



Scouting Report: QB J.T. Barrett, Ohio State

**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.*

It's funny... I have never once thought of **J.T. Barrett** as an NFL prospect, not for a second. I had watched him some in the Ohio State-Michigan rivalry games and caught some snippets here and there during his college run and not for one moment did I think he was anything but another neat college run-first QB who didn't have a prayer to be a QB in the NFL.

The funny part, though, is that people in/from Ohio will ask me about Barrett's prospects for the NFL/Draft...*"Do you think he'll get drafted/make it in the league?"* They ask more from a *'he's a sleeper QB, right?'* tone of inquiry. I have to very gently break their hearts.

I studied some of Barrett biggest college games and I've looked at our computer scouting model data/grades...it ain't happening.

I should put a disclaimer on that claim – if an NFL team shoves him into a college spread offense, he'd be plausible. He knows the spread, but no teams outside of Houston 2017, for a few games, run the college spread offense in the NFL.

Barrett is the typical 'good' college spread QB – a better-than-average runner, not the height you want in a QB prospect (6'1"), not an elite runner in NFL terms (a 4.7+ 40-time, we suspect)...and has the 'classic' -- big numbers against weaker teams and eggs against better competition (which we'll show in the next section).

Barrett has an average arm, but does not show much QB passing instinct on an NFL level...he stares down receivers and is more comfortable with short/quick/pre-programmed throws rather than sitting in the pocket and reading progressions and working downfield. **Deshaun Watson** and **Lamar Jackson** are much better prospects for a team willing to run the spread in the NFL. Barrett is a dollar store option as a spread QB for the NFL.

In addition to his limitations as a passer, he's not great off the field it would appear. Sure, a three-time captain for Ohio State but had an incident in 2014 where he was accused of choking his pregnant ex-girlfriend and they both called 911...though all charges dropped/nothing pressed. In 2015, arrested for driving under the influence and evading a DUI checkpoint. Maybe all that can be overlooked but there's some 'smoke' there.

There's not enough talent with Barrett to even try to look past the potential flaws off the field.



J.T. Barrett, Through the Lens of Our QB Scouting Algorithm:

Against the toughest defenses Barrett faced in 2017...USC, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Penn State, Michigan State, Oklahoma – 12 TDs/9 INTs (7 games). In all other games, 23 TDs/0 INTs.

Doing the same math in 2016: Against Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Penn State, Michigan, Clemson – 6 TDs/4 INTs (5 games). In all other games, 18 TDs/3 INTs.

If an NFL team has Rutgers, Maryland and Nebraska on their schedule...they will want Barrett at QB – 35 TDs/1 INT in his career against that trio.

Against, out-of-conference patsies, Barrett posted 26 TDs/5 INTs.

61 TDs/6 INTs against the groups mentioned above...and 43 TDs/24 INTs in all other games (29 games).

In three bowl games...1 TD/3 INTs.

The deeper-dive numbers show a very limited passer for the next level.

Barrett is a good, but overrated college QB...and not a real QB prospect for the NFL.

The Historical QB Prospects to Whom J.T. Barrett Most Compares Within Our System:

As you can see from the comparison list...it's not going to happen.

QB-Score	QB	Yr	College	H	W	adj Comp Pct	adj Yds per Comp	adj Pass per TD	adj Pass Per INT
1.742	Barrett, J.T.	2018	Ohio State	73.0	220	62.0%	11.6	16.0	20.2
-1.921	Martinez, Taylor	2014	Nebraska	72.1	210	54.7%	11.0	23.8	17.4
-0.176	Webb, Joe	2010	UAB	74.6	223	54.6%	10.8	16.0	26.0
3.866	Hudson, Brian	2014	Campbell	74.5	217	60.4%	11.9	20.2	27.5
-1.963	Owens, Terrance	2014	Toledo	75.1	205	61.8%	10.1	26.2	21.1

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



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***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 see Barrett with mostly 7th-round grades because people don't want to believe great college QBs from big schools can be total garbage prospects for the NFL...so, a 7th-round label is put on. He might get drafted because as crazy as I think it would be...the NFL is that kinda crazy. **Josh Dobbs** was a top 125 draft pick last year. Anything is possible.

If I were an NFL GM, Barrett is not on my draft board and not on my UDFA call list...not even as a position conversion.

NFL Outlook:

Gets cut in training camp. Ends up on a practice squad as a great guy to have to run the scout team when the opposing team has a mobile QB you're about to face. Will be out of the league and working for Ohio State in some capacity within 3-4 years.

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