



# Mike Gesicki

## Penn State

**HEIGHT:** 6'5"

**WEIGHT:** 247

**ARMS:** 34"

**COMBINE:**

**40 YD DASH:** 4.54

**3 CONE:** 6.76

**20 YD SHUTTLE:** 4.10

**VERT:** 41.5"

### PROS

- Gigantic pass catching tight end, huge wingspan
- Strong hands that have gotten better
- Testing scores at combine were superb
- Unique talent to jump over everyone
- Vertical leap is outstanding, wins most 50/50
- Red zone TD magnet, good on fade
- Runs vertical routes very well

### CONS

- Struggles in and out of breaks
- Agility, acceleration average for pass catcher
- Doesn't play as fast as he times
- Finesse player who doesn't have nasty streak
- Blocking is atrocious
- Average Route runner
- Doesn't have great thickness in his lower body
- Some body catches and concentration issues

## SUMMARY

Senior Nittany Lion tight end Mike Gesicki is a unique athlete. He is a former all-state basketball and volleyball player who started his football career as a wide receiver in high school before switching to tight end at Penn State. Over the past four years, Gesicki transformed his body, adding 40 pounds of muscle and developing into a dangerous tight end in the passing game. The New Jersey native finished his career with 129 catches for nearly 1,500 yards and 15 touchdowns, which makes him the all-time leader in several categories. Gesicki is a massive target standing at nearly 6'6" with 34 inch arms and a 41.5 inch vertical leap. With his combination of size, leaping ability and solid hands, he's a redzone nightmare that NFL defenses will have to deal with. Gesicki shows an ability to get vertical in the passing game as well, and isn't just a specialty player near the goal line. He can get up the seam quickly and has great body control while turning to locate the football. The senior Nittany Lion overcame an issue with drops that plagued him early in his career and was a dependable target his junior and senior year. The issue is that despite adding weight and strength, Gesicki does not play up to his testing numbers. He doesn't show the same strength when blocking, agility when getting in and out of routes, nor explosion out of his stance. He's a finesse player that is tentative when blocking and doesn't seem to like contact. His route running is only average and he struggles to show a quick snap in and out of short routes, rounding most of his routes. His jump ball skills are exemplary but he can be more than that if he can get consistent separation. He may never be a great blocker but if he can develop his route running skills, he's a unique talent who presents a problem that most tight ends do not. After a great combine he'll likely be in the discussion as a 1<sup>st</sup> round pick but his game is closer to the middle of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.