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TOP PROSPECTS

Best available
rookie free agents**Quarterbacks**

1. [S. Keller, Nebraska](#)
2. [B. Morris, Marshall](#)
3. [B. Powers, Indiana](#)
4. [X. Lee*, Florida St.](#)
5. [K. Wright, Miami \(FL\)](#)

Running backs

1. [C. Simpson, Morgan St.](#)
2. [C. Dawson, La.-Monroe](#)
3. [D. Savage, Oklahoma St.](#)
4. [A. Pinnix, Minnesota](#)
5. [B. Green-Ellis, Ole Miss](#)

Fullbacks

1. [M. Cox, Georgia Tech](#)
2. [J. Valentine, Minnesota](#)
3. [M. Viti, Army](#)
4. [J. Surratt, Florida St.](#)
5. [C. Brown, Tennessee](#)

Wide receivers

1. [D. Reynaud*, W.Va.](#)
2. [A. Bowman, Oklahoma St.](#)
3. [M. Bradford, Stanford](#)
4. [M. Purify, Nebraska](#)
5. [D. Blackman, NC State](#)

Tight ends

1. [J. Finley, Oklahoma](#)
2. [A. Bishop, Nevada](#)
3. [D. Strong, Pitt](#)
4. [J. Stupar, Va.](#)
5. [J. Phillips, Nebraska](#)

Centers

1. [K. DeVan, Oregon St.](#)
2. [J. Masters, Michigan St.](#)
3. [J. Rochford, Miami \(FL\)](#)
4. [M. Spanos, USC](#)
5. [J. Lipsey, Va.](#)

Guards

1. [C. McDuffie, Clemson](#)
2. [R. Felton, Arkansas](#)
3. [P. Sosa, Rutgers](#)
4. [D. Gore, Boise St.](#)
5. [D. Radovich, USC](#)

Offensive tackles

1. [E. Dunbar*, Middle Tenn.](#)
2. [B. Stamper, Vandy](#)
3. [K. Kasperek, Akron](#)
4. [T. Silver, Richmond](#)
5. [E. Pinigis, Liberty](#)

Chris Long[DE, Virginia](#)**War Room analysis**

POST-DRAFT TAKE: Rams made a tough choice between DT Glenn Dorsey and Long. Long was the right call because the team basically had nobody at the position except for Leonard Little, who turns 34 in October. Long can line up at all four positions along the line and will start immediately for the Rams.

PRE-DRAFT REPORT:

Against the run: Excels in this area, both on runs directed at him and away. Fires off snap to take on offensive linemen. Bends knees, sinks hips and takes on blocks with aggressive punch. Shows good technique, allowing him to hold his ground on runs at him, and disengages to disrupt plays. Beats offensive tackles inside to blow up plays in backfield. Shows the speed to catch ballcarriers in backside pursuit. Gets slowed too easily by cut blocks. **Grade:** 9.0

Pass rush: Is polished. Finds ways to pressure the quarterback, but does not finish with sacks consistently. Uses quick and powerful hands well to jolt offensive tackles. Shows a surprising variety of pass-rush moves (club-and-rip, club and arm-over, spin, jerk-and-rip moves). On speed rushes, struggles to turn the corner sharply and maintain balance. With a clear shot at the quarterback, sometimes gets upright and shows hip tightness, causing him to overrun the sack. **Grade:** 7.5

Initial quickness: Shows excellent anticipation and quickness off the snap. Gets on top of offensive tackles before they set up, and uses quickness to get inside them easily on runs away. Lacks explosive burst off the snap of an elite pass-rush end. **Grade:** 7.5

Run/pass recognition: Shows excellent instincts. Is smart reading and reacting to plays, sniffing them out quickly. Does not get fooled by misdirection plays or play-action fakes. Maintains good position against blockers and maintains backside containment. **Grade:** 9.0

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Round 1, Pick 2



Bob Leverone/SN

Overall grade: **8.6**
[Position rank:](#) 1
[Initial quickness:](#) 2
[Pass rush:](#) 1
[Pursuit/tackling:](#) 1
[Run/pass recognition:](#) 1
[Versus the run:](#) 1
 NFL comparison:
Aaron Kampman, Packers


SUPER 99**1**

CHRIS LONG MEASURABLES

Height: 6-4	Weight: 266
40-yard dash: 4.75	10-yard dash: 1.61
20-yard shuttle: 4.21	60-yard shuttle:
Broad jump: 10-4	225-lb. bench:
3-cone drill: 7.02	Vertical jump: 34
Wonderlic:	20-yard dash: 2.71

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Defensive tackles

1. [H. Smith, Tex. A&M](#)
2. [G. Chukwu, Rice](#)
3. [Y. Barnett, Arizona](#)
4. [B. Smith, Colorado St.](#)
5. [N. Robinson, Akron](#)

Defensive ends

1. [B. Mattison, Iowa](#)
2. [T. Brown, Miss. St.](#)
3. [J. Dingle*, W.Va.](#)
4. [T. Blake, TCU](#)
5. [E. Foster, Rutgers](#)

Inside linebackers

1. [L. Myles*, Louisville](#)
2. [C. McKeon, Nebraska](#)
3. [J. Dunbar, Boston Coll.](#)
4. [R. Johnson, Oklahoma St.](#)
5. [D. Floyd, New Mex. St.](#)

Outside linebackers

1. [L. Rumph, NC State](#)
2. [D. Doggett, Oregon St.](#)
3. [T. Billie, Clemson](#)
4. [C. Gatewood, Vandy](#)
5. [B. Renkart, Rutgers](#)

Cornerbacks

1. [D. Wolfe, Oklahoma](#)
2. [M. Richardson, Arkansas](#)
3. [M. Van Zant, Oklahoma St.](#)
4. [J. Sutton, NC State](#)
5. [P. Pratt, Nevada](#)

Safeties

1. [S. Castille, Alabama](#)
2. [D. Parker, Va. Tech](#)
3. [M. Griffin, Texas](#)
4. [N. Warrick, Michigan St.](#)
5. [D. Roach, TCU](#)

Kickers

1. [J. Ito, Rutgers](#)
2. [A. Serna, Oregon St.](#)
3. [A. Carmody, Louisville](#)
4. [J. Paul, Central Ark.](#)

Punters

1. [T. Reyer, Kansas St.](#)
2. [A. Larson, Cal](#)
3. [O. Tolson, Army](#)
4. [M. Dragosavich, North Dakota State](#)
5. [T. Manuel, Grambling S](#)

* - underclassman

Pursuit/tackling: Shows competitiveness, instincts, hand usage and athleticism to chase plays down in pursuit. Uses quickness off the snap to get underneath head-up offensive linemen with ease on runs away. Never quits, fighting through traffic to chase down the ball. Usually wraps up on tackles, but occasionally gets a little upright in pursuit and thus overrun and miss some tackles. **Grade:** 8.5

Bottom line: Long, the son of NFL Hall of Fame defensive end Howie Long, has learned a lot from the old man. He is the most polished college defensive end prospect we've ever evaluated; he plays smart and shows great technique. Long will get knocked a bit by some NFL teams because he doesn't figure to be outstanding in pre-draft workouts. He reminds us of a more athletic and productive version of the Packers' Aaron Kampman. Long should produce at a high level as an NFL starter, ideally as a strongside defensive end, and raise the level of play of the entire defense. Long's versatility would also allow him to be productive at both end spots in a 3-4 scheme like those run by the Patriots and Browns.

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