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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)
43	DB	Ward, T.J	12-12-86 (31)	Hatzipanagiotis, Joey

COLLEGE	YEAR - RD - TM	TEAM
Oregon (ORUN)	10 - 2nd - CLE	Denver Broncos

CAREER INFORMATION

Games Played	Games Started	Games Won	Winning %	Positions Started	Captain
99	99	49	49%	SS	Yes

INJURIES	2016: Concussion (Missed Weeks 16-17); 2015: Ankle Sprain (Missed Weeks 13-15); 2014: Neck Stinger (Missed Week 16); 2013: Shoulder (Missed No Games); 2012: Knee Strain (Missed Weeks 16-17/L.R.), Fractured Thumb (Missed No Games); 2011: Sprained Foot (Missed Weeks 10-17/L.R.); 2010: None Reported
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KEY STATS	3X Pro Bowl (2013, 2014, 2015), starter on Super Bowl 50 champion. Second Team All-Pro (2013). 2016: Led team in solo tackles (69) and tied for 3rd on team in PD's (8), 1 INT, 1 Sack; 2015: Led team amongst DB's in tackles (61) and sacks (2)
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MEASURABLES

Height	Weight	40 YD	10 YD	Arm	Hand	Vert	3 Cone	SS	Broad	Bench
5104	211	4.68	1.67	30 3/4	9 1/4	34	7	4.12	121	19

Tapes Viewed	2016: vs. CAR 9/8, vs. ATL 10/9, at OAK 11/6, vs. KC 11/27, vs. NE 12/18
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BEST	Run Support, Coverage in Short/Intermediate, Short Area Quickness and Burst, Timing/Bend as a Blitzzer
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WORST	Long Speed, Shedding Blocks, Height/Length
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PROJECTION	Starting SS you can win with due to very good run support and blitzing ability, and very good ability to cover in the short to intermediate, and out of the slot, vs. RB's, TE's, and WR's in both Zone and Off/Man. Has the ability to function as an extra LB when moved into the box due to elite mental processing vs. run and very good play speed/ability to diagnose. Adequate long speed limits his ability to consistently play downfield as the last line of defense.
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SCHEME FIT	Any scheme that moves him closer to the LOS as a "Big Nickel"-type in clear passing situations and doesn't ask him to play exclusively in deep centerfield out of single-high looks. Can function in 2-High alignments, particularly on early downs in base packages, would fit well in a Cover-3 scheme if paired with a rangy centerfield safety.
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SUMMARY

7th-year safety who has started 95 of 95 games, including 14 of 14 in 2016. Played 86% of the snaps, 3rd overall defensively, despite missing the last two games of the season. Second season under DC Wade Phillips' 1-gap 3-4 defense. Utilized in a variety of alignments, including as a safety in 2-high looks, as a single-high safety, and often moved into/near the box, especially in clear passing situations, to blitz or cover slot TE's and WR's, or RB's out of the backfield. Short, thick frame with adequate height, solid weight, marginal length, solid hand size, and very good AA with very good short area quickness, agility, explosiveness, good balance, and adequate long speed. Very good strength through the route stem, plays with a high-level of physicality when matched up with TE's, WR's, and RB's in the short to intermediate, in the middle of the field, the slot, and in the flat. Very good short area quickness, lateral agility, and COD to mirror and stay in phase in these areas vs. Good RB's/TE's/slot WR's, both in Zone and Off/Man. Shows very good explosiveness and burst to plant and close from Zone and Off/Man. Very good mental processing and awareness to know where his help is and adjust his leverage accordingly after the ball is snapped when lined up in the Box and from both 1- and 2-High. Very good hip fluidity to drop at a 45 angle, flip his hips one way, continue dropping, and then seamlessly flip his hips the opposite direction to mirror. Solid range, good overall play speed, and very good mental processing and ability to read plays as they develop to contest routes near the sideline and in front of him on In's and Crossing routes from the hash in 2-High looks. Good ball skills, tracks, takes good angles, and shows good burst and timing to deflect passes, and very good competitive and physical toughness to aggressively try to strip ball-carriers. Quickly diagnoses run/pass from 2-High and in the Box, aggressively attacks the LOS and fills his lane with very good play speed and closing burst with no hesitation, shows very good physical toughness to engage blocks at the POA. Elite mental processing reading the run as an extra defender in the box, shows patience and plays with very good leverage and gap discipline, reads the OL and path of the RB before attacking downhill. Very good lateral agility and short area quickness to slither through tight creases and shows good play strength in the hole to meet RB's and make the tackle. Takes very good angles to the ball in the open field and is able to take all types of runners to the ground when he breaks down in space and is under control. Very good timing, speed, and burst as a blitzzer, closes quick and shows good ability to bend and corner to avoid OL and shorten corners off the edge, with solid ability to finish on the QB. Good awareness to know when to rush on Green Dog blitzes. Very good overall competitive and mental toughness to compete against all levels of competition and to make plays during critical moments. Adequate in Press/Man, can be bullied off the line and beaten inside and at the break point with physicality by top-tier TE's due to lack of size. Adequate long speed downfield, lacks a 2nd gear in space, limiting his range and ability to cover ground to make plays on passes over his head and near the sideline from single-high alignments. Adequate transitioning forward when backpedaling at top speed deep downfield. Adequate finishing tackles when he doesn't break down in space after attacking downhill from High to Low at full speed, has a tendency to overrun ball-carriers at full speed. Marginal play strength when shedding blocks as a blitzzer and in run support vs. solid OL and TE's, relies primarily on quickness, timing, and avoiding blockers in tight quarters, struggles to get free once engaged. Adequate finishing plays with interceptions when making a play on the ball. Starting SS you can win with due to very good run support and blitzing ability, and very good ability to cover in the short to intermediate and out of the slot vs. RB's, TE's, and WR's in both Zone and Off/Man. Has the ability to function as an extra LB when moved into the box due to elite mental processing vs. run and very good play speed/ability to diagnose. Adequate long speed limits his ability to consistently play downfield as the last line of defense.