COVER 1

Round 1 Pick 9

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Ed Oliver, DT, Houston

Notes

Official visit, 11.7% of his pass rush snaps were a pressure, as decorated a player as they come, as feared a player as they come, 5-star recruit and #1 DT out of Texas.

Strengths

Unparralled athleticism for a defensive lineman, explosive first step, bull-in-a-china-shop disruptive, in your face mentality, elite processor of run blocking schemes, elite gap exchanger, uncanny ability to know where the RB entry point is, lateral burst to jump several gaps off snap, stabs deep into gap then darts into opposite gap, relentless motor, quickness and tenacity to split combo blocks, tight radius swim/arm over, reactive quickness.

Weaknesses

Size and length are a concern, must use entire body to leverage, and it causes him to be swallowed up or dropped to the turf, plays 'blind' at times, susceptible to down or feed blocks, slight delay in run-to-pass reads because so focused on getting leverage to stop run.

Jonah Williams, OT, Alabama

Notes

Versatility (RT/LT), started every single game (44 games, 15 RT, 29 LT), only surrendered five sacks, six QB hits and 31 pressures in career, played for OC Brian Daboll, played vs. SEC competition and elite talent at Bama, only cares about football, film junkie. Daniel Jeremiah and Tony Pauline have Bills linked to Williams.

Strengths

Competitive, smooth balanced pass sets, patient, able to execute every set, technician, anchor and anchor recover are best in class, timing and placement of hands are best in class, HIGH football IQ, can draw a defender into doing what he wants, rarely gets beat around the arc, detailed and dedicated to his craft.

Weaknesses

Chestplate exposed too often, can surrender speed-to-power moves, initial contact length creates issues on run and pass plays; he must win early or else arm length becomes an issue, unable to gain upper hand due to lack of length.

TJ Hockenson, TE, Iowa

Notes

Archetype fit, RAS 9.21, perfect scheme and cultural fit, would help young QB in areas of the field that he struggles.

Strengths

Complete tight end, in-line, off-line, flexed, DOG mentality, takes pride in blocking as much as receiving, he's essentialy your third tackle, the best hand placement and torque as a blocker in the class, was open a lot more than the numbers show, looks the ball in, most reliable hands in the class, willing and able to body and box out defenders, quarterback-friendly over the middle (bends to MOF open, willing to go up and get it on high throws), big play guy.

Weaknesses

A little top heavy, can be thrown off balance by wall defenders over the middle, lumbers in and out of multiple breaking route stems, would like to see him use his hands more at the LOS to obtain cleaner releases, upright running style/frame yields more strike points for defenders to disrupt, play strength needs to improve.

Jawaan Taylor, OT, Florida

Notes

Official visit, tremendous improvement from sophomore to junior year. Played in 37 games, academic honor roll last year, strong run game philosophy last year helped his game. Zero games scouted at FLA, three underclassmen from FLA all had visits.

Strengths

Elite upper body strength, punishing run defender; pancaked a guy and laughed in his face, pop in his hands; "block are felt in opponents teeth," power opens up hole as 'driver', quickness in pass pro catches rushers off guard, shoots hands into the frame quickly; length, strength and hands to shut down inside moves, one of the best anchor recovery guys in this class.

Weaknesses

Can he maintain his weight (385 lbs in HS)? Several false starts especially vs. talented rushers, can over-run targets when pulling, inconsistent half-man relationship; causes oversets vs speed, segmented vertical sets; better angle setter, medical red flag per Tony Pauline?

Montez Sweat, DE, Mississippi St.

Notes

Official visit, Senior Bowl, crushed pre-draft process, archetype fit, defensive coordinator at Miss St. Bob Shoop is in HC McDermott's inner circle.

Strengths

Athletic, prototype for the position, production in SEC, 43 QB hits in two years, base DE from multiple alignments, #1 run stopper (12.7%), can beat down the edge of OT, soften edges with power, tackle radius around QB's spot, scares tackles with speed upfield.

Weaknesses

Needs to improve plan and hand usage, very few counters, tight-hipped, ankle flexion lacking, outmatched OL at collegiate level, attempts to juke defenders too often, heart condition an issue?

Devin Bush, LB, Michigan

Notes

Captain, father played at Florida State and won a Super Bowl with the Rams, 13 sacks, eight QB hits and 23 QB hurries, 114 solo tackles, and 79 stops, played middle linebacker but will make a better outside linebacker on Sundays.

Strengths

Extremely athletic, explosive run and chase defender, runs through contact, spatial awareness is off the charts, sideline to sideline type linebacker, eraser that can hold his own versus any offensive player, eliminates options for the QB whether in man or zone coverage, cognizant of rub routes when covering rail routes by running backs, smart linebacker who is rarely fooled twice, key and diagnosis of screens is elite, will be an asset as a blitzer because of his snap anticipation and the ability to get to the QB from depth.

Weaknesses

Overly reliant on avoding offensive lineman to beat run blocks, at times can struggle to disengage when 1-on-1 with an offensive lineman, missed tackles (11 total, 8 in 2018) are a worry but may be cleaned up with earlier diagnosis, angles and tackling approach.

Christian Wilkins, DT, Clemson

Notes

Archetype fit, Captain, scheme versatile (NT, 3-tech, 5-tech), cultural fit, 6th-highest SPARQ DT, 59 career games, three National Championship games, Academic Heisman, 20 sacks, 29 QB hits, and 77 QB hurries in his collegiate career.

Strengths

Dirty work player, always around the ball (average depth of tackle was 1.8 yards, in '18), resilient vs. run; can split or absorb combo blocks and still make plays, run play recognition and pursuit ability, Bull in a china shop style of player who gets bounced around but ends up at the ball carrier's doorstep, determination is leading factor to plays on QB.

Weaknesses

Can be dug out on combo blocks, anchor reduces vs. heavy power teams, length (32.5 in arms) can limit stack and shed at POA, needs to augment pass rush repetoire.