The Gut Check's QB Scouting Analysis

Name: Kyle Wright   **School:** Miami   **Opponent:** Texas A&M   **Surface:** Grass

Height: 6-4   **Year:** Senior   **Score:** 34-17   **Climate:** Night

Weight: 225   **Date:** 9/20/2007   **Location:** Miami   **Temperature:** Hot

Overall Score: 80

Accuracy Score:	20
High completion percentage (>60%) [4pts]:	Yes
Deep accuracy [2pts]:	Yes
Intermediate accuracy [5pts]:	Yes
Short accuracy [5pts]:	Yes
Accuracy rolling right [2pts]:	Yes
Accuracy rolling left [2pts]:	Yes

Arm Strength Score:	6
Velocity on deep routes [2pts]:	No
Distance on deep routes (>40 yards) [1pt]:	Yes
Velocity on intermediate routes [5pts]:	Yes

Delivery Score:	15
Delivers ball effectively from a variety of platforms [2pts]:	Yes
Throws a catchable ball (touch, tight spirals, etc.) [5pts]:	Yes
Quick Release [4pts]:	Yes
Compact delivery [4pts]:	Yes

Decisions Score:	4
Avoids double coverage [5pts]:	No
Looks off defenders [3pts]:	No
Effective use of pump fakes [2pts]:	Yes
Distributes ball to multiple receivers [2pts]:	Yes
Makes effective adjustments at the line [2pts]:	No

BHandling Score:	11
Effective use of play fakes [2pts]	Yes
Handles center exchange consistently [4pts]:	Yes
Consistently effective with hand offs [1pt]:	Yes
Demonstrates ball security while running [1pt]:	Yes
Maintains control of ball when hit [4pts]	No
Maintains control of ball in adverse weather conditions [4pts]:	N/A

Pocket Presence Score:	14
Buys time effectively within pocket [7pts]:	Yes
Willing to take hit to deliver ball [2pts]:	Yes
Senses pass rush [3pts]:	Yes
Willing to throw ball away to avoid sacks [2pts]:	N/A

Scrambling Ability Score:	0
Effectively gains yardage when breaking the pocket [2pts]:	No
Effectively gains yardage when pocket collapses [1pts]:	No
Capable of breaking big gains as a runner [2pts]:	No

Durability Score:	10
Missed fewer than 10% of games [1 pt]:	N/A
Productive performer when injured [1 pt]:	N/A
No chronic injuries [1pt]:	N/A
No injuries requiring extensive rehabilitation [5 pts]:	N/A

Game Stats

PAtt:	26
Comp:	21
Pyds:	275
PTds:	2
Ints:	0
Dropped:	3
Sacked:	2
Deflections:	1
Fumbles:	0
RAtt:	6
RYds:	13
RTds:	0

The Gut Check's QB Scouting Recap

Name: Kyle Wright   **Date:** 9/20/2007   **Opponent:** Texas A&M

Overall Strengths: Kyle Wright has the physical skills as an athlete and passer to make a roster and at least develop into a decent role player. As personnel staff would say, he looks like a QB. This will likely give Wright good opportunities to make a roster and learn on the bench. Between the 20s he's patient in the pocket. He senses the pass rush and is effective sliding away from pressure. Wright has good arm strength and can make all the requisite NFL throws. He is an accurate intermediate range pass and displays accuracy rolling to the right. His play fakes are solid and he makes quick decisions. He made excellent decisions tonight on 3rd down and under pressure. If he can play with this level of savvy more consistently, he could develop into a better pro QB than he was as a collegian.

Overall Weaknesses: His often tries to force throws into tight spaces or predetermined spots when he would benefit to follow his progressions. He's mobile, but not elusive or a threat on the ground. His arm strength is very good, but he won't bail out an offense with incredible off balance throws. He has a much worse record of productivity against competition considered on par. He needs to learn to develop better timing and anticipation in the deep passing game.

Accuracy: Nice, accurate throw on the run while rolling right to his WR on a deep out for 14-yard gain on a ball thrown 25 yards downfield. With 7:51 in the 1st QTR on 2nd and 5, Wright delivered a very accurate in route to his WR in tight coverage breaking across the field on a 25-yard dig route. The WR was able to catch the ball on the run, but dropped it after taking a step. On the next play, he delivered an accurate slant to his WR for a first down. The ball had to be thrown high because the DB coming across the pattern was going low. He squeezed the ball between two defenders in a tight zone coverage over the middle to his WR on 3rd and 6 for an 8-yard gain. He consistently hit his receivers with good accuracy on first half rolls to the right. Wright has the arm strength, but he lacked the anticipation to hit his receiver in stride for a score on the first offensive play of the second half. The WR got behind the zone defense on a play fake, but Wright waited too long to release the ball, which forced the WR to stop running in order to catch the ball. If Wright showed better anticipation this play is a touchdown. He delivered a perfect slant on a 3-step drop on 3rd down with 13:11 in the 3rd QTR, but the ball bounced off his WR's chest while hitting the player in stride. He made a good, accurate throw to the flat off a roll to the left with 11:25 in the game.

