negatives ➖

-Lacks speed (4.71 40-time; 89.8 Speed Score)
-Lacks some explosion
-Unproven pass-catcher
-7.5% reception share (2023)

ARCHETYPE: GRINDER

NFL COMP: ALEXANDER MATTISON

Frank Gore Jr
RB - Southern Mississippi

				5-8			201			22	
				HEIGHT			WEIGHT (LBS)			AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)	

	Rushing					Receiving				Scrimmage		
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
2020	Southern Mississippi	CUSA	FR	RB	10	121	708	5.9	2	9	97	10.8	1	130	805	6.2	3
2021	Southern Mississippi	CUSA	FR	RB	12	179	801	4.5	5	20	155	7.8	0	199	956	4.8	5
*2022	Southern Mississippi	Sun Belt	SO		13	228	1382	6.1	9	19	219	11.5	0	247	1601	6.5	9
2023	Southern Mississippi	Sun Belt	SR	RB	12	231	1131	4.9	10	27	221	8.2	3	258	1352	5.2	13
Career	Southern Mississippi					759	4022	5.3	26	75	692	9.2	4	834	4714	5.7	30

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
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Scouting Report

Frank Gore Jr. is a tough runner with good vision and balance. He proved at Southern Mississippi that he can handle a heavy workload despite his 201-pound frame. He brings value to all three downs as he caught 75 passes during his college career. Where he lacks is in overall athleticism. Gore's lateral agility and explosion are underwhelming and he will never be mistaken as a home run hitter. Still, he does a lot of things well and had a productive career. He will be given every chance to fail at the NFL level thanks to being the son of an all-time great.

Positives +

+Vision
+Can handle heavy workload
+Toughness
+All-Purpose skill set
+14.4% reception share
+41.9% touchdown share

Negatives —

-Overall athleticism is underwhelming
-Lacks breakaway speed
-Lacks explosion
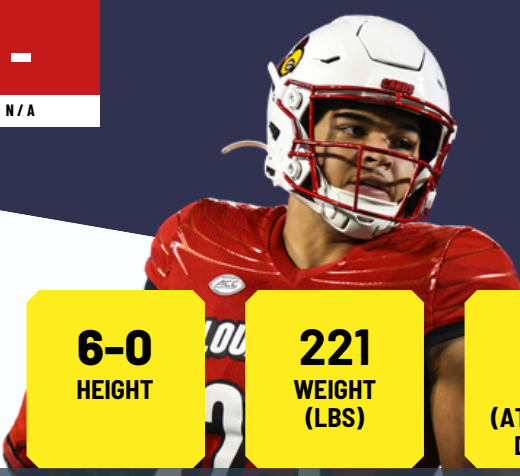-Underwhelming lateral agility

ARCHETYPE: ALL-PURPOSE

NFL COMP: JUSTIN FORSETT

Isaac Guerendo
RB - Louisville

N/A

| | 6-0 HEIGHT | 221 WEIGHT (LBS) | 23 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT) |

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
						Rushing				**Receiving**				**Scrimmage**			
*2019	Wisconsin	Big Ten	FR	RB	6	1	1	1.0	0	1	3	3.0	0	2	4	2.0	0
*2020	Wisconsin	Big Ten	SO	RB	1	11	36	3.3	0	0	0		0	11	36	3.3	0
*2021	Wisconsin	Big Ten	JR	RB	4	23	160	7.0	1	2	6	3.0	0	25	166	6.6	1
*2022	Wisconsin	Big Ten	SR		12	64	385	6.0	5	17	115	6.8	1	81	500	6.2	6
*2023	Louisville	ACC	SR	RB	14	132	810	6.1	11	22	234	10.6	0	154	1044	6.8	11
Career	Overall					231	1392	6.0	17	42	358	8.5	1	273	1750	6.4	18

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.33	41.5"	10'9	4.15	6.94

Scouting Report

Isaac Guerendo is an intriguing running back prospect despite his lack of college production. His combination of size and raw athletic traits—speed, explosion, agility, etc—is about as impressive as it gets. Guerendo was a little-known player prior to the NFL Combine. That was until he ran the fastest 40-time of all the running backs (4.33), and jumped out of the stadium. It's no surprise, then, that Guerendo is a threat to take it to the house every time he touches the football. Guerendo is a decisive runner who hits the hole with purpose. He has the explosion to get to the next level quickly. He's not one to make a defender miss with his open-field elusiveness, but at 221-pounds, he's not exactly easy to take down when he gets a head of steam.

While his speed makes him a constant home-run threat, Guerendo can sometimes try too hard to find that big play. He has good vision to find the hole, but he tends to bounce things outside more often than he needs to. In the passing game, Guerendo is serviceable as a check-down option out of the backfield. He has good hands and is a quality pass protector.

The glaring hole in Guerendo's profile is the lack of production. He played sparingly at Wisconsin while backing up Jonathan Taylor and Braelon Allen. He then continued to play the No. 2 role at Louisville behind Jawhar Jordan. That will likely be his role in the NFL, as well. Guerendo will be a team's No. 2 or No. 3 running back who can provide value on all three downs. He can act as a change-of-pace guy and an explosive element out of the backfield. However, if he is to ever develop his game to the point where a team makes him their primary ball carrier, Guerendo would become one of the most dangerous running backs in the league. He certainly has the frame and athleticism to do it.

Despite his underwhelming production profile, Guerendo is likely to garner heavy attention on draft weekend. It's hard to see a guy this athletic fall beyond the middle rounds. Some NFL team is going to call his name with the hopes he develops into his athleticism and they get a steal in the fourth or fifth round. In dynasty, Guerendo is worth a similar shot in rookie drafts based on the tantalizing upside of a 100th-percentile athletic specimen.

Positives ➕

+Elite Speed (125.7 Speed Score (100th-percentile)
+Size
+Good Hands
+Pass Protection

Negatives ➖

-Lacks in change-of-direction ability
-Looks to hit the home run too often
-Zero career starts
-Older Prospect
-Underwhelming Production
-1.11 yards per team play (2023)

ARCHETYPE: ALL-PURPOSE

NFL COMP: ISIAH PACHECO

Bucky Irving
RB - Oregon

5-9	192	21
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

						Rushing				Receiving				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2021	Minnesota	Big Ten	FR	RB	12	133	699	5.3	4	8	73	9.1	0	141	772	5.5	4
*2022	Oregon	Pac-12	SO		13	156	1058	6.8	5	31	299	9.6	3	187	1357	7.3	8
*2023	Oregon	Pac-12	SR	RB	14	186	1180	6.3	11	56	413	7.4	2	242	1593	6.6	13
Career	Overall					475	2937	6.2	20	95	785	8.3	5	570	3722	6.5	25
	Minnesota					133	699	5.3	4	8	73	9.1	0	141	772	5.5	4
	Oregon					342	2238	6.5	16	87	712	8.2	5	429	2950	6.9	21

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.55	29.5"	9'7	-	-

Scouting Report

Bucky Irving is a fun running back to watch. He is quick and shifty with impressive lateral agility and the creativity to make plays even when nothing is there. He is a patient runner behind the line of scrimmage who displays good vision and instincts to work his way to the next level. Once he gets to the open field, Irving is one of the more elusive running backs in the class. Not only can he make you miss with wiggle, but he has great contact balance that makes him harder to tackle than your typical 195-pound back.

With that said, Irving is not necessarily a true home-run hitter. His 4.55 40-time at the NFL Combine was very underwhelming considering his size. If you're going to be a small running back in the NFL, you better at least be fast. He is also not the guy you're going to call upon in short-yardage and goal line opportunities. His lack of size and power make him less than effective in those situations.

Irving makes up for that, though, in the receiving game. He displayed excellent hands and versatility at Oregon. He got a lot of check-downs and swing patterns, but he did move out wide or to the slot on occasion. Irving is comfortable running routes from any alignment. He will need to improve his pass protection, though, if he is to become a featured player on passing downs at the next level.

In the NFL, Bucky Irving projects as a rotational back who is capable as both a runner and a receiver. It's hard to see a clear path to fantasy relevance, though, with the undersized frame and disappointing athletic testing. Irving won't be much of a consideration in rookie drafts.

Positives +

+Patience
+Vision
+Agility
+Creativity
+Elusiveness
+Receiving Skills: Quality routes & reliable hands
+95 career receptions (56 in 2023)
+10.9% reception share (2023)
+Early career production

Negatives —

-Undersized
-Lacks breakaway speed
-Pass Protection
-15.9% touchdown share (2023)

ARCHETYPE: SATELLITE+

NFL COMP: JAMES WHITE

Dillon Johnson
RB - Washington

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rushing				Receiving				Scrimmage			
						Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2020	Mississippi State	SEC	FR	RB	11	51	225	4.4	4	36	157	4.4	0	87	382	4.4	4
*2021	Mississippi State	SEC	SO	RB	13	89	485	5.4	4	65	422	6.5	1	154	907	5.9	5
*2022	Mississippi State	SEC	JR		11	89	488	5.5	3	48	285	5.9	0	137	773	5.6	3
*2023	Washington	Pac-12	SR	RB	14	233	1195	5.1	16	24	190	7.9	0	257	1385	5.4	16
Career	Overall					462	2393	5.2	27	173	1054	6.1	1	635	3447	5.4	28

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6-0	217	22
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.68	31"	9'9	-	-

Scouting Report

Dillon Johnson is a between-the-tackles grinder running back. He is a physical runner who runs with good vision and decisiveness behind the line of scrimmage. He has the frame to handle a heavy workload and he can wear down a defense over the course of a game. Where he lacks is in overall athleticism. Johnson has 4.68 speed so he is not running away from many NFL defenders or turning the corner on outside carries. He's also not the most agile or explosive runner.

In the passing game, Johnson is a quality receiver who has a ton of experience catching passes out of the backfield during his time in college. He's not a weapon, necessarily, but he can certainly be a reliable option in the progression. In the NFL, Johnson projects as a team's No. 2 or No. 3 running back who will do especially well in short-yardage and goal line opportunities, with the versatility to play on third downs as well. A team looking for a tough runner with size and a physical play style will happily use a Day 3 pick on Dillon Johnson. In dynasty, he is a low-upside play in the final rounds of rookie drafts. The hope would be that he ends up with a workhorse role due to an injury or two ahead of him.

Positives ➕

+Size
+Vision
+Physical Runner
+Decisive Runner
+173 career receptions (4 seasons)
+12.5% best season reception share (2021)

Negatives ➖

-Lacks explosion
-Lacks speed

ARCHETYPE: GRINDER WITH REC SKILLS

NFL COMP: DEEJAY DALLAS

YARDS PER FANTASY

N/A

	5-10	206	24
	HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	FUM
158	715	4.5	9	75	68	699	10.3	7	80	0
245	1,205	4.9	15	77	49	464	9.5	2	87	0
79	501	6.3	4	75	22	203	9.2	1	54	0
8	33	4.1	0	8	4	10	2.5	0	12	0
54	224	4.1	1	19	26	367	14.1	3	86	0

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.54	37"	9'10	4.02	6.84

Scouting Report

Dylan Laube is one of the funner running back prospects in the 2024 NFL Draft class. He was wildly productive over the last two seasons, albeit at UNH in the FCS. Still, Laube showed he can be a quality runner between the tackles with good vision, patience, and a knack for finding the cut-back lanes. He has enough speed and burst to create breakaway runs. Where he really shines, though, is in the passing game. He creates matchup problems from the backfield as well as lining up in the slot or even out wide. Laube is a legitimately good route runner with good hands and the athletic profile to make plays after the catch. His willingness and ability in pass protection will help him carve out a role on passing downs early in his NFL career.

NFL teams are going to appreciate Laube's versatility on offense and experience in the return game. That will help him not only get drafted but make a 53-man roster as a rookie and work his way into a role that could eventually make him fantasy relevant. That will likely be as a change-of-pace guy and primary option in passing situations. Draft Capital will come in the middle rounds to a team looking to add a receiving threat to its backfield. In dynasty, Laube is a fun pick in the third round of rookie drafts with the longshot hope that he becomes the next Austin Ekeler.

Positives ➕

+Receiving Skills
+23% reception share (2023)
+Route Running
+Patience
+Vision
+Pass Protection
+Return Skills: 4 kick/punt return touchdowns
+1.93 best season yards per team play (2022)
+34% best season touchdown share (2023)

Negatives ➖

-Lacks Power
-Level of competition
-Had to redshirt in 2018
-Older Prospect

ARCHETYPE: ALL-PURPOSE

NFL COMP: CHASE EDMONDS

58.3
55TH PERCENTILE

Marshawn Lloyd
RB - USC

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rushing Att	Rushing Yds	Rushing Avg	Rushing TD	Receiving Rec	Receiving Yds	Receiving Avg	Receiving TD	Scrimmage Plays	Scrimmage Yds	Scrimmage Avg	Scrimmage TD
2020	South Carolina	SEC	FR	RB										0	0		0
*2021	South Carolina	SEC	FR	RB	12	64	228	3.6	1	3	44	14.7	0	67	272	4.1	1
*2022	South Carolina	SEC	SO		9	111	573	5.2	9	18	176	9.8	2	129	749	5.8	11
*2023	USC	Pac-12	SR	RB	11	116	820	7.1	9	13	232	17.8	0	129	1052	8.2	9
Career	Overall					291	1621	5.6	19	34	452	13.3	2	325	2073	6.4	21
	South Carolina					175	801	4.6	10	21	220	10.5	2	196	1021	5.2	12
	USC					116	820	7.1	9	13	232	17.8	0	129	1052	8.2	9

5-9 HEIGHT	220 WEIGHT (LBS)	23 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.46	36"	9'10	-	-

Scouting Report

MarShawn Lloyd is one of the best running backs in the 2024 draft class from a raw talent perspective. He has good size at 217 lbs, he has the speed and explosion to create breakaway runs, and the lateral agility to work his way through traffic with ease. Some scouts have expressed concern about his vision behind the line of scrimmage, though it was an area he showed improvement on in 2023. Once he finds the hole he wants to hit, Lloyd uses his exceptional explosive traits to burst through the hole and quickly get to the next level of the defense. At that point, Lloyd becomes his most dangerous. He is elusive enough to make guys miss in the open field with the speed to take one to the house at any time. He is also difficult to bring down with just arm tackles once he gets a head of steam.

