

2025 NFL Draft: QB Prospect Profiles

The 2025 NFL Draft quarterback class lacks the top-end star power of recent years but compensates with depth and diversity, featuring a mix of polished pocket passers, dynamic dual-threats, and battle-tested transfers among its 15 Combine invitees. Headlined by Shedeur Sanders' pinpoint accuracy and Cam Ward's electric playmaking—both projected top-10 picks—the class also showcases late risers like Kyle McCord (FBS-leading 4,779 yards), seasoned veterans like Tyler Shough, and developmental gems like Jalen Milroe, offering teams a wide range of upside from Day 1 starters to Day 3 sleepers in a draft thin on elite QB prospects.

Consensus Rankings:

1. **Shedeur Sanders (Colorado)** - QB1 with 4,134 yards, 37 TDs, and 74.2% completion in 2024; elite accuracy and poise lock him as a top-5 pick.
2. **Cam Ward (Miami)** - QB2 with 4,313 yards and 39 TDs (FBS-best); dynamic arm and playmaking cement him as a top-10 certainty.
3. **Jaxson Dart (Ole Miss)** - QB3 after 4,279 yards and 29 TDs in 2024; arm talent and toughness peg him late 1st/early 2nd.
4. **Jalen Milroe (Alabama)** - QB4 with 2,652 passing, 989 rushing yards, and 35 total TDs; athletic upside slots him late 1st/early 2nd.
5. **Quinn Ewers (Texas)** - QB5 with 3,285 yards and 27 TDs in 2024; big arm and CFP heroics keep him late 1st/early 2nd, injuries aside.
6. **Kurtis Rourke (Indiana)** - QB6, 3,042 yards, 29 TDs, led IU to 11-2; 6'5" size and polish make him early-to-mid 2nd.
7. **Kyle McCord (Syracuse)** - QB7, FBS-leading 4,779 yards, 34 TDs; pocket efficiency and Senior Bowl buzz land him late 2nd/early 3rd.
8. **Will Howard (Ohio State)** - QB8, 3,779 yards, 33 TDs, Natty winner; 6'4" frame and postseason surge slot him late 2nd/early 3rd.
9. **Riley Leonard (Notre Dame)** - QB9, 2,354 yards, 617 rushing yards, 8 TDs in 2024; dual-threat traits make him late 2nd/mid-3rd, injuries noted.
10. **Tyler Shough (Louisville)** - QB10, 3,195 yards, 23 TDs; Senior Bowl shine and 6'5" frame peg him mid-to-late 2nd, age/injuries a factor.

Remaining Invitees (Outside Top 10):

- **Dillon Gabriel (Oregon)** - 3,984 yards, 32 TDs; Day 3 pick, polish shines but 5'11" size limits him.
- **Seth Henigan (Memphis)** - 3,519 yards, 25 TDs; Day 3 pick, deep-ball skill stands out.

- **Max Brosmer (Minnesota)** - 2,848 yards, 20 TDs; Day 3 pick, quick release helps despite size.
- **Brady Cook (Missouri)** - 2,659 yards, 421 rushing, 17 TDs; Day 3 pick, dual-threat sleeper.
- **Graham Mertz (Florida)** - 3,008 yards, 22 TDs (ACL cut short); Day 3 pick, high IQ but static.

#1 Cam Ward – 2025 NFL Draft Profile

Position: Quarterback

School: Miami (FL)

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 225 lbs

Class: Senior

Hometown: West Columbia, TX

Recruiting Rank: 2-star (No. 121 QB, Unranked overall, Class of 2020 per 247Sports)

Background

Cam Ward emerged from Columbia High School in Texas, throwing for over 2,000 yards and 20 TDs as a senior despite a modest 2-star rating. Initially overlooked, he committed to Incarnate Word, dominated the FCS level, then transferred to Washington State in 2022 and Miami in 2024, leading the Hurricanes to an ACC title contention in his lone season there.

College Career Stats (2020–2024)

- 2020 (Freshman, Incarnate Word): 145/223, 2,260 yards, 24 TDs, 5 INTs; 58 rushes, 321 yards, 4 TDs
- 2021 (Sophomore, Incarnate Word): 187/287, 2,648 yards, 23 TDs, 7 INTs; 67 rushes, 405 yards, 5 TDs
- 2022 (Junior, Washington State): 227/353, 3,094 yards, 23 TDs, 9 INTs; 81 rushes, 312 yards, 5 TDs
- 2023 (Redshirt Junior, Washington State): 256/385, 3,735 yards, 25 TDs, 7 INTs; 75 rushes, 285 yards, 8 TDs
- 2024 (Senior, Miami): 286/425, 4,123 yards, 36 TDs, 7 INTs; 92 rushes, 587 yards, 6 TDs
- Career Totals (58 games): 1,101/1,673, 15,860 yards, 131 TDs, 35 INTs; 373 rushes, 1,910 yards, 28 TDs
- Notable Game: November 9, 2024, vs. Georgia Tech – 25/39, 398 yards, 4 TDs; 12 rushes, 87 yards, 1 TD

Strengths

1. Arm Talent: Rocket launcher, delivers 50+ yard strikes with ease—10 deep TDs in 2024.

2. Improvisation: Escapes pressure, creates magic off-script—587 rush yards in 2024.
3. Clutch Play: 4th-quarter comebacks galore, 36 TDs led Miami's 2024 surge.
4. Experience: 58 starts across FCS/FBS, battle-tested resilience.
5. Leadership: Elevated Miami's offense, vocal presence shines.
6. Versatility: Dual-threat juice, adds rushing TDs to passing prowess.

Weaknesses

1. Mechanics: Inconsistent release, footwork sloppy under duress.
2. Decision-Making: Forces risky throws, 7 INTs in 2024 reflect gunslinger flaws.
3. Pocket Discipline: Bails too early, misses chances to stand and deliver.
4. Accuracy: Streaky mid-range, completion rate hovers 67% despite volume.
5. Level of Competition: FCS/early Pac-12 tape questioned vs. elite defenses.

NFL Comparison

Jordan Love (Green Bay Packers): Ward's big arm, improvisation, and rawness mirror Love pre-NFL polish—a high-upside project with dynamic traits.

Scouting Report

Cam Ward exploded in 2024 at Miami, throwing for 4,123 yards and 36 TDs while adding 587 rushing yards, capped by a 485-yard, 5-TD masterpiece vs. Georgia Tech. At 6'2", 225 lbs, he's built sturdy—his arm strength and off-platform creativity scream playmaker. Five years of starting experience (15,860 career yards, 131 TDs) bring rare seasoning, but erratic mechanics and turnover risks linger. He's a spread-option star with Love-like potential, needing coaching to refine his wild streak.

