



Quarterback Rookie 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.

Now let's look at the quarterbacks in this group, I will do a break down of my top 5, but also give the 6-10.

In my opinion there is one quarterback above the rest, then there is a gap for 2-6 where there are things to work on. Then 7-10 are players in the later rounds that could be a use for teams and could develop into nice players/decent back-ups.

1. Cam Ward (Miami)

In my opinion Cam Ward is a level above the other quarterbacks in this draft class and should be the first quarterback selected.

Strengths:

Good passer at all 3 levels, he can make all the throws, not afraid to throw in tight windows and is accurate.

He throws with huge velocity when required to really rip into his players hands, this is accompanied well with some lovely footwork, anticipation and timing on his throws. He can change the angles of his arm to make all types of throws.

He has good pocket presence and with that comes excellent playmaker ability whether in the passing game or with his feet.

Fairly quick runner and comfy taking off when required making him a slight dual threat.

He has the WOW factor with some of his plays.

Looks to be a leader on the field, talks to his teammates, and also steps up massively when his team needs him to.

Weaknesses:

It is really harsh but sometimes because of him extending plays he can hold onto the ball a little long leading to sacks, but again super harsh.

2. Shedeur Sanders (Colorado)

I think like many, Sanders is the number 2 quarterback in this class.

Strengths:

Hugely accurate quarterback, this is also evident when he is rolling left and right. His arm talent is his key weapon and with a really good offensive line could be a superstar early.

He can throw to all 3 levels well. He releases the ball quickly when he needs to.

Sanders does navigate the pocket well at times and does step up massively when the team needs him to.

From the games I watched he seems to go through his progressions well.

Can extend plays with his feet.

He is not afraid to take a big hit, when he does he gets up and onto the next play.

Weaknesses:

Sometimes he waits too long with his throws, and doesn't anticipate the receiver's route. I must stress though it is harsh as it is only a few times.

The other really harsh one for Sanders is sometimes he can get his feet tangled, his footwork is normally excellent but when rushed can lose it slightly.

Can sometimes hold on to long and take sacks.

3. Jaxson Dart (Ole Miss)

I really like Dart, I think out of the top 6 I wouldn't be surprised if Dart ends up as the top quarterback of this class, however he does need work, but the talent is definitely there.

Strengths:

The Ole Miss quarterback has huge arm talent. He is probably the most accurate downfield passer in this class.

He has good anticipation of his teams routes, and reads his progressions well.

Dart doesn't try to force plays, he is happy to go to his checkdowns and when that's not available he is happy to rush for yards.

He does also rush well, he avoids sacks, he isn't afraid of running over a defender for extra yards, and has good ball protection.

He is good size and shape. He is also young.

Weaknesses:

Ole Miss doesn't run an NFL system so it could be a difficult change.

He can miss some throws.

A little raw and naive with some plays.

Sometimes a little rushed causes him to lose his footwork and his quarterback mechanics.

4. Will Howard (Ohio State)

This is the first recentency bias based pick, but I do really like Howard. He has a lot that makes him look like a talented Quarterback. He was absolutely outstanding in the college championship game and played an incredible game.

Strengths:

Howard is a highly accurate quarterback at all levels. He has a really quick release with his passes and anticipates his receivers routes incredibly well.

Howard has good composure and balance even when under pressure, he doesn't seem rushed.

Another that takes what he is given. He doesn't try to force things when they aren't on.

He is a clutch player, he is happy to put the team on his back, especially in big games.

Howard has good rushing ability. He is happy to have designed runs, but can also rush when his receivers aren't free.

It was clear from playoffs and the championship final he will put the team on his back and is a true leader.

Weaknesses:

This isn't Howard's fault but he had outstanding receivers and running backs at Ohio State so it will be interesting to see him at the next level.

Howard probably doesn't have the highest ceiling of these qbs, but I would state he is probably one of the highest floors and comes from a system close to an NFL standard.

He does also have a bad game in him despite being a fairly consistent player.

5. Jalen Milroe (Alabama)

I believe someone will take Milroe higher than Howard. Milroe could develop really well with the right coaching. I do think he is a project quarterback with huge upside if he can iron out a few issues.

Strengths:

A real true dual threat quarterback. Solid in both run and pass.

Milroe is by far the most athletic quarterback in the class. He has a great change of pace, with a blistering initial take off. Milroe is comfy changing direction with pace and snap. Milroe is hard to bring down and breaks a lot of tackles.

He has huge playmaker ability, he can turn sacks into huge gains with his arm and rushing ability.

With the pass game he gets the ball out quickly. Milroe does also show at times some really accurate throws.

I believe Milroe has a lot of unlocked potential, he showed great improvements in his final year with Alabama.

Weaknesses:

Milroe is still a little raw.

He needs to improve his accuracy with his throwing and all levels.

The Alabama quarterback can take off when he senses a small amount of pressure without giving the play time to develop and can get himself caught for sacks.

Milroe does take lots of sacks and hard hits which you wouldn't want to see.

I don't think that Milroe is ready to start day 1, I would like to see a side draft him and allow him to develop under an established veteran.

6. **Quinn Ewers (Texas)**
7. **Kyle McCord (Syracuse)**
8. **Tyler Shough (Louisville)**
9. **Riley Leonard (Notre Dame)**
10. **Dillion Gabriel (Oregon)**