

Fowler, Jr.	Dante	Florida	<b>OLB/DE</b>	<b>I 8.55</b>
Last Name 6'3"	First Name 261	College 4.60	Position	Final Grade
Height	Weight	40 speed		
<b>ATHLETIC ABILITY</b>	<b>SECTION GRADE:</b>		8.8	
Q.A.B Quick Feet C.O.D. Flexibility Coordination	Fowler is a freakish athlete with light feet and fluid athleticism that can play as a pass rushing LB in a 3-4 or as a 4-3 DE. He has all of the tools; quickness, agility, and great balance. He has good foot quickness in which he is able to generate a quick first step off of the line of scrimmage in his pursuit of the QB. He has the hips and feet to change direction easily. However, he gets caught committing one way, which does not leave room for him to adjust and get going the other way in order to catch up to the play. He shows above average flexibility and is as coordinated as any pass rusher at 260 pounds.			
<b>COMPETITIVENESS</b>	<b>SECTION GRADE:</b>		8.6	
Toughness Clutch Play Production Consistency Team Player Pride / Quit	Fowler is a player that is all for his team and loves to compete. He is also as tough and as physical as you will see out of a guy playing edge rusher at 260 pounds as he will flatten FB's when they attempt to block him. He plays well under pressure and in the dying moments of the game he will make sure he is a factor whether that means taking on the double team and even sometimes the triple team to help out his team. His production was incredible during his collegiate career at Florida, but he is still raw and he has the potential to surpass his production from college in the pros. Since becoming a starter in 2012, he played all 24 games during his final two seasons in which he racked up 110 tackles, including 25.5 tackles for loss, 12 sacks, 8 pass deflections, 5 forced fumbles (with 2 fumble recoveries). These were solid numbers that will only be on the rise as he moves onto the next level and is used as a building block to a franchise looking to draft the premier edge rusher in this class. I thought he was very consistent, the only place where I saw minor issues were in his ability to read the read option as well as when converting speed-to-power. He plays the game with an edge and is very passionate about getting better. He was one of the team leaders this past season and I could see him being a good example as a team captain through the pride and emotion he displayed in playing for the Gators.			
<b>MENTAL ALERTNESS</b>	<b>SECTION GRADE:</b>		8.6	
Learn / Retain Inst/Reaction	Fowler possesses elite instincts for the position and anticipates very well. However, he gets caught choosing on the read option between whether he should tackle the QB or RB and will miss on the			

Concentration	actual ball carrier. With that being said, he has a good overall motor. He plays the game extremely hard, on every snap, and he plays the game with an edge. He seems to always be locked, displaying exceptional awareness for when the ball is on ground. He has a good understanding for what offenses are doing and knows how to react to what they are doing, being the reason he is so hard to game plan for on a weekly basis. He has great football character, with no off-field issues, and is determined to learn and get better. He is able to retain what he learns and displays it by not making the same mistakes. This guy has his head on straight and you can see he is determined to be great.			
<b>STRENGTH / EXPLOSION</b>	<b>SECTION GRADE:</b>		8.7	
Body Type	Fowler is built very well, sporting an athletic frame with very long arms. He has transformed his body since coming to Florida by losing 25 pounds allowing him to add substantial explosiveness in space. He is very durable as he played in all 37 games during his three seasons at UF, including starts in all 24 games during final two seasons. He is an incredibly athletic and explosive edge rusher that has one objective, and that is to get after whoever has the ball. As far as his play strength is concerned, he has enough strength and power to drive OT's back into the QB at times. However, he needs more consistency converting speed-to-power as well as getting stronger at the point of attack. These are things that will come at the next level since I know that his bull rush is capable of being a factor.			
Durability				
Explosion				
Play Strength				
<b>GDE</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMENTS DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>GAMES VIEWED</b>	<b>COMBINE NOTES</b>
8.6	READ AND REACT	He has elite instincts for the position and anticipates very well, being the reason why he can read and react so effectively. He is very hard to game plan for as he understands what the offense is doing and knows what they are trying to do. He did a great job when used as the BUCK LB and was asked to blitz straight up the middle but struggled against the read option where he guessed on either the QB or RB and ended up missing.	2013 – Tennessee, Kentucky  2014 – Kentucky, Alabama, LSU, Florida State, East Carolina	225 REPS – 19 VERTICAL JUMP – 32.5 BROAD JUMP – 9'4" 20 SHUTTLE – 4.32 60 SHUTTLE – 11.89 3 CONE – 7.40
8.9	INITIAL QUICKS	He possesses outstanding initial		

		quicks as he posted a 1.56 10 yard split. That was fastest of all DL at combine). He could master his timing to get off the line first on every play so that he could become an elite talent at the next level.		
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8.0	TACKLING	He is a very could wrap up tackler in which he uses his long arms to get a grasp on ball carriers. He is very aggressive and closes very quickly on ball carriers and QB's with vicious striking ability as a tackler. He tends to overshoot tackles at times but he is very strong and will not loose grab of ball carriers once he has a grip on them. He must work on overcommitting because that is where he misses most of his tackles.		
8.6	SHED BLOCKER	He has some shock to his hands and uses them to shed blocks and bull		

