

Christian Hackenberg

QB Penn State Jr.

Height: 6'4" Weight: 223 Arms: 32" Hands: 9"

Combine: **40 yd Dash:** 4.78 **3 Cone:** 7.04 **Vert:** 31"

**Pros:**

- Prototype size and arm strength
- Better athlete than given credit for
- Flashes franchise QB moments
- Great release
- Tough as nails, always gets up
- Stares down the barrel and take hits
- Very good operating from clean pocket
- Incredible leader, high character
- Never cracked under pressure at PSU

**Cons:**

- Footwork issues under duress
- Pressure rattled him, beat up in college
- Got worse as college career progressed
- Inaccurate due to poor footwork
- Lost confidence, sacked 103 times
- Can hold on to the ball too long
- Deep ball accuracy issues

Christian Hackenberg is the biggest enigma in college sports. He was the quarterback at Penn State during unprecedented sanctions that reduced the roster around him to nearly D2 levels. He is a very mature, smart young man who handled the pressure with the poise of an NFL veteran. On the field, Hackenberg was sacked 103 times in three years at Penn State. The once promising game tape of his freshman year vanished under the weight of sacks, transition to a more college offense. Hackenberg biggest struggle is with his footwork. He has issues with rushing his footwork that are consistent throughout his college career. He rushes his mechanics and doesn't fully rotate his hips through and plays flat-footed in the pocket. If Hackenberg can regain the poise and confidence he had early in his career, he could blossom into an NFL starter. As of now he sees ghosts in the pocket and retreats instead of throwing with good mechanics. It will take time to correct the bad habits and get him back on track. Third round pick who could turn into a star, or could be just as he is for the next 10 years.