



NFL Draft 2016 Scouting Report: DE Emmanuel Ogbah, Oklahoma State

**Our DL grades can and will change as more information comes in from Pro Day workouts, leaked Wonderlic test results, etc. We will update ratings as new info becomes available.*

One of the main things that the 2015 season, along with the prior couple of NFL seasons, has taught us is that *the pass-rush is king*. You want to win a Super Bowl, you might be able to do it with an elite quarterback/offense, but recent history says more importantly that you need an elite defense...one that brings pressure. The Denver Broncos, the Carolina Panthers, the Seattle Seahawks...defensive pressure is king the past few seasons.

For NFL teams that have bought into this '*defensive pressure over all things*' thought process, the ones that want to build up their pass-rush, there is only one potentially elite edge-rushing option from this 2016 NFL draft class – and that's **Emmanuel Ogbah**.

I like what we see in Ogbah from his tape, to his performance numbers, and with his NFL Combine measurables, but I am still left about a half a step away from getting totally, radically enthused by him. We know he's good, possibly great, but I hesitate to sign off that he's a no-brainer, elite top prospect.

The reason I hesitate is because when I watch the play-by-play of his game tape, I definitely see how good he is. He's without a doubt the fastest DE prospect off the snap. His size and speed package is stellar. On tape, he looks terrific, but not jaw-dropping. There are certain players who, when I see them on tape, I can't believe what I'm watching. When I watch Ogbah, I think, '*Damn, he's really good.*' I want to go that extra step and say he's a sure thing, but I am hesitant.

Of all the prospects I've seen so far, he's without a doubt the best pass-rushing prospect in this draft class. It's not even close with anyone else that was at the NFL Combine. **Noah Spence** has sensational instincts for rushing the passer, but his physical measurables say he cannot be a top NFL pass-rush menace. Spence can be good, but is not likely to be great in the NFL. Ogbah might be great. That's what sets him apart from any of the other top DE prospect names you want to debate. None of them are the speed-size-agility package that Ogbah is.

I say that Ogbah doesn't make my jaw drop watching him, but that may be a problem on my end. It could be that Ogbah makes this look so simple, so effortless, that you think he's almost not trying. I have no doubt he is giving a full effort – he's not lazy. One of the things I loved about his tape was that he is always on the attack, and really never gives up on a play even if it's moved further away from him. I could be a little biased against Ogbah because he's not a showboating, loudmouth, media-created sensation. He may be just a smooth assassin on the defensive line. He doesn't call attention to himself,



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he just gets after the backfield. He oddly goes unnoticed somewhat, but when you watch him play after play you can see the extreme talent, and physical gifts.

Ogbah is terrific coming off the snap as a defensive end. He has the high-end speed, and a very quick first step that's going to make him a potential double-digit sack guy in the NFL year in and year out. However, Ogbah is not a one-trick pony either. He's not like some great college pass-rushers, the ones who just put their heads down and charge the backfield and hope they lucked out in the end...and for every TFL they get, they aren't a factor on 99% of the other plays because they are blocked away from the action, their mad dash to the backfield is used against them. Ogbah shows several moves to get to the quarterback, but when the play moves away from him he stays in motion trailing plays and trying to catch up to the action. He gives a good effort across the board. I've been very impressed with him in my studies.

Many people knock him for his performance in the much-publicized battle against Ole Miss...against top NFL draft prospect **Laremy Tunsil**. In their bowl game against Ole Miss, Ogbah did not register a sack or a TFL...very rare for him (only shut out of a sack in a game twice in 2015). I watched him in every snap of that Ole Miss game, and I would make two comments: (1) **Laremy Tunsil** is a fantastic blocker/prospect, so I would not expect Ogbah to go in and register five sacks against him. (2) While he didn't get a sack or TFL in that game, he had a couple near-miss moments where he almost did...and his pressure forced a play to fail/be rushed. By my count, Ogbah nearly had three sacks and three TFLs against Ole Miss. He had his hands on the QB a few times, who then desperately heaved it away before taking the sack. Ogbah was bearing down, altering passes/runs several times against Ole Miss.

Against Kansas State in 2015, facing top O-Line prospect **Cody Whitehair**, it was the same thing for Ogbah. He had 2.5 TFLs and 1.0 sacks, but he was inches away from multiple sacks and more TFLs. He's just a menace.

That's the thing with Ogbah, some guys have nice numbers, and that's the end of the story – pass-rushers who cracked past a blocker once in the game, or stunted through confusion and got one sack and were nothing on 99% of the other plays (like **Leonard Floyd**). Ogbah had nice numbers in 2015, but still there was more within his grasp, more so than for the other top DE prospects.

In a draft class that is not loaded with incredibly athletic pass-rushers, Ogbah sticks out even more. His measurables dictate that he is a fantastic pass-rushing projection for the NFL. Because this draft class is a little thin in that area, Ogbah should be taken within the top 10–15 picks overall, but for some reason mock drafters don't have him there. Some show him as a second-round prospect...which is unconscionable. I think the NFL will wake up when it comes to draft day. If you're going to bet your chips on a pass-rusher from this draft, Ogbah is the one. I wouldn't be surprised if the Dallas Cowboys were figuring out exactly where they had to trade back to in order to make this pick.



