

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS RANKINGS

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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.

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#2

Sergio Kindle

Texas

Height: 6'3 • Weight: 250

40 Time: 4.65



CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	21	0	3	0	0
2007	32	0.5	3.5	1	0
2008	53	10	4	2	0
2009	70	5.5	16.5	4	0
TTLS	176	16	27	7	0

Strengths: Kindle has great length and plays with good instincts. He shows superior quickness and balance and can make the tackle in the open field. Is explosive with his first step and can get to the QB quickly. Rarely is fooled with misdirection and routinely stays at home.

Weaknesses: Has character issues after a DWI in 2007. Lacks experience matching up in man-to-man coverage. Has trouble shedding blockers and needs to develop more pass rush moves.

Overall: Kindle reminds many scouts of former Longhorn Brian Orakpo who was a 1st round draft choice of the Redskins last year. Kindle has great athletic ability and will be best suited as a OLB in a 3-4 scheme. He does have the pass rush skills to play DE in a 4-3 defense but will need to add weight. Look for him to get drafted in the late 1st round.

#3

Koa Misi

Utah

Height: 6'3 • Weight: 246

40 Time: 4.75

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	Juco				
2007	67	2.5	5.5	2	0
2008	68	3	5.5	6	0
2009	71	5	4.5	0	0
TTLS	206	10.5	15.5	8	0

Strengths: Misi shows good instincts and the ability reads routes knowing where the hot read is in coverage. His strong upper body allows him to bring his hips to explode into runners and breaking down in space is easy for him.

Weaknesses: Lacks the bulk to play end in the NFL and struggles getting off blocks. Must develop counter moves and improve on his use of hands. Late to adjust and counter and is often stalled.

Overall: Misi finished with 71 tackles, 5 sks and 4.5 tfl as a senior but like many ends before him will likely be a 3-4 outside linebacker whose motor and potential make him an intriguing 2nd-3rd round pick.

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#4 Daryl Washington
TCU
Height: 6'2 • Weight: 229
40 Time: 4.54



CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	16	0	1	0	0
2007	32	0.5	2.5	1	0
2008	63	3	2.5	4	1
2009	109	2	9	1	3
TTLS	220	5.5	15	6	4

Strengths: Uses his quickness to react and explodes into running lanes and is fast enough to recover from a false step. Productive player with good straight-line speed and the hustle to chase down-field and to the sideline.

Weaknesses: Needs to bulk up as he is thin-framed. Marginal strength at the point of attack and mostly runs around blocks instead of taking them on. Sometimes overruns plays and is just a one-year starter.

Overall: Washington improved greatly each year of his career and showed that he could be a solid WLB at the next level or at worst a nickel linebacker. His speed, size, and length make him an intriguing player that could fit in the top 50 selections.

#5 Thaddeus Gibson
Ohio State
Height: 6'2 • Weight: 243
40 Time: 4.58

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2007	11	1	2	2	0
2008	26	5	4	1	0
2009	45	4	9	1	1
TTLS	82	10	15	4	1

Strengths: Great athlete that is fluid in space showing a quick first step. Moves very well laterally and has the strength, speed and length to be a good chase tackler. Displays good body control and plays hard.

Weaknesses: Inconsistent against misdirection and relies on his speed too much. Needs to develop counter moves. Not strong against the run. Lacks ideal size for an end so likely moving to outside linebacker.

Overall: Gibson is very athletic showing the ability to stand up and become a linebacker after playing end in college. He is a project that will need some time. Likely coming off the board in the second or third round.

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#6

Jason Worilds
Virginia Tech
Height: 6'1 • Weight: 254
40 Time: 4.49

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	4	0	0	0	0
2007	17	2.5	2	0	0
2008	62	8	10.5	1	0
2009	49	4.5	6.5	1	0
TTLS	132	15	19	2	0



Strengths: Quick and agile and is at his best when rushing the passer. Shows a variety of pass rush moves such as the swim, rip, spin and club. Relentlessly works to shed blocks and is a good wrap up tackler.

