

Shelton	Danny	Washington	DT/NT	I 8.29
Last Name	First Name	College	Position	Final Grade
6'2"	339	5.64		
Height	Weight	40 speed		
<b>ATHLETIC ABILITY</b>	<b>SECTION GRADE:</b>		7.9	
Q.A.B Quick Feet C.O.D. Flexibility Coordination	Shelton shows great athletic ability for a defensive tackle that weighs 339 pounds. He possesses very good foot quickness and agility but sometimes is caught off balance. He has the flexibility to play with good knee bend and leverage in order to drive offensive linemen backwards. He can change direction fairly smoothly for a big guy but will not be able to stop on the dime and explode off his plant foot. He is extremely coordinated and has outstanding flexibility, as you will see him dive out to make tackles and then roll and pop right up like a skill position player.			
<b>COMPETITIVENESS</b>	<b>SECTION GRADE:</b>		8.7	
Toughness Clutch Play Production Consistency Team Player Pride / Quit	Shelton is a big, physical, tough-nosed defensive tackle that loves to compete and is a warrior within the trenches. He has had a very productive collegiate career as a three-year starter while not missing one game. During his career at Washington, he has had 204 tackles, 24 TFL's and 11.5 sacks. In 2014 he stood out as a pass rusher, as he racked up a career high 9 sacks. Shelton was named First Team All-Pac 12 in 2014 as well as honorable mention in 2013. He was very consistent throughout his career as there was only one game in which he did not post statistics on the game log. With that being said, he was probably getting double and triple teamed, as the offense was game planning to shut him down as their key to the game. He is a team player as he is willing to do the dirty work in the trenches and take on double teams to free up teammates in order for them to win their matchups. He has the motor and passion for the game that you rarely see in defensive tackles. He does not stop until the play is over.			
<b>MENTAL ALERTNESS</b>	<b>SECTION GRADE:</b>		8.5	
Learn / Retain Inst/Reaction Concentration	Shelton is an instinctive player that is able to read and dissect plays as the play is developing. He shows great concentration and discipline when the ball carrier is looking for a hole because he finds the hole and fills it so the back has nowhere to go. He is a kid full of energy and is a respectful young man from what I saw in his interviews. He seems willing to learn and his ability to retain what he learns shows up on the field in his production. Lastly, he does a good job of reading different blocking schemes, which helps him get inside of offensive linemen to disrupt pass and run plays.			

STRENGTH / EXPLOSION		SECTION GRADE:	8.7	
Body Type	Shelton is built like a coke machine, as he possesses a wide, thick, and stout frame. He also has big legs in which he is able to generate force and power to explode in order to gain leverage on offensive linemen. He has not missed a game during his collegiate career so I would say it is safe to say that he has no durability concerns. He played in the Pac-12 where there are a lot of up-tempo offenses that he has had to face and you see this guy on the field most of the snaps so you can say that he is in good shape and will be ready to go at the next level. He will be a big presence on any defense at the nose position in a 3-4 or as a “space eater” in a 4-3. With that being said, do not think that he will just be there to take on double teams and eat blocks; he will get after the QB himself. Lastly, he does an excellent job of splitting double teams because of his quick feet and ability to shed blocks.			
Durability				
Explosion				
Play Strength				
GDE	CATEGORY	COMMENTS DESCRIPTION	GAMES VIEWED	COMBINE NOTES
8.1	READ & REACT	He has the ability to read and dissect plays as they are happening. He is also good at reacting both in the pass and run game. He makes an effort to track down ball carriers even if he has to go from sideline to sideline.	2013 – Stanford, UCLA, Oregon  2014 – Hawaii	225 REPS – 34 VERTICAL JUMP – 30.5 BROAD JUMP – 7’11” 20 SHUTTLE – 4.65 60 SHUTTLE – N/A 3 CONE – 7.99
8.5	INITIAL QUICKS	He possesses extremely quick feet for a man of his structure and weight. Also, he has a very good first step. If you would look at him you would be surprised with how quickly he is able to move around.		
8.7	PLAY STRENGTH	He has a large, thick frame in which he uses to take on double teams. He plays with great punch and is a force as he sheds almost every block thrown his way. He is the guy that you want on your team to isolate all of your other rushers one-on-one.		

8.1	USE OF HANDS	He does a good job at using his hands but needs to strike more viciously.		
8.9	SHED BLOCKER	He has elite block shedding ability. You can say the same thing about Shelton as they did about Haloti Ngata in which “he eats blocks”.		
8.7	RUN AT HIM	When teams run towards Shelton they do not have success. He fills holes easily because of his frame. He is an excellent run stuffer being the reason why teams tend to run from him rather than towards him.		
7.7	PURSUIT / RANGE	He has very good short area quickness and can close pretty quickly for a big guy. He shows an effort in pursuit that is uncommon for defensive tackles. He makes up for his limited range with his surprising quickness and ability to take up space due to his size.		
7.9	TACKLING	He does a good job of filling the gap as a “space eater” and making the tackle on RB’s. He has great lateral movement and makes an effort to go from side to side to make a play on the player with the ball. He also piles up tackles in the stat sheet. With this being said, he does whiff at times when going for tackles.		