Draft Projection

Top 10-15 Pick: Top-3 QB off the board—teams will salivate over his ceiling and production.

Best Team Fits

1. Las Vegas Raiders: A franchise QB to ignite a stagnant offense.
2. New York Jets: Aaron Rodgers' heir with flair to thrill fans.
3. Tennessee Titans: The Levis project has failed.

Final Thoughts

Ward's electric 2024 and deep experience make him a top-15 lock—mechanics and decisions temper his floor, but his ceiling rivals any QB in this class. A Combine arm showcase could push him top-10.

#2 Shedeur Sanders – 2025 NFL Draft Profile

Position: Quarterback

School: Colorado

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 215 lbs

Class: Senior

Hometown: Cedar Hill, TX

Recruiting Rank: 4-star (No. 14 QB, No. 245 overall, Class of 2021 per 247Sports)

Background

Shedeur Sanders lit up Trinity Christian School in Texas, throwing for over 9,000 yards and 120 TDs across four seasons under his father, Deion Sanders. A 4-star recruit, he followed Deion to Jackson State, dominating the FCS before transferring to Colorado in 2023, where he became a 2024 Heisman contender.

College Career Stats (2021–2024)

- 2021 (Freshman, Jackson State): 194/294, 2,324 yards, 24 TDs, 6 INTs; 35 rushes, 112 yards, 2 TDs
- 2022 (Sophomore, Jackson State): 275/400, 3,732 yards, 40 TDs, 6 INTs; 40 rushes, 174 yards, 3 TDs
- 2023 (Junior, Colorado): 298/430, 3,230 yards, 27 TDs, 3 INTs; 77 rushes, -77 yards, 4 TDs
- 2024 (Senior, Colorado): 327/445, 4,183 yards, 35 TDs, 8 INTs; 62 rushes, 112 yards, 4 TDs
- Career Totals (51 games): 1,094/1,569, 13,469 yards, 126 TDs, 23 INTs; 214 rushes, 321 yards, 13 TDs
- Notable Game: September 14, 2024, at Colorado State – 36/49, 438 yards, 4 TDs

Strengths

1. Accuracy: Laser-like precision, 73.5% completion in 2024—elite touch all ranges.
2. Pocket Poise: Ice-cold under pressure, stands tall, delivers amid chaos.
3. Arm Talent: Strong zip, layers throws effortlessly—35 TDs in 2024.
4. Football IQ: Pre-snap mastery, dissects defenses, low INT rate (23 in 51 games).
5. Mechanics: Textbook release, smooth and repeatable—NFL-ready form.
6. Clutch Factor: 4th-quarter heroics, led Colorado's 2024 turnaround.

Weaknesses

1. Mobility: Average runner, lacks escapability—112 rush yards in 2024.
2. Sack-Prone: 52 sacks in 2023, pocket awareness or line issues persist.
3. Physicality: 215 lbs sturdy but not elite, durability vs. NFL hits untested.

4. Competition: FCS dominance, mixed Big 12 results raise level-of-play questions.
5. Play Speed: Deliberate style, occasionally slow to process under fire.

NFL Comparison

Derek Carr (New Orleans Saints): Sanders' precision, poise, and pro-style polish echo Carr—less arm strength but similar pocket command and smarts.

Scouting Report

Shedeur Sanders dazzled in 2024 with 4,183 yards, 35 TDs, and a 73.5% completion rate, fueling Colorado's resurgence and Heisman buzz. His 438-yard, 4-TD rout of Colorado State showcased pinpoint accuracy and unflappable poise. At 6'2", 215 lbs, he's a polished pocket passer—textbook mechanics and elite IQ make him NFL-ready now. Limited mobility and sack tendencies (52 in 2023) nag, but his arm and brain scream QB1. He's a pro-style fit with Carr-like reliability and star potential.

Draft Projection

Top 5-10 Pick: QB1 or QB2 off the board—polish and production make him a premium pick.

Best Team Fits

1. New York Giants: A polished QB to replace Daniel Jones, instant starter.
2. Tennessee Titans: Will Levis upgrade with immediate impact.
3. Cleveland Browns: Deshaun Watson likely never plays another snap for the Browns

Final Thoughts

Sanders' rare blend of accuracy, poise, and readiness makes him a top-10 lock—mobility caps his ceiling, but he's the safest QB bet in 2025. A strong Combine could cement him as QB1.

#3 Jaxson Dart – 2025 NFL Draft Profile

Position: Quarterback

School: Ole Miss

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 225 lbs

Class: Senior

Hometown: Draper, UT

Recruiting Rank: 4-star (No. 6 QB, No. 84 overall, Class of 2021 per 247Sports)

Background

Jaxson Dart dominated at Corner Canyon High School, throwing for 4,691 yards and a state-record 67 TDs as a senior, earning Gatorade National Player of the Year honors. A 4-star recruit, he committed to USC over Utah and UCLA, started briefly as a freshman in 2021, then transferred to Ole Miss in 2022 after Caleb Williams' arrival. Under Lane Kiffin, he evolved into a prolific SEC passer, breaking Eli Manning's program passing yardage record in 2024.

College Career Stats (2021–2024)

- 2021 (Freshman, USC): 117/189, 1,353 yards, 9 TDs, 5 INTs; 34 rushes, 198 yards, 2 TDs
- 2022 (Sophomore, Ole Miss): 226/362, 2,974 yards, 20 TDs, 11 INTs; 128 rushes, 614 yards, 1 TD
- 2023 (Junior, Ole Miss): 233/358, 3,364 yards, 23 TDs, 5 INTs; 119 rushes, 389 yards, 8 TDs
- 2024 (Senior, Ole Miss): 291/420, 4,279 yards, 29 TDs, 6 INTs; 114 rushes, 495 yards, 3 TDs
- Career Totals (47 games): 867/1,329, 11,970 yards, 81 TDs, 27 INTs; 395 rushes, 1,696 yards, 14 TDs
- Notable Game: November 2, 2024, at Arkansas – 25/31, 515 yards, 6 TDs

Strengths

1. Arm Talent: Live arm with velocity and touch, excels on deep outs and seams—10.8 yards/attempt led FBS in 2024.
2. Athleticism: Sneaky speed (4.7-4.8 40 projection), 495 rush yards in 2024, tough to bring down.
3. Accuracy: 69.3% completion in 2024, lethal in rhythm on short-to-mid throws.
4. Playmaking: Extends plays, thrives off-script, 515-yard Arkansas game a highlight.
5. Experience: 41 starts across USC and Ole Miss, battle-tested in SEC gauntlets.
6. Toughness: Gritty competitor, plays through hits, never slides—fan favorite vibe.

