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Pro Scouting Report



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PLAYER INFO

#	Pro Position(s)	Prospect (Last, First)	DOB (Age)	Scout Name (Last, First)
59	ILB	Hitchens, Anthony	6/10/1992 (25)	Venit, Michael

COLLEGE	YEAR – RD – TM	TEAM
Iowa, (IAUN)	14-4-DAL	Dallas Cowboys

CAREER INFORMATION

Games Played	Games Started	Games Won	Winning %	Positions Started	Captain
63	49	37	58%	ILB	No

INJURIES	2014- L Ankle (Wild Card-Divisional Round) 2015- L Ankle (Weeks 10-12) 2016- No Injuries to Report 2017- L Ankle (Week 1), L Knee (Weeks 2-4), Groin (Weeks 12-13)
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KEY STATS	2014- Career High 66 Solo Tkls (38th among LBs), 1 INT, 5 PBUs 2015- 1 FF, Career High 2 Sacks (75th among LBs), 39 Solo Tkls 2016- 1.5 Sacks, 39 Solo Tkls 2017- 1 FF, 2 PBUs, 55 Solo Tkls
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MEASURABLES

Height	Weight	40 YD	10 YD	Arm	Hand	Vert	3 Cone	SS	Broad	Bench
6003	240	4.65	1.63	32 1/2	9 1/8	35.5	7.15	4.44	909"	23

Tapes Viewed	2017: vs GB 10/8, @ ATL 11/12, vs LAC 11/23, vs WAS 11/30, @ NYG 12/10
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BEST	AA, Mental Processing, Play Speed, v. Run @ POA, Zone Coverage, Man Coverage, Ball Skills
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WORST	Competitive Toughness, V. Outside Run
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PROJECTION	Good starting ILB that relies on very good Zone coverage ability, good athletic ability, good mental processing skills, good play speed, good v. run at the POA and good Man coverage skills. Weaknesses lie in competitive toughness and when playing against outside runs.
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SCHEME FIT	Would be best suited as an ILB in a versatile 3-4 scheme, that would run Tampa 2 or Cover 3, due to his ability to stop inside runs, cover in both Man/Zone in the pass game and he has a solid skill set to pass rush/blitz on Fire Zone calls.
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SUMMARY

4-year veteran on his 1st team with the Dallas Cowboys, coached by Jason Garrett. Utilized by DC, Rod Marinelli, as a versatile ILB that can drop back in Zone and Man coverages while being able to stop inside Zone/Gap runs and rush the passer. Hitchens has a low-cut frame complimented with solid weight and marginal height. Athletic ability is good due to displaying good quickness, good balance, solid agility and solid explosion. Has good mental processing skills in both the run/pass game due to being good at reading his keys on the offensive line, good at determining the purpose of a TE/WR in motion and is good at diagnosing passing concepts based on splits and formations regardless of the coverage he is playing. Exhibits a good skill set versus run at the POA by showing a good ability to diagnose inside Zone/power Gap runs, is good at leveraging his gap with good quickness and solid explosion to restrict the RB from hitting a hole, good at disengaging from reach, down and base blocks via good agility, good UOH and solid play strength. Play strength is solid as he is good at tackling in his respective gap, is solid at bringing down a ball carrier by wrapping up above the waist in the open field and has solid upper body strength to make arm tackles below the waist of a ball carrier to secure the tackle. Play speed is good; shows good closing speed after opposing WR/TE/RBs make catches out of Zone coverage, good quickness to play Man coverage against TE/RBs and possesses solid burst when leveraging his gap to attack ball carrier. Zone coverage is ability is very good due to being very good at dropping into curl/hook areas of the field, is very good at reading the QBs eyes, good ability to leverage routes with good balance to shift his weight when different receivers enter his respective zone and shows solid explosion to close on ball carriers after the catch. Man coverage ability is good as he exhibits good ability to mirror/match TE/RBs on high-speed COD routes with good balance and solid agility, while having good play speed to cover TE/RBs on deep cross, slant, wheel and out routes. Ball skills are good; shows good awareness to get his hands up for PBUs, good ability to play the ball at the catch point in both Zone/Man coverages, is good at trying to create turnovers by attempting to punch/rake the ball from a ball carrier, and is solid at playing through WRs when playing Zone coverage. Pass rush skills are solid as he demonstrates good timing of QBs cadence off the LOS, good play speed to time his rush off the LOS, solid burst to get up field and solid play strength to bull rush OGs back far enough to disrupt the integrity pocket. Competitive toughness is adequate due to having adequate mental toughness when putting forth effort as a backside run defender, adequate mental toughness to bend and not break in the red zone while having adequate physical toughness to engage with OG/OTs of a higher caliber. Exhibits adequate ability versus outside run due to being adequate at leveraging his gap on outside Zone stretch/toss Gap runs and he takes adequate angles towards ball carriers whether he is on the front or backside of an outside run. Good starting ILB that relies on very good Zone coverage ability, good athletic ability, good mental processing skills, good play speed, good v. run at the POA and good Man coverage skills. Weaknesses lie in competitive toughness and when playing against outside runs. Would be best suited as an ILB in a versatile 3-4 scheme that would run Tampa 2 or Cover 3, due to his ability to stop inside runs, cover in both Man/Zone in the pass game and he has a solid skill set to pass rush/blitz on Fire Zone calls.