		<p>rush effectively at times. He usually beats his man one-on-one and demands the double team. However, he could use some more power to improve his block shedding ability. He struggled vs. La’el Collins.</p>		
7.1	RUN AT HIM	<p>He does a great job of setting the edge and is capable at making the tackle and slowing down ball carriers running towards him. However, this is not something he specializes in as he must improve on this aspect of his game. He tends to get worn down when he is constantly getting ran at straight on. Depending on what his future team plans on using him for, this should not be an issue as he is a willing learner and will pick up on how to stop the run on a consistent basis. Maybe with some added power he could sustain his ground better when runs come downhill directly at him.</p>		
9.0	PURSUIT / RANGE	<p>He is an incredible pursuit defender. He combines his pursuit with his strength and it allows for him to get the job done in the ground game. He uses his pursuit to hunt down QB’s. He has great range for an edge rusher, which allows him to cover</p>		

		ground from side to side as well as chase down ball carriers. He also has very good range vs. the run.		
8.8	CLOSING BURST	He plays with a very good motor and keeps his legs moving from snap to snap. He displayed the fastest initial burst at the combine out of all of the DE's. You could only expect his closing burst to be better as he plays hungry to get after the QB. He strikes QB's, ball carriers, and blockers with force as if he wants nothing to do with them. When he is lined up off the edge he gets around OT's easily with speed and then uses his closing burst to take the head off to whoever has the ball.		
N/A	ZONE COVERAGE	Not enough tape to analyze this aspect of his game.	<b>CRITICAL FACTORS</b>	
8.6	M / M COVERAGE	Although he plays on the D-Line, he does an excellent job of dropping back into coverage and picking up running backs on wheel routes.	ATH. ABILITY – N/A PLAY STR. – N/A PLAY SPEED – N/A	INITIAL QUICK – N/A COMPETES – N/A INSTINCTS – N/A
8.8	PASS RUSH ABIL.	He excels as a pass rusher, displaying a very good inside move with the ability to shoot through the gap. He does a good job of dipping low and turning the corner as well when exploding off the line. He displays a good repertoire of pass		

		<p>rush moves. He has the versatility to be moved around all over the field to rush the passer from different angles. He terrorizes QB's and will only get better at rushing the passer at the next level as he is still raw. He must work on his strength a little in order to have a more powerful bull rush in order to be more consistent in converting speed-to-power.</p>	
N/A	ERRORS	<p>He does not have many flaws in his game as one of the elite prospects in this draft class. Some minor flaws in his game are that he needs to get a little stronger, he will overshoot the ball carrier at times and miss the tackle, and he needs to work on reading who has the ball on the read option.</p>	
STRONG POINTS		WEAKNESSES	
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pursuit. He has loose hips and light feet in order to change direction on a dime. He can chase down RB's from sideline to sideline. He has the length and awareness to avoid being cut blocked. He has strong hands and arm extension to set the edge and maintain. He is surprisingly good at shutting down RB's in man-to-man coverage on wheel routes. Lastly, he has no durability concerns as he played in all 37 games during his three seasons at UF.

matching up against teams that run a downhill running game. He gets worn down when he is constantly getting ran at.

### SUMMARY

Fowler is the best edge rusher in this in this draft class. He is a freakish athlete that is built very well, sporting an athletic frame with very long arms. He is an incredibly disruptive edge rusher that that uses his athleticism and explosiveness to get after the QB. He will bring immense versatility to any defense as he was moved around all over the field for the Gators. He can play with his hand in the ground as a 4-3 DE or standing up as a 3-4 OLB. He has great first step quickness. He has a variety of pass rush moves in his repertoire. He has the speed to dip and turn the corner against upright tackles. He is rangy in pursuit, which is rare for a player this big in structure. He has the hips and feet to change direction seamlessly. He is a competitor and leader that is a willing learner with no character concerns. He is the guy that you want in your locker room to use as a building block to a defense that does not get much pressure on the QB. He has strong hands and arm extension in which he uses to set and maintain the edge in the ground game. Also, he has no durability concerns as he played in all 37 games during his three seasons at UF. Though the 2015 class is strong at the position, Fowler's versatility, burst, bend, use of hands, instincts and passion make him one of the safest prospects in this draft class, regardless of position. He is similar in talent and skill set to Khalil Mack from last year but I feel that he has more upside and can be a better prospect. There are plenty of teams in the market for a pass rusher in this draft, especially at the top of the draft. Luckily, Fowler is a top 5 talent in this class and he will not get past the 5th pick on draft night. I see him being picked within the first five picks and that is almost guaranteed. I can see him going as early as #3 to the Jaguars as they are trying to add a special pass rusher to that defense. If he gets past the Jaguars then the next team that I see taking him would be the Redskins at #5 as they are trying to replace Brian Orakpo off the edge. Two teams that have a chance in trading up to one of these spots to select him would be the Falcons who hold the #8 pick and the Giants who have the #9 pick. Overall, Fowler is a day one force off the edge on whatever team selects him. He is raw but with some coaching and added strength you can expect him to be a double-digit sack guy. I see him having a more productive pro career then he had at Florida and if he stays focused he can make the Pro Bowl consistently for years to come.

Pro Comparison: Khalil Mack