Name: Thompson, Darwin
Evaluator: Blake Beddingfield (former Director of College Scouting, Titans)
Posn: OH
School: Utah St.
Games viewed: Wyoming 18, BYU 18, Hawaii 18 San Jose State 18
Strengths: Production, vision, hands, speed
Weaknesses: Experience, size, raw run skills
Analysis: Short in height but good, strong frame. Listed at 5'8, but looks more like 5'7 or below, and has a **Dion Lewis**-type build (Titans OH). Plays mostly in a shotgun offense, and aligns offset to QB. Productive when he gets touches, but isn't a high-carry rusher. JUCO player, so mental approach/background will need to be checked. Good run vision, very good speed. Good strength when running, and can deliver a pop. Good bounce cut, with a jump-cut on the inside. Over-cuts at times; needs to learn to get pads down and get yardage upfield. Used in passing game, and will stick his head in to block in pass pro, but gets out-sized often. Good hands. Can be used in the screen game. Slippery for his size and frame. Keeps legs churning. Too much lateral running right now; when he graduates to the next level, he will need to move upfield more. The best small running backs have lateral cut ability, but make one lateral cut and get upfield afterwards. I like him as a third running back.
Notes: Small running back with production in both phases of run and pass. Needs to have return ability. One-year production on D1/FBS level, but it probably won't elevate his status too much. Has skills, but need to check mental makeup. If he is a low-test guy, he will go undrafted but be in camp. Splits time with another junior -- why? Will be a third RB and move into a niche role as he learns and progresses. Comparison: Lewis.
Projection: 6^{th}---7^{th} round