7.6	CLOSING BURST	He is extremely quick for his size and takes up a lot of space, which allows for him to close quickly on whoever has the ball. He does not have exceptional closing burst but he definitely has great burst for a man of his size.	<b>CRITICAL FACTORS</b>	
8.9	POWER RUSH	He uses his power and block shedding ability to take on double teams consistently. Rarely gets moved backwards. He is normally the one doing the moving of Guards and Centers. His power more so than his speed is what ables him to get his sacks.	SIZE – N/A PLAY STR – N/A PLAY SPEED – N/A	INITIAL QUICKS – N/A COMPETES – N/A INSTINCTS – N/A
7.4	SPEED RUSH	He is not known as a speed rusher and will not collect a bunch of sacks. With that being said, he still is a threat as a pass rusher as he was able to rack up 9 sacks this past season. He has lightning quick feet for a guy of his size. He will push the pocket and pickup double teams allowing his teammates to have one-on-one opportunities to get after the QB.		
N/A	ERRORS	He does not have any major errors, just has some weaknesses that you will see below in the weaknesses section. You can expect him to correct these weaknesses because he		

	is passionate about the game and wants to get better.	
STRONG POINTS		WEAKNESSES
<p>Shelton is a physical specimen and although he is not the tallest or longest of prospects, he is wide, thick, and stout; he has the perfect physical makeup for the NT spot in a 34. With that being said, he has enough initial quickness and overall athleticism to fit in a 4-3, and he will not just be a guy who takes up space and eats blocks, he will get after the QB. He bends well for a man of his size and has ability to play with leverage. He is able to maintain good positioning against double teams and does a good job of splitting them when getting a quick jump off the line of scrimmage. Consistently gets his hands inside offensive linemen first due to his quick feet. He has surprising ability to avoid cut blocks and chase stretch plays laterally. He has the strength and athleticism to dominate in the running game. You could see that he was in shape because he played a high percentage of Washington's defensive snaps. He possesses an exceptional motor and will not quit on plays. Against the run, Shelton eats up a ton of space and frees up his defensive teammates to make plays. He does a nice job finishing plays when he's in a position to make a tackle, and his motor generally allows for him to be in on most of the plays run at or near him. Against the pass, Shelton flashes his raw power with his impressive quickness. On several occasions, he flashed a quick and effective swim move that he has been developing as it complements his bull rush nicely.</p>	<p>Shelton will need to improve on his get off and his ability to attack more aggressively up field. He needs to focus more on his eyes and hands, as he needs to strike more viciously. He is not the pass rusher that his statistics indicate as he mainly shows a bull rush. Rarely will you see him incorporate spins or even swim moves into his repertoire. Even though he produced top-notch sack numbers for a defensive tackle in 2014, much of it was against lesser competition. His pad level tends to rise, as he gets tired, leading to him getting knocked off the line of scrimmage when taking on double teams and not allowing him to split them. Must work to maintain his weight.</p>	
SUMMARY		
<p>Danny Shelton is a rare talent because even though he weighs at 339 pounds, he has a great combination of size, above-average athletic ability, motor, and smarts. You do not find these guys often and if you do they usually play for 10+ years in the NFL. With his thick frame and powerful upper body, Shelton has moments where he can dominate at the point of attack. He is dominant in his ability to take on double teams and has incredible block shedding ability. He is a classic two-gap run-stuffer with the bulk and brute strength to bull</p>		

rush opponents into the backfield. What makes Shelton unique is his effort in pursuit. It was not uncommon for Shelton to sprint to the sideline or 10-plus yards downfield to stop ball carriers. Shelton is an above average interior pass rusher for a man his size thanks to his surprising athleticism and never stop attitude. A prime example of his motor was exemplified during Senior Bowl practices where he was a man amongst boys. This was seen while he was taking on double teams, he was being grabbed constantly to the point where he left the practice field without a number on his jersey. He could fit in a 3-4 as a NT. However, I project him being more successful in a 4-3 as he would demand the double team consistently and act as a “space eater” to free up his teammates to make plays in one-on-one situations. With that being said, he will fit in either a two-gap scheme or even as a one-gapper. He is undoubtedly a first-round talent and I project him as a top 20 talent in this class. I could see him going as high as #7 to the Chicago Bears because they need someone to start at the nose position in their new 3-4 scheme but he could also play a role for the New York Giants at #9 right next to Johnathan Hankins. If the Bears or the Giants do not select him, do not expect him to fall past the Browns at #12 because they also could use his services at the NT position in their 3-4 defense but even more so because he is a rare talent and these guys do not come around often.

Pro Comparison: Haloti Ngata/Dontari Poe