

Quarterback

Everett Golson

6'0", 180 | Myrtle Beach, SC | Myrtle Beach HS

Notre Dame got in on Golson a little bit late, but, luckily for the Irish, they were able to pull the former North Carolina commit into this year's class and get him to enroll early. Simply put, Golson is the most complete spread quarterback on the Notre Dame roster from a physical tools perspective. No other Irish signal caller has his combination of arm strength, accuracy, speed, and mobility. Not only that, but his high school career demonstrates that he is a proven and productive winner. While throwing for more touchdowns in high school than

Jimmy Clausen did, he finished his career with a record of 44–5, including two state championships and a third trip to the state title game that came up short. In Kelly's spread offense, Golson has the ability to put up huge numbers once he gets a little seasoning. It is easy for fans to get excited by what Golson brings to the table just from watching the Blue-Gold Game highlights, but look a little more closely and you'll see that Golson has a lot of work to do before he is ready to be an every-down quarterback. The most we'll likely see out of Golson in 2011, if Kelly decides against preserving a year of eligibility, is a few change-of-pace plays.

The Rankings

Rivals
★★★
Scout
★★★★
ESPN
★★★★

Kelly on Golson:

"Where we tried to distinguish the quarterback position is we didn't want a guy that at first sight of any problems would drop his eyes and run. Here's a guy that keeps his eyes up and is always looking downfield to make a play. He extends the play and delivers the football as well as anybody that we had watched."



QB Everett Golson adds a mobile option to Brian Kelly's spread offense.