In the passing game, Lloyd was underwhelming from a production standpoint during his career. However, he has flashed enough ability to think he could expand his game in that area at the next level. In fact, while he only caught 13 passes in 2023, Lloyd averaged almost 18 yards per reception. At minimum, he will be a check-down and screen game option that can turn up the field and create a splash play.

Lloyd was never able to emerge as a true feature back at the collegiate level. He may not get that opportunity in the NFL, either, but he has the upside to be a significant contributor in a committee backfield. It's hard to pinpoint where NFL teams will decide to draft him, considering a big part of the evaluation on Lloyd will be based on the "potential" of his raw athletic traits. However, if he continues to impress throughout the pre-draft process like he did at the Senior Bowl, Lloyd will wind up a Day Two pick. That draft capital will go a long way in determining his rookie draft ADP as well. But as things stand now, Lloyd is looking like a high upside pick around the 2 / 3 turn.

Positives ➕

+Speed
+Acceleration
+Explosive
+Agility
+Flashed potential to expand his role in the passing game

Negatives ➖

-Upright runner
-Ball security
-Tries to create the big play too often
-Displays poor vision at times
-Sometimes is indecisive behind the line of scrimmage
-Lacks some power
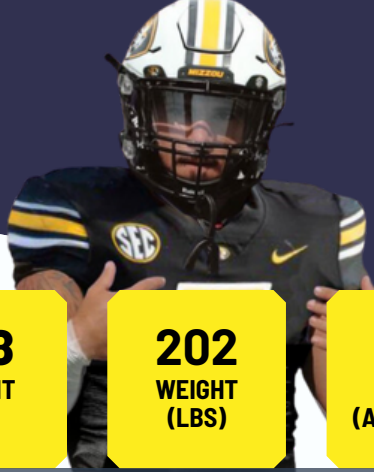-12.8% touchdown share
-1.28 yards per team play
-4.1% reception share

ARCHETYPE: SLASHER

NFL COMP: LAMAR MILLER

YARDS PER FANTASY

Cody Schrader
RB - Missouri

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rushing Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Receiving Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Scrimmage Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2022	Missouri	SEC	SR		13	170	745	4.4	9	19	137	7.2	0	189	882	4.7	9
*2023	Missouri	SEC	SR	RB	13	276	1627	5.9	14	22	191	8.7	0	298	1818	6.1	14
Career	Missouri					446	2372	5.3	23	41	328	8.0	0	487	2700	5.5	23

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5-8	202	–
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.61	**38"**	-	-	-

Scouting Report

It was quite the journey, but it ended with an 1,800-all-purpose yardage season in the SEC for Cody Schrader. Shrader is a jack of all trades, master of none type of running back. He can do a bit of everything but he doesn't have any elite traits. Schrader has good vision and he is decisive when picking a lane behind the line of scrimmage. He is a tough runner despite barely cracking 200-pounds. He can handle a heavy workload and tire out a defense over the course of a game. Where Schrader is lacking is in overall athleticism. He runs in the 4.6s and doesn't have the explosive traits to be a home run hitter at the NFL level. He showed enough in the passing game, including in protection, to believe he can add value on all three downs. Schrader projects as a team's No. 2 or No. 3 running back.

Positives ➕

+Vision
+Decisive Runner
+Toughness
+Pass Protection
+2.08 yards per team play (2023)

Negatives ➖

-Older Prospect/Sixth-Year Senior
-Overall athleticism is underwhelming
-Lacks breakaway speed
-Lacks acceleration
-Lacks explosion

ARCHETYPE: ALL-PURPOSE

NFL COMP: KYREN WILLIAMS

64.0
65TH PERCENTILE

WILL SHIPLEY
RB - CLEMSON

5-11	206	21
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
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Scouting Report

Will Shipley is an undersized back who can add value as both a runner and a receiver. He is a mismatch out of the backfield who can run any route from the running back position as well as kick out to the slot. He has the skill set to create separation versus linebackers and safeties and natural hands to be a reliable target from any depth. As a runner, Shipley displays good vision and patience with the lateral agility, acceleration, and instincts to use his blocks effectively and to create on his own. He's not quite a home-run threat, but he has the requisite speed to pick up chunk plays and to beat defenders to the edge. Once he's in the open field, Shipley has enough elusiveness to make defenders miss.

Where he is lacking, is in short yardage and goal line situations. At sub-210 lbs, Shipley doesn't quite possess the size or strength to consistently win with power. He's good enough to break through some arm tackles, but he's not the guy you want on the field when you need to pick up a few tough yards.

At the NFL level, Shipley projects as a quality No. 2 running back who will be a nice complement to a big-bodied, between-the-tackles grinder. He will add a ton of value on passing downs while serving as a change-of-pace runner. Teams will value his versatility as a runner, receiver out of the backfield and the slot, as well as the ability to be an effective kick returner. That should be enough to garner round four draft capital. In dynasty, Will Shipley is a solid pick in the third round of rookie drafts who can become a high-floor play in PPR formats.

Positives ➕

+Receiving Skills
+Vision
+Versatility
+Acceleration
+Lateral Agility
+Kick Return Experience
+12.8% best season reception share (2022)

Negatives ➖

-Undersized
-Lacks Power
-Struggles in short yardage/goal line situations

ARCHETYPE: SATELLITE+

NFL COMP: JAMES COOK

Jaden Shirden
RB - Monmouth

STATS	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2023	221	1,478	6.7	10	81	20	123	6.2	1	22
2022	206	1,722	8.4	13	95	2	27	13.5	0	15
2021	77	497	6.5	3	75	3	11	3.7	0	7

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5-8 HEIGHT	187 WEIGHT (LBS)	- AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.45	34.5"	9'9	-	-

Scouting Report

Jaden Shirden is an undersized running back who is coming off back-to-back highly productive seasons at Monmouth. Shirden runs with good vision and is decisive when choosing a lane. He is elusive in the open field with enough speed and acceleration to rip off long runs. He doesn't bring much to the table in terms of strength or power, as he profiles as more of a change-of-pace runner at the next level. Shirden also has the receiving chops to add some value as a pass-catcher out of the backfield. He will be a late round pick if he is drafted at all, but he is at least worthy of being on the dynasty radar in deep leagues in the event that he develops into his upside.

Positives ➕

+Vision
+Acceleration
+Over 3,200 rush yards over past two seasons
+Decisive Runner
+Elusiveness
+Receiving Skills
+2.1 yards per team play (2023)

Negatives ➖

-Level of competition
-Undersized
-Lacks power
-Lacks some explosion

ARCHETYPE: SATELLITE

NFL COMP: TBD

Tyrone Tracy Jr
RB - Purdue

5-11 HEIGHT	209 WEIGHT (LBS)	23 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

					Rushing				Receiving				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2018	Iowa	Big Ten	FR	WR	2	1	-1	-1.0	0	1	22	22.0	0	2	21	10.5	0
*2019	Iowa	Big Ten	FR	WR	13	6	39	6.5	1	36	589	16.4	3	42	628	15.0	4
2020	Iowa	Big Ten	SO	WR	8	2	22	11.0	0	14	154	11.0	1	16	176	11.0	1
*2021	Iowa	Big Ten	JR	WR	13	7	33	4.7	1	15	106	7.1	1	22	139	6.3	2
*2022	Purdue	Big Ten	JR		14	17	138	8.1	0	28	198	7.1	0	45	336	7.5	0
2023	Purdue	Big Ten	SR	RB	11	113	716	6.3	8	19	132	6.9	0	132	848	6.4	8
Career	Overall					146	947	6.5	10	113	1201	10.6	5	259	2148	8.3	15

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.48	40"	10'4	4.06	6.81

Scouting Report

Tyrone Tracy is one of the more interesting prospects in the 2024 NFL Draft class. He began his college career at Iowa where he played wide receiver for four seasons before transferring to Purdue and making the switch to running back. Despite his inexperience at the position, Tracy proved to be a quality runner in 2023. He runs with a good combination of speed and power with open-field elusiveness and impressive balance. He's a bit indecisive behind the line of scrimmage and his vision comes and goes, but everything he showed last season laid the foundation for potential development.

Of course, being a former wide receiver, Tracy is an above-average pass-catcher who will add immediate value on passing downs. That versatility, plus his experience and skills as a kick returner will not only help him get drafted, but will help him make a roster and get on the field while buying enough time to develop his running back skills.

With less than 150 career carries, drafting Tracy is a bet on his athletic profile. He has requisite size with impressive size-adjusted speed, plus elite explosion and lateral agility. If you like drafting for upside in the late rounds of rookie drafts (you should), then Tyrone Tracy Jr should be high on your list of targets.

Positives +

+Speed
+Explosive
+Lateral Agility
+Balance
+Vision
+Elusiveness
+Receiving Skill
+Versatile
+Change of Direction
+Three-Down Skill Set

Negatives −

-Still learning the running back position
-Older Prospect
-Indecisive Runner
-Too eager to bounce runs out wide
-146 career carries
-0.99 yards per team play

ARCHETYPE: ALL-PURPOSE

NFL COMP: RACHAAD WHITE

YARDS PER FANTASY

KIMANI VIDAL
RB - TROY

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rushing Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Receiving Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Scrimmage Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
2020	Troy	Sun Belt	FR	RB	9	101	516	5.1	4	26	225	8.7	0	127	741	5.8	4
2021	Troy	Sun Belt	FR	RB	11	152	701	4.6	5	22	134	6.1	0	174	835	4.8	5
*2022	Troy	Sun Belt	SO		14	231	1132	4.9	10	26	140	5.4	0	257	1272	4.9	10
*2023	Troy	Sun Belt	SR	RB	14	297	1661	5.6	14	18	201	11.2	1	315	1862	5.9	15
Career	Troy					781	4010	5.1	33	92	700	7.6	1	873	4710	5.4	34

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5-8 HEIGHT	**213** WEIGHT (LBS)	**22** AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.46	**37.5"**	**10'0**	**4.15**	**7.01**

Scouting Report

Kimani Vidal was a highly productive runner over his final two seasons at Troy. He has good size to be an NFL workhorse with impressive size-adjusted speed and burst. He is a between-the-tackles runner with the explosive traits to break off chunk plays. He follows his blockers well and is rarely tackled for loss yardage. Once he's in the open field with a head of steam, Vidal is difficult to bring down. And even when you get hands on him, Vidal is always driving his legs and pushing forward to squeeze out one extra yard or two.

In the passing game, Vidal is a very capable receiver, but you won't mistake him for a receiving weapon. Instead, he's a reliable target on swings, screens, and check-downs. He will need to improve in pass protection if he is to become a true three-down option, however.

At the NFL level, Vidal will have to fight for a roster spot, but assuming he makes a team, he has a shot to develop into a solid RB2/RB1b, a la a Jaylen Warren type. He has the traits to be a workhorse back if ever given the opportunity, too.

Positives +

+Overall size-adjusted athleticism
+1.97 yards per team play
+10.4% best season reception share

Negatives −

-Pass Protection
-Level of competition
-Lacks some creativity
-Patience is lacking at times

ARCHETYPE: ALL-PURPOSE

NFL COMP: JAYLEN WARREN

YARDS PER FANTASY

47.0
38TH PERCENTILE

Jaylen Wright
RB - Tennessee

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2021	Tennessee	SEC	FR	RB	9	85	409	4.8	4	6	22	3.7	0	91	431	4.7	4
*2022	Tennessee	SEC	SO		13	146	875	6.0	10	2	8	4.0	0	148	883	6.0	10
*2023	Tennessee	SEC	SR	RB	12	137	1013	7.4	4	22	141	6.4	0	159	1154	7.3	4
Career	Tennessee					368	2297	6.2	18	30	171	5.7	0	398	2468	6.2	18

5-11	210	21
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.38	38"	11'2	-	-

Scouting Report

Jaylen Wright possesses the requisite size and traits to be a quality running back at the NFL level. He has elite speed, as evidenced by his 22.2 MPH top speed clocked in 2023 which is the fastest of any of the running backs in the 2024 class. Wright has the patience to let hit blocks develop in front of him with the burst to explode through the hole and get to the next level of the defense. Most of his runs at Tennessee came from the shotgun and were directed between the tackles, but Wright's skill set leaves little doubt he can be a quality runner on outside concepts as well.

Wright may have the speed to outrun defenders but he lacks the lateral agility to be a true cut-back threat and isn't the most difficult to bring down once you've got hands on him. He also doesn't create much on his own if the lanes aren't available for him. In the passing game, Wright was a zero in his first two seasons before adding receiving skills to his repertoire in 2023. He still has work to do in this area to become a weapon as a pass-catcher, but he showed enough to believe he can be an effective check-down, swing pass, and screen game option at least. He will also add value with his quality pass protection skills, something we don't see from a lot of running backs straight out of college. This will help him find an early role in the NFL.

Speaking of the NFL, Jaylen Wright projects as a rotational running back who can add value on third downs as well as be an explosive change-of-pace back in a two or three man committee. With a 210-pound frame it's certainly possible he becomes the leader of said committee. Wright is likely to be drafted sometime in the middle rounds, probably in the third or fourth. In dynasty, he is a fun pick in the third round of rookie drafts with the hopes his elite speed translates to a fantasy relevant role.

