



2021 UNI FOOTBALL

NFL DRAFT GUIDE



SPENCER BROWN



ELERSON SMITH

SPENCER BROWN

Offensive Tackle • 6-9 • 313 • Lenox, Iowa • Communications Studies

MEASURABLES

Bench	29
Vertical	31.5
40-yd	4.94
20-yd Split	2.83
10-yd Split	1.69
Shuttle	4.4
Pro Agility	6.96
Relative Athletic Score*	10.0

STATS AND FACTS

- Brown started at right tackle for all 15 games of the 2019 season that saw UNI make the FCS Quarterfinals and finish fifth in the FCS.
- He started in 28 of the 29 games of his sophomore and junior seasons, including the last 18 of his career.
- He was named to the annual "College Football Freak" list by The Athletic's Bruce Feldman in the summer of 2020 before the season was canceled.
- Was named a First-Team Preseason All-American by Phil Steele for 2020.
- Earned Second-Team All-MVFC Honors after the 2019 season.
- Is a member of the National Football Foundation's Hampshire Honor Society.
- Was ranked first out of 1134 offensive tackles measured since 1987 on the "Relative Athletic Score" metric.*
- Participated in the Senior Bowl.



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

"Brown has very good length, quickness, foot speed and range. He's strong and blocks to the echo of the whistle...He overwhelms second-level defenders. He has a powerful punch and does a good job of resetting his hands in pass pro."

-ESPN.COM

"Some names who could be picked earlier than anticipated: Northern Iowa OL Spencer Brown"



-NFL Network's Ian Rapoport



ELERSON SMITH

Edge • 6-6 • 260 • Minneapolis, Minn. (South HS) • Communications Studies

STATS AND FACTS

- Racked up 14 sacks, 14 QB hurries, 21.5 Tackles for loss, five forced fumbles and two blocked kicks and 64 total tackles during the 2019 season.
- Finished his career with 32.5 TFLs, 22.0 sacks, 16 QB hurries.
- Is the school record holder for QB hurries in a season with 14.
- Finished in the UNI All-Time Top-10 in 12 different statistical categories.
- Finished ninth on the 2019 Buck Buchanan Award list.
- Was named the 2019 Phil Steele Preseason FCS Defensive Player of the Year.
- Was a First-Team AFCA All-American after the 2019 season.
- Earned First-Team MVFC Honors after the 2019 Season.
- Was a member of UNI's Minority Student Leadership Team.
- Was ranked 18th out of 1333 defensive ends measured since 1987 on the "Relative Athletic Score" metric.*
- Had the highest vertical of any D-End of the 2021 Draft class at 41.5.
- Participated in the Senior Bowl.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

"One of biggest risers out of Senior Bowl week is UNI Football's EDGE Elerson Smith. He has elite tools, will blow up his pro-day, and was arguably most impressive physical specimen at weigh-ins. Oh, and he can rush inside and outside."

- Senior Bowl Executive Director Jim Nagy



"Not many folks know about Elerson Smith but he could be one of the most underrated edge rushers in the entire 2021 NFL Draft."

- SI.com

* Relative Athletic Score is a metric developed by Kent Lee Platte to gauge athletic abilities relative top position.

MEASURABLES

Bench	29
Vertical	41.5-in
Broad	10-ft, 7-in
40-yd	4.78
20-yd Split	2.76
10-yd Split	1.6
Shuttle	4.39
Pro Agility	7.11
Relative Athletic Score*	9.72



UNI IN THE DRAFT

UNI ALL-TIME NFL DRAFT SELECTIONS

Year	Round	Pick	Overall	Player	Team	Position
2018	5	23	159	Daurice Fountain	Indianapolis Colts	WR
2016	4	29	127	Deiondre' Hall	Chicago Bears	DB
2015	3	22	86	David Johnson	Arizona Cardinals	RB
2008	3	33	96	Chad Rinehart	Washington Redskins	G
2008	7	18	225	Brandon Keith	Arizona Cardinals	T
2002	5	34	169	Ryan Hannam	Seattle Seahawks	TE
2001	5	28	159	Eddie Berlin	Tennessee Titans	WR
2000	2	29	60	Brad Meester	Jacksonville Jaguars	C
1999	5	4	137	Tyree Talton	Detroit Lions	DB
1997	3	28	88	Dedric Ward	New York Jets	WR
1993	5	17	129	Kenny Shedd	New York Jets	WR
1991	3	2	57	James Jones	Cleveland Browns	DT
1990	6	22	159	Bryce Paup	Green Bay Packers	LB
1982	11	17	296	Steve Sandon	New England Patriots	QB
1976	10	24	289	Bill Salmon	Minnesota Vikings	QB
1976	16	9	440	Mike Timmermans	Green Bay Packers	G
1968	17	23	458	Roy Pederson	Baltimore Colts	LB
1966	5	10	74	Randy Schultz	Cleveland Browns	RB
1966	18	1	261	Doug Korver	Atlanta Falcons	C

STATS AND FACTS

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

"I think the guys from the University of Northern Iowa... both of them are gone by the end of day two and both of them will start at least 10 games on their rookie year for their respective teams."

— Charles Davis
NFL Network



- UNI has had 19 players drafted since 1966.
- UNI has had two players drafted in one year three times in the draft era, the last coming in 2008 when Chad Rinehart and Brandon Keith were drafted.
- Brad Meester was the highest UNI draft pick ever when he was picked 60th overall in 2000 by the Jaguars.
- Six Panthers have been drafted since Mark Farley took over the program in 2001.
- Ten Panthers have been drafted since the draft was shortened to seven rounds in 1994.
- Former Panther Tight End Briley Moore who graduated in 2020 with a degree in Exercise Science and finished his career at Kansas State is also projected to be drafted.

