

LB JORDAN HICKS 58



6-1 | 236  3rd Year

BORN: June 27, 1992 (Age 25)



**Cincinnati,
Ohio**

**Lakota West
High School**



Texas

**D3-15 (84th overall)
by Philadelphia**



Originally selected by the Eagles in the 3rd round (84th overall) of the 2015 NFL Draft, **Jordan Hicks** is one of the budding, young stars on Philadelphia's defense. Hicks established himself with a breakout season in 2016, starting all 16 games and leading all NFL LBs with a career-high 5 INTs. According to *Elias Sports Bureau*, Hicks is the first NFL LB to record 11+ takeaways (7 INTs, 4 FRs) in his first 24 career games since Hall of Famer **Jack Ham** (1971-72).

MOST INTERCEPTIONS

NFL LINEBACKERS IN 2016

Jordan Hicks (Phi.)	5
C.J. Mosley (Bal.)	4
Thomas Davis (Car.)	3
Deion Jones (Atl.)	3
Zachary Orr (Bal.)	3
Ryan Shazier (Pit.)	3

THREE STEP DROP

First job: Worked for a real estate company during high school taking photos of foreclosed homes

If he could play another sport, what position: Point guard, N.Y. Knicks

Three favorite throwback jerseys:
Michael Jordan, Chicago Bulls;
Michael Jordan, UNC;
Ronaldinho, F.C. Barcelona

Biggest pet peeve:
People chewing loudly

Favorite TV show:
The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Favorite movie: *Cool Runnings*

Favorite book: *Quiet Strength* by **Tony Dungy**

Talent he'd most like to have:
To be multilingual

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- According to *Elias Sports Bureau*, is the first NFL LB to record 11+ takeaways (7 INTs, 4 FRs) in his first 24 career games since Hall of Famer **Jack Ham** (1971-72)
- Is one of only five LBs in NFL history with 7+ INTs in their first two seasons, joining **Al Richardson** (8, 1980-81), **Jack Ham** (9, 1971-72), **Mike Stratton** (9, 1962-63) and **Archie Matsos** (10, 1960-61)
- Is the first Eagle to register 7+ INTs in their first two seasons since **Eric Allen** (9, 1988-89)
- Since entering the league in 2015, is tied with **Thomas Davis** for the most INTs (7) by an NFL LB



HICKS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP/S	TACKLES					PASS DEFENSE						FUMBLES			DEF SNAPS	
			Total	Solo	Asst	TFL	Sacks	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	Hur	FF	FR	Yds	No	Pct
2015	Philadelphia	8/5	54	44	10	2	1.0	2	67	67t	1	0	0	1	3	11	453	75%
2016	Philadelphia	16/16	95	68	27	4	1.0	5	41	34	0	6	4	0	1	0	971	95%
Totals		24/21	149	112	37	6	2.0	7	108	67t	1	6	4	1	4	11	---	---

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

- Led all NFL LBs with a career-high 5 INTs in 2016, which is tied with **Bill Bergey** (5 in 1974) for the 4th-highest total by a non-defensive back in team history, behind **William Thomas** (7 in 1995), **Chuck Weber** (6 in 1960) and Hall of Famer **Chuck Bednarik** (6 in 1953)
- Started all 16 games and played 95% (971) of the team's defensive snaps in 2016 after missing the final eight games of his rookie campaign in 2015 with a torn pectoral tendon
- Totaled a career-high 2 INTs vs. Dal. (1/1/17). Became the first Eagles LB to produce multiple INTs in a single game since **William Thomas** (2) on 9/22/96 at Atl.



HOW HE GOT HIS START

Hicks is the son of Scott Hicks, who is a high school basketball coach in Indianapolis, and Kelly Justice. He has an older sister, Taylor, and three younger brothers: Scotty, Cameron and Ethan.

Hicks began his football career in the 5th grade while playing running back and safety in the Lexington Termites League in South Carolina. Hicks grew up a big fan of the Carolina Panthers and the University of Texas football team.

The best advice he was ever given growing up came from his mother, Kelly Justice, who always told him to "stay humble."