Positives ➕

+Elite Speed
+114.1 (95th-percentile) Speed Score (PlayerProfiler.com)
+Explosive
+Home Run Threat
+Patience
+Pass Protection

Negatives ➖

-Doesn't break many tackles
-Lacks some creativity as a runner
-Lacks the lateral agility to be a true cut-back threat
-12.8% best season touchdown share (2022)
-1.28 yards per team play (2023)

ARCHETYPE: ONE-CUT SLASHER

NFL COMP: TY CHANDLER

WIDE RECEIVERS

Javon Baker
WR - UCF

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
						Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2020	Alabama	SEC	FR	WR	8	2	15	7.5	0	0	0		0	2	15	7.5	0
*2021	Alabama	SEC	SO	WR	11	7	101	14.4	1	0	0		0	7	101	14.4	1
*2022	UCF	American	JR		14	56	796	14.2	5	0	0		0	56	796	14.2	5
*2023	UCF	Big 12	SR	WR	13	52	1139	21.9	7	0	0		0	52	1139	21.9	7
Career	Overall					117	2051	17.5	13	0	0		0	117	2051	17.5	13

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6-1 HEIGHT	202 WEIGHT (LBS)	22 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.54	37"	10'1	-	-

Scouting Report

Javon Baker is an above average route runner who particularly thrives in the deep and intermediate quadrants of the field. He doesn't exactly have "burner" speed and he takes a minute to get going, but that doesn't stop him from making plays vertically. His ball skills and ball-tracking ability are exceptional. When the ball is in the air, Baker uses his natural instincts to find the football to attack it at its highest point. After the catch, Baker's lateral agility and explosion kick-in to help him gain additional yards. At the NFL level, Baker projects as a team's third or fourth option who will primarily play out wide at Z or X. Draft capital won't come until Day 3, but that won't prevent him from being one of the more intriguing sleeper wide receivers in the third or fourth round of dynasty rookie drafts.

Positives ➕

+Route Running
+Body Control
+Vertical Threat
+3.1 yards per team pass attempt (2023)
+31.4% Dominator Rating

Negatives ➖

-Takes a minute to get up to speed
-Struggles with physicality

ARCHETYPE: VERTICAL THREAT

NFL COMP: JOSH DOCTSON

40.8
65TH PERCENTILE

Jermaine Burton
WR - Alabama

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving Rec	Receiving Yds	Receiving Avg	Receiving TD	Rushing Att	Rushing Yds	Rushing Avg	Rushing TD	Scrimmage Plays	Scrimmage Yds	Scrimmage Avg	Scrimmage TD
*2020	Georgia	SEC	FR	WR	10	27	404	15.0	3	4	50	12.5	0	31	454	14.6	3
*2021	Georgia	SEC	SO	WR	14	26	497	19.1	5	0	0		0	26	497	19.1	5
*2022	Alabama	SEC	JR		13	40	677	16.9	7	0	0		0	40	677	16.9	7
*2023	Alabama	SEC	SR	WR	13	39	798	20.5	8	0	0		0	39	798	20.5	8
Career	Overall					132	2376	18.0	23	4	50	12.5	0	136	2426	17.8	23

6-0 HEIGHT	196 WEIGHT (LBS)	22 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.45	38.5"	11'1	-	-

Scouting Report

Jermaine Burton is a playmaking wide receiver with exceptional top-end speed and acceleration to get open vertically quickly and consistently. He bursts off the line of scrimmage, burning past his defender early in the route. Then when the ball is in the air, Burton is excellent at tracking it down and adjusting to the throw as necessary. Even when he is challenged at the line of scrimmage, Burton does an excellent job of fighting through that and getting into his route. While Burton was primarily asked to run vertical patterns at Alabama, he showed enough to instill confidence that he can become a more well-rounded route runner at the next level. He won't be just a one-dimensional deep threat, even if that is what he does best. In the NFL, Burton has the upside to become a team's No. 2 or No. 3 option in the passing game, while serving as the primary vertical guy.

Positives ➕

+Speed   +Acceleration
+Vertical Threat
+Averaged 18 yards per reception for his career
+Route Running
+Handles physicality well
+Good Hands
+Ball Tracking
+34.8% receiving touchdown share
+30.3% Dominator Rating

Negatives ➖

-Not a threat after the catch
-3.1 receptions per game
-Not an early declare

ARCHETYPE: VERTICAL THREAT   **NFL COMP: KENNY STILLS**

YARDS PER FANTASY

Keon Coleman
WR - Florida State

						Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2021	Michigan State	Big Ten	FR	WR	10	7	50	7.1	1	0	0		0	7	50	7.1	1
2022	Michigan State	Big Ten	SO		12	58	798	13.8	7	0	0		0	58	798	13.8	7
*2023	Florida State	ACC	JR	WR	12	50	658	13.2	11	1	2	2.0	0	51	660	12.9	11
Career	Overall					115	1506	13.1	19	1	2	2.0	0	116	1508	13.0	19
	Michigan State					65	848	13.0	8	0	0		0	65	848	13.0	8
	Florida State					50	658	13.2	11	1	2	2.0	0	51	660	12.9	11

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6-3	**213**	**20**
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.61	**38"**	**10'7**	**-**	**-**

Scouting Report

Keon Coleman is a physically gifted wide receiver. Standing at 6-3, 213 lbs, he has the body of a prototypical X-receiver in the NFL. He has good hands with incredible ball skills, and impressive lateral movement for a guy of his stature. Coleman thrives in contested catch situations. He presents his quarterback with a target that can be trusted to win the 50-50 balls like he's not even covered. That makes for a dangerous weapon in the red zone and on vertical patterns. Coleman also puts his size and physicality to good use at the line of scrimmage, easily shaking press coverage more often than not. While he can run the full route tree and win on all three levels, Coleman does have room to grow in the routes department. Some wasted movement and unharnessed footwork, paired with the lack of true deep speed can sometimes make creating separation difficult. His raw physical tools and already signs of improvement from his sophomore to junior seasons, do provide some hope that he can continue to develop this area of his game, though.

Scouts drool over Coleman's athleticism, size, and overall physical traits of the wide receiver position. But, the production numbers don't seem to match the scouting reports. If all you do is read the film grades and watch the highlight clips, you're going to love Keon Coleman. But the numbers tell a different story. Coleman was an underwhelming producer in both of his seasons as a starter—one at Michigan State and one at Florida State. He combined for just 1,506 receiving yards in his three collegiate seasons. To put that into perspective, LSU WR Malik Nabers had 1,569 receiving yards in 2023 alone. And sure, you could place blame on subpar quarterback play, an offense that isn't built around the passing game, etc. That may explain the lack of raw numbers, but it still doesn't answer why he accounted for just 18% of the team's receiving yards in 2023. Or had just 1.51 yards per team pass attempt. Or 1.9 yards per route run for the duration of his career. This is a problem.

Some analysts are obsessing over his incredible contested catch ability. And while I agree he is phenomenal in those situations and his spectacular catches sure are fun to watch, it begs the question, why is he in so many contested situations? Can he not create separation? Because if you're struggling to create separation at the college level, it's certainly not going to get easier in the NFL. Take this quote from Sam Monson of PFF: "If making contested catches is a part of your skill set, that's great. If it's the best thing you bring to the table? We might have a problem." I think we might have a problem. 34% of Coleman's targets were considered contested in 2023, per PFF. In comparison to the other top prospects in the class, Marvin Harrison Jr had a 26.3% contested target rate, Rome Odunze 20.6%, and Malik Nabers 17.2%.

Coleman is certainly a polarizing prospect. The upside is absolutely there, though. He is great at the catch point and he gets a lot out of his natural athletic ability. And we have to remember he is still just 20 years old with time to develop his game further. Truthfully, his ceiling is about as high as it gets if he puts it all together. There is no doubting that. But the concerns are fair. Like I said, the scouting reports will make you think this guy is the next star wideout in the NFL. In reality, you can't make a facts and numbers-based case that makes this guy look like a great prospect. Still, the draft capital is likely going to be there with some NFL team falling in love with the upside and raw talent. In dynasty, I would love to take a shot on a guy like this in the late second round of rookie drafts. However, I expect his rookie draft ADP will wind up somewhere between picks 10-14 which will make him a fade in my book.

Positives ➕

+Size
+Ball Skills
+Catch Radius
+Release; Little issue beating press coverage
+Impressive lateral movement for his size
+25 punt returns in 2023
+44% receiving touchdown share
+31% Dominator Rating
+Age 19 breakout
+Early Declare
+Plays physical
+Contested catches
+YAC

Negatives ➖

-Lacks top-end speed
-Some routes need refining
-College production is underwhelming
-Accounted for just 18% of team's receiving yards
-Relies a bit too much on contested/spectacular catches (34% of his targets were contested in 2023, per PFF)
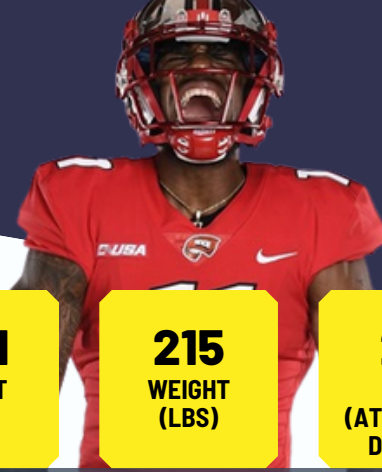-1.90 career yards per route (PFF)
-1.51 yards per team pass attempt

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: ALLEN ROBINSON

YARDS PER FANTASY

Malachi Corley
WR - Western Kentucky

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
						Receiving				**Rushing**				**Scrimmage**			
*2020	Western Kentucky	CUSA	FR	WR	9	6	65	10.8	0	0	0		0	6	65	10.8	0
*2021	Western Kentucky	CUSA	FR	WR	14	73	691	9.5	7	1	-6	-6.0	0	74	685	9.3	7
*2022	Western Kentucky	CUSA	SO		14	101	1295	12.8	11	11	87	7.9	0	112	1382	12.3	11
*2023	Western Kentucky	CUSA	JR	WR	12	79	984	12.5	11	4	11	2.8	0	83	995	12.0	11
Career	**Western Kentucky**					259	3035	11.7	29	16	92	5.8	0	275	3127	11.4	29

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5-11	215	22
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
-	-	-	-	-

Scouting Report

Malachi Corley's game is built on yards after catch. At 5-10, 215 lbs, he has the frame of a running back. And that's exactly his mentality when he has the ball in his hands. He wants to run around you and he wants to run through you. He is always looking for ways to squeeze out every last yard he can get. His size and strength, paired with speed make him difficult for the average defensive back to take him down on first contact. The Hilltoppers took full advantage of his skill set, manufacturing touches for Corley in the form of screens, jet sweeps, shallow crosses, etc. However, outside of those types of routes, Corley wasn't asked to do much else. His route tree had only a few branches and he wasn't exactly the most savvy route runner, either. It wasn't often he was asked to run more than 10 or so yards down the field.

That raises concerns for his potential role in an NFL offense without further development in areas like footwork, release, and technique. It's always worrisome when a guy's best trait coming out of college is picking up yards after the catch. So often we see that doesn't translate to the NFL nearly as well as people hope. We have to remember that in college, guys are often playing against defenders who may never even sniff the NFL. That's especially true when you're talking about a smaller school like Western Kentucky. Corley, who calls himself the "YAC King," may be in for a rude awakening when he faces NFL size, speed, and skill. Scouts want him to be Deebo Samuel so bad, and that's the style he plays, but Deebo is such a rare breed it's hard to make that bet.

Still, Corley will have a chance to carve out a role early in his career as an underneath slot guy with good hands and playmaking ability. That may not bring enough volume for fantasy football purposes if Corely doesn't develop into a more well-rounded wide receiver, though. It's expected he will be selected sometime in the third or fourth round of the NFL Draft and will be a solid third round selection in dynasty rookie drafts.

Positives

+Speed
+YAC Monster
+Alignment Versatility
+Good Hands
+7.2 best season receptions per game (2022)
+16 career rush attempts (92 yards)

Negatives

-Route running needs refinement
-Limited route tree
Likely won't command a high volume of targets in the NFL
-2.09 best season yards per team pass attempt (2022)
-27.2% best season Dominator Rating (2023)

ARCHETYPE: YAC MONSTER

NFL COMP: LAVISKA SHENAULT

47.8
74TH PERCENTILE

Jacob Cowing
WR - Arizona

5-8	168	23
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving Rec	Receiving Yds	Receiving Avg	Receiving TD	Rushing Att	Rushing Yds	Rushing Avg	Rushing TD	Scrimmage Plays	Scrimmage Yds	Scrimmage Avg	Scrimmage TD
2019	UTEP	CUSA	FR	WR	12	31	550	17.7	3	0	0		0	31	550	17.7	3
2020	UTEP	CUSA	SO	WR	8	41	691	16.9	3	0	0		0	41	691	16.9	3
*2021	UTEP	CUSA	SO	WR	13	69	1354	19.6	7	4	75	18.8	1	73	1429	19.6	8
2022	Arizona	Pac-12	JR		12	85	1034	12.2	7	3	1	0.3	0	88	1035	11.8	7
*2023	Arizona	Pac-12	SR	WR	13	90	848	9.4	13	5	26	5.2	0	95	874	9.2	13
Career	Overall					316	4477	14.2	33	12	102	8.5	1	328	4579	14.0	34

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.38	36"	9'11	4.42	7.02

Scouting Report

Jacob Cowing is an undersized slot receiver who was massively productive during his five year college career. Cowing has 4.38 speed with impressive acceleration and lateral agility. He checks several key analytical boxes like breakout age, yards per team pass attempt, dominator rating, and receptions per game. Cowing proved his skill set is valuable across different offensive styles and can fit multiple roles. In fact, his yards per reception average was 18.4 during his three seasons at UTEP. At Arizona, it was 10.8 as the Wildcats chose to use him as a close to the line of scrimmage guy whereas UTEP liked him as a downfield playmaker. That versatility, plus his added value in the return game, will be appealing to NFL teams.

The concerns in Cowing's profile are centered around his ability to create consistent separation and how he operates in traffic and versus physical defenders. It's not often that we see Cowing win a contested catch which is especially concerning if he is not a big separator. To help combat that, Cowing would be best to land in an offense that likes to spread the field and utilizes motion and other tactics to help their receivers get into space. Draft capital will likely come on Day 3. In dynasty, Cowing is a fun pick in the later rounds of rookie drafts.

