

REUBEN FOSTER

ALABAMA

Height: 6'0" **Weight:** 229 **Arms:** 32.5"

Combine:

40 yd Dash: DNP

3 Cone: DNP

20 yd Shuttle: DNP

Vert: DNP

<u>Pros:</u>	<u>Cons:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heat seeking missile at LB, hits like ton of bricks - Fast, athletic and strong, plays bigger - Aware player who is always in position - Very good in zone coverage, 3 down linebacker - Sideline to sideline chase player - Agile and explosive, can move in any direction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short with slightly below average arm length - Hot-head who will be flag magnet - Undersized at 229 - Wants to punish instead of tackle, reckless - Short arms don't let him shed blocks - Asked to leave Combine after altercation - Rumbblings of character concerns

Summary: Normally you want a linebacker as big and strong as possible but Reuben Foster lost 15-20 pounds last offseason and exploded on to the scene for the Alabama Crimson Tide. He was the Butkus Award winner for the nation's best linebacker, a consensus All-American 1st teamer and defensive leader for the Tide. Foster ended the season with 94 tackles, 12 TFL and five sacks. The two year starter is not a prototype build at linebacker, being slightly undersized at 6'0", 229 but he plays much, much bigger. He's as explosive as any linebacker in recent memory and hits like a ton of bricks. While Foster isn't always in the right position, he plays with confidence and aggression that can't be taught. He's a punishing tackler who flies to the football and makes an impact. Foster has great speed on tape and makes plays all over the field. He's a good coverage linebacker who can play in space, which is essential in today's NFL. Foster is strong for his size and very agile, being able to stay with receivers in zone coverage. The Auburn native plays with such aggression that it hurts his production in some areas. He's liable to be a flag magnet at the next level if he can't lower his strike zone. There are also concerns with his maturity going back to his time at Alabama that resurfaced at the NFL Combine, where he was asked to leave after an altercation with a medical professional at the hospital. Despite his character concerns, many teams still have him as the top linebacker in the 2017 NFL Draft. His tape warrants a top 10 pick and he may be the best pure linebacker to enter the draft in the last four or five years.