

WIDE RECEIVERS RANKINGS

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Rk	Name	College	HT	WT	40 Time	Proj. Rd
1	Dez Bryant	Oklahoma St	6'2	225	4.52	1
2	Arrelious Benn	Illinois	6'2	220	4.48	1
3	Demaryius Thomas	Georgia Tech	6'3	224	4.58	1
4	Golden Tate	Notre Dame	5'11	195	4.42	1
5	Brandon LaFell	LSU	6'3	210	4.50	2
6	Damian Williams	USC	6'1	190	4.47	2
7	Mardy Gilyard	Cincinnati	6'0	179	4.49	3
8	Jordan Shipley	Texas	6'0	190	4.44	3
9	Dezmon Briscoe	Kansas	6'3	200	4.60	4
10	Mike Williams	Syracuse	6'2	205	4.49	4
11	Eric Decker	Minnesota	6'3	210	4.52	4
12	Riley Cooper	Florida	6'4	214	4.51	4-5
13	Jeremy Williams	Tulane	6'0	205	4.50	4-5
14	Carlton Mitchell	USF	6'4	215	4.49	4-5
15	Andre Roberts	Citadel	5'11	192	4.46	4-5
16	Danario Alexander	Missouri	6'5	221	4.56	4-5
17	Jacoby Ford	Clemson	5'9	181	4.28	4-5
18	Marcus Easley	Connecticut	6'2	214	4.46	5
19	David Reed	Utah	6'0	188	4.50	5
20	Taylor Price	Ohio	6'0	198	4.41	3-4

#1

Dez Bryant
Oklahoma State
Height: 6'2 • Weight: 225
40 Time: 4.52

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2007	43	622	14.5	6
2008	87	1480	17	19
2009	17	323	19	4
TTLS	147	2425	16.5	29

Strengths: Can make the tough acrobatic catches over defenders. Is a weapon in the red zone and adjusts his body well in the air. Helps QB out by coming back to the ball. Great quickness and size.

Weaknesses: Does not explode off the line. Not experienced in running pro style routes. Does not always give full effort when blocking and needs to be more aggressive. Has character issues that resulted in the NCAA suspending him in his senior season.

Overall: Bryant has all the tools (size, strength, hands) to become a premier WR in the NFL. He has great ability to turn inaccurate throws into big plays with his in-air adjustments to the ball. His character issues will drive down his draft stock a little, but he will certainly be drafted in the 1st round and most likely the top 15.

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#2

Arrelious Benn
Illinois

Height: 6'2 • Weight: 220
40 Time: 4.48

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2007	54	676	12.5	2
2008	67	1055	15.7	3
2009	38	490	12.9	2
TTLS	159	2221	14	7



Strengths: Has strong hands. Uses his size and strength to overwhelm defenders when blocking them. Can be dangerous after the catch and is not afraid to run over would-be tacklers and does not shy away from contact.

Weaknesses: Inconsistent with his concentration which has led to many drops. Does not have elite burst or acceleration. Does not have the experience in running a variety of routes.

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#3

Demaryius Thomas
Georgia Tech

Height: 6'3 • Weight: 224
40 Time: 4.58

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2007	35	558	15.9	4
2008	39	627	16.1	3
2009	46	1154	25.1	8
TTLS	120	2339	19.5	15

Strengths: Big play threat every time he touches the ball evidence of his 25.1 ypc his senior season. Redzone threat with his ability to bring down jump balls. Plays physical and can shake off would be tacklers. Great blocker who enjoys getting crack-back blocks on defenders.

Weaknesses: Drops the ball too often. Does not have experience in many pass routes coming from an option offense. Has problems exploding off the ball. Suffered broken foot prior to combine.

Overall: Thomas came out early after having an exceptional junior season with 1,154 yds (25.1) and 8 TDs. He had a chance to have a great combine, but broke his foot and now there will be some durability questions. Despite those concerns, Thomas is clearly a 1st round talent and has the chance to become a big play WR at the next level. Look for his name to be called in the late 1st round.

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#4

Golden Tate
Notre Dame

Height: 5'11 • Weight: 195
40 Time: 4.42

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2007	6	131	21.8	1
2008	58	1080	18.6	10
2009	93	1496	16.1	15
TTLS	157	2707	17.2	26



Strengths: Great hands and despite being rather short at 5-11 has the ability to outjump defenders and get the ball at the highest point. Dangerous runner in the open field and can change directions instantly. Has good lower body strength, which allows him to break arm tackles.

