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The Gut Check's WR Scouting Profile

Name: Jason Hill **Date:** 9/30/2006 **Opponent:** USC

Overall Strengths Excellent receiving technique--catches most balls with his hands first from a variety of angles. Excellent separation in the deep passing game and strong skills as a route runner. He can beat you all over the field. Good blocker that gives terrific effort in the run game. He is a tough player that can take punishment and continue to aggressively go after his opponent. Hill is a big play receiver that is also capable of making the touch catches over the middle. He should become a very solid starting receiver capable of playing in a timing offense similar to what Mike Martz runs in Detroit. In fact, Hill reminds me a bit of Isaac Bruce or Jimmy Smith due to his explosiveness, routes, and hands.

Overall Weaknesses Hill will need more exposure to breaking free of physical coverage.

Separation Hill had about a yard of separation against his man in one on one coverage on the sideline fade, but the ball was thrown with too much air under it. This allowed the DB to catch up to play and it forced Hill to do some hand fighting to maintain his space. Fortunately for the Cougars the USC DB got drawn into an interference call. Hill did a good job getting outside position on his man in tight coverage on a sideline fade in the end zone. He was even with his man and showed a burst as the ball got closer. Hill's 4th target in the 1st QTR was another sideline fade where he didn't get great separation but the DB was interfering with him. The DB had his back to the ball and was impeding the path to the throw. Hill got great separation on the DB with a little more than 2 minutes left in the half. He took the inside position and angled further towards the middle of the field creating 1-yard of separation both vertical and horizontally with his speed and route running. The safety had to drop back and interfere with Hill to prevent a score. Hill still nearly caught the ball despite getting knocked to the ground. This was the second interference call he drew against USC and should have been the third. Hill caught a 3-yard corner fade for a score after getting jammed two yards off the line but releasing to the left and leaving the CB three yards behind him. Hill completely toaster his CB in man coverage on a streak down the sideline, but the throw was just a bit too long.

Routes Hill demonstrated the ability to get outside position on his man in tight coverage. He seems comfortable doing some hand-fighting combined with a little footwork to set up his routes. Hill's slant route in the 1st QTR was a very well-run route--he took a very sharp angle on his cut and got excellent separation in close coverage. The DB's only option to get a hand on Hill was to grab him by the facemask, which resulted in a penalty. Hill knows how to get the side of the field he desire by using good footwork to set up his direction. Hill got the touchdown because he did a good job adjusting the fade route when the DB took away the slant. Hill's sideline streak for a near catch was a terrific route off the line of scrimmage because he made a convincing plant step to the inside as if he were running a slant and then went back outside and got the edge on the CB.

Receiving Hill's first target was a sideline fade about 20 yards down the field. He nearly caught the ball despite getting bumped for the ball arrived. The DB was called for pass interference. In all honesty, Hill should have still made the catch. Hill's second target was an overthrown fade in the end zone. He did manage to get a hand on the ball, but it was too high and far out of bounds. Hill's first catch was on his third target, a slant from the left side. He caught the ball with his hands first, arms extended and was dragged down partially by the facemask, which the officials did call. He still managed to hold onto the ball for an 8-yard gain. Hill was open on a corner route in the end zone, to begin the 2nd QTR, but the sunshine was in the path of the ball and Hill misjudged his leap. He got high enough to get his hands around the ball, but it went through his hands just as the DB cleaned up the play with a hit and strip. The play was technically a dropped pass, but the throw was a bit too high. Hill's next reception came with 8:20 in the half. He had a DB playing inside technique and giving Hill plenty of cushion out of respect for Hill's speed. The WR caught the pass with his hands--body facing the QB and then turned up field for a minimal gain. Good over the shoulder catch with his hands first on the corner fade. Hill nearly made a diving, over the shoulder grab of a sideline streak with 10:00 left in the 3rd QTR. The ball bounced off his fingertips--the throw was just a bit too long. Caught an out route with 5:10 left in the game with the ball over his head and hands snatching the ball with the arms fully extended.

Elusiveness Hill is a burner, but he is also very quick after the catch. He was surrounded on a short route near the sideline to open the 2d QTR but managed to slip by two players for a short gain. Hill took an end around on the 2 yard line near the end of the half and was brought down for a 1-yard loss, but USC read the play perfectly and Hill still made the LB and second defender miss. He has the skills to make dramatic cuts as a runner. Good job with :41 left catching the hook and turning the play inside to run past his coverage to the first down marker. Very quick move.

Ball Handling Hill tends to keep the ball close to his body, but when he makes a lateral cut he does extend the ball away from his body.

Balance

Blocking Although Hill did not block on the run play where Hotsana made a first down on the second drive of the quarter, he did do a good job leading the CB away from the play by holding up his arm as if he thought he had beat his man. This held the CBs attention away from the play. On a 2nd an 10 run to the left side of the formation where Hill was on the outside, Hill took out two players on one play, clearing space for the runner to get a first down. Hill's first block was on the CB in tight coverage--he threw a very hard, aggressive cut block that knocked the CB backwards. Hill immediately got back to his feet and hustled downfield to deliver a second blow right to the chest of the safety and clearing space for the RB to get to the marker. Excellent effort and demonstration of two blocking techniques. He made another good block two plays later on a trick play

Vision Good awareness of the sideline and first down marker after a reception on an out route.

