



Calvin Ridley

Alabama

HEIGHT: 6'0"**WEIGHT:** 189**ARMS:** 31.5"**COMBINE:****40 YD DASH:** 4.43**3 CONE:** 6.88**20 YD SHUTTLE:** 4.41**VERT:** 31"

PROS

- Ultra shifty player with a smooth gait
- Agility to run anywhere on the field
- Uses multiple gears to get open, crafty routes
- Good hands, does not trap ball against body
- Sets up route well with lightning quick jab steps
- Explosive movements in the short area
- Beats press well despite lack of size

CONS

- Narrow frame with not a lot of bulk, short arms
- Never shows outstanding leaping ability
- Overall athleticism is good but not No 1 WR
- Not strong enough to beat press at line
- Top speed doesn't blow you away
- Not a blocker in the run game

SUMMARY

In a draft year that lacks high end wide receiver talent, Alabama's Calvin Ridley stands above the rest as the clear-cut best prospect. Ridley may not be a number one wide receiver by his measurements but he plays like one. The Fort Lauderdale native gets wide open with a combination of superb route running and explosive, short area agility. Ridley is able to shake free from defenders at the line of scrimmage and use jab steps, head fakes and great cuts at the top of his routes to create separation. Despite playing in a run first offense led by a quarterback who was inept at throwing, Ridley still managed 15 receptions of 20 plus yards and finished second all time in Alabama history with 224 catches. The concern with Ridley is that he is an elusive, slot type receiver who does not have mind blowing deep speed. He does a good job of beating the press at the line but will be overpowered by corners in the NFL that can match his skill at the line. Ridley also does not show a propensity to win jump balls or make plays on contested catches. He's not the perfect picture of an NFL deep threat or lead receiver, but his outstanding agility and overall polish to his game make him the top target in this draft. Will likely be taken in the top 15.