



Lamar Jackson

Louisville

HEIGHT: 6'2"

WEIGHT: 216

ARMS: 33"

COMBINE:

40 YD DASH: DNP

3 CONE: DNP

20 YD SHUTTLE: DNP

VERT: DNP

PROS

- Good sized QB with great potential
- Quick delivery and release
- Good arm strength
- Shows ability to make reads and deliver ball
- When his feet are right, he's amazing

CONS

- Good size, but narrow hips and shoulder
- Terribly inconsistent footwork
- Seems like a one speed pitcher
- Stops feet when he has clean pocket
- Short-strides into throws
- Takes too many hits
- Stares down 1st read too often
- Doesn't trust what he sees

SUMMARY

The conversation about Louisville junior quarterback Lamar Jackson has become incredibly divisive. Jackson is one of a handful of players to win a Heisman trophy as a sophomore and was a lethal dual threat. He accounted for a staggering 119 total touchdowns running (50) and throwing (69) in three years while amassing over 13,000 yards running and passing. Jackson played in an NFL-style offense that asked him to make quality throws and reads that translate to the NFL as well. He has a good release, good arm strength and his throwing motions is compact and efficient. A knock on Jackson is that he isn't big enough to play in the NFL, despite being nearly 220 pounds. The issue is not his weight, but his narrow frame. The Florida native has narrow hips and shoulders that don't fit the prototypical mold of a quarterback, who are thickly built and have the ability to absorb blows. Yet the real issue from his narrow frame and long legs is his stride length. Jackson does not step into his throws well. He keeps his under his shoulders and doesn't use adequate momentum from his lower body to propel the ball. Stride length affects everything from accuracy to arm strength for a quarterback. In fact, when Jackson has to heave the ball down the field and he steps into his throw with authority, he throws a beautiful, accurate ball. Additionally, Jackson has not mastered the nuisances of the quarterback position. He stares down his first target and telegraphs his throws, and doesn't look of linebackers or safeties to throw players open. Jackson doesn't throw with anticipation either, rather waiting and throwing to a receiver who is clearly open. A counter point to all of this is that Jackson was a one-man band at Louisville and had terrible players around him. While this is true, when he did have a clean pocket, Jackson simply stopped his feet and played with an even narrower base, waiting until pressure came before he made a decision. Will Jackson be an NFL QB? He's got a long way to go but with the overvaluing of the position, he will still be a 1st round pick.