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ANTHONY WALKER JR.

LINEBACKER // 6-1 // 235 // NORTHWESTERN '17
ACQUIRED: UFA, '24 (CLE.)
HOMETOWN: MIAMI, FLA. // BORN: 8/8/95
NFL: EIGHTH SEASON // DOLPHINS: FIRST SEASON

2022, 2023

NFL CAREER

TRANSACTIONS:

- Signed by Miami on March 13, 2024.
- Signed by Cleveland on March 19, 2021.
- 5th-round pick (161st overall) by Indianapolis in the 2017 NFL Draft.

CAREER HONORS:

- 2023 Ed Block Courage Award (Cleveland recipient).
- 2023 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Nominee (Cleveland).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Played in 99 career games with 83 starts.
- 571 tackles (353 solo), 5.5 sacks, 4 interceptions, 21 passes defended, 2 forced fumbles and 4 fumble recoveries.
- 10 special team tackles (9 solo).
- Started 3 postseason games with Indianapolis.
- Is a two-time team captain (2022-23).

2024 (MIAMI):

- Played in 14 games with 8 starts.
- Inactive for 2 games.
- 66 tackles (33 solo), 1.0 sack, 1 interception and 2 passes defended.
- 2 special teams tackles (1 solo).

VS. JACKSONVILLE (9/8): Played but did not record any stats.

- Made his Dolphins debut.

VS. TENNESSEE (9/30): 8 tackles (3 solo); 1 assisted special teams tackle.

AT L.A. RAMS (11/11): 9 tackles (3 solo), 1 interception and 1 pass defended.

- Intercepted QB Matthew Stafford on 3rd-and-7 and returned it 5 yards to the Miami 46-yard line with 1:09 remaining in the 1st quarter.

VS. LAS VEGAS (11/17): 10 tackles (6 solo).

AT HOUSTON (12/15): 7 tackles (4 solo) and 1.0 sack.

- Sacked QB C.J. Stroud on 1st-and-5 with 7 seconds remaining in the 2nd quarter.

2023 (CLEVELAND):

- Started 12 games.
- Inactive for 4 games

- Missed the last game of the season after being placed on injured reserve on Jan. 5.
- 42 tackles (21 solo), 4 passes defended, 2 fumble recoveries and 1 forced fumble.
- 2 solo special teams tackles.
- Served as team captain.

VS. BALTIMORE (10/1): 8 tackles (5 solo).

AT INDIANAPOLIS (10/22): 8 tackles (2 solo), 1 pass defended.

VS. JACKSONVILLE (12/10): 5 tackles (3 solo), 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

- Forced a WR Parker Washington fumble which he recovered at the Jacksonville 22-yard line, setting up a Browns TD on their 1st possession of the 3rd quarter.

HONORS:

- Ed Block Courage Award (Cleveland recipient).
- Walter Payton Man of the Year nominee (Cleveland).

2022 (CLEVELAND):

- Started 3 games.
- Missed the rest of the season after being placed on injured reserve on Sept. 23.
- 13 tackles (6 solo) and 4 passes defended.
- Served as team captain.

VS. N.Y. JETS (9/18): 4 tackles (3 solo) and 2 passes defended.

VS. PITTSBURGH (9/22): 6 tackles (2 solo).

2021 (CLEVELAND):

- Played in 13 games with 12 starts.
- Missed 3 games after being placed on injured reserve on Sept. 17.
- Missed 1 game on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.
- 113 tackles (69 solo), 1.0 sack and 2 passes defended.

AT KANSAS CITY (9/12): 10 tackles (8 solo).

VS. ARIZONA (10/17): 9 tackles (6 solo) and 1 pass defended.

AT CINCINNATI (11/7): 14 tackles (12 solo) and 1.0 sack.

- Sacked QB Joe Burrow for a loss of 5 yards to force a 3rd-and-long in the 3rd quarter.

2020 (INDIANAPOLIS):

- Started in all 16 games.
- 91 tackles (64 solo), 1 interception, 5 passes

defensed and 1 fumble recovery.

- 1 solo special teams tackle.

AT CHICAGO (10/4): 11 tackles (9 solo).

AT CLEVELAND (10/11): 7 tackles (5 solo), 1 interception and 2 passes defensed.

- Intercepted QB Baker Mayfield's pass and returned it for 11 yards in the 4th quarter.

AT HOUSTON (12/6): 10 tackles (6 solo), 1 pass defensed and 1 fumble recovery.

- Recovered a QB Deshaun Watson goal line fumble, securing Cleveland's victory with 1:28 remaining in the game.

POSTSEASON:

AFC WILD CARD AT BUFFALO (1/9): Played but did not record any stats.

2019 (INDIANAPOLIS):

- Started all 16 games.
- 123 tackles (83 solo), 2.5 sacks, 1 interception, 1 forced fumble and 2 passes defensed.
- 1 solo special teams tackle.

VS. OAKLAND (9/29): 9 tackles (7 solo) and 1.0 sack.

- Sacked QB Derek Carr on 2nd-and-8 with 3:58 remaining in the 3rd quarter.

VS. TENNESSEE (12/1): 11 tackles (8 solo), 0.5 sack and 1 forced fumble.

- Split a sack of QB Ryan Tannehill with DE Denico Autry for a loss of 6 yards on 3rd-and-6, forcing Tennessee to punt.
- Forced RB Derrick Henry to fumble on the opening play of the game, which was recovered by S Malik Hooker who returned it 3 yards to the Tennessee 39-yard line.

