

The Gut Check's RB Scouting Analysis

Name: **School:** **Opponent:** **Surface:**
Height: **Year:** **Score:** **Climate:**
Weight: **Date:** **Location:** **Temperature:**

Overall Score:

Power Score :

Leg power, drives through arm tackles [1pt]:

Effective stiff arm [1pt]:

Initiates contact, runs behind pads, and punishes defenders [1pt]:

Good body lean/Finishes runs [3pts]:

Gains yards after contact/second-third effort runner [7pts]:

Balance Score :

High performance in adverse conditions [1pt]:

Maintains balance when hit head-on [1pt]:

Maintains balance when it from an indirect angle [7pts]:

BHandling Score :

Carries ball with either hand [1pt]:

Consistently handles QB/RB exchanges [3pts]:

Demonstrates ball security [3pts]:

Maintains control of ball when hit [7pts]:

Maintains control of ball in adverse weather conditions [1pt]:

Speed Score :

Effective short area burst [7pts]:

Separates from 1st and 2nd wave of defenders [1pt]:

Effective outside runner [3pts]:

Vision Score:

Makes good decisions with where to run [7pts]:

Patience in traffic (sets up blocks) [3pts]:

Takes good angles away from defenders in the open field [1pt]:

Elusiveness Score :

Effective lower body jukes while on the run [3pts]:

Effective upper body jukes while on the run [1pt]:

Avoids direct shots [7pts]:

Effective stop-start movements [2pts]:

Effective lateral movement [3pts]:

Blocking Score :

Correct diagnosis of blocking assignments [1pt]:

Effort with assignments [3pts]:

Willingness to block in the open field and on broken plays [1pt]:

Receiving and Routes Score :

Consistently makes receptions on catchable balls [3 pts]:

Makes difficult catch [1pt]:

Catches ball effectively with back to the quarterback [1pt]:

Consistently catches ball with hands and without juggling [1pt]:

Consistent target in the passing game [3pts]:

Runs precise routes [1pt]:

Durability Score :

Missed fewer than 10% of opportunities to play [1pt]:

Performs at high level while playing with an injury [1pt]:

No chronic injuries (Two or more injuries to same body part) [1pt]:

No injuries requiring extensive rehabilitation [7 pts]:

Game Stats

Attempts:

Rush Yds

1st Downs

Rush Td

Target:

Rec:

Rec Yds

Rec Tds

Fumbles

Broken Tackles

BLKs Assigne

BLKs Made

The Gut Check's RB Scouting Profile

Name: Adrian Peterson **Date:** 12/29/2005 **Opponent:** oregon

Overall Peterson has an elite combination of balance, speed, power and cutting ability. He makes moves like a 5-10, 195-lb. speed back, but in the frame of a 6-2, 218-lb man with great balance. He runs with terrific determination and has a knack for making the big plays in pressure situations. He can catch the football with his hands and makes

Strengths: movies in the open field with acceleration that is special in comparison to his peers. If he can remain healthy, improve his patience in the hole, and protect the football, he could be a special back in the NFL.

Overall Weaknesses: He needs to practice better technique protecting the ball. He holds the ball too far from his body which makes it vulnerable to getting stripped. He also ran very high which makes the ball more vulnerable as well as his body to more punishment than necessary. He needs more discipline with the smaller aspects of playing his position that will prevent him from creating big plays for the opposite team.

Power: One of the most powerful backs I've seen in football lately. He took a run up the middle with 14:05 in the 2nd QTR and followed the pulling guard into the hole but got hit immediately by a DT coming free. The hit spun Peterson around, but he maintained his balance while the DT fell to the ground. Peterson immediately ran forward and through a glancing blow in the hole to lean forward for a 1-yard gain. Not a great gain, but a demonstration of his sheer power to deflect hard shots from two defensive players. He easily runs through leg tackles. He ran out of an ankle tackle and a leg tackle while trying to take the corner out of an I-formation pitch with 8:43 in the half. He nearly ran through a tackle by Haloti Ngata behind the line of scrimmage with 14:00 left in the 3rd QTR. At full speed on a 2nd down run with 10:48 in the 3rd QTR, Peterson met the safety head-on near the sideline and used his right arm to ward off the tackle attempt to his body while still on the run. He nearly ran through the tackle after gaining another 13 yards during the contact along the sideline. The safety was literally on the sideline trying to drag Peterson out of bounds by the jersey, but he was getting towed down the field for over 10 yards before he managed to knock the ball loose from the RB's grip. The combination of speed, power, and balance on this run was impressive. He broke three tackles on a draw play where he ran through a thigh tackle after setting it up with a move and then broke a second hit to the thigh 3 yards downfield before dragging a safety making a waste tackle for an extra yard.

