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[Quarterbacks](#)

1. [M. Leinart](#), [USC](#)
2. [V. Young](#)*, [Texas](#)
3. [J. Cutler](#), [Vandy](#)
4. [B. Croyle](#), [Alabama](#)
5. [C. Whitehurst](#), [Clemson](#)

[Running backs](#)

1. [R. Bush](#)*, [USC](#)
2. [L. Maroney](#)*, [Minnesota](#)
3. [D. Williams](#), [Memphis](#)
4. [L. White](#)*, [USC](#)
5. [J. Addai](#), [LSU](#)

[Fullbacks](#)

1. [G. Mills](#), [Tulsa](#)
2. [M. Bernstein](#), [Wis.](#)
3. [G. Harris](#), [Arizona](#)
4. [L. Vickers](#), [Colorado](#)
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[Wide receivers](#)

1. [C. Jackson](#)*, [Florida](#)
2. [S. Holmes](#)*, [Ohio St.](#)
3. [S. Moss](#), [Miami \(FL\)](#)
4. [D. Hagan](#), [Arizona St.](#)
5. [M. Stovall](#), [Notre Dame](#)

[Tight ends](#)

1. [V. Davis](#)*, [Maryland](#)
2. [M. Lewis](#), [UCLA](#)
3. [J. Klopfenstein](#), [Colorado](#)
4. [T. Scheffler](#), [W. Michigan](#)
5. [L. Pope](#)*, [Georgia](#)

[Centers](#)

1. [N. Mangold](#), [Ohio St.](#)
2. [G. Eslinger](#), [Minnesota](#)
3. [R. Cook](#), [New Mex.](#)
4. [P. Ross](#), [Boston Coll.](#)
5. [J. Spitz](#), [Louisville](#)

[Guards](#)

1. [D. Joseph](#), [Oklahoma](#)
2. [M. Jean-Gilles](#), [Georgia](#)
3. [T. Lutui](#), [USC](#)
4. [C. Spencer](#), [Pitt](#)
5. [F. Matua](#)*, [USC](#)

[Offensive tackles](#)

1. [D. Ferguson](#), [Va.](#)
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Heath Miller

[TE](#), [Virginia](#)

War Room analysis

The only reason for Miller lasting to the end of the first round for the Steelers was concern about a sports hernia that is yet to heal. As the top tight end in this class, he fits Pittsburgh well with his terrific hands and football intelligence. As a converted QB, he has a great feel for the passing game.

PRE-DRAFT ANALYSIS Hands: Could have best hands of any tight end or wide receiver in this draft. Catches passes before they reach his pads. Consistently plucks balls out of the air at full speed, and makes catches over his shoulder. **Grade:** 8.8.

Patterns: Is a fluid route-runner with exceptional instincts. Has a rare knack for finding soft spots against zone coverage. Runs crisp and sharp routes, and uses his body to shield defenders from the ball. Is athletic, and has enough speed to stretch the seam. **Grade:** 8.7.

Run after catch: Gets up field quickly. Shows good athletic ability and some big-play potential. Lacks the explosive speed to run away from defenders. **Grade:** 8.1.

Release: Has decent size and the initial quickness to escape jams. Lacks ideal bulk. **Grade:** 8.1.

Blocking: Is technically sound. Shows good balance and decent lower-body strength. Gets into good position. Works to the whistle. Must get bigger. Isn't overpowering at the point of attack. **Grade:** 8.0.

Bottom line: Miller, a junior, was converted from quarterback to tight end during his redshirt freshman season and has been a star ever since. He is a notch below elite NFL tight ends in speed and athletic ability but is the complete physical package and shows a special feel in the passing game.