Weaknesses: Runs upright. Will have to improve his blocking technique and be more active. Struggles against press coverage. Lacks elite burst and speed.

Overall: Going into the combine, NFL scouts questioned Tate's straight line and breakaway speed. Tate quieted those questions after clocking an impressive 4.42 time in the 40-yd dash. Tate also was surprising in his route running ability and displayed a good attitude throughout his interviews. There is a very good chance he'll be one of the Top WRs off the board especially with Demaryius Thomas' foot injury.

#5

Brandon LaFell
LSU

Height: 6'3 • Weight: 210
40 Time: 4.50

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2006	5	140	28	2
2007	50	656	13.1	4
2008	63	929	14.7	8
2009	57	792	13.9	14
TTLS	175	2517	14.4	28



Strengths: Shows good athleticism for being a big receiver. Turns up field quickly after catch. Holds onto the ball well after taking big hits. Uses size and strength to run thru arm tackles and is always fighting for extra yards.

Weaknesses: Lacks elite speed and explosiveness. Sometimes is slow getting into a route. Needs to improve blocking skills.

Overall: LaFell can be a quality starter at the next level but he lacks the speed and explosiveness of other big receivers, which will hurt his chances being the #1 guy. At the combine LaFell did not stand out in any drills and he probably is looking at a 2nd round selection.

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#6

Damian Williams

USC

Height: 6'1 • Weight: 190

40 Time: 4.47



CAREER STATISTICS

Receiving				
Year	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
06 Ark	19	235	12.4	2
2007	<i>DNP Transfer</i>			
2008	58	869	15	9
2009	70	1010	14.4	6
TTLS	147	2114	14.4	17

Strengths: Excellent receiver that rarely drops any passes thrown in his direction. Not afraid to catch the ball in traffic. Can make things happen in the open field. Shows good instincts and vision when running after the catch. Is a smooth route runner that is deceptively quick.

Weaknesses: Does not possess home run speed. Is not very explosive with his first couple of steps. Needs to improve his blocking in every phase. Lacks ideal size of the more common bigger WRs in the NFL today.

Overall: Williams probably made the wise decision coming out early as he was never going to overcome his size and speed weaknesses that would put him in 1st round territory. NFL teams will use him in the slot and look for him to have a very productive career. As a rookie he will get utilized in the return game as well. Overall, Williams has the hands and athleticism to warrant a 2nd round selection.

#7

Mardy Gilyard

Cincinnati

Height: 6'0 • Weight: 179

40 Time: 4.49



CAREER STATISTICS

Receiving				
Year	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2005	<i>Played Corner</i>			
2006	<i>Academically Ineligible</i>			
2007	36	536	14.9	3
2008	81	1276	15.8	11
2009	87	1191	13.7	11
TTLS	204	3003	14.7	25

Strengths: Great hands. Shows good concentration and makes nice adjustments when the ball is in the air. Good route-runner that has the speed and elusiveness to make big plays happen whenever he touches the ball. Dangerous returner that shows good vision to find open lanes.

Weaknesses: Will have to improve his strength considerably especially his lower body. Sometimes gets tripped up too easily. Not an effective blocker due to his size and strength.

Overall: Gilyard was a dynamic player at Cincinnati and had the ability to carry the entire team with his big plays in the receiving/return game (Pittsburgh '09). Gilyard also plays best when the lights are brightest and had a good Senior Bowl game. However, Gilyard will have to overcome questions about his size and he did run a disappointing 4.62 at the combine, which will drive his draft value down to the 3rd round.

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#8

Jordan Shipley

Texas

Height: 6'0 • Weight: 190

40 Time: 4.44



CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rec	Receiving		TD
		Yds	Avg	
2004		<i>Redshirted</i>		
2005		<i>Injured</i>		
2006	16	229	14.3	4
2007	27	417	15.4	5
2008	89	1060	11.9	11
2009	116	1485	12.8	13
TTLS	248	3191	12.9	33

Strengths: Shows good balance and can run well in traffic. Smart receiver that can find the open spots especially vs zone coverage. Uses his body well to go up and grab jump balls. Has a knack to make big plays with the game on the line.

Weaknesses: Despite having four relatively healthy seasons, he did miss the entire '04-'05 seasons with leg injuries. Does not possess elite speed. Has trouble holding onto the ball after getting hit hard by DBs.

Overall: Shipley had an outstanding career at Texas that seemed to last forever. Despite the great productivity, he projects as a 3rd round prospect due to his lack of great speed and size. He will have a lot of improving to do if he wants to be an consistent starter.