Ball Handling: Peterson didn't switch the ball to his outside arm on his reception where he spun to the sideline. He held the ball a bit far from his body and it popped out on the sideline after taking the hit. He tends to carry the ball with his elbow about 8-10 inches from his body, which will make him prone to the ball getting stripped. On Peterson's run with 10:48 in the 3rd QTR, the safety was able to chop the ball out of the RB's grasp to end the play. On Peterson's reversal of field with 6:20 in the 3rd QTR, he switched the ball appropriately to the outside hand, but he carried it like a loaf of bread rather than tucked around his arm until he got close to traffic. Even then, he held the ball loosely. He tried to extend the ball on a 3rd and goal run up the middle but had the ball stripped out of his hands as he was sliding down the pile to the ground.

Elusiveness: On Peterson's first reception, he took two steps up field and spun around a blocker and tackler towards the sideline, which helped him gain 8 yards on the play. He made an excellent start-stop move as he was bouncing a stretch play out of the spread formation to the right side. His move helped him get the corner and a 1st down. He consistently makes the first man miss, but the Oregon pursuit was too fast for the OU offense in the 1st half. He has excellent acceleration out of his cuts. On his reversal of field for 10 yards with 5:35 in the 3rd QTR, Peterson made a very sharp stop and start to reverse field and then a cut back inside that he nearly broke for longer run, but was horse-collared at the first down marker by the player he tried to avoid with the cutback. He demonstrated the speed and acceleration on start stop moves to reverse his field and turn a few certain losses into gains in the 2nd half.

Balance: Peterson's first run was a slant to the left side of the formation. The Oregon defense got good penetration in the backfield and clipped his leg as he made the cut up field towards the hole. He maintained his balance well enough to fall forward and extend his ball over the first down marker. His balance is really extraordinary in terms of taking shots and not falling down. On his only reception of the game, Peterson lowered his shoulder just as a safety made a diving hit and managed to stay on his feet despite colliding with this play at full speed. The hit only drove him out of bounds. He did slip on an I formation run in the first quarter. In fact he had two consecutive plays where he slipped. Once with the ball and once without. He also slipped out after making a cut on a five-yard gain from a spread formation run out of the end zone with 9:51 in the half. While warding off the safety's tackle with a stiff arm along the sideline with 10:48 in the 3rd QTR, Peterson gained another 13 yards before another Oregon defender delivered a shot to knock the RB out of bounds. He had enough balance on a run to slam into his own RG and change direction to run through a hole near

Speed: One of the first things you notice about Peterson is his burst. He's so quick to the hole that his collisions seem more violent than other backs. He took a belly play with 10:50 in the 3rd QTR and got between the hole created by the LT blocking the DE and the G blocking the DT. Within a few steps he was at full speed past the first down marker. He showed the speed to take a draw from the I formation, run into the hole, stop, as the DT grabbed his arm and reverse his field. He ran from the LT all the way to the right sideline--outrunning the defense to the corner-retreating 15 yards as he swept around and then nearly bursting through the lane at the right sideline for a one-yard gain. If he didn't get tripped, it would have gone for a touchdown.

Blocking: Peterson was used as a decoy on play action passes or sent out of the backfield as a receiver in the first half.

Vision: OU wants to use him more out of the I-formation because they can take advantage of his speed with him deeper in the backfield so blocks naturally develop a bit more without him having to slow down as much. Peterson got the ball on a fumbled snap and tried to reverse his field rather than run forward. He lost 17 yards on the play with less than two minutes in the half. He missed a few cutback opportunities in the first half and early in the 3rd QTR where he could have used his speed around the corner.

Receiving and Routes: Peterson's first target was a screen pass to the left side of the formation with 8:56 left in the opening quarter. Peterson caught the ball with his hands extended away from his body and over his head to bring down the ball that was thrown a bit too high and hard for a screen pass. He was facing the QB to make the catch. There was no trouble for him to get a good release on the route.

Durability: Peterson had been playing with a high ankle sprain throughout the season. He only gained 11 yards on 10 carries in the first two and a half quarters, and split his head open, but then ripped off 75 yards on 13 carries after getting bandaged and put back into the contest.