

# CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY

STANFORD

Height: 5'11"      Weight: 202      Arms: 30"

Combine:

40 yd Dash: 4.48

3 Cone: 6.57

20 yd Shuttle: 4.22

Vert: 37.5"

<u>Pros:</u>	<u>Cons:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incredibly fast, explosive tailback</li> <li>- Moves laterally as fast as he does forward</li> <li>- Very Patient runner with good vision</li> <li>- Great vision and instincts</li> <li>- Versatile player who can line up everywhere</li> <li>- Well schooled, disciplined slash player</li> <li>- A demon when given space</li> <li>- Can play slot like WR</li> <li>- Natural hands like his father</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Built like a receiver, not a lot of leg drive</li> <li>- Very little power behind leg drive</li> <li>- Has issues running between tackles</li> <li>- Good pass blocker</li> <li>- Not a lead back</li> </ul>

Summary: Junior Christian McCaffrey, son of NFL standout Ed McCaffrey, is another great prospect in a deep running back class in 2017. McCaffrey is a two time All-American and should have arguably been the Heisman winner in 2016 after setting the single season all-purpose yardage record with 3,864 yards from scrimmage. He led his team in rushing and receiving yards from the running back position in 2015, was the Pac-12 offensive player of the year, and the Rose Bowl offensive player of the game after a legendary performance vs Iowa. His production dipped in 2016, but how could it not? He was an AP-All American second team and still finished the season first in the nation with 211.6 all-purpose yards per game. The difference between his 2015 play and 2016 is clear. The cast around McCaffrey in 2015 was much stronger than it was in 2016. With the departure of Senior QB Kevin Hogan, along with a plethora of lineman and other threats in the passing game, teams could key on McCaffrey. With a new quarterback, Stanford's offense was simplified and the team leaned on the running game, led by McCaffrey. These are not the Colorado native's strengths. McCaffrey does his best work in space. His agility and acceleration are incredible. He does not lose speed when cutting and is an incredibly fluid athlete. He brings dynamism to the return game, and is a threat to catch the ball out of the backfield, as well as lined up in the slot. He's not a polished route runner, so a full time transition to wide receiver in the NFL would be unadvisable right away. The problem is that McCaffrey is built like a wide receiver, like his father. He doesn't have the lower body thickness to consistently break tackles and move the pile. This isn't to say that he can't break tackles and he does it on occasion. McCaffrey doesn't shy away from contact but it is not to his strength. This limits his draftability when there are a glut of talented backs in 2017. The bottom line though is that McCaffrey is a dynamic, smart, hardworking and talented player. He's got the NFL bloodlines and he does all the little things well. He'll succeed in the NFL but he can't be the featured weapon in an offense. First round talent but will likely be a 2<sup>nd</sup> round pick with incredible value for the right team.