



Scouting Report: QB Kyle Lauletta, Richmond

**Our QB grades can and will change as more information comes in from Pro Day workouts, leaked Wonderlic test results, etc. We will update ratings as new info becomes available.*

Kyle Lauletta is a 'tweener' prospect...with his background more likely to push him out of the league than get embraced into it.

Lauletta doesn't have any off-field red flags...he's a great kid, has the look of a quarterback, was a two-time team captain and all-conference all-academic team player. He sounds like and looks the part. The problems with Lauletta are (1) The bias against FCS prospects. (2) An ACL injury in 2016.

Lauletta is an average-sized QB (6'2.5"/271) without great foot speed or arm speed...so he won't generate an FCS prospect buzz like **Carson Wentz** did. Having a medical red flag with the ACL tear doesn't help his case for an NFL team to push after him either.

Watching Lauletta on tape, he doesn't really grab attention visually either. When you watch him play you can tell he is a well-schooled smart QB prospect. He's a great FCS college quarterback – good size, smart, and can read the defense well. Everything he does is pretty sound, but he's not physically imposing, and his arm just isn't exciting. I think arm-strength is overrated in scouting but it is a legitimate factor here to some degree. Lauletta has great mechanics and a solid throw/delivery when everything is perfect in the pocket. Under duress, though, with his footwork off, you can see Lauletta cannot 'arm' the ball as well, he cannot flick it like an NFL starter from a flat-footed or falling back delivery in a muddy pocket. Starting NFL QBs, the good ones, can throw with velocity and accuracy from all kinds of on-field situations...Lauletta just isn't on that level. He's decent...very good for the FCS, but gets lost comparing him to top 2018 prospects.

Watching Lauletta's tape reminds me of QBs like **Garrett Grayson** or **Jake Ruddock**. Solid mechanics and can read the field. They have 'QB minds' but not high-end QB attributes. They are like cookie-cutter 3rd-string NFL quarterbacks who will grind over time to become backup QBs...and might get into action due to a starter's injury. Coaches love them because they are studious and run the playbook flawlessly...they're useful but they don't have an 'X-factor' where you see them just putting NFL defenses back on their heels. They're competent, but have little upside.

My guess is teams will interview Lauletta at the Senior Bowl and really like him. Old school coaches will have him as a guy to grab late...a guy who will come in and grind, and run scout teams the way they want. No one is going to draft Lauletta thinking they're getting a future star. It's an uphill battle for Lauletta to make it in the NFL. He won't hurt a team but he's not going to take them to any Promised Land.



*I wrote this scouting report before the Senior Bowl week. Lauletta was kinda quiet/OK during the practice week and then nearly won the Player of the Game award coming in to the game in the 2nd-half and dropping 3 TD passes. The Senior Bowl game showed that Lauletta has a little something but we have to be careful not to go too overboard with the great Senior Bowl moment because most of the QBs were all having moments in the 2018 Senior Bowl game.

Kyle Lauletta, Through the Lens of Our QB Scouting Algorithm:

Lauletta has a mixed bag of performance numbers. He has some huge games – five TD passes and 546 yards passing versus Sam Houston State in 2017, 6 TDs thrown in a blowout of Howard. He also had four games with 0 or 1 TD passes in 2017. His final three games of 2017...2 TDs/4 INTs. Most of his statistical spikes come in games where he's throwing 40-50+ times in a game.

In 2016, Lauletta went to D1 Virginia and beat the Cavaliers 37-20 and he was terrific – 337 yards and 3 TDs/0 INTs.

Overall, the data is mostly favorable...solid for an FCS QB prospect. But the most serious FCS QB prospects for the NFL tend to utterly destroy the competition, putting up crazy, video game numbers. Lauletta was just 'very good', efficient with his numbers on a per throw basis.

Lauletta's numbers land in the 'tweener' zone...very solid, efficient, a capable QB who might scrap his way onto an NFL roster someday. But his performance is not ultra-captivating where you can see there is an 'it factor', a dominant force. You can see Lauletta in the league...you just don't see him as the face of a franchise, long-term star QB.

Lauletta has a chance...it's just not a high-probability chance. It's a very low probability scenario that he makes it big in the NFL.

Senior Bowl Measurables...

6'2.5"/217 pounds. 9.6" hands, 30.8" arms.

Other projections: Likely runs a 5.0+ 40-time and his arm-speed would project to under 50 MPH.



The Historical QB Prospects to Whom Kyle Lauletta Most Compares Within Our System:

When I saw **T.J. Yates** come up as the top comparison...a light bulb went off – that’s who Lauletta reminds me of. I couldn’t put my finger on it earlier but now it makes sense – career backup, visually unimpressive, but coaches like them and they’re functional in a pinch in the NFL.

By the way, seeing other recent Richmond QBs popping up as a comparison is an anomaly. We don’t have any search weighting or preference for school/division. Just an odd quirk...or that’s the type of QB Richmond looks for/produces.

QB-Score	QB	Yr	College	H	W	adj Comp Pct	adj Yds per Comp	adj Pass per TD	adj Pass Per INT
5.974	Lauletta, Kyle	2018	Richmond	74.5	217	63.7%	12.7	19.9	36.1
7.084	Yates, TJ	2011	UNC	75.6	221	63.5%	13.7	21.0	41.3
-0.244	Strauss, Michael	2015	Richmond	74.1	211	64.7%	11.8	27.1	38.6
0.637	Corp, Aaron	2012	Richmond	75.5	215	62.4%	10.5	25.0	33.4
4.379	Carder, Alex	2013	W. Michigan	73.5	218	62.5%	10.9	22.3	33.1
6.012	Cousins, Kirk	2012	Mich State	74.5	205	61.0%	11.7	20.2	32.1

**“Adj” = A view of adjusted college output in our system...adjusted for strength of opponent.*

***A score of 8.5+ is where we see a stronger correlation of QBs going on to become NFL good-to-great. A scouting score of 9.5+ is rarefied air—higher potential for becoming great-to-elite.*

QB’s scoring 6.0–8.0 are finding more success in the new passing era of the NFL (2014–on). Depending upon the system and surrounding weapons, a 6.0–8.0 rated QB can do fine in today’s NFL—with the right circumstances...but they are not ‘the next Tom Brady’ guys, just NFL-useful guys.

2018 NFL Draft Outlook:

Lauletta is projecting as a late-round pick projection, which is logical...Solid college career but ‘FCS’. Has NFL size but not a great arm and has an ACL injury on file. Got an invite to the Senior Bowl, but probably won’t get one for the NFL Combine...and if he does it will be as an unfeatured, extra arm. He’s likely to



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go 6th or 7th-round rather than go undrafted because he is pretty sound, capable...and then the Senior Bowl performance probably clinched a look from some NFL team hoping for that Senior Bowl game magic.

If I were an NFL GM, I'd have little interest here with so many other reasonably-priced talent available. I'd give him a shot as a UDFA training camp hopeful, but I wouldn't draft him.

NFL Outlook:

Lauletta is going to have to grind his way to an NFL roster. No team is going to give him a big push. He'll probably get cut as a rookie and bounce on and off practice squads the next few years before finding a home. It's going to be an uphill battle with the odds stacked against him...just to become a backup.

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