

INSIDE LINEBACKERS RANKINGS

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Rk	Name	College	HT	WT	40 Time	Proj. Rd
1	Rolando McClain*	Alabama	6'4	249	4.68	1
2	Sean Lee (OLB)	Penn St	6'2	239	4.6	2-3
3	Donald Butler	Washington	6'1	235	4.61	3-4
4	Brandon Spikes	Florida	6'3	251	4.95	3-4
5	Patrick Angerer	Iowa	6'0	234	4.64	4-5
6	Darryl Sharpton	Miami	6'0	236	4.81	4-5
7	Jamar Chaney	Mississippi St	6'1	242	4.58	4-5
8	Alex Joseph	Temple	6'1	235	4.62	5
9	Josh Hull	Penn St	6'3	236	4.76	5-6
10	Travis Goethel	Arizona State	6'3	240	4.81	5-6
11	Kion Wilson	South Florida	6'1	239	4.87	6
12	Joe Pawelek	Baylor	6'2	237	4.75	6-7
13	Matt Mayberry	Indiana	6'1	235	4.57	6-7
14	Mike McLaughlin	Boston College	6'1	241	4.84	6-7
15	Phillip Dillard	Nebraska	6'0	242	4.6	7

#1

Rolando McClain

Alabama

Height: 6'4 • Weight: 249

40 Time: 4.68

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2007	75	1	4	4	2
2008	95	3	9	6	1
2009	105	4	10.5	4	2
TTLS	275	8	23.5	14	5



Strengths: Has great size and length and is tremendous at reading and reacting to plays. Has the ideal bulk for an inside linebacker. He is also smart and very good against the run.

Weaknesses: Must improve hand technique when blitzing. Sometimes overruns plays and misses some tackles. Inexperienced in dropping back into zone.

Overall: Has the ideal physical tools for an inside linebacker and had a productive career (275 tkls, 23.5 tfl, 8 sks) at Alabama. He is a downhill thumper type linebacker that should come off the board in the first round.

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#2

Sean Lee
Penn State

Height: 6'2 • Weight: 239
40 Time: 4.60



CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2005	11	0	0	0	0
2006	90	5.5	2.5	2	1
2007	138	3.5	7	8	1
2008	OFY w/ torn ACL				
2009	86	2	9	7	1
TTLS	325	11	18.5	17	3

Strengths: Good instincts and football intelligence. Diagnoses screens quickly and is a sound wrap up tackler. Shows good lateral range and runs hard. Very competitive.

Weaknesses: Had a torn ACL as a junior so there are medical concerns. Tight in the hips and does not get good depth in coverage. He is also high in his backpedal and is an average blitzer.

Overall: Lee bounced back from a torn ACL to have a great senior season with 86 tackles, 9 tfl and 2 sacks. His intelligence and tackling ability make him an interesting prospect and should come off the board in the top 100 selections.

#3

Donald Butler
Washington

Height: 6'1 • Weight: 235
40 Time: 4.61

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	24	0	2	0	0
2007	52	0	2.5	3	0
2008	69	2	5	0	0
2009	94	1	14.5	2	2
TTLS	239	3	24	5	2

Strengths: Reliable open field tackler that plays with good balance and quick feet to change direction and recover. Has good straight line speed and lateral agility and balance to avoid blocks.

Weaknesses: Some might view him as an outside linebacker because of his frame and ability in coverage. Not an explosive hitter and can be out of control when he crashes the line at full speed.

Overall: His stock has risen more than anyone else in this group since the end of the season and while he has a narrow build and lacks ideal height to play inside, he is a relentless player that likely comes off the board in the 3rd or 4th round.

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#4

Brandon Spikes

Florida

Height: 6'3 • Weight: 253

40 Time: 4.95



CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	15	0	1	2	0
2007	131	1.5	14.5	7	0
2008	93	2	6	2	4
2009	68	3	3.5	3	2
TTLS	307	6.5	25	14	6

Strengths: Has great size and quick feet. His instincts and anticipation are very good and he is strong against the run. Good tackler with good zone awareness and is a versatile player.

