

Chase Young Ohio State DE #2

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BACKGROUND: From Hyattsville, Maryland. Four-star recruit who picked the Buckeyes over Alabama, Clemson, Georgia, LSU, Iowa, Miami, Michigan, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Penn State, Wisconsin and others. Played in 12 games (19 tackles, 6 TFL, 4 sacks, 1 FF) as a freshman in 2017. Started all 14 games (33 tackles, 14.5 TFL, 10 sacks, 1 FF) in 2018. Started the first eight games (29 tackles, 15.5 TFL, 14 sacks, 5 FF, 1 blocked kick) in 2019. Was suspended prior to the Maryland game by the NCAA for accepting a loan from a family friend, which he paid back.

POSITIVES: Near prototype physical specimen for playing weakside end in a 4-3 defense, but can line up on either side. Impressive physique with long arms, superb athleticism and explosiveness. Outstanding pass rusher. Outstanding first-step quickness off the ball. Can explode upfield and quickly redirect inside. Excellent speed off the edge. Can dip his shoulder, flatten the corner and close on the passer. Has a variety of moves and a well-advanced repertoire of pass-rush techniques. Attacks the football when the opportunity is there and creates turnovers. Good upper-body strength and can jolt blockers with his hands, shed and disengage quickly. Seldom stays blocked. Disciplined in setting the edge. Moves well laterally down the line in pursuit and can chase plays down from behind. Doesn't overreact and lose containment on plays going the other way. Displays good football intelligence against the run. Exceptional quickness, feet and change of direction. Can play standing up, has dropped into coverage and has the athletic ability to do so.

NEGATIVES: Still has some room to refine the nuances of his pass rush techniques, hand use and combination of moves, as he is often able to win on raw physical ability alone at the college level. Gets too high and will overrun when closing at times. Doesn't have the mass to overpower all NFL tackles when relegated to bull rush.

SUMMARY: He's been able to dominate with ease and will need to show consistent intensity and fully utilize his technical skills to reach his full potential as a pro. Appears to be on a trajectory to be an immediate impact player in all phases of the game in the NFL. Young is my highest-graded prospect in this year's draft.