


BASIC PROSPECT INFORMATION											
	Name Jermody McCoy		Position Cornerback		School Tennessee (Oregon State Transfer)			Class Junior			
	Date of birth 8/16/2005		Jersey Number #3		247 Recruit Rating ★★☆☆			Draft Class 2026 NFL Draft			
	MEASUREMENTS										
	Height 6' 1"		Weight 188 lbs		Arm Length 31 1/4"			Hand span 9"			
NOTABLE AWARDS											
First-Team All-SEC (Associated Press), Second Team All-SEC (Coaches Selection), Second Team All-American (Associate Press and SI), Jim Thorpe Award Finalist — All in 2024											
NFL TRANSITION											
Draft Grade: First Round		Player Comparison Darius Slay		Scheme Fit Boundary Man-Match corner			Player Archetype Explosive man-match ball hawking boundary corner with CB1 upside				
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	Tackles	Assist Tackles	Missed Tackles	Missed Tackle %	Defensive Stops	Forced Fumbles	Sacks	Hits		
2025	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2024	13	37	16	4	7.0	11	0	0	0		
2023 (ORST)	11	21	8	7	19.4	3	0	0	0		
Career	24	58	24	11	11.8	14	0	0	0		
CAREER PASS COVERAGE STATISTICS (PFF)											
Years:	Targets	Receptions Allowed	Catch % Allowed	Yards Allowed	YAC Allowed	Touchdowns Allowed	Interceptions	Pass Break-Ups	Penalties		
2025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2024	62	31	50.0	386	128	2	4	6	8		
2023 (ORST)	47	27	57.4	420	98	4	2	6	0		
Career	109	58	53.2	806	226	6	6	12	8		
SCOUTING REPORT											
Home Games Scouted:		Chattanooga, Kent State, Florida, Alabama, Kentucky, Miss State, UTEP				Away Games Scouted:		NC State, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Georgia, Vanderbilt			
Conference Championship Games, Bowl Games, and College Football Playoff (CFB) Games Scouted:					Ohio State CFP						
<p>Summary — Jermody McCoy, a 6'1", 188 lb cornerback from Whitehouse, Texas, transitioned from high school wide receiver and multi-sport standout (track state titles in long jump and triple jump) into an immediate-impact college defender. A three-star 2023 recruit, he started as a true freshman at Oregon State before transferring to Tennessee, where he broke out as a full-time starter, earning First-Team All-SEC, Second-Team All-American, and Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist honors. His game features strong athleticism (loose hips, explosive burst, etc.), fluid man and zone coverage, and exceptional ball skills from his WR background that projects him as a high-ceiling CB1 in press-man, off-man, or pattern-matching schemes. At just 20 years old entering the 2026 draft, McCoy is one of the class's most tantalizing corner prospects with lockdown potential and scheme versatility. However, a torn ACL in January 2025 sidelined him for the entire 2025/2026 season, creating a major medical red flag. The injury clouds the evaluation in a number of ways. First and foremost, he has not taken part in live game action in over a year. He also declined to participate in athletic testing and on-field drills during the NFL combine. With limited exposures to McCoy during the pre-draft process, some questions still loom large regarding where he is athletically following the injury, especially when athleticism was a cornerstone of his game. In March, McCoy then participated in Tennessee's pro day where he ran a blistering 4.38 40-yard dash, which shows that athletic juice is still in there. However, the injury did also leave only one full season of tape against SEC-level competition — though the tape was borderline elite. ACL reconstructions have come a long way in the last decade, where athletes more often than not are making full recoveries; however, there are still cautionary tales like with Carolina Panther's runningback Jonathon Brooks, who has struggled to see the field in his first two years in the league. This may cause teams to be more hesitant in investing an early first-round selection on McCoy. All of this considered, if the medicals come back clean and show a full recovery, as his pro day indicated, McCoy is a player I would be willing to bet on in the early to middle portions of round one; his ceiling is among the highest at the position, but the injury risk could push him to the late portion of the first round.</p>											
