

	BASIC PROSPECT INFORMATION								
	Name   Rueben Bain Jr.	Position   Edge Rusher	School   Miami	Class   Junior					
	Date of birth   09/08/2004	Jersey Number   #4	247 Recruit Rating   ★★★★★	Draft Class   2026 NFL Draft					
	MEASUREMENTS								
	Height   6' 2"	Weight   263 lbs	Arm Length   30 7/8"	Hand span   9 1/8"					
NOTABLE AWARDS									
Trey Hendrick's Award (2025), ACC Defensive Player of the Year (2025), Consensus First-Team All-American (2025), ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year (2023)									
NFL TRANSITION									
Draft Grade: First Round	Player Comparison   Brandon Graham	Scheme Fit   4-3 Defensive End	Player Archetype   Physical defensive end capable of reducing inside to 3-tech and 4i alignments						
NFL COMBINE ATHLETIC TESTING									
40 Yard Dash	10 Yard Split	Bench Press	Vertical Jump	Broad Jump	3 Cone Drill	20 Yard Shuttle			
DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP			
CAREER TACKLING STATISTICS (PFF)									
Years:	Games Played	Total Tackles	Missed Tackles	Missed Tackle %	Defensive Stops	Forced Fumbles	Batted Passes	Sacks	Hits
2025	16	83	11	18.6%	37	2	1	12	3
2024	9	28	7	25.9%	17	0	0	4	4
2023	13	45	8	19.0%	27	2	1	9	10
Career	38	156	26	20.3%	81	4	2	25	17
SCOUTING REPORT									
Home Games Scouted:	Notre Dame, Bethune-Cookman, USF, Florida, Louisville, Stanford, Syracuse, NC State		Away Games Scouted:	Florida St, SMU, Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh, Texas A&M					
Conference Championship Games, Bowl Games, and College Football Playoff (CFB) Games Scouted:			Ohio State (CFP), Mississippi (CFP), Indiana (National Championship)						
<p><b>Summary</b> — Rueben Bain Jr. is the modern NFL defensive lineman prototype: a compact, explosive 6'2", 263-pound power rusher from the Miami's Hurricanes. Bain came to Miami as a local product and a four-star recruit (247 sports) out of Miami Central High School. In the Miami program Bain entered college football and made an immediate impact earning ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year honors in 2023. After weathering an injury plagued sophomore slump, Bain re-established himself in 2025 leading the Hurricanes to the National Championship and asserting himself as a dominant three-down force. Though coming up short against Indiana in the National Championship, Bain did not fail to win individual accolades. Bain has won the following awards during his final season in Miami: Ted Hendricks Award as the nation's top defensive end (another program first), consensus First-Team All-American status, ACC Defensive Player of the Year, and served as a team captain throughout the 2025 season. On the football field, Bain blends advanced hand usage, violent natural strength, elite leverage and pad-level, discipline, and a non-stop motor that anchors his run game defense. Bain also offers surprising versatility capable of lining up as a defensive end in base 4-3 front while also being able to offer the ability to reduce inside in sub-packages to exploit mismatches. He proves to be an IDL/Edge chess piece capable of collapsing pockets with power, generating consistent pressures beyond his sack totals, stopping the run at the point of attack, and disrupting in big moments across alignments. At just 21 years old with only three seasons of college production, his rare combination of functional explosiveness, block-destructive technique, high football IQ, and relentless effort gives him legitimate Brandon Graham-like potential as a high-floor starter who overcomes prototypical concerns to become a perennial disruptive force in today's attacking defenses. While minor refinements remain possible in bend, counters, and refinement against elite length, it's understandable considering the historical outlier nature of his 30 7/8-inch arms. The arm length is the biggest concern when it comes to Bain's profile. It has allowed him to get stalled in his rush when tackles are able to get into his chest, made it difficult to counter, and can make it difficult to control blocks on the edge against longer limbed blockers. With that being said, his short arms appear to overly tempered the enthusiasm around him. The arm length has not proven to be a concern at the college level where he was able to win against tackles in <i>this class</i> that have prototypical arm length (See Miami vs. Notre Dame in his matchup with Aamil Wagner — 34 1/2" arms — and Miami vs Ole' Miss in his matchup with Diego Pounds — 33 3/4" arms — for reference). Prior to the early leaks about Bain's arm length he was viewed as potentially the first non-quarterback selected. Bain's immense production, tape dominance, and ability to win with power and motor rather than length will test the precedent regarding arm length requirements in degree rushers. Arm length be damned, Bain is just a good football player. Give me Bain in the top 10, no questions asked — even top 5 is a valid consideration.</p>									
