

Collins	Landon	Alabama	S	I 8.19
Last Name 6'0"	First Name 228	College 4.53	Position	Final Grade
Height	Weight	40 speed		
<b>ATHLETIC ABILITY</b>	<b>SECTION GRADE:</b>		8.2	
Q.A.B Quick Feet C.O.D. Flexibility Coordination	<p>Collins has excellent overall athletic ability. He shows great foot quickness, agility, and balance, which lead him into his transition skills that are needed to excel at the safety position. He has quick feet that are seen in his back pedal when covering the slot in "off" man coverage. He has very good closing speed in which he explodes to close on the ball and will deliver the boom, but can get caught trailing because he does not possess elite recovery speed. His ability to change direction is solid at times. However, he trusts his eyes too much and can be deceived by good play-action or savvy quarterbacks who will look one way and fire the other. This leads to him getting a step behind his assignment. He is a very flexible and coordinated athlete that is able to bend, twist, and turn very smoothly as well as read the QB in order to jump in front of passes across the middle and make a play on the ball. He can get out-of-control at times when in space due to his over-aggressive playing style, but not due to a lack of overall athleticism. He has all of the attributes you look for in a safety at the next level.</p>			
<b>COMPETITIVENESS</b>	<b>SECTION GRADE:</b>		8.7	
Toughness Clutch Play Production Consistency Team Player Pride / Quit	<p>Collins is an extremely tough and competitive football player who has served as an anchor to Alabama's defense during the 2014 season. He shows incredible passion for the game and brings a rare sense of energy to a defense. He has always been a team first type of player and it shows in his reactions on the field. His production speaks for himself as he has solidified himself as the #1 safety in this class and provides versatility as he can play either free safety or strong safety. He played as a box safety in 2013 while Ha Ha Clinton-Dix was manning down the free safety role. Then he transitioned into more of a free safety role during the 2014 season. He proved that he was able to be a factor at either safety position by producing in both roles. In 2013 he had a strong season, leading the team with six passes defensed and finishing second with 70 tackles. However, late in close ball games he tends to get over aggressive and has surrendered a game-tying and game-winning touchdown to Ole Miss.</p>			
<b>MENTAL ALERTNESS</b>	<b>SECTION GRADE:</b>		8.3	
Learn / Retain Inst/Reaction Concentration	<p>Collins has excellent instincts and anticipation that allows for him to consistently read plays. He is very smart and comes from a background of being coached up by Nick Saban. He was able to learn from one of the greatest coaches in college football, in a program that breeds NFL talent. He shows</p>			

	great mental toughness by not getting nervous when being put in tough situations on the field. He possesses good concentration when being used in run support by being able to come up in the box, square up the running back and either hit him head on, or wrap up the ball carrier by the legs. The only issue that I am skeptical about is his concentration in pass coverage. He tends to trust his eyes too much, allowing receivers to get behind him, ultimately resulting in falling a few steps behind the play.			
<b>STRENGTH / EXPLOSION</b>		<b>SECTION GRADE:</b>		8.6
Body Type	Collins possesses a strong, thick build in a lean frame at 6-foot and 228 pounds. He has prototypical build that NFL teams are looking for in a box safety. He showed his durability by playing in all 27 games through his college campaign despite getting hurt during the playoff game vs. Ohio State in which he later returned. He is a warrior and tries to play through any injuries that occur during a game. With that being said, I do not have any injury concerns with him when transitioning to the next level. When speaking about his play strength he is a very energetic and explosive player that has elite ability to set the tone with his passion for the game and closes on the ball carrier with tremendous force. He is very good in run support and at covering up the slot. He has the ability to roam when being used as a free safety with good range but does not have elite recovery speed. Since he has played both safety positions he shows that he is a versatile football player that can be an asset to any team in the NFL.			
Durability				
Explosion				
Play Strength				
<b>GDE</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMENTS DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>GAMES VIEWED</b>	<b>COMBINE NOTES</b>
8.4	READ & REACT	He is very good at reading the play before it happens. This is a very rare trait for defensive players to possess. That trait is seen mostly in elite captain-like inside linebackers. He is usually very quick to react to passes, but will jump on fakes at times and allow receivers to get behind him.	2013 – Texas A&M, Tennessee, LSU, Auburn, Oklahoma  2014 – West Virginia, Florida, Ole Miss, LSU, Mississippi State, Auburn, Missouri, Ohio State	225 REPS – N/A VERTICAL JUMP - 35 BROAD JUMP – 10’0” 20 SHUTTLE – 4.33 60 SHUTTLE – 11.94 3 CONE – 7.38
8.1	M / M COVERAGE	He is good in man-to-man coverage when lined up in the slot due to his physical presence and ability to press. Also, consistently makes hard hits right after the catch, but he does not consistently break up passes. He also does a good job when he stays low in his backpedal allowing him to		

		transition well if his footwork is good but does not have elite recovery speed.		
8.0	ZONE COVERAGE	He is very quick to read passes and closes explosively on the ball, allowing him to make hard hits as ball arrives to break up some passes. He has good range but if he gets caught out of position he will not be able to recover due to a lack of recovery speed. He is smart and uses angles to makeup for elite speed.		
8.0	BREAK AND CLOSE	He is excellent at closing on RB screens and blowing up the intended receiver as well as being able to grab the ball carriers leg and dragging them down when overcommitting. However, when sitting in coverage he trusts his eyes too much, making him hesitate ever so slightly, which puts him out of position.		
8.0	HIPS / TURN ABIL.	He has very quick feet but his hips are not as loose as most corners due to his larger frame as a safety. However, he makes up for his hips with physicality at the line of scrimmage by pressing the receiver, throwing off the timing of the route. He is very fluid and flexible for a safety, giving him the versatility to produce both in run support as well as in pass coverage.		
8.9	TACKLING	He will deliver extremely hard hits		

