



Saquon Barkley

Penn State

HEIGHT: 6'0"

WEIGHT: 230

ARMS: 32.5"

COMBINE:

40 YD DASH: 4.40

3 CONE: DNP

20 YD SHUTTLE: 4.24

VERT: 41"

PROS

- Generational physical talent
- Thickly built, powerful legs and upper body
- Incredibly elusive with freakish burst
- Plays faster than he times
- Three down back who can catch and block
- Runs good routes
- Lateral agility of man half his size
- Good leader and presence in the locker room
- Well known for good personality and work ethic
- Driven player and person

CONS

- Tries to break nearly every run to the outside
- Not a contact runner who excels in short yards
- Does not make adequate use of size
- Might be 'too nice' (if that's a thing)

SUMMARY

Junior tailback Saquon Barkley of Penn State is the kind of generational talent that makes you stop and watch no matter what you're doing. While he came up just short of the all-time mark in rushing at Penn State in his final year in Happy Valley, he set over 30 records while on campus. Barkley is a legitimate 230 pounds with great proportional weight and core strength. He has massive legs and is a notorious weight lifter. While big and imposing, he runs like a scat-back with lightning quickness and elusiveness of a player 20 pounds lighter. At times his moves defy the laws of physics and what should and should not be allowed by a human body. Barkley was 1st team All-American his junior year and was a finalists for the Heisman Trophy. The Coplay native is a three down back who can catch, block and run good routes. Probably the most impressive quality he possesses is his balance. Barkley can be hit in mid-air and still maintain his center of gravity. While he's tall, he runs with a low profile and does not give himself up to big hits. The issue with Barkley is that he does not run with the power he clearly possesses. He would rather run around you than over you. He's struggled in short yardage situations or in the open field versus a quality defender who does not bite on his man moves. He will have to improve with his decisiveness at the next level and not try to bounce every run to the outside. Barkley is a tireless worker and high quality individual who does not come with character concerns. He's a top 5 talent who will again bring up the question of the value of a running back in the top 5.