

1. Matthew Stafford, #7

School	Georgia	Overall Rank	7	Ht:	6'2	Wt:	228
Blue Chip Scouting Grade	1st Round	NFL Projected Round	1st Round	NFL Projection	Impact Player		

High School Career:

Heralded prep star from Highland Park in Texas where Stafford was considered to be among the top players in the country after throwing for 4,018 yards and 38 TDs while leading his squad to the Class AAAA championship. It's first title since 1957. As a junior he threw for 1,748 yards and 18 TDs while as a sophomore he passed for 2,945 yards and 36 TDs. It was quite an impressive career for Matthew and he was ranked as the **#1 QB** prospect in the country by Rivals, **#2** by Scout and ESPN. He was a **Three-Time All-State** selection, **Gatorade State Football Player of the Year**, **EA Sports National Player of the Year**, **Dave Campbell Texas Football Class AAAA Player of the Year** and **TexasFootball.com Mr. Texas** for Class AAAA. Stafford was also named the **Most Outstanding Player** of the Tom Landry Classic. A proven winner and outstanding prep prospect that could have gone anywhere in the country but chose Georgia over Michigan and Texas.

Collegiate Career:

Stafford saw immediate action as a true freshman for Georgia in 2006, starting eight contests compiling a 6-2 record. He struggled at times but did progress throughout the season. He completed 53% of his passes for 1,749 yards and seven touchdowns but did toss 13 interceptions. He was named the Chick-fil-A Bowl **Offensive MVP** after leading Georgia to a victory over Virginia Tech. He was named to the **SEC All-Freshman** team for his play. As a sophomore he started all 13 games including the massacre over Hawaii in the Sugar Bowl. Stafford completed 56% of his passes for 2,523 yards and 19 touchdowns while throwing only 10 interceptions. It was apparent he was making strides throughout the year and was greatly improved over his freshman season. This past season was without a doubt his best. Despite the disappointing season Georgia endured Stafford flourished. What makes this more impressive is the offensive line troubles they battled all season long, all five starting offensive linemen were either freshmen or sophomores by the end of the season. Despite being under heavy attack Stafford enjoyed his best season. He threw for 3,459 yards and 25 touchdowns, completed 61% of his aerials and threw only ten interceptions. Each year his completion percentage went up, his yards increased and his TD-to-Int ratio improved.

Description	Analysis
Size/Speed:	Has good size for position with exception of height, which is ok; Good bulk and strength; Has very good mobility and speed; Will not outrun many defenders but is fast enough to escape and get extra yards.
Arm Strength:	Has an absolute cannon for an arm; Has ability to thread needle on any throw; Can make plays and throws most other QBs can't; Can make every throw necessary and win games with his arm.
Accuracy - Short:	Very accurate passer in short-intermediate zones; Leads his receivers, hitting them in stride consistently throwing a very catchable pass.
Accuracy - Long:	Inconsistent with accuracy, in 4 games I evaluated as senior, on deep ball; Twice missed open receivers deep vs LSU in '08 that would have been TDs; Tends to over throw, lead or throw behind his receivers.
Mobility:	Very good mobility; Has tremendous feel for pocket and will maneuver and step up when needed; Very effective rolling out and still looking downfield to make play.
Throw on the Run:	Very effective throwing on the run; Able to make difficult throw in tight spaces with pressure.
Reading Defenses:	Still learning but improving; Has learned to look off safety and also adept at finding open receiver.
Technique:	Has improved his footwork but a bit inconsistent; Holds ball up high and has a smooth drop; Operated in shotgun at times but primarily worked under center; Tends to throw off his back foot too often.
Release:	Good release point and gets rid of ball quickly with a nice, smooth, quick release.
Decision Making:	Continued to improve but will force ball at times due to confidence in arm; Will make bad decisions from time to time but overall he makes sound decisions on football field.
Leadership/Competitiveness:	Highly competitive leader for Georgia; Tremendous leader on and off the field.
Durability:	Very durable player having never missed a start in his career; Played through injuries; Very tough.

2009 Combine	40 yd dash	10 yd dash	Vertical jump	Broad jump
	4.81	1.65	30 ½"	8'11
	Short Shuttle	20 yd dash	Bench press	Three-cone
	4.47	2.76	DNP	7.06
2009 Pro Day	40 yd dash	10 yd dash	Vertical jump	Broad jump
	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
	Short Shuttle	20 yd dash	Bench press	Three-cone
	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP

Summary:

Physically, Stafford is the entire package. He has the size, arm strength, touch, mobility, intelligence and leadership skills needed to become a potential Pro Bowl QB at the next level. He has continued to improve each year at Georgia and came through with a terrific junior season. I evaluated four games of this past season (ASU, Florida, LSU, MSU) and saw just about every game he played in his collegiate career. When I began the evaluation process I already had an educated (or so I thought) opinion of Stafford, however, after close evaluation he was better than I anticipated or thought he was. His improvement over the past two years is impressive. I liked his pocket awareness, ability to make tough, difficult throws on the run, avoid the sack and fit the ball into tight places that very few can match. Reminds me of Brett Favre at times, both good and bad. Tends to throw off his back foot and tries to do too much at times. Has enormous amount of confidence in his right arm and is always looking to make something happen. Overall, very few QBs come around very often like Stafford. His physical ability is so appealing I do not see him lasting long on draft day. He should be among the top 5-10 players selected in round one and is rumored to be in the running for the first overall selection.