Weaknesses: Ran much slower at his pro day than expected. Lacks the top end speed for an ideal inside linebacker and has had some off field troubles with a one game suspension in 2009. He also struggles to break down in space and misses some tackles.

Overall: Spikes' production over his career has been very impressive but his best season was his sophomore year. It is possible that his best days are behind him and combined with his slow 40 time, his stock has fallen from a potential first round pick to a likely mid round selection.

#5

Pat Angerer

Iowa

Height: 6'0 • Weight: 234

40 Time: 4.64

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2005	Redshirt				
2006	5	0	0	0	0
2007	1	0	0	0	0
2008	107	1	5.5	3	5
2009	145	1	4	5	1
TTLS	258	2	9.5	8	6

Strengths: Has a nose for the ball and shows good instincts by reading and diagnosing quickly. Shows good closing speed and can go sideline to sideline and downfield to chase the ball from the middle. Quick enough to avoid blocks and chases the ball very hard.

Weaknesses: Lacks ideal size and is not overly athletic. If he does not avoid a block he can be engulfed by them.

Overall: He finished 2009 with incredible production with 145 tackles and 4 tfl. Despite the size his motor, instincts and hustle make him an intriguing mid to late round prospect.

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#6

Darryl Sharpton
Miami

Height: 6'0 • Weight: 236
40 Time: 4.81

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2005	Redshirt				
2006	41	1	3	3	0
2007	57	0	6	2	0
2008	66	1.5	4.5	2	0
2009	106	0	8.5	3	1
TTLS	270	2.5	22	10	1

Strengths: Explosive hitter with special teams experience. Solid wrap up tackler with good effort and energy. He is versatile as he has lined up at all the linebacker spots and is quick to shoot gapes when he sees them.

Weaknesses: Medical concerns due to a knee and ankle in 2005. Slow on his keys and needs to work on angles. Lacks ideal height. Slow to unlock his hips and lacks the range to be in coverage. Struggles to run with backs and is just average as a blitzer.

Overall: His ability to play all the linebacker positions and special teams makes him a versatile athlete that would make an ideal mid round selection because he can be the backup across the board at linebacker and immediately contribute on special teams.

#7

Jamar Chaney
Mississippi St

Height: 6'1 • Weight: 242
40 Time: 4.58

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2005	31	0	0	0	0
2006	66	2.5	5	0	0
2007	89	0	4	4	0
2008	12	0	0	0	0
2009	90	2	2.5	2	2
TTLS	288	4.5	11.5	6	2



Strengths: Has a good build and is a former weak side linebacker with good athletic ability and knowledge of a pass defense to be a four down backer. Gets good depth in coverage and breaks down well in space against smaller athletes. Good hustle in pursuit.

Weaknesses: Medical redshirt in 2008 is cause for concern. Has marginal vision and can be engulfed by blockers. Lacks elite lateral quickness to avoid blocks and needs to use his hands better to play off blocks.

Overall: Chaney is an inconsistent tackler who misses more than he should but has good instincts and could be a WILL linebacker in the NFL. Has been steady over his career. Will have to make a team by his play on special teams. Should be a mid-late round selection.

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#8

Alex Joseph
Temple

Height: 6'1 • Weight: 235

40 Time: 4.62

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	19	0	1.5	0	1
2007	66	0	7	1	1
2008	87	0	3.5	4	0
2009	80	1	4.5	3	1
TTLS	252	1	16.5	8	3

Strengths: Has very good speed and athletic ability. Explosive player that makes a lot of plays. Active. Good tackler. His change of direction is also impressive as well as his toughness.

Weaknesses: Lacks ideal size for an inside linebacker. Needs to work on his technique, use of hands, and bulk up some more.

Overall: Joseph is a team captain who earned All-MAC honors in 2009 and was impressive at the Texas vs. Nation Game. His speed and ability to help on special teams makes him a solid late round prospect that could surprise as a rookie.

