



### **Cornerbacks Top 10 Prospects**

This is my first time doing full tape watching and evaluating draft prospects in full.

I am basing my decisions purely on what I see, I have given this a great deal of attention, throughout the college season I have watched games due to games being played more in the UK, I have also used highlights as well as watching games as well.

With the playoffs also being shown in the UK and a great deal more attention on this there may be slightly more recency bias in some of these picks.

#### **1. Travis Hunter (Colorado)**

I do think Hunter is the best corner in this draft. It is close between him and the next two. Hunter will go to the NFL well before the others due to his ability to play both sides of the ball, for his strengths and weaknesses see the receiver document. I've added a few strengths below but Hunter doesn't have many weaknesses at corner.

Strengths:

Hunter has great body position to make plays on the ball. He is a ball hawk and will always look to beat the receiver for the ball.

Hunter never over commits but still maintains close distance to make plays on the ball.

My opinion on Hunter is he should be a full time corner with a handful of wide receiver plays, this will make him more effective in the two way game he wants to play.

#### **2. Will Johnson (Michigan)**

Johnson is so close to being the number 1 corner in this draft. I expect him to get selected high as well. The Michigan man is likely to have a lot on interest in him as he can be a game changer.

Strengths:

When you look at Johnson you see his huge frame, but with this he moves well. Johnson is quite versatile as he can play both inside and outside however his strengths are on the outside. Wherever he lines up though he is relaxed and does not look out of place. When the ball is in the air and up for grabs Johnson makes plays on the ball. He is always trying to make plays and create turnovers. Another great thing about Johnson is he plays both man and zone really well.

**Weaknesses:**

A small negative is he isn't the quickest, but to caveat that he tends to be in a really good position. There are a few occasions of getting tied up in the run game so can not make plays, but again it is harsh. Overall Johnson looks a top prospect and is easily a day 1 starter.

### **3. Jahdae Barron (Texas)**

Now we come to this year's Swiss army knife, Texas' Barron. He can play multiple roles on the defence. Barron was the heartbeat of the Texas defence.

**Strengths:**

When watching Texas last year it was hard not to see this guy on defensive plays. He played outside corner, inside corner, he played in both strong and deep safeties at times. Barron was a hugely impactful player, he uses his athletic ability to get to the play quickly, and often beats his man with pure strength and determination. Barron reads the game well, and is quick to react to run or pass plays. He understands his game well and tackles really well with his positions. Barron is also excellent in the blitz game. This creates pressure for his side.

**Weaknesses:**

Another harsh one but Barron does not have the best overall top speed but is another that is almost always in the right position.

### **4. Maxwell Hairston (Kentucky)**

This one may seem a little high with some of the other names on the list. However Hairston to me looks an excellent prospect. I think he is a top corner two to start but will develop into a corner one in the future.

**Strengths:**

The Kentucky corner has good speeds and is able to track the receiver. He has good athletic abilities. Hairston played outside corner and nickel at times as well. He reads the game well and breaks fast on receivers and uses his ball hawk tendency to hunt the ball. He is another that tries to get turnovers when he can.

**Weaknesses:**

Hairston occasionally gets a bit too handsy with receivers and will likely get calls against him in the NFL. The other negative is Hairston does have injury concerns.

### **5. Benjamin Morrison (Notre Dame)**

The top 5 is completed with a player that has injury concerns but looks likely to get picked up in the first 3 rounds Is Morrison from Notre Dame. He started the season well before injuries cost him the end of the season.

**Strengths:**

Morrison is outside in zone coverage, he reads the game well and has great awareness of where the first down markers are to really hit at those points to stop the chains moving. He is able to move and break quickly down onto receivers.

When he plays it always looks calm and smooth. He tracks deep runners well and has fluid hips to turn well.

**Weaknesses:**

Morrison isn't the best in press man coverage, the receivers can get past his jam ups with relative ease sometimes.

Injury concerns as mentioned above

- 6. Azareye'h Thomas (Florida State)**
- 7. Trey Amos (Mississippi)**
- 8. Shavon Revel (East Carolina)**
- 9. Darien Porter (Iowa)**
- 10. Zy Alexander (LSU)**