

# OFFENSIVE GUARDS RANKINGS

## OFFENSIVE GUARDS

Rk	Name	College	HT	WT	40 Time	Proj. Rd
1	Mike Iupati	Idaho	6'6	324	5.24	1
2	Vladimir Ducasse (OT)	Massachusetts	6'5	332	5.21	2
3	Jon Asamoah	Illinois	6'4	335	4.95	3
4	Mike Johnson	Alabama	6'6	312	5.31	3
5	Mitch Petrus	Arkansas	6'3	310	5.34	4-5
6	Ciron Black (OT)	LSU	6'4	327	5.49	5
7	Marshall Newhouse (OT)	TCU	6'4	322	4.99	5-6
8	Zane Beadles (OT)	Utah	6'4	307	5.25	5-6
9	Brandon Carter	Texas Tech	6'6	319	5.24	6
10	Michael Tepper	California	6'5	320	5.25	7
11	Sergio Render	Virginia Tech	6'3	318	5.22	7
12	Shawn Lauvao	Arizona State	6'3	301	5.25	7
13	Dace Richardson	Iowa	6'5	305	5.45	7-PFA
14	Shelley Smith	Colorado State	6'2	301	5.11	7-PFA
15	Reggie Stephens (OC)	Iowa State	6'3	322	5.45	7-PFA

# #1

Mike Iupati  
Idaho

Height: 6'6 • Weight: 324

40 Time: 5.24



### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Year	Gms Played	Gms Started
2005	<i>Redshirted</i>	
2006	12	0
2007	12	12
2008	9	9
2009	13	13
TTL	46	34

**Strengths:** Outstanding size for a guard with the length to perhaps play-tackle in the NFL. Moves very well and has great strength. Physical player with a violent punch. Athletic enough to get to the second level and plays very hard.

**Weaknesses:** His biggest weakness is the fact that he is a grabber instead of a puncher and thus has holding calls against him often. Needs to also be more consistent.

**Overall:** Highly athletic guard that could kick out to tackle and play four positions on the line. Has great upside and could be the best guard to come out in years. This two-time All-WAC selection was impressive at the Senior Bowl and should land in the top 20 picks.

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## #2

Vladimir Ducasse

Massachusetts

Height: 6'5 • Weight: 332

40 Time: 5.21

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Year	Gms Played	Gms Started
2006	4	0
2007	12	12
2008	12	12
2009	11	11
TTL	39	35



**Strengths:** Road grader with great strength, massive thighs, long arms (34), and big butt. Excellent against the run. Moves very well showing that he can pull and get to the second level.

**Weaknesses:** Needs to be more consistent as he did not always dominate. Raw in his technique. Has not played football as long as many others so he still has a lot to learn.

**Overall:** Two-time first-team All-CAA selection and 2009 All-American that could be a solid guard from day one because of his run blocking ability and could perhaps develop into a tackle. Despite the fact he is a project his physical tools and upside make him a solid second round type prospect that could possibly be reached on in the late first round.

## #3

Jonathan Asamoah

Illinois

Height: 6'4 • Weight: 335

40 Time: 4.95

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Year	Gms Played	Gms Started
2006	5	0
2007	13	13
2008	12	12
2009	12	12
TTL	42	37



**Strengths:** Outstanding size, moves well, good body control, and shows quick hands. Smart player with good feet that does a good job of getting to the second level. Very good run blocker that could be a starter at right guard.

**Weaknesses:** Sometimes allows defenders to get under his pads at times when blocking on the move. Needs to improve his awareness. Needs to be more consistent keeping his feet through trash.

**Overall:** Three-year starter, two-time All-Big Ten selection that has great size and solid run blocking skills. Moves well enough and has long enough arms to perhaps be a tackle but appears better suited for guard. Should come off the board in the top 100 selections.

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**#4**

**Mike Johnson**  
**Alabama**

**Height: 6'6 • Weight: 312**  
**40 Time: 5.31**

## PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Year	Gms Played	Gms Started
2006	13	0
2007	13	13
2008	14	14
2009	14	14
TTL	54	41

**Strengths:** Versatile and experience shown with 41 consecutive starts at four different positions. Has great size. Explosive first punch. Good quickness off the snap. Takes proper angles to the second level. Plays with a high motor and shows good strength.

