

|  | BASIC PROSPECT INFORMATION | | | | | | | | |
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| | Name Denzel Boston | Position Wide Receiver | School Washington | Class Redshirt Junior | | | | | |
| | Date of birth 12/6/2003 | Jersey Number #12 | 247 Recruit Rating ★★★★★ | Draft Class 2026 NFL Draft | | | | | |
| | MEASUREMENTS | | | | | | | | |
| | Height 6'4" | Weight 212 lbs | Arm Length 32" | Hand 9 3/4" | | | | | |
| NOTABLE AWARDS | | | | | | | | | |
| Third-Team All-Big Ten, All-Big Ten Return Specialist Honorable Mention | | | | | | | | | |
| NFL TRANSITION | | | | | | | | | |
| Draft Grade: Second Round | Player Comparison Michael Pittman | Scheme Fit Boundary X receiver | Player Archetype Smooth, big-bodied X receiver with contested-catch and vertical ability | | | | | | |
| 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 | 35" | DNP | DNP | 4.28 | | | |
| CAREER RUSHING STATISTICS (PFF) | | | | | | | | | |
| Years: | Games Played | Receptions | Targets | Yards | Yards Per Reception | Touchdowns | Yards Per Route Run | ADOT | Drops/Fumbles |
| 2025 | 12 | 62 | 95 | 881 | 14.2 | 11 | 2.44 | 14.4 | 2 / 0 |
| 2024 | 13 | 63 | 98 | 834 | 13.2 | 9 | 1.86 | 11.4 | 3 / 0 |
| 2023 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 51 | 10.2 | 0 | 0.89 | 6.1 | 0 / 0 |
| 2022 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 7.5 | 0 | 1.07 | 13.8 | 0 / 0 |
| Career | 37 | 132 | 204 | 1,781 | 13.5 | 20 | 2.02 | 12.6 | 5 / 0 |
| SCOUTING REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| Home Games Scouted: | Colorado St, UC Davis, Ohio State, Rutgers, Illinois, Oregon | | Away Games Scouted: | Washington St, Maryland, Michigan, Wisconsin, UCLA | | | | | |
| Conference Championship Games, Bowl Games, and College Football Playoff (CFB) Games Scouted: | | | Boise St (Bowl Game) | | | | | | |
| <p>Summary — Denzel Boston projects as a prototypical outside X receiver with elite ball skills, outstanding size, and a clear ability to win in contested situations. He possesses a long, well-built frame that allows him to play through contact, dominate at the catch point, and function as a consistent mismatch — particularly in the red zone. His hand strength, body control, and tracking ability make him a highly reliable target who can secure the football in traffic, through contact, and in off-target situations. Boston consistently plays to his size, using his length and physicality to shield defenders and win in tight coverage windows. As a route runner, Boston shows fluidity for his size with strong awareness working the boundary and finding soft spots in zone coverage. He does a good job adjusting to the football, working back to the quarterback, and maintaining play strength throughout the route. While not a sudden separator, he understands how to use tempo, positioning, and physicality to remain effective. His athletic profile is better than typical for a receiver of his build, showing above-average short-area burst and coordinated movement that translates both in his routes and after the catch. With the ball in his hands, Boston is a tough, competitive runner who generates additional yardage through strength and forward momentum rather than elusiveness. He transitions upfield efficiently and shows good vision, though he is more of a linear mover than a dynamic space player. His size and physical temperament also translate to the run game, where he has the tools to develop into a consistent and impactful perimeter blocker. However, his projection is not without limitations. Boston appears to lack elite long speed (never competed in the 40-yard dash to confirm) and does not consistently create separation, particularly against higher-level competition. His route breaks can be rounded with noticeable deceleration, allowing defenders to stay attached through the stem. His release package is still developing, as he can rely too heavily on physicality and allow defenders into his frame, disrupting timing. Additionally, his production dipped against top-tier opponents, raising questions about his ability to consistently win against NFL-caliber defensive backs. Overall, Boston projects as a physical possession receiver and red zone weapon whose game is built on reliability, toughness, and winning in contested situations. His success at the next level will depend on continuing to refine his route running, improving his release efficiency, and finding ways to consistently create separation to complement his elite ball skills. Considering his entire prospect profile he reminds me of Michael Pittman. A big bodied, physical X receiver with outstanding ball skills who primarily works the boundary, but can also collect yards in YAC situations. Boston earned an early second round grade for me and is worthy of consideration in the later portions of the first round.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>What Encouraged Me</p> <p>Physical Profile — Boston has outstanding size, length, and overall frame for a prototypical outside X receiver. He plays to his size with a big-bodied presence and uses his length to consistently win in contested situations. His frame makes him a natural mismatch, particularly in the red zone where his size, strength, and body control become major advantages.</p> <p>Athleticism — He shows above-average short-area burst and acceleration for his size, allowing him to generate early movement off the line of scrimmage. He is a fluid, coordinated mover whose athleticism translates both in his routes and after the catch, giving him more functional movement ability than most receivers with his build.</p> <p>Route Running — Boston is a fluid route runner for his size with strong awareness working both the boundary and underneath zones. He does a good job adjusting routes, working back to the football, and finding soft spots in zone coverage. His ability to track the ball and make mid-route adjustments allows him to remain effective even when not creating clean separation.</p> <p>Ball Skills — Elite ball skills are the defining trait of his game. Boston consistently wins at the catch point with outstanding hand strength, body control, and tracking ability. He attacks the football in the air, secures catches through contact, and shows rare consistency finishing plays. His strong hands and low drop rate make him a highly reliable target in all situations. He is a true contested catch specialist who thrives in tight coverage. His size, timing, and physicality allow him to dominate in jump-ball situations and win through contact over the middle and along the boundary. He is a clear red zone weapon with the ability to convert in high-leverage situations.</p> <p>Yards After Catch — Boston is a tough, competitive runner after the catch with better movement skills than typical for his size. He transitions upfield efficiently, shows good vision, and uses strength to fight through contact and generate additional yardage.</p> <p>Blocking — He has the size, strength, and physical temperament to be an effective perimeter blocker. He flashes the ability to dominate in this area and can be a valuable asset in the run game when engaged.</p> | | | <p>Areas of Growth/Concern</p> <p>Modest Long Speed — Boston has average top-end speed, which limits his ability to consistently threaten vertically. Defensive backs can recover after initially losing at the line, reducing his ability to create explosive separation downfield.</p> <p>Separation — Boston can struggle to consistently separate, particularly out of sharp breaks or on vertical routes due to modest long speed. His deceleration into cuts can be pronounced, and he lacks suddenness at the top of routes, allowing defenders to stay attached through the route.</p> <p>Release Package Diversity — His release can become overly reliant on physicality, leading to upright, vertical releases where defenders are able to get into his chest and disrupt timing. He will need to develop more nuance and technique to consistently defeat press coverage.</p> <p>Yards After the Catch Limitations — While competitive after the catch, he is more of a linear runner than an elusive playmaker. He lacks high-end wiggle and creativity in space, which limits his ability to consistently generate explosive yards after the catch.</p> <p>Modest Production vs Top Competition — Boston's production dipped against higher-level competition, where he was more easily contained over stretches of the season. Against Ohio State, Michigan, and Oregon Boston combined for just: 11 receptions on 19 targets for 122 yards, though he did score 2 touchdowns.</p> | | | | | | |