Pro Scouting Report

PLAYER INFO

#	Pro Position(s)	Prospect (Last, First)	DOB (Age)	Scout Name (Last, First)
92	**DL**	**Butler, Vernon**	**6-14-94 (25)**	**Daniels, Christian**

COLLEGE	YEAR – RD – TM	TEAM
LOUISIANA TECH (LATC)	**16 -1st -CAR**	**Carolina Panthers**

CAREER INFORMATION

Games Played	Games Started	Games Won	Winning %	Positions Played	Captain
39	**0**	**20**	**57%**	**0-5 Tech**	**No**

INJURIES	**2012-2015 –** no reported injuries at Louisiana Tech, **2016** – High right ankle sprain (Weeks 4-9), **2017** – Right knee sprain (3 Preseason games, Week 1), **2018** – no injuries
KEY STATS	Trending slightly up in snap counts (2016 - 21%, 2017 - 29%, 2018 - 33%) and tackles (13, 13, 19). Only 2 sacks (1.5 in rookie season) in 3-year career.

MEASURABLES

Height	Weight	40 YD	10 YD	Arm	Hand	Vert	3 Cone	SS	Broad	Bench
6035	**323**	**5.33**	**1.82**	**28 3/8**	**10 3/4**	**29.5**	**7.82**	**4.76**	**104 "**	**26**

Tapes Viewed	**2018:** vs DAL 9/9, vs CIN 9/23, at WAS 10/14, vs NO 12/17, at NO 12/30
BEST	Athletic Ability, Play Strength, Competitive Toughness
WORST	Mental Processing, UOH consistency, Pad level
PROJECTION	Rotational 0-to-5 Tech in multiple fronts who will win with athletic ability, play strength, and effort. Flashes unique and desirable traits but lacks pass rush plan and discipline to capitalize on his combination of speed, power, and size.
SCHEME FIT	1-gap alignment in a 4-3 or 3-4 that allows him to take on double teams to free up playmaking LBs and edge rushers.

SUMMARY

3rd year DL who has started 0 of 39 games, including 0 of 14 games in 2018 with no impactful injuries (2 games missed were healthy scratches). 3rd year under HC Ron Rivera and has played for 3 DC's in Sean McDermott, Steve Wilks, and Eric Washington (Washington was his position coach first 2 seasons). Was a rotational player who primarily aligns as a LDT (1 & 3 technique) with limited snaps at NT and RDE in 3-man fronts. In 2018, played in 33% of snaps in four-man DT rotation with Kawann Short (58%), Dontari Poe (52%), and Kyle Love (47%), primarily as Poe's back-up. Good height and weight with a top-heavy build, has very good arm length and hand size. Displays good athletic ability with a very good combination of explosiveness and power in getting off the ball. Showed good upfield burst and ability to bring power with him at POA. Showed good competitive toughness and quickness against base blocks and double teams, fighting back to seal his gap. When diagnosed the play, showed solid ability to disengage from blocks. Solid tackler when able to get his hands on RBs in his gap. Demonstrated very good effort and solid mental processing in taking proper angles in backside pursuit. Against pass, showed good get off and very good power in bull rush, driving back OL with solid or lower play strength, putting pressure in face of QBs. In last 3 games reviewed, demonstrated good UOH vs. Pass, violently slapping away hands and turning the OL's shoulders. Showed good quickness and agility in twists/stunts with solid closing speed. Early season games showed false steps in approach vs. Run, showed improved footwork in attacking OL and getting up field in later games (possibly coinciding with Ron Rivera taking over defensive play calling in Week 13). Inconsistent in ability to leverage gaps vs Run; showed good ability when kept pad level down and correct UOH; marginal ability when played too high and/or wandering hand placement. Vs. Zone runs would get too high and washed out of play. Demonstrated marginal FBI and could be late to disengage from blocks and find ball carrier. Has marginal pass rush plan; was overly reliant on straight-arm move in the first 2 games reviewed. Can lunge or launch himself in some of his bull rush attempts, losing power and going to the ground. In the NFL, he is a rotational player in a 1-gap alignment who can win with explosion, power, and effort, when he keeps his pad level down and focuses on better hand placement. He's only 25 and showed improvement in technique and deliberate UOH in later games; there's a lot of great tools to work with. He does not fill up the stat sheets and might be better suited to play as a 4 and 5 technique in a 3-4 front where he can occupy blocking and allow teammates to make plays.