

SCOUTING ACADEMY		Pro Scouting Report				SCOUTING ACADEMY				
PLAYER INFO										
#	Pro Position(s)	Prospect (Last, First)	DOB (Age)	Scout Name (Last, First)						
55	LB	Burfict, Vontaze	9-24-90 (26)	Solis, Javi						
COLLEGE		YEAR - RD - TM	TEAM							
ARIZONA STATE (AZST)		12-UDFA-CIN	Cincinnati Bengals							
CAREER INFORMATION										
Games Played	Games Started	Games Won	Winning %	Positions Started	Captain					
61	59	34.5	57%	WLB	No					
INJURIES	2016-Missed weeks 16 & 17 (concussion/knee) , 2015-Missed first 6 games (PUP) with same knee as 2015; listed as PROB for rest of season, 2014-Started regular season on PUP list after recovering from knee surgery; was listed as PROB for remainder of season, 2013-No missed time; played week 17 after concussion -PROB week 15 w/ thigh injury -Played at QUEST week 13 and PROB week 14 with ankle injury -Played at 3 weeks at PROB with knee, neck, and thigh injuries									
KEY STATS	2013 Second Team All-Pro -2013 Pro Bowl Selection -Suspended first 3 games of season for "repeated violations of player safety" -Benched in college for "unusually high number of personal foul penalties" -32 career penalties; Most in NFL since 2012 (13 unnecessary roughness)									
MEASURABLES										
Height	Weight	40 YD	10 YD	Arm	Hand	Vert	3 Cone	SS	Broad	Bench
6013	255	5.09	1.78	31 1/4	9 3/4	30	7.51	4.56	110"	16
Tapes Viewed	2016: @ DAL 10/09, @ NE 10/16, vs WAS 10/30, @ BAL 11/27, vs PIT 12/18									
BEST	Strength, Zone Awareness, FBI, Physicality									
WORST	Foot Speed, Man coverage, Range, Penalty Issues, Durability									
PROJECTION	Starting LB you win because of who should be expected to have a Pro Bowl caliber season when healthy. A run thumper between the OT's who brings strength, physicality, and leadership to a defense. Plays with great FBI in Zone coverage which helps him overcome his stiff, unathletic movements and very slow foot speed. Lacks discipline with his aggression and physicality which leads to penalties and numerous scuffles & altercations with the opposing team after the play is over. Has durability concerns as he is constantly on the injury report and can't be expected to play every game in a season									
SCHEME FIT	A defense that allows him to line up inside the tackles as an off the ball LB either Weakside or Strongside and isn't asked to cover anyone Man-to-Man									
SUMMARY										
<p>6th year LB who has started 59 of his 61 games played who has had an injury plagued career having missed 23 games in the past 3 years. Played 11 games in 2016 after serving a 3-game suspension to start the regular season (repeated player safety violations) and missed the final 2 games with injuries, starting at Weakside LB aligning between the tackles, playing the Hook/Seam Zone or having the occasional blitz through the A or B gap while only being taken out on 3rd and long situations. Has solid height and elite weight and bulk throughout his torso with adequate arm length and tree trunks for thighs; possesses adequate athletic ability displaying adequate quickness, COD, & acceleration with good balance and explosiveness. Plays with very good mental processing as he has earned the responsibility to make pre-snap adjustments and audibles showing great mental quickness to read run/pass while also showing discipline on PA passes and misdirections. Very good vs the run displaying the ability to key the blocking scheme, burst through a gap or stack and shed good OL to meet the RB in the hole, wrap up, and make a sure tackle. Does a good job of keeping his eyes on the runner through traffic, noticing when they cut back or bounce it to the outside showing excellent effort in pursuit displaying solid ability to get to the flat and hit the RB to limit outside runs. Displays very good Zone awareness in coverage showing excellent ability to position himself in the passing window to take away the overtop option on Hi/Lo passing concepts (Drive, Levels, etc) when playing the Hook/Seam Zone while also limiting the underneath "dump off" receptions when playing Curl/Flat, Slant/Flat and Spacing Concepts. When in Man coverage, he plays very aggressive in the first 5 yards of the TE's Release as he looks to manhandle him with a powerful jam to disrupt the direction of the route often being successful vs bigger, stronger TEs. Plays with good ball skills showing the ability to play through the receiver at the Point of the Catch to knock the ball out or by stripping the ball as a secondary tackler and on interceptions as he does a good job of leveraging routes in his Zone with great timing to step in front of the pass. A very good blitzer from the A- or B-Gap using his strength, tenacity, UOH, and great timing to get past the RB and weaker OL to consistently move the QB off of his spot. Displays solid play speed as he relies on his mental quickness to make up for the lack of foot speed and AA. Plays with very good competitive toughness; loves contact and looks like a leader on the field as he communicates with the rest of the front 7 to make pre-snap adjustments while showing physicality and power at the POA. Looks like a leader always congratulating his teammates after big plays as well as showing a great motor and a high level of play, with consistency and reliability on 3rd downs and in the 4th quarter. A liability after the play having had very costly penalties in critical moments of games as he starts scuffles against the opposing teams' players and too often taking his physicality beyond the whistle. Struggles to tackle smaller and quicker RBs in his gap due to his lack of bend, flexibility, and agility. Adequate vs outside runs Has a small window of error to chase down outside runs & screens as he relies heavily on his mental quickness to make up for his very slow foot speed resulting in him being late and in a trailing position if he hesitates even the slightest. Is not going to run anyone down from behind unless someone else is there to slow the runner down significantly. Gets missed tackles vs faster, more athletic RBs in space as he often over-pursues and dives for the tackle which results in him making contact and slowing the runner down rather than making the stop. Marginal Man coverage ability as he doesn't have the hip fluidity, COD, or foot speed to mirror any starting-caliber RBs or TEs in anything other than short, quick routes (Flat, Hitch, Hook). Starting LB you win because of who should be expected to have a Pro Bowl caliber season when healthy. A run thumper between the OT's who brings strength, physicality, and leadership to a defense. Plays with great FBI in Zone coverage which helps him overcome his stiff, unathletic movements and very slow foot speed. Lacks discipline with his aggression and physicality which leads to penalties and numerous scuffles & altercations with the opposing team after the play is over. Has durability concerns as he is constantly on the injury report and can't be expected to play every game in a season</p>										