

LAST NAME: Davis			FIRST NAME: Malik			COLLEGE: Florida		
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HEIGHT	WEIGHT	40 TIME	HAND SIZE	ARM	WINGSPAN	POSITION	FINAL GRADE	
ATHLETIC ABILITY						SECTION GRADE:	5.0	
By no means will Malik's speed jump off the tape. However, he has that quick pop and burst as soon as the ball gets in his hands. He possesses a unique ability to hit the hole and go, which is a must in the NFL. He also can make defenders miss by making swift jump cuts and consistently continuing his acceleration through the hole. Malik has the necessary ability to start/stop but is not the most elusive athlete. He has average flexibility and tends to bend at the waist rather than knees and hips to get pad level down.								
VISION / INSTINCTS / PATIENCE						SECTION GRADE:	7.5	
Malik's special gift is his sharp and decisive cuts and willingness to be patient. He is not afraid to make a cutback and explode through a hole that his line creates. Malik's ability to find and hit the gap is how he will succeed in the NFL. While Malik struggles to make something out of nothing, if two choices present themselves, he is intelligent enough to choose the one that maximizes his potential gain.								
COMPETITIVENESS / RUN AFTER CONTACT / TACKLE BREAKING ABILITY						SECTION GRADE:	5.0	
If overall long speed is not Malik's weakness area, then it would have to be his ability to take on contact and stay balanced. While Malik can evade arm tackles and run through them, the NFL should not expect him to lower his shoulder and maintain his balance. Whether it's the lack of high-volume usage or injury history during college, there is not enough recent tape to display that he can break a full-on-well technique tackle at the NFL level. However, this could change if more volume presents itself and as he gets further removed from his injuries. Before injuries hit, he was a workhorse type back as a freshman at Florida and showed some promise of just blowing and running through tackles at the next level. One thing for sure is his competitiveness is still there, as he will try to get the most out of every play.								
ROUTE RUNNING / HANDS / OVERALL RECEIVING SKILLS						SECTION GRADE:	7.5	
Malik has incredibly soft hands for a running back and has flashed at being able to locate/track down the ball when in the air, especially vertically down the field. Malik is a reliable receiving threat out of the backfield. He has had a lot of success with check-downs and wheel routes. In addition, Malik can also line up on the outside or in the slot if needed. He can beat linebackers and would be a decent third-down option at the running back spot. Malik knows how to hide his route and break out of it before receiving the ball. However, he lacks the coveted high-end speed and elusiveness.								
BLOCKING - BOTH PASS PROTECTION AND LEAD BLOCKING						SECTION GRADE:	7.5	
Malik did not see much action needing to block during his time in college, but with limited usage, he has shown he can do an adequate job. He can get low on a chop block to protect the quarterback if absolutely necessary. He also has enough weight to absorb the contact from a blitzing linebacker and redirect it elsewhere. Malik has enough toughness to take on blocks as a lead blocker for his quarterback or another back. Malik has the skills and ability to make a good pass and run blocking back at the next level.								
LEADERSHIP / INTANGIBLES / CHARACTER / FOOTBALL INTELLIGENCE / DURABILITY						SECTION GRADE:	6.0	
The real worry here is his injuries. During his time at Florida, Malik missed the whole second half of his 2017 season with a knee injury and most of the 2018 season with a foot injury. However, despite the rough start, Davis played in 36 of the next 37 games in 2019-21.								
GDE	CATEGORY	COMMENTS / DESCRIPTION	GAMES VIEWED	COMBINE RESULTS				
7.5	RUN INSTINCTS	He has above-average vision and patience, which helps him explode through the hole.	Tennessee (9/25/2021)	VERT JUMP - DNA				
4.0	ELUSIVENESS	Lacks long speed and has below-average elusiveness, unlikely to make people miss.	Bears (10/30/2022)	BROAD JUMP - DNA				
7.5	CUTBACK ABILITY	He runs with his eyes open and has an above-average ability to make a cut or two and then hit the hole.	Packers (11/13/2022)	20 SHUTTLE - DNA				
7.0	INSIDE RUNNER	He has above-average skills as an inside runner and knows how to follow his blockers.	Vikings (11/20/2022)	60 SHUTTLE - DNA				
4.0	OUTSIDERUNNER	Occasionally he can bounce a run outside, but not often. He must improve in this area.		3 CONE - DNA				
8.0	HANDS - RCVING	Soft hands and can catch balls that most running backs can't.		BENCH PRESS - DNA				
8.0	ADJUST TO BALL	Above average ability for a running back and can make the adjustments to help catch inaccurate passes.						
6.5	RUN AFTER CATCH	He knows what to do after catching the ball but does not always have enough speed/quickness.						
7.5	RUN BLOCKER	He has the toughness and willingness to block for other runners and knows how to be the lead block.						
7.5	PASS BLOCKER	He is strong enough to absorb contact from blitzing defenders and knows his pass-pro responsibilities.	SIZE - 6	ATH. ABILITY - 5				
5.5	TOUGHS / RUN STYLE	He is not a physical or elusive runner, but he runs with intelligence and is a one-cut/go style of back.	HANDS - 8	COMPETES - 7				
9.0	BALL SECURITY	He knows how to protect and hold onto the ball, as revealed by his 0 career fumbles	PLAYING SPEED - 6	BLOCKING - 7.5				
STRONG POINTS				WEAKNESSES				
Malik has soft hands and ball-tracking ability when used as a receiver out of the backfield. He also can split out wide at receiver or in the slot, most preferably as a slot receiver for drawing linebacker coverage. Malik is a cut-and-explode style of runner and likes to get north to south instead of dancing around and making people miss. He has a quick initial burst and explodes as soon as he gets the ball. Malik is excellent at ball security, with 0 fumbles in his career. He interchanged with a stable of other running backs, so he has plenty of treads left on his tires.				Malik is not very creative out of structure at all. Instead, he prefers to get north and south and be within the confines of his offensive line. Malik will not typically look to go outside unless he gets forced. Long speed is a concern, and he will probably not break too many big runs. He can run through arm tackles, but he has not shown the ability to recently truck through solid tackles while maintaining balance. Malik is not the most elusive back by any stretch, but his cuts occasionally make defenders miss. His biggest weakness or downfall is his durability concerns with the injuries, specifically his knee (2017) and foot (2018).				
SUMMARY / BOTTOM LINE								
Malik can be a capable third down back to start. However, he will need to develop his ability to maintain balance while fighting through contact. If Malik can produce yards after contact and run through tackles, a future with the Cowboys could be in store. However, that is a big if. Since Malik never gained a full-time role at Florida, except in his freshman campaign, and never had more than 1,000 yards, it does not look promising. Yet, his receiving ability is enough to tempt the Cowboys to hold onto him as a player to stash on the practice squad to give him time to develop. He will be behind Elliott and Pollard unquestionably but could see a more prominent role with Tony Pollard next year if Dallas lets Elliott go.								