



Roquan Smith

Georgia

HEIGHT: 6'1"**WEIGHT:** 236**ARMS:** 32"**COMBINE:****40 YD DASH:** 4.58**3 CONE:** DNP**20 YD SHUTTLE:** DNP**VERT:** DNP

PROS

- Explosive linebacker who covers lots of ground
- Easy mover in all directions
- Deceive and flies to the ball wherever it is
- Very good in pass coverage, finds depth well
- Rarely bites on play fakes
- Big hitter when he gets a clean shot
- Ball carriers don't fall forward against him

CONS

- On the smaller side
- Doesn't play through contact well
- Runs around blocks to ball, gives up ground
- Can over pursue, doesn't always break down

SUMMARY

Georgia linebacker Roquan Smith is a tackling machine. In the past two years Smith has racked up 232 tackles and 19 tackles for a loss while in Athens. The undersized linebacker plays like he has jet fuel in his engine and flies to the ball after quickly diagnosing the play. For a man who plays close to 220 pounds than 230, Smith has great stopping power. When he gets a clean shot and chance to square his shoulders, ball carriers do not gain anymore ground on Smith. The Montezuma, Ga native is a very astute linebacker rarely is fooled by play action and finds the ball quickly. He's very good in pass coverage as well, finding the proper depth in his drop and squeezing the zone when a player crosses into his area. In man coverage, he easily has the speed to stay with backs out of the backfield, though he will not be able to match up with 'move' tight ends in the NFL due to his lack of size. Smith isn't a great blitzer with a bevy of moves, but he times his attack well and can find a gap and explode to the quarterback. The only real issue with Roquan Smith is the obvious one- his size. He does not have the power or length to play through contact with linemen when they reach the second level. If the offense catches him off guard and he's behind the play, he struggles to get through to the ball. He run through the trash without a problem but he cannot fight through blocks easily and find the quickest route. He gives up gobs of yards to try and run around blocks and doesn't attack and shed blocks nearly ever. Because of this he's probably an outside linebacker in the NFL who can play inside in a pinch, but will not hold up to linemen who are skilled at the 2nd level. Smith's skill in pass coverage, his speed and stopping power make him a clear first round pick for a team with a specific need.