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RECRUITING

PLAYMAKER

OF THE

WEEK

**THIS 5'11" 180 POUND SAFETY HAS
THE EYES AND BALL SKILLS ON THE
BACK END TO KEEP QB'S UP AT
NIGHT, BAITING AND BLANKETING
DEEP CONCEPTS CONSISTENTLY
TAKING OPTIONS AWAY**

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EYES



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ZONE



RANGE



MAN



BALL SKILLS

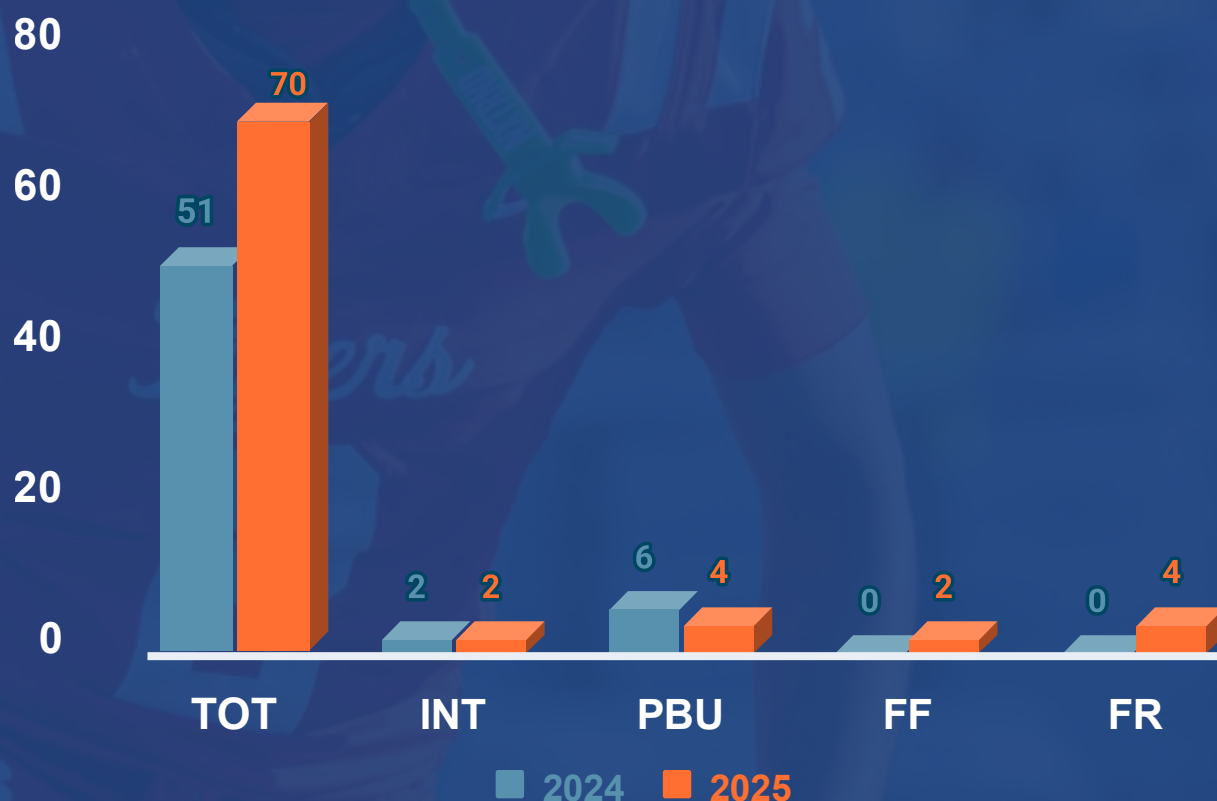


STRENGTHS

- Great eyes vs deep concepts
- Great ball skills
- Physical Tackler
- Consistently around the football

WEAKNESSES

- Doesn't have size to play in the box
- At times is hesitant to trigger downhill



When you turn on the tape you can tell Azian Wilkinson is an experienced and intelligent player by the way he baits and blankets deep concepts, and the already 2 year starter is looking to build upon an impressive resume in his final year at Belton. Wilkinson has been a playmaker for his defense, totaling 4 interceptions in his first two years. He had two in his junior season (led team), along with 2 forced fumbles (led team), 4 fumbles recoveries (led team), 4 PBUs (2nd on team) and 70 total tackles (2nd on team). Wilkinson accounted for over a quarter of his team total turnovers (15) last year, a big reason his team ranked 22nd out of 108 teams in Texas 5A-2 competition despite having a 5-6 record. The ballhawking junior has great eyes on the backend, he is able to diagnose deep concepts and has the discipline to not let routes get over the top of him. He combines this with plus athleticism, pursuit angles with the ball in the air, and a great ability to get his eyes turned around before the ball gets home. This allows him to get into good positioning play after play, where he is always looking for an opportunity to get his hands on the ball or through the receiver's catch point. Wilkinson will not shy away from man coverage either, where he shows good patience in his hips with the fluidity and deep speed to be able to turn and burn with slot receivers. And don't let the size fool you, this is a 180 pound safety that likes to get physical with ballcarriers, often laying a shoulder down with all of his weight and power behind it. The main downside comes from his current frame. For such a physical player, this is not someone you want in the box on a down to down basis where he can get swallowed up in the wash, which limits his versatility. However, with a senior season left in the tank and a full college career ahead of him, it's hard to say this isn't something he can't work on.