

## SUMMARY

4th year DL who has started 44 of the 46 career games he has appeared in, including 13 of 14 in 2017 while missing Weeks 4 and 14 with a calf injury and a rib injury respectively. Spent 2017 in Gregg Williams' Attacking 4-3 defense where he lined up mostly at the 3-Tech DT spot with occasional snaps at 0-Tech NT and was asked to get upfield and attack his gap vs the run. Possesses solid size at 6'2" 339 with a thick frame and adequate arm length. Displays adequate athletic ability; very good balance with adequate foot speed, explosiveness and agility. Good mental processing with the ability to quickly key run/pass, diagnose and react to run schemes and the awareness to react to screen plays well. Very good against the run—with his play vs Gap blocking schemes standing out; displays a good understanding of where the run is designed to go and his blocker's role in that run. Shows very good gap integrity; leverages the gap well and does not allow himself to be easily moved out of his hole. Good use of hands helps him control the OL, shed blocks and attack the ball carrier. Play strength is very good; able to control and move around OL with good or worse play strength and sheds blocks naturally without laboring due to a combination of strength and smart hand usage. Strong at the POA and uses good play strength and well as good pad level to keep leverage and hold up vs double teams. Good tackler with the strength to arm tackle ball carriers with solid or worse size. Displays elite competitive toughness with consistently high effort level, physical toughness and aggression; possesses good mental toughness and will chase down plays from way behind and never stops hustling on crucial plays—especially scoring opportunities at the goal line. Very good motor while in pursuit; hustles from snap to whistle, takes good angles to the ball when there is no traffic and maintains good leverage. Up-field burst is marginal and get off is just adequate; adequate short area explosiveness limits his ability to penetrate upfield at a solid or better level. Lateral agility is marginal and ability to defend vs reach blocks is just adequate leading to struggles vs Zone blocking schemes where he can be taken out of the play by OL with superior lateral movement. Poor pass-rusher; doesn't bend well and lacks a pass-rush plan beyond bull-rushing QB. Lacks the ability to close on the QB despite good angles due to limited AA and burst. Agility in traffic is adequate as he struggles to adeptly navigate traffic without slowing down. Prototypical two-down NT that excels in run defense and consistently displays a high motor. Displays very good gap integrity and good block shedding with the size, strength and leverage to take on double-teams and allow others to make plays around him. Poor pass-rushing ability and adequate AA sink his value on passing downs.