



Will Hernandez

UTEP

HEIGHT: 6'2"**WEIGHT:** 327**ARMS:** 32"**COMBINE:****40 YD DASH:** 5.15**3 CONE:** 7.59**20 YD SHUTTLE:** 4.70**VERT:** 24"

PROS

- Big, burly run blocker with great feet
- Can pull
- Violent hands and great strength
- Drive blocker who will create space
- Strong anchor in pass protection
- Great balance and posture when blocking
- Leverage master who can root out linemen

CONS

- A bit stiff in his movements, not nimble
- Less than ideal arm length
- A bit grabby and shoots his hand wide
- Plays out of control at times, trying to dominate

SUMMARY

Will Hernandez is a throwback mauling guard, complete with a neck roll. The senior from UTEP is a big, intimidating guard with great power and enough movement skills that he can probably play in any blocking scheme. The senior Miner has started 49 games in his career and plays like grown man. He's a good pass blocker with good feet, awareness and hand placement. He's not a liability and has the hips and feet to hold up versus most defensive tackles. As a run blocker he plays with great leverage and will almost always win the leverage battle at the line of scrimmage. He can work to get position and quickly flips his hips to secure the hole for runners. He is a good straight line athlete with the ability to get out in front of plays and track down players at the second level. Hernandez doesn't have the longest arms and is shorter than ideal for the position. This works against him when he has to reach block against quick defenders because he doesn't have the quickest nor the cleanest hips to reach block. He is a good pull blocker but doesn't open up and turn the way you would hope with as quick as he is. Despite that his play rarely suffers, even against superior competition. Hernandez will upgrade the interior of an offensive line that needs an enforcer in the running game with the nimble fee to keep his quarterback upright in the passing game. Value is in the bottom of the first round.