



Mike Hughes

UCF

HEIGHT: 5'10**WEIGHT:** 189**ARMS:** 31"**COMBINE:****40 YD DASH:** 4.52**3 CONE:** 6.70**20 YD SHUTTLE:** 4.13**VERT:** 35.5"

PROS

- Mirrors very well, very good feet
- Very loose hips to turn and run anywhere
- Great closing burst
- Plays physically and doesn't give up
- Understands route combinations
- Good zone discipline to not bite on play fakes
- Good man cover skills, not too grabby
- Kick returner with high end skills

CONS

- Average to below average size
- Deep speed is okay
- Can be jump-balled and beat up
- Doesn't have sound feet at all times
- Tackling is pretty poor, doesn't wrap up

SUMMARY

Mike Hughes of UCF has had a serpentine path to the NFL. He was at North Carolina as a freshman before being dismissed from school after a misdemeanor conviction from a fight at a frat party. After two years at JUCO, Hughes latched on with UCF and was a part of the magical, undefeated season for the Knights. There is no doubt that Hughes is a talented corner. He has superb agility and loose hips that allow him to run with anyone on the field to any part of the field. He does a good job bursting out of his stance and getting downhill to the ball. While he's undersized, he is willing to hit and to get in as a part of the tackle. His footwork and route recognition improved throughout the season, but he still can get on his heels too much when pressed by a fast corner that can eat up ground. The North Carolina native does a very good job at the line harassing receivers and disrupting their routes without getting penalties. Hughes has great athleticism, but only average deep speed. He also is small, and tackles like a small corner. He needs to learn to wrap up and drive through the ball carrier. On deep routes and fades at the goal line, Hughes can be out-muscled for position and thrown over if the quarterback is accurate. With limited game experience, Hughes is easily seen as a talented corner with lots of potential. His return abilities are not only icing on the cake, but will push him into the first round for a team looking for a slot corner with return skills. May slip into the 2nd round but likely won't.