Arm Strength: Good velocity on the 3rd and 13 throw with 11:23 in the 1st QTR. Despite getting hit by the backside defender the ball had enough zip to split two defenders in zone coverage on the play. Excellent arm strength. On 1st and 10 with 11:09 in the 1st QTR, Wright rolled right and threw a deep out to his WR 25 yards away. The ball got there on time and accurately into the receiver's chest for a first down. He completed a 51-yard pass with 8:26 in the half on 2nd and 7 off a play fake. He threw the ball 50 yards in the air and the receiver only had a to slow down a bit to make the catch with two DBs trailing. He completed a 40-yard pass off play action to open the half. The ball traveled over 45 yards downfield. Both long throws were thrown with too much air underneath.

Delivery: His feet were a bit wide on his delivery of the 13-yard pass up the middle to his WR with 11:23 in the 1st QTR. The ball was thrown low, but part of that had to do with getting hit as he delivered the ball. His feet were a bit wide again on a 3rd and 8 out to his WR. The ball seemed to hang in the air a bit, but he also had to throw the ball closer to the sideline due to the tight coverage.

Decisions: Good, quick decisions early in this game. Especially on 3rd down. On 3rd and 8 with 12:45 in the half, he took a 3-step drop out of the shotgun and delivered a pass to the flat to his TE who gained a 1st down. The book on Wright is that for much of his college career he predetermined a lot of his reads in the red zone rather than making a read and taking what's given. On the first redzone throw he had on 2nd and 9 with 7:30 in the half, he threw a slant to his slot receiver in traffic. The WR made an excellent catch, but the ball was throw high and away which nearly allowed the safety to jump the route with an interception that could have gone the opposite way for a score very easily. This is an big example of his tendency to try to force plays. His first touchdown pass was a screen pass to the right flat where the RB made enough of the run to score. Good decision to throw the ball away against a heavy blitz with :04 in the half to save field position for a FG to end the 2nd QTR. On 3rd and 4 with 9:57 it appeared Wright stared down his RB and threw a pass to the back well behind the first down marker and between two LBs in zone when he still had time to find other WRs downfield. His second score was to the TE from 7 yards out with :45 in the 3rd QTR. Wright did well to survey the redzone and find the open man.

Ball Handling: Wright is the kind of QB who shows the ball on his play fakes as his back faces the defense. He does a decent job of mimicking a handoff with his body language. Wright carries out his fakes after handing off the football on running plays. Wright got sacked trying to execute two play fakes on the same play: a run up the middle and an end around. He tricked most of the defense especially as he had his back to the defense and hid the ball, but the OLB saw the ball and got around the corner to sack Wright as he faced the LOS look for the open man. The play fakes were good, but the timing and blocking where not.

Pocket Presence: Good patience to allow the NT to rush him up the middle so he could set up the screen pass on 2nd and 13 with 11:35 in the 1st QTR, but the RB dropped the well-thrown ball. He did a fine job of standing tall in a collapsing pocket and delivering a hard-thrown ball to his WR behind the LBs in zone coverage on 3rd and 13 for a 13-yard gain and a first down. He was hit by the backside DE as he threw. On 3rd and 8, Wright took a snap from the shotgun and made a 3-step drop. After a his back foot hit on the 3rd step, the A&M defensive front of the NT and both ends were within 1-2 yards of him. Wright did a good job to slide up field and to the right and throw a short dump off to his RB at the LOS and the RB got the first down. Excellent display of pocket presence. Excellent job stepping up in the pocket on 3rd and 9 to elude pressure off the corners. He didn't see anyone open, so he broke the pocket for a minimal gain.

Scrambling Ability: Wright has enough speed to get some positive yardage on bootlegs and breaking the pocket. We're not talking about consistent, 8-10 yard gains or more, but 4-5 yards with a little blocking downfield is a good expectation. He is a fluid runner although not extremely fast. His sack was really a run where the WR should have blocked the defender in the flat, but made a mental error. Very good job stepping up in the pocket on the 3rd and 9 with 2:20 in the half, but he could only muster 2 yards before getting brought down from behind. He gained 4 yards on a run after breaking the pocket when he was greeted by 3 linemen coming free after completing his drop off play action. Very quick decision with good results. He put the team in a 3rd and 4 rather than a 3rd and 13. He had the ball knocked out from behind while trying to break the pocket to the left. The ball came out as he crossed the first down marker and was recovered by A&M on 3rd and 4 with 4:26 in the 3rd QTR. It was Wright's first bad play on 3rd down the entire game.

Durability: He took a shot to the head on a helmet-to-helmet late hit after a screen pass with 1:15 in the 3rd QTR, but stayed in the game.

Character: Wright has not been known as a big-game player. His winning percentage and td-int ratio is much better against unranked teams and he has not been able to keep the job despite arriving to campus as a highly-regarded QB prospect.