



# Minkah Fitzpatrick

## Alabama

**HEIGHT:** 6'0"

**WEIGHT:** 204

**ARMS:** 31"

**COMBINE:**

**40 YD DASH:** 4.46

**3 CONE:** DNP

**20 YD SHUTTLE:** DNP

**VERT:** 33"

### PROS

- Big frame with great body composition
- Fluid hips to turn and run anywhere, good feet
- Burst to the ball is great
- Tough player who can play at line
- Zone instincts to play deep
- Played extensively in the slot
- Blitzzer who has good feel for rush
- Solid tackler who doesn't usually miss
- Smart player with great reaction time

### CONS

- Average arm length
- Not an enforcer as a safety
- Instincts when ball is in flight are okay
- Not used as much deep as in man

## SUMMARY

The question is not whether Minkah Fitzpatrick is a slot corner or safety, the question is, will he redefine his position? Unlike big corners before him, Fitzpatrick was used almost exclusively in the slot by Nick Saban to counteract the proliferation of the spread formation in college football. Instead of placing their best tackling, cover corner on the perimeter, the Alabama Crimson tide put Fitzpatrick in the slot. In the past three seasons he accumulated 171 tackles, 16.5 for a loss, nine picks 24 passes defensed and four defensive touchdowns. By being closer to the action, Fitzpatrick was a bigger part of it. The junior hybrid plays well at the line of scrimmage as a good tackler, a man cover corner, plus blitzzer, with zone instincts. It's hard not to be dramatic about the New Jersey native, but he has few flaws in his game. He's not as fast as you'd hope for a premiere cover corner and he isn't an enforcer as a safety, but he's good at both. He doesn't always show the best ball instincts, or an innate nose to make plays outside of the system, but he also runs said system with deadly effectiveness. Fitzpatrick is a versatile chess piece who even filled in at times as a linebacker for Alabama when they were short of players late in the season. Fitzpatrick is a Top 10 talent who will flourish with a defensive coordinator who is creative enough not to peg him at one position.