

Williams	Leonard	USC	DE/DT	I 8.84
Last Name	First Name	College	Position	Final Grade
6'5"	302	4.97		
Height	Weight	40 speed		
ATHLETIC ABILITY	SECTION GRADE:		8.6	
Q.A.B Quick Feet C.O.D. Flexibility Coordination	Williams has rare athleticism from a defensive linemen standpoint. He has traits for his size that you will not see in many players over the course of a lifetime. He is massive but is still able to move very smoothly while remaining balanced throughout the process. He is coordinated enough to drop off the line of scrimmage from the D-Line position to make interceptions. He is able to change direction fairly well but he will not stop on a dime, as he is too big. He gets a very good jump off the line of scrimmage and has quick feet for his build. He shows his agility when shooting through gaps to make plays on QB's and RB's. He makes everything look so easy.			
COMPETITIVENESS	SECTION GRADE:		8.9	
Toughness Clutch Play Production Consistency Team Player Pride / Quit	Williams is extremely competitive and is a tough physical defensive lineman. He will come up big in the clutch when the team needs it. That is why teams have been triple teaming him late in games when the game is on the line. He also does a good job of getting leverage on interior linemen and stuffing RB's in goal line situations. His production was incredible during his collegiate career at USC, racking up 218 tackles, including 36.5 for losses (with 21 sacks), 8 pass deflections, 5 forced fumbles, and 2 interceptions in 35 career starts. The only minor problem I see with his consistency is that he will quit on some plays when the play is going away from him even though he has the ability to catch most RB's from behind. With that being said, he did a better job with finishing plays in 2014. He plays with passion as well as pride and exemplifies a true leader as the team captain.			
MENTAL ALERTNESS	SECTION GRADE:		8.8	
Learn / Retain Inst/Reaction Concentration	Williams possesses elite instincts for the position and shows good patience in the run game. He reads screen plays well. However, he tends to always go for the QB and lets running backs slip past him when overcommitting. He also struggles with the read option where he tends to guess on either the QB or RB and will miss on the actual ball carrier. He has a good understanding for what the offense is 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. Lastly, he is such a talented pass rusher and has such high football IQ that he will			

	pickup on tendencies of the offensive players throughout the game and will not make the same mistake over again.			
STRENGTH / EXPLOSION	SECTION GRADE:		9.0	
Body Type	Williams possesses the frame of a monster. He is massive and is put together well. The scary thing is that his frame is able to hold more weight and muscle. He has been very durable throughout his collegiate career as he only missed one game after suffering a shoulder injury that made him miss the game vs. California as well as keeping him out of 2014 spring practice while recovering from the injury. The injury did not seem to be an issue during the 2014 season as he elevated his game to the next level. With that being said, I do not have any injury concerns with him going forward. He is able to move offensive linemen backwards due to his strength and explosiveness off of the snap. His play strengths are within his natural strength as well as his violent usage of his hands as he is able to shed blocks at ease. As a pass rusher, he will beat anyone one-on-one but he is able to take on up to triple and quadruple teams, he is just that good. Lastly, he shows versatility as he is capable of lining up anywhere on the defensive line. However, I feel that he looked better and was more productive as a pass rusher when lined up as a 3-4 DE rather than a 4-3 DT.			
Durability				
Explosion				
Play Strength				
GDE	CATEGORY	COMMENTS DESCRIPTION	GAMES VIEWED	COMBINE NOTES
8.8	READ & REACT	He has elite instincts for the position which is why he able to read and react so effectively. He understands what the offense is doing and knows how to react to what they are doing, being the reason he is basically unblockable. He does a good job of reading screen plays but struggles with the read option where he tends to guess on either the QB or RB and will obliterate them.	2013 – Arizona, Notre Dame, Utah 2014 – Fresno State, Arizona State, Nebraska	225 REPS – N/A VERTICAL JUMP – 29.5 BROAD JUMP – 8’10” 20 SHUTTLE – 4.53 60 SHUTTLE – N/A 3 CONE – 7.59
8.5	INITIAL QUICKS	He always seems to get a good jump off the line of scrimmage and has coordinated feet in order to move		

		smoothly for such a big man.		
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9.0	USE OF HANDS	<p>He uses great technique when using his hands to weave through blockers. He possesses violent hand usage, which enables him to shed blockers and rip through to get past his assignment. He has incorporated a nice swim move, where he drives his arm through in a “karate chop” motion to get past his man. He disengages from blockers easily by pushing and throwing them around once he is in full pursuit.</p>		

9.0	SHED BLOCKER	He has rare block shedding ability due to his vicious hand usage and swiping ability. He has developed a variety of rush moves since the end of the 2013 season, including; swim and spin moves. He cannot be contained one-on-one.		
8.9	RUN AT HIM	He is not the guy that offenses choose to run towards because he is a physical and violent presence on the field. He scares opposing offenses and will fill running lanes. However, at times he will overshoot ball carriers and gets double teamed to the point where he gets sealed and the hole opens up where he cannot make a play on the ball carrier. He sometimes will miss tackles on smaller backs in between the tackles. Besides those minor issues, he is an exceptional run stuffer and will be game planned for on a weekly basis.		
9.0	PURSUIT / RANGE	He has amazing range for a massive defensive lineman. He also has great pursuit in which he will chase RB's downfield and hunt down QB's by shooting through gaps.		
8.7	TACKLING	He does a good job of tackling and he makes sure the ball carrier feels it so that he can set the tone of the		

