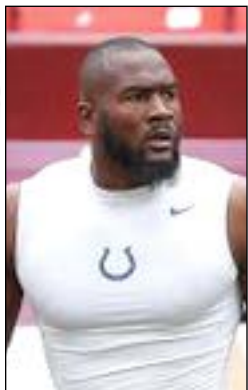


BCSP Profile

OFFENSIVE POW

• **Tarik Cohen**
NC A&T / Chicago
 83 all-purpose yards
 in win over Seattle



Indianapolis Colts' Photo

DEFENSIVE POW

• **Darius Leonard**
SC State / Indianapolis
 Rookie posts amazing 18
 tackles, 15 solos, sack,
 forced fumble in win

LEONARD: Dubbed himself "Maniac" on Twitter after posting 18 tackles, forced fumble and sack vs. Washington Sunday.



Photo by Lawrence Johnson

SACKED! Indianapolis Colts' linebacker **Darius Leonard** (#53, **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**) pulls down Washington quarterback Alex Smith for his first career sack during Sunday's game won by Indy, 21-9. Leonard had 18 tackles, tops in the NFL, and the most for a Colts' rookie since 1994.

BCSP NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

For games of September 13 - 17, 2018

OFFENSE



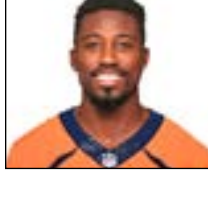
- **TARIK COHEN**, RB, Chicago (2nd season, **NORTH CAROLINA A&T**) - Four carries for 8 yards with a long run of 3 yards, one reception for 17 yards and four punt returns for 58 yards with a long return of 32 yards in win over Seattle.

DEFENSE



- **DARIUS LEONARD**, LB, Indianapolis (1st season, **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**) - Led Colts with 18 tackles, 15 solos, with a sack, forced fumble and pass break-up in win over Washington.

SPECIAL TEAMS



- **MARQUETTE KING**, P, Denver (7th season, **FORT VALLEY STATE**) - Four punts for 204 yards, a 51.0-yard average, one downed inside the 20 with a long of 66 yards, in win over his former team, Oakland.

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES

SPECIAL TEAMS

NA

OFFENSE

- **CHESTER ROGERS**, WR/KR, Indianapolis (3rd season, **GRAMBLING STATE**) - Had three receptions for 17 yards in win over Washington.
- **TERRON ARMSTEAD**, OT, New Orleans (6th season, **ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF**) - In win over Cleveland, cleared the way for 243 passing yards and 62 rushing yards.
- **ISAAH CROWELL**, RB, New York Jets - (5th season, **ALABAMA STATE**) - Carried 12 times for 35 yards and caught two passes for 4 yards in loss to Miami.

DEFENSE

Three HBCU products led their teams in tackles, Darius Leonard, Ryan Smith and Antoine Bethea.

- **JAVON HARGRAVE**, DT, Pittsburgh (3rd season, **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**) - One solo tackle for a loss in loss to Kansas City.
- **WILLIAM HAYES**, DE, Miami (11th season, **WINSTON-SALEM STATE**) - Had two solo tackles, one a sack, in win over the New York Jets.
- **RYAN SMITH**, DB, Tampa Bay (3rd season, **NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL**) - Led Bucs with nine tackles, seven solos, in win over Philadelphia.
- **RAFAEL BUSH**, DB, Buffalo (8th season, **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**) - Six tackles, three solos, in loss to the Los Angeles Chargers.
- **ANTOINE BETHEA**, S, Arizona (13th season, **HOWARD**) - Led Cards with eight tackles, seven solos, in loss to the Los Angeles Rams.
- **JOE THOMAS**, LB, Dallas (4th season, **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**) - Two tackles, one solo, in win over the New York Giants.
- **DOMINIQUE RODGERS-CROMARTIE**, DB, Oakland (11th season, **TENNESSEE STATE**) - One solo tackle in loss to Denver.
- **GROVER STEWART**, DT, Indianapolis (2nd season, **ALBANY STATE**) - One tackle in win over Washington.



