NFL Draft 2018 Scouting Report: SAF Terrell Edmunds, Va Tech

FS/SS grades can and will change as more information comes in from Pro Day workouts, Wonderlic test results leaked, etc. We will update info as it becomes available.

Terrell Edmunds is very good.

I could just finish with that and be done with the scouting report right there. I don't know what else to say – he's very good. He's not the greatest safety prospect I've ever scouted but he's either the best or one of the best from the 2018 draft -- and he's going to play right away in the pros and be a nice player. The 'Bust' label is not even on the table.

Edmunds has great size (6'0"/217) to go along with excellent athleticism – a 4.47 runner, a fantastic 41.5" vertical, and sweet 11'2" broad jump. He's fast and has power in his legs, and you can see it on tape.

The reason I think Edmunds is such a quality NFL prospect is that he's a very sound defender. He's not like a **Jamal Adams** (LSU/high pick of NYJ last year), for example, who runs a hundred miles an hour to generate tackle power, but often misses the tackle because he overruns the target trying to make a highlight play. Edmunds plays within himself. He doesn't have to try to generate warp speed to make tackles. He's a big, strong guy with great reactions…he stalks ballcarriers like a linebacker and doesn't often fall for juke moves.

When Edmunds hits you – you're going down. He's an excellent form tackler and has the frame/power to lay into ballcarriers. There's not much room for 'falling forward for extra yards' when Edmunds hits you. He pretty well drops you where you stand. NFL coaches are going to love that, and it's why he's also working out some as an OLB…he has that kind of tackle skill.

Edmunds also has the quickness, instincts, and nice reach to defend nicely in pass coverage. He covers WRs pretty well and is going to be all over NFL tight ends.

Edmunds just doesn't have many/any flaws to pick at. He's a quality kid from a football family and a sound technician at his craft. I don't think he's going to the Hall of Fame, but he will play as a rookie and eventually be a long-term starter and possible Pro Bowl player.

Terrell Edmunds, Through the Lens of Our SAF Scouting Algorithm:

4 interceptions in 2016, another 2 picks in 2017 – Edmunds has good cover instincts and athletic cover skills as well.

A little weak on the solo tackle front in 2017…just 3.3 per game after a much better tackle performance the year before. He's not an amazing 'A' grade tackler, but is an all-around solid 'B' to 'B+'.

Five double-digit tackle games in his last 17 games in college. Eight or more tackles in 10 of his last 17 games.

NFL Combine measurables…

6'0"/217, 10.5" hands, 32.75" arms (huge hands and long arms)

4.47 40-time, 1.58 10-yard, agility times not performed

41.5" vertical, 11'2" broad jump, no bench press work

The Historical SAF Prospects to Whom Terrell Edmunds Most Compares Within Our System:

Reminds me of **Josh Jones**, when **Josh Jones** is in his right mind. Jones tends to drift in and out of performance and impact. Edmunds doesn't have as many dry spells on his resume. Both big, athletic guys who can play safety or linebacker or SAF/LB hybrid.

Overall	Last	First	Yr	College	HT	HT	Weight	Tackle Strngth Metrics	Speed Cover Metric	Strong Safety	Free Safety
8.132	Edmunds	Terrell	2018	Virginia Tech	6	0.4	217	8.15	8.46	51%	49%
7.827	Jones	Josh	2017	N.C. State	6	1.3	220	9.57	7.15	58%	42%
8.614	Wolff	Earl	2013	N.C. State	5	11.2	209	10.10	6.47	58%	42%
8.628	Byard	Kevin	2016	MTSU	5	11.2	212	7.13	8.64	54%	46%
8.273	Atogwe	O.J.	2005	Stanford	5	11.0	219	9.98	4.44	69%	31%

The ratings are based on a 1–10 rating scale, but a prospect can score over 10.0+ and less than 0.0.

OVERALL RATING *-- We merge the data from physical measurables, skill times/counts from the NFL Combine/Pro Days, with college performance data available on pass coverage/tackles, etc. and grade it compared to our database history of all college SS/FS prospects, with a focus on which SS/FS prospects went on to be good-great-elite in the NFL. We found characteristics/data points that the successful NFL SS/FS's had in common in college, that most other SS/FS prospects could not match/achieve.*

Scoring with a rating over a **7.0+** *in our system is where we start to take a SS/FS prospect more seriously. Most of the future NFL-successful college SS/FS prospects scored* **8.0+** *in our system, and most of the NFL-superior FS/SSs pushed ratings more in the* **9–10.0+** *levels overall. Future NFL busts will sneak into the* **8.0+** *rating range from time to time.*

TACKLE/STRENGTH METRIC *-- 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 SS/FS as one more likely to be involved in a heavy amount of tackles, forced fumbles, and physical hits to separate a WR from the ball. It also gives some insight into the "toughness" of a player, if it is possible to quantify that (this is our attempt to).*

SPEED/COVERAGE METRIC *-- A combination of several speed, agility, size measurements as well as college performance. A unique measuring system to look for SS/FS prospects that profile for superior coverage skills and abilities.*

2018 NFL Draft Outlook:

I would have predicted Edmunds as a top 100 pick, a 2nd-rounder. He ended up going late 1st.

If I were an NFL GM, I would not have picked him top 50…not because of any Edmunds issue, just that safeties hold the lowest value in the NFL economy. I wouldn't waste high draft picks on something that has such little value/there's so many available.

NFL Outlook:

Probably doesn't start Week 1, though he might, but will play a lot of snaps rotating in and out and then partway into his rookie year he'll be essentially a starter. In 2019 he'll be the starter and be that for a long time. A solid player for a few years.