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Overall grade: **8.2**
[Position rank:](#) **1**
[Blocking:](#) **1**
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[Release:](#) **1**
[Run after catch:](#) **1**
 NFL comparison:
Jason Witten, Cowboys

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HEATH MILLER MEASURABLES

Height: 6-4 1/2	Weight: 255
40-yard dash: 4.66	10-yard dash:
20-yard shuttle:	60-yard shuttle:
Broad jump:	225-lb. bench:
3-cone drill:	Vertical jump:
Wonderlic: 39	20-yard dash:


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3. [E. Winston, Miami \(FL\)](#)
4. [A. Whitworth, LSU](#)
5. [M. McNeill, Auburn](#)

Defensive tackles

1. [H. Ngata*, Oregon](#)
2. [B. Bunkley, Florida St.](#)
3. [G. Watson, Michigan](#)
4. [J. McCargo*, NC State](#)
5. [D. Dvoracek, Oklahoma](#)

Defensive ends

1. [M. Williams*, NC State](#)
2. [M. Kiwanuka, Boston Coll.](#)
3. [T. Hali, Penn State](#)
4. [D. Tapp, Va. Tech](#)
5. [M. Anderson, Alabama](#)

Inside linebackers

1. [D. Jackson, Maryland](#)
2. [A. Hodge, Iowa](#)
3. [D. Robinson, Arizona St.](#)
4. [T. Dobbins, Iowa St.](#)
5. [K. Parham*, Va.](#)

Outside linebackers

1. [A. Hawk, Ohio St.](#)
2. [M. Lawson, NC State](#)
3. [K. Wimbley, Florida St.](#)
4. [C. Greenway, Iowa](#)
5. [E. Sims*, Florida St.](#)

Cornerbacks

1. [T. Hill, Clemson](#)
2. [A. Cromartie*, Florida St.](#)
3. [J. Williams, Va. Tech](#)
4. [J. Joseph*, S. Carolina](#)
5. [A. Youboty*, Ohio St.](#)

Safeties

1. [M. Huff, Texas](#)
2. [J. Allen, Tennessee](#)
3. [D. Whitner*, Ohio St.](#)
4. [K. Simpson*, S. Carolina](#)
5. [D. Bing*, USC](#)

Kickers

1. [J. Scifres, SMS](#)
2. [J. Huston, Ohio St.](#)
3. [S. Gostkowski, Memphis](#)
4. [D. Yausi, Wyo.](#)
5. [C. Hughes, Va.](#)

Punters

1. [S. Weatherford, Illinois](#)
2. [S. Paulescu, Oregon St.](#)
3. [J. Torp, Colorado](#)
4. [D. Lonie, Cal](#)
5. [R. Plackemeier, Wake For.](#)

* - underclassman

He's the top tight end in a very weak class. He nursed a sports hernia during the offseason, and his injury has pushed him down in the draft. He can catch and with the new emphasis on the rules he will catch 40 balls next season. No other true tight end will go before him in the draft even if he's still recuperating.

Dan Pompei analysis

This is a nice pick for the Steelers. He might have gone higher if he had been healthy and able to work out for teams. The Steelers haven't had a tight end with his ability to get down the field and catch the ball. He should add a new dimension to their offense.

Pre-draft analysis: Crafty, polished; has a feel for getting open. Is a consistently excellent receiver. Locates the ball well. Has exceptional concentration and hands the size of catcher's mitts. Releases well. Is a downfield threat. Gets yards after the catch, breaking tackles and pushing off defenders. Is well coached. Is not a great blocker, but gives an honest effort. Doesn't have the power to manhandle defenders. Will improve with added strength. Similar prospect to Dallas Clark. Former quarterback. NFL teams want to know how fast he is, but Miller has not been able to run a 40-yard dash because of a sports hernia.

Career statistics

Team	Receiving					Rushing				
	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Rec./TD	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	
'02 Va.	33	327	9.9	9	3.7	0	0	0.0	0	
'03 Va.	70	835	11.9	6	11.7	0	0	0.0	0	
'04 Va.	41	541	13.2	5	8.2	1	6	6.0	0	
Totals	144	1703	11.8	20	7.2	1	6	6.0	0	

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