

Vernon Butler  
DT LA Tech Sr.  
Height: 6'4" Weight: 323 Arms: 35"

Combine: **40 yd Dash:** 5.33 **Bench:** 26 reps **Vert:** 29.5"

**Pros:**

- Massive defensive nose tackle
- Very light footed, moves very well
- Quickness and explosion are great
- Lower body composition is great
- Active hands
- Good pad level
- Flashes run stuffing prowess
- Simply blows by guards
- Long arms to lock out blocker
- Collapses pocket with bull rush

**Cons:**

- Doesn't make enough plays
- Play strength isn't always there
- Tries to play like a defensive end
- Can rely on power over technique

After a lack of decent nose tackle prospects, the 2016 NFL draft is chalked full of them. Vernon has incredible upside with his quick feet, exceptional length, and strength. He's smart and plays with great awareness as well. He's a very good athlete for 323 and runs like a man who is 30 pounds lighter. Unfortunately he plays like he's 30 pounds lighter at times. Butler has a tendency to play small at times and tries to do too much. He works himself out of plays as much as he works himself into them. At the next level he could become a dominant run stuffing nose tackle who collapses the pocket on passing downs if he learns to play to his size.