

The Gut Check's TE Scouting Analysis

Name: **School:** **Opponent:** **Surface:**
Height: **Year:** **Score:** **Climate:**
Weight: **Date:** **Location:** **Temperature:**

Overall Score:

88

- Can physically break jam [2pts]:
- Can use elusiveness to break jam [2pts]:
- Uses body to shield defender from the ball [3pts]:
- Creates separation with burst out of breaks [5pts]:
- Gains noticeable separation on intermediate/deep routes [2pts]:
- Runs precise routes [5pts]:
- Finds opening in zone coverage [5pts]:
- Adjusts to QB when play breaks down [3pts]:
- Awareness of sideline [2pts]:
- Catches ball with hands first [5pts]:
- Adjusts to the ball in the air [2pts]:
- Catches ball well with back to the line of scrimmage [2pts]:
- Catches ball in tight coverage [5pts]:
- Catches ball in high traffic areas [3pts]:
- Consistently holds onto the ball when hit [4pts]:
- Demonstrates ability to make difficult catch [1pt]:
- Makes receptions on catchable balls consistently [5pts]:
- Effective lower body jukes while on the run [1pt]:
- Effective upper body jukes while on the run [1pt]:
- Avoids direct shots [1pt]:
- Effective stop-start movements [1pt]:
- Effective lateral movements [1pt]:
- Demonstrates ability to carry ball with either hand [1pt]:
- Demonstrates ball security [3pts]:
- Maintains control of ball when hit [5pts]:
- Maintains control of ball in adverse weather conditions [1pt]:
- High performance in adverse conditions [1pt]:
- Maintains balance when hit head-on [1pt]:
- Maintains balance when hit from an indirect angle [2pts]:
- Demonstrates effort with assignments [2pts]:
- Demonstrates willingness to block in the open field and on broken plays [2pts]:
- Demonstrates ability to get lower than defender and drive forward [3pts]:
- Demonstrates ability to move laterally and shield defender from target [2pts]:
- Displays patience in traffic (sets up blocks) [1pt]:
- Takes good angles away from defenders in the open field [1pts]:
- Leg power and drives through arm tackles [1pt]:
- Effective stiff arm [1pt]:
- Good body lean/Finishes runs [1pts]:
- Gains yards after contact/second-third effort runner [2pts]:
- Missed fewer than 10% of games [1pt]:
- Performs at high level while playing with an injury [1pt]:
- No chronic injuries (Two or more injuries to same body part) [1pt]:
- No injuries requiring extensive rehabilitation during college career [5pts]:

Game Stats

Target:
Missed Target:
Drops:
Juggles:
Dropped After Contact:
Rec:
Rec After Contact:
Difficult Rec:
Rec Yards:
Yards After Catch:
Yards per Catch:
Rec Tds:
Yards per Td:
Rush Att:
Rush Yds:
Rush Tds:
Fumbles:

Category Scores

Separation Score:
Routes Score:
Receiving Score:
Elusiveness Score:
BHandling Score:
Balance Score:
Blocking Score:
Vision Score:
Power Score:
Durability Score:

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Name: Kellen Davis

Date: 12/28/2007

Opponent: Boston College

Overall Strengths:

If there is a TE who can do everything you need from the position in this draft, Davis is it. He has enough speed to compete with LB's and the size to work effectively at the LOS. He has excellent hands and body control as a receiver. He runs good routes and can break the jam at the LOS. He has a chance to develop into a complete player in the NFL and one of the top players in this class.

Overall Weaknesses:

He has speed and body control, but he lacks the agility to make sudden movements in the open field. He will get pushed around a bit at the LOS until he gains a bit more muscle. He's fast, but not elite NFL TE fast.