Emmanuel Ogbah, Through the Lens of Our DE Scouting Algorithm:

Here's a set a numbers that may say it all with Ogbah:

QB Hurries in 2015 (not always perfect numbers recorded on these, but I am using them):

19 = Emmanuel Ogbah, Oklahoma State

14 = Joey Bosa, Ohio State

6 = Kevin Dodd, Clemson

6 = DeForest Buckner, Oregon

5 = Shaq Lawson, Clemson

3 = Bronson Kaufusi, BYU

In his last two bowl games, games with him as the starter, Ogbah has averaged 3.0 tackles, 0.0 TFLs, 0.0 sacks per game, disappointing, but again – he had many near misses.

Ogbah was the 2015 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, 4th in total sacks in the NCAA last season.

Ogbah had the third-fastest 40-time among DE prospects at the NFL Combine (4.63). He was also tied for first with a 1.59 10-yard split. He was mostly near the upper group in all his measurables except his bench press, which was a mediocre 21 reps.

The Historical DE Prospects to Whom Emmanuel Ogbah Most Compares Within Our System:

Many former top college prospects who went on to become top pass-rushers in NFL show up as comparisons to Ogbah in our computer analytics. It's a good sign for him.

Remember, a couple years ago when everyone was worked up about **Jadeveon Clowney**? People crowed about what a great, special athlete he was – but Ogbah's measurables are almost identical to



Clowney's. Only Clowney achieved them seven pounds lighter than Ogbah. Considering just the 270+ pound prospects, Ogbah is one of the fastest DE prospects in our database.

<u>DE Score</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Tackle, Strngth Metric</u>	<u>Speed, Agility Metric</u>	<u>Pass Rush Metric</u>	<u>Tackle Metric</u>
9.716	Ogbah	Emmanuel	2016	Oklahoma St	6	4.2	273	9.56	6.72	9.28	7.56
11.664	Umenyiora	Osi	2003	Troy	6	3.0	279	9.76	9.61	10.39	7.50
10.397	Clowney	Jadeveon	2014	So Carolina	6	5.2	266	9.97	5.63	8.80	7.61
10.506	Peppers	Julius	2002	UNC	6	6.2	283	8.95	8.60	8.16	11.23
7.828	Dupree	Bud	2015	Kentucky	6	4.0	269	9.09	5.37	7.00	7.00

**A score of 8.00+ is where we see a stronger correlation of DEs going on to become NFL good/great/elite. A score of 10.00+ is more rarefied air in our system and indicates a greater probability of becoming an elite NFL DE.*

All of the DE ratings are based on a 0–10 scale, but a player can score negative, or above a 10.0 in certain instances.

Power-Strength Metrics = A combination of several measurements. An attempt to classify the DE prospect as more of a battle-in-the-trenches type of DE, a 'bull-rusher', and/or a DE prospect who has some DT capabilities.

Speed-Agility Metrics = A combination of several speed, agility, size measurements. A unique measuring system to look for DEs who profile more as speed-rush, stand-up DEs, and/or possible OLBs.

Pass-Rusher Rating = A combination of physical measurables, and college performance, graded historically for future NFL profiling. In the simplest of terms, this is an attempt to classify whether a particular DE is likely to achieve high sack totals in the NFL. We know the 'system'/scheme the DE goes on to play in has a part in future success...but so do the player's skills and performance history. "You can't keep a good man/DE down," we'd like to think.

Tackling Rating = A combination of physical measurables, and college performance, graded historically for future NFL profiling. In the simplest of terms, this is an attempt to classify the DE as one more likely to be involved in a heavy amount of tackles, tackles for a loss, and forced fumbles. Lower-scoring DEs in this subcategory tend to be more pure pass-rushers/specialists. This is also our attempt to quantify, if it's possible, the 'toughness' of a player.



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2016 NFL Draft Outlook:

I'm stunned to see Ogbah with as many second-round mock draft projections. It's insane. ESPN has him #43, and behind **Kevin Dodd**. CBS has him #30, fifth among all DE prospects. How **Jadeveon Clowney** drew such media attention, and Ogbah gets none of that...it's criminal. However, the media usually runs the draft, so I expect Ogbah to be overlooked to some degree. In the end, I have to believe someone in the NFL wakes up and take him in the top 25. He should be in the top 10 overall.

If I were an NFL GM, I'm having serious meetings about how to acquire **Emmanuel Ogbah** in this draft. In the world desperate for pass-rushers, here's a very high-end prospect that's likely to fall past pick #20, possibly into the second round. The value is fantastic. Some NFL team is going to trade around to snag the Ogbah middle-to-late first round, and it will go down in history as a terrific maneuver.

NFL Outlook:

I think Ogbah is going to start pretty quickly in the NFL, jumping right in as a pass-rush specialist. You want him as your 4-3 scheme defensive end. Just let him attack the backfield at will. I think Ogbah will be a 10+ sack per year guy for most of his prime NFL years.

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