#9

Dezmon Briscoe

Kansas

Height: 6'3 • Weight: 200

40 Time: 4.60



CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rec	Receiving		TD
		Yds	Avg	
2007	43	496	11.5	7
2008	92	1407	15.3	15
2009	84	1337	15.9	9
Totals	219	3240	14.8	31

Strengths: Can turn a simple route into a big play with his run after the catch ability. Can go up and get the ball at its highest point. Uses his height to shield defenders from the ball. Does a decent job of blocking. Very athletic and nimble for his size.

Weaknesses: Has had off the field problems and has to mature. Has had problems holding onto the football. Does not possess great speed.

Overall: While he has the size and athletic ability to be a #1 receiver at the next level, Briscoe has seen his stock fall significantly this season. At one time Briscoe received some 2nd round consideration, but because of the off the field concerns along with a poor performance at the combine, he will likely fall to the 4th round.

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#10

Mike Williams

Syracuse

Height: 6'2 • Weight: 205

40 Time: 4.49

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2007	43	622	14.5	6
2008	87	1480	17	19
2009	17	323	19	4
TTLS	147	2425	16.5	29



Strengths: Is not afraid to catch the ball in traffic. Can take a big hit and hold onto the ball. Surprisingly sharp route runner that is not afraid to be creative with his route when QB rolls out of the pocket. Aggressive blocker that uses his strength to overpower defenders.

Weaknesses: Has some character issues after being suspended for the entire '08 season and then left the team midway thru last season. Also does not have elite speed and explosiveness. Sometimes drops easy passes. Struggles with physical DBs jamming him at the line of scrimmage.

Overall: Williams has all the skills (size, hands and blocking ability) that teams are looking for in big-time receivers. His willingness to keep runs alive with his downfield blocking is an added bonus. While Williams has 1st-2nd round talent, his character issues will drop him to the 4th round.

#11

Eric Decker

Minnesota

Height: 6'3 • Weight: 210

40 Time: 4.52

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2005	<i>Redshirted</i>			
2006	26	378	14.5	3
2007	67	909	13.6	9
2008	84	1074	12.08	7
2009	50	758	15.2	5
TTLS	227	3119	13.7	24



Strengths: Tough physical player that is willing to sacrifice his body to make the big catch. Can read defenses well and finds the open spots in zone coverage. Does a nice job of adjusting to inaccurate passes. Nice work ethic and hustles on every play. Is very dangerous in the red zone.

Weaknesses: Struggles when he goes up against press coverage. Durability a factor after a foot injury sidelined him for the last part of his senior season. Tends to round off routes and needs to make better cuts.

Overall: Decker was looking at a possible 2nd-3rd round selection but after the foot injury, he is now looking at a 4th-5th round pick. Decker was also a solid baseball player in college, but has recently said that baseball is on the backburner for now. Decker is a very smart player and he if fully recovers from the foot injury, he can turn into a dependable receiver at the next level.

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#12

Riley Cooper
Florida

Height: 6'4 • Weight: 214

40 Time: 4.51

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2006	4	92	23	3
2007	8	182	22.8	3
2008	18	261	14.5	3
2009	51	961	18.8	9
TTLS	81	1496	18.5	18

Strengths: Knows how to get open easily and can read defenses. Takes care of the football in traffic. Is a weapon on slant routes with his ability to go over the middle. Consistent, tough blocker. Can play on special teams.

Weaknesses: Struggles against press coverage. Has problems beating his man off the ball. Goes down too easily for his size. Not very elusive in the open field. Lacks experience in a pro-style offense.

Overall: Cooper has the size and smarts to be a productive player at the next level, but lacks the explosiveness and speed to be a consistent playmaker. Look for him to be a contributor on special teams and become a 3rd down possession receiver.

#13

Jeremy Williams
Tulane

Height: 6'0 • Weight: 205

40 Time: 4.50

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2005	<i>Redshirted</i>			
2006	40	484	12.1	2
2007	46	773	16.8	5
2008	27	437	16.2	5
2009	84	1113	13.3	7
TTLS	197	2807	14.2	19



Strengths: Nice athleticism especially in the open field. Cuts quickly and smoothly. Has the ability to find soft spots in coverage. Does a nice job getting the ball at its highest point and going over cornerbacks in jump ball situations. Has nice balance and plays under control.

Weaknesses: Does not possess top end speed nor explosiveness to elude defenders consistently. Needs to be more physical especially with his blocking.

Overall: Williams had a very productive career in college with 2807 receiving yds (14.2). While he has excellent hands and has the ability to get open often, he did struggle at the Senior Bowl, which will hurt his draft stock. Look for him to get drafted in the mid to late rounds. Williams does have the ability to be a nice #2 receiver.