#9

Josh Hull
Penn State

Height: 6'3 • Weight: 236

40 Time: 4.76

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2005	Redshirt				
2006	7	0	0	0	0
2007	18	0	0.5	1	0
2008	75	1	4.5	3	1
2009	116	2	6.5	2	2
TTLS	216	3	11.5	6	3

Strengths: Has great size and good speed. Productive, tough, hard-working player. Versatility shown by the fact he has played both inside and outside in his career. Shows the ability to get off blocks.

Weaknesses: Not as much starting experience as most elite linebackers. Has adequate but not outstanding numbers. Sometimes gets caught backtracking in coverage and can be fooled at times. Must improve technique.

Overall: In his second year as a starter he was very productive in 2009 showing the potential to be a solid player at the next level.

#10

Travis Goethel
Arizona St

Height: 6'3 • Weight: 240

40 Time: 4.81

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	29	1	0	0	0
2007	71	1	2.5	3	0
2008	71	0	7.5	4	2
2009	57	0	7	2	1
TTLS	228	2	17	9	3

Strengths: Reliable player with good size who was productive during his career. Very good reaction time and recognition skills. Does a good job of sniffing out plays. Gets good leverage to push piles. Hard-working player.

Weaknesses: Lacks the quick-twitch movement and recovery speed scouts look for. Also lacks the speed to blow up plays before the catch. Slow to compose himself after cut blocks.

Overall: Earned honorable mention All-Pac 10 honors in 2009 after a productive season. Has just average speed but he hustles and has good instincts to make up for it. He could potentially play outside linebacker or inside in a 3-4 defense. Special teams ability will likely be what determines whether he makes a roster.

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#11

Kion Wilson
South Florida

Height: 6'1 • Weight: 239

40 Time: 4.87

Strengths: Has a good physique and is a hard working player that is tough, plays hard, and has good character. Quick getting to the flat to cover backs and drop into coverage.

Weaknesses: Has average athletic ability and his instincts are lacking. Doesn't possess great bulk strength and is tight in his movement. Drops catchable interceptions in coverage and does not blitz much. Lacks explosiveness from his stance to be an elite sack artist.

Overall: Wilson spent two years at Pearl River CC and was a solid but not outstanding player for the Bulls. He hustles, has heart and will give everything he has. Late round or free agent type prospect that will have to make it on special teams.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	Pearl River CC				
2007	Pearl River CC				
2008	66	1	2.5	2	1
2009	105	1	8	1	1
TTLS	171	2	10.5	3	2

#12

Joe Pawelek
Baylor

Height: 6'2 • Weight: 237

40 Time: 4.75

Strengths: Has good height, is tough and plays hard. He shows good instincts to make plays all over the field and uses his hands well to shed blocks. Fills holes well and attacks downhill. Good leader.

Weaknesses: Lacks elite athletic ability and speed. Not explosive. Gets lost in traffic at times. Not very fluid and can be jolted out of plays. He also struggles tackling in the open field sometimes.

Overall: Underrated player due to lack of elite athletic ability but is productive and should come off the board in the late rounds or as an undrafted free agent.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2005	Redshirt				
2006	86	2	2.5	4	1
2007	99	2	6	2	1
2008	128	0	6	7	6
2009	109	2.5	1.5	5	1
TTLS	422	6.5	16	18	9

#13

Matt Mayberry
Indiana

Height: 6'1 • Weight: 235

40 Time: 4.57

Strengths: Has great straight line speed and good strength. Workout warrior type who excels in workouts. Hard-hitter.

Weaknesses: Undersized player that lacks change of direction skills, has short arms, and looks to be too muscular. Inconsistent player that would be a non-factor at times.