Positives ➕

+4.38 speed
+Acceleration
+Lateral Agility
+6.9 receptions per game (2023)
+Averaged 19.6 YPR on 69 catches in 2021
+3.71 best season yards per team pass attempt
+39% best season dominator rating (2021)
+Age 18 breakout
+36.1% receiving touchdown share (2023)
+20 career kick/punt returns

Negatives ➖

-Undersized
-Lacks strength
-Struggling vs physical defenders
-Inconsistent creating separation
-Struggles in contested situations
-Drops
-Route running needs development
-Limited catch radius
-Not a threat to break tackles after the catch
-Not an early declare

ARCHETYPE: SPEED WR

NFL COMP: JOHN BROWN

Troy Franklin
WR - Oregon

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Rushing Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Scrimmage Plays	Yds	Avg
*2021	Oregon	Pac-12	FR	WR	14	18	209	11.6	2	0	0		0	18	209	11.6
*2022	Oregon	Pac-12	SO		13	61	891	14.6	9	0	0		0	61	891	14.6
*2023	Oregon	Pac-12	JR	WR	13	81	1383	17.1	14	0	0		0	81	1383	17.1
Career	Oregon					160	2483	15.5	25	0	0		0	160	2483	15.5

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6-2 HEIGHT	176 WEIGHT (LBS)	21 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.41	39"	10'4	4.31	6.90

Scouting Report

Troy Franklin is one of the fastest wide receivers in the 2024 NFL Draft class. He has no trouble getting open deep or out-running defenders after the catch. While his game is built around that speed, Franklin is more than just a burner who only runs straight lines down the field. He is a quality route runner with a great feel for defenses and finding ways to get himself open in the short and intermediate areas as well. He uses a variety of effective release tactics to get off the line quickly and into his routes.

With a bit of a slim frame, Franklin does tend to get thrown off by physical defenders in press coverage. He is also not known for winning in traffic and in contested catch situations. While he is good at tracking the ball down the field, Franklin does have a tendency to let the ball come to him, rather than meeting it at its highest point. This opens it up to be played by the defender, and leaves potential chunk plays on the field.

Franklin projects as a high-end WR2 in the NFL. He will primarily line up at Z, with some slot looks as well. Teams will be apt to put him in motion to help him avoid contact off the line and to fully take advantage of his speed threat both vertically and horizontally across the defense. While his somewhat slender frame will limit him in some areas, it's less of a concern in today's NFL, especially after seeing guys like Devonta Smith, Jordan Addison, Tank Dell, and others have such immediate success. That will also give NFL teams the confidence to call his name as early as the first round. Franklin is likely to come off the board sometime between picks 25 and 40–hopefully to a team looking to add an outside playmaker for a big-armed quarterback. In dynasty, he's absolutely in consideration beginning as early as pick eight or nine in single quarterback rookie drafts.

Positives ➕

+Elite Speed
+Route Running
+Ball Tracking
+Alignment Versatility
+Possesses a variety of release tactics
+YAC
+6.2 receptions per game
+Age 19 Breakout (sophomore season)
+Will be 21 years old for the entirety of his rookie season

Negatives ➖
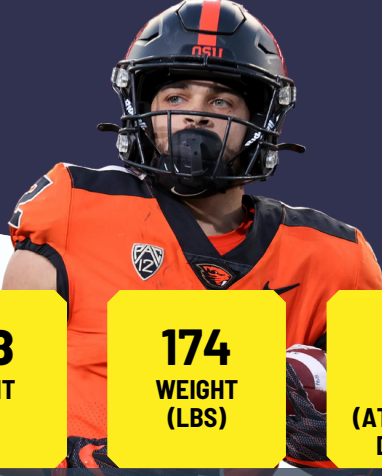
-Thin Frame
-Struggles vs press coverage
-Struggles to catch passes in traffic & contested situations
-28% Dominator Rating
-0 career rush attempts or kick/punt returns

ARCHETYPE: SPEED WR

NFL COMP: PAUL RICHARDSON

Anthony Gould
WR - Oregon State

5-8 HEIGHT	174 WEIGHT (LBS)	– AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
						Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
2020	Oregon State	Pac-12	FR	WR	4	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0
*2021	Oregon State	Pac-12	FR	WR	13	13	185	14.2	1	5	50	10.0	1	18	235	13.1	2
*2022	Oregon State	Pac-12	SO		10	27	457	16.9	3	2	11	5.5	0	29	468	16.1	3
*2023	Oregon State	Pac-12	SR	WR	11	44	718	16.3	2	4	22	5.5	0	48	740	15.4	2
Career	Oregon State					84	1360	16.2	6	11	83	7.5	1	95	1443	15.2	7

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.39	39.5"	10'9	4.16	-

Scouting Report

Anthony Gould isn't your typical 4.39 speed guy who just runs straight lines down the field. He is a well-rounded wide receiver who can win on all three levels with quality route-running and some nuance to his game. Of course, that's not to say he isn't excellent as a vertical threat. He will surely burn most cornerbacks with his elite speed and acceleration. And when the ball is in the air, Gould does a great job of locating it and tracking it down. Where he struggles, is in traffic and contested situations. A lot of that is due to his 5-8, 174-pound frame that severely hinders his play strength and catch radius. Still, Gould is a tough player who is not bound to the slot despite his size. In fact, most of his snaps at Oregon State came on the boundary. With that said, Gould will likely get more looks in the slot at the NFL level, but it's good to know he has the versatility.

Positives ➕

+Elite Speed (4.39)
+Acceleration
+Vertical Threat
+Wins on all three levels
+Ball Tracking
+Alignment Versatility
+27 career kick/punt returns (2 KR TDs)

Negatives ➖

-Undersized
-Limited Catch Radius
-Will struggle vs physical press coverage
-1.89 yards per team pass attempt (2023)
-18.8% best season receiving touchdown share (7 career TDs)
-21.5% best season Dominator Rating (2022)

ARCHETYPE: SPEED/SLOT

NFL COMP: ISAIAH MCKENZIE

YARDS PER FANTASY

Marvin Harrison Jr
WR - Ohio State

81.2
97TH PERCENTILE

6-3	209	21
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
						Receiving				**Rushing**				**Scrimmage**			
*2021	Ohio State	Big Ten	FR	WR	13	11	139	12.6	3	0	0		0	11	139	12.6	3
*2022	Ohio State	Big Ten	SO		13	77	1263	16.4	14	2	32	16.0	0	79	1295	16.4	14
*2023	Ohio State	Big Ten	JR	WR	12	67	1211	18.1	14	2	26	13.0	1	69	1237	17.9	15
Career	Ohio State					155	2613	16.9	31	4	58	14.5	1	159	2671	16.8	32

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
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Scouting Report

Marvin Harrison Jr. is about as close to a "can't miss prospect" as it gets. He is an exceptional route-runner who commands targets and has the versatility to line up in multiple positions across the formation. His top-end speed and impressive acceleration make him a dangerous threat on vertical patterns. What makes him special, though, is pairing that athleticism with incredible ball skills, body control, agility, and natural instincts to make an all-around dominant playmaker who wins in all quadrants of the field. Harrison uses his 6-3 frame to his full advantage, tracking the football, adjusting to the football, and attacking the football at its highest point, making him almost impossible to defend in contested catch and jump ball situations.

There are only a few minor things to point to on Harrison's profile as areas for improvement. While he is fast off the line of scrimmage, he could still improve and expand on his release packages/techniques. He is also inconsistent versus press coverage. Some of that is due to his somewhat thin frame for his height, some is just lack of extensive experience against tight looks. And lastly, outside of speed and a little wiggle, Harrison doesn't present much of a threat after the catch. He'll burn you if you give him space to work with, but once you get hands on him, he's pretty easy to take down.

Marvin Harrison Jr. checks all the boxes both on tape and from an analytics perspective. He is everything NFL teams want in their top wide receiver. He will be deployed as a team's alpha, lining up at X, but also getting work from the Z and slot positions as well which will make him a matchup nightmare and headache for defenses to keep track of. He is going to command a high volume of targets from day one. Whoever drafts him will be expected to deploy him as their WR1 from the second he steps on an NFL field. Harrison will be a top-5 pick in the 2024 draft, and it is very possible we see him inside the top-3. In dynasty, Harrison is the locked-in 1.01 in single quarterback rookie drafts and a top-3 selection in superflex.

Positives ➕

+Route Running   +Ball Skills
+Body Control   +Contested catches
+Great hands   +Speed
+Acceleration
+5.6 receptions per game
+3.04 yards per team pass attempt
+53.8% touchdown share
+44% Dominator Rating
+1 rush TD in 2023
+Early Declare

Negatives ➖

-Thin frame
-Can improve/expand release packages
-Inconsistent vs press coverage
-Not a threat after the catch

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION X
NFL COMP: JUSTIN JEFFERSON

YARDS PER FANTASY

Jha'Quan Jackson
WR - Tulane

						Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2019	Tulane	American	FR	WR	8	2	31	15.5	1	0	0		0	2	31	15.5	1
*2020	Tulane	American	SO	WR	12	31	425	13.7	8	2	31	15.5	1	33	456	13.8	9
2021	Tulane	American	SO	WR	12	17	294	17.3	1	4	26	6.5	0	21	320	15.2	1
*2022	Tulane	American	JR		14	33	554	16.8	3	1	8	8.0	0	34	562	16.5	3
*2023	Tulane	American	SR	WR	10	26	439	16.9	4	5	51	10.2	0	31	490	15.8	4
Career	Tulane				109	1743	16.0	17		12	116	9.7	1	121	1859	15.4	18

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5-9 HEIGHT	188 WEIGHT (LBS)	23 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.42	32"	9'10	-	-

Scouting Report

Jha'Quan Jackson is an undersized slot receiver with the explosive traits to make him a big-play threat. Jackson can stretch the field vertically by running slot fades and deep crossers. He has the versatility to be a gadget guy and a target on screens and jet sweeps. While Jackson proved capable of winning on all three levels at Tulane, he lacks the technique and nuance, particularly in the underneath areas, to confidently project that to translate to the NFL level. His inconsistent hands and shortcomings in traffic are concerning given the area of the field he is projected to play as a primary slot receiver.

Still, Jackson can provide an explosive element to an offense as well as value as a punt returner. He will be a late round pick in the NFL Draft, to a team wanting to add that skill set. It's unlikely he will ever be a reliable option in fantasy football, given he likely won't command enough volume—he averaged fewer than three receptions per game in every season at Tulane.

Positives +

+Speed
+Versatility
+Explosive
+Quickness
+38.1% best season touchdown share (2020)
+94 career kick/punt returns (1 PR TD)

Negatives —

-Undersized
-Route running needs development
-Inconsistent hands
-Catching in traffic
-Won't see much work from the outside
-Lacks strength
-2.6 receptions per game (2023)
-1.46 best season yards per team pass attempt (2022)

ARCHETYPE: SLOT

NFL COMP: TRE TUCKER

YARDS PER FANTASY

Xavier Legette
WR - South Carolina

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
						Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
2019	South Carolina	SEC	FR	WR	11	9	80	8.9	1	0	0		0	9	80	8.9	1
2020	South Carolina	SEC	SO	WR	6	7	113	16.1	0	0	0		0	7	113	16.1	0
*2021	South Carolina	SEC	JR	WR	11	8	63	7.9	1	0	0		0	8	63	7.9	1
*2022	South Carolina	SEC	SR		13	18	167	9.3	3	7	21	3.0	0	25	188	7.5	3
2023	South Carolina	SEC	SR	WR	12	71	1255	17.7	7	9	-9	-1.0	0	80	1246	15.6	7
Career	**South Carolina**					113	1678	14.8	12	16	12	0.8	0	129	1690	13.1	12

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6-2	221	23
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.39	40"	10'6	-	-

Scouting Report

If we only looked at Xavier Legette's 2023 season statistics and his athletic traits, it would be hard to not rank him as one of the top wide receivers in the 2024 class. But that's not the reality. It took Legette until his fifth year in college to put up any sort of meaningful production. At that point, he was 22 years old and leaning on pure raw athletic talent.

Let's give him some credit, though, his athleticism is off the charts. At 6-1, 223 lbs, he should not be able to run as fast as he does. In fact, Legette reached a top speed of 22.3 MPH in 2023. Only three NFL players reached 22 MPH last year. But he's not just a speed guy. Legette does not shy away from contact. He will happily run through you after the catch, an area where he thrives. He will also use his size and strength to dominate in contested catch situations, both vertically and in the red zone.

And even looking at just the final season, Legette looks great on paper. His 3.05 yards per team pass attempt is elite. He averaged six receptions per game which is among the best in the class. He accounted for a third of his team's receiving touchdowns and had a dominator rating over 35%.

Where he struggles, though, is in the more technical areas of playing wide receiver. He is not great off the line of scrimmage, and his routes—the few that he runs—are far from refined. He will need to continue to develop the details of route running and expand his route tree if he is to become a more well-rounded wide receiver that commands volume at the NFL level. As it stands now, Legette projects as a situational vertical and red zone threat early in his career with the hopes he can develop into more. He may be able to work his way into a big slot role—he took about a third of his snaps in 2023 from the slot—as a complimentary receiver. His raw physical traits scream outside X, but I'm not sure he will ever get there, given how long it took him to develop at the college level and his struggles to create consistent separation.

Still, some NFL team is going to get excited about this guy and draft him in the second round. That draft capital plus the intriguing traits and final season will make him a tempting pick in the second round of our dynasty rookie drafts as well. As things stand now, though, there are several other players in that ADP range that I am far more confident in their ability to become fantasy relevant assets that I will be targeting instead.

