Miami takes DE/DT Kheeston Randall with their 1st 7th round pick

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With the lost of DT Kendall Langford to St. Louis in free agency and just recently cutting 2nd round disappointment DT Phillip Merling, the Dolphins add Kheeston Randall from Texas. Very nice size at 6'4, 293 lbs, Randall is strong against the run and has played NT in 3-4 defense, but provides little in regards to pass rush.

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Randall is a strong force up front, in the mold of many former Longhorns who aren't completely athletic but effective with bull rushing and manhandling linemen. Randall plays in spots for Texas and is hardly ever on the field in passing situations. He played the nose position in many 3-4 type alignments but is undersized for the pros. He has sixth-round value. Analysis Strengths Randall is an instinctual player who always seems to pick an when slanting and stunting. He seems to be crafty and able to avoid double teams to be a major factor against the run. He can hold up blocks well at the point, then shed quickly. Randall uses his hands well here and also as a pass rusher. Weaknesses Randall is a non-factor on passing downs. Not only is he usually pulled out of the game for obvi passing situations, but he is ineffective when he does get his chance.

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