



## Scouting Report: QB Chad Kanoff, Princeton

*\*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.*

### *Kanoff (Ka-noff)*

Just to set the scene from the start – **Chad Kanoff** looks like a junior version of **Patrick Mahomes**, i.e. one of the most arm-accurate QB prospects in the 2018 NFL Draft.

Kanoff kinda came out of nowhere. In 10 games for Princeton in 2015...8 passing TDs/7 INTs. In 10 games in 2016 (Ivy League champs), 6 TDs/6 INTs. Those were not the numbers of a sparingly used QB...that's him playing every game and throwing 20-30+ times a game. In 2017, Kanoff won the Ivy League Offensive Player of the Year...29 TDs/9 INTs for the season, 347.4 passing yards per game, 3 or more passing TDs in seven of 10 games in 2017. Also, note...73.2% completion percentage in 2017. Not a typo.

I watched the 2017 tape for my studies...and I don't know what the issue was in 2015-2016, but in 2017 -- I saw an NFL-level talent in Kanoff.

Everything you think about **Patrick Mahomes**...Kanoff is a slightly dialed down version. Pinpoint accuracy on every depth of the throw...so accurate it jumps off the tape – the ball is always in the right place at the right time, even in the tightest of windows or on incompletions. Quick release, nice mechanics. Very comfortable in the pocket...not jumpy or constantly checking down. Willing to throw the ball medium-to-deep, and able to do so with accuracy.

I've not seen an Ivy league QB prospect's tape look this good in my years of scouting.

Your brain wants you to take this all with a grain of salt...an Ivy League QB with two 'nothing' years and then a great final season, against lesser competition. I get it. Just note this little extra nugget, though – Kanoff was originally headed to the SEC, a recruit signed by **James Franklin** for Vanderbilt. Kanoff changed his commitment to Princeton because of the academic opportunity. He was also rumored to have offers/interest from San Diego State, and possibly Oklahoma State and Stanford at one point. He was not considered 'just' an Ivy League-level talent coming out of high school.

Kanoff appears to have it all for an NFL Draft prospect resume – NFL size (6'3"/220+ estimate), Ivy League top honor award winner, nice tape, high IQ, and solid character. He's a legit prospect for the NFL...if they are interested or if he is interested.

Kanoff didn't get invites to any college all-star events (that I'm aware of). He's not in the top 30-40-50 of any draft scouting service's rankings (although he will 'magically' start appearing in them a few days after I post this scouting report). No one really cares about Kanoff for the NFL at this point.



From Kanoff's perspective – one of his parents is in investment banking and the other is a lawyer. He has a Princeton education. He won't be hurting for a 'good job' after graduation. Why beg the NFL for a chance to go to training camp and then get ignored and bounce around the league trying to thread the eye of a needle to get an opportunity to someday 'make it' in the NFL? He may not even be thinking about the NFL, and I wouldn't blame him.

### Chad Kanoff, Through the Lens of Our QB Scouting Algorithm:

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Kanoff's 73.2% completion percentage in 2017 was the best in Ivy league history...it also was best in Princeton history, surpassing NFL QB/Dallas Head Coach **Jason Garrett**. So, look for Dallas to be the one to give him a tryout this summer (if he wants one).

Finished his career, his final 8 games, with a stretch of 20 passing TDs/4 INTs. Kanoff's accuracy and efficiency numbers got exponentially better each half season from 2015 to his 2017 finish. In terms of his statistics, he was constantly improving.

Threw for 402.0 yards per game in his final five college games...never fewer than 340 yards passing in any one game during that span.

Measurables Projections: 6'3"/220 pounds, 9.5" hands, 4.8+ 40-time runner.

### The Historical QB Prospects to Whom Chad Kanoff Most Compares Within Our System:

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Wedged between **Brandon Doughty** and **David Fales** (junior season) and bigger names like **Teddy Bridgewater** and **Mitch Trubisky** is probably the perfect comparison...a little better than the lesser-name comparisons and not as much arm-strength and experience against top competition as the bigger name guys on the list. Projected in the middle of all these names -- it makes him an interesting/intriguing prospect, especially considering he has no real draft push right now.



<u>QB-Score</u>	<u>QB</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>adj Comp Pct</u>	<u>adj Yds per Comp</u>	<u>adj Pass per TD</u>	<u>adj Pass Per INT</u>
7.085	Kanoff, Chad	2018	Princeton	75.0	220	70.5%	13.2	13.6	47.1
6.041	Doughty, Brandon	2016	W.Kentucky	74.5	220	67.3%	12.0	15.3	55.3
8.025	Fales, David	2013	San Jose St	74.5	220	72.9%	12.0	15.5	59.3
9.142	Trubisky, Mitch	2017	UNC	74.1	222	73.0%	12.4	14.2	76.0
8.230	Bridgewater, Teddy	2014	Louisville	74.1	214	71.7%	12.6	14.6	81.0
6.732	Callahan, Joe	2016	Wesley	73.1	216	69.8%	14.6	9.0	41.3

\*“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:**

I don't see any draft buzz at all on Kanoff today. There's no way he'll get drafted -- even after he starts getting the obligatory 'keep an eye on', two paragraph description throwaway mini-article mentions within the draft media.

If I were an NFL GM, I'd definitely bring him in as a UDFA look. Maybe, my first call of the UDFA period.

**NFL Outlook:**

He has giant roadblocks in his path to any NFL action. He will be an ignored attendee of a training camp and will need to grind as a practice squad player for years...or just walk away from that and begin a great career in finance, etc., with his Princeton education and connections – which is what I would do.

