



NFL Draft 2022 Scouting Report: DT Devonte Wyatt, Georgia

**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.*

As I entered this study, **Devonte Wyatt** had taken a 1-2 punch of a nice showing at the Senior Bowl PLUS surprising/terrific speed times at the 2022 NFL Combine to jump into the 1st-round of many mock drafts and draft rankings.

I had positive notes on Wyatt's Senior Bowl week as well, then when I saw the Combine results (headlined by a 4.77 40-time at 6'3"/304) – it became a 'given' in my mind...Wyatt had to be a 1st-round prospect.

As I set out to study Wyatt deeper, ready to see a top NFL Draft prospect...I was more 'letdown' by Wyatt than I was emboldened or excited.

What I do not understand about Wyatt or his teammate DT **Jordan Davis**...is how they posted such bland careers at Georgia, once we all knew they were historical Combine freaks? You couldn't double team these guys, so one or both of Davis and Wyatt should have been massive producers (for a DT) via numbers/stats in college...you'd think...or even just above average...or even just plain old average statistical producers. They weren't.

42 career games for Wyatt...49 solo tackles. 5.0 sacks. 12 TFLs. 2 forced fumbles.

Those are OK-ish college DT numbers, for a fringe NFL or future XFL or USFL hopeful -- but they are not befitting of, or a foreshadowing of some elite Combine athlete playing on the most stacked D-Line in recent memory and is thus a top 20 NFL draft prospects. Hell, Oklahoma DT **Perrion Winfrey** had more sacks and one less TFL in his 2021 season (and just in 11 games played) alone than Wyatt had sacks/TFLs in his 42-game career. I don't understand how this is possible – why are the Georgia freak athlete DTs so unproductive, on paper?

I'm tired of the excuse of: 'well, the Georgia DTs were asked to play run stopping roles'. What? All DTs are asked to play run stopping roles along with trying to get to the backfield on obvious passing downs. It's not like I'm watching the tape and neither Georgia DT is trying to get past his opposing blocker off the snap and into the backfield...they weren't just standing upright off the snap and dancing with a blocker waiting for a running play 95% of the time. They played like normal college 4-3 scheme defensive tackles 90% of the time...with the luxury of rotating out to stay fresh – even more reason to wonder why they were so underproductive.

A freakish athlete/speed time guy like Wyatt should have been living in the backfield with TFLs on run plays and grabbing plenty of sacks in the passing game...especially with the group around him allowing



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so many 1-on-1 matchups for DTs to win. Yet, Wyatt wound up with a quiet career and many games of little to 'nothing' for production.

I mean, I watched tape of Wyatt in 2021...and he looks fine. He can get after players when he's running free. I can see he's fast/has nice movement skills. I also rewatched Wyatt's Senior Bowl drills tape...and that's where Wyatt caught huge media momentum – and in Mobile he was constantly burning opposing blockers in 1-on-1 drills. Near unstoppable, unblockable at the Senior Bowl. How could this unstoppable force have just 2.5 sacks in 13 games last season on the stacked Georgia team (and one of the sacks vs. Charleston Southern)? I don't get it.

If you told me Wyatt was a 5.00 40-time runner, I would think his career numbers were still weak but I could blow by thinking 'that sounds about right'...and I'd think he's a nice 3rd-4th-round prospect, maybe, at best. But then we see the 4.77 40-time, and we think he has to be great, right? But in college, on this freak defensive line...Wyatt was just solid/OK.

By no means am I suggesting 'bust' with Wyatt, but there's a big difference (for the NFL) in the value of a freak/elite DT prospect versus a really solid, quick one. A freak 4-3 scheme DT could/should be a top 10-15 pick. A generically, forgettable 'good'/OK DT prospect is like a 2nd-4th-rounder for a team in need of good, warm bodies.

Final season production from recent top draft pick DTs...

2021 top DT selected: **Christian Barmore**...3.3 tackles, 0.86 TFLs, 0.72 sacks per game (310 pounds)

2020 top DT selected: **Derrick Brown**...4.5 tackles, 0.96 TFLs, 0.33 sacks per game (326 pounds)

2022 top DT selected(?): **Devonte Wyatt**...3.0 tackles, 0.53 TFLs, 0.19 sacks per game (304 pounds)

2022 top DT ignored: **Travis Jones**...4.4 tackles, 0.68 TFLs, .41 sacks per game (327 pounds)

Wyatt's Combine is trying to say he's a bit of a speed freak. His tape and production say he's 'fine'/solid/slightly underwhelming. I watched him against Alabama, twice, in 2021 season...he was fine/solid. He didn't stand out. The Alabama O-Line, having to deal with all the Georgia talent and the OLs didn't seem to be at a loss for containing Wyatt. If I didn't know Wyatt ran a 4.77 40-time at the Combine, so impressive for his size, then I wouldn't have even bothered to use a day of study and then write a detailed report...and he wouldn't be a top 20-50 overall prospect consideration/hopeful.

And it's the year 2022...a 300-pound man running a sub-5.00 40-time isn't as impressive as it used to be. Wyatt ran a 4.77 at 304 pounds. **Jordan Davis** ran 4.78 at 341 pounds...that's a freakshow.

UConn DT prospect **Travis Jones** ran a 4.92 at 325 pounds at the Combine this year – that's more impressive/as impressive than Wyatt's 40-time at 304 pounds. And Jones was also as/more impressive



at the 2022 Senior Bowl...probably more impressive considering he is 20+ heavier/thicker...and noting Jones has more statistical production than Wyatt, statistically, in his career.

