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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)				
27	DB	Branch, Tyvon		12-11-86 (31)		Nazar, Sean				
COLLEGE			YEAR - RD - TM			TEAM				
CONNECTICUT (CTUN)			08-4th-OAK			Arizona Cardinals				
CAREER INFORMATION										
Games Played	Games Started	Games Won	Winning %	Positions Started	Captain					
108	84	47	43%	SS	No					
INJURIES	2008-2012: No injuries, 2013: Strained Shoulder (Week 2, Out), Fractured Fibula (Weeks 3-16, IR), 2014: Fractured Foot (Weeks 4-16, IR), 2015: Strained Foot & Thigh (Week 11, Still Played), 2016: Pulled Groin, (Weeks 6-11 & Week 15, IR), 2017: Torn ACL (Week 10, IR)									
KEY STATS	2017: 51 tackles (led team before suffering injury week 10), 1 forced fumble, 6 pass deflections, 2008-2016: 412 tackles, 9 sacks, 3 forced fumbles, 5 fumbles recovered, 24 pass deflections, 5 interceptions, 2 touchdowns									
MEASURABLES										
Height	Weight	40 YD	10 YD	Arm	Hand	Vert	3 Cone	SS	Broad	Bench
5113	204	4.31	1.47	N/A	N/A	38	N/A	4.40	120"	19
Tapes Viewed	2017: at DET 9/10, vs SF 10/1, at PHI 10/8, vs TB 10/15, at LAR 10/22									
BEST	Mental Processing, Competitive Toughness, Open Field Tackler, Run Support, AA									
WORST	Durability, Man Coverage Vs. Bigger TE's, Play Strength									
PROJECTION	A starting veteran SS you can win with who is reliable in both the run and pass game with his very good mental processing and competitive toughness. Durability is a concern having been on the IR in back-to-back seasons (fourth of career) and will struggle in Man Coverage vs. bigger route-running TE's and shedding blocks consistently vs. good TE's/OL.									
SCHEME FIT	SS in a cover 2 or 3 with frequent visits in the box									
SUMMARY										
<p>10th-year veteran DB who has started 84 of 108 games, including 8 of 8 in 2017. Missed only 1 defensive snap throughout those games in his second season under DC James Bettcher's 3-4 defense utilized as a SS all over the field in cover 1, 2, 3, and 4 and in/around the box to cover opposing TE's or blitz. Suffered a season-ending ACL tear week 10 vs. the Seattle Seahawks and was placed on the IR (second straight season on IR, fourth of career). Adequate height and weight along a muscularly compact frame displaying very good AA, explosiveness, short area quickness, and agility with good balance and long speed. Showcases very good mental processing ability presnap, diagnoses formations, understands down and distance, and communicates assignments to teammates. Very good in run support, quickly keys run from two-high, single-high, and as the box defender, reads through blockers to ball carrier while cohesively navigating around trash with very good gap discipline, gets skinny filling gaps with no hesitation and very good aggressiveness, very good physical toughness engaging blocks at the POA with solid play strength to shed blocks vs. solid WRs/RB's. Very good open field tackler, utilizes smart angles and leverage, can come from high to low and isn't afraid to hit any sized ball carrier, hits with power while still maintaining proper technique to square up, wrap, and drive through the ground. Very good competitive toughness, displays short-term memory and relentless effort, can perform in critical moments of the game against all levels of competition. Exhibits good range ability and play speed, can reach all routes from a two-high and reach good receivers along the sideline from a single-high with his very good route recognition and AA. Good ball skills, can track the ball in the air with back and front of head to QB, shows good timing and UOH to deflect or intercept the ball at the catch point, attempts to strip ball carriers while tackling, especially throughout group tackles. Good Press and Off Man coverage ability vs. good slot WRs/TE's/RB's, showcases a nicely timed jam with good hand placement at the LOS in Press and displays good strength throughout their route stem with good foot speed to match their angles, very good COD and explosiveness to sink, plant, and drive to mirror vs. short/intermediate inside and outside releases in Off, maneuvers smoothly around picks when mirroring, sticks his hand in hip pocket to stay in phase vertically utilizing very good route recognition and hip fluidity. Very good zone coverage, reads through the receiver to the QB and understands complex route concepts, knows where his teammates are and calls/gestures to other teammates when receiver passes through their zone. Very good blitz, quick to key snap and can disguise his blitz, barrels from inside or outside the tackle box across the LOS fearlessly with very good timing and explosiveness, navigates around blocks with his speed alone or utilizes a head fake/stutter step to swerve around to finish on the QB. Marginal play strength shedding blocks vs. good TE/OL in run support and as a blitz, struggles to shed block once engaged, relies heavily on evading blocks with his very good quickness. Lacks long speed to cover routes along the sideline from single-high coverage vs. receivers executing go routes with very good speed. Adequate Off and Press Man coverage vs. bigger TE's, gets bullied due to his lack of size regardless of his very good competitive toughness and aggressiveness throughout their route, especially vs. good route-running TE's that employ subtle arm extension to create operating space at their break point. Overall, a starting veteran SS you can win with who is reliable in both the run and pass game with his very good mental processing and competitive toughness. Durability is a concern having been on the IR in back-to-back seasons (fourth of career) and will struggle in Man Coverage vs. bigger route-running TE's and shedding blocks consistently vs. good TE's/OL.</p>										