



Tua Tagovailoa

Alabama

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**BACKGROUND:** Tuanigamanuolepola "Tua" Tagovailoa (pronounced TOO-ah TUNG-oh-VAI-loa). From Ewa Beach, Hawaii. The oldest of four children in a Samoan family. Comes from a committed Christian family. Began his interest in football at a very early age and credits his father (Galua) and late grandfather (Seu) for helping him develop. Four-star recruit. Chose Alabama over LSU, Oregon, UCLA, USC and Colorado. He graduated early from high school and his family moved to Alabaster, Alabama when he enrolled. Younger brother, Taulia, is a freshman quarterback for the Crimson Tide. Cousin, Myron, is a defensive lineman at Notre Dame. Throws left-handed. Backup to Jalen Hurts as a freshman, completing 49-of-77 (63.6%) for 636-11-2 passing, 27-133-2 rushing in 2017. Was the Offensive MVP of the National Championship Game against Georgia after entering the game in the second half. Surpassed Hurts on the depth chart to become the starter, completing 245-of-355 (69.0%) for 3,966-43-6 passing, 57-190-5 rushing in 2018; hindered by an ankle injury late in the season. Played in nine games, completing 18-of-252 (71.4%) for 2,840-33-3, rushed 21-25-2 that included battling a high ankle sprain. In the Mississippi State game, he suffered a dislocated hip and posterior wall fracture (along with a concussion and broken nose), which ended his season in 2019.

**POSITIVES:** Unique athlete who plays with amazing quickness. Highly respected, high character team leader. Well-built frame. Great football intelligence. Plays and processes the game quickly with his eyes. Reads coverages well and has a firm grasp for the mental requirements for the position. Moves defenders masterfully. Dictates the tempo of the game to the defense and is virtually unstoppable when in rhythm. Can pick apart a defense. Tremendous feet and movement within the pocket. Keeps his eyes downfield while buying time with his feet. Quick release. Pinpoint accurate with outstanding timing and touch. Can drop the ball in the bucket and between defenders. Good arm strength. Can make all the throws. Zips the ball into tight spots and push it deep downfield. Very poised under pressure with rare accuracy under pressure. Is not rattled despite chaos around him while throwing. Intensely competitive, yet shows a knack for knowing when to give up on a play and simply throw the ball away. Excellent field presence and escapability. Playmaker outside the pocket. Can elude the rush, extend plays with his feet and stress the defense with his running ability. A threat as a runner downfield and once in the open field. Difficult to corral. Can fight for yards but also knows when to slide or step out of bounds. Championship pedigree with all the intangibles. Proven winner on the big stage.

**NEGATIVES:** Shorter than you'd prefer and is required to move within the pocket to find clean passing lanes, which can affect the consistency of his base mechanics. Off the mark too the sidelines at times. Somewhat inconsistent with accuracy downfield and will underthrow or overthrow his receiver a times. Doesn't have a

true cannon arm. Has a slight hitch in his delivery. Tries to do too much occasionally. Concerns about his current health and long term durability.

**SUMMARY:** A delight to watch with rare twitch for a quarterback. Has a proven track record of playmaking excellence. Natural leader with face-of-the-franchise character and the athletic tools and football IQ to start right away in the NFL. First overall pick potential.