Weaknesses: Has questionable body control and is too often pushed back trying to anchor vs the run. Needs to use his pass rush moves more. Lacks elite closing burst and has some hip tightness.

Overall: Worilds played defensive end in college but projects best as an outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense. His speed, production, and toughness make him a likely second or third round pick.

#7

Eric Norwood
South Carolina
Height: 6'1 • Weight: 245
40 Time: 4.71

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	30	7	2	1	0
2007	69	6	13.5	3	0
2008	75	9	5.5	1	0
2009	81	7	4.5	3	2
TTLS	255	29	25.5	8	2



Strengths: Norwood plays with a lot of effort and has a knack for being in the right place at the right time. He breaks down well in space and is flexible playing with natural leverage to bend off the edge. Smart, tough, durable, and a vocal leader of the team.

Weaknesses: Lacks the ideal height to play end so likely moving to linebacker. Slow backpedal and marginal straight line speed. Lacks the fluidity for coverage showing average zone awareness.

Overall: Highly productive player who played end and linebacker in college and is a tweener for the next level. Probably fits best in a 3-4 scheme and will come off the board in the top 100 selections.

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#8

Rennie Curran

Georgia

Height: 5'11 • Weight: 229

40 Time: 4.65

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2007	53	3	6	0	0
2008	115	3	7	1	0
2009	130	0.5	4.5	3	0
TTLS	298	6.5	17.5	4	0



Strengths: Thick built kid with a low center of gravity who reads keys quickly and makes many of his plays around the line of scrimmage. Has good speed and is a reliable open field tackler.

Weaknesses: Undersized player with a small frame. Can lose the ball and gets lost in traffic. Shows some hip tightness and there is concern over his durability.

Overall: Curran is a undersized but highly productive and a respected team leader. A search and flow linebacker who makes up for his lack of size with his speed. Likely third or fourth round selection.

#9

Navorro Bowman

Penn State

Height: 6'1 • Weight: 236

40 Time: 4.62

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	Redshirted				
2007	16	1	1.5	1	0
2008	106	4	12.5	5	1
2009	93	3	14	3	2
TTLS	215	8	28	9	3



Strengths: Bowman has a great nose for the ball and displays good balance. Fluid mover who bends naturally and plays well in space. Shows up in big games.

Weaknesses: Needs to get more consistent getting off TE blocks. Sometimes bites on play action because he is so aggressive. Character and maturity are concerns.

Overall: Had two very productive seasons in 2008 and 2009. Undersized but rangy and plays fast. Likely going to play in a 4-3 scheme. Should come off the board in the third or fourth round.

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#10

Ricky Sapp
Clemson

Height: 6'4 • Weight: 252

40 Time: 4.65

CAREER STATISTICS					
Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	20	4	2	2	0
2007	52	5	5	3	0
2008	28	2	8	1	0
2009	60	5	10	0	0
TTLS	160	16	25	6	0



Strengths: Very athletic player with long arms and has great potential. Good draft down tackler from behind who wraps up well and hustles downfield to make plays in pursuit.

Weaknesses: Needs to bulk up. Has durability concerns. Inconsistent motor with just average production. Does not play strong. Lacks the strength at the point of attack to shed blocks when engaged.

Overall: Highly touted player who never quite lived up to the hype but he has had injuries. Sapp is athletic showing a good burst and bend. Lacks instincts that could help him in the NFL. Likely to be a linebacker in a 3-4 scheme after playing end in college. A little overrated as some think he is a first or second round talent but should come off the board in the third round range.

#11

Perry Riley
LSU

Height: 6'1 • Weight: 235

40 Time: 4.64

CAREER STATISTICS					
Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	4	0	0	0	0
2007	24	0.5	1	0	0
2008	60	1.5	5.5	3	1
2009	97	0	4.5	5	1
TTLS	185	2	11	8	2

Strengths: Thickly built player that attacks fast downhill and is physical. Tough and plays hard. Has been durable and shows good work ethic. Reliable open field tackler who takes good angles and closes quickly in pursuit.

