



NFL Draft 2014 Scouting Report: WR Allen Robinson, Penn State

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

**WR-B stands for "Big-WR," a classification we use to separate the more physical, downfield/over-the-top, heavy-red-zone-threat-type WRs. Our WR-S/"Small-WRs" are profiled by our computer more as slot and/or possession-type WRs who are less typically physical and rely more on speed/agility to operate underneath the defense and/or use big speed to get open deep...they are not used as weapons in the red zone as much.*

Allen Robinson is a little hard to describe. It's one of those "you know it when you see it situations." He's just a very good WR, and you know it within watching a few minutes of tape. My first reaction to watching him is calling him a "better **James Jones**." What I mean by that is: Robinson is not a #1 WR. He looks like a much better #2 WR for the NFL. For about \$20M+ less than **Golden Tate**, Detroit could have paired Robinson with Calvin and had something wild.

Robinson is 6'2.5" and 220-pounds, but plays like a **Keenan Allen** or **Antonio Brown**, shorter-speedier type of WR...guys who line up all over, and catch a lot of slants, bubble screens, and then suck you with a double move and scorch you deep. Sometimes I think I see a little **A.J. Green** with Robinson, but I think he is a touch slower than Green. Plus, Green makes a killing going deep. Robinson is better served going all over and is excellent weaving through traffic.

I thought Robinson looked brilliant on bubble screens especially. He seems to have another gear of agility on-field than his measurables at the NFL Combine would suggest. He had decent agility metrics at the Combine, but he 'looks' much more 'awesome' on tape...a rare knack for weaving in and out of congestion. Robinson can play 'small ball', and 'big ball'. He has a nice 39" vertical and made several nice leaping catches in college. He really does have some **A.J. Green** tendencies.

Robinson has led the Big-10 in receptions and receiving yards the past two seasons. He had 11 TDs with **Matt McGloin** in 2012 and fell off to 6 TDs in 2013 with freshman QB **Christian Hackenberg** (FYI, that guy looks really good in my Robinson studies). Robinson had more catches than all the other Penn State WRs combined in 2013. Everyone knew he was getting the ball, but no one could stop him from getting it.

Robinson looks great on tape and has the output numbers of a top WR prospect, but we have to stop short a little due to Robinson's 40-yard dash...a 4.60 at the NFL Combine. That's a bucket of cold water on what might have been a 10.0+ WR for us...and maybe he still will be in reality, but that speed level projects more for NFL 'good' vs. NFL greatness.



Allen Robinson, Through the Lens of Our WR Scouting Algorithm:

Robinson played 12 games with a freshman QB last season and posted eight 100+ yard games. He also caught seven or more passes in in all but two games in 2013. Robinson was consistently great all through 2013.

Robinson did not fall off in games against bigger competition. Against Central Florida, Ohio State, Nebraska, and Wisconsin in 2013: 9.3 receptions, 136.0 yards, 0.50 TDs. His best game of 2013 coming against his toughest opponent, Ohio State (12 catches for 173 yards and 1 TD).

The athletic measurables are pretty solid across the board with just two trouble spots:

- (1) The 4.60 40-time puts a mild damper on his prospectus. There should be a minor concern about him separating away from the flood of 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 40-time running DBs entering the NFL.
- (2) A bench press of 15 reps is 'OK', but there is some question on Robinson's durability...he has a bit of a tall, thinner-frame, and measured with the mildly weaker upper-body strength. Some time in the weight room may change all that for Robinson.

Our computer would say that Robinson pushes as an 'A' talent (hands, routes, etc.) and a 'B' athletically.

The Historical WR Prospects to Whom Allen Robinson Most Compares Within Our System:

There are some **Riley Cooper** comparisons, but Cooper plays a much bigger, more physical game. Robinson plays a little more of a speed game. A young **Dwayne Bowe** might be more of an appropriate comparison.

Greg Childs on the list may be a head scratcher, or seem scary, but he was a great WR prospect at one time...considered 1st-round material but has blown out everything in both his legs in college and as a pro, before he could even sniff the field. He is like **Danario Alexander**, injury-wise.

<u>WR Score</u>	<u>Draft Yr</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Power Strngth Metric</u>	<u>Speed Agility Metric</u>	<u>Hands' Metric</u>



8.69	2014	Robinson	Allen	Penn State	6	2.5	220	8.57	4.24	9.34
6.25	2010	Cooper	Riley	Florida	6	3.4	222	9.00	3.09	8.72
6.64	2012	Childs	Greg	Arkansas	6	3.1	219	8.77	4.82	7.71
7.55	2007	Bowe	Dwayne	LSU	6	2.2	221	9.22	7.96	9.69
7.61	2012	McNutt	Marvin	Iowa	6	2.4	216	7.30	3.44	8.72
5.32	2009	Brown	Freddie	Utah	6	2.5	215	6.73	5.87	6.24

**A score of 7.0+ is where we start to take a Big-WR prospect more seriously. A score of 8.50+ is where we see a stronger correlation of a Big-WR 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 Big-WR.*

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

Overall WR score = A combination of several on-field performance measures, including refinement for strength of opponents faced. Mixed with all the physical measurement metrics, rated historically in our database.

“Power-Strength” = A combination of unique metrics surrounding physical size profiling, bench press strength, etc. High scorers here project to be more physical, better blockers, and less injury-prone.

“Speed-Agility” = A combination of unique metrics surrounding speed, agility, physical size, mixed with some on-field performance metrics. High scorers here project to have a better YAC and show characteristics to be used as deep threats/to create separation.

“Hands” = A combination of unique metrics surrounding on-field performance in college, considering the strength of opponents played. Furthermore, this data considers some physical profiling for hand size, etc. High scorers here have a better track record of college statistical performance, and overall this projects the combination of performance and physical data for the next level.

2014 NFL Draft Outlook:

Allen Robinson is getting a decent amount of love as a late 1st-round draft pick projection. That seems a touch steep for a WR like Robinson, but I could see it happening for a team looking for a bigger #2 WR. He won't last past pick #50, I would suspect.

If I were an NFL GM, I have an interest in Robinson, but I'm not sure I'm paying the price it would require. I'd much rather have the lower-rated (mainstream-wise) **Jordan Matthews** from Vanderbilt. Robinson would be a nice consolation prize for missing out on Matthews.

