



Pro Scouting Report



PLAYER INFO

#	Pro Position(s)	Prospect (Last, First)	DOB (Age)	Scout Name (Last, First)
59	LB	Whitehead, Tahir	4-2-90 (27)	Hatzipanagiotis, Joey

COLLEGE	YEAR - RD - TM	TEAM
Temple (PATE)	12 - 5th - DET	Detroit Lions

CAREER INFORMATION

Games Played	Games Started	Games Won	Winning %	Positions Started	Captain
79	41	35	44%	MLB/OLB	No

INJURIES 2016: Sore Knee (Missed Week 13); 2015: Elbow/Shoulder (Missed No Games); 2014: Shoulder (Missed No Games); 2012-13: None Reported

KEY STATS 2016: Led team and 3rd in the league in solo tackles (99), 4th on team in PD's (6); 2015: 9th on team in solo tackles (36), tied for 3rd on team in PD's (6), tied for 5th on team in sacks (2), 1 INT; 2014: 2nd on team in solo tackles (70), tied for 5th on team in PD's (5), tied for 3rd on team in INT's (2)

MEASURABLES

Height	Weight	40 YD	10 YD	Arm	Hand	Vert	3 Cone	SS	Broad	Bench
6012	241	4.7	1.63	32 3/8	10.25	37	7.14	4.37	124	21

Tapes Viewed 2016: vs. TEN 9/18, at GB 9/25, vs. WAS 10/23, at NYG 12/18, at DAL 12/26

BEST Physical Toughness, Mental Processing, Play Strength, Pass Coverage

WORST Identifying Play-Action, Timing/Ability to Shed as a Blitz

PROJECTION Starting LB you can win with who can stay on the field in all situations due to very good overall ability to take on blocks and hold up at the POA in the run game with very good play strength and physical toughness, combined with an ability to function in either Zone or Man coverage, and successfully stay in phase with RB's and TE's on a variety of routes. Adequate ability to identify play-action and a tendency to bite hard on run fakes could hurt his defense situationally.

SCHEME FIT Any type of scheme due to versatility vs. the run and pass, ideally suited as a WLB or MLB in a 4-3 but can play any position except 3-4 OLB.

SUMMARY

5th-year LB who has started 39 of 77 games, including 15 of 15 in 2016. Played through an abdomen injury Week 7 vs. Redskins. Played 91% of the snaps, 2nd most defensively. Third year in DC Teryl Austin's 4-3 defense, 3-down LB who lines up primarily at MLB in base alignments and is deployed in a variety of ways, including as a blitz through the interior and off the edge, and in Zone and Man coverage at all levels of the field. Thick frame with solid height and length, good weight, elite hand size, and good overall AA with good short area quickness, COD, agility, and explosiveness, and solid balance. Very good ability to quickly key and diagnose vs. inside Gap and Zone runs, takes good angles to the ball, is patient to maintain leverage without overrunning his gap, playing with very good gap discipline. Very good play strength and physical toughness to engage at the POA vs. run with very good UOH, arm extension, and hand placement on the OL's breastplate/shoulders to either disengage and make a play on the ball or stalemate, keep his eyes in the backfield, and constrict the running lane. Adept at avoiding OL working to the 2nd level with good short area quickness and lateral agility. Very good physical toughness to meet runners in his gap and finish the play with solid form. Good overall ability vs. outside runs such as Sweeps and Stretch/Outside Zone, very good mental processing to diagnose and flow to the ball with good range and play speed, leverages the ball with solid angles to the play, and shows good form to take runners down in space once arriving. Shows good ability to quickly recover vs. Cut blocks, get off the ground and get to the ball. Hustles hard to the sideline with effort and very good competitive toughness. Good COD and quickness to get depth on his Zone drops, good mental processing and awareness to adjust his positioning based on the route combinations he sees developing and is able to expand or constrict his position based on receivers in his area. Very good acceleration and explosiveness to break on the ball once he sees it out and hustles to make the tackle. Sure tackler in space to limit YAC in his area of the field. Flips hips well with good COD to carry TE's up the seam and stay in phase. Easily able to limit separation and close on RB's and TE's leaking out into the flat and on quick Outs. Has good short area quickness and lateral agility to stay in phase with TE's vs. Comebacks and Digs, and good range vs. both RB's and TE's on Drags. Very good ability to identify Screens and work his way to the ball through traffic to the ball-carrier. Solid overall ball skills, shows solid timing to track the ball and arrive at the same time to force an incompletion or attempt to dislodge the ball after the catch. Good speed on blitzes with good ability to power through and shed RB's blocks to influence the QB, and shows solid ability and very good physical toughness to give up his body as a crasher on stunts to free up space for teammates. Good overall mental toughness to make plays during critical moments on 3rd down and in the red zone, and very good overall competitive toughness to aggressively compete against all levels of competition. Adequate reading play-action, slow to transition from moving forward towards the LOS to dropping back into coverage once identifying the play-action. Will often bite hard on the run fake before realizing it is a pass and often has a difficult time recovering to get back in the play. Shows adequate timing as a blitz, often telegraphing his intentions and adequate ability to avoid and/or shed vs. OL, momentum is stuffed immediately once an OL engages him with adequate play strength. Starting LB you can win with who can stay on the field in all situations due to very good overall ability to take on blocks and hold up at the POA in the run game with very good play strength and physical toughness, combined with an ability to function in either Zone or Man coverage, and successfully stay in phase with RB's and TE's on a variety of routes. Adequate ability to identify play-action and a tendency to bite hard on run fakes could hurt his defense situationally. Has the versatility to play any LB position in either a 4-3 or 3-4 except for 3-4 OLB.