

# The Gut Check's TE Scouting 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 [1pt]:**
- Effective upper body jukes while on the run [1pt]:**
- Avoids direct shots [1pt]:**
- Effective stop-start movements [1pt]:**
- Effective lateral movements [1pt]:**
- 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]**
- Demonstrates ability to get lower than defender and drive forward [3pts]:**
- Demonstrates ability to move laterally and shield defender from target [2pts]:**
- Displays patience in traffic (sets up blocks) [1pt]:**
- Takes good angles away from defenders in the open field [1pts]:**
- 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 games [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:** Joe Klopfenstein

**Date:** 9/3/2005

**Opponent:** Colorado State

**Overall Strengths:** Klopfenstein is a powerful blocker that can drive a defender onto his back. He drives his legs and gets into his opponents body. He has very good hands and the ability to gain separation with his speed and agility. Klopfenstein is a frequent redzone target that understands how to run good routes against double or zone coverage. Klopfenstein adjusts well to the ball on a variety of throws--he is capable of getting low, catching balls thrown behind him while on the run, or adjusting to throws to the wrong side. He blocks well enough to be a starting TE in the NFL within a short period of time.

**Overall Weaknesses:** He needs work on gaining separation from the line of scrimmage against more physical defenders. He will not always be able to use his speed to do this. While very athletic for his frame, he could probably add another 10-15 pounds to be more physical against NFL players. He can get knocked off his routes against more physical defenders as well.

**Separation:** Klopfenstein separates well from the initial coverage. He appears to have the initial quickness to run right past a defender playing close to the line. If his QB were more accurate, he would have a TD reception on a well-run post route in the 2nd QTR. He knows how to use his hands beat the jam. He used a swim move to gain separation on a key catch inside CSU territory to get the ball inside the 10-yard line. In the 4th QTR Klopfenstein was sent in motion to run a seam route on the strong side. He left the LB 5 yards behind him on a 21-yard reception. Still, it looks like a physical LB will still have the advantage on Klopfenstein if he's coming off the line. He'll need to work on his technique of getting off the line cleanly.

**Routes:** His route running is good. He demonstrates the ability to get separation on the seam and post routes. He handles zone coverage with a man high and low effectively. He understands when to make his break to gain separation with a man over the top and one below.

**Receiving:** Klopfenstein catches the ball with his hands. He demonstrated the ability to adjust to the ball in the air and make a difficult catch. He caught balls in this game in a variety of ways, over the shoulder; sliding to the ground; facing the quarterback; and reaching behind his body in traffic. The ability to turn and catch balls behind his body while on the run is a strength, and something that NFL receivers coaches regularly drill as a fundamental. On this third down play I'm referring to, Klopfenstein had to adjust to a ball thrown to the wrong shoulder.

**Elusive:** Despite his ability to adjust to throws and run routes he did not appear really elusive as a runner. He's quick for his size, but he's not that kind of runner with the ball in his hands.

**Ball Handling:** He covers the ball with both hands when in traffic and keeps it in his body after the catch.

**Balance:** Good balance for his size. He made some excellent plays reaching back for poorly thrown balls. Klopfenstein had to change directions on just about every throw and was able to maintain his footing every time.

**Blocking:** Aggressive blocker. He made key blocks on two first half runs. The first was a playside seal block on a DE that drove the player back five yards and onto the ground. The 20-yard run was called back on a holding penalty committed by the LT. The second block was a 4th and goal TD run where Klopfenstein cleared out the corner for the RB to almost walk into the endzone. He made two nice blocks on passes to the halfback in the flat during the 3rd QTR. He understands how to get into the body of the player and drive him backwards. I didn't see him miss an assignment or not dominate his man as a blocker. He cleared the backside DE on a run play by moving him at least 3-4 yards away from the coming runner.

**Vision:** Klopfenstein spots the open seam well, but as a runner he's more of a power runner that isn't much of a threat unless one on one with a corner back or undersized safety.

**Power:** Generally, defenders will need to wrap up when they hit Klopfenstein. An undersized LB about the size of a pro safety at CSU, bounced right off the TE on a reception after trying to hit him in the legs. He'll lower the shoulder to gain extra yards, but he is not going to run through many NFL linebackers. If he gains more weight this might change.

**Durability:** Nice sized frame for a TE. At 6-6, he appears lanky for his size and could probably add 15-20 pounds. Can take a hit--at the end of the 2nd QTR he caught a pass over the middle that was thrown behind him. A safety threw his body at Klopfenstein and nailed the TE. The DB had to be helped off the field.

**Character:** Enthusiastic about the game. He regularly congratulates teammates after a positive play. Targeted on third down in tight coverage in the fourth quarter when down by 11 points. He made the first down.

**Game Notes:** Klopfenstein made a nice grab on a low-thrown ball. He got ahead of the coverage but had to get low while on the run to catch the pass thrown away from the player he just beat with a swim move. This 2nd and 16

reception, made it 1st and goal. In the 3rd QTR on a 2nd and long situation, Klopfenstein effectively blocked the DE until the QB rolled out to his side to escape a pass rush. The TE released and provided the perfect outlet for the QB who completed the pass to him. Klopfenstein gained an additional 8-9 yards, bouncing off an undersized LB that hit him in the legs from an indirect angle. He nearly made the first down after two others brought him down. The play was called back on a holding penalty.