



NFL Draft 2022 Scouting Report: TE Trey McBride, Colorado 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.*

Trey McBride is not ‘my kinda’ tight end prospect...I like taller, more athletic receiving weapons – like **Darren Waller**, **Kyle Pitts**, etc. Just my personal preference if I were an NFL GM/team builder.

He may not be my kinda TE tight end prospect, but I know **Trey McBride** IS the NFL’s mental fantasy image of a tight end...the NFL loves not too tall, but like a 6’3”+, 240+ pounds, more plodding/stiff rather than more athletic, grinder/good blocker TEs. It’s just what they think a TE should look like. I don’t know why but based on the way they draft, Nick Vannett, Drew Sample, Cole Kmet, Noah Gray, etc., are the NFL’s kinds of jam.

I may NOT love McBride as a prospect, but I am experienced enough to know he’s exactly what the NFL covets. I made the claim last year – *most NFL head coaches, in their heart-of-hearts, especially the older school ones...they secretly would rather have had **Pat Freiermuth** than **Kyle Pitts**.*

After watching the tape and looking over the background and output, I have to assign a positive/grade to McBride. He’s fine. He’s solid. He’s hard-nosed. He will be fine in the NFL. There’s not much to discuss here.

McBride checks most of those **T.J. Hockenson**, NFL-preferred boxes for a TE (whereas the **Noah Fant** types check my boxes)...

McBride has enough size (6’3”+/245).

McBride has decent movement skills – tested 4.56 40-time at his Pro Day (he is ducking the three-cone, which is a concern). But the tape shows he moves fine enough for an NFL TE.

As a blocker, on tape he seems to be willing blocker and solid enough, skill-wise.

He has all the intangibles and accolades – a unanimous All-American TE. The John Mackey Award winner. An academic all-Mountain West Conference. A team captain.

McBride is cleared for take-off as the future top TE taken in this year’s draft.



Where McBride really excels for me is – he has great hands in the passing game. Really reliable. Catches the ball well on simple passes and also on money grabs, smooth hands on the move and under duress.

Where I'm not as excited by McBride – there's no 'it' factor. There's nothing exciting here. He was solid, but quiet at the Senior Bowl...no great accolades or standout moments, really. Just a solid performer. Other TEs stood out some, stole the show at various points in the practice week, even if just for a play or two. McBride just went through quietly. Not saying he's bad because of this...just he's not a 'wow' TE prospect.

Watching the tape, it's more 'solid' than electric. Really good hands...he was like a big possession WR for Colorado State. Everything else you could scout (movement, blocking, etc.) on McBride is 'good' or 'solid' but his hands are really nice. An example of the lack of 'electricity' you'd like to see/feel from a prospect like McBride, who's being pushed as a top guy at his position – his senior season was 90 catches and 1,121 yards...which is terrific from a college TE...BUT with only 1 TD. His QB wasn't great, but not that bad...and McBride was a heavy target, but just the 1 TD. Four TDs in a season was his career best. His size and lackluster vertical don't make him a great red zone threat, but he is reliable enough when he does get the target.

I'm OK with McBride after a deeper study. Not my favorite TE. Not my most hated. Just 'good'. Passes the test. He has a solid NFL future ahead of him. I just don't think it will be that exciting...it will probably be as exciting as the QB/offense he lands with. He could be exciting (for output/Fantasy) if he lands in the perfect place...with an elite passing QB.

Trey McBride, Through the Lens of Our TE Scouting Algorithm:

- Five or more catches in a game in 17 of his last 19 games in college. That's pretty righteous.
- One TD in his last 13 games is pretty dull...and odd.
- Eight 100+ yard receiving games in his career. **Kyle Pitts** had four, by comparison.
- However, **Kyle Pitts** had 18 TDs in 24 career games. McBride just 9 TDs in 34 career games, despite catching 64 more passes over his career.

2022 NFL Combine/Pro Day Measurables:



6'3.5"/245

10.1" hands, 32.5" arms

4.56 40-yard, 2.61 20-yard, 1.60 10-yard

18 bench press, 33" vertical, 9'9" broad jump

No agility drills/times done

The Historical TE Prospects to Whom Trey McBride Most Compares Within Our System:

I could see McBride being a better version of **T.J. Hockenson**, or something similar.

Travis Beckum was a slightly smaller TE who had decent speed and great hands...and flopped in the NFL. Not saying this will happen to McBride, but Beckum is a reminder that heavy pass catching in college doesn't instantly mean it must happen in the NFL.

Dallas Clark might have been an NFL also-ran, but he landed with **Peyton Manning** at the perfect time.

<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>
7.565	7.08	McBride	Trey	2022	Colorado St	6	3.5	246	8.11	7.25	9.66
7.026	6.36	Hockenson	T.J.	2019	Iowa	6	4.6	251	6.26	5.91	7.78
6.118	1.45	Clark	Dallas	2003	Iowa	6	3.3	257	6.21	10.05	8.31
4.051	7.91	Tamme	Jacob	2008	Kentucky	6	3.4	236	9.13	3.44	7.03
4.398	5.73	Gray	Noah	2021	Duke	6	3.0	240	6.57	4.21	6.79
6.170	7.14	Hopkins	Brycen	2020	Purdue	6	3.7	245	5.04	5.86	7.68
8.116	9.29	Beckum	Travis	2009	Wisconsin	6	3.0	239	8.84	6.15	12.29

**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.

2022 NFL Draft Outlook:

The world seems to have settled on McBride as the top TE prospect, and he’s so exciting it means he’s a 2nd-round projection...mid-to-later 2nd-round. The NFL loves guys like him, so he will be taken 2nd-round.

If I were an NFL GM, McBride is just not my kinda guy...doesn’t get my juices flowing. He’s fine. He’s solid. He is worthy. I just think I could do better, especially for the price/2nd-round pick.

NFL Outlook:

Will be drafted to probably start right away. One way or the other he’ll be pushed to play, and he’ll handle himself just fine and he’ll be a solid pass catching tight end, who will be as exciting as the QB/offense he plays with allows.

The draftniks will be all excited about McBride this summer...but he’s going to be a very forgettable by winter but will be a solid/capable/worthy NFL TE...like **T.J. Hockenson**.