**Weaknesses:** Struggles to recover laterally if forced to leave his area. Might lack the quickness to block laterally. While he is experienced in starts he has not played four years at one opposition and might have to contribute across the line early on before finding his best position.

**Overall:** A two-time All-SEC selection that has the quickness, strength, and footwork to be a solid starter in the NFL. Athletic kid that is dependable and should come off the board in the top 100 selections.

**#5**

**Mitch Petrus**  
**Arkansas**

**Height: 6'3 • Weight: 310**  
**40 Time: 5.34**

## PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Year	Gms Played	Gms Started
2005	9	0
2006	14	0
2007	13	12
2008	DNP	
2009	13	13
TTL	49	25

**Strengths:** Good size and outstanding upper body strength, which were shown in his 45 bench reps at the combine. Very athletic. Good effort downfield to block and quick off the snap. Able to adjust well in changing of schemes in college.

**Weaknesses:** Needs to get stronger in the lower body, struggles against powerful bull rushes by tackles. Needs to add bulk. Doesn't dominate downfield. Marginal hand placement.

**Overall:** Has had a roller coaster of a career as a former tight end who plays guard and fullback and even some special teams. He was an All-SEC selection in 2007 before missing the 2008 season due to an academic suspension. Has great strength and plays with great tenacity and could land in the middle rounds.

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## #6

**Ciron Black**  
LSU

**Height: 6'4 • Weight: 327**

**40 Time: 5.49**



### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Year	Gms Played	Gms Started
2005	Redshirted	
2006	13	13
2007	14	14
2008	13	13
2009	13	13
TTL	53	53

**Strengths:** Massive man with good upper body strength, good blind-side protector, tough to beat outside due to long arms and width. Intimidating presence.

**Weaknesses:** Marginal agility and straight line speed. Not very athletic and barely adequate initial quickness off the snap. Marginal straight-line speed.

**Overall:** Three-time All-SEC selection with 53 starts at left tackle in his career. More of a road grader than athlete so despite playing tackle likely going to play guard. Should be selected in the early to middle rounds because of his size, consistency, and durability.

## #7

**Marshall Newhouse**  
Texas Christian

**Height: 6'4 • Weight: 322**

**40 Time: 4.99**



### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Year	Gms Played	Gms Started
2006	13	0
2007	13	13
2008	13	13
2009	13	12
TTL	52	38

**Strengths:** Good initial surge into his man extending his arms to get a maximum push. Seals the edge well. Has the feet and strength to effectively trap and pull. Has a guard build. Has strength to turn ends in either direction. Effective blocking down on tackle then getting to the linebacker. Durable player that flashes nastiness on the field. Has good genes.

**Weaknesses:** May lack the lateral quickness to play on the edge. Not explosive in his kick-slide. Not experienced at pulling and trapping.

**Overall:** Has the arm and hand size to possibly try left tackle in the NFL but his strength and ability to handle all assignments show his versatility and could allow him to land in the middle to late rounds.

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## #8 Zane Beadles Utah

Height: 6'4 • Weight: 307

40 Time: 5.25

**Strengths:** Has a quick set and solid footwork. Smooth lateral movement. Gets low to cut block defenders he can't reach. Good enough with his kick-slide off the snap to prevent quick pass rushers from turning the corner. Reaches defenders in space.

**Weaknesses:** Inconsistent with his punches. Sometimes gets knocked back by a strong punch but recovers to anchor. Just average foot quickness moving down the line. Not fluid running to cut off linebackers. Inconsistent to move feet to stay on his man.

**Overall:** Three-time All-Mountain West selection that has played left tackle and left guard. Durable three-year starter that is loved by coaches because of his attitude and work ethic in practice. Likely a better guard at the next level because he lacks the height and athletic build that left tackles possess.