Positives ➕

+Size
+Athleticism
+Contested Catches
+YAC
+Vertical Threat
+5.9 receptions per game (2023)
+30 career kick/punt returns (1 KR TD)
+3.05 yards per team pass attempt (2023)
+33.3% Receiving Touchdown Share (2023)
+35.5% Dominator Rating (2023)

+Speed
+Body Control

Negatives ➖

-Limited Route Tree
-Release needs work
-Unrefined route runner
-Takes a minute to get up to speed
-Not an early declare
-One year of significant college production; Almost no production until his fifth year
-Age 22 breakout (5th-year senior)

ARCHETYPE: RED ZONE THREAT

NFL COMP: JONATHAN MINGO

YARDS PER FANTASY

LUKE McCAFFREY
WR - RICE

6-2 HEIGHT	198 WEIGHT (LBS)	23 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rushing Att	Rushing Yds	Rushing Avg	Rushing TD	Receiving Rec	Receiving Yds	Receiving Avg	Receiving TD	Scrimmage Plays	Scrimmage Yds	Scrimmage Avg	Scrimmage TD
2019	Nebraska	Big Ten	FR	QB	4	24	166	6.9	1	1	12	12.0	0	25	178	7.1	1
2020	Nebraska	Big Ten	FR	QB	7	65	364	5.6	3	1	5	5.0	0	66	369	5.6	3
2021	Rice	CUSA	FR	QB	9	41	132	3.2	2	0	0		0	41	132	3.2	2
*2022	Rice	CUSA	SO		11	12	148	12.3	1	58	723	12.5	6	70	871	12.4	7
*2023	Rice	American	SR	WR	13	15	117	7.8	0	71	992	14.0	13	86	1109	12.9	13
Career	Overall					157	927	5.9	7	131	1732	13.2	19	288	2659	9.2	26

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.46	**36"**	**10'1**	**4.02**	**6.71**

Scouting Report

Luke McCaffrey plays exactly how you would expect Christian McCaffrey's little brother to play football. He's tough, he's smart, he's versatile, and he doesn't shy away from contact. McCaffrey began his career as a QB/WR hybrid who barely saw the field. Since transitioning to wide receiver full-time over his final two college seasons, he became a productive outlet for the Rice football team. He has reliable hands and is excellent at adjusting to the football and making the difficult catches in contested and high-traffic situations. His experience playing quarterback shows up often with high football IQ and awareness.

McCaffrey's routes will need continued development as he makes the transition to the NFL. There are also concerns about how well he will do versus press coverage at the NFL level and if he will be able to separate against pro cornerbacks.

McCaffrey has the size, athletic traits, and the genes to give him every chance to succeed in the NFL. He tested extremely well at the Combine with 4.46 speed, plus elite-level agility. McCaffrey projects as a depth receiver and special teamer who could develop into a quality big slot or Z-receiver.

Positives ➕

+Reliable Hands   +Toughness
+Speed   +Acceleration
+Quickness/Agility
+Catch Radius
+Catch in traffic/high-difficulty receptions
+5.5 receptions per game (2023)
+157 career rush attempts (27 in two years since transitioning to WR full-time)
+37.5% Dominator Rating (2023)
+44.8% receiving touchdown share (2023)

Negatives ➖

-Struggles vs press coverage
-Level of competition
-Unrefined/lack of experience at the WR position
-Route Running
-Not an Early Declare/Fifth-Year Senior
-Age 21 Breakout

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: ALLEN HURNS

Ladd McConkey
WR - Georgia

6-0	186	22
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

						Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2020	Georgia	SEC	FR	WR										0	0		0
*2021	Georgia	SEC	FR	WR	15	31	447	14.4	5	4	44	11.0	1	35	491	14.0	6
*2022	Georgia	SEC	SO		15	58	762	13.1	7	7	134	19.1	2	65	896	13.8	9
*2023	Georgia	SEC	JR	WR	9	30	478	15.9	2	2	38	19.0	1	32	516	16.1	3
Career	Georgia					119	1687	14.2	14	13	216	16.6	4	132	1903	14.4	18

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.39	36"	10'4	-	-

Scouting Report

Ladd McConkey had an underwhelming college career from a production standpoint. You could say that the Georgia offense was run-focused, but that still doesn't explain away the poor team share metrics. Still, when you watch Ladd McConkey it's hard not to think he has a chance to be a contributor in the NFL. He's one of the more complete route runners in the 2024 class. He uses his combination of speed, acceleration, quickness, and agility to create easy separation. McConkey is a reliable underneath option who can quickly turn up field and gain chunks of yards after the catch. He also possesses the speed to win vertically.

McConkey is a smart player who quickly identifies coverages and finds the open holes in the defense to create a target for his quarterback. He does tend to struggle in more physical situations, though. With an undersized frame, McConkey has a hard time dealing with press coverage and physical defenders. He is also not going to win a lot of balls in contested situations.

At the NFL level, McConkey projects as a complementary receiver who will line up both in the slot and out wide at Z. He will work himself into space, be a reliable target for his quarterback, and eat up yards after the catch. McConkey is likely to come off the board in the second round of the NFL Draft. In dynasty, his athleticism and toughness will make him a tempting pick in early round two, but his prospect profile indicates the back-half of the second would be more appropriate.

Positives +

+Speed
+Acceleration
+Agility
+Quick Feet
+Route Running
+YAC
+Release
+4 career rushing touchdowns (13 attempts, 216 yards)
+22 career kick/punt returns

Negatives —

-Thin frame   -Struggles vs press coverage
-Struggles vs physical defenders
-Not reliable in contested catch situations
-Underwhelming college production
-3.9 best season receptions per game (2022)
-Never reached a 20% Dominator (no BOA)
-13.5% Dominator in the 9 games played in 2023
-22.5% best season receiving TD share (2022)
-1.55 best season yds per team pass attempt (2022)

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: ELIJAH MOORE

JALEN MCMILLAN
WR - WASHINGTON

6-1	197	22
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

						Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
2020	Washington	Pac-12	FR	WR	3	1	16	16.0	0	2	14	7.0	0	3	30	10.0	0
2021	Washington	Pac-12	FR	WR	11	39	470	12.1	3	0	0		0	39	470	12.1	3
*2022	Washington	Pac-12	SO		13	79	1098	13.9	9	1	2	2.0	0	80	1100	13.8	9
*2023	Washington	Pac-12	SR	WR	11	45	559	12.4	5	3	30	10.0	1	48	589	12.3	6
Career	Washington					164	2143	13.1	17	6	46	7.7	1	170	2189	12.9	18

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.47	37"	10'7	4.18	6.94

Scouting Report

Jalen McMillan is a well-rounded wide receiver with the versatility to play both outside and from the slot. He has good enough speed to beat defenses vertically, plus the route running savvy to create separation in the short and intermediate areas of the field as well. McMillan is a proficient route runner who especially thrives versus zone coverage. He runs just about the whole route tree. He may struggle against physical defenders and press coverage but he has the strong hands and toughness to make plays over the middle of the field.

McMillan projects as a versatile receiver in the NFL who will be at his best from the slot where he can fully maximize his skill set (and cover up his weaknesses), but he will certainly kick outside and take snaps at Z. This is a pro-ready wide receiver. He will factor into a team's wide receiver rotation early on with the upside to develop into a steady starter. He may not have the highest of ceilings but it's hard to see him not succeeding. Some team is likely to identify him as a plug-and-play option and snag him in the third round of the NFL Draft. In dynasty, he is one of many wide receiver options to consider in the third round of our rookie drafts. If you like a safe pick in those rounds, Jalen McMillan might be your guy.

Positives ➕

+Natural Hands
+Alignment Versatility
+Route Running
+Extensive Route Tree
+Ball Tracking
+Body Control
+6.1 best season receptions per game (2022)
+6 career rush attempts (1 TD) & 9 career kick returns
+Age 20 breakout (RS-Sophomore season)

Negatives ➖

-Thin Frame
-Struggles vs physical defenders
-Struggles in contested catch situations
-Focus Drops
-1.92 best season yards per team pass attempt (2022)
-25.4% best season Dominator Rating (2022)
-Production drop-off from 2022 to 2023

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: NELSON AGHOLAR

YARDS PER FANTASY

Adonai Mitchell
WR - Texas

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Rushing Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Scrimmage Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2021	Georgia	SEC	FR	WR	15	29	426	14.7	4	0	0		0	29	426	14.7	4
*2022	Georgia	SEC	SO		6	9	134	14.9	3	0	0		0	9	134	14.9	3
*2023	Texas	Big 12	JR	WR	14	55	845	15.4	11	2	1	0.5	0	57	846	14.8	11
Career	Overall					93	1405	15.1	18	2	1	0.5	0	95	1406	14.8	18
	Georgia					38	560	14.7	7	0	0		0	38	560	14.7	7
	Texas					55	845	15.4	11	2	1	0.5	0	57	846	14.8	11

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6-2 HEIGHT	205 WEIGHT (LBS)	21 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.34	39.5"	11'4	-	-

Scouting Report

Adonai Mitchell is a tall, lanky receiver with good overall athleticism. He has enough speed to win vertically, with the route running chops to consistently win in the short and intermediate areas as well. Mitchell is a smooth operator with high level awareness, technique, and football IQ. He is especially good at identifying zone coverages and finding the open areas to present his quarterback with an open target. He has reliable hands and a wide catch radius and exceptional ball-tracking ability.

Where Mitchell struggles most is getting off physical press coverage. He already takes a few steps to get up to speed so a defender getting hands on him early can really be a problem. He is also inconsistent in traffic and in contested catch situations despite his 6-4 frame and strong hands. Mitchell will not scare anyone after the catch, either. There are a few concerns analytically as well, as he falls short in a number of thresholds we look for. Some of that can be explained by facing heavy target competition in the names of Xavier Worthy and Ja'Tavion Sanders, but it's worth noting.

Overall, Mitchell projects as a complimentary wide receiver at the NFL level. He will be a reliable option for his quarterback who will appreciate his ability to create separation and find the open areas of the defense. He will be best deployed as a Z-receiver with some slot snaps mixed in. An offensive play-caller who will put Mitchell in motion and find ways to get him free releases is something we would appreciate. His combination of size, athleticism, and technical route-running give him the upside to turn into a consistent fantasy producer. He is one of several wide receivers who will garner second-round NFL Draft capital and is worthy of our consideration in round two of dynasty rookie drafts.

Positives +

+Route running
+Ball Tracking
+Body Control
+Reliable Hands
+Catch Radius
+Overall Athleticism
+Vertical Threat
+44% receiving touchdown share
+32% Dominator Rating

Negatives ▬

-Struggles vs physical press coverage
-Struggles in traffic and in contested situations
-Not a consistent threat after the catch
-3.9 receptions per game
-1.78 yards per team pass attempt
-0 career kick/punt returns; 2 career rush attempts (1 yard)
-Age 21 Breakout (junior)

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: STEFON DIGGS

YARDS PER FANTASY

Malik Nabers
WR - LSU

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
						Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2021	LSU	SEC	FR	WR	11	28	417	14.9	4	4	23	5.8	0	32	440	13.8	4
*2022	LSU	SEC	SO		14	72	1017	14.1	3	1	5	5.0	0	73	1022	14.0	3
*2023	LSU	SEC	JR	WR	13	89	1569	17.6	14	1	1	1.0	0	90	1570	17.4	14
Career	LSU					189	3003	15.9	21	6	29	4.8	0	195	3032	15.5	21

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6-0 HEIGHT	**200** WEIGHT (LBS)	**20** AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.40	**42"**	**10'9**	**-**	**-**

Scouting Report

Malik Nabers is among the best wide receivers in the 2024 NFL Draft. He can pretty much do it all. He has decent size at 6-0, 200 lbs. He can run effective routes from the X, Z, and slot positions. His speed allows him to create separation down the field on posts, go's, and slot fades, but he can also dial it back to win in the short and intermediate areas of the field as well. Then, once he has the ball in his hands he pairs that speed with elite quickness, acceleration, explosion, and strength to make it very difficult for defenders to track him down. He almost always gains additional yardage after the catch.

Nabers is good at just about every part of playing wide receiver. The only areas that could use some work are his release packages off the line of scrimmage, particularly against press coverage, and becoming more consistent in traffic and in contested situations. There are some route concepts we haven't seen much from him, but there's little reason to believe he won't be able to develop his route tree further at the NFL level. Otherwise, he is a complete prospect. He checks the size boxes, he checks the analytics boxes, and he gets the full approval from film scouts as well.

While he played a ton from the slot at LSU and will certainly get his fair share of snaps on the inside in the NFL as well, Nabers projects as a starting Z-receiver at the next level. But again, he has the versatility and skill set to play from any alignment. NFL teams will love that. They will also appreciate his ability to make explosive plays from anywhere on the field, something that is coveted in today's game. In many other draft classes we would have Nabers locked-in as the WR1, instead he is looking like the second wide receiver off the board behind Marvin Harrison Jr. It will not be a surprise to see both guys drafted inside the top-10, though. In dynasty, Nabers is a locked-in top-3 selection in rookie drafts and will be a guy you can count on for consistent production for many years to come.

Positives ➕

+Route Running   +Body Control
+Explosive   +Acceleration
+YAC   +Alignment versatility
+Plays physical   +Start/stop ability
+Ball Tracking   +Can win on all three levels
+Age 19 Breakout +6.8 receptions per game
+Early Declare   +32% touchdown share
+3.86 yards per team pass attempt
+33.3% Dominator Rating
+72 receptions & over 1,000 yds as a sophomore

Negatives ➖

-Inconsistent vs press coverage
-Release packages could be improved
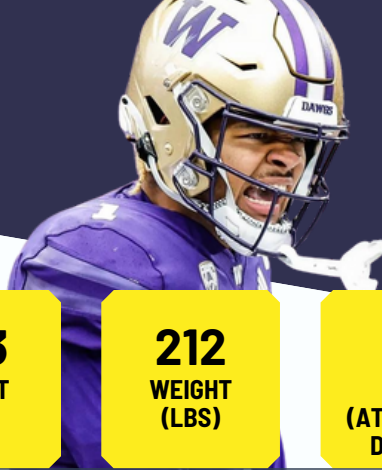-Inconsistent in traffic
-Ran a somewhat limited route tree at LSU

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: CHRIS GODWIN

68.8
92ND PERCENTILE

Rome Odunze
WR - Washington

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
						Receiving				**Rushing**				**Scrimmage**			
2020	Washington	Pac-12	FR	WR	4	6	72	12.0	0	3	-16	-5.3	0	9	56	6.2	0
2021	Washington	Pac-12	FR	WR	9	41	415	10.1	4	2	13	6.5	0	43	428	10.0	4
*2022	Washington	Pac-12	SO		12	75	1145	15.3	7	3	6	2.0	1	78	1151	14.8	8
*2023	Washington	Pac-12	JR	WR	15	92	1640	17.8	13	2	37	18.5	1	94	1677	17.8	14
Career	Washington					214	3272	15.3	24	10	40	4.0	2	224	3312	14.8	26

6-3 HEIGHT	212 WEIGHT (LBS)	21 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.45	39"	10'4	4.03	6.88

Scouting Report

Rome Odunze is one of the top wide receiver prospects in the 2024 draft class. He checks just about all the boxes from size, play strength, and athleticism, to route-running and football IQ. Odunze is a smooth operator who uses his full arsenal of tools to win in a variety of ways. He is especially dominant in contested catch situations as he can use his size, strength, and tracking ability to win against the most physical defenders. He could use some work off the line against press coverage but overall his route running is about as good as anyone in college football. Then, once he has the ball in his hands he is difficult to bring down on first contact. Odunze projects as a prototypical alpha WR1 at the NFL level. He will be a team's x-receiver while also possessing the versatility to move around the formation and contribute in a number of ways.

