

The Gut Check's TE Scouting Analysis

Name: Anthony Pudewell

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Opponent: Miami

Overall Strengths: An athletic pass receiver at the TE position that is capable of stretching the field due to his initial quickness. He does not shy away from contact and has excellent concentration to make catches in traffic. He catches the football with his hands and demonstrated the body control to extend his body to catch the ball. This is a player with good on-field awareness and worked well with his quarterback. He could have a chance as a short to intermediate range receiver at the TE position in the NFL.

Overall Weaknesses: He needs work on his blocking and gaining more depth on his routes.

Separation He has the speed to get down field on seam and skinny posts. He also has excellent leaping ability and athleticism. He consistently gained separation against some athletic linebackers in this game because of his initial quickness.

Routes Pudewell ran a variety of routes and got open versus man coverage. He also found the open areas down field when the play broke down.

Receiving Very nice job catching his first pass with his hands while running towards the sideline. He actually was heading up field at an angle where he had to turn back at the waist to catch the football. Very fluid reception with his hands and body working in motion. A natural receiver who gained 9 yards on the play. He consistently caught the ball with his hands first. Pudewell made a great play on a tipped pass to open the 4th QTR. He was running a seam route and Rowe threw a perfect deep cross to the WR coming from the left side. The WR dropped the ball, but Pudewell showed excellent concentration to basket-catch the falling ball, leap over the falling WR, and secure the ball to his body while falling to the ground. Three plays later, Rowe threw skinny post to Pudewell that was high. The TE leaped into the air, arms falling extended to catch the ball. He had his hands on the football, but S Kenny Phillips leveled him in the chest, knocking the ball loose. The ball trickled down Phillips' back and helmet and between Pudewell's legs. The TE managed to squeeze his legs around the ball and keep it from hitting the ground. He then scooped the ball out of his legs to maintain possession.

Elusiveness No real elusiveness in his game.

Ball Handling Pudewell did a good job holding onto the football. His ball-carrying technique was sound.

Balance Good body control, but wasn't too difficult to bring down with a form tackle.

Blocking He is not a great run blocker. The extend of his blocking was to shield the defender. He didn't generate a lot of power when he got into his man.

Vision

Power He'll break tackles that aren't of great form, but goes down easily otherwise.

Durability Had some difficulty with a sprained ankle towards the end of the year. Other than that, no major issues.

Character None.