NFL Draft 2020 Scouting Reports: RB Bronson Rechsteiner, Kennesaw State (QH)

*Our RB 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.

*We use the term "Power RB" to separate physically bigger, more between-the-tackles–capable RBs from our "speed RBs" group. "Speed RBs" are physically smaller, but much faster/quicker, and less likely to flourish between the tackles.

Our Quick Hit (QH) scouting reports are a modified/shorter version of our full-scale reports. On these Quick Hits, I look at a lesser amount of tape and write a shorter amount of flowy words – these are usually designed more for sleeper prospects that I want to get more acquainted with and if something really jumps out, I'll go deeper. It's just me trying to get in and get out and deliver the pertinent notes to you for your consideration and for review later if they start to make waves in a year or two.

I'll do a chunk of these pre-Draft and then more after the Draft, going through the players that caught my attention in the draft (because of how high they were taken) or that I stumble across in training camp or the preseason that catch my eye.

Most of my notes on these Quick Hits will be short and sweet bullet points versions of our full-scale reports. Enjoy…

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I was cruising around the internet looking for lower level college prospects to consider grading for our 2020 NFL Draft grades/rankings, and I came across **Bronson Rechsteiner** and about lost it. First, he has the best produced/music to go with his highlight video package of any college prospect I've seen. Second, after you enjoy the initial production…your jaw drops at what you see on the field. Then, when you see the Pro Day numbers…you don't want to believe it, but watching him on tape helps you think it is real.

Rechsteiner is the first lower level prospect whose tape really made me go 'whoa!' I encourage you to watch his college highlight reel/tape, if you haven't already, it's on the CFM main page under his 'Pro Day of Interest' post. It will help make this read much more enjoyable/understandable.

He looks like the incredible Hulk and has this great highlight tape, but is he a real prospect for the NFL? Let's find out!

BACKGROUND…

 -- 5'10"/223, ran a 4.50 40-time at his Pro Day with 6.95 three-cone and a whopping 35 bench reps…if you watch his tape – you'll think it is more 'real' than fake.

 -- Was a linebacker initially (2016/Fr.), moved to FB/RB in 2017, and only touched the ball sporadically until 2019/Sr. year where he broke out. He could be an NFL inside linebacker, potentially.

 -- His team/offense deployed a triple-option type all-run offense and barely threw the ball and used all the running backs in the run game (and the QB ran a lot too). Rechsteiner played the fullback up the middle role.

 -- Son of former WWE/WCW professional wrestling star Rick Steiner.

GAME TAPE AND RANDOM NOTES…

 -- Plays the game about as physical as you can play it. He tries to run over people. When he blocks, he doesn't just get a nice tie-up in – he tries to maul/destroy the defender and pancake them. He often does.

 -- I don't believe he's just a small school dominator who will get lost in the pros. His dad was a 'professional athlete', so I don't think he'll be all '*golly, gosh, aw shucks*' in training camp. I think he's going to the NFL to prove he's the baddest man on the planet. I don't think he'll be intimidated at all…rather he's going to go looking for a fight, in a good way.

He's got the mindset of a Navy Seal/Marine. He's going to either be in law enforcement (his degree) or pro wrestling after football.

 -- Probably the best blocking RB or FB prospect in the draft, if any NFL team bothers to look. He should be the top FB prospect in this draft, but he shouldn't be pigeonholed there…he's a legit runner/catcher of the ball as well.

 -- He has/shows breakaway speed. He's not just making long runs in college…he's pulling away from people like a thoroughbred horse, at a 'plus' size. Granted it's a low level of college play, but see the Pro Day numbers…

 -- He can catch the ball pretty well. He's not a big, stiff FB/RB…he's got good hands and is nimble getting open or swinging out on flare routes out of the backfield.

-- Reminds me of **Peyton Hillis** with some **Zach Zenner** in there…a bigger **Zach Zenner**, but not as fast/nimble (but not far off).

Bronson Rechsteiner, Through the Lens of Our RB Scouting Algorithm:

-- Length of TD runs in 2019, on his 7 TD jaunts (in order of their occurrence): 36-55-85-49-56-40-65…average TD run of 55.1 yards.

