

The Gut Check's RB Scouting Analysis

Name: **School:** **Opponent:** **Surface:**
Height: **Year:** **Score:** **Climate:**
Weight: **Date:** **Location:** **Temperature:**

Overall Score:

Power Score :

Leg power, drives through arm tackles [1pt]:

Effective stiff arm [1pt]:

Initiates contact, runs behind pads, and punishes defenders [1pt]:

Good body lean/Finishes runs [3pts]:

Gains yards after contact/second-third effort runner [7pts]:

Balance Score :

High performance in adverse conditions [1pt]:

Maintains balance when hit head-on [1pt]:

Maintains balance when it from an indirect angle [7pts]:

BHandling Score :

Carries ball with either hand [1pt]:

Consistently handles QB/RB exchanges [3pts]:

Demonstrates ball security [3pts]:

Maintains control of ball when hit [7pts]:

Maintains control of ball in adverse weather conditions [1pt]:

Speed Score :

Effective short area burst [7pts]:

Separates from 1st and 2nd wave of defenders [1pt]:

Effective outside runner [3pts]:

Vision Score:

Makes good decisions with where to run [7pts]:

Patience in traffic (sets up blocks) [3pts]:

Takes good angles away from defenders in the open field [1pt]:

Elusiveness Score :

Effective lower body jukes while on the run [3pts]:

Effective upper body jukes while on the run [1pt]:

Avoids direct shots [7pts]:

Effective stop-start movements [2pts]:

Effective lateral movement [3pts]:

Blocking Score :

Correct diagnosis of blocking assignments [1pt]:

Effort with assignments [3pts]:

Willingness to block in the open field and on broken plays [1pt]:

Receiving and Routes Score :

Consistently makes receptions on catchable balls [3 pts]:

Makes difficult catch [1pt]:

Catches ball effectively with back to the quarterback [1pt]:

Consistently catches ball with hands and without juggling [1pt]:

Consistent target in the passing game [3pts]:

Runs precise routes [1pt]:

Durability Score :

Missed fewer than 10% of opportunities to play [1pt]:

Performs at high level while playing with an injury [1pt]:

No chronic injuries (Two or more injuries to same body part) [1pt]:

No injuries requiring extensive rehabilitation [7 pts]:

Game Stats

Attempts:
Rush Yds
1st Downs
Rush Td
Target:
Rec:
Rec Yds
Rec Tds
Fumbles
Broken Tackles
BLKs Assigne
BLKs Made

The Gut Check's RB Scouting Profile

Name: Ahmad Bradshaw **Date:** 10/4/2006 **Opponent:** UCF

Overall Strengths: He makes excellent decisions with where to run and his footwork/moves are as quick as any runner I've seen in recent years. His combination of quickness in the hole, vision, and power in his legs for his size is stylistically similar to Emmitt Smith. He has a lot to do before he can be compared to the all-time great, but his strengths as a runner are along the same lines as what made Smith a great back. Bradshaw has a real opportunity to be an impact player as a runner because he also blocks and can run the ball effectively inside and outside. His patience and vision are excellent. Someone is going to get a very talented runner in this draft, it's just a matter of him remaining healthy and getting a true opportunity to earn a job.

Overall Weaknesses: He is a seldom-used receiver and this part of his game is difficult to ascertain. His durability is a big issue--ankle injuries have been an obstacle in his career and this could scare some teams away.

Power: Bradshaw initially looked trapped in the hole near the first down marker, but continued to drive his legs and lean forward for another two yards and the first down. Good job warding off a defender with a stiff arm in the open field as he reached the sideline on his 58-yard run in the 1st QTR. He kept his legs churning on another run later in the drive after he already got the first down. He finishes runs well: he lowered his head and drove into the middle of the line to gain 4 yards on a play he cut back inside with 2:18 left in the opening quarter. He broke an arm tackle bursting through the hole on a 32-yard score in the 3rd QTR. He also put a good stiff arm on a 2nd level defender which was the reason he scored on the play. Her has a knack for gaining yardage after the initial hit. He did so with 11:07 left in the 4th QTR. He broke 3 tackles on his last carry, a 25 yard play where he slipped two arm tackles as he cut past tacklers in the hole and then ran through a defender 10 yards down the field, turning his back while running backwards to slip away from the player falling after taking Bradshaw's blow.