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Year	Gms Played	Gms Started
2005	Redshirted	
2006	13	12
2007	13	13
2008	12	12
2009	13	13
TTL	51	50

## #9 Brandon Carter Texas Tech

Height: 6'6 • Weight: 319

40 Time: 5.24

**Strengths:** Has outstanding size. Sets quickly in pass protection. Delivers a strong punch and plays with a good base. Excellent anchor that is able to turn his man out of the hole and use defender's momentum to take him out of plays. Flexible for his size. Better than you would expect at getting to linebackers. Gets good contact when he cut blocks. Team captain that plays through the whistle. Takes good angles and is very competitive on the field.

**Weaknesses:** Slow to cut block. Lumbers a bit when trapping. Lunges too often to reach his man from his deep stance. Was suspended one game in 2009 for violating team rules. Lacks the footwork to mirror and sustain.

**Overall:** Size and footwork made him one of the more dominant players in the Big 12. Good run blocker that adjusts well and has good strength. Could go as high as the 4th round but his off field incident could keep him out of the draft.

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Year	Gms Played	Gms Started
2005	Redshirted	
2006	13	1
2007	13	13
2008	13	13
2009	13	13
TTL	52	40

## #10 Michael Tepper California

Height: 6'5 • Weight: 320

40 Time: 5.25

**Strengths:** Has great size and moves pretty well. Has long arms to cut the defender off. Strong hands to control his opponent. Hard worker that earned praise and honor for coming back.

**Weaknesses:** Average quickness off the snap and comes off the ball too high. Struggles downfield, slow, and a stiff runner. Can't change directions smoothly.

**Overall:** Highly touted out of high school but has had some injury issues missing 2005 due to being hit by a car and missed 2008 with a pectoral injury. Started 28 games but only earned all-league honors once in his career. Possible late round selection but could go undrafted due to medical issues.

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Year	Gms Played	Gms Started
2004	Redshirted	
2005	DNP Broken Fibula	
2006	13	2
2007	13	13
2008	DNP Pectoral Inj	
2009	13	13
TTL	39	28

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## #11 Sergio Render, Virginia Tech • Height: 6'3 • Weight: 318 • 40 Time: 5.22

A tough physical player that plays with a mean streak. Very durable with 52 career starts. Doesn't have a lot of upside. Will need to improve his technique and quickness.

## #12 Shawn Lauvao, Arizona St • Height: 6'3 • Weight: 315 • 40 Time: 5.25

Versatile player that isn't afraid to get to second level defenders. Does not have great arm length or overall athletic ability.

## #13 Dace Richardson, Iowa • Height: 6'5 • Weight: 320 • 40 Time: 5.78

Has had major knee injuries that will require complete medical evaluation. Shows good technique and footwork. Mentally tough.

## #14 Shelly Smith, Colorado St • Height: 6'3 • Weight: 300 • 40 Time: 5.10

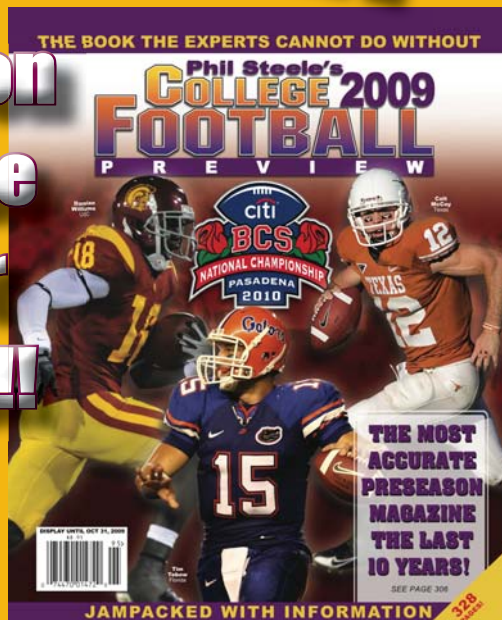
Does a nice job moving his feet. Has the ability to pick up blitzers. Lacks ideal height and arm length.

## #15 Marshall Newhouse, TCU • Height: 6'4 • Weight: 319 • 40 Time: 5.00

Hardy working massive player that is a little soft in his body that will require him to improve his conditioning.

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