

Ryan Smith

CB NC Central Rs. Sr.

Height: 5'11" Weight: 189 Arms: 30.5"

Combine: **40 yd Dash:** 4.47 **3 Cone:** 6.88 **20 YD Shuttle:** 4.09 **Vert:** 36"

Pros:

- Fast, physical corner
- Great hips to turn and run
- Very aggressive when breaking on play
- Ball skills to turn and make play
- Tracks ball well over his shoulder
- Stays in hip pocket of receiver
- NFL speed and acceleration
- Played in 42 of 45 possible games
- Good tackler
- Lined up at FS as well as corner
- Good vertical leap

Cons:

- Level of competition is a concern
- Will need to develop a jam
- Small hands and short arms
- Needs to stay lower in his back pedal
- Explosion and acceleration are average

A late bloomer out of high school, Ryan Smith has made a lot of noise in recent months during the NFL evaluation process. He's a small school athlete from North Carolina Central who excelled in Division 2. He finished his career by setting a record in solo tackles with 168 in four seasons. Smith is an extremely fluid athlete with loose hips that allow him to turn and run with just about any receiver. He does a good job reading tells and doesn't bite on play fakes. He's a solid enough tackler that he was used at safety as well but will be relegated to playing corner in the NFL. His small school status will hurt his draft stock but he has the talent and natural football instincts to be a starting player at the next level. Mid round steal who could start eventually in his career