

# The Gut Check's RB Scouting Analysis

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

**Overall Score:**

**Power Score :**

- Leg power, drives through arm tackles [1pt]:
- Effective stiff arm [1pt]:
- Initiates contact, runs behind pads, and punishes defenders [1pt]:
- Good body lean/Finishes runs [3pts]:
- Gains yards after contact/second-third effort runner [7pts]:

**Balance Score :**

- High performance in adverse conditions [1pt]:
- Maintains balance when hit head-on [1pt]:
- Maintains balance when it from an indirect angle [7pts]:

**BHandling Score :**

- Carries ball with either hand [1pt]:
- Consistently handles QB/RB exchanges [3pts]:
- Demonstrates ball security [3pts]:
- Maintains control of ball when hit [7pts]:
- Maintains control of ball in adverse weather conditions [1pt]:

**Speed Score :**

- Effective short area burst [7pts]:
- Separates from 1st and 2nd wave of defenders [1pt]:
- Effective outside runner [3pts]:

**Vision Score:**

- Makes good decisions with where to run [7pts]:
- Patience in traffic (sets up blocks) [3pts]:
- Takes good angles away from defenders in the open field [1pt]:

**Elusiveness Score**

- Effective lower body jukes while on the run [3pts]:
- Effective upper body jukes while on the run [1pt]:
- Avoids direct shots [7pts]:
- Effective stop-start movements [2pts]:
- Effective lateral movement [3pts]:

**Blocking Score :**

- Correct diagnosis of blocking assignments [1pt]:
- Effort with assignments [3pts]:
- Willingness to block in the open field and on broken plays [1pt]:

**Receiving and Routes Score :**

- Consistently makes receptions on catchable balls [3 pts]:
- Makes difficult catch [1pt]:
- Catches ball effectively with back to the quarterback [1pt]:
- Consistently catches ball with hands and without juggling [1pt]:
- Consistent target in the passing game [3pts]:
- Runs precise routes [1pt]:

**Durability Score :**

- Missed fewer than 10% of opportunities to play [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 [7 pts]:

**Game Stats**

- Attempts:**
- Rush Yds:**
- 1st Downs:**
- Rush Tds:**
- Target:**
- Rec:**
- Rec Yds:**
- Rec Tds:**
- Fumbles:**
- Broken Tackles:**
- BLKs Assigned:**
- BLKs Made:**

# The Gut Check's RB Scouting Profile

Name: Kenneth Darby School: Alabama Opponent: Tennessee Surface: Grass  
Height: 5-11 Year: Sophomore Score: 13-17 Climate: Sunshine  
Weight: 205 Date: 10/23/2004 Location: Tennessee Temperature: Hot

## Overall Strengths:

Darby faced a very strong run defense in Tennessee today, and some of his gains of 1-3 yards were even more impressive than his 4-plus yard carries because the defense routinely won the battle at the line of scrimmage. Darby is a high effort player and approaches every aspect of his game with intensity. He completely carries out playfakes as a runner. As a blocker, he is always looking for someone to hit. Darby dies hard on every run. Took a stretch play to the right side and when the Tennessee defense contained it with penetration a yard behind the LOS, Darby cut very sharply upfield and gained five yards before spinning off a tackler for another four yards. Excellent patience with blockers and this makes him a good short-yardage back, too. Darby is one of the more impressive backs I've seen thus far on film.

## Overall Weaknesses:

Darby needs more work on his receiving. The RB needs to look the ball into his hands more often prior to making the effort to run. His long speed is a question mark, because he didn't have an opportunity to run in the open field. Darby has nice height, but he'll likely be expected to gain some extra muscle on his frame to get a chance to become an every down back--especially with his physical style.

## Power:

Seems to fall forward whenever tackled, even when hit in the backfield. Darby's strength is gaining yards after contact. He demonstrated this skill in various ways: lowering his shoulder and facing a safety head on and driving his legs; squirting through traffic and diving forward when a defender has him by the legs. Strong thighs, one hard shot isn't going to bring down Darby. Tough runner that earns the admiration of his opponents because he can take a hit.

## Ball Handling:

Darby was hit on one play as he and the QB were making the exchange. Difficult to score this against him as it was a great play by the defender.

## Elusiveness:

Runs with a wiggle. Sets up moves while moving forward. Good footwork with his runs--excellent cuts but still runs north-south. Darby had a nice four-yard gain between the guard and tackle where he made a strong lateral move to hit the hole. He would have gained at least a few more yards if the LB that Darby ran past didn't grab his face mask as he passed.

## Balance:

Excellent balance, and this is a big factor in his success as a runner because he's not a terribly big back in the upper body.

## Speed:

Darby has an excellent burst, especially out of his cuts. He explodes into the hole and has enough speed to turn the corner on plays off tackle where he doesn't encounter a defender until he gains positive yardage. Still, I did not see a run where he could display any longer range speed.

## Blocking:

Although he didn't make a block, he tried to hit a defender on a short pass play where he was originally an outlet receiver. Aggressive blocker in the pocket--attempts to deliver a pop when he engages a defender. Did a nice job in pass protection against first day draft pick, Kevin Burnett.

## Vision:

Darby was very effective inside against the Volunteer defense. He has a good feel for the soft spot in the defense and makes his way through it.

## Receiving and Routes:

Darby dropped a screen pass where he released perfectly from the line. He tried to run before he looked the ball into his hands.

## Durability:

Took over for an injured starter and continues to hold the job. Physical player that hasn't suffered major injury.