

DeForest Buckner

Height: 6'7" Weight: 290 Arms: 34"

DE/DT Oregon Sr.

Combine: **40 yd Dash:** 5:05 **Bench:** DNP **Vert:** 32"

Pros:

- Incredibly strong, basically bench presses defensive tackles
- Violent contact at the line of scrimmage, blows up running lanes
- Decent swim move
- Plays with fire and has high motor on every play
- Shows quickness to edge, initial burst is impressive
- Violent hands at point of attack

Cons:

- Needs to play with more discipline. Gets wrapped up in dominating man across from him instead of assignment.
- Very Raw player with incredible upside, but very few pass rushing moves
- Relies too much on talent instead of developing nuisances to his game.
- Horrible pad level, doesn't keep his center of gravity low
- Can get blindsided by double teams, needs to be more aware

Buckner is one of the most talented players in the draft from a physical perspective. He's a lean 290 and can run well for a man his size. His power is off the charts and he engages every block with ferocity. The downside is that he gets wrapped up in shoving matches with linemen instead of shedding them and making the play. He also has terrible pad level. He loses so many battles because he's too high. For a man who's 6'7" he has to put extra emphasis on it or he will continue to be beaten by blockers who have no business beating him. With training, discipline and some work in the pass rushing department, Buckner could be a Calais Campbell type player who can affect the game in the run and the pass from the 5 technique in a 3-4. Top 5 pick with superstar potential.