

BUDDA BAKER

WASHINGTON

Height: 5'11" Weight: 195 Arms: 30.75"

Combine:

40 yd Dash: 4.45

3 Cone: 6.76

20 yd Shuttle: 4.08

Vert: 32.5"

<u>Pros:</u>	<u>Cons:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Twitchy, explosive athlete - Elite speed, acceleration and agility - Can turn and run with most receivers - Strong, punches well above weight - Aggressive and confident, flies around field - Secure tackler, doesn't miss much - Used extensively in the slot - Solid in run support, will make play in alley - Teams don't throw at him - Quick diagnosis of play, reacts immediately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undersized and built like a corner - Not much of a hitter, drag down tackler - Can be neutralized vs run by strong receiver - Short arms and lacks elite vertical leap - Reduced to ankle biter by big backs - Health issues due to size and playing style

Summary: If you are looking for a next level player who can affect games in every phase of the game, look no further than Washington's Budda Baker. The AP –All American is one of the most complete safeties in this draft and had the physical tools to be a dominant player in the NFL. He finished this past season with 76 tackles, 10 for loss, three sacks, eight passes defensed and two interceptions. What limits him from being a top 10 talent is the fact that he's 5'11" 195 with a narrow frame and short arms. If you can get past that, he's a safety playing in a corner's body. That type of player will be devastating to quarterbacks at the next level. He was asked to cover the slot at Washington and did so with great efficiency. He's quick with fluid hips and the ability to turn and run in any direction. He's sound in zone coverage and can play deep or near the line of scrimmage. Baker, despite his size is highly effective in the running game. No, he won't be a heavy hitter who punishes running backs, but he's a sure tackler who is much stronger than his size indicates. He does struggle to bring down big backs and can be an ankle-biter at times, but she is hard to block and will shoot in from deep to make the play and rarely does he miss. The point is to get the ball carrier on the ground isn't it? Quarterbacks rarely throw at Baker, which is a reason that he has so few interceptions. He'll be a first round pick, no matter what draft pundits will say. If not, he's a steal in Round 2.