
 SCOUTING ACADEMY		Pro Scouting Report				 SCOUTING ACADEMY	
PLAYER INFO							
#	Pro Position(s)	Prospect (Last, First)		DOB (Age)		Scout Name (Last, First)	
29	FS	Hooker, Malik		4-2-96 (24)		Aliu, Hajriz	
COLLEGE			YEAR – RD – TM		TEAM		
Ohio State (OHST)			17 - 1st - IND		Indianapolis Colts		
CAREER INFORMATION							
Games Played	Games Started	Games Won	Winning %		Positions Started	Captain	
35	34	16	46%		SS, FS	No	
INJURIES	2017- R Shoulder Surgery (Missed NFL Combine), Sports Hernia Surgery - (Missed NFL Combine), R ACL & MCL Tear - (Weeks 8 - 17) 2018- Inguinal Hip Strain - (Weeks 8,10) 2019- L Foot - (Divisional Round), L Knee Meniscus Tear - (Weeks 4 - 7)						
KEY STATS	2017: GS (6), INT (3), PD (4) and TKLS (22). 2018: GS (14), INT (2), PD (4), TKLS (44), RAT (111.1), 2nd in team snaps (912), Missed TKL (10.2%) and Yards given up per snap (.33). 2019: GS (13), INT (2), PD (3), TKLS (51), RAT (110.8), 4th in team snaps (788), Missed TKL (13.6%) and Yards given up per snap (.40).						
MEASURABLES							
Height	Weight	40 YD	10 YD	Arm	Hand	Vert	3 Cone
6013	214	N/A	N/A	32.5	10 3/4	N/A	N/A
						SS	Broad
						N/A	N/A
							Bench
							N/A
EXPOSURES	2019: at LAC 9/8, at PIT 11/3, at HOU 11/21, at TB 12/8, at NO 12/16						
STRENGTHS	Range, Man vs TE, High Point Ball Skills, Mental Toughness						
WEAKNESSES	Read/React on QB Eyes, Acceleration, Open Field Tackling, Recovery Quickness, Competitiveness, Off Man						
SCHEME FIT	Will succeed best in a Cover 3 scheme utilized both as the Deep ½ and underneath zone defender, has the size,AA to match up with TEs in man.						
PROJECTION	A starting FS that you can win despite of because his flaws in his mental processing triumph over his AA. Will succeed as a Zone defender in Cover 3,4 and 2 Man on the entire field against WRs with good speed because of his smooth back pedal, has the AA, physical size to match up in Man against TEs with very good AA and very good Ball Skills to high point against WRs with very good size. Will struggle in Cover 2, Single High because of his read/react and COD to recover; Tackler because of his run angles, technique to bring down ball carriers with solid COD and effort throughout plays because of his marginal competitiveness.						
BACKGROUND	A 4th year S who's started 34 of 35 career games, including 13 of 13 games in 2019. 2nd year under HC Frank Reich, DB coach Alan Williams and DC Matt Eberflus' 4-3 defense that ranked 5th in Base (33%), 24th in Nickel (47%), 11th in Dime (20%), 27th in Blitz (22.9%) and played in Cover 1,2,3 and 2 Man shell from both 1/ 2 high alignment. An injury riddled career, Hooker tore his meniscus resulting in missing weeks 4-6, was asked to be the primary Deep Zone defender, Hook/Curl, only played OFF Man when sending the NCB to blitz and to Press TE from a 3 Man front.						
BODY TYPE / AA	Good Height and compact good weight with lean body type, good arm length and very good hand width. Overall solid athlete with good vertical, foot quickness, solid COD and adequate acceleration,balance.						
POSITIVES IN PASS GAME							
Solid pre-snap communicator, signaling motion to his teammates and timing when he rolls from 2 to 1 deep alignment. Solid read/react on run in both deep alignments. Good range when he reads routes,QB eyes well; quickly diagnosis pass,play-action, transitions into his smooth back pedal where he uses his good foot quickness to gain depth; has the range,angles to stay over the top against intermediate - deep passing concepts from three yards outside the hashes to other hashes in Cover 1,3,4 against WRs with good speed. Solid awareness in Cover 2,leverage to split two vertical routes from Two deep alignment, quickly reacts off QB releases and solid COD to cover all out breaking routes towards the sideline against WRs with solid speed. Solid underneath zone defender, solid read/react on QB steps; jam to reroute WRs; solid awareness of route concepts, leverage to split and COD to play against WRs with good foot quickness. Good press man against TEs with good AA; good jam to disrupt the initial burst off the LOS from his soft press alignment, uses a side shuffle technique and solid COD,good physical size to stay in phase against all routes. Very good ball skills in zone when turning away from LOS, shows good ability to track the ball, good explosiveness off the ground to high point and very good hands to bring INT in. Good mental toughness in critical situations, quickly identifies his threats in the condensed field, good leverage to use the back endzone to be able to undercut,carry WRs with good route running.							
POSITIVES IN RUN GAME							
Solid run support, solid awareness to leverage his gap; winning with his AA to force the ball carrier back against TE with good size, solid desire to make the tackle and will throw his shoulder in group tackle against RBs with solid size.							
NEGATIVES IN PASS GAME							
Adequate Mental processing as a deep zone defender, adequate read/react of QBs eyes leads to quickly opening up to the first look off, adequate processing of intermediate - deep passing concepts puts him in a bad position and has solid COD, recovery transition to cover WRs with solid speed. Adequate in Cover 2 against all intermediate - deep passing concepts in the middle of the hash when he shows hesitation in WRs hip on top of the route, rounded breaks on hard breaking in routes against WRs with adequate COD. In Cover 1 as the single high safety, marginal competitiveness in showing mental lapses by often helping out the more shallow of two deep routes, leaving the vertical route with no help against WRs with solid speed. Adequate competitive toughness; marginal competitiveness when he gets beat on routes against WRs all of size, will give up and marginal effort when trying to chase down ball carriers with adequate speed. Adequate ball skills in both zone,man towards the LOS; adequate physical toughness at the POA to play through WRs of all sizes and adequate willingness,timing to dislodge the ball. Adequate Off man coverage, adequate reading of WRs hip on all routes with adequate route running, false stepping out of his break and adequate downhill acceleration to close on routes.							
NEGATIVES IN RUN GAME							
Adequate open field tackler from both 1, 2 Deep alignment; adequate downhill angle; adequate balance to gather before contact, over lunging and attacking with his head down leads to struggling to tackle RBs with solid COD. Marginal play strength to stack and shed against TE/WR with adequate size, when coming downhill late in his timing to extend his arms and in the open field, adequate hand strength to disengage once attached to blockers.							