

# ISAAC ASIATA

UTAH

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 323

Arms: 33.75"

Combine:

40 yd Dash: 5.34

3 Cone: 7.83

20 yd Shuttle: 4.93

Vert: 25.5

<u>Pros:</u>	<u>Cons:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aggressive run blocker, nasty streak</li> <li>- Great hip snap into block and effort</li> <li>- Great pad level, wins leverage battle often</li> <li>- Absolute road grader</li> <li>- Strong power with powerful lower body</li> <li>- Explosive in his movement, good athlete</li> <li>- Flexible enough hips to function at position</li> <li>- Quick enough feet, flashes of dominance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plays a bit out of control, faster than he can</li> <li>- Pulling footwork needs to be improved</li> <li>- Lunges and loses footing</li> <li>- Pass protection needs a lot of work</li> <li>- Tends to lean on players instead of locking out</li> <li>- Negates physical gifts by playing out of balance</li> </ul>

**Summary:** Redshirt senior Isaac Asiata enters the 2017 NFL Draft as one of the most physical guard prospects in the draft. His play his final season in Salt Lake City earned him 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Pac 12 honors and the Morris Trophy winner. The Morris trophy is voted on by defensive lineman in the Pac 12 for the best offensive linemen. It's easy to understand why defensive linemen would feel that way about Asiata, who is the cousin of Matt Asiata of the Minnesota Vikings. The younger Asiata plays with an aggressive tenacity that makes him one of the best run blockers in this class. He fires out of his stance low, and explodes into defensive linemen. His has great hip snap and wins the leverage battle more times than not. He plays flat backed and with short choppy steps, creating great space in the running game. The Spanish Fork, UT, native has good hip flexibility and quick enough feet to succeed in the NFL. When run blocking, Asiata pops off the tape as a true road grader. However, his tenacity and aggressiveness is also his greatest weakness. He doesn't so much pass block as he does run block from a pass blocking posture. He attacks pass rushers and opens himself up to swim moves and being pulled off his base. He leans too much and doesn't play with great technique. Though his feet are quick enough, he's generally going in the wrong direction. This also spills over into his run blocking. While he plays with great leverage and pad level, he plays out of control and leans too much over his toes. Right now, Asiata ends up on the ground more than he should for a man with his athleticism. If Asiata can play within himself and learn to be patient in pass protection, he will be an above-average starter in the NFL and an all-pro run blocker. Teams who want to run power running games will salivate over his skill set. Even with his current shortcomings, he's a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> round pick who will start in the NFL.