



NFL Draft 2019 Scouting Report: TE Josh Oliver, San Jose State

**Our TE 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.*

***Our TE formulas had some slight changes in the offseason—an adjustment to better identify and value TE prospects that are smaller physically and are primed for the era ahead...the era of Jordan Reed and Delanie Walker-type TEs. Our historical grades will have changed some on various prospects as well, to show their grades by comparison.*

-- 'Quick hit' scouting is a quick publishing of shorthand notes I had from watching 2-4 games of activity on a prospect this week, and with me already knowing the measurables and where the prospect was drafted. Also, with me having done some brief tape study/work on them and having a computer scouting model grade on them pre-Draft. With the 'quick hit', I wanted to do an abridged re-look at certain prospects, post-draft, for any numbers of reasons. --

Why a re-look here? **Josh Oliver** landed great with the Jaguars, and I wanted to see how much of an impact he could have in the passing game/could he play right away. His initial grades were all 'OK'...a C-grade type NFL prospect. Is there more here?

Quick hit notes (in the order I wrote them watching selected games):

-- Lined up as a flanker-ish type receiver more than I realized prior. Looked like an old **Jimmy Graham** option, but nowhere near as smooth as yesteryear Jimmy graham.

-- 'Long arms' jumps out at me (measured 33.5" with a 78 7/8ths wingspan). Also 10.75" hands.

-- The games that I watched usually had **Josh Love** at QB, and he (sorry) sucks – all bubbles and bombs. Oliver was open quite a bit, but Love was not often reading progressions and making decisions. This hurt Oliver's output numbers.

-- Very soft hands catching the ball. A little better than I remembered from prior watching.

-- Little stiff in the get off, and not extremely agile (doesn't make anyone miss), but gains speed as he runs...good downfield getting open on linebackers medium-deep not as great getting open quick off the snap.

-- Really good hands...better than my note just two notes ago. He has to deal with a lot of miss-thrown passes and he made plays on many of them.



- Team co-captain.
- Does well holding onto catches after a bang-bang hit from behind right after a catch.
- Reminds me a little of **Jared Cook**, not as athletic...upright, good downfield receiving option.
- Catches in tight windows well. Good concentration.
- A capable, solid blocker...those long arms help.
- 3x Mountain West All-Academic
- Senior Bowl invitee...where I remembered him being a bit bulkier but looked more sleek on the games I watched from 2018 here.

Josh Oliver, Through the Lens of Our TE Scouting Algorithm:

-- In 2018, in a weaker passing game/on a bad team, Oliver was...

#1 on the team in catches (56)

#1 in rec. yards (714)

#2 in rec. TDs (4)

-- His team went 1-11 in 2018, if you want an idea how sad a team/offense he might have played with... 117th in scoring (130 teams) in D1/NCAA in 2018. #115 in defensive PPG allowed.

-- *Measurables:*

6'4.5"/249, 10.8" hands, 33.5" arms

4.63 40-time, 1.66 10-yard, 2.76 20-yard

4.47 short shuttle, 7.21 three-cone

22 bench reps, 34" vertical, 9'9" broad



The Historical TE Prospects to Whom Josh Oliver Most Compares Within Our System:

First thing I noticed...how was Oliver not drafted by the Ravens (like the four names underneath him)?

Second, he’s tracking with TEs that made it to the league but were/are B-C grade guys at-best...I don’t see any indicators Oliver will be a ‘star’...just ‘good’ or OK.

...but, the **Dallas Goedert** comp makes me wonder if Oliver were in a better situation in college he might have better-looking tape and output to get excited about – like the opposite effect of a **Mark Andrews**, who to me is not a great receiving TE (just OK)...but playing with **Baker Mayfield** made him look wonderful. Not so much with **Lamar Jackson**.

| <u>TE Grade</u> | <u>TE-Reed</u> | <u>Last</u> | <u>First</u> | <u>Yr</u> | <u>College</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>Spd-Agil Metric</u> | <u>Strgth Blxing Metric</u> | <u>Hands Metric</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 6.884 | 6.05 | Oliver | Josh | 2019 | San Jose St. | 6 | 4.5 | 249 | 5.74 | 7.00 | 7.56 |
| 6.014 | 4.24 | Andrews | Mark | 2018 | Oklahoma | 6 | 5.1 | 256 | 3.96 | 5.06 | 7.74 |
| 6.540 | 2.64 | Dickson | Ed | 2010 | Oregon | 6 | 4.2 | 249 | 5.98 | 7.04 | 8.25 |
| 8.301 | 6.85 | Hurst | Hayden | 2018 | So. Carolina | 6 | 4.4 | 250 | 7.02 | 7.62 | 7.42 |
| 8.674 | 5.33 | Heap | Todd | 2001 | Arizona State | 6 | 4.5 | 252 | 6.27 | 7.56 | 8.20 |
| 10.571 | 9.07 | Goedert | Dallas | 2018 | So. Dakota St. | 6 | 4.5 | 256 | 6.57 | 8.53 | 12.57 |

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

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

***The ‘TE-Reed’ score is in honor of Jordan Reed’s 2015 season...looking at TEs in a different manner—the smaller, speedy receiving threats.*

“Speed-Agility Metric” = 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/create separation.

“Power-Strength Metric” = 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.



“Hands Metric” = 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 project the combination of data for receiving success at the next level.

2019 NFL Draft Outlook:

Drafted #69 overall by Jacksonville

NFL Outlook:

I like the opportunity for Oliver with Jacksonville. He can play right away if he proves himself this preseason, and the Jags drafted him pretty confidently/highly...so, I believe they are ready to push him.

Instead of garbage QBs at San Jose State, he works with the great **Nick Foles**...and down the line it might be the rather talented **Gardner Minshew**.

I think Oliver is good/OK, and in a favorable spot to push him as more good-ish than OK-ish.

I feel a bit more confident on Oliver with this second/third-look, but I’m not changing my grades or rankings on him too much from where they were pre-draft. A slight tick up considering how bad San Jose suppressed his output potential. Not star, just OK/good in a good spot potentially.

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