Overall: Mayberry is highly athletic, fast, and flashes ability to be a solid backup and star on special teams. His pro day workout likely solidified himself as a late round or high priority free agent prospect.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	12	0	1.5	0	0
2007	42	0	1.5	1	0
2008	89	5	3.5	2	0
2009	108	5.5	5.5	3	3
TTLS	251	10.5	12	6	3

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#14

Mike McLaughlin

Boston College

Height: 6'1 • Weight: 241

40 Time: 4.84

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2005	Redshirt				
2006	12	0	0	0	0
2007	64	0	5	1	0
2008	89	4	8	5	1
2009	56	0	2.5	1	0
TTLS	221	4	15.5	7	1

Strengths: Has a good frame and shows great anticipation in the pass and run game and is physical. Plays with good effort. Finds the ball quickly and attacks the line of scrimmage against the run. Shows good footwork for dropping into coverage. Has enough ability to avoid blocks in the hole.

Weaknesses: Lacks ideal height and speed. Lacks the athletic ability to recover when beat. Has just marginal body control to adjust and make the tackle when moving full speed. Not a great bender. Tight-hipped and not a fluid mover. Struggles to shadow quicker backs and tight ends. Durability is a concern.

Overall: His best season was his junior year with 89 tackles, 8 tfl and 4 sks. He is an overachieving player that works hard and will have to make it on special teams. Likely a late round or priority free agent prospect.

#15

Phillip Dillard

Nebraska

Height: 6'0 • Weight: 242

40 Time: 4.60

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2005	11	0	1	0	0
2006	4	0	0	0	0
2007	37	0	1	2	0
2008	38	0.5	1.5	1	0
2009	83	3	8	3	1
TTLS	173	3.5	11.5	6	1

Strengths: Runs better than expected. Shows good instincts and is a fast downhill type player against the run. Takes good angles and reads misdirection and running back routes well. Moves well through traffic and uses his hands well to jolt blockers and stay free to make tackles.

Weaknesses: Lacks ideal height for the position and only has marginal change of direction ability. Just a straight-line athlete with stiff hips and lacks the speed to cover running backs.

Overall: Dillard had a very good senior season and flew under the radar for the most part but scouts noticed him. His ability to shed blocks and play aggressive make him a player that coaches love. Likely not a high draft pick due to lack of size and being a late bloomer but is a solid late round or priority free agent type prospect.

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Rk	Name	College	HT	WT	40 Time	Proj. Rd
1	Sean Weatherspoon	Missouri	6'1	239	4.52	1
2	Sergio Kindle	Texas	6'2	268	4.71	1
3	Koa Misi	Utah	6'3	251	4.75	2-3
4	Daryl Washington	TCU	6'2	229	4.54	2
5	Thaddeus Gibson	Ohio State	6'2	243	4.58	2-3
6	Jason Worilds	Virginia Tech	6'1	254	4.72	2-3
7	Eric Norwood (ILB)	South Carolina	6'1	246	4.71	3
8	Rennie Curran	Georgia	5'11	229	4.65	3-4
9	Navarro Bowman	Penn State	6'1	236	4.62	3-4
10	Ricky Sapp	Clemson	6'4	240	4.7	3
11	Perry Riley	LSU	6'1	235	4.64	4-5
12	AJ Edds	Iowa	6'3	247	4.67	4-5
13	Arthur Moats	James Madison	6'0	246	4.64	5-6
14	Chris McCoy	Middle Tenn	6'3	261	4.7	5-6
15	Dekoda Watson	Florida State	6'2	226	4.4	4-5

#1

Sean Weatherspoon

Missouri

Height: 6'1 • Weight: 239

40 Time: 4.52

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	17	0	1	0	0
2007	130	3	6.5	8	0
2008	155	5	13.5	7	3
2009	111	4.5	10	2	1
TTLS	413	12.5	31	17	4



Strengths: A productive player with a good nose for the ball that can read and react quickly. He shows good athletic ability, agility, and closing speed. He can break down on runners in space and is reliable in coverage.

Weaknesses: There are not many weaknesses in his game but he sometimes stays blocked too long and can become engulfed. Struggles to navigate through traffic and can be bounced around.

Overall: His production, explosive play, and IQ make him one of the top defenders in this draft. Weatherspoon finished his senior season with 111 tackles, 10 sks, and 4.5 tfl and combined with his performance at the combine, he should be a guaranteed first round selection.