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Name: Selvin Young

Date: 9/9/2006

Opponent: Ohio State

Overall Strengths:

Overall Weaknesses:

Power: Young does a nice job staying low and finishing his runs by initiating contact when possible. On a 3rd and 2 with 5:05 in the half, Young took a handoff out of the 2-TE, single back set and split two LBs in the hole. Both LBs wrapped him up a yard short of the marker, but Young squirted free to lean for the extra yard and get the first down. Young initiated contact on a spread formation handoff that he bounced to the left side. He gave a forearm to the safety near the sideline as he was forced out of bounds.

Ball Handling: Carried the ball with his right arm on the first attempt. On the counter play, he carried the ball in his left arm facing the sideline. He needs to keep his elbow close to his body, because he held the ball a little too loosely in traffic.

Elusiveness: Young has excellent change of direction skills. He took his first hand off from the spread formation towards the left side and quickly changed direction up field when the OSU LDE had sealed the corner. Young then made another nice cutback to the left as he saw the backside pursuit getting closer. He demonstrated excellent footwork to avoid his lineman's feet while making the cutback and gained 12-yards without being touched despite the entire run being maneuvered through the teeth of the defense. Young's second run from the spread formation with 3:42 in the 1st QTR was a designed counter, where he bounced it back inside between the LT and LG, then while in the hole made a nice cut to the outside to gain 10 yards. Young can change direction in the open field while running at full speed. He took a spread formation run to the right, cutting up field through the hole between the RG and RT, then used an upper body juke to set up his dip back to the left across the field at full speed with defenders in pursuit. The only contact on this 30-yard run was the safety's flailing arm bouncing off his thigh pad while he dipped away from his pursuit.

Balance: Young has excellent balance to execute his changes of direction. On his 30-yard run with :27 in the 1st QTR, he got another 10-yards after a safety's arm hit his thigh at full gallop. Young took an inside hand off with 13:30 left in the game and broke an arm tackle to get the first down. He was able to maintain his footing for an extra 7 yards despite the hit to the ankle that sent him falling forward.

Speed: Young has a noticeable burst. He dropped 15 pounds since the Rose Bowl game in January of 2006. With :27 left in the 1st QTR Young had a 30 yard run that he would have broken for 80 yards if he didn't fall down at the 50-yard line. His speed through the hole was terrific. He blew past LB James Laurinaitis and went untouched for 20 yards. His first three runs all resulted in first downs.

Blocking: Young's first assignment was the LOLB coming off the corner. Young almost let the defender get past him, but was successfully able to stick with the block and drive the defender around the QB and out of the play.

Vision: Young's first run was a great demonstration of vision in traffic. The entire 12-yard gain was made in traffic, but he spotted the right openings as they developed to read and react for excellent yardage. Young has good patience and uses his footwork to allow holes to develop as with the designed counter play with 3:42 left in the 1st QTR. Young picked up 17 yards on the second possession of the 3rd QTR on a spread formation run through the belly of the offensive line. He is very fluid running through traffic and spots the openings with little hesitation. He's averaging 9.9 ypc after 2.5 QTRs.

Receiving and Routes: Young caught a route in the flat with his hands first and gained three yards. Young dropped a route in the flat where he was wide open in the 2nd QTR with 12:00 left. Young ran a wheel route off a play fake and release to the flat. He did a nice job adjusting to the throw by turning his body toward the quarterback to shield his body from the defender to catch the under thrown pass for a 29-yard gain. He did this while being covered by OSU's top CB--Malcolm Jenkins. Young demonstrated good hands and toughness on an ill-advised flare. The QB threw the ball but the play was sniffed out--Young caught the ball and was immediately hit by two defenders. He still managed to hold onto it. He also caught the ball with his hands. On 3rd and 9 with 12:23 left in the 4th QTR, Young dropped a swing pass with no one around him. He did not look the ball in to his hands. This was a big opportunity to change the game because Texas was down 17-7. He had a chance to make the first down or get Texas into better FG position. The Longhorns missed the 45-yard FG attempt on the next play.

Durability: Had season ending knee surgery as a junior, but looks terrific today: speed, quickness, and good change of direction. Knee, rib, and ankle injuries have hampered Young during his college career. The knee injury required extensive rehabilitation, but he came back in 2006 looking quicker than before.