Weaknesses

1. Processing: Slow to progress beyond first read, Ole Miss' tempo scheme hid this flaw.
2. Mechanics: Inconsistent footwork, looping release slows deep balls—missed tight windows vs. Georgia 2024.
3. Pocket Presence: Bails early, reactive to pressure, led to sacks in big games (e.g., Florida loss).
4. Decision-Making: Forces throws into coverage, interception-worthy plays outpaced actual picks.
5. Scheme Dependency: Simplified reads at Ole Miss, unproven in pro-style complexity.

NFL Comparison

Gardner Minshew (Philadelphia Eagles): Dart's mobility, grit, and solid-but-not-elite arm mirror Minshew—a high-end backup or spot-starter with upside if coached up.

Scouting Report

Jaxson Dart's 2024 season (4,279 yards, 29 TDs, 69.3% completion) capped a steady rise, punctuated by a 515-yard, 6-TD torching of Arkansas. At 6'2", 225 lbs, he's a sturdy dual-threat with a live arm and sneaky athleticism—495 rushing yards show he's no statue. His accuracy shines in

rhythm, and he's a magician off-script, but the polish fades against elite defenses (e.g., Georgia, Kentucky losses). Slow processing and shaky mechanics limit his ceiling—Ole Miss' fast-paced, one-read system masked these gaps. He's a Day 2 prospect with starter tools but needs a year to adapt to NFL complexity.

Draft Projection

Early-to-Mid 2nd Round (Picks 35-50): QB3-5 range—thin 2025 class and upside bump him up despite flaws.

Best Team Fits

1. **Seattle Seahawks:** Geno Smith's 2024 resurgence might fade at 34. He sits a year, then competes.
2. **Pittsburgh Steelers:** Russell Wilson and Justin Fields are stopgaps—neither locked in past 2025. Mike Tomlin could refine Dart's grit and athleticism behind a strong O-line.
3. **Indianapolis Colts:** Anthony Richardson's rawness persists; if Shane Steichen pivots, Dart's accuracy and experience offer a plug-and-play option with upside.

Final Thoughts

Dart's a high-floor, high-variance prospect—his arm, legs, and toughness tantalize, but mental processing and mechanics cap his immediate impact. A team with a bridge QB and patience could unlock a Minshew-plus starter. Mid-2nd feels right, with Combine drills deciding if he climbs higher.

#4 Jalen Milroe – 2025 NFL Draft Profile

Position: Quarterback

School: Alabama

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 225 lbs

Class: Redshirt Junior

Hometown: Katy, TX

Recruiting Rank: 4-star (No. 5 QB, No. 100 overall, Class of 2021 per 247Sports)

Background

Jalen Milroe starred at Tompkins High School, throwing for 2,689 yards and 29 TDs while rushing for 1,651 yards and 24 TDs as a senior, earning District MVP honors. A 4-star dual-threat recruit, he chose Alabama over Texas, Florida, and Oregon, backing up Bryce Young in 2022 before taking the reins in 2023 and exploding as a full-time starter in 2024.

College Career Stats (2022–2024)

- 2022 (Freshman): 31/53, 379 yards, 5 TDs, 2 INTs; 65 rushes, 412 yards, 4 TDs
- 2023 (Sophomore): 187/283, 2,834 yards, 23 TDs, 6 INTs; 161 rushes, 531 yards, 12 TDs
- 2024 (Junior): 201/317, 2,652 yards, 19 TDs, 8 INTs; 185 rushes, 989 yards, 16 TDs

- Career Totals (35 games): 419/653, 5,865 yards, 47 TDs, 16 INTs; 411 rushes, 1,932 yards, 32 TDs
- Notable Game: September 28, 2024, vs. Georgia – 27/39, 374 yards, 2 TDs; 16 rushes, 117 yards, 2 TDs

Strengths

1. Athleticism: Elite speed (4.5-4.6 40 projection), 989 rush yards in 2024—dynamic runner.
2. Arm Strength: Cannon arm, 50+ yard bombs with ease—stretches defenses vertically.
3. Playmaking: Extends plays improvisationally, 16 rushing TDs in 2024 terrorized SEC foes.
4. Physicality: 225 lbs of muscle, shrugs off tacklers, built for contact.
5. Upside: Raw talent improved yearly—cut INTs, boosted efficiency in 2024.
6. Big-Game Grit: Georgia win (491 total yards) showed he thrives under lights.

Weaknesses

1. Accuracy: Inconsistent, 63.4% completion in 2024—mid-range throws scatter.
2. Pocket Presence: Flees too soon, raw as a pure passer, sacks piled up vs. blitzes.
3. Processing: Slow to read full field, locks onto first option or runs.
4. Mechanics: Wind-up release, footwork sloppy—fixable but costly now.
5. Pass Pro: Rarely stayed in to block at Bama, untested in NFL schemes.

NFL Comparison

Justin Fields (Pittsburgh Steelers): Milroe's explosive running, strong arm, and raw passing echo Fields—high ceiling, but needs polish to hit it.

Scouting Report

Jalen Milroe's 2024 (2,652 passing yards, 989 rushing yards, 35 total TDs) was a dual-threat showcase, capped by a 491-yard, 4-TD demolition of Georgia. At 6'2", 225 lbs, he's a chiseled athlete—16 rushing TDs and a rocket arm make him a matchup nightmare. Accuracy and pocket skills lag (63.4% completion), and he's still a project as a passer, but his athletic upside screams potential. Alabama's spread simplified his reads; NFL complexity will test him. He's a Fields-like talent—raw but tantalizing for a spread-option attack.

Draft Projection

Late 1st to Early 2nd Round (Picks 25-40): QB4-5 range—athleticism and ceiling push him up in a thin QB class.

Best Team Fits

1. **Las Vegas Raiders:** Likely picking mid-to-late 1st (e.g., #13-18) after a 6-11ish 2024. Aidan O'Connell and Gardner Minshew flopped; Antonio Pierce needs a dynamic QB. Tom Telesco

could trade up slightly for Milroe's fit in a Kliff Kingsbury-style spread (if hired), leveraging Davante Adams and Brock Bowers.

2. **New Orleans Saints:** Projected late 1st (e.g., #20-25) after a middling 2024. Derek Carr's decline and Jake Haener's inexperience leave a void. Dennis Allen (or a new HC) could pair Milroe's legs with Chris Olave and Rashid Shaheed in a modernized offense—Alvin Kamara's successor role fits too.
3. **New York Jets:** If they bring in a bridge QB via Free Agency, drafting a guy like Milroe isn't a bad idea to see what happens. Maybe a Justin Fields signing + Milroe back up role.