		game. However, small backs will slip past him at times in between the tackles when it gets crowded.			
8.5	CLOSING BURST	He possesses a great motor in which he uses to close on ball carriers. He will straight up light up ball carriers with force. When lined up as a 3-4 DE he gets around OT's easily and then uses his closing burst to explode and hunt down QB's.	CRITICAL FACTORS		
9.0	POWER RUSH	He has an extremely powerful bull rush and overpowers linemen easily. He pushed the pocket right into the QB. He beats one-on-one blocking at will and demands the double team consistently. He will sometimes get triple teamed when the score is close, late in games.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> SIZE – N/A PLAY STR – N/A PLAY SPEED – N/A </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> INITIAL QUICKS – N/A COMPETES – N/A INSTINCTS – N/A </td> </tr> </table>	SIZE – N/A PLAY STR – N/A PLAY SPEED – N/A	INITIAL QUICKS – N/A COMPETES – N/A INSTINCTS – N/A
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8.9	SPEED RUSH	He is very quick off the line of scrimmage for a player of his size, especially if you line him up in the 3 technique, as a 4-3 DT because he is too quick for Guards and Centers. However, when he was lined up as a 3-4 DE he flashed incredible get off and pursuit as a pass rusher.			
N/A	ERRORS	Williams does not have many flaws in his game, if at all. There are no errors in his game that cannot be corrected.			

STRONG POINTS

There is not much that Williams does not possess as a strength in his game. He is an extremely gifted defensive lineman that possesses the length, athleticism, and elite power that NFL teams salivate over. He is a massive man with great metrics. Even with that being said, he has a frame that is able to hold more weight and muscle. He showed his versatility as he lined up just about everywhere along the defensive line at some point in his career. He is able to manhandle offensive linemen with his violent hand usage and is extremely hard to redirect for offensive linemen once he gets going downhill. He gets good leverage on blockers at the point of attack and once he solidifies that there is no stopping him. He is rarely moved by offensive linemen, as he is the one seen doing most of the moving of offensive linemen. He does a good job as a read-and-react two-gapper and will be patient in allowing RB's find their lane before throwing blockers at will when he is ready to track a ball carrier and blow him up. He will win in every one-on-one battle. He does a good job of staying low in his get off and will play with good pad level in the run game. By playing with low pad level he is able to make the difficult goal line stops that he ends up making. He has rare foot quickness as well as natural force to recover and get back into a play after being beaten. He is an extremely explosive and dangerous pass rusher due to his closing burst and his nose for the QB. He has began to develop a repertoire of rush moves including a devastating swim move as well as a spin move as pass rush counter.

WEAKNESSES

Williams is a rare talent. Therefore, he does not have many weaknesses when watching his game. One thing that I will say is that he does not always finish plays and lacks pursuit when plays tend to head opposite of him. However, in 2014 he made a better effort at competing till the play was dead. He is still raw as he is only 20 years of age. I do not know if I should consider that a strength or a weakness, as he has plenty of time to develop and form a dominating long career. He tends to rely sometimes on his physical tools instead of using his skill. Other than this, I cannot think of anything else that would be considered a weakness within his game.

SUMMARY

Williams is my undisputed #1 player in this draft class as he is a rare talent that you only see come around once in a decade or two. He is the highest graded player I have ever evaluated and I even think more highly of Williams then I did Clowney and Suh as prospects. He is an incredibly disruptive defensive lineman that uses his athleticism, both in the pass and run game. He is extremely powerful and possesses elite hand usage in which he is able to toss offensive linemen around all over the field. With that being said, he does an

excellent job of disengaging from blockers. He will win at ease when in one-on-one situations, being the reason why he is typically double and even triple teamed. He drew the double team consistently and he is not even a nose tackle. With that being said, you can expect him to get double teamed at the next level, as this man is a load for opposing offensive lines. He was unable to get a good feel for how productive he could have been if more talent surrounded him, which he will have by his side in the NFL. When studying his tape from 2014, it almost seems as if he had been watching tape on J.J. Watt over the 2013 offseason because he elevated his game to a whole new level, and was reading the QB better as well as batting down balls. In 2014, he lined up more as a 3-4 DE and he looked more of a threat from a pass rush standpoint. In 2014 he also finished plays more consistently and developed a larger repertoire of pass rush moves. He will drive through linemen in the run game to get to the ball carrier. With that being said, Williams will be able to play as a 4-3 DT or a 3-4 DE and could essentially fit on any team, as there is not any team out there that would not love to have a player of his caliber. I see him as a dominant player, playing on any front, but I feel that he would be more effective as a pass rusher from the 3-4 DE position. Just to clear it up one more time, this is an extremely rare talent and I would take him with the first pick as I have him as my #1 player in this class and project him as a top 3 talent. However, it is unlikely the Buccaneers take him with the first pick as they are in desperate need for a QB, so that leaves the Titans at #2, where I think he would fit in perfectly coming off the end next to Jurrell Casey in the Titans 3-4 scheme. If the Titans end up trading down to a team that is in love with Marcus Mariota then you can expect either the Jaguars at #3 or the Raiders at #4 to select him to plug into their 4-3 DT spot. He will not be on the board past #4 so the teams picking after the Raiders should not get their hopes up unless they are willing to trade up to secure the rights to this freak of a prospect. I personally do not think any of these teams should pass on him except for maybe the Buccaneers. With next level coaching and more experience, Williams should be able to put together a Pro Bowl career and eventually end up in Canton as he reminds me mostly of Richard Seymour in the way he plays the game. This is a once in a decade or two type of player so if I am any team I am trying to get my hands on him.

Pro Comparison: Richard Seymour/Gerald McCoy/J.J. Watt