



SHAQUILLE LEONARD

LINEBACKER | 53



Height: 6-2 Weight: 220 DOB: July 27, 1995 (Age 28)

NFL Experience: 6th Year (1st with Eagles) Draft: D2a-17 (36th overall) by IND Acquired: FA-23

College: South Carolina State Hometown (HS): Lake View, SC (Lake View)

ALL-PRO: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 PRO BOWL: 2019, 2020, 2021 DEFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: 2018

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP/S	TACKLES				PASS RUSH			INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES		DEF SNAPS		
			Total	Solo	Asst	TFL	Sacks	QBH	QBP	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	No	Pct
2018	Indianapolis	15/15	163	111	52	12	7.0	8	10	2	38	28	0	8	4	2	956	91%
2019	Indianapolis	13/13	121	71	50	7	5.0	6	11	5	92	80t	1	7	2	0	828	80%
2020	Indianapolis	14/14	132	86	46	7	3.0	3	9	0	0	0	0	7	3	2	825	80%
2021	Indianapolis	16/16	122	75	47	4	0.0	3	9	4	12	7	0	8	8	3	1,001	92%
2022	Indianapolis	3/1	11	8	3	0	0.0	0	0	1	15	15	0	1	0	0	74	7%
2023	Indianapolis	9/9	65	34	31	2	0.0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	455	53%
	Philadelphia	4/3	18	9	9	2	1.0	1	1	0	0	--	0	0	0	0	96	10%
	<i>Totals</i>	<i>13/12</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>---</i>
Totals		74/71	632	394	238	34	16.0	21	42	12	157	80t	1	31	17	7	---	---

PLAYOFFS

2018	Indianapolis	2/2	27	15	12	1	0.0	0	2	0	0	--	0	1	1	1	158	100%
2020	Indianapolis	1/1	12	9	3	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	0	59	100%
Totals		3/3	39	24	15	1	0.0	0	2	0	0	--	0	1	1	1	217	100%

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles	19	9/16/18 at Was.
Sacks	2.0	2x, last: 12/1/19 vs. Ten.
INTs	2	12/8/19 at TB
PDs	2	5x, last: 1/3/21 vs. Jax.
FFs	2	1/2/22 vs. LV
FRs	1	7x, last: 10/11/21 at Bal.

BIRDSEED

- ▶ The Indianapolis Colts Walter Payton Man of the Year Nominee in 2022 ... The award is widely considered as one of the most prestigious honors that an NFL player can receive ... Leonard helped renovate the Lake View (SC) Hilltop Park where he spent numerous hours as a kid and helped the Indianapolis Public School Foundation with his donations and visits to inspire and support the youth
- ▶ His brother, Anthony Waters, played at Clemson University and was a 3rd round draft pick in the 2007 NFL draft, having stints with the San Diego Chargers and New Orleans Saints
- ▶ Launched the Maniac Foundation in 2021, with the mission to transform communities through the pillars of education, serving families in need and promoting wellness ... The foundation provides grants for students of Historically Black College and Universities, has a mental health hotline, and holds a yearly "Evening with Darius Leonard" event to help local charitable organizations amongst other initiatives
- ▶ Is closely connected to the Lake View (SC) community ... Was a standout athlete at Lake View High School and while in college would frequently come back and coach players ... Also was given the key to the city on March 16th, 2019, which was declared "Darius Leonard Day" in Lake View

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Earned three **All-Pro** first-team selections (2018, 2020, 2021), one second-team **All-Pro** selection (2019) and three **Pro Bowl** selections (2019-21) during his first six seasons with Indianapolis (2018-23) ... He recorded 614 tackles (385 solo), 32 TFLs, 31 PDs, 17 FFs, 15.0 sacks and 7 FR in this span