<p>What Encouraged Me</p> <p>Age/Uside — McCoy is just 20 years old and won't turn 21 until after his rookie season has already begun. This elite youth in combination with his athletic traits provides a massive developmental runway with significant upside. This time will allow him to continue to refine his technique and mature both physically and mentally — especially recovering from the ACL — while already demonstrating NFL level readiness.</p> <p>Size/Build — Jermody McCoy has the size to operate as an outside boundary corner at 6'1" with a well proportioned 188 lbs frame. This solid, athletic build complements his elite fluidity and quickness, making it a clear asset for a modern boundary corner.</p> <p>Athleticism — McCoy brings an exceptional athletic profile with loose hips, quickness, change-of-direction, and burst allowing him to mirror complex route trees seamlessly, transition fluidly, and close on throws with suddenness. His track background also brings solid recovery speed allowing him to excel in a variety of coverages. Comprehensively, he has a high-end athletic ceiling for a boundary corner and should excel in off-man schemes. At the Tennessee pro day McCoy ran an impressive 4.38 40-yard dash showing his athleticism and explosiveness is still in there.</p> <p>Coverage — Scheme versatile cover-man with fluid, oily hips and quick feet to mirror receivers exceptionally well. In man he is patient to allow receivers to declare before opening his hip. Once into the route, McCoy stays in phase throughout the route with no hitches in his transitions and fluid footwork that allows him to carry routes vertically without issue. He is very sticky in coverage with strong route recognition which make him extremely difficult to create separation from as he leverages his hip fluidity and clean footwork to stay in phase even through sharp route breaks. In zone, he has strong natural instincts and spacial awareness demonstrating the ability to bait quarterbacks, anticipate route concepts, and pattern match. He also shows the ability to recognize targets and click-and-close underneath in an instant to get involved at the catch point or limit YAC opportunities.</p> <p>Ball Skills — As a former wide receiver McCoy demonstrates outstanding ball skills with natural tracking abilities, exceptional timing, high-point ability, and aggression at the catch point creating pass break-ups and turnovers — 16 Pass break-ups and 6 interception in his 2 year career.</p> <p>Run Support/Tackling — McCoy is a balanced boundary corner who is a willing participant, maintains gap integrity, and can hold up in perimeter run defense without needing to be hidden in coverage-only packages.</p>					<p>Areas for Growth or Concern</p> <p>Injury — McCoy's January 2025 ACL tear that caused him to miss the entire 2025 season is the biggest red flag. It has been reported that McCoy has been cleared for football activities since the late part of 2025, but never took the field — which can be understood in the context of the Vol's season. However, McCoy also declined to participate in athletic testing and on-field drills at the NFL combine which continues to limit his exposures during the pre-draft process. His pro day testing was encouraging and proved the athleticism is still there, but it has been quite a while since we have seen him on the football field.</p> <p>One-Year as an SEC Starter — McCoy was only a one-year starter at Tennessee in 2024 before his ACL injury sidelined him for the entire 2025 season, resulting in just 13 games of high-level SEC starting experience and relatively thin volume against top competition.</p> <p>Technique Inconsistencies/Penalties — McCoy can get overly handsy in coverage and at the top of routes which led to 8 penalties during his 2024 season. This happens most often when he fails to connect or misses on his initial punch at the line of scrimmage. McCoy has good recovery burst, but appears to lack elite recovery long speed. In combination this has led to him being late to locate the ball in the air where he will then reach, get hands on receivers, and get grabby resulting in defensive pass interference. Better hand usage at the line of scrimmage will help him disrupt releases, get in phase early, and subsequently stay in phase allowing him to get his head around earlier reducing his urge and correcting his tendency to get grabby in coverage.</p> <p>Inconsistency Run Support/Tackling — While McCoy is a willing participant in run support, he does have some inconsistency in engaging the run, sometimes taking conservative angles instead of attacking downhill, struggling to shed blocks effectively, and getting washed out by physical blockers. While not a liability, it is an area he can become more consistent. As a tackler there are times he leads with the shoulder instead of fully wrapping up where he will fall off tackles or miss against elusive ball carriers. While currently not a glaring issue, these lapses could lead to extra yards allowed in the NFL. Becoming more disciplined as a wrap up tackler will limit these moment and avoid him potential becoming a target in the run or screen game.</p>						