

JONATHAN ALLEN

ALABAMA

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 293

Arms:

Combine:

40 yd Dash: 5.00

3 Cone: 7.49

20 yd Shuttle: 4.50

Vert: 30"

<u>Pros:</u>	<u>Cons:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Great lower body strength and bulk - Great balance on contact - Very good use of hands to shed blocks on rush - Excellent one gap penetrator - Highly productive interior pass rusher - Position versatility with size and quickness - Technically excellent run defender - Superb pad level - Uncommon combination of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not as tough and nasty as most 'Bama players - Shoulder injuries have medical questions - Position flexibility but no true position - More technical than strong, doesn't overpower - Quick but not fast - Doesn't hold up to double teams - Doesn't have the speed to threaten the edge

Summary: Senior Crimson Tide defensive lineman Jonathan Allen defined versatility during college. The 293 pound defensive end played inside, outside and allowed Alabama to move out of its traditional 3-4 front and play with four down linemen while not sacrificing size or run stopping capabilities. Despite the presence of Ryan Anderson and Tim Williams, Allen was the premiere pass rusher for the 'Bama front seven and ended the previous two years with double digits sack totals. Allen shows natural athleticism of a man 20 pounds lighter, while having enough strength to be a factor in the running game. Allen is a devastating inside pass rusher with a variety of moves that help him shed blockers and put pressure on the quarterback in his face, which is a highly sought after commodity. The consensus All-American does a very good job keeping blockers out of his chest and sheds blocks to make plays in the running game in impressive fashion. At times it looks like blockers simply wash over him on to the next defender. He does a very good job reading and then disengaging to make a play. Despite his high upside and marriage of physical prowess and technical excellence, Allen does have some red flags. He was listed at 283 this past season, but weighed in at the combine 10 pounds heavier. The unanimous team-captain doesn't play like a defensive tackle either. He doesn't take on double teams well, and was next to some impressive run stuffers, who took on the brunt of that job on early downs. Allen doesn't seem to relish contact, nor does he play with the physicality of a top flight defensive tackle. That may be due to having both shoulders reconstructed during his college career and the presence of arthritis at a young age. Teams will have to be aware of this and cautious about his future, even though he played this last season pain free and seems to be beyond the injuries. Without the speed of a top flight defensive end to contain the run to the outside and rush the passer, Allen is a smaller, shorter interior pass rusher who may only fit certain positions at the next level. It's hard to say he won't be successful, but there is reason to be worried. He's not a lock top 5 pick, but Allen is a very good player.