

Winston	Jameis	Florida State	QB	I 8.61
Last Name 6'4"	First Name 230	College 4.97	Position	Final Grade
Height	Weight	40 speed		
ATHLETIC ABILITY	SECTION GRADE:		8.0	
Q.A.B Quick Feet C.O.D. Flexibility Coordination	Winston is a better athlete then given credit for, which has allowed him to avoid pressure and extend plays with his feet due to his deceptive quickness and shiftiness. He is not the fastest QB but what he does have is escape ability. His ability to dip and duck within the pocket and shed arm tackles is very much like Roethlisberger when breaking down the tape. A great example of this was right before the half against Boston College in which he threw a 55-yard TD pass after avoiding pressure and breaking tackles. He also has very quick feet as you can see in his drop back or when he starts from shotgun and senses pressure, he uses quick hesitation moves to dodge defenders.			
COMPETITIVENESS	SECTION GRADE:		9.0	
Toughness Clutch Play Production Consistency Team Player Pride / Quit	Winston is a tough, ultra-competitive prospect that does not shy away from contact by repeatedly taking hits while stepping into his throws. It was not typical of Winston to start slow in his Heisman Trophy winning year as a Freshman. However, this past season he would start off games sluggishly by uncharacteristically throwing the most first half interceptions (13) in D-1 football. What sticks out to me about Winston more than any QB I have ever evaluated is his ability to forget about his mistakes and not only move onto the next play, but strand together drives after a mistake. With this being said, he does not commit many mistakes that should go on him, as there is numerous times where his receivers cannot secure the passes leading to a turnover. Winston's production speaks for itself as he won the Heisman Trophy and National Championship in his Freshman year as well as carrying a 26-0 record through his first two years until being beat by Oregon in the 2014-15 playoffs. Within that 26 game winning streak, Winston had remained poised and showed that he was clutch in big moments as by wheeling his team in comeback fashion multiple times; including the National Championship game in which he drove the team down the field for a game winning drive where he connected with Kelvin Benjamin on the TD. Lastly, regardless of what anyone says about his pride and whether or not he is a team player, I know that he possesses leadership qualities due to his winning mentality and the way he gathers the team when facing adversity and that undoubtedly shows in his career record as a starter.			

MENTAL ALERTNESS		SECTION GRADE:		8.5
Learn / Retain Inst/Reaction Concentration		Winston always remains focused and relaxed going through his progressions even when under immense pressure. Does not panic if his read is not there as he has the ability to either throw the ball away or throw a tough catchable ball to where only the receiver can make a play on the ball. He maintains concentration all the way through the play, even when being blitzed due to his strength in the pocket. Rarely makes mistakes but he is a “gamer” so when he gets his next opportunity he makes sure that he makes up for it. A key component to his game is that he has the ability to learn any system and excel in any system due to his high football IQ and ability to adapt to any situation.		
STRENGTH / EXPLOSION		SECTION GRADE:		8.5
Body Type		The first thing that sticks out when evaluating Winston is his NFL frame, capable of being a “Franchise QB” from day one, standing at 6’4” and 230 pounds. There are no durability issues with him since he has never had any major injuries at Florida State other than tweaking his ankle. He is also a very strong player as he is able to stiff arm defensive linemen with ease when running out of the pocket. He does not explode to any means like a Michael Vick but you need to understand that this man is 230 pounds and is very agile and shifty for his size. He also has exceptional strength when in the pocket as he is not intimidated by any sort of pressure		
Durability				
Explosion				
Play Strength				
GDE	CATEGORY	COMMENTS DESCRIPTION	GAMES VIEWED	COMBINE NOTES
8.6	TECHNIQUE	He has very good mechanics even though he does not always throw a tight spiral. He also has a tendency to throw flat-footed when throwing a wide receiver screen. This is easily correctable so I am not concerned. He possesses a fairly quick release and does a great job of setting his feet quickly, which helps with the process of the release and makes up for the overall time that it takes for him to release the ball. You will find that when he has time in the pocket he can	2013 – Pittsburgh, Boston College, Maryland, Clemson, NC State, Miami, Florida, Duke, Auburn. 2014 – Oklahoma State, NC State, Notre Dame, Louisville, Miami, Florida, Georgia Tech, Oregon.	225 REPS – N/A VERTICAL JUMP – 28.5 BROAD JUMP – 8’7” 20 SHUTTLE – 4.36 60 SHUTTLE – N/A 3 CONE – 7.16

		step into his throws and zip it with excellent technique and form.		
9.0	ARM STRENGTH	Winston possesses elite arm strength and can make every throw at the next level. You will rarely if ever see him underthrow a pass. Let me also mention that he was throwing 70 yards as a 10 th grader and also pitches in the mid to upper 90's consistently for Florida State.		
8.5	CONVERT %	An unbelievable competitor under pressure as he is very relaxed while going through his reads. He also has an exceptional ability to sense pressure, so it is very unlikely that he gets sacked on 3 rd down. Winston's 3 rd down efficiency is what separates him from the rest as he converts on 54% of his 3 rd down attempts.		
8.6	2 ND LIVES	He possesses great football instincts resulting in extended plays due to his shiftiness and ability to sense pressure.		
9.0	ACC SHORT IN PKT	This is where his mechanics come into play as he is consistently able to make all of the quick hitting passes on short drop backs. He delivers a very accurate short ball with zip on "slant" patterns and touch when the receiver is breaking free into space.		

