



## Scouting Report: QB Luis Perez, Texas A&M-Comm.

*\*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.*

**Here's a story you don't hear very often:** Luis Perez didn't play high school football... instead he was a rising bowling star (not joking). He only decided to play football after watching his high school's final game his senior year. So he went to a small JuCo school as a walk-on/tryout. He began as the 9th-string QB listed. Four years later, he won the Harlon Hill Award (the D2 'Heisman').

When I read some of Perez's backstory then saw him listed at 6'3"/220 and noted the 4,678 passing yards with 44 TD passes in 2017...I was very intrigued. But then I started watching some of his tape and my hopes were dashed. No super-sleeper here.

Maybe a deep-deep Marianas Trench-deep kind of sleeper but more likely just a guy who is going to scratch and claw for chances for a few years and then move on. He's going to capture attention with his high work ethic and D2 accolades but everything else screams 'not an NFL QB prospect'.

Perez is a solid D2 quarterback, but he lacks the kind of tools he needs for the NFL. The two big issues – very slow feet and he labors to throw his passes with just mediocre arm-strength. Perez looks like he's throwing against a stiff wind too often on his throws...and it's jarring to see as a scout. You want to see effortless frozen ropes, but Perez has to wind up a little too much and if he doesn't have a clean pocket to step into a throw...he doesn't have the arm strength to make NFL plays under duress. If I had to describe it, I'd say Perez looks like he is short arming his passes and throwing a football that weighs twice as much as a regular one. It's not smooth. He's not as bad as I'm making it sound, but the optics are a little odd on his throws.

Now, Perez has solid instincts and pretty impressive accuracy...70.6% completion percentage in 2017, but as I watched his tape I could see a lot of one-step and fire passes behind the line of scrimmage. I watched Perez hit some receivers on the money deep...but usually that was from totally clean pocket with a wide-open receiver. I rarely saw Perez picking apart defenses all over the field like a surgeon ...it was more like he was in a glorified high school passing game. It worked...and worked well. Perez was a great QB to run it but never did I watch and think I was witnessing an NFL-level talent at work. I was hoping, but it just wasn't there.



## Luis Perez, Through the Lens of Our QB Scouting Algorithm:

Perez’s 2017 kinda runs along the lines of – crushed lesser opponents and then did OK against stiffer competition. He didn’t melt down versus tougher opponents but the wild, video game numbers came back to earth.

He faced a top North Alabama team on opening day and went 23-for-37 for 179 yards and 0 TDs/3 INTs. In a three-game playoff run (culminating in winning the title), 289.3 passing yards and 1.7 TDs/0.3 INTs per game...not bad, but not dominating at the D2 level. Aside from those 4 games, 39 TDs/7 INTs in 11 games and almost every one of those games with 300+ yards passing with 8 of them at 350+ yards passing. Again, it’s very nice, good...but for the D2 level if you’re looking for an NFL hopeful – it’s just not enough, on paper.

Perez was an NFLPA all-star invite. He measured in at 6’2.1”/224 Hands = 9.78” Arm = 31.38”. We would project him to run a 5.1+ 40-time at his Pro Day.

## The Historical QB Prospects to Whom Luis Perez Most Compares Within Our System:

Nothing inspiring among our system comparisons.

<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>
<b>5.237</b>	Perez, Luis	2018	TexasA&M-Comm	74.1	224	70.0%	10.8	18.5	36.1
<b>-1.967</b>	Tuel, Jeff	2013	Washington St	74.6	221	67.8%	9.8	52.6	32.0
<b>2.468</b>	Brockman, Casey	2013	Murray St	73.5	236	62.4%	9.5	22.3	49.9
<b>4.184</b>	Potts, Taylor	2011	Texas Tech	76.0	220	62.9%	9.1	23.7	40.3
<b>-2.505</b>	McCoy, Colt	2010	Texas	73.1	216	62.5%	8.6	36.0	20.5

\*“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:**

Perez is not tracking anywhere to be drafted. He’s definitely headed the UDFA route.

**NFL Outlook:**


Perez will get a tryout this summer and may hang around the NFL via practice squad for a few years. He’s 100% effort and hustle, and he’s not devoid of talent – he’s just pretty limited for the NFL level. I could see him grinding for years and maybe gets a ‘cup of coffee’ emergency start some year, and it’s forgettable and we all move on.

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