

CURTIS SAMEUL

OHIO STATE

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 197

Arms: 31.25'

Combine:

40 yd Dash: 4.31

3 Cone: 7.09

20 yd Shuttle: 4.33

Vert: 37"

<u>Pros:</u>	<u>Cons:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incredibly explosive athlete - High end NFL speed and acceleration - Versatile player who lines up in the slot, RB, Z - Explosive double moves to burn DB - Good leaping ability - Incredibly elusive and very good vision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undersized, lacks thickness and power for RB - Gadget player with no true position - Redirected and manhandled at line - Routes are okay, instincts may be lacking - Average catch radius

Summary: Few players are as electric as Ohio State's Curtis Samuel. No matter where you line him up, Samuel has the speed and acceleration to go the distance in an instant. But where does he line up? Samuel was listed as an H-Back by Ohio State and lined up equally at receiver and running back during his time in Columbus. During awards season, the Brooklyn, NY Native was named to the All-Big 10 1st team as a receiver and the all-purpose position on the AP All-American 1st team. He was the only player in the country that had over 700 yards rushing (704) and receiving (822) and 14 touchdowns. Samuel will have to transition full-time to receiver in the NFL because he lacks the lower body bulk and overall mass to play running back. He's a great talent as a one-cut runner who gets downhill in a hurry but he will struggle to stand up the punishment and won't be an every-down player. As a receiver, he's incredibly fast with quick feet. He sets up defenders with lightning-quick stutter steps to get them off balance. He has the potential to be a fantastic route runner with the ability to power down quickly and explode out of cuts. Samuel has great deep speed and eats up yards in a hurry with long strides despite his average height. He'll be an explosive talent who can run a full route tree in the NFL. However, the junior Buckeye doesn't show the most natural hands, nor does he have a sophisticated game as a receiver. He is explosive and has a good vertical leap, but that doesn't translate to the field. He does a poor job on jump balls or balls thrown outside his frame. Samuel shows the ability to beat the press at the line of scrimmage with great double moves, but he did not have to do it much in college. He also shows a passive side that allows himself to be pushed around and redirected by defenders. With a lack of a true position and issues that should give teams pause at either position he plays, Samuel will most likely be a 2nd day pick with an outlook similar to Braxton Miller. Samuel has a bright future in the NFL, but he is by no means a complete prospect worthy of a 1st round pick.