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TOP PROSPECTS

**Best available
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Quarterbacks

1. [S. Keller, Nebraska](#)
2. [B. Morris, Marshall](#)
3. [B. Powers, Indiana](#)
4. [X. Lee*, Florida St.](#)
5. [K. Wright, Miami \(FL\)](#)

Running backs

1. [C. Simpson, Morgan St.](#)
2. [C. Dawson, La.-Monroe](#)
3. [D. Savage, Oklahoma St.](#)
4. [A. Pinnix, Minnesota](#)
5. [B. Green-Ellis, Ole Miss](#)

Fullbacks

1. [M. Cox, Georgia Tech](#)
2. [J. Valentine, Minnesota](#)
3. [M. Viti, Army](#)
4. [J. Surratt, Florida St.](#)
5. [C. Brown, Tennessee](#)

Wide receivers

1. [D. Reynaud*, W.Va.](#)
2. [A. Bowman, Oklahoma St.](#)
3. [M. Bradford, Stanford](#)
4. [M. Purify, Nebraska](#)
5. [D. Blackman, NC State](#)

Tight ends

1. [J. Finley, Oklahoma](#)
2. [A. Bishop, Nevada](#)
3. [D. Strong, Pitt](#)
4. [J. Stupar, Va.](#)
5. [J. Phillips, Nebraska](#)

Centers

1. [K. DeVan, Oregon St.](#)
2. [J. Masters, Michigan St.](#)
3. [J. Rochford, Miami \(FL\)](#)
4. [M. Spanos, USC](#)
5. [J. Lipsey, Va.](#)

Guards

1. [C. McDuffie, Clemson](#)
2. [R. Felton, Arkansas](#)
3. [P. Sosa, Rutgers](#)
4. [D. Gore, Boise St.](#)
5. [D. Radovich, USC](#)

Offensive tackles

1. [E. Dunbar*, Middle Tenn.](#)
2. [B. Stamper, Vandy](#)
3. [K. Kasperek, Akron](#)
4. [T. Silver, Richmond](#)
5. [E. Pinigis, Liberty](#)

Branden Albert

[G, Virginia](#)

War Room analysis

POST-DRAFT TAKE: The Chiefs' line has struggled since LT Willie Roaf retired before the '06 season. Albert played only two games at left tackle in college but in those two games showed the footwork and quickness to excel at that position in the NFL.

PRE-DRAFT REPORT:

Strengths: Is massive. Physically dominates opponents with great natural strength. When using long arms aggressively, jolts defensive linemen upright and pins them. Is a good side blocker on run plays, and drives his man down the line. Works well with teammates to switch off against line stunts and blitzes. Reaches the second level to block linebackers, and shows the athleticism to maintain balance in the open field. Has the speed and athletic ability to pull on outside runs to the far side. Has some experience at left tackle, and shows the footwork and athleticism to play there in the NFL.

Weaknesses: Is not a fiery competitor. Does not fire off the snap against the run; is more of stand, grab and catch blocker who struggles to get movement on in-line blocks. In pass protection, lacks a consistent hand punch, allowing pass rushers to drive him backward. Is an upright pass blocker; will get killed by explosive defensive tackles in the NFL if he does not play with a better base.

Bottom line: Albert has first-round talent but hasn't produced at that level. He is huge, but his soft-bodied physique and inconsistent technique make us wonder about his commitment to the game. GMs should not overdraft him based on his pre-draft workouts. If he competes harder, Albert should become a solid NFL guard and perhaps offensive tackle.

Vinnie Iyer analysis

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 Round **1**, Pick **15**


Bob Leverone/SN

Overall grade: **7.5**
[Position rank:](#) **2**
[Initial quickness:](#) **3**
[Mobility:](#) **2**
[Pass blocking:](#) **1**
[Run blocking:](#) **4**
[Strength:](#) **1**
 NFL comparison:
Chester Pitts, Texans

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BRANDEN ALBERT MEASURABLES

Height: 6-5 ³/₄	Weight: 316
40-yard dash: 5.17	10-yard dash: 1.78
20-yard shuttle: 4.79	60-yard shuttle:
Broad jump: 9-4	225-lb. bench: 24
3-cone drill: 7.98	Vertical jump: 26 ¹/₂
Wonderlic:	20-yard dash: 2.98


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Defensive tackles

1. [H. Smith, Tex. A&M](#)
2. [G. Chukwu, Rice](#)
3. [Y. Barnett, Arizona](#)
4. [B. Smith, Colorado St.](#)
5. [N. Robinson, Akron](#)

Defensive ends

1. [B. Mattison, Iowa](#)
2. [T. Brown, Miss. St.](#)
3. [J. Dingle*, W.Va.](#)
4. [T. Blake, TCU](#)
5. [E. Foster, Rutgers](#)

Inside linebackers

1. [L. Myles*, Louisville](#)
2. [C. McKeon, Nebraska](#)
3. [J. Dunbar, Boston Coll.](#)
4. [R. Johnson, Oklahoma St.](#)
5. [D. Floyd, New Mex. St.](#)

Outside linebackers

1. [L. Rumph, NC State](#)
2. [D. Doggett, Oregon St.](#)
3. [T. Billie, Clemson](#)
4. [C. Gatewood, Vandy](#)
5. [B. Renkart, Rutgers](#)

Cornerbacks

1. [D. Wolfe, Oklahoma](#)
2. [M. Richardson, Arkansas](#)
3. [M. Van Zant, Oklahoma St.](#)
4. [J. Sutton, NC State](#)
5. [P. Pratt, Nevada](#)

Safeties

1. [S. Castille, Alabama](#)
2. [D. Parker, Va. Tech](#)
3. [M. Griffin, Texas](#)
4. [N. Warrick, Michigan St.](#)
5. [D. Roach, TCU](#)

Kickers

1. [J. Ito, Rutgers](#)
2. [A. Serna, Oregon St.](#)
3. [A. Carmody, Louisville](#)
4. [J. Paul, Central Ark.](#)

Punters

1. [T. Reyer, Kansas St.](#)
2. [A. Larson, Cal](#)
3. [O. Tolson, Army](#)
4. [M. Dragosavich, North Dakota State](#)
5. [T. Manuel, Grambling S](#)

* - underclassman

Albert is the ideal guard/tackle prospect to help the Chiefs rebuild their aging offensive line. I like the aggressiveness to move up a few spots for the cost of a couple Day 2 picks to the Lions.

Correspondent Analysis

The Chiefs believed Albert was the best offensive lineman in the draft after Jake Long and probably would have taken him with the fifth pick had Glenn Dorsey not been available there. Albert, who mostly played guard in college, is a tremendous athlete who will get a look at one of the tackle spots. If he can't handle one of those positions, he will be moved to guard. --*Adam Teicher*

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