Final Thoughts

Milroe's a high-risk, high-reward prospect—his legs and arm pop, but passing polish decides if he's a star or a bust. Late 1st feels right for a team craving dynamism; Combine speed could nudge him higher. He's not top-10 like Sanders/Ward, but his upside fits this range.

#5 Quinn Ewers – 2025 NFL Draft Profile

Position: Quarterback

School: Texas

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 210 lbs

Class: Redshirt Sophomore

Hometown: Southlake, TX

Recruiting Rank: 5-star (No. 1 QB, No. 1 overall, Class of 2022 per 247Sports)

Background

Quinn Ewers dominated at Carroll Senior High, throwing for 6,616 yards and 73 TDs across two seasons, earning Texas Gatorade Player of the Year as a junior before reclassifying from 2022 to 2021. The top-ranked recruit flipped from Texas to Ohio State, then back to Texas in 2022, taking over as starter in 2023 and leading the Longhorns to a 2024 CFP appearance.

College Career Stats (2022–2024)

- 2022 (Freshman): 10/15, 134 yards, 1 TD, 0 INTs; 2 rushes, -8 yards
- 2023 (Redshirt Freshman): 211/325, 2,607 yards, 22 TDs, 8 INTs; 45 rushes, 87 yards, 2 TDs
- 2024 (Sophomore): 265/401, 3,285 yards, 27 TDs, 9 INTs; 62 rushes, 142 yards, 3 TDs
- Career Totals (31 games): 486/741, 6,026 yards, 50 TDs, 17 INTs; 109 rushes, 221 yards, 5 TDs
- Notable Game: November 30, 2024, vs. Texas A&M – 22/34, 312 yards, 4 TDs

Strengths

1. Arm Strength: Elite velocity, 50+ yard bombs soar—10 deep TDs in 2024.
2. Deep Accuracy: Pinpoint on vertical shots, stretches defenses effortlessly.
3. Pocket Presence: Slides well, keeps eyes downfield under pressure.
4. Football IQ: Smart pre-snap reads, adjusted Texas' attack in CFP run.
5. Upside: High ceiling still untapped—only two full starting seasons.
6. Leadership: Cool-headed, rallied Texas to 2024 SEC title game.

Weaknesses

1. Injury History: Shoulder issues (2022 clavicle, 2023 tweak) linger—durability concerns.
2. Mechanics: Inconsistent base, throws off-balance, accuracy dips mid-range.
3. Mobility: Modest scrambler, 142 rush yards in 2024—not a run threat.
4. Experience: Young (20 years old), still refining post-snap decisions.
5. Pressure Response: Sacks pile up when blitzed—needs quicker trigger.

NFL Comparison

Carson Palmer (Retired, Cincinnati Bengals): Ewers' big arm, pocket style, and injury-marred early career echo Palmer—a high-upside passer needing polish and health.

Scouting Report

Quinn Ewers erupted in 2024 with 3,285 yards, 27 TDs, and a CFP berth, capped by a 312-yard, 4-TD dismantling of Texas A&M. At 6'2", 210 lbs, he's a classic pocket QB with a cannon—10 TDs over 50 yards showcase elite arm talent. His poise and IQ shine in rhythm, but injuries (shoulder history) and shaky mechanics (66.1% completion) temper his readiness. Limited mobility caps his playmaking, but his deep-ball mastery and youth (20) scream franchise potential. He's a Palmer-like prospect—boom-or-bust with coaching needed.

Draft Projection

Mid-to-Late 1st Round (Picks 15-25): QB3-4 range—arm talent and upside land him Day 1 in a thin QB class.

Best Team Fits

1. **Miami Dolphins:** Safety insurance for Tua.
2. **Pittsburgh Steelers:** The Steelers could re-sign Russell Wilson and bring in the bridge man's potential heir.
3. **Indianapolis Colts:** Project QB2 behind Anthony Richardson.

Final Thoughts

Ewers is a high-ceiling gamble—his arm and poise dazzle, but injuries and rawness cap his floor. Mid-to-late 2nd feels right for a team with weapons and patience; a clean Combine (arm, health) could push him higher. He's not top-10, but his tools fit this range.

#6 Dillon Gabriel – 2025 NFL Draft Profile

Position: Quarterback

School: Oregon

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 200 lbs

Class: Redshirt Senior

Hometown: Mililani, HI

Recruiting Rank: 3-star (No. 29 QB, No. 406 overall, Class of 2019 per 247Sports)

Background

Dillon Gabriel dominated at Mililani High School, throwing for 9,948 yards and 105 TDs across three seasons, earning Hawaii Gatorade Player of the Year twice. A 3-star recruit, he committed to UCF over Hawaii and Georgia, starred there (2019-2021), then transferred to Oklahoma (2022-2023) and Oregon (2024), leading the Ducks to a Big Ten title and CFP run in his final year.

College Career Stats (2019–2024)

- 2019 (Freshman, UCF): 236/398, 3,653 yards, 29 TDs, 7 INTs; 71 rushes, 337 yards, 4 TDs
- 2020 (Sophomore, UCF): 248/413, 3,570 yards, 32 TDs, 4 INTs; 69 rushes, 169 yards, 2 TDs
- 2021 (Junior, UCF): 19/31, 312 yards, 3 TDs, 0 INTs (injury-shortened)
- 2022 (Redshirt Junior, Oklahoma): 230/367, 3,168 yards, 25 TDs, 6 INTs; 89 rushes, 315 yards, 6 TDs
- 2023 (Redshirt Senior, Oklahoma): 266/384, 3,660 yards, 30 TDs, 6 INTs; 93 rushes, 373 yards, 12 TDs
- 2024 (Redshirt Senior, Oregon): 296/413, 3,984 yards, 32 TDs, 5 INTs; 77 rushes, 614 yards, 10 TDs
- Career Totals (62 games): 1,295/2,006, 18,347 yards, 151 TDs, 28 INTs; 399 rushes, 1,808 yards, 34 TDs
- Notable Game: October 19, 2024, at Purdue – 28/35, 392 yards, 4 TDs; 8 rushes, 87 yards, 1 TD

Strengths

1. Accuracy: Pinpoint thrower, 71.7% completion in 2024—lethal on timing routes.
2. Experience: 62 starts across UCF, Oklahoma, and Oregon—seasoned leader.
3. Mobility: Sneaky speed (4.6-4.7 40 projection), 614 rush yards in 2024, 10 TDs.
4. Decision-Making: Low INT rate (28 in 62 games), protects the ball under pressure.
5. Arm Talent: Solid zip, layers throws well—32 TDs in 2024 show versatility.

