

The Gut Check's WR Checklist Analysis

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

Overall Score:

83

- 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 catch able 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]:
- Demonstrates 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:

The Gut Check's WR Scouting Profile

Name: DeSean Jackson

Date: 9/1/2007

Opponent: Tennessee

Overall Strengths

Excellent hand and body control as a receiver, return specialist, and runner after the catch. Terrific vision of the field and he can take a hit. He is tough and has good concentration when the ball is in the air. He has excellent speed and leaping ability. Jackson has potential to develop into a complementary receiver in the NFL, but his immediate future will be at best in the slot and most likely returning kicks.

Overall Weaknesses

Jackson has great speed and quickness, but players with these start-stop moves that make them so effective in college football don't usually have the same impact on the NFL level. Jackson is a very thin, light player and unless his quickness is similar to Deion Sanders, he is not going to produce with the same ease in the NFL. Most of his moves are predicated on stop-start cuts. Playing in a spread offense, he faces a lot of zone coverage so his experience with press coverage against top competition is limited. A lot of routes for Jackson in this game appeared to be predicated on finding the soft spot in the zone rather than beating a man with a precise route.

Separation

Jackson's first reception came after getting a cursory bump for the CB playing zone as Jackson released from the line. It wasn't a very hard hit and didn't pose a challenge Jackson quickly getting into his route. Jackson's second reception was a simple five yard in where he settled into the zone between the CB playing deep and the LB playing inside. Jackson could not get separation against the UT CB playing single coverage on a sideline streak with 9:15 in the 3rd QTR but it was due to interference. The CB gave a 3 yard cushion at the line of scrimmage but as he turned to run with Jackson, he placed his left arm into Jackson's chest as he sensed he was losing ground, about 10 yards down field. Jackson was still able to get one hand on the football.

Routes

Jackson had position on a short post in the end zone with :20 left in the half, but Longshore threw it too high and away. Jackson did a nice job eating up the corner's cushion before making the cut.

Receiving

Jackson's first catch was a 15-yard comeback route at the left sideline on 3rd and 10 with 8:30 in the first quarter. He caught the ball with his hands at about helmet level as UT's senior safety delivered a very hard shot. Jackson managed to hold onto the football for a first down, although the ball shifted as he hit the ground. Good hand placement on his second catch. The ball was placed at stomach level and he caught the ball with his hands before quickly bringing it into his body. Excellent job snatching a high throw out of the air on a 2nd and 8 slant with 14:13 in the 3rd QTR. Jackson demonstrated strong body control to catch the ball, bring it to his body and adjusting his body on the way down to mess up the angle of the diving DB to get the first down.

Elusiveness

Jackson is a very good runner in the open field. He nearly split the zone coverage of the CB over top and the LB on the inside to get the first down on his second reception. On his punt return for a score, he started to the left but reversed his field to the right, cut up the middle, and then back to the left for the score. He made two men miss at the beginning of the return that allowed him to follow his blocks. One was a jump cut backwards and away from a charging Volunteer gunner so he could get to the right side of the field and follow the wall created for him. Jackson made an incredible move while bringing down is 3rd reception to open the 2nd half. He had to fully extend his body to catch the football, but on the way down he shifted the direction of his body toward the sideline so when he landed, the DB fell to the WRs feet rather than getting a clean shot on him. Two plays later, he gained 21 yards on a reverse where he made three players miss with start stop movements and dips with enough quickness that it appeared the defenders were moving in slow motion.

Ball

Good job consistently placing the ball under his outside arm after catches or while running in the open field.

Balance

He took a direct hit while running up field on a 3rd and 11 screen pass with 13:10 in the 4th QTR, but managed to keep moving forward for an extra yard.

Blocking

Jackson tends to either try to run off his coverage so they aren't near the run plays or he'll try to shield the defender. He is not a physical blocker. On Jahvid Best's 40-plus, yard run, he simply got in the way of the DB downfield rather than deliver a blow.

Vision

Jackson has excellent vision as a runner in the open field. He can set up moves ahead of him to make players miss before they even get close to him. He did this on a 3rd quarter reverse with a start-stop move that caused the DB to fly past him.

Power

He does know how to lean forward and get low when attempting to gain yardage as a runner, but he won't ever run through a player with a good angle at the next level.

Durability

He played the 4th QTR with a taped thumb that he dislocated on the streak down the sideline where the DB interfered on the play. he caught one more pass, a WR screen on 3rd and 11 with 13:18 in the game. He made a good effort to fight for extra yardage on the play.

Character