



Maurice Hurst

Michigan

HEIGHT: 6'1"**WEIGHT:** 292**ARMS:** 32"**COMBINE:****40 YD DASH:** 4.97***3 CONE:** 7.74**20 YD SHUTTLE:** DNP**VERT:** 31"

PROS

- Incredibly low pad level, wins leverage
- Hyper-explosive tackle
- Speed to beat guards upfield
- Easy athlete with loose hips and good agility
- Hard to move in the run game, stalemates block
- Great anticipation of snap, ruins running plays
- Very effective swim move
- Smart, knows where to be at all times
- Relentless and plays with consistency

CONS

- Doesn't disengage easily to make play
- Smaller than traditional DTs, may be DE
- Tapered lower body without a lot of mass
- Pass rush stalls if he doesn't win right away
- Medical red flag at Combine- Heart condition
- Can be pushed off spot by double teams

SUMMARY

Michigan defensive tackle Maurice Hurst is not your typical NFL Defensive tackle. He's not going to wow you with his size, and he's not going to be the typical run stuffer who sometimes helps in the pass rush. Hurst is a down in and down out gap penetrator with an unbelievable pad level, explosive power and endless motor. The Massachusetts native started the past two seasons, but was a regular since his sophomore season for the Wolverines, amassing 32 tackles for a loss and 13.5 sacks in four seasons in Ann Arbor. Hurst explodes off the ball with an insanely low pad level and somehow still knows where he is on the field and can track the ball carrier's movements to get in the way. Slow or un-athletic interior linemen have no chance of blocking Hurst, who is very hard to reach block. He is a nimble athlete who can turn and run once the play breaks to the outside, and has loose hips that allow him to change direction quickly and bend the corner on guards when rushing up field. He wins early in the down often and spends a lot of time in the backfield due to a superb ability to time his jump on the snap count. On the downside, Hurst's power comes from leverage and not a large, powerful lower body. He certainly punches above his weight, but he doesn't have the anchor and mass to hold up against double teams. He also is short for a defensive tackle and has average arm length. When playing guards that can match his athleticism and motor, he struggles to gain more than a stalemate in the running game. As a pass rusher, Hurst needs to win early in the down, or he struggles to chain together moves to gather a second rush. He has only one or two go-to moves and will need to be a better hand fighter in order to be a high-quality gap penetrator in the NFL in both the run and pass. Hurst also was sent home from the Combine with an undefined heart condition. Based on information, it is unlikely that this will be an issue but should be investigated. Quality 3 technique defensive tackle or 3-4 defensive end and a clear first round pick.

*Pro Day testing numbers