Weaknesses: Has questionable instincts and shows some stiffness. Average athletic ability and foot speed. Limited in coverage. Can be easily distracted by trappings.

Overall: Not very productive and undersized. Is viewed as a tweener and will probably inside linebacker due to bulk. Had just two good seasons of production and looks like a solid fourth or fifth round selection.

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#12

AJ Edds

Iowa

Height: 6'3 • Weight: 247

40 Time: 4.67

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	9	0	0.5	0	0
2007	80	0	3.5	4	1
2008	59	2	2.5	4	1
2009	78	0.5	4	4	5
TTLS	226	2.5	10.5	12	7

Strengths: Shows good eyes recognizing play action and misdiredction. Gets to the flat to cover screens. Good wrap up tackler in the open field and has good size and length. Loose hipped to play in space and gives good effort.

Weaknesses: Lacks ideal strength at the point of attack, not explosive, and doesn't always break down in space. Lacks elite change of direction skills. Need to see him blitz more.

Overall: Edds was never a dominant player but was steady. While he lacks the elite skills to be a playmaker that would get him drafted earlier, he should have a solid career because he is smart, athletic, and could help in nickel situations. Mid round prospect who will can make an immediate impact on special teams.

#13

Arthur Moats

James Madison

Height: 6'0 • Weight: 246

40 Time: 4.64

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	18	0	2	0	0
2007	45	6.5	1	0	0
2008	65	11.5	4	1	0
2009	90	11	12.5	1	0
TTLS	218	29	19.5	2	0

Strengths: Highly athletic player with a good motor and quickness off the edge. Displays good functional strength. Relentless pass rusher with great production.

Weaknesses: Tweener prospect who lacks the size and length to play his college position of defensive end. At the all-star game he looked lost at times showing that he will need time to adapt to his projected position.

Overall: Moats won the 2009 Buck Buchanan Award as the top defensive player in the FCS and played well in the Texas vs. Nation Game showing that he can be a solid linebacker with time. He performed well at the NFL Scouting Combine and should be taken off the board in the 5th or 6th round.

#14

Chris McCoy

Middle Tennessee

Height: 6'3 • Weight: 261

40 Time: 4.70

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2005	Redshirt				
2006	6	1	0	0	0
2007	17	0	0.5	1	0
2008	25	3	2	1	0
2009	64	7	13	3	0
TTLS	112	11	15.5	5	0

Strengths: Athletic player with good speed and explosiveness. Quick off the edge player with good production who makes plays down field a good bit. He is a project but definitely worth taking a shot on.

Weaknesses: Has decent but not great strength. Will likely convert to outside linebacker because he lacks the bulk to play his college position of defensive end.

Overall: McCoy is a fast riser since his solid pro day workout who flashed during the season. He was named the 2009 Sun Belt Co-Defensive Player of the Year after he tallied 64 tackles, 13 tfl, and 7 sks. Could come off the board in the mid to late rounds.

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#15 Dekoda Watson
 Florida State
 Height: 6'2 • Weight: 226
 40 Time: 4.40

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Tkls	Sks	Tfl	Pbu	Int
2006	23	2	1.5	0	0
2007	50	3	5	4	1
2008	46	0	8	3	1
2009	65	6.5	6.5	1	0
TTLS	184	11.5	21	8	2

Strengths: Very athletic player with great speed and agility. Closes quickly to the runner and attacks the line of scrimmage in run support. Good timing for the blitz with good arm length that allows him to jam and control tight ends off the line. Shows good body control and moves well laterally.

Weaknesses: Not very explosive and has a passive on field demeanor. Has marginal diagnosing skills and can be fooled by a good play action. Can't break free from blocks once engaged. Was suspended three games for an academic scandal. Durability can be an issue.

Overall: Gradually got better each year in college with his best season coming in 2009 with 65 tackles, 6.5 tfl and 6.5 sks. He lacks great instincts but is a fluid mover with great speed and upside. Should come off the board in the late third to fifth round range.

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