6. Clutch Play: Big Ten title, CFP wins—delivers in crunch time.

Weaknesses

1. Size: 5'11", 200 lbs—undersized, durability vs. NFL hits a question.
2. Arm Strength: Good not elite, deep balls lack top-end juice—fewer 50+ yard TDs.
3. Pocket Presence: Relies on legs over standing tall, can bail early.
4. Ceiling: Polished but lacks wow factor—high floor, modest upside.
5. Scheme Fit: Spread-heavy career, unproven in pro-style complexity.

NFL Comparison

Russell Wilson (Pittsburgh Steelers, early career): Gabriel's size, mobility, and accuracy echo prime Wilson—a savvy playmaker without elite arm pop.

Scouting Report

Dillon Gabriel's 2024 at Oregon (3,984 yards, 32 TDs, 71.7% completion, 614 rushing yards) capped a prolific career, leading the Ducks to a Big Ten crown and CFP success. His 392-yard, 5-TD rout of Purdue showcased precision and dual-threat flair. At 5'11", 200 lbs, he's undersized but seasoned—62 starts and 151 career TDs scream reliability. Solid arm and sneaky legs shine in rhythm, but his deep ball and pocket poise lag. He's a Wilson-esque prospect—safe, mobile, and efficient, needing the right system to start.

Draft Projection

Late 2nd to Early 3rd Round (Picks 50-75): QB6-8 range—experience and polish lift him, but size and ceiling cap his stock.

Best Team Fits

1. **Pittsburgh Steelers:** Likely mid-2nd (e.g., #45-55) after a 9-8ish 2024. Russell Wilson (36) and Justin Fields (free agent 2025) are short-term; Mike Tomlin could grab Gabriel as a long-term fit. His accuracy and mobility mesh with Arthur Smith's run-heavy scheme—Najee Harris and George Pickens thrive with him.
2. **Tampa Bay Buccaneers:** Projected late 2nd (e.g., #55-65) post-10-7ish 2024. Baker Mayfield's resurgence might fade (free agent 2026); Todd Bowles could develop Gabriel behind him. Liam Coen's spread roots align with Gabriel's game—Mike Evans and Cade Otton boost his efficiency.
3. **Los Angeles Rams:** Gabriel's polished, efficient game—71.7% completion, 3,984 yards, 32 TDs, and 614 rushing yards in 2024 at Oregon—makes him an intriguing fit for the Rams. At 5'11", 200 lbs, he's undersized but brings 62 starts of experience, a low turnover rate (28 INTs in 18,347 career yards), and sneaky mobility McVay could weaponize.

Final Thoughts

Gabriel's a high-floor, low-ceiling gem—his accuracy, experience, and mobility make him a Day 2 steal, but size and arm limit his star potential. Late 2nd to early 3rd fits teams needing a savvy QB2 with starter upside; Combine measurables could tweak his stock.

#7 Will Howard – 2025 NFL Draft Profile

Position: Quarterback

School: Ohio State

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 237 lbs

Class: Redshirt Senior

Hometown: Downingtown, PA

Recruiting Rank: 3-star (No. 34 QB, No. 510 overall, Class of 2020 per 247Sports)

Background

Will Howard excelled at Downingtown West High School, throwing for 5,308 yards and 48 TDs while rushing for 923 yards and 17 TDs, earning Pennsylvania Maxwell Club Player of the Year as a senior. A 3-star recruit, he picked Kansas State over Minnesota and Maryland, starting 28 games there (2020-2023) before transferring to Ohio State in 2024. Under Ryan Day and Chip Kelly, he led the Buckeyes to a 2024 National Championship, boosting his draft stock significantly.

College Career Stats (2020–2024)

- 2020 (Freshman, Kansas State): 90/168, 1,178 yards, 8 TDs, 10 INTs; 78 rushes, 364 yards, 3 TDs
- 2021 (Sophomore, Kansas State): 53/97, 787 yards, 7 TDs, 1 INT; 49 rushes, 331 yards, 3 TDs
- 2022 (Junior, Kansas State): 119/199, 1,633 yards, 15 TDs, 4 INTs; 67 rushes, 251 yards, 5 TDs
- 2023 (Redshirt Junior, Kansas State): 219/357, 2,643 yards, 24 TDs, 10 INTs; 81 rushes, 351 yards, 9 TDs
- 2024 (Redshirt Senior, Ohio State): 251/349, 3,713 yards, 33 TDs, 8 INTs; 67 rushes, 226 yards, 7 TDs
- Career Totals (55 games): 732/1,170, 9,954 yards, 87 TDs, 33 INTs; 342 rushes, 1,523 yards, 27 TDs
- Notable Game: January 20, 2025, vs. Notre Dame (CFP Championship) – 21/25, 231 yards, 2 TDs; 16 rushes, 57 yards

Strengths

1. Size: Prototypical 6'4", 237 lbs—stands tall, absorbs hits, ideal NFL build.
2. Arm Talent: Strong arm with velocity, hits tight windows—10+ TDs over 40 yards in 2024.
3. Accuracy: 73.1% completion in 2024, excels on short-to-mid throws with touch.

4. Mobility: Functional runner, 226 rush yards in 2024—converts in short-yardage.
5. Experience: 55 games, 28 wins at K-State, Natty at OSU—thrives under pressure.
6. Growth: Cut INTs (8 in 2024 vs. 10 in 2023), matured in Ohio State's pro-style system.

Weaknesses

1. Processing: Slow to progress beyond first read—RPOs masked this at OSU.
2. Mechanics: Narrow base, inconsistent footwork—deep balls flutter occasionally.
3. Age: 24 as a rookie—less developmental runway than peers.
4. Pocket Presence: Trusts arm too much, takes sacks vs. throwing away—10+ sacks in 2024.
5. Elite Traits: Solid but not electric—lacks Sanders/Ward's wow factor.

NFL Comparison

Matt Hasselbeck (Retired, Seattle Seahawks): Howard's size, arm, and smarts mirror Hasselbeck—a reliable starter with good-not-great tools, needing polish to peak.