		<p>He also places the ball perfectly on “drag” routes making sure that he leads the intended target just enough to where a defender cannot make a play on the ball. He does not underthrow any footballs with his cannon of an arm, and rarely misses on short targets unless the ball is deflected.</p>		
8.6	ACC LONG IN PKT	<p>Leads receivers accurately to the sidelines with zip so that safeties cannot close on the ball. Has excellent ball placement to the receivers back shoulder on “seam” routes and leads receivers deep on “post” routes. Has the arm strength to make every deep throw and rarely under throws the intended target if anything he overthrows them which is the only flaw that I see in this aspect of his game. However, it is important to keep in mind when throwing deep it is always better to overthrow then underthrow your target because there is less risk of throwing an interception.</p>		
8.1	ACC ON MOVE	<p>This is probably the weakest part of his game but he is still efficient on the move. Winston has very good instincts and is able to use his</p>		

		<p>shiftiness to get outside of the pocket. However, he tries to squeeze these types of throws into tight windows with corners closing in on the receiver. Overall, he is a very smart and accurate passer who consistently places his passes in catchable spots for his target.</p>		
8.5	BIG PLAYS	<p>Winston has the ability to make big plays with his arm as well as his feet, so in a sense he is a dual threat QB. What also sticks out is that he makes big plays when the team needs it as he went two full regular seasons with a 26-0 record before being beaten in his final collegiate game against Oregon in the playoffs.</p>		
8.9	UNDER PRESSURE	<p>Winston works well under pressure with his relaxed style of play whether that means keeping his eyes down field and delivering a ball while taking a shot or using his agile movements to slither out of the pocket and take off running or extending the play with his arm. It almost seems as if he endorses pressure, as there is no better QB in college football that I have ever evaluated when being down, statistically as well as winning games</p>	CRITICAL FACTORS	

		in comeback fashion.	
8.7	LDRSHIP / POISE	Since becoming a starter as a redshirt freshman he has shown great poise and command of the team as the leader. He has incredible confidence in his game and never gives up even when losing with his “keep believing” mentality much like Russell Wilson. He also possesses a set of rare intangibles that I have not seen at the college level since Andrew Luck.	SIZE – N/A STRENGTH – N/A PLAY SPEED – N/A ATH.ABILITY – N/A COMPETES – N/A
8.6	READ DEFENSES	Winston is a very smart QB that goes through his progressions and picks apart defenses. He shows great patience when watching him go through his progressions. He has the ability to read the defense pre-snap and tends to make the right decision. However, this is something that he can improve upon as he moves onto the next level. When making a poor throw it is rarely due to misreading the defense, which is important because it shows that he has high football IQ as well as field vision.	
N/A	BIG ERRORS	Winston has made a few errors this season but I would not classify them as “big errors” because most of his interceptions are credited to his	

	<p>receivers not being able to secure a well-thrown ball. He also has an incredible ability to rebound and make up for mistakes or poor drives; this being one of the strong points in his game. A great example of this was against Florida when he threw 3 interceptions in the opening quarter and was still able to muster out the victory for the Seminoles over their in-state rivals with their playoff hopes on the line. That is the definition of a leader and a warrior.</p>	
STRONG POINTS		WEAKNESSES
<p>Winston has a big frame with sneaky athleticism that can make every throw in the NFL due to his arm strength and accuracy. He possesses exceptional throwing mechanics which allows for him to get the ball out quick with great zip while still being able to deliver an accurate ball. He stands very strong in the pocket and remains relaxed even when he is sensing pressure with the ability to step into a throw and follow through to deliver an accurate ball while taking a hit. He possesses elite arm strength and can rip the ball downfield accurately when stepping into the pocket. He plays the position very relaxed and makes it look natural and easy when watching game tape. Lastly, his exceptional ability to compete and win games as well as use his shiftiness to avoid pressure is two of the main traits that Winston possesses.</p>	<p>Although being heavily scrutinized by many for his character concerns, I feel that these are just maturity issues that he will grow out of sooner rather than later. It is very rare that a QB has very little weaknesses coming into the NFL but I truly feel that he is one of those rare talents that will be able to fill the title of a “Franchise QB” at the next level. One thing that he could work on is making sure that he plays a clean first quarter because he turned the ball over a lot this past season to open up games. Also, he could improve his throw on the run ability but these are just a few minor weakness. I expect NFL teams to look past his off-the-field issues and draft him based on his exceptional talent.</p>	
SUMMARY		
<p>Winston caught my eye ever since he stepped on the field as a redshirt freshman in 2013. He regressed a little bit in the stats department from his Heisman Trophy year as a freshman, but still has all of the tools to be an outstanding QB at the next level. He possesses elite</p>		

arm strength, accuracy, and high football IQ in order to be that “Franchise QB” that everyone is looking for in the NFL. His ability to escape pressure is rare and a key component to his ability to buy 2nd chances to extend plays. It is important to notice that Winston has played under center as well as in the shotgun leaving little to no adjustment at the next level. Lastly, the most important thing that stands out to me when evaluating Winston is that he is a fierce competitor and a winner with a 26-1 career record in two seasons at Florida State. Overall, Winston is the complete package with his large frame (6’4”, 240 pounds), strength in the pocket, poise, and shiftiness to avoid pressure, which is key to extending drives in the NFL. After evaluating Winston he flashed traits from both Steve McNair’s and Ben Roethlisberger’s game. The reason for this comparison is because they all are big-bodied QB’s that have the ability to use their shiftiness and strength to shed off tacklers and then unload a 60-yard bomb while stepping into a throw and taking the hit. I am very high on Winston and I would be shocked if he does not get selected with the first pick in April’s draft. In my opinion he is the only QB in this class with the ability to be a “Franchise QB” in whatever system is thrown at him as a day one starter.

Pro Comparison: Ben Roethlisberger/Steve McNair