

BASIC PROSPECT INFORMATION													
	Name Arvell Reese		Position Linebacker/Edge			School Ohio State		Class Junior					
	Date of birth 8/30/2005		Jersey Number #8			247 Recruit Rating ★★★★★		Draft Class 2026 NFL Draft					
	MEASUREMENTS												
	Height 6' 4"		Weight 241 lbs			Arm Length 32 1/2"		Hand span 9 1/2"					
NOTABLE AWARDS													
2025 Consensus All-American, 2025 Big Ten Butkus-Fitzgerald Linebacker of the Year, 2025 Chuck Bednarik Award Semi-Finalist													
NFL TRANSITION													
Draft Grade: First Round		Player Comparison Demario Davis			Scheme Fit 4-3 attacking WILL		Player Archetype Modern day hybrid WILL LB/Edge chess piece						
NFL COMBINE ATHLETIC TESTING													
40 Yard Dash		10 Yard Split		Bench Press		Vertical Jump		Broad Jump		3 Cone Drill		20 Yard Shuttle	
4.46		1.58		DNP		DNP		DNP		DNP		DNP	
CAREER TACKLING STATISTICS (PFF)													
Years:	Games Played	Tackles	Assist Tackles	Missed Tackles	Missed Tackle %	Defensive Stop	Forced Fumbles	Sacks	Hits				
2025	14	37	26	4	6.0%	34	0	8	6				
2024	16	24	12	6	14.3%	19	1	3	0				
Career	30	61	38	10	9.2%	53	1	11	6				
CAREER COVERAGE STATISTICS (PFF)													
Years:	Targets	Receptions Allowed	Catch % Allowed	Yards Allowed	YAC Allowed	Touchdowns Allowed	Interceptions	Pass Break-Ups	Penalties				
2025	28	23	82.1%	222	94	0	0	1	0				
2024	10	9	90.0%	64	74	0	0	0	1				
Career	38	32	84.2%	286	168	0	0	1	1				
SCOUTING REPORT													
Home Games Scouted:		Texas, Grambling, Ohio, Minnesota, Penn State, UCLA, Rutgers				Away Games Scouted:		Washington, Illinois, Wisconsin, Purdue, Michigan					
Conference Championship Games, Bowl Games, and College Football Playoff (CFB) Games Scouted:					Indiana (Big Ten Championship), Miami (CFP)								
<p>Summary — Arvell Reese is a young, strong, athletic, 6'4", 241-pound hybrid linebacker/edge from Cleveland's Glenville neighborhood who turned himself into one of the most complete front-seven prospects in the 2026 NFL Draft. A former Ohio Division IV Defensive Player of the Year and state champion at Glenville, Reese arrived at Ohio State as a four-star recruit, paid his dues on special teams and in a rotation, then exploded in 2025 as a full-time starter in Matt Patricia's Buckeye defense posting 69 tackles, 10 TFL, and 6.5 sacks while splitting snaps between off-ball linebacker and stand-up edge. He plays with a relentless energy, violent hands, elite closing speed, and sideline-to-sideline range that make him a downhill destroyer in the run game, a sudden blitz off the edge, and a chess piece who can be moved around to create mismatches. His arm length, explosion, and tackling radius are rare for his size, and is just 20 years old not turning 21 until August. Though he still has massive technical upside in coverage polish and pass-rush counters, he has all of the tools to refine these areas of his game to become strengths early in his career. His floor is already a high-end 3-down weak-side linebacker in a 4-3 scheme, but the ceiling is a potential All-Pro off-ball linebacker/edge hybrid disruptor who anchors a defense for a decade. His best fit is as a 4-3 Will who adds situational edge rush abilities, green-dog pressure, and blitz blitz ability. In the right system, he's a legitimate franchise-altering talent who changes games week in and week out with a versatile deployment. Considering the high floor and astronomical ceiling he projects as a locked in top-5 pick with a chance of going as early as second overall.</p>													
<p>What Encouraged Me</p> <p>Youth & Growth Ceiling — At just 20 years old (doesn't turn 21 late in August) and only one full season as a starter, Reese already delivers elite production while possessing massive untapped upside. His technical areas—pass-rush counters, coverage footwork, and discipline—are highly coachable, positioning him for significant growth into a generational hybrid defender.</p> <p>Physical Profile — Reese stands 6'4" and 241 pounds with good arm length and a long, lean, powerful frame that carries good weight distribution. He plays bigger than listed weight with violent hands, natural point-of-attack strength, and the leverage to stack and shed bigger blockers while maintaining balance and a massive tackling radius.</p> <p>Versatility — Reese splits snaps between off-ball linebacker and stand-up edge, executing clean stunts, A-gap blitzes, and loops. This scheme-proof flexibility lets coordinators move him around to create mismatches, disguise pressures, and maximize his impact in any front.</p> <p>Athleticism — Reese is a rare freak athlete at his size, with explosive first-step burst, long-striding top-end, and elite power generation in his hands to wreck rushing games. His lower-half explosion fuels violent get-off, fluid corner bend, scary closing speed, and fluid recovery and change-of-direction that lets him play faster than his measurables suggest across alignments.</p> <p>Run-Game Defense — Reese reads keys and blocks instantly, exploding downhill with aggressive triggers and sharp pursuit angles that allow him to cover sideline-to-sideline ground effortlessly. His instincts and range make him nearly impossible to outrun laterally, consistently limiting runners to minimal gains and forcing negative plays.</p> <p>Coverage Upside — Reese has strong upside to become a reliable coverage linebacker, thanks to his length, fluid hips for his size, and closing burst. While he's currently developing in both man and zone coverage, these are coachable at age 20 with limited starting experience. In the right scheme, with continued development, he projects as a capable 3-down defender who can match up with tight ends and contribute in zone coverage.</p> <p>High-Upside Pass-Rush Traits — His first step is sudden and violent, converting burst into fluid bend and speed-to-power that generates consistent pressure with long-arm swipes and bull rushes. Despite limited dedicated rush reps, he turned pressures into 6.5 sacks in 2025, showing natural feel for lanes and closing speed that promises double-digit potential with refinement should it be a significant part of his deployment in the NFL.</p> <p>Violent Finishing & Tackling — Reese finishes tackles with explosive wrap technique, drive-through contact, and a massive tackling radius. Missed tackles were almost nonexistent in 2025 — he routinely jolts blockers, drags runners backward, and brings them down with authority in the open field.</p> <p>Relentless Motor & Physicality — Reese plays every snap with high effort and a motor that runs hot chasing down ball carriers from behind, fighting through contact, and delivering violent energy on every collision. This mentality combined with his youth and work ethic makes him a tone-setter who elevates those around him.</p>					<p>Areas of Growth/Concern</p> <p>Limited Starting Experience — With only one full season as a starter and a relatively low total career defensive snap count compared to multi-year veterans, his body of work remains somewhat limited. While the 2025 tape is dominant, there is only one year of production.</p> <p>Coverage Limitations — Reese can be slow to react to play-action in zone, often failing to gain sufficient depth or getting caught with eyes in the backfield. In man coverage, he can struggle with footwork, hip transitions, and mirroring quicker receivers, but he demonstrated that he certainly has the athletic ability to continue to develop in this area.</p> <p>Raw Pass-Rush Technique — He relies predominantly on elite first-step burst, strength, and raw athleticism rather than a polished set of counters or secondary moves. When initial rushes are stalled by strong, long NFL tackles with good punch and anchor, his rush can get stalled without refined hand usage to chain moves effectively. Continued refinement and a deeper pass rush bag will be required for him to win at the same rate in the league as a pass rusher.</p>								