Scouting Report

Will Howard's 2024 at Ohio State (3,713 yards, 33 TDs, 73.1% completion) capped a winding journey with a National Championship, highlighted by a near-perfect 231-yard, 2-TD title game vs. Notre Dame. At 6'4", 237 lbs, he's a sturdy pocket passer with a strong arm—10+ deep TDs in 2024 show his range. His accuracy and decision-making surged in Chip Kelly's system, but he's not a dynamic creator (226 rush yards). Slow reads and a narrow base hurt him against blitzes, and at 24, his ceiling's debated. He's a high-floor prospect with fringe-starter upside—needs coaching to unlock Hasselbeck-level potential.

Draft Projection

Late 2nd to Early 3rd Round (Picks 50-75): QB5-7 range—championship pedigree and stats lift him, but age and rawness cap his climb.

Best Team Fits

1. **Pittsburgh Steelers:** Likely mid-2nd (e.g., #45-55) after a 9-8ish 2024. Russell Wilson (36) and Justin Fields (free agent 2025) are short-term; Mike Tomlin could mold Howard's size and arm into a long-term fit. Arthur Smith's play-action scheme suits Howard's strengths—Najee Harris and Pat Freiermuth amplify his efficiency. Sits a year, then competes.
2. **Tampa Bay Buccaneers:** Projected late 2nd (e.g., #55-65) post-10-7ish 2024. Baker Mayfield's deal runs through 2026, but Todd Bowles could groom Howard as a successor. Liam Coen's spread roots match Howard's OSU tape—Mike Evans and Rachaad White ease his transition. Backup role with starter potential.
3. **Los Angeles Rams:** Early 3rd (e.g., #65-75) after an 8-9ish 2024. Matthew Stafford's 37, injury-prone (missed 3 games in 2024); Jimmy Garoppolo's a free agent. Sean McVay's timing-based offense fits Howard's accuracy. Redshirts behind Stafford/other, preps for 2026.

Final Thoughts

Howard's a polished, battle-tested QB—his Natty run and 73.1% completion make him a Day 2 lock in a thin class. Size and arm tantalize, but age and processing cap him as a QB2 with QB1 upside. A strong Combine (arm strength, interviews) could nudge him to late 2nd; he's a safe bet for teams needing a bridge to a starter.

#8 Riley Leonard – 2025 NFL Draft Profile

Position: Quarterback

School: Notre Dame (Transferred from Duke)

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 215 lbs

Class: Senior

Hometown: Fairhope, AL

Recruiting Rank: 3-star (No. 44 QB, No. 614 overall, Class of 2021 per 247Sports)

Background

Riley Leonard starred at Fairhope High School, throwing for 4,687 yards and 48 TDs while rushing for 2,331 yards and 33 TDs, earning Alabama 7A All-State honors as a senior. A 3-star recruit, he chose Duke over offers from Georgia Tech and UAB, shining there (2022-2023) before transferring to Notre Dame in 2024. Under Marcus Freeman and Mike Denbrock, he bolstered his stock with a strong 2024, though injuries tempered his ceiling.

College Career Stats (2021–2024)

- 2021 (Freshman, Duke): 37/62, 381 yards, 3 TDs, 1 INT; 47 rushes, 173 yards, 2 TDs
- 2022 (Sophomore, Duke): 207/330, 2,967 yards, 20 TDs, 6 INTs; 124 rushes, 699 yards, 11 TDs
- 2023 (Junior, Duke): 95/165, 1,102 yards, 4 TDs, 3 INTs; 58 rushes, 352 yards, 4 TDs (injury-shortened, 7 games)
- 2024 (Senior, Notre Dame): 193/298, 2,354 yards, 18 TDs, 5 INTs; 95 rushes, 617 yards, 8 TDs
- Career Totals (41 games): 532/855, 6,804 yards, 45 TDs, 15 INTs; 324 rushes, 1,841 yards, 25 TDs
- Notable Game: September 14, 2024, at Purdue – 20/29, 284 yards, 3 TDs; 10 rushes, 96 yards, 1 TD

Strengths

1. Athleticism: Elite runner (4.6-4.7 40 projection), 617 rush yards in 2024—dual-threat juice.
2. Size: 6'4", 215 lbs—prototypical frame, withstands contact well.
3. Arm Talent: Strong zip, hits deep outs and crossers—18 TDs in 2024 show growth.

4. Toughness: Plays through hits, 25 career rushing TDs reflect grit.
5. Playmaking: Extends plays off-script, 96-yard Purdue run a highlight.
6. Upside: Late bloom at Notre Dame hints at untapped potential.

Weaknesses

1. Accuracy: Inconsistent, 64.8% completion in 2024—mid-range throws waver.
2. Injury History: Ankle (2023), shoulder (2024) issues—missed 5 games across two years.
3. Processing: Slow to read full field, locks onto first option or scrambles.
4. Mechanics: Lofty release, footwork lags—deep balls lose zip at times.
5. Experience: Limited pro-style reps—Duke/ND leaned on RPOs, spread looks.

NFL Comparison

Daniel Jones (New York Giants, early career): Leonard's size, mobility, and raw passing mirror Jones—a toolsy QB needing polish to stick as a starter.

Scouting Report

Riley Leonard's 2024 at Notre Dame (2,354 yards, 18 TDs, 617 rushing yards) rebuilt his stock after a rocky 2023, with a 380-yard, 4-TD Purdue rout showcasing his dual-threat flair. At 6'4", 215 lbs, he's a chiseled athlete—8 rushing TDs and a strong arm make him a playmaker. Accuracy (64.8%) and injuries (ankle, shoulder) nag, and he's raw as a passer, relying on legs over pocket poise. Notre Dame's spread masked his read progression; NFL complexity will test him. He's a Jones-like project—high ceiling, low floor, needing time to refine.

Draft Projection

Late 2nd to Mid-3rd Round (Picks 50-90): QB6-9 range—athleticism and size boost him, but injuries and rawness temper his stock.

Best Team Fits

1. **Pittsburgh Steelers:** Mid-2nd (e.g., #45-55) after a 9-8ish 2024. Russell Wilson (36) and Justin Fields (free agent 2025) are stopgaps; Mike Tomlin could harness Leonard's size and legs. Arthur Smith's run-heavy scheme fits his RPO roots—Najee Harris and Jaylen Warren pair with his mobility. Sits a year, then competes.
2. **Seattle Seahawks:** Late 2nd (e.g., #55-65) post-8-9ish 2024. Geno Smith's 35, contract up; John Schneider could grab Leonard as a dynamic heir. Pete Carroll's (or new HC's) play-action loves mobile QBs—DK Metcalf stretches Leonard's arm, Tyler Lockett aids his accuracy.
3. **Indianapolis Colts:** Leonard's 2024 at Notre Dame (2,354 yards, 18 TDs, 64.8% completion, 617 rushing yards) brings a dual-threat spark the Colts could covet. At 6'4", 215 lbs, he's got ideal size—his 8 rushing TDs and strong arm (hits deep outs, crossers) echo Richardson's upside, but with better pocket polish (15 INTs in 41 games vs. Richardson's turnover woes).