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#14

Carlton Mitchell
USF

Height: 6'4 • Weight: 215
40 Time: 4.49

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			TD
	Rec	Yds	Avg	
2006		<i>Redshirted</i>		
2007	37	537	14.5	4
2008	28	405	14.5	1
2009	40	706	17.7	4
TTLS	105	1648	15.7	9

Strengths: Great length. Has big-play capabilities with his superior run after the catch instincts. Has a really quick first step that allows him to accelerate past defenders. Does a nice job adjusting to the ball in the air.

Weaknesses: Does not have great hands and lets the ball into his body rather than going up and getting it at its highest point. Plays smaller than his size. Will have to be more physical in his play especially his blocking. Has issues with work ethic.

Overall: Williams has the size and speed to become a consistent #2 option for any team at the next level. However, he is going to have become more physical and use his size to his advantage as he often plays like a small slot receiver. He probably could have used another year to hone his overall skills but after his solid combine, look for Mitchell to get drafted in the mid-rounds.

#15

Andre Roberts
Citadel

Height: 5'11 • Weight: 192
40 Time: 4.46

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			TD
	Rec	Yds	Avg	
2006	35	557	15.9	5
2007	78	1060	13.6	10
2008	95	1334	14	14
2009	77	792	10.3	8
TTLS	285	3743	13.1	37

Strengths: Plays bigger than his size. Known for stepping up game against better competition. Can return punts. Has nice agility and can make defenders miss in the open field. Creates separation from defenders with timely double moves.

Weaknesses: Will have to add bulk and strength to become a more durable player at the next level. Drops too many catchable passes. Needs to get better burst with his first step off the line to prevent getting jammed by the bigger more physical CBs at the next level.

Overall: Has been rising on many draft boards after his solid performances at the Senior Bowl and the Combine. Roberts can use his speed and ability to return kicks to see the field right away. Look for him to get drafted in the mid-rounds, but he has a chance to go higher if he continues to impress.

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#16 Danario Alexander
 Missouri
 Height: 6'5 • Weight: 221
 40 Time: 4.56

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2006	15	251	16.7	1
2007	37	417	11.3	2
2008	26	329	12.7	5
2009	113	1781	15.8	14
TTLS	191	2778	14.5	22



Strengths: Nice athleticism for his size and runs smoothly. Very dangerous on inside slants over the middle and has the ability to break tackles in the open field. Turns up field quickly and runs with authority that gives him a lot of extra yards especially with his long stride.

Weaknesses: Not very explosive. Will have to run cleaner more crisp routes. Has missed a lot of time with a knee injury so durability is a major question.

Overall: Alexander had a great senior season with 1781 receiving yds (15.8) after struggling most of his college career with injuries. He has a lot of potential with his size and toughness and could grow into a TE someday. However, the question marks about his knee will hurt his draft stock especially since he missed the Combine. Look for him to get drafted in the middle rounds.

#17 Jacoby Ford
 Clemson
 Height: 5'9 • Weight: 181
 40 Time: 4.28

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2006	15	187	12.5	2
2007	17	310	18.2	4
2008	55	710	12.9	4
2009	56	779	13.9	6
TTLS	143	1986	13.9	16



Strengths: Speed, Speed and Speed. Ford is very explosive and can make a big play happen whenever he touches the ball. Can accelerate to top speed quickly and create separation from DBs. Consistently makes the first man miss as a returner.

Weaknesses: Size, Size and Size. Ford lacks the ideal size and strength of typical NFL receivers and durability will be a question. Also needs to improve his hands as he drops way too many passes. Not a great route runner.

Overall: : Ford's 4.28 40 at the Combine was one of the best ever and that alone will get him a chance to be drafted as high as the 3rd round. However, Ford's small stature is a concern. It should also be noted that he avg 13.9 ypc in his career which isn't spectacular for a guy with his speed. He can be a playmaker in the return game if he stays healthy and look for him to get drafted in the mid rounds.

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#18

Marcus Easley
Connecticut

Height: 6'2 • Weight: 214

40 Time: 4.46

Strengths: Great arm length and size. Can run well after the catch with his long stride. Nice blocker that initiates contact on defender.

Weaknesses: Very raw with only 1 year as a starter. Developmental route runner that has average instincts. Is not very explosive and has problems separating from defenders especially against press coverage. No real experience on special teams.

