

# The Gut Check's WR Checklist Analysis

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

**Overall Score:**

- 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 [2pts]:**
- Effective upper body jukes while on the run [2pts]**
- Avoids direct shots [2pts]:**
- Effective stop-start movements [2pts]:**
- Effective lateral movement [2pts]:**
- DemoDemonstrates 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]**
- Displays patience in traffic (sets up blocks) [1pt]:**
- Takes good angles away from defenders in the open field [2pts]:**
- 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 opportunities [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:**

**Name:** Brandon Williams

**Date:** 10/15/2005

**Opponent:** Minnesota

**Overall Strengths:** Williams plays the game with a lot of intensity as a blocker, receiver, and returnman. He tied Lee Evans with 175 career receptions on his 4<sup>th</sup> QTR, TD-catch. He is developing into a dangerous every down threat with his routes, hands, and skill after the catch. This is a player that will be attractive to NFL teams looking for someone that could develop into a playmaker of Steve Smith or Santana Moss's skill set. He should go on the first or early second day of the draft and develop into a playmaker.

**Overall Weaknesses:** He occasionally has lapses with technique when catching the football. He's reckless with his body and will have to learn how to beat physical, man on man coverage. Based on his intensity on the field, I'm speculating he may be an easy target for NFL defensive backs to bait him into making unnecessary mistakes or losing his cool. He maintained his poise in this game, but one can see how he has the potential to get close to that edge.

**Separation:** Williams has good speed, but an excellent burst. He also does a fine job using his body and footwork to gain separation.

**Routes:** Williams' first reception was a 16-yard out run on zone coverage. He ran a sharp route on the play. On his second reception, Williams ran a good route with awareness of the first down marker. He made sure he was beyond the first down at the point he made the catch. He did not drive hard enough upfield on a WR screen. This resulted in a two-yard loss when he was leveled on the play. He simply moved his arms like he was running after one step, and then stepped back towards the QB. There was no real effort to sell the route. He ran a good post pattern for the score in the 4th QTR. Williams avoided the brunt of the chuck made by the DB underneath then made a jab step to the inside as if he might run a corner route but turned towards the post. He made the back-bedding CB him fall onto his backside with this move. This was an excellent route in coverage that was designed to keep him from running free.

**Receiving:** In the 1st QTR, Williams caught a punt with a defender bearing down from a yard away. He dropped a low pass on a hitch because the ball bounced off his arms when he tried to cradle the ball. He caught the ball with his hands up and got one foot inbounds. Williams dropped a corner route on third down. He used the wrong hand-positioning and tried to bring the chest-high ball into his hands with his thumbs out, rather than with his thumbs up. His third opportunity was a 20-yard reception over the middle where he cradled the ball into his body in stride past the first down marker, gaining another 8 yards on the play. Williams caught a receiver screen in the 2nd QTR, but was immediately hit, and hit hard by a DB that anticipated the play. Williams held onto the ball. Later, Williams fully laid out for his 4th catch of 26 yards on a crossing route in the soft spot of the zone coverage. He leaped for the ball with his upper body laid out like an outfielder and used proper hand technique to snatch the ball, bringing it to his body. He then braced the fall somewhat with his left forearm and knee. Williams had a chance to catch a deep slant in the soft area of the zone (both safeties playing deep and his DB in man, playing deep technique) but was led too far. He dove for the ball but could only managed to get a hand on it. On another reception, Williams was running free all day long and caught a corner route with 2:40 left on a deep zone. He got as much yardage along the side line as he could and went out of bound, making a smart decision for the situation. Williams made a nice catch with 2:15 left on a deep out in tight coverage. He had to go airborne on a high throw, but he shielded his body away from the coverage, caught the ball with his hands, and got both feet inbounds for a first down and a 13-yard gain to the Minnesota 22-yard line. Williams scored on the next play on a post pattern. This was a great catch under pressure. Williams turned to shield his body from the DB on the throw and cradled the ball. He held onto the ball despite the DB going over the top of him and grabbing his face mask with both hands as he fell to the ground.

**Elusiveness:** Williams is quick enough to take a punt with a man a yard away and make him miss. He did this on a punt and then ran through two tackle attempts at the ankles and changed directions to elude pursuit for a 12-yard gain. Williams took an end around with 9:00 left in the half but did not get past the backside pursuit. He found the lane, but it was too late and he lost two yards on the play. On his 30-yard kick return, he made a nice cut to the inside lane and then bounced it outside for another 10 yards.

**Ball Handling:** Williams carries the ball in either hand.

**Balance:** Williams has good balance as demonstrated by a 30-yard kick return in the 3rd QTR. Williams shook off an attempted hit and grab to the shoulders and gained another 15 yards after that contact. He had a similar display of balance on his next kick return.

**Blocking:** Williams locked onto the corner on a run play to his side in the 1st QTR. He drove his opponent back a couple of yards. Williams was in the slot on the second possession deep in their own territory. He did a good job blocking on the outside linebacker, holding him up enough for Calhoun to have some room to run. Not afraid to hit someone, Williams was assigned to come down from his split position and block the safety on a designed run off-tackle. Williams came down and laid a nice hit into the safety's chest (a DB known to hit hard, himself). This hit allowed Calhoun to get to the outside because the safety couldn't penetrate through the hole. For his size he is an impressive run blocker. Williams noticed Calhoun breaking the second level, and the WR continued to stay on the safety and drive him away from the play. Later he went to block down on a safety on a 2nd half run and the guard already got to that level. Williams proceeded to find someone else to hit. The player he hit went after Williams as the

play was ending. Williams continued to block him until the whistle blew. Although he is smaller than most receivers, he is one of the best blockers I have seen among the prospects this year at the WR position. You can tell by the pushing initiated by the DBs after a run play that Williams' effort is getting under their skin.

**Vision:** He has good run vision as a returnman and player in the open field. Minnesota was probably playing zone because they didn't want to have Williams shake his man on a reception and take it the distance. The strategy worked well enough to prevent any breakaway scores.

**Power:** As a runner he keeps his legs moving and dies hard even when gang-tackled. He broke two arm tackles on his 12-yard punt return in the 1st QTR. Although he is an elusive runner, he is not afraid of contact and he doesn't go down easily.

**Durability:** He had a leg injury that forced him to miss this spring.

**Character:** Williams gets a little excitable at the wrong time. He didn't sell a downfield move very well on a WR screen and when he caught the ball he got hit hard. The DB got up and celebrated with his teammates and Williams tried to get involved in a shouting match with the defender. Generally regarded as a positive because he plays with such passion but if he continues to demonstrate this behavior, he could get into some trouble in the NFL.

**Game Notes:** He is the punt returner for Wisconsin. There is no halo rule in college football, and Williams did not call a fair catch in tight coverage. He was hit as the ball was come down and muffed his first punt of the game. The ball hit him and Minnesota recovered, but a penalty nullified the play. Williams made a 12-yard return on the re-kick. The Minnesota kicker made the conscious decision not to kickoff to Williams at the top of the 2nd half. Williams had a 30-yard return on the next kickoff with 12:19 in the 3rd QTR. Has 26-yard return with 8:26 in the 3rd QTR. He had a 15-yard return off a punt with 12:40 left in the 4th QTR. With 3:30 left in the game and up by 10 points, they kicked away from Williams to prevent the return.