



Pro Scouting Report



PLAYER INFO

#	Pro Position(s)	Prospect (Last, First)	DOB (Age)	Scout Name (Last, First)
81	TE	James, Jesse	6-4-94 (24)	Reverman, Joe

COLLEGE	YEAR - RD - TM	TEAM
Penn State (PAST)	2015-5th-PIT	Detroit Lions

CAREER INFORMATION

Games Played	Games Started	Games Won	Winning %	Positions Started	Captain
56	36	39	70%	Y	No

INJURIES	2015-None. 2016-None. 2017-None. 2018-Suffered a back contusion in Pittsburg's 3rd preseason game but was ready for week 1.
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KEY STATS	After having only 8 receptions for 56 yards in 2013, he has had 39, 43, and 30 catches the last three years while compiling 1133 yards and 8 TD's in those three years years.
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MEASURABLES

Height	Weight	40 YD	10 YD	Arm	Hand	Vert	3 Cone	SS	Broad	Bench
6070	261	4.69	1.69	33	9 3/8	37.5	7.53	4.5	121"	26

Tapes Viewed	2017: vs CLE 9/10, at MIN 9/17, at JAX 10/8, at TEN 11/16, at BAL 12/10 2018: vs. KC 9/7
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BEST	Play Strength, Size/Frame, Contested Catches, Hands, Pass Pro, Reach Blocks, Finding Void Against Zone, Durability, Scramble Drill
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WORST	Quickness, Release Against Press, Pad Level on Drive Blocks, Blocking Backside of Zone Play
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PROJECTION	He is a solid starting TE that will be most successful in a system where he can work the seams against Zone and be used to block on the front side of Zone runs. Lacks the AA to be consistently split out and get separation and won't be able to stretch the field vertically with speed.
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SCHEME FIT	A run heavy system where he can be used as an inline blocker and to beat Zone in the short to intermediate passing game.
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SUMMARY

The 4th year TE has started 36 of 56 career games, including 7 of 16 in 2017. He played his first three years under OC Todd Haley and the last year under OC Randy Fichtner, used mostly inline as a Gap and Zone run blocker and on short to intermediate routes or in the screen game. Elite height, good weight, and solid arm length showing solid AA with good balance, solid speed and COD, and adequate quickness. Shows a solid release from 2 and 3-point stance against Off coverage as he has solid speed and can get on a defenders toes. Shows solid separation quickness as he doesn't get bumped off course in the stem phase of his routes due to very good play strength and the ability to swim LB's or DB's that are in his path, allowing him to be a good threat on Seam routes or Skinny Posts. Uses his very good frame, size, and strength to create separation at the top of routes on Curls, Hitches, Quick Outs, and In routes. Shows a good ability to find a void in the Zone, especially up the hashes or on Crossing routes due to good mental processing. Shows good ability to get open when the QB extends the play as he is able to fight through contact if a LB or DB is draped on him and become visible to the QB. Does a good job of shielding all defenders from the ball on all routes and has very good range due to his elite height and solid AA. Shows good ball skills when tracking and catching the ball over his shoulder. Has good hands and is able to make catches on all off target throws from a static position or on the run. Is good at contested catches due to strong hands and the ability to hang on to the ball with LB's on his back and also can catch jump balls over LB's or DB's due to his elite height and good jumping ability. Good at YAC, as he can consistently break DB's tackles because of very good play strength and he shows good vision combined with solid speed when carrying the ball. Is good at Gap/Power blocking because he has solid hand placement and timing and very good play strength so he can stalemate DE's and get push against LB's on Drive blocks. Gets movement on DBL's and Down blocks due to size and strength. Is a good Zone blocker, showing a good ability to reach DE's and OLB's on the front side of Outside Zone due to good hand placement and footwork, along with very good strength. Is good at taking over the first level of Combo blocks because of good hand/head placement. Is solid at Combo blocking up to the 2nd level and is solid at blocking in space overall, as he shows good mental processing to understand who he needs to block, takes good angles, and is able to stay engaged to LB's and DB's due to his strength, competitive toughness, and good balance. Solid at finishing all run blocks because of good competitive toughness and very good strength. Solid initial quickness in Pass Pro from 2 and 3-point stance and is good overall in Pass Pro. Has solid initial hand timing and placement as well as solid pad level. Uses his strength to block bigger DE's one-on-one in 7-step drops and is good at double teams, showing a good anchor due to size and strength. Struggles to get off Press from 2 or 3-point stance due to adequate quickness; only has the ability to run through defenders but will get slowed up and will be late into his route. Struggles to create space on routes versus man-to-man such as Deep Outs and Digs, without using his size and strength, due to adequate quickness. Doesn't show the ability to get split out and get open on intermediate or deep routes because of lack of quickness. Doesn't have enough speed to be a deep threat and beat LB's over the top. Adequate initial quickness from 3-point stance on run blocks. Adequate pad level on Drive blocks allowing DE's to get into his chest, and he is adequate at sustaining at the POA versus DE's because of this. Adequate at blocking the backside of Zone plays against quicker DE's or LB's, as he will get beat off the ball and not get his head across the defender, letting them cross his face. Struggles moving laterally in Pass Pro when he's engaged due to lack of lateral agility and struggles against quick DE's and OLB's in Pass Pro for 5 or 7-step drops as he doesn't have the foot speed to mirror them or react quick enough to counter moves. Overall, he a solid starting TE that should play inline in a scheme that uses him front side on Zone plays and as a threat against Zone coverage up the seams able to utilize his good understanding of getting open vs. Zone and reliable hands. Will struggle to split out and get separation due to adequate quickness and cannot stretch the field vertically with speed.