

Waynes	Trae	Michigan State	CB	I 8.28
Last Name 6'0"	First Name 186	College 4.31	Position	Final Grade
Height	Weight	40 speed		
ATHLETIC ABILITY	SECTION GRADE:		9.0	
Q.A.B Quick Feet C.O.D. Flexibility Coordination	Waynes is an elite athlete, which has allowed him to be an impact player at the position. He possesses outstanding quickness, agility, and balance that shows up in his back pedal off of the snap. He transitions out of the back pedal quickly and explodes to close on the ball. His ability to change direction is also incredible in large part to his loose hips, which enables him to open up his hips, turn, and run with anybody because he features top end playing ability. He has good flexibility and coordination allowing him to run smoothly and make acrobatic plays on the ball whether that be diving to break up a pass, or making an interception by bending his body mid-air. He has all of the athletic traits you look for in a shutdown corner at the next level.			
COMPETITIVENESS	SECTION GRADE:		8.2	
Toughness Clutch Play Production Consistency Team Player Pride / Quit	Waynes is an extremely competitive football player who wants to be known as the best corner. He has an edge about him where he loves to compete in man-to-man coverage and is mentally tough. Although he lacks size/bulk, he shows toughness through his willingness to come up and make physical hits/tackles on big backs. He is a very productive player as he has only surrendered two touchdowns in his two years starting, while collecting 101 tackles, six interceptions, and 13 pass break-ups. He is also very consistent (started 27 consecutive games) in his play for a ball-hawking corner and does not get beat for the big play. He has a passion for the game and will line up wherever the team needs him, whether that be on an island, or in the nickel. However, he tends to get lazy with his technique at times and ends up playing upright in which he relies heavily on his speed and athleticism.			
MENTAL ALERTNESS	SECTION GRADE:		8.7	
Learn / Retain Inst/Reaction Concentration	Waynes has excellent instincts and anticipation, which allows for him to consistently make plays. He demonstrated that by sitting his freshman year and observing, he was willing to learn. He retains information well because you will not see him make the same mistake twice in a game. He maintains great concentration through the play by tracking the ball then using his ability to pull the ball out of the receiver's hands before the catch and using his ball skills to come away with it at times.			

STRENGTH / EXPLOSION		SECTION GRADE:	8.8	
Body Type	Waynes possesses the lengthy type of build that NFL teams covet, as the game is transitioning towards bigger receivers, teams are looking for longer corners. He has been an extremely durable player at Michigan State as he has started 27 consecutive games to finish out his career. He is also known for his explosive play as he consistently has shown the ability to close on the ball as well as being able to lock up receivers on deep routes due to his elite speed. Additionally, if he loses a step in coverage he has the explosive burst to recover and get into good coverage position. He is most effective as a bump-and-run cornerback with the length, deep speed and confidence to handle himself down the field against speed. Those are the strengths that he plays too.			
Durability				
Explosion				
Play Strength				
GDE	CATEGORY	COMMENTS DESCRIPTION	GAMES VIEWED	COMBINE NOTES
8.3	READ & REACT	Very quick in his ability to read and react to passes. He has the ability to plant, drive, and close very quickly but sometimes gets his feet stuck in the turf when planting, most notably on curl routes.	2013 – Minnesota 2014 – Nebraska, Ohio State, Penn State, Baylor	225 REPS – 19 VERTICAL JUMP - 38 BROAD JUMP – 10’2” 20 SHUTTLE – 4.39 60 SHUTTLE – N/A 3 CONE – 7.06
8.0	MAN / MAN OFF	He does a solid job of keeping the receiver in front of him and although he can explode to the ball, he needs to be more consistent in covering the underneath patterns. He prefers to be in a press-man scheme since he excels when he is able to get physical with receivers as he is best known as a bump-and-run specialist.		
8.9	MAN / MAN TIGHT	He does an excellent job of jamming receivers at the line of scrimmage, which slows down the release of the receiver as well as throws off the timing of the pass from the QB to		

