

	BASIC PROSPECT INFORMATION			
	Name   Colton Hood	Position   Cornerback	School   Tennessee (Auburn & Colorado Transfer)	Class   Redshirt Sophomore
	Date of birth   2/23/2005	Jersey Number   #8	247 Recruit Rating   ★★☆☆	Draft Class   2026 NFL Draft
	MEASUREMENTS			
Height   5' 11 5/8"	Weight   193 lbs	Arm Length   31 3/8"	Hand span   9"	
NOTABLE AWARDS				
AP Second-Team All-SEC, Coaches Third-Team All-SEC, Jim Thorpe Award Finalist, SEC Academics Honor Roll CSC Academic All-District Team				

NFL TRANSITION			
Draft Grade: Second Round	Player Comparison   Charvarius Ward	Scheme Fit   Scheme versatile boundary corner	Player Archetype   Versatile outside corner with physicality man skills and zone instincts

NFL COMBINE ATHLETIC TESTING						
40 Yard Dash	10 Yard Split	Bench Press	Vertical Jump	Broad Jump	3 Cone Drill	20 Yard Shuttle
4.44	1.58	DNP	40.5"	10'5"	DNP	DNP

CAREER TACKLING STATISTICS (PF)									
Years:	Games Played	Tackles	Assist Tackles	Missed Tackles	Missed Tackle %	Defensive Stops	Forced Fumbles	Sacks	Hits
2025	12	50	7	4	6.6%	20	1	0	0
2024 (Colorado)	13	19	0	11	36.7%	6	0	0	0
2023 (Auburn)	4	3	0	1	25.0%	1	0	0	0
Career	29	72	7	16	16.8%	27	1	0	0

CAREER PASS COVERAGE STATISTICS (PF)									
Years:	Targets	Receptions Allowed	Catch % Allowed	Yards Allowed	YAC Allowed	Touchdowns Allowed	Interceptions	Pass Break-Ups	Penalties
2025	52	28	53.8%	318	96	1	1	5	4
2024 (Colorado)	32	17	53.1%	241	101	0	2	5	2
2023 (Auburn)	5	4	80.0%	44	14	0	0	0	0
Career	89	49	55.1%	603	211	1	3	10	6

SCOUTING REPORT				
Home Games Scouted:	Syracuse, E. Tennessee, Georgia, UAB, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico St, Vanderbilt		Away Games Scouted:	Mississippi St, Alabama, Kentucky, Florida
Conference Championship Games, Bowl Games, and College Football Playoff (CFB) Games Scouted:		N/A		

**Summary** — Colton Hood projects as a physical, outside cornerback with a strong blend of size, length, and vertical speed, capable of aligning on the boundary and matching receivers throughout the route. His game is built on disruption at the line of scrimmage, where he uses patient footwork and violent, well-timed jams to impact releases and throw off timing. He shows the ability to stay in phase downfield, run stride-for-stride on vertical routes, and compete at the catch point with his length and physicality. In addition, he brings value as a reliable run defender, playing with toughness and urgency while consistently contributing in perimeter support. Hood's projection is that of a starting-caliber outside corner who can function effectively in press-man and mixed coverage schemes, particularly where he can use his length and physicality to disrupt routes early. However, his game still carries some developmental areas, particularly in change of direction, route recognition, and ball skills. He can be challenged by sudden route runners who create separation at the top of routes, and his aggressive play style may lead to penalties if not refined. Additionally, while he consistently contests passes, he does not yet convert those opportunities into turnovers at a high rate. He is also not as well refined in zone as he is in man and will want to continue to develop that area of his game to become a true coverage versatile cover corner. Overall, Hood offers the profile of a dependable outside corner with the tools to match up on the boundary and play a physical brand of coverage. With continued development in his transitions, discipline, ball production, and zone instincts, he has the upside to become a reliable long-term starter capable of handling consistent outside responsibilities in an NFL secondary. Hood earned an early/mid second round grade, however, he could easily sneak into the late portion of the first round — I'm looking at you Seattle.

What Encouraged Me	Areas for Growth or Concern
<p><b>Physical Profile</b> — Hood possesses a good physical profile for an outside corner with solid size, length, and a well-proportioned frame. His long wingspan allows him to contain receivers and consistently impact the catch point, giving him the tools to compete on the boundary.</p> <p><b>Athleticism</b> — He offers a strong size-speed combination with good long speed and recovery burst. He has the ability to turn and run vertically and close separation gaps, supported by strong testing numbers that reflect his functional athleticism on the perimeter.</p> <p><b>Coverage</b> — Hood shows the ability to play effectively in press-man coverage, using patient feet and violent, well-timed strikes to disrupt releases and throw off route timing. He can suffocate receivers early in the rep, particularly on outside releases, and uses his length and strength to stay connected through the stem. He runs well on the vertical plane and has the ability to stay in phase downfield. Underneath, he shows the ability to click, trigger, and close on routes while remaining competitive at the catch point.</p> <p><b>Physicality and Run Support</b> — He is a physical, willing run defender who brings a strong edge on the perimeter. Hood is a reliable tackler with good stopping power, capable of driving through contact and limiting yards after catch. He consistently engages in run support and does not shy away from contact.</p>	<p><b>Man Coverage Consistency</b> — Hood has only modest change-of-direction ability. He is not a sudden or twitchy athlete, which can show up when asked to mirror sharp route breaks or react to sudden movement at the top of routes. While effective in press, he can struggle against more sudden receivers due to average mirror ability. His aggressiveness and occasional undisciplined eyes can lead to separation, particularly on comebacks and sharp-breaking routes.</p> <p><b>Physicality/Penalty Risk</b> — His physical and aggressive approach can be a double-edged sword, as it may lead to penalties at the next level if not properly controlled.</p> <p><b>Zone Awareness &amp; Route Recognition</b> — He is still developing his feel in zone coverage, particularly in diagnosing route concepts and reacting to combinations developing around him.</p> <p><b>Ball Skills</b> — Hood's ball production is modest relative to his physical tools. He does not consistently turn and locate the football, which limits his ability to convert tight coverage into turnovers.</p>