

Robert Nkemdiche
DE/DT Ole Miss
Height: 6-4 Weight: 300 Arms: 34"

Combine: **40 yd Dash:** 4.87 **Bench:** 28 reps **Vert:** 35"

Pros:

- Incredibly explosive at the snap.
- Uses leverage to blow past guards.
- Has combo moves and outside rush to go with power game
- Exceptional athlete. Rare blend of size speed and power
- Brutally strong when he gets his arms locked out
- Flashes dominance when engaged

Cons:

- Can get blown off the ball by power guards/tackles
- Inconsistent pad level leads to inconsistent play
- Doesn't always maintain lane discipline
- When he gets stuck, he gives up on rushes
- Not an edge rusher, can't bend the corner
- Needs to develop more sophistication in his hand work

Incredible physical talent to go along with a nasty streak, Nkemdiche will be a difference maker at either the 3 technique or as a 5 technique in a 3-4. Best suited inside and has the potential to be an all-pro. He's not a classic run stuffer with the lower body of a tree trunk, but he's strong, fast and can beat linemen with either speed, or brutal power. Nkemdiche should be considered a three down player with his ability to collapse the pocket from the interior of the offensive line. However, when he has been asked to rush from the edge, he has not shown the ability to bend the corner due to his stiff hips. That's shouldn't be a problem because he can rush from a variety of position along the defensive line. The problem is his off-the-field conduct. Teams are wary to trust Nkemdiche with a top five selection, which he warrants. He'll go in the 1st round without question because some team will value his talent and athleticism over his personal conduct.