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**Derrick Brown**  
Auburn

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**BACKGROUND:** From Sugar Hill, Georgia. Five-star recruit out of high school. Committed to Auburn over offers from Alabama and Georgia, along with many others. A member of the SEC Student-Athlete Leadership Council. Has a son, born in 2018. Played in 13 games as backup defensive tackle (11 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 PBU, 1 FR) in 2016. Started all 13 games (57 tackles, 9.5 TFL, 3 sacks, 1 PBU, 2 FF) in 2017. Played in 13 games (48 tackles, 10.5 TFL, 4.5 sacks, 2 PBU, 1 FF, 1 FR) in 2018. As a senior, he recorded 49 tackles, 11.5 TFL, 4 sacks, 4 PBU, 2 FF, 2 FR in 2019. Earned his business degree in December 2019.

**POSITIVES:** Outstanding combination of size, strength, quickness and athleticism. Light on his feet for his frame. Nice length but also provides excellent lower body anchor strength. Powerful and explosive off the snap. Can jolt opponents at the point of attack. Disruptive, penetrating player who blows up blocking schemes. Can control the line of scrimmage. Faces double-teaming, but still generates movement. Excellent short-area quickness and moves well laterally. Gets off blocks quickly. Good awareness and feel for the game. Locates the ball well. Can two-gap, shoot gaps and win one-on-one. Can collapse the pocket as a power pass rusher. Will knock blockers back into the quarterback. Also has powerful club move and can keep blockers from getting into him. Consistent motor and level of intensity. Excellent teammate. Natural leader who thinks of others, not just himself.

**NEGATIVES:** Will stop his feet at times when initially neutralized. Plays too high occasionally, negating his natural power. Lacks outstanding change of direction. Can use continued refinement and is not yet a consistently dominant pass rusher. Is occasionally induced out of position by his quickness off the ball. Big, powerful opponents can sometimes take him where he's going and drive him off his feet.

**SUMMARY:** An immediate impact player in the NFL, with a little more room to improve even more still. Early first-round pick. Can play in any scheme. Natural fit as a 4-3 defensive tackle or nose tackle. Can play over the center or could be an anchor defensive end in a 3-4.