VS. CAROLINA (12/22): 10 tackles (8 solo), 1.0 sack, 1 interception and 1 pass defensed.

- Sacked QB Will Grier on 3rd-and-3 with 13:05 remaining in the 2nd quarter.
- Intercepted a pass from QB Will Grier with 3:20 remaining in the 2nd quarter.

AT JACKSONVILLE (12/29): 17 tackles (12 solo).

2018 (INDIANAPOLIS):

- Started all 16 games.
- 104 tackles (68 solo), 1.0 sack, 1 interception, 4 passes defensed and 1 fumble recovery.
- 1 solo special teams tackle.

VS. PHILADELPHIA (9/23): 9 tackles (7 solo) and 1 interception.

- Intercepted a pass from QB Carson Wentz and returned it for 11 yards to the Philadelphia 17-yard line with 9:41 remaining in the 3rd quarter.

VS. HOUSTON (9/30): 10 tackles (9 solo) and 1.0 sack.

- Sacked QB Deshaun Watson for a loss of 6 yards on 2nd-and-12 in the 2nd quarter.

AT HOUSTON (12/9): 11 tackles (7 solo) and 1 pass defensed.

2017 (INDIANAPOLIS):

- Played in 10 games with 2 starts.
- 19 tackles (8 solo).
- 3 solo special teams tackles.

AT L.A. RAMS (9/10): Played but did not record any stats.

- Made his NFL debut.

AT BALTIMORE (12/23): 9 tackles (6 solo).

- Made his first career start.

BEFORE THE NFL

COLLEGE (NORTHWESTERN):

CAREER: Played in 38 games with 33 starts; 278 tackles (155 solo), 7.5 sacks, 4 interceptions, 16 passes defensed, 6 forced fumbles and 6 fumble recoveries; 1 interception return for a TD.

JUNIOR (2016): Started all 13 games; 105 tackles (62 solo), 2.0 sacks, 1 interception, 6 passes defensed, 4 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries.

- 3rd-team All-Big Ten.

SOPHOMORE (2015): Started all 13 games; 122 tackles (64 solo), 4.0 sacks, 1 interception, 5 passes defensed, 3 fumble recoveries and 1 forced fumble.

- 3rd-team All-American.
- Consensus 1st-team All-Big Ten.

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN (2014): Played in 12 games with 7 starts; 51 tackles (29 solo), 1.5 sacks, 2 interceptions, 5 passes defensed, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery; 1 interception return for a TD.

- Redshirted in 2013.

HIGH SCHOOL (MONSIGNOR EDWARD PACE HS – MIAMI, FLA.)

- Played linebacker, wide receiver and defensive back.
- Recorded 200 career tackles, 8 interceptions, 5 forced fumbles and 6 fumble recoveries, as well as 4 receiving TDs.

OFF THE FIELD

COMMUNITY:

- In 2024, joined his father, Anthony Walker Sr., the head coach of the football team at his high school alma mater, Monsignor Edward Pace High School. Walker Jr. served as a volunteer coach throughout the summer program and regular season as the team made a run at the FHSAA playoffs, mentoring the students on the field and assisting on both sides of the ball.
- Donated \$5,000 to his high school's football program during his jersey retirement ceremony in 2019.

PERSONAL:

- **MAJOR:** Learning and organizational change.
- Spent a month as an intern for the Miami Heat following his rookie year.

ANTHONY WALKER JR.'S NFL REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
				TOT	SOLO	ASST	SK	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	
2017	INDIANAPOLIS	10	2	19	8	11	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
2018	INDIANAPOLIS	15	14	104	68	36	1.0	6.0	1	11	11	0	4	0	1	0
2019	INDIANAPOLIS	16	16	123	83	40	2.5	3.0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
2020	INDIANAPOLIS	16	16	91	64	27	0.0	0.0	1	11	11	0	5	0	1	0
2021	CLEVELAND	13	12	113	69	44	1.0	5.0	0	0	-	0	2	0	0	0
2022	CLEVELAND	3	3	13	7	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	2	0	0	0
2023	CLEVELAND	12	12	42	21	21	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	4	1	2	0
2024	MIAMI	14	8	66	33	33	1.0	0.0	1	5	5	0	2	0	0	0
NFL TOTALS		99	83	571	353	218	5.5	14.0	4	27	5	0	21	2	4	0

ANTHONY WALKER JR.'S NFL PLAYOFF STATS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES			
				TOT	SOLO	ASST	SK	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR		
2018	INDIANAPOLIS	2	2	12	7	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	INDIANAPOLIS	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
PLAYOFF TOTALS		3	3	12	7	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL STATS

Special Teams Tackles: (Indianapolis) 3 in 2017, 1 in 2018, 1 in 2019, 1 in 2020, (Cleveland) 2 in 2023, (Miami) 2 in 2024 for a total of 10.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 17 at Jacksonville, 12/29/19
Sacks: 1.0 5 times, last: at Houston, 12/15/24
Interceptions: 1 4 times, last: at L.A. Rams, 11/11/24
Passes Defensed: 2 Twice, last: vs. N.Y. Jets, 9/18/22
Forced Fumbles: 1 Twice, last: vs. Jacksonville, 12/10/23
Fumble Recoveries: 1 4 times, last: vs. Jacksonville, 12/10/23