Final Thoughts

Leonard's a raw, toolsy QB—his size, speed, and grit pop, but injuries and passing polish cap his immediate impact. Late 2nd to mid-3rd fits teams needing a developmental dual-threat; a healthy Combine (speed, arm) could push him higher. He's a sleeper with starter potential if coached right.

#9 Kurtis Rourke – 2025 NFL Draft Profile

Position: Quarterback

School: Indiana (Transferred from Ohio)

Height: 6'5"

Weight: 231 lbs

Class: Redshirt Senior

Hometown: Oakville, Ontario, Canada

Recruiting Rank: Unranked (No major offers, Class of 2019 per 247Sports)

Background

Kurtis Rourke went under the radar out of Holy Trinity Catholic School in Canada, throwing for over 2,000 yards and 20+ TDs as a senior but lacking major U.S. recruiting buzz due to his Canadian roots. He followed his brother Nathan (a former Ohio QB and CFL star) to Ohio University, earning MAC Offensive Player of the Year in 2022 before transferring to Indiana in 2024. Under Curt Cignetti, he transformed the Hoosiers into an 11-2 CFP contender, finishing 9th in Heisman voting.

College Career Stats (2019–2024)

- 2019 (Freshman, Ohio): 3/6, 20 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs; 3 rushes, 20 yards
- 2020 (Sophomore, Ohio): 45/66, 386 yards, 3 TDs, 0 INTs; 22 rushes, 78 yards, 2 TDs
- 2021 (Junior, Ohio): 135/206, 1,801 yards, 11 TDs, 7 INTs; 74 rushes, 327 yards, 3 TDs
- 2022 (Redshirt Junior, Ohio): 244/353, 3,257 yards, 25 TDs, 4 INTs; 74 rushes, 249 yards, 4 TDs (ACL injury)
- 2023 (Redshirt Senior, Ohio): 195/307, 2,207 yards, 11 TDs, 5 INTs; 87 rushes, 566 yards, 2 TDs
- 2024 (Redshirt Senior, Indiana): 251/363, 3,042 yards, 29 TDs, 5 INTs; 65 rushes, 127 yards, 2 TDs
- Career Totals (58 games): 873/1,301, 10,713 yards, 79 TDs, 21 INTs; 325 rushes, 1,367 yards, 13 TDs
- Notable Game: October 19, 2024, vs. Nebraska – 17/21, 189 yards, 1 TD (left at halftime, thumb injury)

Strengths

1. Size: 6'5", 231 lbs—prototypical NFL frame, sees over lines, takes hits.

2. Accuracy: 69.2% career completion, 69.4% in 2024—pinpoint on timing throws.
3. Arm Talent: Strong enough for all NFL throws, layers passes over LBs—29 TDs in 2024.
4. Pocket Presence: Quick release (2.5 sacks/game at IU), steps up under pressure.
5. Decision-Making: Low INT rate (21 in 58 games), smart pre-snap reads—5 INTs in 2024.
6. Experience: 58 games, 44 starts—led IU to 11-2, CFP in first Power 5 year.

Weaknesses

1. Arm Strength: Good not great—35+ yard throws lose zip, limits deep ceiling.
2. Mobility: Functional (127 rush yards in 2024), not a dual-threat creator.
3. Age: 24 as a rookie—less developmental upside than younger QBs.
4. Pressure Response: Accuracy dips when pocket collapses—struggled vs. OSU, ND in 2024.
5. Injury History: ACL tear (2022), thumb surgery (2024)—durability questions linger.

NFL Comparison

Kirk Cousins (Minnesota Vikings, early career): Rourke's size, accuracy, and pocket smarts echo Cousins—a high-floor QB who thrives in rhythm but lacks elite arm or legs.

Scouting Report

Kurtis Rourke's 2024 at Indiana (3,042 yards, 29 TDs, 69.4% completion) turned heads, leading an 11-2 CFP run with a near-perfect half vs. Nebraska (17/21, 189 yards). At 6'5", 231 lbs, he's a throwback pocket passer—his quick release and precision (5 INTs in 363 attempts) shine in clean pockets. Arm strength caps at above-average—deep balls fade past 35 yards—and he's not a scrambler (127 rush yards), but his 58-game résumé and poise scream reliability. Struggles vs. elite defenses (OSU, ND) and age (24) temper his ceiling, but he's a Day 2 gem with backup-to-starter upside in a timing-based system.

Draft Projection

3rd-4th Round Pick (Picks 60-100): QB5-6 range—polish and production lift him in a thin class, though arm and age cap him below Sanders/Ward.

Best Team Fits

1. **New Orleans Saints:** Likely mid-2nd (e.g., #40-50) after a 6-11ish 2024. Derek Carr's decline (32, injury-prone) and Jake Haener's inexperience open a QB need. Dennis Allen (or new HC) could pair Rourke's accuracy with Chris Olave and Rashid Shaheed in a revamped offense—sits behind Carr, then starts by 2026.
2. **Seattle Seahawks:** Early 2nd (e.g., #35-45) post-8-9ish 2024. Geno Smith's 35, contract up; John Schneider grabs Rourke as a successor. Pete Carroll's (or new HC's) play-action scheme fits his rhythm passing—DK Metcalf and Jaxon Smith-Njigba boost his deep game.
3. **Pittsburgh Steelers:** Mid-2nd (e.g., #45-55) after a 9-8ish 2024. Russell Wilson (36) and Justin Fields (free agent 2025) are short-term; Mike Tomlin molds Rourke's size and smarts.

Arthur Smith's system leans on timing—Najee Harris and George Pickens ease his transition.

Final Thoughts

Rourke's a high-floor, low-ceiling prospect—his accuracy, size, and experience make him a safe Day 2 pick, but modest arm strength and mobility limit his star potential. A strong Combine (medical checks, pocket drills) could solidify him as QB5; he's a perfect QB2 with starter upside for a team with a bridge QB and weapons.

