

DEREK BARNETT

TENNESSEE

Height: 6'3" Weight: 265 Arms: 32"

Combine:

40 yd Dash: 4.88 3 Cone: 6.96 20 yd Shuttle: 4.44 Vert: 31"

<u>Pros:</u>	<u>Cons:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good punch behind hands - Thick athlete with good body composition - Incredible edge bender, wow factor - Very good hand fighter, natural pass rusher - Makes a great use of angles and pad level - Impressive hand fighter to shed blocks quickly - Gap penetrator who can wreck a play - Very good awareness, great instincts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not a top 5 athlete - Burst off the line isn't a game changer - Shorter defensive end who lacks arm length - Does not look great in space - Not a chase player, limited top speed - Needs to develop more counters/inside moves - Average edge defender, okay vs run

Summary: Tennessee junior pass rusher Derek Barnett makes his living rushing the passer. Barnett is the all-time leader in sacks at Tennessee with 33, surpassing Reggie White by one in only three years. Barnett was an AP-All American 1st team selection this year and a 2nd team all-sec his sophomore season. The former Volunteer was also one tackle for a loss short of the all-time record at Tennessee as well. Barnett has the markers of a great pass rusher in the NFL. He can bend the edge better than any player in recent memory. He can dip under a tackle's arm and run so close to the ground that it's astounding. That ability is rare and makes up for a lot of deficiencies in his game. Barnett's primary move is to the outside as a speed rusher, where he can club, rip and swim to get by the tackle. Barnett also shows good presence in the run game. He's a thick athlete who doesn't have the greatest speed or strength, but is solid in both areas. Barnett gives good effort in run defense but doesn't have the speed and chase ability to play in the flat and make tackles outside the box. He struggles to set the edge vs long tackles or double teams as well. While that is the case, Barnett doesn't have any glaring weaknesses. With his body type and continued technique development, he can become an all-around defensive end in the NFL. His movement skills in space are average and doesn't project very well as a linebacker in a 3-4. Either way, it would be a waste to have him moving backward instead of at the quarterback. One concern about the former Volunteer is his lack of height. He has average arm length and may struggle to disengage no matter how he is used at the next level. With quality pass rushers in this draft ahead of him, Barnett may slip down into the middle picks of the first round, but he won't last much longer than that. Highly productive sack machine who has some acceptable flaws.