		but always will make the leg tackle if he is not in position to hit someone head on. He is a very sure tackler. Rarely misses any tackles. He is very active in the run game and loves to play around the ball.		
8.9	HITTING ABILITY	He is a heat-seeking missile that will come up and blow up running backs in the backfield or receivers that are running crossing routes. He is known as one of the hardest hitting safeties in this class and will set the tone with his physical playing style.		
7.8	HANDS- INT.	He has good hands and ball skills in which you will see him make the ball hawking interceptions where he comes across the field. However, he will drop the easy ones that should have been intercepted		
6.8	HANDS FGT-BLK	He is very physical and strong when fighting blocks but will become lazy at times when he knows he cannot get through the tackle. This is where you will see him do this spin move type of motion off of blockers.	<b>CRITICAL FACTORS</b>	
7.7	DEEP SPEED	He has very good playing speed in which he can stay with any receiver when in man-to-man coverage. However, he lacks elite recovery speed to catch up to a receiver when overcommitting on a play.	ATHLETIC ABILITY – N/A TACKLING – N/A PLAY SPEED – N/A	COVERAGE – N/A COMPETES – N/A INSTINCTS – N/A
8.5	RETURN ABILITY	He has very good vision and playmaking ability when causing a		

		turnover. He will gain yardage after an interception and has enough speed to take it the distance. He showed his return ability on his 89-yard interception for a touchdown against Tennessee in 2013.	
N/A	ERRORS	No glaring mental errors, but he trusts his eyes too much which can get him behind on a play. He does not possess elite recovery speed.	

**STRONG POINTS**

**WEAKNESSES**

He is a strong, stocky safety with a no-nonsense demeanor typical of a Nick Saban coached player. He has excellent overall athletic ability and very good playing speed as well as range to be a force at the next level. He has good instincts and ball skills for the position. He is a violent hitter and is extremely talented in run support, almost never missing a tackle. He will lay the big hit or if out of position he will make the sure tackle and take the ball carrier down by their legs. He is always around the ball, both in coverage as well as in run support. He possesses versatility in being able to play both safety positions as either a box safety or high safety. He does a good job in off man coverage and has the range and eyes to play zone coverage. He is willing to play special teams and plays with toughness and has durability to play a long time in the NFL.

He does not have too many flaws in his game as he is a very good safety and will produce at the next level. Although he possesses great instincts and ball skills, he only has average hands. He dropped some easy passes that should have been intercepted. He will get caught trusting his eyes too much and does not have elite recovery speed to make up for any hesitations. At times he will show too much confidence in his recovery speed. He gets caught peeking into backfield and can be beaten over the top after a late jump. He is sometimes over aggressive when pursuing a target out and runs past them before gathering his feet to run towards the ball carrier. He was beaten for game-tying and game-winning touchdown by Ole Miss. Might be carrying too much bulk to play the free safety position.

**SUMMARY**

Collins did not start his freshman year at Alabama but was an impact player to say the least, tying for the team lead with 10 special teams tackles as well as providing depth at the safety position. In 2013 he was plugged into the starting role as a box safety and finishing second to only star linebacker C.J. Mosley with 70 tackles, two fumbles forced and recovered, and two interceptions, one which was returned 89-yards for a touchdown. In 2014 he went on to lead the team with 103 tackles as a junior, along with three interceptions, 10 pass deflections, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble. As a result of his production, Collins was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy as the top defensive player and Jim Thorpe Award as best defensive back in the nation. He is a big, stocky safety with natural instincts for the position. His high football IQ and smarts allows for him to use angles to track down offensive

players in his pursuit. He has a great feel for the snap count when coming free as a box safety. He plays with high intensity and acts as a tempo-setter who can energize a defense with his immense passion for the game. Played more of in-the-box safety in 2013 while HaHa Clinton-Dix was occupying the high safety position. In 2014 Collins took on more of that high safety role and excelled which showed his versatility that he can come in and play either safety positions. He is at his best when he can attack rather than sit back in coverage and process. In run support he is a heat seeking-missile that likes to come up and deliver the blow and make open field tackles. He is consistent on one-on-one tackles but sometimes overcommits on small shifty backs and misses. Does a good job at wrapping up ball carriers by the legs. He has the willingness to play special teams on top of defense and plays all out. Collins has shown his versatility by seeing action at both strong and free safety and projects as a first-round pick in large part because he should be able to handle either role at the next level. However, he has some limitations in coverage, but plays with range and is an intimidating presence in the secondary. With that being said, his frame and recovery skills better suit him to play as a box safety at the next level. I project Collins as first safety being drafted. With it being such a weak safety class I could see him going as high as pick #5 to the Redskins. However, I project him more as a top-20 talent and not as a top-10 pick. Other teams that could be looking for a safety the caliber of Collins are the Chargers at #17, the Chiefs at #18, and the Eagles at #20. I see him a lot of Donte Whitner and T.J. Ward in Collins game, as they are all athletically gifted strong safeties that possess a stockier build and aggressive styles of play with the ability to lay some hard hits.

Pro Comparison: Donte Whitner/T.J. Ward