Ball Handling: On his first carry he did a nice job holding the ball tightly against his body with his right arm. He kept the ball tightly against his sideline arm on the 58-yard run.

Elusiveness: Excellent cut at full speed coming out of the hole on the trap play from the 1 yard line. He planted and went lateral at full speed and possessed the agility to lift the plant leg just a bit higher to avoid the defender's diving attempt. Great move with uncommon quickness. He made a good start-stop move with 12:36 in the 2nd QTR after attempting to run outside and had to cut up field further inside than anticipated. He continues to show good quickness with his cuts to get downhill. To open the 3rd QTR, Bradshaw gained 6 yards on a trap play where he made a head and shoulder fake on the DT near the hole that froze the defender and helped him get into the rushing lane. He made a very subtle, but quick move in the hole to elude a penetrating LB and gain 4 yards rather than incur a loss on the play with 1:25 left in the 3rd. He runs with a great wiggle.

Balance: Bradshaw had an excellent example of demonstrating his balance on a pitch to the right with 12:23 left in the game. He got to the corner and appeared as if he would finish the run by colliding with two defenders for an 8-yard gain. He had good shoulder pad level and when the three players collided, Bradshaw had enough balance despite being on top of two defenders with his upper body closer to the ground than his lower body. He avoided touching the ground by kicking his feet back to the ground while lifting himself off the players to run for a few extra yards for the first down. A great display of will, effort, and balance. He ran over a tackler coming out of hole on his last carry and turned around and ran backwards downfield to slip past the falling player with whom he collided, before turning forwards once again to finish the run.

Speed: Bradshaw demonstrated a fair amount of quickness out of his cut on a 2nd and 10 hand off with 12:37 left in the opening quarter. He gained five yards on the play after bursting out of cut between the center and guard on a spread formation hand off towards the left side. Bradshaw easily got into the second level of the UCF defense on his 58-yard run in the 1st QTR. If the WR could have sustained this block just a second longer, Bradshaw had an excellent shot to go untouched down the sideline. Another good stiff arm on a run he bounced to the left side. He scored from 32-yards out on a trap up the middle. He separated from the 1st and 2nd level after getting through the hole.

Blocking: His first assignment was to assist the LT on the edge rusher. Although he waited for the blitzing edge rusher to come to him, Bradshaw did deliver a solid hit on the LB on a 3rd down pass play with 11:50 left in the opening quarter. He hit the rusher in the chest, but the fact he wasn't the aggressor allowed the LB to leap and attempt to grab the QB's throwing hand, coming dangerously close. Bradshaw made two blocks on one play with 4:30 in the 1st QTR. He initiated a block on a pass rusher then released to catch a pass, but the QB decided to break the pocket. Bradshaw then ran downfield and found another player to block an LB which opened the way for his signal caller to get the first down. Excellent effort. Excellent cut block on the outside rusher coming from his QB's blindside with 1:53 in the 3rd QTR--Bradshaw timed the block perfectly and took the legs out. He cut blocked a rusher that got deep penetration into the backfield on a keeper that wasn't effective because of well-called run blitz with 10:35 in the game.

Vision: Bradshaw's first big run came from his own 1 yard line. He did a nice job setting up the pulling guard's block before hitting the hole hard, coming out the other side at the 4 yard line and making hard cut to the right side, leaving the safety flat-footed who was waiting to hit him on the other side of the hole. Additionally, he set up his downfield block well enough to get to the sideline for another 25 yards. He can pick open lanes through traffic while still running with quickness. He did so on a run between the RG and RT that looked designed to go around the RB, but he cut back through the open lane when he saw the play was getting stretched out. Good job getting the most he could on the run. He cut another play back to the inside on a run designed to go to the left which netted him another 4 yards. He finds the soft spot very well. They say his peripheral vision is rare.

Receiving and Routes: They sent Bradshaw on routes several times and he was open, but the QB never chose to target him.

Durability: Bradshaw has had some chronic ankle injuries for the past two seasons and the team has had to take precautionary measures after the game to insure his ankle gets rest.