I keep mentioning 40-time, but if we look at the more important three-cone and shuttle...325-pound Travis Jones was better, as were a few other 300 +/- pound DT prospects.

Again, I'm not trying to call 'bust' on Wyatt...it's just, I don't get why he's getting the media ride/push while **Travis Jones** and **Perrion Winfrey** take such a backseat. Wyatt and Jones and Winfrey all dominated at the Senior Bowl...but as the week went on, Winfrey and Jones were more standouts to me. And it's one thing to look great in 1-on-1s at the Senior Bowl, but when it got to 11-on-11s, you'd notice Winfrey and Jones more than Wyatt.

Wyatt is a 'B-C' grade on tape...an 'A-B' in speed 'measurables'...a 'C' or worse grade producer. So, what overall grade do you place on him? Bet on the upside/movement skills and push the grade higher? Worry about the dull production...or dismiss it?

Whether you go 'B' or 'C', or even reach for an 'A' upside – you also have to consider a 2020 domestic violence event that resulted in three misdemeanor charges against Wyatt. Wyatt didn't hit/physically touch anyone but did get into some kind of altercation with an ex-girlfriend and kicked a door down – that won't help him separate positively from **Travis Jones**, etc., with the NFL background checkers. Note: Wyatt was never punished by the school for the 2020 incident.

In interviews, Wyatt seems like a friendly giant. There's been no other incidents on his record. He's a legit NFL body and prospect, with upside. A franchise DT? Doesn't feel like it, but it's not totally out of the question. Are there other 4-3 scheme DTs better than Wyatt in this draft? Yes.

Devonte Wyatt, Through the Lens of Our DT Scouting Algorithm:

-- Best season for sacks was 2021 with 2.5...with 1.0 of those sacks coming against an FCS team. His other 1.5 sacks in 2021 all came against Arkansas – which means Wyatt has registered at least one sack versus D1 competition in just three individual games in his 39 games of D1 play in his career.

In 2020 season, in 9 games...no sacks. How is this possible? Eight of his 9 games in 2020 he didn't even register a TFL in a game. How?

Very spotty, erratic...underwhelming results from Wyatt in his career.

Was credited with 14 'hurries' in 2021 by some stat outlet, but I saw he had just three 'hurries' logged by a different outlet. There's so much variation and hometown cooking in some secondary stats that it's



hard to rely on. Relying on my eyes, just watching Wyatt in his matchups against the better opponents, he wasn't a force...but he wasn't terrible either. He was kinda 'there'...and that's about it. Not overmatched but not standing out in any way.

-- 0 or 1 solo tackles in a game in eight of his 13 games in 2021.

0 or 1 solo tackles in a game in 14 of his last/final 22 college games.

He's just not showing signs of this dominant force in raw output/stats.

-- 49 solo tackles in his 42-game career...barely 1.0 solos per game. 64 assisted tackles...more assisted than solo, not a great sign.

The Historical DT Prospects to Whom Devonte Wyatt Most Compares Within Our System:

Wyatt is comping with a bunch of fringe, underwhelming NFL DTs...or never-weres that ran pretty fast 40s pre-Draft in their day. Another 'not a good sign'.

DT Grade	Last	First	Draft Yr	College	H	W	Power Strgth	Speed Agility	Pass Rusher	Tackle rating	NT Profile
6.909	Wyatt	Devonte	2022	Georgia	74.7	304	6.23	8.40	7.19	6.21	3.42
4.086	Tomasi	Laulile	2018	BYU	74.5	301	5.98	8.28	6.83	5.39	1.61
5.039	Irvin	Corvey	2009	Georgia	75.0	301	6.55	7.79	5.41	6.08	1.03
3.865	Adams	Montravius	2017	Auburn	75.5	304	6.05	6.00	5.85	5.87	2.44
4.481	Roach	Malcolm	2020	Texas	74.1	297	6.55	6.13	5.04	6.60	1.85
3.186	Reid	Caraun	2014	Princeton	74.1	302	5.48	6.91	6.32	4.10	0.72
3.651	Gallimore	Neville	2020	Oklahoma	74.0	304	5.61	4.47	5.41	4.35	2.66

**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'.

2022 NFL Draft Outlook:

Everywhere I look, Wyatt is being mocked as a late 1st-round pick and about 10+ picks after his teammate **Jordan Davis** is typically mock drafted at. I think Wyatt is going to fall to early 2nd-round, but late 1st-round would not shock me.

If I were an NFL GM, and I needed a 4-3 scheme DT...I wouldn't chase after Wyatt. I'd go for **Travis Jones** if I wanted a 4-3/3-4 scheme flexible DT...or go **Perrion Winfrey** as more of a disruptor, if he came cheaper.

The more I consider Wyatt's draft case...the more I'm just not moved or interested, and I get the Spidey sense that he's not going to be that great a pro...just a decent, forgettable warm body.



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NFL Outlook:

Likely just a decent, forgettable warm body 4-3 DT that draftniks over-invest emotion into now because it's draft time and people said nice things about him at the Senior Bowl and he ran fast at the Combine...because that's the season we're in.

We force ourselves to fall in draft-love with **Javon Kinlaw** or **Raekwon Davis** or **Neville Gallimore**...and then we can't hardly remember them two years later, but in their pre-Draft days there were odes and poems written of their greatness and potential. Wyatt feels like the next log on that silly fire.

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