Separation

Regardless of whether I see him face press coverage, I just watched him do a push-pull and slip to the outside against BC's left tackle on 3rd and 9 with 12:34 and get a half step away from the QB on the play. Playing DE is good training for defeating the jam at the LOS as a TE. Davis was interfered with on a 1st down seam route with 12:19 in the 1st QTR. The LB grabbed him from behind as Davis got a step on him with the ball in the air. He was able to get around the corner on a TE around (who runs this play unless the TE has enough acceleration to take a corner?) for 5 yards. He outran the angle of an LB to get to the corner as well. Davis did a good job of getting 20 yards downfield on a corner route from the TE spot--clean release and good burst of speed. But the ball was intercepted. He showed a nice burst of speed down the right sideline on the short out for 13 yards with 4:50 in the game

Routes

His first catch was an 18-yard touchdown on a seam route where he got a clean release. Good job on 3rd and 4 to run the out route from the slot and get behind the first down marker. Excellent stutter and go route down the middle of the endzone for the 2-point conversion with 6:04 in the game. He forced the LB to bite and then ran past him to catch the ball near the endline.

Receiving

The impressive part about Davis' seam route touchdown was the way he turned his body in the air to adjust to the ball and catch it with his hands at helmet level while falling backwards to the ground. He still caught the ball over his inside shoulder, but by the time he had possession he was facing the QB. Defender #44 got his hand on the football as Davis falling backwards with the ball in his hands, but the TE's hands were strong enough to maintain possession. The actual hit by the defender was also hard enough to Davis that it could have knocked the ball loose but the TE demonstrated excellent concentration. Davis caught a 4-yard out route for a first down. The ball was thrown a bit high and Davis had to turn, jump, and catch the ball with his arms extended above his head. As he caught the ball, the LB leveled him with a perfect form tackle at the sideline and Davis maintained possession and kept his feet inbounds. In fact, he tapped his second foot on the ground after the LB hit him. Very good awareness and it's this play right here that speaks a lot to the small details that a pro-level player needs to be able to make--route depth, awareness of the sideline, concentration, strong hands, and the ability to function despite hard contact. Davis ran a 4th and 7 draft route with 9:35 in the 1st QTR, but the ball was thrown too far to the outside of Davis and the DB in zone jumped the route to hit the ball as Davis was about to get possession. This was more a bad throw than a drop, but I credited it as a dropped after contact. Davis only gained 4 yards on a 3rd and 10 with 12:50 in the half, but the ball was thrown high and in the path of the LB who was coming over the top of Davis' back to hit the ball. Davis still held onto the football despite the hit. Davis ran a clean corner route but the DB jumped the route perfectly to intercept the ball. Excellent body control to go up an catch the ball with his hands at helmet level while in mid-leap and then turn his body away from the defense as he was landing and still get both feet inbounds even after getting pushed. He caught the ball over two defenders in the area. He caught a quick out at the LOS with 4:50 in the 4th QTR and gain 13 yards on the play down the right sideline.

Easiness

Good job carrying the ball under his sideline arm during the TE-around with 11:15 in the 1st QTR. He did the same with 4:50 in the 4th QTR.

Ball Handling

Balance

Blocking

Davis was matched with the LCB on a 2nd and 5 run with 12:12 in the 1st QTR. He did a good job getting off the line quickly to lock onto the CB and drive him back 3 yards before the CB realized the RB had broken through the line and began to release from the TE by running backwards. But by this point, the CB was well out of the play. He completely bullied the CB on a run play with 6:19 in the 1st QTR. He pushed the CB backwards by 5-6 yards. He came in motion and with 5:00 in the 1st QTR and blocked down on the LB off the edge to seal the corner for the RB. He did a good job getting his hands into the chest of the LB and turning him away from the RB. He probably got away with a hold as the LB tried to pursue and Davis stayed with the block, but because his hands were in the middle of the player's chest the officials rarely call this form of blocking a hold. Davis was used as a pulling lead blocker on a run with 8:00 in the half, but he didn't spot his man quickly enough and missed the block. Good pass block on the DE with 4:50 in the 3rd QTR. He got into the pads of the opponent and steered him to the outside.

Vision

Good patience to follow his blocks on a TE-around with 11:15 in the 1st QTR.

Power

Durability

Character

Davis plays part-time as a pass rushing DE. He had 12 tackles and 2 sacks coming into this game, nearly getting a backside hit on Matt Ryan on 3rd and 9 with 12:33 in the 1st QTR after slipping his block with an outside rush--excellent quickness.