



Interior Offensive Line Prospect Top 10

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 recentcy bias in some of these picks.

I will also state, of all the positions I struggled with the offensive line, both tackles and interior.

1. Tyler Booker (Alabama)

The Alabama guard is easily the best in this class, he will be around the mid first round selections, and it is easy to see why he is highly rated.

Strengths:

Booker is a really good size for a guard. He is comfortable taking on bigger guys and using his frame and strength to take the pressure and keep the pocket clean.

He is really good in both the pass and run game. He creates huge holes for the run game whether a back or quarterback rush they can be comfortable knowing there will be a gap if they go that way.

One other thing that's impressive about Booker is his athletic ability to move up to the next level and clear out linebacker if needed.

Booker will almost definitely be taken as the first guard in the draft. He will be a day 1 starter at the next level.

Weaknesses:

I honestly could not see any.

2. Grey Zabel (North Dakota State)

Another that may go in the first round is Zabel who had an outstanding senior bowl and really boosted his reputation. Zabel was outstanding that week and seemed to win all of his match ups.

Strengths:

One of the huge strengths for Zabel is his adaptability, he can play all positions on the offensive line. He has moved around there and done an outstanding job. In the NFL he may focus on just on positions but be an emergency tackle or centre if called upon.

Zabel takes on rushes well, and is not fazed by any moves the defenders try to throw on him. He seems to manoeuvre defenders with ease with some violent hands.

When watching Zabel he has some athletic ability, he is fairly mobile and is happy to move for swing blocking.

Zabel will likely sneak into the late first or early second of the draft but is a good prospect.

Weaknesses:

Sometimes when watching Zabel he can let the contact come to him a bit, even with his good footwork he can be forced back from time to time. He does tend to recover well though.

3. Donavon Jackson (Ohio State)

Jackson lands at 3 but in all honesty the next 4 could all be in this spot. I prefer Jackson however and similar to a few others can be understood to be because I saw a few more live games.

Strengths:

Jackson has been forced to move around the line at times this year and that does mean he can play several positions on the offensive line and do it well.

Jackson always seems to be in the correct body positions and has strong hands to push and force defenders back.

He is a solid player in both run blocking and pass protection.

Weaknesses:

When going up against a really powerful pass rush at times Jackson struggled but overall should be a good player.

4. Tate Ratledge (Georgia)

Ratledge takes 4th spot ahead of his teammate Fairchild who sits sixth. but as mentioned before 3-7 are really close and should be solid players in the future.

Strengths:

Ratledge is good at pass blocking. He is better in pass protection than the run game.

He is a solid lineman, who has good size and strength.

He is mobile and can move to the next levels with comfort and ease. He can create some good run lanes.

A hugely impressive stat about Ratledge is he has only given up 2 sacks and 18 pressures in 3 years as a starter for Georgia.

Weaknesses:

Ratledge could do with improvements to his run blocking. Although it is solid it could be better at time and create wider lanes.

5. Armand Membou (Missouri)

See the tackle page for his full breakdown

6. Dylan Fairchild (Georgia)

7. Wyatt Milum (West Virginia)

8. Jonah Savaiinaea (Arizona)

9. Jake Majors (Texas)

10. Jared Wilson (Georgia)