Power Hill isn't a powerful runner after the catch, but if facing a CB in a head-on collision he will demonstrate good body lean as he's going down.

Durability Hill had to leave the game after his first reception where the DB brought him down by the facemask. The tackle literally turned Hill around by the neck. The fact he returned to the game and had 6 more receptions for another 40 yards speaks of his toughness. Minor issues throughout his career, but missed minimal games. Had shoulder surgery two years ago in the offseason.

Character Although Hill came off the field after a facemask in the 1st QTR, he returned to the game and was still aggressive with his approach to the game as demonstrated by his two blocks on one play in the running game. This is the mark of a football player that will do the little things to help a team win. He may be the star receiver on this team, but he gave good effort in all phases of the game and helped his team compete with plays without the ball in his hands. Hill is a smart player and good student--he graduated from college in 3.5 years.

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Name: Jason Hill

Date: 10/24/2005

Opponent: California

Overall Strengths

As a pass catcher and route runner, Hill can do it all. He has elite speed and can eat up a cushion, but is also physical enough to beat press coverage. Runs all the routes in the book--not afraid to go over the middle or take a short pass and gain yardage. Adjusts to the ball and has tremendous concentration and body control. Not on the level of Randy Moss, but certainly within the realm of players like Jimmy Smith or Chad Johnson--two physical players with speed but will go over the middle and run any route. This is a guy I know will be a primary receiver for an NFL one day if he continues to do the right things and stay healthy.

Overall Weaknesses

Blocking isn't something he gives maximum effort. He'll miss good angles to block someone. He occasionally has lapses in concentration with catching the ball. Didn't see him catch a ball and take a big hit. I didn't see him working back to his QB when the plays broke down, but I didn't have the best perspective to see the whole field every time the QB was under pressure.

Separation

Deep threat with size and very physical. Drew an interference call on the first offensive play of the game. Beat his man on a deep sideline route with great separation, but the ball was overthrown. After he went off for 3 long touchdowns within the span of two quarters, Hill was still getting open in bracketed coverage--one man in press and a guy deep. This guy is a monster of a player. He's getting open in the way Jimmy Smith and Isaac Bruce would get free in this type of coverage. Matched up against a physical corner about his height and they did some hand-fighting down the field and it didn't keep Hill from winning the battle. This was after he beat a smaller, faster corner playing deep coverage but couldn't stay with him. After Hill beat the bigger corner a couple of times, they decided to put the smaller guy back on him and bracket him with a safety. That's when WSU decided to have Hill run more intermediate, inside routes.

Routes

Runs disciplined routes all over the field and does it with speed and fluidity. Explodes out of routes. Shows the ability to go inside. Almost reached back and caught a TD but was in tight coverage and the DB was able to bat it away.

Receiving

Catches the ball with his hands. Came in motion and released to the opposite sideline in the flat, and the QB overthrew the ball, but Hill leaped up with arms fully extended and snatched the ball out of the air with enough awareness to stay inbounds. Beat his man for an 81-yard play in the first quarter. Never gives up on a ball in the air. Almost tipped a 30-yard pass to himself like Joe Jurevicius did in the MNF game against Philly a few years ago. Got deep on a 6-2 corner (Hughes) and caught a 40-yard TD pass in the corner of the end zone. Nice adjustment to the ball by turning and falling back as he cradled it. His 9th straight game with a TD. Hill's next catch was a 62-yard bomb. He beat his man one on one by 2 yards. He then had a 40-yard td where he had his man beat by a step, but the ball is under thrown and the CB tipped it. Hill caught the tip in stride and took it the remaining 10-yards to the end zone. Actually pushed the DB just before he was about to make a play on the ball and it forced the DB to tip the ball which Hill caught. Big enough player to be physical back with corners. He made a sliding catch on his back for a first down on a deep in. Nice concentration.

Elusiveness

Hill's receptions in this game didn't require him to elude a defender once he had the ball in his hands.

Ball Handling

Tucks the ball away when he makes a catch.

Balance

Excellent balance while running at full speed or leaping in the air. He has that knack for keeping a play alive when the ball hasn't hit the ground.

Blocking

Doesn't make enough of an effort in the open field or the run game. Mostly gets on a man for show but doesn't deliver hits and gives minimum effort here.

Vision

Power

Powerful receiver that can break some tackles on occasion.

Durability

Had been dealing with a deep thigh bruise for the last couple of games. He was taped up for a knee strain but proceeded to explode for 3 scores afterwards. Minor issues throughout his career, but missed minimal games. Had shoulder surgery two years ago in the offseason.

Character

Hill didn't showboat--he talked a little trash with the corners that were giving as much to him as he was giving to them. Nothing out of hand. Seems like a humble kid more concerned about winning. Ignored the camera on the sideline after his scores and just stayed focused on what his coach was telling him.