GIMME THAT!!!: Chicago Bears running back **TARIK COHEN** (#29, **NORTH CAROLINA A&T**) hauls in a 17-yard pass from QB Mitch Trubisky in the second quarter of Monday night's game vs. Seattle. Cohen had 83 all-purpose yards as the Bears best the Seahawks, 21-17. From Chicago Bears Gameday Gallery



ANOTHER LEADER!!!: Tampa Bay defensive back **RYAN SMITH** (#29, **NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL**) breaks down to tackle Philadelphia tight end Zach Ertz. Smith led the Bucs with 9 tackles, 7 solos, in win over the Super Bowl champions.



STILL ANOTHER LEADER!!!: Arizona defensive back **ANTOINE BETHEA** (#41, **HOWARD**) closes in for a tackle on LA Rams wide receiver Cooper Kupp, one of Bethea's team-leading eight stops on the day. Bethea had seven solo tackles.



FUMBLE!!!: Indianapolis Colts rookie linebacker **DARIUS LEONARD** (53, **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**) hits and shakes the ball loose from Washington wide receiver Paul Richardson Jr. in the Colts' win over the 'Skins Sunday. Leonard has led the 1-1 Colts in tackles in both their games.

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Darius Leonard Introduces Himself To The National Football League

COLTS.COM WRITER

LANDOVER, Md. — The rest of the National Football League is officially on notice: Darius Leonard is a playmaker.

The rookie linebacker played like a man possessed in just his second NFL game on Sunday, collecting 18 tackles and filling up the stat sheet in many other areas, as he helped lead the Indianapolis Colts to a 21-9 victory over the Washington Redskins at FedExField.

"I just went out and tried to play every play — tried to make a play," Leonard told Colts.com's Caroline Cann after the win. "Coach has always said linebackers gotta hit the ball each and every play, and that's something that I wanted to do. And I tried to (come) out, and that's what I did — tried to hit the ball."

When the Colts (1-1) made the switch to a 4-3 base defense this off-season, they knew they had to get a player at the WILL linebacker position who not only had the ability to simply make some tackles. They needed a player who had the speed to cover the entire field, sideline-to-sideline; someone who could wreak havoc both against the run and in coverage against shifty running backs and tight ends.

So general manager Chris Ballard jumped at the opportunity to select Leonard with the team's first pick in the second round of this year's NFL Draft. Sure, Leonard played at an FCS school, South Carolina State, but to Ballard, your film is your DNA, and when he watched the linebacker's game tape, he saw a starting-caliber WILL linebacker for his defense — and not down the road.

Right now.

After fighting through a nagging quad injury for most of the offseason, Leonard was full-go for the start of training camp on July 26, and announced his presence with authority from the start, picking off quarterback Andrew Luck in his very first full team practice.

Leonard's stock has only risen since then.

He impressed with nine tackles and a fumble recovery last week in his NFL debut against the Cincinnati Bengals, but Sunday's Week 2 matchup against the Redskins was a performance some NFL linebackers can only dream of.

Oh, and we mentioned Leonard's a rookie, right?

"As soon as I got drafted, Coach 'Flus (Matt Eberflus) called me and told me that he wanted me to be a leader right then," Leonard said. "So I kind of put my hard hat on and just went to work from there."

Leonard's complete stat line on Sunday: 18 tackles, 15 of which were solo stops; his first-career sack; his first-career forced fumble; his first-career pass break-up. His 18 tackles weren't just the most in a game by a Colts defender since Kavell Conner had 18 stops on Oct. 3, 2011, but they're also the most by an Indy rookie in a game since 1994.

Leonard also nearly had what would've been his first of two forced fumbles on a play in the second quarter when he knocked the ball out of wide receiver Jamison Crowder's hands, but a review showed Crowder was down before the ball came out.

That desire to charts turnovers is something ingrained in Leonard and all the Indy defenders in practices, where the team charts to players who intercept passes or who come up with a loose ball on the ground — even if it's an incomplete pass.

"We practice it 24-7 — strip the ball, whoever's got it," Leonard said. "So every time I see the ball I want the last so I can get my hands on the ball."

The way Leonard played on Sunday, he probably will have his name on many other boards across the league moving forward.



LEONARD: Reportedly ran a 4.7 40 at the Combine with an injured quad. "Watch me and see if you think I run a 4.7. It was the quad."