Odunze will likely be the third wideout off the board on draft weekend and is likely to hear his name among the top-15 picks. He's locked-in as a top-5 selection in dynasty rookie drafts with about as high a ceiling as it gets.

Positives ➕

+Route running   +Size
+Athleticism   +Agility/change of direction
+YAC   +Body Control
+Catch radius   +Contested catches
+Age 19 breakout   +Alignment versatility
+33% Dominator   +6.1 receptions per game
+Handles physicality/contact well downfield & at the catch point
+2.86 yards per team pass attempt
+1 Punt return TD & 1 rushing TD in 2023

Negatives ➖

-Lacks some explosion at the line of scrimmage
-Ability to win consistently vs physical press coverage is still a work in progress
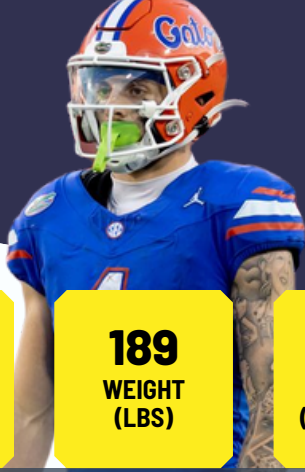-Can improve release tactics

ARCHETYPE: PROTOTYPE ALPHA

NFL COMP: DRAKE LONDON

YARDS PER FANTASY

Ricky Pearsall
WR - Florida

53.3
80TH PERCENTILE

6-1 HEIGHT

189 WEIGHT (LBS)

23 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving Rec	Receiving Yds	Receiving Avg	Receiving TD	Rushing Att	Rushing Yds	Rushing Avg	Rushing TD	Scrimmage Plays	Scrimmage Yds	Scrimmage Avg	Scrimmage TD
*2019	Arizona State	Pac-12	FR	WR	13	7	128	18.3	0	1	1	1.0	0	8	129	16.1	0
2020	Arizona State	Pac-12	SO	WR	4	6	86	14.3	1	3	33	11.0	1	9	119	13.2	2
*2021	Arizona State	Pac-12	JR	WR	13	48	580	12.1	4	6	44	7.3	1	54	624	11.6	5
*2022	Florida	SEC	SR		13	33	661	20.0	5	8	113	14.1	1	41	774	18.9	6
2023	Florida	SEC	SR	WR	12	65	965	14.8	4	3	62	20.7	2	68	1027	15.1	6
Career	Overall					159	2420	15.2	14	21	253	12.0	5	180	2673	14.9	19

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.41	42"	10'9	4.05	6.64

Scouting Report

Ricky Pearsall is a crafty route runner with a high football IQ and full field awareness. He is a reliable target for his quarterback with good hands and the ability to win in traffic. He consistently finds the holes in the defense and sits down to create an open target. While he can line up at multiple positions on the field, Pearsall is destined for a slot role in the NFL. That will allow him to maximize his skill set as a route runner and chain-mover while also avoiding physical man coverage. Pearsall will live in the short and intermediate areas of the field as he poses little threat to win vertically. NFL draft capital will likely come in the third round. In dynasty, Pearsall will be a play in round three with a chance of becoming a top-36 fantasy producer if he develops into a steady starting slot.

Positives ➕
+Route Running
+Alignment Versatility
+Reliable Hands
+5.4 receptions per game (2023)
+21 career rush attempts (253 yards, 5 TDs)
+16 career kick/punt returns

Negatives ➖
-Thin Frame
-Lacks vertical speed & separation
-Struggles vs some physical defenders
-Older Prospect
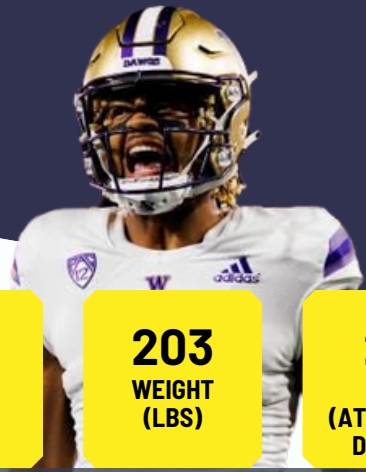-28.6% best season Dominator Rating (2021)
-Age 21 Breakout (2021)

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: BRIAN HARTLINE

34.4
55TH PERCENTILE

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
						Receiving				**Rushing**				**Scrimmage**			
2020	Texas Tech	Big 12	FR	WR	10	28	264	9.4	2	0	0		0	28	264	9.4	
2021	Washington	Pac-12	FR	WR	3	5	114	22.8	1	0	0		0	5	114	22.8	
*2022	Washington	Pac-12	FR		13	41	694	16.9	6	1	15	15.0	0	42	709	16.9	
*2023	Washington	Pac-12	JR	WR	15	69	1159	16.8	9	4	32	8.0	1	73	1191	16.3	1
Career	**Overall**					143	2231	15.6	18	5	47	9.4	1	148	2278	15.4	1

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6-1	203	22
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.52	**37.5"**	**10'9**	**-**	**-**

Scouting Report

Ja'Lynn Polk played second-fiddle to Rome Odunze, and even Jalen McMillan at times, over the last couple seasons at Washington. But that doesn't mean he should be overlooked during the NFL Draft process. Polk is a talented receiver in his own right. He has good size, athleticism, and possibly the best hands of any wide receiver in the 2024 class. He may not be the fastest, but he has good enough speed to win down field and to create plays after the catch. Polk is also a quality route runner who consistently wins against man coverage and has little trouble creating separation. He can sometimes get held up at the line of scrimmage but that is something that he can work on at the next level.

Where Polk is the most dominant is in contested catch situations. He tracks the ball well down the field and uses his size, strength, and wide catch radius to beat defenders to the catch point. But Polk is far from a one-trick pony. He is a threat on all three levels and can move around the formation—taking snaps from both the slot and out wide. He is a very well-rounded wide receiver who quarterbacks will look to in clutch situations thanks to his reliable hands. Polk projects as a team's No. 2 wide receiver at the NFL level who will take snaps at Z and from the slot. Polk will be one of many wide receivers drafted on Day 2 of the NFL Draft, with a real shot to crack the top-50. In dynasty, Polk feels like a high-floor, almost "safe" pick in the third round of rookie drafts.

Positives ➕

+Ball Tracking
+Great Hands
+Catch Radius
+Contested Catches
+Route Running
+Body Control
+Alignment Versatility
+5 rush attempts over the last two seasons (1 TD)

Negatives ➖

-Needs to vary releases
-Limited production until his final season
-2.02 yards per team pass attempt (2023)
-23% Dominator Rating (2023)
-Age 21 Breakout

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: JOSH PALMER

YARDS PER FANTASY

Brenden Rice
WR - USC

6-2	208	22
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
						Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2020	Colorado	Pac-12	FR	WR	6	6	120	20.0	2	0	0		0	6	120	20.0	2
2021	Colorado	Pac-12	FR	WR	11	21	299	14.2	3	6	54	9.0	0	27	353	13.1	3
*2022	USC	Pac-12	JR		14	39	611	15.7	4	0	0		0	39	611	15.7	4
*2023	USC	Pac-12	SR	WR	12	45	791	17.6	12	0	0		0	45	791	17.6	12
Career	Overall					111	1821	16.4	21	6	54	9.0	0	117	1875	16.0	21

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.50	36.5"	9'11	-	-

Scouting Report

Brenden Rice is a physical wide receiver who uses his combination of size and speed well to win down the field. He's not as fast as some of the other wide receivers in the 2024 class, but Rice is fast enough that he can pair that speed with nuance to create vertical separation. In the event that he is unable to get open, Rice uses his size and strong hands to win at the catch point. That wide catch radius makes him a safety valve for his quarterback to turn to when he gets in trouble. Where Rice struggles, is in the underneath stuff. He is not as consistent winning on routes in the short areas, especially when he is challenged at the line of scrimmage.

Rice was an underwhelming producer at the college level, especially considering he had the privilege of playing with elite quarterback prospect Caleb Williams. Rice never reached 800 receiving yards and his team share metrics fall short of the desired thresholds. He certainly doesn't project to follow the career path of his father. Still, Rice will bring some value to an NFL team as a vertical player who brings size and physicality to the field. Rice projects a a rotational depth receiver who could be called upon in the red zone due to his wide catch radius. In dynasty, Rice is a low-upside option in the late rounds of rookie drafts.

Positives ➕

+Strong Hands
+Contested Catches
+Plays well in physical situations
+Vertical Threat
+Catch Radius
+32.4% receiving touchdown share (2023)
+18.5 Breakout Age
23 career kick/punt returns (1 PR TD)

Negatives ➖

-Struggles to create separation in the short areas
-Speed doesn't always translate to his on-field play
-Doesn't provide much of a threat after the catch
-Production was inconsistent at USC
-3.8 receptions per game (2023)
-1.72 yards per team pass attempt (2023)
-25.3% Dominator Rating (2023)

ARCHETYPE: VERTICAL THREAT   **NFL COMP: ROMEO DOUBS**

YARDS PER FANTASY

Ainias Smith
WR - Texas A&M

5-9 HEIGHT	190 WEIGHT (LBS)	22 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

	Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2019	Texas A&M	SEC	FR	WR	12	22	248	11.3	3	7	54	7.7	0	29	302	10.4	3
*2020	Texas A&M	SEC	SO	RB	10	43	564	13.1	6	49	293	6.0	4	92	857	9.3	10
2021	Texas A&M	SEC	JR	WR	12	47	509	10.8	6	8	26	3.3	0	55	535	9.7	6
2022	Texas A&M	SEC	SR		4	15	291	19.4	2	3	11	3.7	0	18	302	16.8	2
*2023	Texas A&M	SEC	SR	WR	12	53	795	15.0	2	5	21	4.2	0	58	816	14.1	2
Career	Texas A&M					180	2407	13.4	19	72	405	5.6	4	252	2812	11.2	23

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40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
-	-	-	-	-

Scouting Report

Ainias Smith is a slot receiver who adds value in a number of phases. Not only did Smith lead his team in receiving on multiple occasions, but he also earned 72 career rush attempts, while also serving as an exceptional kick return specialist. In fact, according to NFL.com, Smith is the only player in SEC history to reach 2,000 receiving yards, 250 rushing yards, 250 kick return yards, and 250 punt return yards in a career. NFL teams will surely value that versatility and playmaking ability. As a receiver, Smith is a quality route runner who wins underneath and then uses his toughness and elusiveness to eat up yards after the catch.

Positives ➕

+Led team in receiving as a sophomore
+Route Running
+Elusive
+Toughness
+YAC
+Exceptional return skills
+72 career rush attempts

Negatives ➖

-Undersized
-Catch Radius
-1.87 best season yards per team pass attempt

ARCHETYPE: SLOT

NFL COMP: KADARIUS TONEY

72.0
94TH PERCENTILE

Brian Thomas Jr
WR - LSU

						Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2021	LSU	SEC	FR	WR	12	28	359	12.8	2	2	6	3.0	0	30	365	12.2	2
*2022	LSU	SEC	SO		13	31	361	11.6	5	0	0		0	31	361	11.6	5
*2023	LSU	SEC	JR	WR	13	68	1177	17.3	17	1	-6	-6.0	0	69	1171	17.0	17
Career	LSU					127	1897	14.9	24	3	0	0.0	0	130	1897	14.6	24

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6-3	209	21
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.33	38.5"	10'6	-	-

Scouting Report

Brian Thomas Jr was a late breakout at LSU, but when he hit in 2023, he hit in a big way. Thomas wins with speed, explosion, and elite acceleration. He uses his size and ball-tracking ability to pose a major threat both down the field and in the red zone. Thomas is at his best when running vertical patterns and short crossers, but he has also been known to win on a few simple in-breaking routes like slants and digs. Where he needs to develop his route tree is in the more technical routes that require a bit more nuance and body control. He will also need to improve his ability to get off press coverage and win in traffic. Thomas' leap from his pedestrian freshman and sophomore seasons to a monster junior campaign gives some confidence that he can continue to develop in those areas.

Thomas has all the physical tools you would want in a playmaking wide receiver. He will make an immediate impact in the NFL as a downfield threat with the upside to develop into a true No. 1. An offense that heavily utilizes the vertical game with a quarterback who's not afraid to chuck it deep will be the perfect fit for a guy like Thomas. He will likely hear his name called sometime between pick 20 and 32 on draft night.

