

# The Rookie Scouting Portfolio Wide Receiver Scouting Checklist

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Diagnoses blocking assignments correctly - 1pt: Yes  
 Effective cut block technique - 0.5pt: No  
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 Mirrors/moves feet effectively on stand up blocks - 0.5pt: Yes

### Vision

Good decisions - 2pts: Yes  
 Patience - 1pt: Yes  
 Open field - 2pts: Yes

### Power

Leg power, drives through arm tackles - 2pts: Yes  
 Effective stiff arm - 1pt: Yes  
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 Second effort/keeps legs moving after contact - 1pt: Yes

### Durability

Missed fewer than 10% of opportunities to play thus far in college career - 2pts: Yes  
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# The Gut Check's WR Scouting Profile

Name: **Randall Cobb**

Date: **10/3/2009**

Opponent: **Alabama**

## Overall Strengths

Randall Cobb reminds me of a player that could develop into a receiver along the lines of a Santonio Holmes. He's a fast, agile, physical football player who makes a difference in every phase of the game: runner, receiver, blocker, and sometimes quarterback. I love how he attacks defenders as a run blocker and I haven't seen this kind of aggressive mindset since Santonio Holmes was doing this five years ago at Ohio State. With few exceptions he carries the ball under his sideline arm as a runner and he sets up defenders with his vision and array of moves that he uses with enough economy to always be running downhill despite a juke, spin or cut. Although a raw route runner, he does some things as a receiver and runner after the catch that is pretty special and could earn him situational time right away as he learns the craft of his position. He has "late hands," the ability to track the ball deep in tight coverage and not tip off his attempt to catch the ball. He also shows comfort with catching the ball in tight coverage or traffic. He is stronger than his size might indicate and he possesses good balance to finish runs.

## Overall Weaknesses

Cobb doesn't run the full route tree in this offense. He operates mostly from the slot and does not face press coverage. He'll need to work on using his hands to release from press and the setup of his breaks to become a more complete receiver. But for a relatively "raw" receiver his athleticism, intelligence, and physical approach to the game make him a player who should have an instant impact as a rookie - even just as a special teams ace and No.3-No.4 receiver.

## Separation

Cobb's first punt return was a 17-yard gain on 4th and 5 with 11:17 in the first quarter. Cobb fielded the punt on the run towards the right flat, catching the ball at the 16 yard-line just outside an Alabama defender peeling outside from the left hash. Cobb beat the defender around the corner to the 20 and then cut inside a defender over top at the 25. That defender got a hit on Cobb's foot and the receiver managed to stagger to the 30 before he fell forward at the 32. Good cuts at full speed. He showed a very quick release inside the slot CB on a 1st and 10 pass play with 8:11 in the first quarter. Cobb's next return was a 4th and 6 gain of 16 yards with 5:38 in the first quarter. The punt backed Cobb up to the Kentucky 25 yard-line where he caught the ball at the right hash with two defenders approaching him from five yards over top, each about two yards on either side of the hash. Cobb dipped to the right flat outside the closest defender and made a juke move inside-out on a second defender coming from the inside at the 30. He accelerated up the right sideline to the 35 and then tried to spin inside a defender shooting for his legs at the 38. Cobb went airborne in his attempt to elude the defender over top and landed just over the 41 yard-line. Nice agility and speed on the play. Cobb's second kick return came with 10:18 in the third quarter. Cobb fielded the ball near the 10 yard line in the left flat with a lead blocker just to the right of him. Cobb got a 15-yard running start to get to a well-blocked wall along he left sideline with some seals inside. He sidestepped a lone defender screaming up field through the crease at the 25, maintaining his balance despite the glancing blow to the shoulder, and getting all the way to the 45, after he ducked under a defender at the 35 and stumbled another 10 yards. He carried the ball under his right arm up the left flat on this play. Cobb's touchdown was a 45-yard streak down the right flat on 2nd and 10 with 9:44 in the third quarter. Cobb was even with the CB 30 yards downfield, but the CB's back was to the football. Cobb did a great job getting last-second separation by waiting as long as possible to reach for the football. His "late hands" allowed him to drift just another yard towards the sideline in tight coverage and make the catch over his inside shoulder with his outside arm at the Alabama seven yard-line, carrying the ball the rest of the way for the score.

## Routes

On a 3rd and 8 pass play as the slot man in a three-receiver (1x2) set, Cobb ran a shallow cross, sat down in the middle of the field and turned back to the QB to make himself a good target. When the QB did not check down to Cobb, the WR began to drift to the right flat and follow the QB's movement to the right so he could continue to work with the QB. Although the QB opted to throw the ball across his body and the pass was intercepted, Cobb did a good job with his route with 12:10 in the first quarter. Cobb's other routes were slants streaks and crosses, but he got the right depth on this routes to get open in the zone and he set up his breaks with some movement or variation of speed. He'll need to continue to develop his route skills but he does what is asked of him at Kentucky.

## Receiving

Cobb's first catch was a 3rd and 5 shallow cross thrown hard and low with 11:03 in the half. He did a good job of getting his hands under the ball to make the initial catch. He juggled the ball as he went to the ground but managed to secure it just before he took a hit. He only gained a yard due to the placement of the throw. His next target was a 2nd and 7 crossing route from an offset I-formation as the receiver split to the right against a 4-3 base with 7:52 in the half. The pass was thrown behind Cobb and he tried to reach back for the ball with his inside arm. He managed to juggle it for a moment, but he failed to gain control of the pass, incomplete. It would have been a difficult catch of a poor throw. Cobb was open on a slant from slot right on the next play, a 3rd and 7 with 7:42 in the half, but the QB threw the ball low and away; leading the WR too far. Cobb was able to make an attempt to secure the ball at shin level but he juggled the ball on the run as he reached that low for it and couldn't maintain control. Again, a difficult catch to make on a poor throw - but still catchable. Cobb ran a 10-12 yard cross from slot left on 1st and 10 with 14:35 in the first quarter but the QB didn't see the LB in zone and targeted Cobb with an ill-advised throw. The LB undercut the pass about five yards underneath Cobb for the interception. Cobb's touchdown was a 45-yard streak down the right flat on 2nd and 10 with 9:44 in the third quarter. Cobb was even with the CB 30 yards downfield, but the CB's back was to the football. Cobb did a great job getting last-second separation by waiting as long as possible to reach for the football. His "late hands" allowed him to drift just another yard towards the sideline in tight coverage and make the catch over his inside shoulder with his outside arm at the Alabama seven yard-line, carrying the ball the rest of the way for the score. Really excellent job tracking the ball, not tipping off his effort to reach for the ball, and hand-fighting the CB a good 15 yards before the reception. His one-handed catch of a pass thrown 50-55 yards in the air over his shoulder in tight coverage was one of the better plays I've also seen this year. The CB he beat on this play was Javier Arenas. The catch was actually fielded with one hand but secured with the inside arm. Cobb's final catch was a 3rd and 11 pass with 0:47 in the third quarter from slot right in a three-receiver (1x2), shotgun set. Cobb caught the cross three yards past the line of scrimmage with his hands and turned up field with and LB over top three yards ahead and two DBS two yards ahead at each hash. Cobbs showed the acceleration to split the LB and the CB at the right hash and dragged both defenders five yards downfield, showing incredible balance to stay on his feet as the LB tried to twist him away from the first down marker, but Cobb was strong enough to force the LB to throw the receiver over the first down marker in order to take Cobb to the ground.

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**Name:** Randall Cobb

**Date:** 10/16/2010

**Opponent:** South Carolina

**Overall Strengths**

I think Cobb has the potential to become a fine NFL receiver. The two players he reminds me of is a mix between Hines Ward and Derrick Mason. He has the balance, vision and versatility of Ward and the quickness, open field skills and hands of a young Mason. He can set up breaks in his routes and he's very quick off the line of scrimmage. His burst is noticeable to the naked eye, which isn't always the case with fast players. He catches the football with his hands and has the agility and moves to make the first defender miss. He has a slippery quality to his movement that allows him to make defenders miss in tight spaces, but he also finishes plays well when he has enough time to process contact is coming down the field. He has patience as a between the tackles runner. While I don't think he's as dynamic or powerful as Percy Harvin, he might be more consistently effective in the right offense that wants to use him as a receiver, return specialist, and some-time runner.

**Overall Weaknesses**

Cobb has good balance and acceleration, which helps him break arm tackles and bounce off glancing blows, but he isn't big or strong enough to run through solid hits and wraps. This means on runs between the tackles he often gets stood up and punished or pushed backwards, especially because he doesn't always run with great pad level. This is because he doesn't recognize that he won't be able to spin away from the oncoming defender, so doesn't get his pads down. This isn't something I mentioned in the details, but I saw it repeatedly at the end of runs either after the catch or on his Wildcat rushing attempts between the tackles. He is very powerful and balanced for a wide receiver; not a running back. I didn't see Cobbs face press coverage or run intermediate, pro-style routes like the square-in, deep-out, skinny post, or deep curl. I also didn't see Cobbs have to catch the ball after taking contact from a defender in the act of the reception. If he can demonstrate basic skills as a route runner and run blocker, he has a good chance of developing into a frequent contributor in a starting line up as a receiver.

**Separation**

He was used as a runner on 3rd and 1 as the QB from the Wildcat. He faked the ball to the runner and burst through a hole up the middle about one lineman wide, outrunning two defenders diving for him through the lane, making an excellent cut inside a defender waiting for him over top about 10 yards past the line of scrimmage before he was dragged down eight yards later for a gain of 18 yards with 6:44 in the third quarter. If he didn't have to run into his own receiver to cut away from the defender over top, he would have been able to maintain his speed and possibly scored. The burst was very apparent through this opening. Nice burst on a jet sweep to left end for a seven-yard gain. His quickness was really apparent on this run and if he had just a little better blocking downfield as he hit the crease off left end, he would have gotten the sideline and scored from a long distance with 10:50 left.

**Routes**

Nice fake to the inside to set up a break to the sideline on a short out on 3rd and 5 with 7:27 in the half. Cobb did a good job of working back to the quarterback getting flushed right, breaking back to the pass on the sideline of a 1st and 10 pass with 9:00 in the third quarter, but the ball landed just ahead of him out of bounds. Cobb made a diving attempt, but incomplete. Nice job sinking his hips against a linebacker from the slot on a short in-cut, getting enough separation from his break to catch the ball over his back shoulder with his hands with the linebacker diving for him. Cobb turned up field as he caught the ball, making the defender miss and gained another five yards on the play on 2nd and 11 with 4:33 in the third quarter, getting his team to the South Carolina five yard-line. Cobb slipped on a 3rd and 3 flat route and the ball sailed overhead with 10:19 left.

**Receiving**

His first target was a short flat route from the slot on 1st and 10 with 0:59 in the first quarter. He caught the ball close to his chest with his hands five yards downfield, turned up the sideline and was knocked out of bounds after gaining another four for a total of nine on the play. He gained five yards on his next target, a 2nd and 4 pass to the flat from the slot in a three-receiver set to that side with 9:04 in the half. Cobb caught the ball with his hands close to his stomach with two defenders in zone coming at him. He made a quick turn back to the inside, but was dragged down at the ankles, limiting his gain to the five he got from the reception. Cobb caught a three-yard out on 3rd and 5 with 7:27 in the half, turning up field and squaring the linebacker over top. He tried to shake the linebacker with a shoulder fake inside to get to the sideline, but the linebacker was able to bring him down, overcoming a stiff arm attempt on the play. Cobb's next catch was a 2nd and 3 swing pass from the slot, which he caught at the line of scrimmage with his hands near his back shoulder with 7:14 in the third quarter. Cobb spun outside; stiff armed the defensive back in the flat; and lowered his forearm into another defensive back's hit at the sideline as he was dragged down for a three-yard gain. Cobb misjudged a punt with 11:07 in the game, missing the ball but it still tipped his hands and he slipped trying to track its bounce. Fortunately for Kentucky, his teammate recovered the fumble. Cobb caught a 3rd and 2 pass for five yards at the right sideline on a designed roll for the QB, working his way open and turning back to the QB to create a target with 5:15 left. Good awareness of the sideline to stay inbounds as the ball arrived. Cobb caught a 1st and 10 swing pass at the line of scrimmage with his hands extended as the ball was placed at his back shoulder. He turned up field pressed the receiver's downfield block in the flat to the outside before dipping inside of it for seven yards, keeping his legs moving as he was wrapped about three yards downfield with 2:47 left. On the play after a 3rd and 3 rush attempt from the Wildcat where he was brought down by the backside DT getting great penetration into the backfield, Cobb caught the game-winning touchdown pass on 4th and 7 with 1:18 left and down by five points. Cobb got a free release from slot right, burst up field and past a blown coverage in the defense to catch a 24-yard corner route at the one yard line over his outside shoulder with his arms extended, and walked into the end zone.

**Elasticity**

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**Ball**

Good job tucking his first reception under his left arm as he headed up the left sideline on a 1st and 10 flat route earning a total of nine yards with 0:59 in the first quarter. Cobb caught a three-yard out on 3rd and 5 with 7:27 in the half, turning up field and squaring the linebacker over top. He tried to shake the linebacker with a shoulder fake inside to get to the sideline, but the linebacker was able to bring him down, overcoming a stiff arm attempt on the play. If Cobb carried the ball under his right arm, which was closest to the sideline or, if he veered inside the linebacker with the stiff arm from his right arm, he might have gained more leverage against the defender. He carried the ball under his left arm up the left flat and sideline on a 2nd and 4 swing pass from the slot for three yards with 7:14 in the third quarter.

**Balance**

Cobb flashed good balance to bounce off a hit at the end of a four-yard run up the left sideline after catching a flat route on 1st and 10 with 0:59 in the first quarter. The defender knocking him out of bounds lowered his shoulder into Cobb's inside hip and Cobb remained upright despite getting knocked out of the field of play. Good balance with nice pad level to push his own receiver out of the way after making a cut away from a safety over top from a Wildcat keeper on 3rd and 1 with 6:44 in the third quarter. A lot of runners moving down field at the pace he was would have fallen down after hitting his own teammate in the back after a cut to elude a defender but he stayed upright and gained another 5-7 yards on the play. He gained 12 yards on a Wildcat run off right tackle, dipping outside the grasp of a linebacker in pursuit in the right flat about six yards downfield and then spinning off the safety's hit a yard later as he fell forward another five yards with 13:41 in the game.

**Blocking**

Cobb was often used to run off defenders on deep routes when the Wildcats ran the football with its RB. After a teammate's catch Cobb was frequently looking for someone to block a little too late in the play. I did not see him have an attempt to block in this contest.

**Vision**

Cobb returned his second kick 29 yards with 9:55 in the half. He received the ball in the right flat of the three yard line veered towards the right hash behind his lead blocker and then bent it the hash at the 15 yard line. He waited for his lead blocker to engage a defender inside the hash before bending it underneath the blocker at the 20 and used his burst to get through the lane of players at the 25, twisting is way for extra yardage to the 32 after he was wrapped at the 27. He was used as a runner on 3rd and 1 as the QB from the Wildcat. He faked the ball to the runner and burst through a hole up the middle about one lineman wide, outrunning two defenders diving for him through the lane, making an excellent cut inside a defender waiting for him over top about 10 yards past the line of scrimmage before he was dragged down eight yards later for a gain of 18 yards with 6:44 in the third quarter. If he didn't have to run into his own receiver to cut away from the defender over top, he would have been able to maintain his speed and possibly scored. Cobb sidestepped two defenders in tight space and then reversed his field through traffic for a five-yard return of a punt in a tight space of defenders meeting him as he received the punt with 1:39 in the third quarter. He gained 12 yards on a Wildcat run off right tackle, dipping outside the grasp of a linebacker in pursuit in the right flat about six yards downfield and then spinning off the safety's hit a yard later as he fell forward another five yards with 13:41 in the game. He got a nice lane to run through for the first seven yards with downfield blocking by his receivers ahead. Only the safety coming over top from the opposite side of the field had a chance to tackle him and that defender slowed Cobb down enough for other pursuit to get him. Cobb caught a 1st and 10 swing pass at the line of scrimmage with his hands extended as the ball was placed at his back shoulder. He turned up field pressed the receiver's downfield block in the flat to the outside before dipping inside of it for seven yards, keeping his legs moving as he was wrapped about three yards downfield with 2:47 left. Cobb got hit in the backfield by the DT who got great penetration into backfield and brought down Cobb from the backside just after Cobb finished his play fake to the RB in the Wildcat on a 3rd and 3 play with 1:58 left and down by five points.

**Power**

Cobb caught a three-yard out on 3rd and 5 with 7:27 in the half, turning upfield and squaring the linebacker over top. He tried to shake the linebacker with a shoulder fake inside to get to the sideline, but the linebacker was able to bring him down, overcoming a stiff arm attempt on the play. If Cobb carried the ball under his right arm, which was closest to the sideline or, if he Cobb veered inside the linebacker with the stiff arm from his right arm, he might have gained more leverage against the defender. Good idea, but wrong direction or wrong arm to use based on the situation to use the stiff arm effectively. Cobb's next catch was a 2nd and 3 swing pass from the slot, which he caught at the line of scrimmage with his hands near his back shoulder with 7:14 in the third quarter. Cobb spun outside; stiff armed the defensive back in the flat; and lowered his forearm into another defensive back's hit at the sideline as he was dragged down for a three-yard gain. Good pad level and leg drive to continue pushing the pile of gang tacklers to the five yard-line after he was

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hit over top by the safety on a two-yard in-cut from the slot on 2nd and 11 that he turned into a seven-yard gain with 4:33 in the third quarter. He tried to stiff arm an oncoming special teamer on a punt return with 7:31 left as he ran to the left hash, but the stiff arm only knocked the defender to Cobb's legs. The defender brought Cobb down for no gain. Cobb caught a 1st and 10 swing pass at the line of scrimmage with his hands extended as the ball was placed at his back shoulder. He turned up field pressed the receiver's downfield block in the flat to the outside before dipping inside of it for seven yards, keeping his legs moving as he was wrapped about three yards downfield with 2:47 left.

He missed one game in his career due to a sore knee.

Durability

Character