Overall: Easley was a former walk-on who came on his senior season with 893 yards (18.6). He is still very raw, but has a lot of upside. His 4.46 40 he ran at the combine coupled with his nice size has him shooting up a lot of draft boards. He is going to be a bit of a project with his route running and instincts so look for him to get drafted in the mid rounds.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2006		<i>DNP</i>		
2007	1	10	10	0
2008	4	94	23.5	0
2009	48	893	18.6	8
TTLS	53	997	18.8	8

#19

David Reed
Utah

Height: 6'0 • Weight: 188

40 Time: 4.50

Strengths: Has very nice hands. Has good vision in the open field and does a good job tracking down the ball while it's in the air. Adjust his routes and his body to turn what would be incomplete passes into acrobatic big plays.

Weaknesses: Lacks experience with only 1 full-year as a starter at the Division 1 level (Juco 1st two years). Not a great blocker and does not possess ideal size. Does not have great explosiveness or the ability to create separation.

Overall: Reed showed great big play ability in his only year as a starter. When you consider he was playing with inexperienced QBs, his 1616 yds (15.2) is rather impressive. While he does not have great top end speed, he was able to consistently get open. He will have to improve significantly as a blocker. Look for him to get drafted around the 5th round.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2006		<i>JUCO</i>		
2007		<i>JUCO</i>		
2008	25	427	17.1	6
2009	81	1188	14.7	5
TTLS	106	1616	15.2	11

#20

Taylor Price
Ohio

Height: 6'0 • Weight: 198

40 Time: 4.41

Strengths: Had an excellent combine showing off his size, strength and speed (4.41). Has the ability to separate from defenders and helps the QB out by continuing routes when QB is flushed out of the pocket.

Weaknesses: Lacks elusiveness and does not cut that well. Can get knocked off his routes and struggles against press coverage. Needs to use hands better instead of cradling the ball. Can be a better runner after the catch.

Overall: Price has been shooting up draft boards after his impressive combine workout. He is going to have to improve in several areas especially his pass routes and blocking. Price does have a lot upside with his speed and athleticism and look for a team to take him in the mid rounds.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Receiving			
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
2006	9	77	8.6	0
2007	33	464	14.1	4
2008	51	694	13.6	5
2009	52	735	14.1	5
TTLS	145	1970	13.6	14

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#21 Christian McGaha, Arizona State • Height: 6'1 • Weight: 210 • 40 Time: 4.50

Great hands. Can become a good possession receiver. McGaha missed the combine with a hamstring injury, which will drive his stock down.

#22 Kerry Meier, Kansas • Height: 6'2 • Weight: 224 • 40 Time: 4.67

Former QB that has great size and body control. Can make the difficult catches and would be a nice #3 or #4 receiver and a special teams contributor.

#23 Blair White, Michigan State • Height: 6'2 • Weight: 205 • 40 Time: 4.55

Productive receiver who plays smart and is a tireless worker. Does not have great speed or explosiveness but uses all of his abilities to get the job done.

#24 Vareion "Shay" Hodge, Mississippi • Height: 6'1 • Weight: 208 • 40 Time: 4.58

Nice competitor that can make the difficult catch. Lacks speed and explosiveness to be a big playmaker.

#25 Emmanuel Sanders, SMU • Height: 5'11 • Weight: 182 • 40 Time: 4.41

Very productive player with 285 career receptions and 3,791 yds. Has been impressing in offseason workouts, which has him rising on many draft boards.

#26 Freddie Barnes, Bowling Green • Height: 6'0 • Weight: 212 • 40 Time: 4.55

Set the all-time NCAA mark for single season receptions with 155 last season. Played several positions in college and does a nice job after the catch. Can be a good possession receiver, but lacks great speed and explosiveness.

#27 David Gettis, Baylor • Height: 6'3 • Weight: 217 • 40 Time: 4.48

Has nice size and speed. Struggles with inconsistencies catching the football and needs to improve his cut-making ability.

#28 Oluseyi "Seyi" Ajirotutu, Fresno State • Height: 6'3 • Weight: 211 • 40 Time: 4.55

Nice size and is a dependable pass catcher. Does not get separation from defenders and will struggle to make big plays down the field at the next level.

#29 Alric Arnett, West Virginia • Height: 6'2 • Weight: 188 • 40 Time: 4.53

Lean frame and will have to put on weight to become an every day player. Can make plays down the field.

#30 Antonio Brown, Central Michigan • Height: 5'10 • Weight: 186 • 40 Time: 4.59

Dangerous returner who can make an instant impact in the return game. Is raw at the receiver position and will need to improve his blocking and route running ability.