<p><b>What Encouraged Me</b></p> <p><b>Youth &amp; Upside</b> — At just 21 years old entering the draft after his true junior season and only three years of college experience Bain is beyond advanced for his age. His year-over-year growth and elite foundation give him the potential to evolve into a perennial Pro Bowl disruptor worthy of top-10 selection.</p> <p><b>Physical Profile</b> — Bain's 6'2" 263 lbs physical profile showcases a compact, powerful build ideal for his leverage-driven style as an edge rusher. His dense, thick frame with exceptional lower-body strength powers his bull rushes, run-game anchoring, and ability to walk blockers back collapsing pockets.</p> <p><b>Positional Versatility</b> — Bain's size, athleticism, and strength profile is highly versatile and can be deployed in a variety of alignments — 5-tech, 4i, and inside at 3-tech on passing downs. He's comfortable attacking both tackles and guards from any alignment and shows that ability to consistently win out of each alignment.</p> <p><b>Athleticism</b> — Bain's explosive short-area burst, quick get-off, and functional power make him disruptive off the snap. Despite his dense frame, it has no impact on his elite first-step acceleration and fluidity where he is devastating at converting speed-to-power with violent lower-body drive and leverage.</p> <p><b>Run-Game Defense</b> — Bain is an elite run defender whose power, leverage, and technique make him one of the most reliable edge players in the class. He consistently sets a hard edge, stuffs runs at the point of attack and anchors against tackles and tight ends with violent hands and lower-body strength without getting displaced. He is a force in the run game that offenses need to account for otherwise he will make tackles for loss, force runs away from his side, and contribute to relentless backside pursuit.</p> <p><b>Pass Rush Skillset</b> — Bain possesses one of the most polished and versatile pass-rush skillsets in the class where he learned under the tutelage of Jason Taylor. He blends explosive power, violent hands, and technical refinement to consistently disrupt quarterbacks and compress pockets. He wins early with elite get-off, upfield burst, and speed-to-power conversion that drives tackles back and collapses pockets. His pass rush arsenal is well developed with cross-chops, clubs, swipes, inside counters, long-arms, and bull rushes — his cross chop is the most impressive. Once he wins the corner he is able to dip, flatten, and close with surprising bend and fluidity for his compact frame. This has culminated in dominant tape and results in a high-floor projection. His pressure goes beyond raw sack totals, but Bain projects as a yearly fringe double digit sack artist at he next level.</p> <p><b>Tackling</b> — Bain is a reliable, physical tackler who consistently finishes plays. He shows good closing power and uses his strength to wrap and drive through contact limiting yards after contact. In tight areas, he can deliver firm, controlled hits, while also coming to balance in pursuit securing the tackles outside of the pocket/backfield.</p> <p><b>Motor</b> — Bain plays with a motor that runs hot and shows up in his ability to re-engage after initial contact, pursue backside plays through the whistle, and often creating second-effort pressure and backside impact. In Miami's game against Notre Dame week 1 he was even able to secure and interception due to his disciplined backside effort. His effort is steady and consistent so that even when he doesn't win cleanly at first his relentless pursuit can clean up. Pair this with his competitive toughness to battle through contact and you get a reliable presence on the defensive front regardless of where he aligns from down-to-down.</p>			<p><b>Areas of Growth/Concern</b></p> <p><b>Injury History</b> — Bain does have a slight injury history that will field some questions as his availability was hindered in his freshman and sophomore seasons due to injury before staying healthy all of 2025. While not necessarily indicative of long-term concern at this stage, missing time in two of his three years at the college level and playing through injury in others will raises some questions for a player whose game is built on explosiveness and power as maintaining full health will be critical to preserving his play style at the next level.</p> <p><b>Historically Short Arm Length</b> — Bain has historically short arms for an edge. The arm length shows up when working against longer offensive tackles who are able to establish first contact and keep him at a distance, though tackles are not always able to do this due to how technically refined he is. However, when this does happen it limits his margin for error with hand placement and makes it more difficult to consistently control, separate, and finish plays once engaged. As a result, he relies heavily on timing, leverage, and hand precision to compensate which also rely on him getting close to offensive tackles chest to do his work. Any inconsistency in those areas can lead to stalled reps, difficulty disengaging at the point of attack, and a decrease in his production — lucky for him he consistently does all of this at a high level.</p> <p><b>Limited Counters</b> — As a pass rusher, Bain has an explosive first-step that often allows him to dictate the rep, but when he doesn't win early he has a limited bag of counters leaning into his power and relentless motor in his second act which often results in stalled rushes — Bain would benefit greatly from adding a spin move to his bag of counters.</p>						