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When I first previewed **Rhamondre Stevenson** ahead of the Senior Bowl, I was impressed – a pretty fluid runner for 245+ pounds. The important part was the 245+ pounds. The NFL doesn't have many 240+ backs as it is, but from the preview scouting tape, this one/prospect seemed to move pretty well for his size. Stevenson runs with straight ahead power, enough shiftiness to work at his size, and he could catch the ball well – it all equaled up to a potential rare species for the NFL. And...anytime you see a decent movement skill 240+ pound back, you wonder if they have some extra upside if they purposefully change to a 225-230-pound block of muscle back (like **Le'Veon Bell** did).

All of this equaled up to me being intrigued with Stevenson heading into the 2021 Senior Bowl week...even wondering if he might be a better/equal version of **Najee Harris** as a 'big' RB prospect.

However...since the day before the Senior Bowl week started, Stevenson has been falling down in my eyes.

Here are the stages of the fall...

-- The first fall was pretty big... He measured at 'only' 227 pounds at the Senior Bowl. 20 pounds lower than his listed/expected weight of 247.



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I thought, maybe he *was* trying the Le'Veon move, and lost the excess weight getting ready to surprise everyone with big time speed and more shiftiness, at a still large 227 pounds. I still had some hope/intrigue remaining, but I was rattled by the huge drop.

-- Stevenson didn't stand out as anything special at the Senior Bowl, although he didn't do anything terrible either. It's hard for a power running back to show what he has in a week of two-hand touch work and drills that feature QBs, WRs, CBs, and the DL vs. OL group. RBs and LBs don't get to show off as much.

Still, Stevenson did not grab any attention at this event in January.

-- Then I see his Pro Day numbers in March: 4.63 40-time at 230 pounds, which means he might be realistically a 4.7+ 40-time.

-- Then I see his other Pro Day numbers... a paltry 15 bench reps (showing he does not take his draft prep seriously). And a 4.47 shuttle and 7.02 three-cone are nothing special.

His Pro Day adds up to a fringe NFL power back. A size and speed combo to get into the league but 'highly drafted' or 'a star' is not on the table anymore, for me.

-- And the final blow came from a deeper look into his background...

Initially, a JUCO RB who couldn't get his educational act together to get D1 offers out of high school. It's not a full death blow for a prospect, but it leaves a lot of 'making up' to do to prove his NFL worthiness.

He took a year off football (he says) before starring at the JUCO ranks and getting his way to D1. However, his D1 debut season (2019) with Oklahoma ended with him getting suspended prior to Oklahoma's bowl game – a failed drug test.

He returned to the team for the 2020 season and had a nice season as the team's lead back in their limited-game season, capping it off with an MVP performance in their bowl game vs. Florida.

I think the recency bias from Stevenson's Florida game makes it stick out as the last, best memory people have. Scouts and analysts watch and point to it as their main evidence for Rhamondre to be a legit big bully NFL back. Prior to the Senior Bowl, I leaned that way myself. However, digging in deeper I see a football career of disappointment off the field, misleading body metrics going into the draft process, and poor athleticism numbers, and it all leaves me 'out' for the most part.

Watching his tape – **Rhamondre Stevenson** is a nice college power RB. He's 230 +/- pounds and 4.6-4.7 40-time is pretty strong for college...but it's a backup role in the pros, at best. Stevenson could bully some college defenses with a good+ Oklahoma surrounding/QB/O-Line, but he didn't bully it enough for me to assume he's going to bully in the NFL...especially when I see the current size and athleticism numbers.



Stevenson’s tape says ‘backup’ power back in the NFL (fringe), but his background/character check and history suggest he’s not a hard/diligent worker and he’s going to fail to impress coaches...meaning he could be gone to the XFL or CFL in short order, and forgotten by the NFL.

I was intrigued with Rhamondre in January 2021...I’m just about ‘totally out’ on him in March 2021.

Rhamondre Stevenson, Through the Lens of Our RB Scouting Algorithm:

If we were to remove the 18 carry, 186 yard, 1 TD MVP of the bowl game event vs. Florida from his Oklahoma career, Stevenson is left with pretty mediocre (for a serious pro prospect) numbers.

Stevenson’s biggest games (100+ yards rushing) were against awful Kansas (2x), FCS South Dakota, and Oklahoma State. He was mostly stable, solid in games – not ‘wow’. His Florida bowl game was impressive...and that whitewashes over his otherwise so-so/decent-ish two-year stint for OU.

Senior Bowl measurements: 5’11”/227, 9” hands

Pro Day measurements: 6’0”/230

Pro Day numbers: 4.62 40-time, 7.02+ three-cone, 31.5” vertical, 9’4” broad jump...all very mediocre or poor, and then if you factor in the ‘cheat’ (home college recorders ‘helping’ their guys) on Pro Day numbers it gets even worse.

The Historical RB Prospects to Whom Rhamondre Stevenson Most Compares Within Our System:

Stevenson comps with a collection of big guy RBs who mostly did well in college and failed to impact in the pros...and **Spencer Ware** is there to provide an ounce of hope.

RB Score	RB-Re	RB-ru	Last	First	College	Yr	H	H	W	Speed Metric	Agility Metric	Power Metric
4.913	4.20	5.84	Stevenson	Rhamondre	Oklahoma	2021	5	11.2	227	-1.21	4.47	5.53
1.653	-0.75	0.53	Hilliard	Kenny	LSU	2015	5	11.5	226	-9.72	1.55	-0.57



-0.841	6.51	-1.37	Kelley	Rob	Tulane	2016	5	10.5	226	-1.15	-2.96	5.80
4.629	-0.93	4.26	Dwyer	Jonathan	Ga Tech	2010	5	11.2	228	-2.26	-6.79	5.26
2.808	-3.58	1.95	Houston	Ryan	UNC	2012	6	1.6	237	-18.86	-6.26	5.12
1.711	-0.47	0.75	Ware	Spencer	LSU	2013	5	10.0	228	-6.55	-2.04	5.83

**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.

2021 NFL Draft Outlook:

