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The Gut Check's WR Scouting Profile

Name: Riley Cooper

Date: 12/5/2009

Opponent: Alabama

Overall Strengths

I think Cooper has a lot of potential to be a starting NFL receiver. He is a physical player against press coverage and uses his size to his advantage to get open. He has enough speed to separate vertically and he can adjust to the football in the air. He shows some facility with pro style, intermediate routes. He is a good runner in the open field who can dip in and out of traffic and he shows good balance to get yardage after contact. He is a physical player as a blocker and can help on special teams.

I don't think he's as athletic as Jordy Nelson, but he might be a better receiver. Michael Irvin would be at the top of this spectrum of receivers to compare him to, and I think he's has more upside and downfield speed than Malcolm Kelly.

Overall Weaknesses

Cooper dropped the tough catches after contact that an NFL receiver needs to make. He has good but not great speed. He needs to prove he can run the entire route tree. Cooper also lacks dynamic athleticism to be a huge open field threat.

Separation

Excellent job off the bump and run on a 1st and 10 pass that Tebow instead attempt to his TE on a crossing route with 3:00 in the 1st QTR. Cooper was lined wide right, which based on Tebow's tendencies is not where Tebow is likely to look because he tends to throw better to his left or over the middle. The CB planted his inside hand to the chest of Cooper at the snap and the WR used his outside arm to come over the top and chop down the CB's arm as he took an inside position and sprinted past the CB up the seam, using his outside arm to push off the defender to get an additional step. By the time he was 20 yards downfield, Cooper had a solid, two steps on the CB, and was visibly frustrated that his QB did not spot him on the play. Cooper showed some burst around the corner of a 1st and 10 crossing route that he caught 12 yards downfield. He turned up the right flat, extending his separation on the safety and made a nice dip inside of another DB trying to cut off his path 30 yards downfield to get another 20 yards on the play with 3:22 in the half. Good did a good job using his outside arm to ward off the jam to get down field before breaking back to the QB to help him out on a comeback that he caught at the left sideline for six yards with 13:28 in the 3rd QTR. Riley got separation on a slant route by lowering his shoulder into the CB as he released from the LOS and then cut back to the middle to get a step with 9:39 in the game.

Routes

Cooper got open on an 8-yard hook on 3rd and 4, catching the ball with his hands at his back shoulder in the left flat and turning up field for another four yards.

Receiving

Cooper got open on a nine-yard dig route with 4:10 in the 1st QTR and the QB tried to squeeze the ball between him and the on-coming MLB. Cooper took his eyes off the ball and put them on the MLB, and the ball bounced off his outside bicep, flew high into the air and was nearly intercepted. It was a tough situation to have to make a catch, but it is the type of play he will need to make if he wants to start in the NFL. His second catch was a 59-yard completion with 3:32 in the half on a 12-yard crossing route that he caught with his hands in stride over his insider shoulder at the right hash. He was able to beat the defense down the right hash for another 47 yards. Good job attacking the football on a 3rd and 7 sideline comeback for six yards, making a diving catch in tight coverage at the sideline with 13:28 in the 3rd QTR. Good job getting low to make the grab and stay inbounds. Cooper got open on a curl route in the right flat on 3rd and 12 in with 8:00 in the 3rd QTR, but the QB threw the ball high and away. This forced Cooper to make a leaping attempt for the wobbly pass with his arms fully extended. He got both hands on the ball, but as he was about to retract his arms, the DB behind him knocked the ball loose with his hand, incomplete. Cooper had two steps on a crossing route to the right flat with 13:38 in the game, but the QB threw the pass low and behind Cooper. Cooper got inside the CB in press coverage on a 1st and 10 slant with 9:39 in the game, but the CB reached into Cooper's midsection and ripped the ball away as he was trying to secure the pass close to his body with his hands. He needed to extend his arms more to the ball and attack the pass out of this break because of the tighter coverage.

Elusiveness

Good dip away from a DB 40 yards downfield after catching a 12-yard crossing route and turned the corner in the right flat for a 59-yard gain with 3:22 in the half.

Ball

Good job carrying the ball under his left arm after catching an eight-yard hook in the flat on a 3rd and 4 pass late in the 1st QTR, gaining 12 on the play. Although he gained 47 yards down the right flat on a 59-yard completion with 3:22 in the half, Cooper smartly kept the ball under his left arm because all of the traffic he encountered was coming from the sideline until the very end of the play.

Balance

Good balance to dip inside of a DB up the right flat and get his leg over the defender's outstretched arm on this 59-yard gain with 3:25 in the half.

Blocking

Good lead block as the second return man on the opening kick off of the second half, getting under the pads of the first Alabama defender to clear a path for his teammate on a 28-yard return. He made another lead block on a kick off with 9:46 in the 3rd QTR on a 27-yard return.

Vision

Cooper did a good job eluding a DB in the open field on a 12-yard crossing route he took another 47 yards down the right flat with 3:22 in the half.

Power

He used a stiff arm as he veered away from the DB in the right flat about 40 yards downfield of a 12-yard reception on a crossing route with 3:22 in the half.

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Good route runner. He sets up defenders in single coverage on deep routes with subtle, but very effective moves to get defenders to turn their hips at the wrong time and either break the route or stem past them. He can adjust to the ball in the air and make catches with his hands away from his body in tight coverage. Combine these skills with what I think is good speed and Cooper has NFL potential.

Overall Weaknesses

I didn't see him face press coverage. He will need to work on extending his routes in the pros when he plays with QBs that will look to more than one quadrant of the field and expect him to work back to them more often.

Separation

Cooper did a very smooth job of getting separation on a deep streak by stemming the route to the outside off his release and the bending it more to the inside to turn around the CB and get four yards separation down the sideline before he even caught pass that he took 80 yards for the score with 3:10 in the half. He got separation in the back of the end zone late in the half, but the pass was intentionally thrown out of bounds because of pressure in the pocket. Cooper sank his hips pretty well on a sideline curl for eight yards to get separation against single coverage. His technique got the CB to turn and run just as he began his break.

Routes

Good job working back to the QB on a 12-yard catch on a 3rd and 16 with 1:59 in the 1st QTR. Excellent deep streak route in single coverage and an almost better catch for a 44-yard gain with 3:16 in the 3rd QTR. Cooper did a great job setting up the CB during his release, dipping once slightly outside just inside the first down marker as if he was about to run a short hitch, then stemmed the route to the outside two steps later as if he were about to break inside on an dig route which turned the CB around so Cooper could dip back to the outside and outrun the CB down the field to get a couple of steps on him—an excellent deep route. Good, sharp cut to the inside on a crossing route for seven yards early in the 4th QTR.

Receiving

Cooper's first target of the game was a screen to the right side. Cooper caught the ball with his hands and got to great seal blocks from the inside so he could gain 15 yards straight down the right sideline with 12:14 in the 1st QTR. Good job diving back to the football for a 12-yard catch on a 3rd and 16 with 1:59 in the 1st QTR. He cradled the ball to his body with good technique on this play. Good job catching the 35-yard streak over his inside shoulder with his hands, in stride, and beating his already toasted CB another 45 yards down the sideline for an 80-yard score. Good timing with Tebow on a 17-yard out to catch it at the sideline on the run, keeping his feet inbounds, and using his hands to make the grab with 3:35 in the 3rd QTR. Cooper got behind his opponent on a deep streak with 3:14 in the 3rd QTR, but his QB threw the ball late and Cooper had to turn back to the throw and make a leaping catch over the outside shoulder of the trailing corner to make the grab of a ball thrown a little over 40 yards in the air for a 44-yard gain.

Elusiveness

Ball

Cooper carried the screen pass down the right sideline under his left arm, exposing it to the pursuit. He needs to remember to switch the ball to his sideline arm when running after the catch. He also held the ball very loose from his body as he ran with it.

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