

Shaq Lawson

Height: 6'3" Weight: 269 Arms: 33"

OLB Clemson Rs. Sr.

Combine: **40 yd Dash:** 4.79 **20 Yd Shuttle :** 4.21 **Vert:** 33"

**Pros:**

- Incredibly instinctual athlete
- Very disciplined run defender
- Plays just as effectively standing up in 3 point
- Natural pass rusher who can bend the corner
- Explosive and strong
- Uses leverage to his advantage
- Sets up tackle with moves and counter moves
- Flexible and fluid athlete who can drop
- Strong player who punches above weight
- Thickly built with great base
- Tough player who played through injury

**Cons:**

- Knee injury limited last few games
- Has a bit of extra weight around midsection
- Conditioning is a concern
- Gets stuck inside on rush
- Pad level gets too high on occasion
- Let's players into chest occasionally

Shaq Lawson is one of the most impressive run defenders in this class. It's not just his strength or lower body strength that makes him stand out, he's probably the best technician. As far as read-to-start prospects, Lawson's name should be at the top of the list. But he's not a one dimensional prospect. He's got quickness, and a variety of moves to get by tackles. He explodes off the line and uses great effort to get to the quarterback. While he's not Aldon Smith or Von Miller, he's a good enough athlete to make plays in the backfield. One knock against Lawson is that he carries extra weight around his midsection and he seems to tire as the game and season goes on. He will have to shed some weight and add quickness to continue his effectiveness at the next level. Lawson is ideally suited in a hybrid system where he can line up in both a two and three point stance. Plug and play player who will have an impact as a rookie. Should be considered one of the top 15 players in this draft.