Positives +

+Speed
+Acceleration
+Vertical threat
+Explosive
+Catch Radius
+Ball-tracking ability
+Variety of effective release tactics
+2.9 yards per team pass attempt
+39% touchdown share
+33% Dominator Rating

Negatives —

-Somewhat limited route tree
-Inconsistent in ability to beat press coverage
-Inconsistent on catches in traffic
-Can better use his size and strength to win in physical situations
-0 career rushing yards (3 attempts), 0 career kick/punt returns
-One season of significant collegiate production
-Age 21 breakout (junior season)

ARCHETYPE: VERTICAL THREAT

NFL COMP: MARTAVIS BRYANT

YARDS PER FANTASY

Jamari Thrash
WR - Louisville

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving Rec	Receiving Yds	Receiving Avg	Receiving TD	Rushing Att	Rushing Yds	Rushing Avg	Rushing TD	Scrimmage Plays	Scrimmage Yds	Scrimmage Avg	Scrimmage TD
*2019	Georgia State	Sun Belt	FR	WR	3	2	17	8.5	0	0	0		0	2	17	8.5	0
*2020	Georgia State	Sun Belt	FR	WR	9	9	161	17.9	2	0	0		0	9	161	17.9	2
*2021	Georgia State	Sun Belt	SO	WR	13	32	452	14.1	3	1	5	5.0	0	33	457	13.8	3
2022	Georgia State	Sun Belt	JR		12	61	1122	18.4	7	2	5	2.5	0	63	1127	17.9	7
*2023	Louisville	ACC	SR	WR	12	63	858	13.6	6	1	12	12.0	1	64	870	13.6	7
Career	Overall					167	2610	15.6	18	4	22	5.5	1	171	2632	15.4	19

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6-0	**188**	**23**
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.46	**34"**	**10'**	**-**	**-**

Scouting Report

Jamari Thrash is a smooth operator who runs quality routes and has enough speed to make plays down the field. He does struggle against physical defenders and in contested catch situations. His lack of play strength leaves him vulnerable to get pushed around a bit throughout his route. Thrash had some strong collegiate seasons from a production standpoint, particularly during his time at UTEP. He tracks the ball well down the field and can change direction on a dime. In the NFL, he projects as a rotational depth wide receiver who can line up at either the slot or Z positions. He doesn't have any dominant traits that would make you think he has the ceiling to become a starting-caliber fantasy asset. Therefore, is best left for the late rounds of rookie drafts.

Positives ➕

+Speed
+3.78 best season yards per team pass attempt (2022)
+39% touchdown share (2022)
+42.4% Dominator Rating in 2022

Negatives ➖

-Thin Frame
-Play Strength
-Drops
-Doesn't often win in contested catch situations
-Struggles vs physical defenders

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: MARQISE LEE

36.4
58TH PERCENTILE

Devontez Walker
WR - North Carolina

					Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2021	Kent State	MAC	FR	WR	8	5	124	24.8	1	0	0		0	5	124	24.8	1
2022	Kent State	MAC	SO		12	58	921	15.9	11	3	29	9.7	1	61	950	15.6	12
*2023	North Carolina	ACC	JR	WR	8	41	699	17.0	7	3	23	7.7	0	44	722	16.4	7
Career	Overall					104	1744	16.8	19	6	52	8.7	1	110	1796	16.3	20

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6-1 HEIGHT	**193** WEIGHT (LBS)	**22** AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.36	**40.5"**	**11'2**	-	-

Scouting Report

Tez Walker is one of several wide receivers in the 2024 NFL Draft class sporting elite level speed. To pair with that, Walker has exceptional acceleration and explosion to make him a true vertical nightmare. He reaches his top speed very quickly which allows him to speed past defenders early in the route. Once the pass is in the air, Walker tracks the ball well and uses his wide catch radius and body control to make the play downfield. With the ball in his hands, Walker is able to speed through the defense, thwarting arm tackles and becoming a true home-run hitter.

Where Walker will need to develop at the NFL level is in his route running. He's great on the vertical stuff, but otherwise his route tree is quite limited. He struggles off the line versus press and is just simply inexperienced and unrefined in most of the underneath and intermediate patterns. That is something he will need to improve upon if he is going to become a well-rounded playmaker. Still, Walker managed to command volume at both Kent State and during his cup of coffee with the Tar Heels.

In the NFL, Tez Walker projects as a field stretcher early in his career. He might be one-dimensional initially, but there is plenty of development potential in his game. He could eventually become a team's starting Z-receiver who opposing teams will need to gameplan for. NFL offenses will utilize his explosive traits to stretch defenses vertically and horizontally, and get him into space with screens and jet sweeps. He will be perfect for an offense that likes to utilize motion and isn't afraid to aggressively target their playmakers down the field.

Positives ➕

+Elite Speed
+Acceleration
+Explosive
+Catch Radius
+Body Control
+YAC
+31% Final Season Dominator Rating in games played (2023); 50.2% Dominator Rating in 2022 at Kent State
+35% receiving TD share in games played

Negatives ➖

-Struggles off the line vs press coverage
-Inconsistent route running
-Struggles in traffic and in contested catch situations
-Limited route tree
-Age 21 Breakout

ARCHETYPE: VERTICAL THREAT

NFL COMP: MIKE WALLACE

YARDS PER FANTASY

Malik Washington
WR - Virginia

						Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
2019	Northwestern	Big Ten	FR	WR	11	6	25	4.2	0	0	0		0	6	25	4.2	0
*2020	Northwestern	Big Ten	SO	WR	5	5	51	10.2	0	1	8	8.0	0	6	59	9.8	0
2021	Northwestern	Big Ten	JR	WR	12	44	578	13.1	2	5	-2	-0.4	0	49	576	11.8	2
2022	Northwestern	Big Ten	SR		12	65	694	10.7	1	9	16	1.8	0	74	710	9.6	1
2023	Virginia	ACC	SR	WR	12	110	1426	13.0	9	3	7	2.3	0	113	1433	12.7	9
Career	Overall					230	2774	12.1	12	18	29	1.6	0	248	2803	11.3	12

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5-8	191	23
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.47	**42.5"**	**10'6**	**-**	**-**

Scouting Report

Malik Washington is one of the most fun wide receiver prospects in the 2024 NFL Draft class. He is severely undersized at 5-8, but he is quick and shifty with great ball skills and an intriguing production profile. Washington is a quality route runner who pairs that with his athletic traits and high football IQ to consistently create separation and get open. He has natural and reliable hands and he works well in traffic, making him a go-to target for his quarterback in just about every situation. And that's how things played out for him in his one year at Virginia. The Cavaliers made Washington the focal point of their offense and found ways to get the ball in his hands in as many ways as they could.

Despite his size, Washington is a tough tackle in the open field. Not only does he use his elite quickness to make guys miss, but he is more than willing and capable to break through arm tackles as well. He has a running back mentality with the ball in his hands and he will fight for every inch.

In the NFL, Malik Washington projects as a depth wide receiver who could compete to be a team's starting slot. He will thrive in the quick game and underneath routes and be a reliable option in must-have situations. Washington is likely to be a fourth round pick on draft weekend. He will make for an intriguing option, yet low(ish) upside play, in the later rounds of dynasty rookie drafts.

Positives ➕

+Quickness
+Ball Skills
+Works well in traffic
+9.2 receptions per game (2023)
+3.6 yards per team pass attempt (2023)
+47.4% receiving touchdown share (2023)
+47.4% Dominator Rating (2023)
+14 kick returns in 2023
+Age 20 Breakout (2021; junior)
+Reliable Hands
+YAC

Negatives ➖

-Undersized
-Will be limited to slot duties
-Lacks deep speed
-Limited Route Tree

ARCHETYPE: SLOT

NFL COMP: ZAY FLOWERS

Johnny Wilson
WR - Florida State

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
						Receiving				**Rushing**				**Scrimmage**			
2020	Arizona State	Pac-12	FR	WR	3	6	89	14.8	0	1	0	0.0	0	7	89	12.7	0
*2021	Arizona State	Pac-12	FR	WR	5	12	154	12.8	1	0	0		0	12	154	12.8	1
*2022	Florida State	ACC	SO		13	43	897	20.9	5	0	0		0	43	897	20.9	5
*2023	Florida State	ACC	SR	WR	10	41	617	15.0	2	0	0		0	41	617	15.0	2
Career	Overall					102	1757	17.2	8	1	0	0.0	0	103	1757	17.1	8

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6-6 HEIGHT	**231** WEIGHT (LBS)	**23** AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.53	**37"**	**10'8**	**4.11**	**-**

Scouting Report

Johnny Wilson is a massive 6-6, 231-pound wide receiver. He presents his quarterback with a huge target, given his wide catch radius and towering size over every defender on the field. Unfortunately, however, Wilson is not nearly as automatic in contested catch situations as you would think. In fact, he's actually quite underwhelming in his ability to go get the ball in traffic for a guy of his size. He lacks the ball skills, body control, and overall essential traits of playing the wide receiver position. Instead, it seems like he has mostly gotten to this point in his career by leaning on his size advantage and freakish athleticism. And even then, his production profile is lacking across the board.

Some have suggested that Wilson switch to tight end at the NFL level. It's feasible, given he wouldn't have to add a ton of weight and he would instantly be one of the best athletes at the position. He even showed at Florida State that he is already a willing and skilled blocker. He could be a Darren Waller type. The mismatches vs linebackers and safeties would be much more impactful than lining him up against cornerbacks on the boundary. Wilson has refused to consider the change so it is unlikely to happen, but it may be in his best interest.

In the meantime, we have to continue evaluating Wilson as a wide receiver, where he is still a work in progress. At the NFL level, Wilson will be used as a situational red zone and vertical threat in an attempt to use his size to create matchup advantages. He could also he asked to catch some screens and underneath targets to exploit his size after the catch versus smaller defenders on the outside. In dynasty, his rookie draft ADP will likely settle into the late third or early fourth round.

Positives ➕

+Size
+Catch Radius
+Vertical Threat
+Overall Athleticism

Negatives ➖

-Underwhelming contested catch rate considering his size
-Underwhelming college production
-Routes aren't great
-2.27 best season yards per team pass attempt
-17.9% best season receiving touchdown share
-21.7% best season Dominator Rating

ARCHETYPE: RED ZONE THREAT

NFL COMP: CHASE CLAYPOOL

Roman Wilson
WR - Michigan

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving Rec	Receiving Yds	Receiving Avg	Receiving TD	Rushing Att	Rushing Yds	Rushing Avg	Rushing TD	Scrimmage Plays	Scrimmage Yds	Scrimmage Avg	Scrimmage TD
2020	Michigan	Big Ten	FR	WR	6	9	122	13.6	1	1	9	9.0	0	10	131	13.1	1
*2021	Michigan	Big Ten	SO	WR	13	25	420	16.8	3	3	59	19.7	0	28	479	17.1	3
*2022	Michigan	Big Ten	JR		12	25	376	15.0	4	2	39	19.5	2	27	415	15.4	6
*2023	Michigan	Big Ten	SR	WR	15	48	789	16.4	12	1	10	10.0	0	49	799	16.3	12
Career	Michigan					107	1707	16.0	20	7	117	16.7	2	114	1824	16.0	22

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5-11 HEIGHT	185 WEIGHT (LBS)	22 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.39	-	-	-	-

Scouting Report

Roman Wilson had a breakout 2023 season that included 12 touchdowns, a national championship, and concluded with an impressive performance at the Senior Bowl. Despite three underwhelming seasons prior to 2023, Wilson was able to showcase his exceptional speed, reliable hands, and quality route running during his senior season. Wilson proved versatile enough to work from both the slot and out wide. He uses his speed to stretch the defense vertically and horizontally and uses his high football IQ and awareness to find the holes in the defense to create a consistent target for his quarterback. Wilson is a smooth runner who often eats up defenses on crossing routes, both shallow and deep.

Wilson shined at the NFL Combine that included a 4.39 40-time. He is an overall exceptional athlete. However, there are plenty of concerns across his profile. The most glaring of which is the underwhelming production and late breakout. Michigan was a low volume passing offense but his team share numbers were still not up to snuff until his senior season. There are also concerns about how he will hold up against physical play at the NFL level, given he didn't usually fare well when he found himself challenged at the line of scrimmage at Michigan. Finally, Wilson is not a guy who is going to gain a bunch of yardage after the catch. Outside of just pure speed, he is not hard to bring down in the open field.

In the NFL, Roman Wilson projects as a starting slot receiver who can bump out to Z when needed as well. He will use his speed and separation skills to work himself open on all three levels. Wilson is looking like an early Day 2 pick. In dynasty, he will be a second round target in rookie drafts with the hopes he develops into his athleticism to become a playmaker and reliable fantasy producer.

Positives ➕

+Speed
+Acceleration
+Vertical Threat
+Hands
+Contested Catches
+Alignment Versatility
+Can win on all three levels
+Ball Tracking
+50% receiving touchdown share (2023)
+37.4% Dominator Rating (2023)

Negatives ➖

-Not a threat after the catch; often tackled on first contact
-Not an early declare
-Can struggle vs physical defenders
-Some details in his route running have room for improvement
-Underwhelming college production
-3.2 receptions per game (2023)
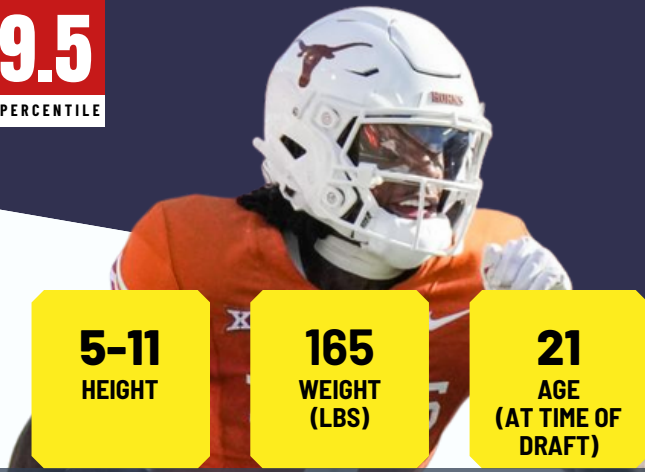-Age 22 breakout (senior season)

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: JAYDEN REED

79.5
96TH PERCENTILE

Xavier Worthy
WR - Texas

5-11 HEIGHT	**165** WEIGHT (LBS)	**21** AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.21	**41"**	**10'11**	**-**	**-**

Scouting Report

The first thing that comes to mind when talking about Xavier Worthy is speed. The dude is a burner. He has elite wheels and acceleration. He lit up the NFL Combine while breaking John Ross' record for fastest 40-time ever. The exciting thing is, he can control that speed to run quality routes in the short and intermediate areas on top of being a vertical demon. Worthy has the versatility to line up in different positions across the formation which will allow NFL play callers to fully maximize his role and find matchup advantages.

The glaring concern in Worthy's profile, though, is his size. He's working with a thin frame and that shows up in his game with struggles vs press coverage and physical cornerbacks. He also struggles in contested situations and isn't exactly a tackle-breaking machine after the catch. With that said, Worthy projects as a complimentary playmaker at the NFL level. His game-breaking speed will keep defensive coordinators and safeties on their toes at all times. He will operate as a team's primary vertical threat while also offering value in the screen game and on some intermediate routes as well.

