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### NFL Draft 2015 Scouting Report: OLB Vic Beasley, Clemson

*\*Our LB 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.*

Among all the big names getting tossed around as the top OLB/DE prospects for the 2015 NFL Draft (Gregory-Ray-Fowler-Beasley), **Vic Beasley** has to be considered the best one of the bunch. Athletically there is almost no comparison.

**Shane Ray** and **Dante Fowler** are 40-time fast, but not nearly as fast as Beasley, and neither Ray or Fowler are even in the same area code on agility...or bench press, or vertical with Beasley.

**Randy Gregory** is pretty close on the speed-agility front with Beasley, but also plays at least 10-pounds lighter with not as much bench strength or vertical. Gregory also has a lurking drug issue cloud hanging over his head. In contrast, Beasley skipped on heading to the NFL early last year in order to finish his college degree.

Of all the top DE/OLB guys I've watched so far, **Vic Beasley** is the one who other teams cannot handle one-on-one. He almost has to be double-teamed on each play. One-on-one, Beasley is a force moving an Offensive Tackle backwards into the backfield. He is a pass-rushing menace on every play...and the one guy that really translates to the NFL as either a slightly under-sized (height-wise) 4-3 DE or nice 3-4 pass rushing OLB.

For a team with an emphasis on rushing the passer, I'm not sure it gets much better than **Vic Beasley** from this draft. He's a 4.5+ 40-time runner with sensational agility mixed with a massive 35 bench press rep strength. He's nearly the perfect physical specimen as a pass rusher. A few inches taller, and ten more pounds and he is on a **Jadeveon Clowney** path.

If I had one knock on Beasley, it would be wondering how gifted he is in the other aspects of the game. He can rush off the edge like no one's business, but we didn't see a high amount of tackles outside of the action he had in the backfield (28 solo tackles in 2014, and 21.5 of them were TFLs). Most of that could be blamed on the style of play he was asked to do—he just went after the backfield every play, and many plays went right by him as he was double-teamed or pushed away on an outside rush. I did notice that there were times Beasley dropped back into to coverage and did a decent job of it...and his physical measurables indicate that he'll be fine chasing ballcarriers and receivers as needed.

Beasley is a quality kid. He is off-the-charts athletically for an OLB/DE. I would argue that he is one of the rare few prospects who could be considered the single best in the 2015 NFL Draft.



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### Vic Beasley, Through the Lens of Our OLB Scouting Algorithm:

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Here's an amazing stat: **Vic Beasley** was credited with at least 0.5 Tackles for Loss (TFLs) in a game in 15-straight games to finish his college career, dating back to his 2013 season (14 of those 15 games with 1.0+ TFLs in a game).

Beasley averaged 1.1 TFLs per game against non-Bowl teams in 2014-15, and 2.1 TFLs per game against Bowl teams. As the opposition elevated, Beasley's performance numbers rose...and that's not normal among the top DE/OLB prospects from this draft.

Beasley registered 2.0 or more TFLs in a game 17-times in his career. **Randy Gregory** did so just four-times. **Shane Ray** six-times. **Dante Fowler** seven-times (but only three-times against Bowl teams).

In his last two Bowl games, Beasley posted 3.5 TFLs per game. He posted 4.0 TFLs against Ohio State in their 2013 Bowl game, and 3.0 against Oklahoma in a Bowl this past season.

On the slight downside, Beasley never made more than five tackles in any one game in his college career. Beasley has many more career games with just 1-2 tackles in a given contest, than 4+ total tackles in them. I don't love that data point, but I also realize he was sent on the field to get into the backfield...not to worry about manning a particular zone.

Over the past three years, no DE has registered a faster 40-time than **Vic Beasley**. **Jadeveon Clowney** tied him at 4.53. Over that same span, no OLB prospect has produced a faster 40-time weighing 240+ than Beasley.

Only **Jamie Collins** and **Alvin Dupree** (this year) inched him out for best vertical the past three years among all DEs or 240+ pound OLB prospects.

No prospect in my stated parameters above produced more bench reps than Beasley did at the NFL Combine.

People went insane for **Jadeveon Clowney** last year, because of his athleticism, and rightfully so, but Beasley is faster, stronger, more agile and just more athletic across the board than Clowney—but shorter and less weight/mass than Clowney.

Guys with Beasley's athleticism are extremely rare, so you have to place him on a pedestal for this draft.



### The Historical OLB Prospects to Whom Vic Beasley Most Compares Within Our System:

I see a hybrid of **Khalil Mack** and **Bruce Irvin**. Beasley has not shown the same gift for making plays outside of rushing the passer as Mack did in college. Mack was all over the place as a 4-3 DE in college. Beasley's more like **Bruce Irvin**, a guy who rushes the passer primarily, but we see a likelihood where Beasley can develop more into the Mack-type all-around role.

I could also see Beasley as the next coming of **Clay Matthews**—a pass rush specialist extraordinaire.

DT Grade	Last	First	Yr	College	H	H	W	Tackle Strgth Metric	Spd Agil Metric	Pass Rush Metric
10.62	Beasley	Vic	2015	Clemson	6	3.0	246	8.97	13.13	11.10
10.22	Mack	Khalil	2014	Buffalo	6	2.5	251	9.18	10.38	7.57
8.00	Irvin	Bruce	2012	West Va	6	2.4	245	6.39	13.79	12.51
11.49	Ware	Demarcus	2001	Troy	6	4.0	251	7.26	12.64	10.31
7.21	Matthews	Clay	2009	USC	6	3.1	240	5.28	9.88	9.15
9.61	Hughes	Jerry	2010	TCU	6	1.6	255	6.67	10.38	9.04
8.14	Cushing	Brian	2009	USC	6	2.7	243	7.48	9.72	8.92

*\*A score of **8.00+** is where we see a stronger correlation of LBs going on to become NFL good/great/elite. A score of **10.00+** is more rarefied air in our system, and indicates a greater probability of becoming an NFL elite LB.*

*All of the LB ratings are based on a 0–10 scale, but a player can score negative, or above a 10.0 in certain instances.*

*Tackle-Strength Metrics = A combination of several physical and performance measurements. An attempt to classify the LB prospect's ability to stop the run, as well as a gauge of how physical the player is and the likelihood of higher tackle counts in the NFL. All based on profiles of LBs historically.*

*Speed-Agility Metrics = A combination of several speed, agility, and size measurements...as well as game performance data to profile a LB for speed/agility based on LBs historically. A unique measuring system to look for LBs that profile for quickness, pass-coverage ability, and general ability to cover more ground.*

*Pass Rush Metrics = A combination of the physical measurements, but also proven on-field ability to get to the QB/backfield in college.*



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### 2015 NFL Draft Outlook:

Beasley is mostly in everyone's top-10 right now, but we have seen him fading towards #11-20 for some as of late. I'm not sure why. Beasley is beyond the best pure pass rush prospect of the Ray-Fowler-Gregory group, but also has an upside with his athleticism to do so much more. He's a guy you cannot pass up in the top-10, and ultimately I think he will go top-5.

You could argue he should be #1 overall.

If I were an NFL GM, Beasley is on my short list of 'best in draft' type of talents. He's not perfect, but he has athleticism the likes of which we rarely see from someone his size. Depending upon my team need, I would take him as high as #1, so yeah...I'm on board.

### NFL Outlook:

Beasley should be taken highly with big expectations, and he should be able to deliver right away as a pass rusher. He may struggle playing the run some, but he'll be a menace rushing the passer...especially on a team with other established front-seven guys where Beasley could be set loose like a **Clay Matthews**—used just to create backfield havoc primarily.

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