		WR. I can expect a slight drop in his ability to jam receivers at the next level due to his strength and size but he has the recovery speed to make up for any separation.		
8.5	ZONE COVERAGE	He has the instincts to play “Zone” coverage with the awareness for where receivers are while still being able to read the QB’s eyes. He has the explosive closing burst that very few cornerbacks possess.		
8.6	BREAK AND CLOSE	He is excellent at closing on passes as he transitions quickly out of his backpedal. However, sometimes his foot gets stuck in the turf.		
9.0	HIPS / TURN ABIL.	Possesses loose hips to be able to turn and run without losing a step.		
6.5	TACKLING	Gets involved in tackles and is a solid wrap-up tackler but he needs to work on his technique, as he is too often a reach and grab tackler.		
8.5	HANDS –INT.	Waynes has very good hands and elite ball skills. You will rarely find him dropping potential interceptions. Although, he dropped a crucial one vs. Baylor in the Cotton Bowl.		
6.5	HANDS – FGT BLK	His effort to fight blocks enables him to overcome lack of size/bulk.	CRITICAL FACTORS	
9.0	DEEP SPEED	Has rare top end sped in which he can stay with any receiver on deep	ATH.ABILITY – N/A M / M TIGHT – N/A	M / M OFF – N/A COMPETES – N/A

		routes. He also shows great timing and ability to go up and break up the pass or intercept it at its high point.	PLAY SPEED – N/A	INSTINCTS – N/A
7.7	RETURN ABILITY	Has the athletic ability and speed to return any interception to the house but does not typically look to get to the end zone. He prefers to get the interception and get down.		
N/A	ERRORS	Does not make many errors besides grabbing opposing receivers at the top of their route. He was penalized nine times over the past two years.		

STRONG POINTS

WEAKNESSES

Waynes has elite athletic ability with good length. He loves to compete in man-to-man and is mentally tough. Will succeed on an island at the next level. He remains in control even though he is extremely explosive as he has only allowed two touchdowns over last two seasons. Does not allow the big play. He is known as a bump-and-run specialist. Recovery speed to make up for separation. Possesses good awareness for vertical threats and uses his frame to push receivers towards the sideline by using his box-out technique. Does a great job in deep man-to-man coverage and uses his speed and length to contest any throw on the field. Comes in well coached from a coaching staff that is highly respected by NFL personnel. He plays with good technique and proper leverage. Can lock down finesse receivers and compete against speed receivers. Shows great burst and runs through targets in which he knocks the ball loose. He is a solid wrap-up tackler who understands his responsibility against the run.

He is a physical corner but gets too handsy and grabs receivers at the top of their route instead of trusting in his length and speed. His transition to being a less hands-on cover corner will take time. Might cost a team at the next level with holding and pass interference penalties. Will get pushed around by the bigger receivers. Sometimes plays too upright instead of bending at the hips because he has confidence in his speed and recovery speed. Struggles when being asked to play off the line of scrimmage and is matched up against quickness. Allows brief separation at the top of short and intermediate routes. His foot can get caught in the turf on curl routes and he gets turned around at times when in off coverage. Can get over aggressive at times but I do not feel that it will affect his game too much at the next level.

SUMMARY

Waynes is a rare athlete with outstanding play making ability who will undoubtedly be a first round pick and in my opinion the first

corner off the board. While at Michigan State he was a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award where he displayed elite athleticism and locked down everyone until his last game against Baylor where he was matched up against the bigger receiver in Antwan Goodley. At the combine he showed more athletic ability than most people thought he had. He posted a 40 time of 4.31 and showed proper technique and explosion in all of the drills. He's a bump-and-run cornerback with the length, deep speed, and confidence to handle finesse and speed receivers. The only knock that I have on Waynes is that he plays with his hands and grabs defenders too much for NFL official's likings. He is an intriguing cornerback with a very high floor. I could see him going in the top 10 as high as #6 to the Jets but I see him going more in the top 20 to either the Saints at #13, Dolphins at #14, or 49ers at #15. The Dolphins look like the ideal landing spot for his services because they released Cortland Finnegan. With that being said, Brent Grimes now needs a running mate to line up opposite him to man down the island position. Do not be surprised if Waynes gets selected in the top 10 but expect him to land in between 13-20.

Pro Comparison: Al Harris/Antonio Cromartie