Worthy is a lock to go in the first round of the NFL Draft. It would not be a surprise to see him get into the top-20 as some team is bound to fall in love with his speed. In dynasty, Worthy is "worthy" of a pick in the middle/late first round of rookie drafts.

Positives +

+Elite Speed (4.21 40-time)
+Explosive
+Vertical Threat
+Alignment Versatility
+Route running
+Ball tracking
+Made immediate impact as a freshman
+Age 18 breakout
+2.84 best season yards per team pass attempt
+42 career kick/punt returns (1 PR TD)

Negatives —

-Undersized frame
-Struggles vs press & physical defenders
-Often tackled on first contact
-Struggles in contested situations
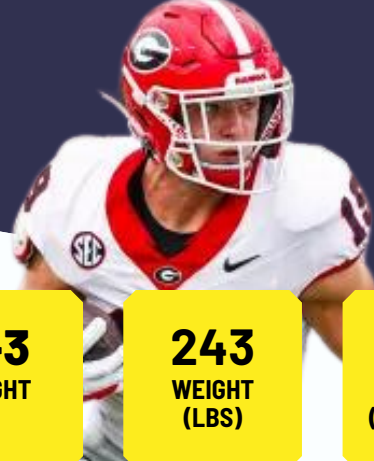-Focus drops

ARCHETYPE: SPEED+

NFL COMP: DESEAN JACKSON

YARDS PER FANTASY

TIGHT ENDS

Brock Bowers
TE - Georgia

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
						Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2021	Georgia	SEC	FR	TE	15	56	882	15.8	13	4	56	14.0	1	60	938	15.6	14
*2022	Georgia	SEC	SO		15	63	942	15.0	7	9	109	12.1	3	72	1051	14.6	10
*2023	Georgia	SEC	SR	TE	10	56	714	12.8	6	6	28	4.7	1	62	742	12.0	7
Career	**Georgia**					175	2538	14.5	26	19	193	10.2	5	194	2731	14.1	31

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6-3	243	21
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
-	-	-	-	-

Scouting Report

Brock Bowers was a dominant producer from the second he stepped on a college field. He was first-team All-SEC as a freshman, leading his team in receiving and catching 13 touchdowns. He continued to produce at a high level over the next two seasons and now is poised to be the highest drafted tight end since Kyle Pitts.

Though he didn't test at the NFL Combine or his pro day, it's clear that Brock Bowers is an above average athlete with speed and explosion. With that said, without the testing numbers it's hard to definitively say whether his athleticism reaches the category of "special" that we often see from the league's most productive tight ends. Anyone who drafts him is doing so with blind faith that he is as dynamic as he looked on a college field.

Bowers commanded targets at Georgia while running quality routes and creating consistent separation. After the catch, he is tough and elusive, making for a difficult tackle.

The concerns are that he is not a good enough or strong enough blocker to warrant true tight end usage. Bowers will be more of a move tight end who is essentially a big slot receiver, rather than a guy with a strong in-line presence who can create the ultimate mismatches. Most of the NFL's high-end producers at the tight end position have that versatility to their game. We've seen how this has played out with Kyle Pitts in Atlanta, and Pitts is a superior athlete to Bowers.

Still, Bowers has a chance to become one of the league's most productive tight ends if everything hits. He can get open and he is dangerous after the catch. Just be careful with steaming him up the board too high.

Positives ➕

+Route Running
+YAC
+Early career production
+Led team in receiving in all three seasons
+High volume target
+Acceleration
+Good Hands

Negatives ➖

-Limited catch radius
-Underwhelming in contested catches
-Likely won't ever be a true in-line tight end
-Insufficient blocker
-No athletic testing

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: SAM LAPORTA

56.1
60TH PERCENTILE

Jaheim Bell
TE - Florida State

						Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
2020	South Carolina	SEC	FR	TE	5	1	29	29.0	0	0	0		0	1	29	29.0	0
*2021	South Carolina	SEC	SO	TE	13	30	497	16.6	5	7	40	5.7	0	37	537	14.5	5
*2022	South Carolina	SEC	JR		12	25	231	9.2	2	73	261	3.6	3	98	492	5.0	5
*2023	Florida State	ACC	SR	TE	13	39	503	12.9	2	4	2	0.5	1	43	505	11.7	3
Career	Overall					95	1260	13.3	9	84	303	3.6	4	179	1563	8.7	13

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6-2 HEIGHT	241 WEIGHT (LBS)	22 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.61	35"	10'4	-	-

Scouting Report

Jaheim Bell is more raw athlete than polished tight end. He has the speed and athleticism to win vertically and to create yards after the catch, but his overall play is inconsistent and unrefined. He doesn't possess the size, play strength, or technique to make an effective in-line blocker. And while he can make some impressive contested catches, Bell doesn't have the most reliable pair of mitts. Bell is a "tweener" tight end who may struggle to establish a role at the NFL level unless he makes significant strides to develop into his raw athletic traits.

Positives +
+Speed
+Vertical Threat
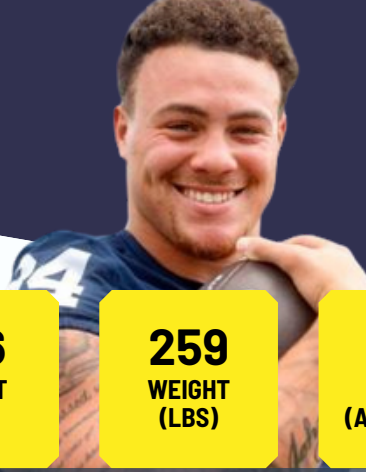+YAC
+Contested Catches
+Alignment Versatility

Negatives —
-Undersized
-Inconsistent Blocker
-"Tweener"
-Inconsistent Hands

ARCHETYPE: VERTICAL THREAT   **NFL COMP: GRANT CALCATERRA**

Theo Johnson
TE - Penn State

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving Rec	Receiving Yds	Receiving Avg	Receiving TD	Rushing Att	Rushing Yds	Rushing Avg	Rushing TD	Scrimmage Plays	Scrimmage Yds	Scrimmage Avg	Scrimmage TD
2020	Penn State	Big Ten	FR	TE	7	4	56	14.0	0	0	0		0	4	56	14.0	0
*2021	Penn State	Big Ten	SO	TE	13	19	213	11.2	1	0	0		0	19	213	11.2	1
*2022	Penn State	Big Ten	SO		11	20	328	16.4	4	0	0		0	20	328	16.4	4
*2023	Penn State	Big Ten	SR	TE	13	34	341	10.0	7	0	0		0	34	341	10.0	7
Career	Penn State					77	938	12.2	12	0	0		0	77	938	12.2	12

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6-6 HEIGHT	259 WEIGHT (LBS)	23 AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.57	39.5"	10'5	4.19	7.15

Scouting Report

When you think of Theo Johnson you think of minimal production throughout his time at Penn State. When I think of Theo Johnson I think of the number three tight-end recruit in the class of 2019 with outstanding size, strength, and speed for the tight-end position. It's hard to knock Theo Johnson for his limited production with his overall bad quarterback play, heavy emphasis on the running game, and some competition in the receiving game. Theo Johnson was honorable mention Big Ten honors while tying for the lead with 7 touchdowns in 2023. Yes, I believe there is more to Theo Johnson than the statistics tell.

Standing at 6 '6 and 250 pounds. Theo Johnson is one of the best athletes at the tight end position for the 2024 rookie class. His relative athletic score comes in at 9.99, meaning he tests in the 99th percentile athletically for the tight end position. This is the second-highest ever recorded for the position. With a 40-yard dash time of 4.57 seconds, a 10-yard split of 1.55 seconds, a vertical jump of 39.5 inches, a broad jump of 10 feet and 5 inches, a 3-cone drill of 7.15 seconds, and a 20-yard shuttle of 4.19 seconds. He is an athletic beast with plenty of untapped potential. His bread and butter are man coverage situations. The ability to beat his defender in one-on-one situations is something he does with ease. His route running is crisp and fluid, he gets in and out of his breaks fast and clean, and he will come down with the 50/50 ball more times than not. I also don't want to take away from his blocking ability. The kid can straight-up block well in the running game and the passing game. This is a major key to playing time early and often for a tight end.

Positives ➕

+Great size and athleticism for the position
+Great blocker
+Thrives in man coverage situations
+Not afraid to play in traffic and will most times win the 50/50 ball
+Moves very well in and out of his breaks

Negatives ➖

-Finding the soft spots in zone coverage. Tends to drift longer than he should.
-Not very dynamic after the catch
-Limited production in four years of college

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: DAWSON KNOX

YARDS PER FANTASY

Ja'Tavion Sanders
TE - Texas

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Receiving Rec	Receiving Yds	Receiving Avg	Receiving TD	Rushing Att	Rushing Yds	Rushing Avg	Rushing TD	Scrimmage Plays	Scrimmage Yds	Scrimmage Avg	Scrimmage TD
2021	Texas	Big 12	FR	TE	12	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0
*2022	Texas	Big 12	SO		13	54	613	11.4	5	0	0		0	54	613	11.4	5
*2023	Texas	Big 12	SR	TE	14	45	682	15.2	2	1	12	12.0	0	46	694	15.1	2
Career	Texas					99	1295	13.1	7	1	12	12.0	0	100	1307	13.1	7

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6-4 HEIGHT	**245** WEIGHT (LBS)	**21** AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.69	-	-	**4.32**	-

Scouting Report

Ja'Tavion Sanders is a high-upside receiving tight end who was highly productive in the face of fierce target competition (Xavier Worthy and Adonai Mitchell) over the last two seasons. Sanders has the speed and playmaking ability to be a downfield threat. He routinely separates from linebackers and safeties and is a beast after the catch. While he is inconsistent at this time as a blocker, Sanders has the tools to develop into a true all-purpose tight end with the versatility to line up in-line, in the slot, and occasionally at the boundary. That should be music to the ears of dynasty gamers who are looking to add a tight end who could grow into a top-10 option at the position.

Positives +

+Speed
+Versatility to line up in-line or from the slot
+Vertical Threat
+Contested Catches
+YAC
+Potential to develop as a blocker

Negatives —

-Inconsistent Run Blocker
-Doesn't play as physical as he needs to at times

ARCHETYPE: VERTICAL THREAT

NFL COMP: LUKE MUSGRAVE

YARDS PER FANTASY

Ben Sinnott
TE - Kansas State

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
						Receiving				**Rushing**				**Scrimmage**			
2020	Kansas State	Big 12	FR	FB										0	0		0
*2021	Kansas State	Big 12	FR	FB	12	2	15	7.5	0	3	12	4.0	1	5	27	5.4	1
*2022	Kansas State	Big 12	SO		14	31	447	14.4	4	0	0		0	31	447	14.4	4
*2023	Kansas State	Big 12	SR	TE	12	49	676	13.8	6	0	0		0	49	676	13.8	6
Career	Kansas State					82	1138	13.9	10	3	12	4.0	1	85	1150	13.5	11

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6-4	250	21
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.68	40"	10'6	4.23	6.82

Scouting Report

Ben Sinnott is a former walk-on at Kansas State who developed into back-to-back first-team all-conference player. He is an athletic player who can do a little bit of everything, but doesn't have any real strengths or standout traits to point to. It feels like he is so close to being a really strong all-around player but he comes up just short in all phases. Still, with some development, he could become something. The athletic traits and size are surely there. More than any other position, athleticism is critical for tight ends to become high-end fantasy producers. Sinnott checks that box. He is a quality route runner who can win on all three levels. He is good at the catch point, as well as creating yards after the catch. He was a decent blocker at Kansas State but he will need to become stronger and more physical at the point of attack if he is going to translate that to the NFL level. It might take some patience, but Sinnott has a chance to develop into a fantasy relevant player.

Positives +

+Quality route runner
+Threat on all three levels
+Contested Catches
+YAC

Negatives —

-Underwhelming strength as a blocker
-Not as physical as you would expect from a 250-pound tight end

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION

NFL COMP: COLE KMET

Cade Stover
TE - Ohio State

					Receiving				Rushing				Scrimmage			
Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD
*2019	Ohio State	Big Ten	FR	LB	1	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0
*2020	Ohio State	Big Ten	FR	TE	2	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0		0
*2021	Ohio State	Big Ten	SO	TE	13	5	76	15.2	0	0	0		0	5	76	15.2	0
*2022	Ohio State	Big Ten	SR		13	36	406	11.3	5	0	0		0	36	406	11.3	5
*2023	Ohio State	Big Ten	SR	TE	12	41	576	14.0	5	0	0		0	41	576	14.0	5
Career	Ohio State					82	1058	12.9	10	0	0		0	82	1058	12.9	10

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6-4	247	23
HEIGHT	WEIGHT (LBS)	AGE (AT TIME OF DRAFT)

40-TIME	VERTICAL	BROAD	SHUTTLE	3-CONE
4.65	34.5"	9'9	4.45	-

Scouting Report

Cade Stover began his college career as a two-way player, playing as a reserve defensive end, linebacker, and tight end. Just a few years later, he was a finalist for the John Mackey award, given to the nation's top tight end. If his trajectory continues at its current rate, we could see Stover become a starting tight end in the NFL within a couple years. Stover's size and athleticism make him a dangerous weapon both before and after the catch. He creates a mismatch for slower linebackers and smaller safeties/cornerbacks, where he can create separation on all three levels. Once he has the ball in his hands, Stover will eat up yards by running through guys and or utilizing some wiggle to run around them. Stover is a sleeper tight end in the 2024 class with a lot of upside. It might not happen right away, but we might be starting him in our fantasy lineups two or three years down the line.

Positives ➕

+Route Running
+YAC
+Possesses the foundational tools to develop into a quality blocker
+Versatility to play in-line or off-line
+Contested Catches

Negatives ➖

-Blocking is a work in progress
-Ball Tracking needs to become more consistently, particularly on vertical routes

ARCHETYPE: POSSESSION   **NFL COMP: HAYDEN HURST**

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