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Young's career has been under whelming in terms of the expectations Texas had for him, but he is a very good running back. His vision, quickness, and balance give him the potential to become a good inside runner in the NFL. He also does a good job catching the football out of the backfield. Because Young shared time and experienced a

Strengths: season-ending knee injury in 2005, he won't see viewed as a top-notch prospect at RB. Nonetheless, his skills give him an excellent chance to become an NFL starter at some point--even if it is on a limited basis. He has the talent to contribute on a pro squad because he understands how to gain yardage with or without good blocking. His physical skills are just a notch below elite, but his instincts as a runner are excellent.

Overall Weaknesses: Young will need to do a better job protecting the football if he wants to get a shot in the NFL. His knee will have to hold up to scrutiny.

Power: Young's body lean and ability to gain yards after contact was on display in his second run for five yards. I'm impressed with his ability to run lower than the on-coming defenders. He had some minimal gains in the 1st QTR, such as a run to the right side with :40 left in the opening period where he lowered his shoulder on a DB, and ran through the hit to gain two extra yards near the sideline. When facing a player one on one, Young consistently slips tackle. He slipped a tackle on his first run of the 3rd QTR--a run up the middle for an 8-yard gain. Excellent job keeping his body low. The reason he was even brought down on this run was because the LB tackled him by the facemask.

Ball Handling: Good job holding the ball with his outside arm as he ran towards the sideline on his first carry. He carried out a few ball fakes rather nicely. He needs to be more consistent in this area when the opportunity arises. He can take a hit and hold onto the ball. He had some good plays from the I-formation where he was hit hard in the hole. He was submarined in the legs on a 1-yard run for a score where the hit forced him to be tossed upside down over the line and land in the end zone on his shoulder and back of his head. He did drop the ball on an inside handoff because his left arm bumped the backside of his lineman and jarred it loose. Young did a better job protecting the ball with both arms on the next two plays, but on the second run he still had the ball jarred loose and he was fortunate to regain control of it.

Elusiveness: Young's movement on his first run was something reminiscent of what one would have seen from a back like Emmitt Smith in his prime. Young varies his step size at full speed very well. He made a 90 degree cut on a belly play to the left and changed direction to the middle of the field. He has a good wiggle to his running style, but the movement is just enough to keep him moving downhill.

Balance: Young was hit in the thighs by a charging DB after gaining 3 yards up the middle, but did a great job maintaining his balance from the head-on collision and diving forward for two extra yards. This was the type of effort and body positioning, one would see from a solid inside runner at the NFL level--low pad level, hips low, knees bent, and good body lean to end the run. Excellent job getting low on a 3rd down run for 10 yards and splitting three defenders. He finishes runs extremely well at the college level and demonstrates the balance to be a successful runner on any level.

Speed: Young has improved quickness this year. The move he made to get outside on his opening run was one that he could not have made the year before. Texas Tech completely anticipated the counter play out of the spread formation, but Young was still able to outrun the first defender gaining penetration to the backfield on both of these attempts. He found the corner early in the 2dn QTR on a 14-yard run where he outran the angle of an LB and DB to the sideline and up field.

Blocking: Young was assigned to stand in the pocket and pass block where necessary, but on his first five attempts there was no one to block due to the performance of the Texas linemen. Young made an excellent front side block to a DT which helped Young reverse his field that helped the QB make a big gain and seal the game.

Vision: Young demonstrated good vision on his first inside handoff counter play from the spread formation. He didn't find an opening behind the pulling linemen and bounced the play all the way outside. Although he had a minimal gain he saw the best opening and tried to take advantage. Young's second attempt was also a good illustration of a runner waiting to make his cut until he was in the hole. He ran a belly play to the left and just as he entered the hole, cut back to the right and gained five yards up the middle. He exhibited good patience inside to gain maximum yardage on runs in the first half where the Tech defense was pushing around the Texas offensive line. Young had no room, but didn't lose yardage because he had enough vision to find the best spot to make some sort of gain. When the Texas line actually got a minimal push, Young found the opening on the right side and gained 14 yards on the play.

Receiving and Routes: His first reception was a shuffle pass up the middle. He slide through a small hole between the guard and center for a few yards on the play. He also caught a shuffle pass with :12 seconds in the half and did a good job picking through traffic for a first down. He caught a swing pass to end the half where he made a good start-stop move to free the pursuit before gaining the corner and the first down.

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