-- He probably could've scored 25+ TDs on the season if they featured him, but they split all the touches (on a winning team) and used Rechsteiner as a killer blocker near the end zone.

-- Just 8.0 carries per game in his excellent 2019 season (112-909-7, as a runner in 14 games). Had he been the feature in a normal offense…who knows what would've happened.

-- Only caught 8 passes in 14 games in 2019, but his team only completed 52 passes all season…3.71 per game. One of the completions was a Rechsteiner 60-yard TD pass…the only throw of his career.

2020 Pro Day Numbers:

5'10.2"/223, 9 1/8" hands, 31.0" arms

4.50 40-time, 1.54 10-yard

4.22 shuttle, 6.95 three-cone

35 bench reps, 35.5" vertical, 10'0" broad jump

The Historical RB Prospects to Whom Bronson Rechsteiner Most Compares Within Our System:

Our comp list is my great fear for him – all guys who had NFL bodies/athleticism, but were small school, unheralded prospects and had to fight to stay alive in the NFL, and by and large they never got a fair shot.

Rechsteiner is so obviously built, and of the mindset, of a fullback…I think he'll make it to the pros that way rather than typical overlooked/forgotten small school, big RB.

RB Score	RB-Re	RB-ru	Last	First	College	Yr	H	H	W	Speed Metric	Agility Metric	Power Metric
7.185	5.97	7.13	Rechsteiner	Bronson	Kennesaw	2020	5	10.2	223	7.52	7.33	9.78
7.600	5.16	7.33	Martinek	Joe	Rutgers	2012	5	11.3	221	6.75	7.20	9.14
7.041	8.17	7.06	Cox	Jeremy	O. Dominion	2019	5	11.5	223	8.36	7.70	8.17
7.092	7.01	6.88	Zenner	Zach	S. Dakota St.	2015	5	11.4	223	3.08	6.00	9.71
6.664	6.07	6.10	Turbin	Robert	Utah State	2012	5	9.5	222	7.17	4.51	9.35
8.932	4.16	7.80	Carter	Delone	Syracuse	2011	5	8.5	222	5.27	9.83	9.01

A score of 8.50+ is where we see a stronger correlation of RBs 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 RB.

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

Overall rating/score = A combination of several on-field performance measures, including refinement for strength of opponents faced, mixed with all the physical measurement metrics—then compared/rated historically within our database and formulas. More of a traditional three-down search—runner, blocker, and receiver.

RB-Re score = **New/testing starting in 2015. Our new formula/rating that attempts to identify and quantify a prospect's receiving skills even deeper than in our original formulas. RB prospects can now make it/thrive in the NFL strictly based on their receiving skills—it is an individual attribute sought out for the NFL, and no longer dismissed or overlooked. Our rating combines a study of their receiving numbers in college in relation to their offense and opponents, as well as profiling size-speed-agility along with hand-size measurables, etc.*

RB-Ru score = **New/testing starting in 2015. Our new formula/rating that attempts to classify and quantify a RB prospect's ability strictly as a runner of the ball. Our rating combines a study of their rushing numbers in college in relation to their offense and strength of opponents, as well as profiling size-speed-agility along with various size measurables, etc.*

Raw Speed Metric = A combination of several speed and size measurements from the NFL Combine, judged along with physical size profile, and then compared/rated historically within our database and scouting formulas. This is a rating strictly for RBs of a similar/bigger size profile.

Agility Metric = A combination of several speed and agility measurements from the NFL Combine, judged along with physical size profile, and then compared/rated historically within our database and scouting formulas. This is a rating strictly for RBs of a similar/bigger size profile.

2020 NFL Draft Outlook:

I see Rechsteiner with as high as 5th-round grades and as low as UDFA projections. He's too good a fullback to go undrafted. He'll probably be the first FB taken in the late 5th-round by San Fran or New England, maybe Buffalo or the Chargers.

NFL Outlook:

Likely becomes a fullback/special teams' hero who makes a big play every so often and grows his legend as one of the most memorable fullbacks in the NFL…a position we barely recognize/talk about the names of anymore. I just hope he gets a shock opportunity to carry the ball a bunch and then surprises that way and becomes a real weapon for some NFL backfield.

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