

The Gut Check's WR Checklist Analysis

Name: **School:** **Opponent:** **Surface:**
Height: **Year:** **Score:** **Climate:**
Weight: **Date:** **Location:** **Temperature:**

Overall Score:

- Can physically break jam [2pts]:**
- Can use elusiveness to break jam [2pts]:**
- Uses body to shield defender from the ball [3pts]**
- Creates separation with burst out of breaks [5pts]:**
- Gains noticeable separation on intermediate/deep routes [2pts]**
- Runs precise routes [5pts]:**
- Finds opening in zone coverage [5pts]:**
- Adjusts to QB when play breaks down [3pts]:**
- Awareness of sideline [2pts]:**
- Catches ball with hands first [5pts]:**
- Adjusts to the ball in the air [2pts]:**
- Catches ball well with back to the line of scrimmage [2pts]:**
- Catches ball in tight coverage [5pts]:**
- Catches ball in high traffic areas [3pts]:**
- Consistently holds onto the ball when hit [4pts]**
- Demonstrates ability to make difficult catch [1pt]:**
- Makes receptions on catchable balls consistently [5pts]:**
- Effective lower body jukes while on the run [2pts]:**
- Effective upper body jukes while on the run [2pts]**
- Avoids direct shots [2pts]:**
- Effective stop-start movements [2pts]:**
- Effective lateral movement [2pts]:**
- DemoDemonstrates ability to carry ball with either hand [1pt]:**
- Demonstrates ball security [3pts]:**
- Maintains control of ball when hit [5pts]:**
- Maintains control of ball in adverse weather conditions [1pt]:**
- High performance in adverse conditions [1pt]:**
- Maintains balance when hit head-on [1pt]:**
- Maintains balance when hit from an indirect angle [2pts]:**
- Demonstrates effort with assignments [2pts]:**
- Demonstrates willingness to block in the open field and on broken plays [2pts]**
- Displays patience in traffic (sets up blocks) [1pt]:**
- Takes good angles away from defenders in the open field [2pts]:**
- Leg power and drives through arm tackles [1pt]:**
- Effective stiff arm [1pt]:**
- Good body lean/Finishes runs [1pts]:**
- Gains yards after contact/second-third effort runner [2pts]:**
- Missed fewer than 10% of opportunities [1pt]:**
- Performs at high level while playing with an injury [1pt]:**
- No chronic injuries (Two or more injuries to same body part) [1pt]:**
- No injuries requiring extensive rehabilitation during college career [5pts]**

Game Stats

Target:
Missed Target:
Drops:
Juggles:
Dropped After Contact:
Rec:
Rec After Contact:
Difficult Rec:
Rec Yards:
Yards After Catch:
Yards per Catch:
Rec Tds:
Yards per Td:
Rush Att:
Rush Yds:
Rush Tds:
Fumbles:

Category Scores

Separation Score:
Routes Score:
Receiving Score:
Elusiveness Score:
BHandling Score:
Balance Score:
Blocking Score:
Vision Score:
Power Score:
Durability Score:

Name: Brandon Marshall

Date: 1/21/2006

Opponent: All Stars

Overall Strengths: Marshall is a very physical player and understands that he needs to use his size to his advantage. He catches the ball well with his hands and is tough to tackle in the open field. He still has a lot to learn about the game, but he clearly has the talent to excel as a possession receiver.

Overall Weaknesses: A former safety that led his team in tackles in 2004. He out-muscled DBs playing press coverage, but won't have as great of an advantage in the NFL. He did not look ready to go across the middle and take a big hit to catch a difficult pass. Owning the middle of the field is going to be the way Marshall becomes a starter in the NFL. He has Keyshawn Johnson type size but he'll need to learn how to use it. At this point he needs to learn how to run better routes, learn more advanced ways to gain separation, and improve his ability to read coverages.

Separation: Marshall sat in the soft spot of the zone on his first reception because Josh Betts made the defense creep up on his roll out. Marshall has very good quickness. Marshall was supposed to run a slant from the 10-yard line in the 2nd QTR. The DB was playing bump and run and Marshall met the jam, took a step to the left and threw the DB to the side. Marshall ran straight up the field and caught an easy TD pass with his hands.

Routes: Marshall got his DB to turn to the outside with two steps and then cut back to the inside on a catch in the 3rd QTR with 13:15 left. This was done against press coverage.

Receiving: Marshall's first catch was a 45-yard reception facing the throw and catching the ball with his hands. The next catch was an example of good concentration: Marshall cradled a 35-yard reception in his arms that was dropped between two DBs in tight coverage. Marshall consistently catches the ball with his hands. Marshall caught a slant with his hands, and his arms were fully extended while on the run with 13:18 left in the 3rd QTR. On the next play, Marshall faced the QB on an 8-yard hitch and caught a high pass with his arms extended over his head and did a good job of bring the ball down and away from the DB attempting to clean up the play. Marshall had a 43-yard reception called back for offensive interference and he then didn't catch a short slant across the middle--he hesitated and gave a half-ditch effort with one extended arm as he saw the DB closing on him from head-on.

Elusiveness: Marshall side-stepped an oncoming safety as he caught a high pass with his hands.

Ball Handling: He carries the ball in his right hand.

Balance: Can deflect hits to his body--big frame with muscular legs.

Blocking: Marshall is a physical player capable of manhandling the opposition in the run game.

Vision:

Power: Big receiver that can carry a DB for extra yardage when wrapped up, or break arm tackles.

Durability: No known issues.

Character: There was mention of Marshall being suspended in his career, but I see no record of it. He has played both safety and WR for the Golden Knights.

Game Notes: ESPN commentators mentioned that scouts at the Hula Bowl felt that Marshall was by far the best player at the game from any squad, commenting that he has the body of a TE and the speed of a WR. Marshall was not initially invited to the combine until after this game.