2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS (PHI)												
Date	Opp	GP/S	Tot	Solo	Sk	Int	PD	FF	FR	Snaps	Pct	
Sep 10	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS ACTIVE ROSTER											
Sep 14	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS ACTIVE ROSTER											
Sep 25	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS ACTIVE ROSTER											
Oct 1	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS ACTIVE ROSTER											
Oct 8	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS ACTIVE ROSTER											
Oct 15	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS ACTIVE ROSTER											
Oct 22	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS ACTIVE ROSTER											
Oct 29	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS ACTIVE ROSTER											
Nov 5	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS ACTIVE ROSTER											
Nov 20	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS ACTIVE ROSTER											
Nov 26	NOT ON NFL ROSTER											
Dec 3	NOT ON NFL ROSTER											
Dec 10	at Dal	L	1/0	2	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	14	17%
Dec 18	at Sea	L	1/1	4	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	28	46%
Dec 25	NYG	W	1/1	7	5	1.0	0	0	0	0	54	86%
Dec 31	Ari	L	1/1	5	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	39	51%
Jan 7	at NYG											
Totals			4/3	18	9	1.0	0	0	0	0	96	10%

- ▶ Started all 3 playoff games while in Indianapolis between 2018 and 2020, posting 39 tackles (24 solo), 1 FF and 1 FR while playing all 217 defensive snaps between the three contests
- ▶ Won **Defensive Rookie of the Year** after posting a league-leading 163 tackles (111 solo), 12 TFLs, 7.0 sacks, 8 PDs and 4 FFs

NOTES TO KNOW

- ▶ Since 2020, his 11 FFs are tied with **Myles Garrett** for 3rd in the NFL, trailing only **Haason Reddick** (14) and **T.J. Watt** (12) during this span
- ▶ Is the first player since 1982 to record 10.0 sacks and 5 INTs in his first 25 career games

2023 SEASON - COLTS AND EAGLES

- ▶ Spent the first 9 games of the season with Indianapolis, totaling 65 tackles (34 solo) and 2 TFLs

2022 SEASON - COLTS

- ▶ Played the first 3 games of the season with one start before an injury sidelined him for the rest of the season

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Played collegiately at South Carolina State University (2014-17), started 43 games, recording a school-record 394 tackles (274 solo), 53 TFLs, 21.5 sacks, 8 FFs, 6 INTs and 3 FRs ... Paced the team in tackles for three of his four seasons ... Was a first-team all Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference selection in four consecutive seasons
- ▶ Was the MEAC Defensive Player of the Year in both his junior and senior seasons (2016-17), recording 237 tackles (151 solo) , 26 TFLs, 11.5 sacks, 5 FFs and 4 INTs
- ▶ Earned MEAC Freshman of the Year after recording 87 tackles (73 solo), 13.5 TFLs, 5.0 sacks, 2 INTs, 1 FF and 1 FR while starting all 11 games

TRANSACTIONS

- ▶ **2018** - Drafted in the 2nd round by IND (36th overall) ... **8/8/21** - Re-signed by IND to a 5-year extension ... **12/25/21** - Placed on Reserve/COVID-19 ... **12/29/21** - Activated from Reserve/COVID-19 ... **11/12/22** - Placed on Reserve/Injured ... **2/15/23** - Activated from Reserve/Injured ... **11/21/23** - Released by IND ... **12/4/23** - Signed a 1-year contract with PHI



Nicknames: "Maniac" "D" ... **First Job:** Working at a car wash, "it made me learn early on about hard labor and earning everything" ... He currently owns a car wash business ... **Surprisingly good at:** Cornhole ... **If he could play another sport:** Would play in the NBA for the Indiana Pacers, predicts his stat line would be 11 points, 12 rebounds and 4 blocks ... **Welcome to the NFL moment:** Facing Adrian Peterson 1-on-1 in the hole, says he found out that "it was a grown man's game not some little boy's game" ... **Favorite TV show:** *New Amsterdam* ... **Favorite music genre/artists:** R&B, Donell Jones, Musiq Soulchild