

# The Gut Check's WR Checklist Analysis

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**85**

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# The Gut Check's WR Scouting Profile

**Name:** Dwayne Bowe

**Date:** 11/4/2006

**Opponent:** Tennessee

## Overall Strengths

Bowe is a physical wide receiver with or without the ball. Simply put, he's the kind of receiver a team values because he's a football player first, a pass catcher second. He catches the ball naturally with his hands and has a size and height advantage on most defensive backs. He is a terrific runner after the catch that is both capable of running over or around you. He has a good burst of speed and can accelerate around the corner after the catch. He is the best blocking receiver I have analyzed all year. Bowe's skill sets are very close to those of Terrell Owens, though I think Bowe has better hands than Owens at this stage of their careers.

## Overall Weaknesses

Bowe drops some easy passes. He also needs work on more complex timing routes in the passing game.

## Separation

Bowe has pretty good acceleration for a player of his size. Bowe's combination of size and speed is reminiscent of Terrell Owens--especially after the catch. After he took his smash screen in the 3rd QTR up the middle and made two players miss, he turned the corner and beat the angle of a 3rd DB, shaking off his tackle and speeding down the sideline for a 36-yard gain.

## Routes

Bowe runs nifty little routes on short passes. He has the smash screen mastered.

## Receiving

Bowe dropped a well-thrown out route near the sideline on his first target with 5:00 in the 1st QTR. Bowe's first catch was a 3rd down and 7 smash screen that he took most of the way after the catch for the first down. He did a good job catching the ball which was placed a bit behind him. He extended his arms in the opposite direction he was running and snatched the ball out of the air. Bowe caught a deep crossing route for a 30-yard gain on a 3rd and 20 play in the 1st QTR. He caught the ball in stride and with his hands first. Bowe dropped a 2nd down slant that was thrown slightly behind him. He did have to extend his arms and turn his body back to the QB, but it was still a relatively easy catch. Bowe's next catch came with 9:34 in the 2nd QTR on an 8-yard out. He caught the ball with his hands away from his body and kept his feet in bounds. Bowe's first reception in the 3rd QTR was a smash screen from the left side of the formation. He ran right through the middle of the defense to the opposite sideline for a huge gain. The catch was made with his hands, arms extended about helmet high while on the run.

## Elusiveness

Bowe has excellent moves for a big receiver. His long run off the smash screen in the 3rd QTR included a cut that took away the angle of a CB making a dive for his legs and then a stutter step that froze the safety as he broke from the center of the field to the opposite sideline.

## Ball Handling

Bowe demonstrated good ball protection on all of his catches with the exception of the last smash screen where the DB in coverage recognized the play and stripped the ball from the backside. Bowe had the ball properly tucked, but the DB had the angle to make the strip.

## Balance

Bowe scored on the same drive as his long smash screen in the 3rd QTR. He ran a similar pattern to the inside and then willed himself over the goal line after a UT player took his legs out from under him.

## Blocking

On the second pass of LSU's first possession--a swing pass to the RB--Bowe ran back towards the RB and delivered a big hit on the safety in the flat. The hit leveled the defender and allowed the RB to have a one on one match up with the CB on the sideline, which enabled LSU to get the first down. On the next running play, Bowe was lined up behind the TE and drove the CB about 3 yards off his position upon engaging with a block. He may be the best blocking receiver in this draft. He demonstrated the patience to allow his man to cut behind him before engaging in the block that sent the defender's momentum away from the play. Bowe actually blocked down on a DE with 9:30 left in the half. He forced the DE backwards by a step and kept him out of the play. Bowe made a block that cleared the corner for a minimal gain on 1st down in the 3rd QTR, but if

## Vision

Bowe is not afraid to run north-south through the teeth of the defense, which allows him to gain maximum yardage because he doesn't waste steps. He spots a lane and exploits it.

## Power

Bowe ran through a tackler to get the first down on a 3rd down smash screen with 4:12 in the 1st QTR. He didn't break the tackle, but he dragged the defender for about 3 extra yards on the play and demonstrated good body lean.

## Durability

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# The Gut Check's WR Scouting Profile

**Name:** Dwayne Bowe

**Date:** 1/3/2007

**Opponent:** Notre Dame

## Overall Strengths

Bowe may not be the most polished receiver in this draft (Steve Smith-Jason Hill may get this honor) nor the most physically talented (Calvin Johnson), but he should quickly become one of the most dangerous. He improved his ability to catch the football after undergoing corrective surgery for his vision and experiences far fewer drops as a result. He's one of the best blocking receivers in the draft and an imposing runner after the catch that can break a short reception for a long score because of his running skills. His style of game and talents remind me a lot of Terrell Owens' game. Although he still has a ways to go before making the most of his potential, his physical style of play could make him an impact player as a rookie.

## Overall Weaknesses

Bowe needs more experience with a variety of routes, gaining separation against bump and run coverage, and becoming more consistent catching the football.

## Separation

Bowe is such a physical threat that he can create separation with his size and strength. He does not generate great separation on deep routes. He is fast for his size, but he won't blow by a defensive back playing him one on one. He'll need to continue to refine his skills separating from defensive backs as he goes to the next level because he'll be expected to run a greater variety of routes that he doesn't run in the LSU offense.

## Routes

Bowe's best routes tend to be crossing routes and screens where he can take advantage of his size and skills after the catch.

## Receiving

Bowe was open on the slant on 2nd and 4, but he let a perfectly thrown pass bounce off his hands. The deflected ball was nearly intercepted by the safety over top. Bowe caught a hard-thrown slant for an 11-yard score with tight coverage trailing him. Nice job catching the ball with both hands extended. Bowe caught a deep in route for an 18-yard gain with his hands first and in stride. Bowe nearly caught a slant for the score with 9:37 in the 3rd QTR, but the ball was thrown slightly behind him and low to the ground. Bowe couldn't bring it in as he got low to make the grab. Nice job coming back to the ball on a hitch and then turning up field for the first down and running out of bounds to stop the play with 6:25 in the 3rd QTR. Good catch with 5:52 in the 3rd QTR--he went airborne for the ball catching it with his hands but using his body to shield the ball from the defender who hit him in the back of the legs to knock him hard to the ground. His last catch was a smash screen for a first down where he ran through a lane for 12 yards in the middle of the field.

## Elusiveness

Bowe has the skills of a downhill runner that can break tackles and gain yardage after contact when in the secondary. But what makes Bowe an elite threat with the ball in his hands is the fact that he does have enough quickness to change direction at full speed.

## Ball Handling

He needs to refine his technique and, but it's not so inadequate that he is a liability. He does need to learn to carry the ball under either arm and keep his elbow tighter against his body.

## Balance

Bowe is extremely difficult to knock to the ground. He is the best yards after contact receiver coming out of college since Terrell Owens.

## Blocking

Bowe did a good job standing up his man on a 7-yard gain up the middle with 7 left in the 3rd QTR. He opened another lane near the corner for an extra 5 yards.

## Vision

One of the reasons that smash screen is such a staple in the LSU offense is Bowe's ability to find space in the open field while on the run.

## Power

Bowe has the size, speed, and leverage to initiate contact and run over a safety, cornerback, and in some cases a linebacker.

## Durability

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No known issues.