#10 Tyler Shough – 2025 NFL Draft Profile

Position: Quarterback

School: Louisville (Transferred from Oregon, Texas Tech)

Height: 6'5"

Weight: 225 lbs

Class: Redshirt Senior

Hometown: Chandler, AZ

Recruiting Rank: 4-star (No. 11 QB, No. 174 overall, Class of 2018 per 247Sports)

Background

Tyler Shough dominated at Hamilton High School, throwing for over 8,000 yards and 75+ TDs across three seasons, earning Arizona Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior. A 4-star recruit, he chose Oregon over Arizona State and Michigan, backing up Justin Herbert (2018-2019) before starting in 2020 and leading the Ducks to a Pac-12 title. Transfers to Texas Tech (2021-2023) were marred by injuries, but his 2024 move to Louisville under Jeff Brohm yielded a breakout—3,195 yards, 23 TDs, and a Senior Bowl standout performance.

College Career Stats (2018–2024)

- 2018 (Freshman, Oregon): 0 stats (redshirt)
- 2019 (Sophomore, Oregon): 12/15, 144 yards, 3 TDs, 0 INTs; 2 rushes, 11 yards
- 2020 (Junior, Oregon): 106/167, 1,559 yards, 13 TDs, 6 INTs; 66 rushes, 271 yards, 2 TDs
- 2021 (Redshirt Junior, Texas Tech): 120/185, 1,559 yards, 10 TDs, 7 INTs; 56 rushes, 153 yards, 3 TDs (4 starts)
- 2022 (Redshirt Senior, Texas Tech): 106/176, 1,304 yards, 7 TDs, 4 INTs; 48 rushes, 301 yards, 2 TDs (5 starts)
- 2023 (Redshirt Senior, Texas Tech): 67/108, 746 yards, 7 TDs, 4 INTs; 44 rushes, 149 yards, 2 TDs (4 starts)
- 2024 (Redshirt Senior, Louisville): 244/389, 3,195 yards, 23 TDs, 6 INTs; 84 rushes, 252 yards, 2 TDs
- Career Totals (42 games): 655/1,040, 8,507 yards, 63 TDs, 27 INTs; 300 rushes, 1,137 yards, 11 TDs

- Notable Game: October 19, 2024, vs. Miami (FL) – 31/47, 342 yards, 4 TDs

Strengths

1. Size: 6'5", 225 lbs—prototypical NFL build, sees over defenses, takes hits.
2. Arm Talent: Live arm with velocity—drives throws 20-30 yards, 10+ TDs over 40 in 2024.
3. Accuracy: 62.7% in 2024, lethal on short-to-mid throws in rhythm—23 TDs show precision.
4. Mobility: Functional scrambler, 252 rush yards in 2024—extends plays, converts short yardage.
5. Experience: 32 starts across three programs—Pac-12 title, Senior Bowl buzz.
6. Playmaking: Shines off-script, 342-yard Miami game highlights improvisation.

Weaknesses

1. Injury History: Three season-ending injuries (2021 collarbone, 2022 shoulder, 2023 leg)—played 42 of 84 possible games.
2. Age: 26 as a rookie (born 9/30/1999)—less developmental runway than peers.
3. Mechanics: Inconsistent base under pressure—misses high when rushed, 9.6% pressure-to-sack rate in 2024.
4. Processing: Slow to progress beyond first read—Louisville's tempo hid this at times.
5. Durability: Thin frame for size—medical checks at Combine critical after injury past.

NFL Comparison

Jake Plummer (Retired, Arizona Cardinals): Shough's arm, mobility, and grit echo Plummer—a solid starter with improvisation flair, though less polished early on.

Scouting Report

Tyler Shough's 2024 at Louisville (3,195 yards, 23 TDs, 62.7% completion) was a career-defining renaissance, capped by a 342-yard, 4-TD thriller vs. Miami. At 6'5", 225 lbs, he's a prototype pocket passer with a live arm—10+ deep TDs in 2024 showcase his range—and sneaky legs (252 rush yards). His Senior Bowl shine boosted his stock, proving he thrives in pro-style concepts. But injuries (three lost seasons) and age (26) loom large—mechanics falter under duress, and he's raw past his first read. He's a Day 2 prospect with QB2 upside and a shot to start if health holds—a high-risk, high-reward Plummer clone.

Draft Projection

3rd-4th Round (Picks 60-100): QB4-6 range—tools and Senior Bowl hype lift him, but age and injuries cap his ceiling below Sanders/Ward.

Best Team Fits

1. **New York Jets:** Mid-2nd (e.g., #40-50) after a 7-10ish 2024. Aaron Rodgers (41) limped through 2024 (e.g., 3,000 yards, 20 TDs, oft-injured); Jordan Travis (2024 5th-rounder) is

unproven. Robert Saleh (or new HC) could groom Shough's big arm and mobility behind Rodgers—Garrett Wilson and Breece Hall thrive with his playmaking. Sits 2025, then competes if Rodgers retires.

2. **Washington Commanders:** Mid-2nd (e.g., #45-55) post-9-8ish 2024. Jayden Daniels (2024 2nd-overall) is entrenched, but no factor at QB2. Dan Quinn and Kliff Kingsbury could use Shough's 6'5" frame and Senior Bowl polish as a high-end backup. Insurance for Daniels' injury risk.
3. **Seattle Seahawks:** Late 2nd (e.g., #55-60) after an 8-9ish 2024. Geno Smith turns 35, contract expires post-2025; John Schneider grabs Shough as a succession plan. Pete Carroll's (or new HC's) play-action scheme fits Shough's rhythm and mobility—DK Metcalf and Jaxon Smith-Njigba stretch his deep game. Redshirts, then steps up.

Final Thoughts

Rourke's a seasoned pocket QB with starter tools—his size, arm, and 2024 leap make him a Day 2 steal, but age and injury red flags temper hype. A clean Combine (medicals, arm showcase) could lock him as QB5; he's a high-floor backup with a shot to lead if paired with a patient coach and strong O-line.

Other QBs Invited to the Combine:

Kyle McCord (Syracuse): Transferring from Ohio State, McCord led the FBS with 4,779 yards and 34 TDs in 2024, earning a late 3rd to 4th round projection as a polished pocket passer with Senior Bowl hype.

Seth Henigan (Memphis): Memphis' all-time passing leader threw for 3,519 yards and 25 TDs in 2024, pegging him as a day 3 prospect with a deep-ball knack but modest athleticism.

Brady Cook (Missouri): Cook's 2,659 passing yards, 421 rushing yards, and Cotton Bowl pedigree in 2024 make him a day 3 dual-threat sleeper, despite injury setbacks.

Graham Mertz (Florida): Mertz posted 3,008 yards and 22 TDs in 2024 before an ACL tear, slotting him as a late day 3 pick with a high IQ but limited ceiling.

Max Brosmer (Minnesota): After dominating FCS, Brosmer's 2,848 yards and 20 TDs at Minnesota in 2024, plus Senior Bowl buzz, land him in the later rounds as a quick-release backup.