



NFL Draft 2020 Scouting Report: DT/DE Jonah Williams, Weber State

**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.*

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 saw this guy had posted his own 'homemade' Pro Day on YouTube, and the measurables were pretty interesting for his size – and then I looked him up and saw he was an FCS All-American and Big Sky Co-Defensive Player of the Year.

Not only was he an FCS star as a DE/DT...but he posted Pro Day work with not only DE and DT drills/work, but also some workouts as a tight end...and he has decent hands, at least in shorts and a t-shirt drills.

Let's see what he's really got...

BACKGROUND...

- Big Sky Co-Defensive MVP 2019.
- Academic All-Conference multiple years.
- Team Captain



-- His homemade Pro Day numbers...

6'5"/281, 10.5" hands, 34.5" arms

4.79 40-time, 1.73 10-yard

4.30 shuttle, 6.97 three-cone

30 bench reps, 35" vertical

GAME TAPE AND RANDOM NOTES...

-- 4-3 DT mostly, sometimes 3-4 DE (on the tape I watched).

-- Hard to gage just how good he is/how fast he is moving because of going up against FCS blockers. But from the looks of it, he's pretty nimble for his size.

-- Very quick off the snap. Difficult for FCS blockers to keep up with. Was almost unfair at his size-speed as a DT up the middle.

-- NFL prospect thoughts...

He looks more like a Defensive End than Defensive Tackle...he's leaner and springier in the lower body.

If he wanted to be a DE prospect, he'd project well as a 3-4 DE for the NFL.

If he dropped 10-15 pounds and gained more speed, he could be an interesting 4-3 DE prospect.

If he dropped 10-15 pounds, and was a 4.70 runner with 6.9 three-cone at 6'5"...that's a helluva tight end body.

If he added 10 pounds of muscle, he could be a quick, 290-pound sub-5.0 running with near 7.00 three-cone high-end quick DT prospect.

Jonah Williams, Through the Lens of Our DT Scouting Algorithm:

-- 62 tackles, 11.0 TFLs, 7.5 sacks in 2019

-- 13 games played and 0.0 sacks the year prior...which is very odd and makes me worried he does not have the true NFL 'it' factor.



-- Against D1 Nevada in 2019: 9 tackles, 3.5 TFLs, 3.0 sacks

2020 Pre-Draft Measurables (homemade Pro Day):

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The Historical DT Prospects to Whom Jonah Williams Most Compares Within Our System:

The comp list is the bearer of much bad news, but our computer models could only dart throw at the speculations/upside of – what if he bulks to a DT or slims to a TE or different styled DE?

DT Grade	Last	First	Draft Yr	College	H	W	Power Strgth	Speed Agility	Pass Rusher	Tackle rating	NT Profile
3.771	Williams	Jonah	2020	Weber St	6	5.0	281	6.64	6.24	5.26	4.16
-3.181	Edwards	Lavar	2013	LSU	6	4.0	277	6.57	5.51	4.60	3.53
-5.903	King	David	2013	Oklahoma	6	4.2	275	6.57	5.12	2.96	3.18
-2.844	Crawford	Jack	2012	Penn State	6	4.7	274	6.74	1.77	5.12	3.81
-0.915	Kruger	Joe	2013	Utah	6	6.2	269	7.49	2.62	4.45	5.51

**A score of 8.00+ is where we see a stronger correlation of DTs 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 NFL elite DT.*

All of the DT 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 DT prospect as more of a battle-in-the-trenches type of DT, and/or a DT prospect who has nose tackle capabilities.



Speed-Agility Metrics = A combination of several speed, agility, size measurements. A unique measuring system to look for DTs who profile for quickness, and/or a DT prospect who might have some DE capabilities.

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 DT is likely to achieve high sack totals in the NFL. We know the 'system'/scheme the DT goes on to play in has a part in future success...but so do the player's skills and performance history.

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 DT as one more likely to be involved in a heavy amount of tackles, tackles for a loss, and forced fumbles. Lower scoring DTs in this sub-category tend to be more pure 'pluggers', and not as active on the stat sheet. It also gives some insight of the 'toughness' of a player, if it is possible to quantify that (this is our attempt to).

NT Profile = This is an attempt to show which of these DT prospects has a profile to become a pure nose tackle/'space-eater' in the middle. It is not a 1–10 scale rating of a prospect's skill/profile, it's an attempt to point us in a direction of what this DT can be useful as (or not). Some DT prospects will grade off the charts on the NT profile, essentially a worst-case scenario of "put him in the middle and just let him be a wall." There is NFL value in that 'ability'.

2020 NFL Draft Outlook:

Could get drafted 7th-round because of his purported size-speed combo and solid 2019, but a safe bet is he goes undrafted.

If I were an NFL GM, he'd be on a list for UDFA calls but not at the top of the list. If I had him, I'd try to cut him down to 260-pounds and see what kind of DE prospect he could be or blow him up to be a smaller/quicker left tackle. I'm not big on 3-4 defenses, so I'd not like him as a 3-4 DE...but that would be his more natural NFL position right away.

NFL Outlook:

Hopefully, he gets a shot and capitalizes on it at some position! I suspect he'll get lost in the wash in a league that values where you went to school and pre-Draft stock more than actual ability and upsides.



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