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BP XX, VJ 41.6, BJ XX, SS 4.03, 3C XXX

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BACKGROUND: From Grand Prairie, Texas. His mother passed away in January 2017 after battling lymphoma since he was two years old. Five-star recruit who chose the Buckeyes after visits to Oklahoma, Georgia, Florida State and numerous other offers. Early enrollee in January 2017. Played in all 14 games (19 tackles, 1 PBU, 1 FR) in 2017. Played in 13 game (32 tackles, 8 PBU, 1 FR) in 2018. Through 12 games, he had 29 tackles, 1 TFL, 3 INT, 7 PBU, 1 FF in 2019.

POSITIVES: Fantastic athlete with phenomenal balance, body control and coordination. Nice length. Solid frame with long arms. Quick feet and very smooth transition in coverage. Carries his weight extremely well and has very little wasted motion with his technique and footwork. Unlike many younger corners, he does not get unnecessarily grabby with his hands because he so smooth on the turn-and-go. Fine speed and can run stride-for-stride with top receivers. Can blanket receivers. Reacts to and plays the ball well. Outstanding closing speed. Undercuts routes masterfully. Very good hands. Works hard and understands the game. Diagnoses plays in front of him quickly and flies up to make tackles. Can hit and is a good open-field tackler. Well-grounded, mature person.

NEGATIVES: A little too soft at times and could be more physical at the line of scrimmage to jam receivers and disrupt on shorter routes. Room for improvement on overall ball skills. Still room to grow in playing tighter in zone coverages. Can refine his technique.

SUMMARY: Elite skills and work ethic with near prototype physical skills. A very clean, low-risk, high-reward prospect. Will be the first cornerback drafted and should go in the top ten picks.