EARLY MOTIVATION

Hicks was a three-year starter at Lakota West High School and earned numerous accolades, including the Butkus Award in 2009, given annually to the nation's best linebacker. He was also named Gatorade's Ohio High School Football Player of the Year.

Hicks credits his high school defensive coordinator, former NFL safety Carlton Gray, with helping lay the foundation of his game.

"He taught me the game. When anyone says that I'm a smart player, it's because of his help."

Hicks also lettered in basketball at Lakota West. He holds the district record for most varsity basketball games played in a career (87) and set the district record for career steals (170).

ADAPTING TO CHANGE

Hicks was born in Colorado Springs, CO, and lived in Indiana (ages 1-6) and South Carolina (ages 6-11) before moving to Ohio. He also played for two head coaches and four different defensive coordinators at Texas.

"Change does not scare me and I don't take anything for granted. I also think I'm able to see the positives of every different situation I'm in, whether I'm prepared or not. It's enhanced my confidence and humility all at the same time."

ALWAYS A LONGHORN

Hicks lists beating Texas A&M in 2011 in the final meeting between the two rivals as his favorite sports moment. Texas connected on a last-second field goal to seal the victory.

OFF THE FIELD

Hicks' hobbies include playing video games, especially FIFA and NBA2K, as well as playing basketball and hanging out with friends by the lake in Austin, TX. Married his wife, Ivana, in 2017 offseason.

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2016 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	GP/S	Tot	Solo	Sk	Int	PD	FF	FR	Snaps	Pct
Sep 11	Cle	W 1/1	6	5	0.0	0	1	0	0	51	100%
Sep 19	at Chi	W 1/1	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	1	39	75%
Sep 25	Pit	W 1/1	3	2	0.0	0	2	0	0	49	82%
Oct 9	at Det	L 1/1	5	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	48	79%
Oct 16	at Was	L 1/1	8	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	74	100%
Oct 23	Min	W 1/1	12	6	1.0	0	1	0	0	76	100%
Oct 30	at Dal	L 1/1	10	7	0.0	1	0	0	0	78	100%
Nov 6	at NYG	L 1/1	7	5	0.0	1	1	0	0	64	100%
Nov 13	Atl	W 1/1	4	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	48	96%
Nov 20	at Sea	L 1/1	3	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	67	100%
Nov 28	GB	L 1/1	8	7	0.0	0	0	0	0	71	100%
Dec 4	at Cin	L 1/1	5	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	63	98%
Dec 11	Was	L 1/1	6	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	46	96%
Dec 18	at Bal	L 1/1	3	3	0.0	1	0	0	0	58	100%
Dec 22	NYG	W 1/1	8	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	83	93%
Jan 1	Dal	W 1/1	6	5	0.0	2	1	0	0	56	100%
Totals		16/16	95	68	1.0	5	6	0	1	971	95%

CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles	14	9/27/15 at NYJ
Solo Tackles	10	2x, last: 10/19/15 vs. NYG
Sacks	1.0	2x, last: 10/23/16 vs. Min.
INTs	2	1/1/17 vs. Dal.
PDs	2	9/25/16 vs. Pit.
FFs	1	9/20/15 vs. Dal.
FRs	1	4x, last: 9/19/16 at Chi.

TOUCHDOWNS

Date	Opponent	TDs
11/8/15	at Dallas Cowboys (W, 33-27) (OT)	67-yard INT



2015 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opp	GP/S	Tot	Solo	Sk	Int	PD	FF	FR	Snaps	Pct
Sep 14	at Atl	L 1/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Sep 20	Dal	L 1/0	7	7	1.0	0	0	1	0	54	64%
Sep 27	at NYJ	W 1/1	14	10	0.0	1	0	0	1	79	100%
Oct 4	at Was	L 1/0	7	3	0.0	0	0	0	1	80	95%
Oct 11	NO	W 1/1	6	5	0.0	0	0	0	1	55	80%
Oct 19	NYG	W 1/1	10	10	0.0	0	0	0	0	68	100%
Oct 25	at Car	L 1/1	4	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	61	100%
Nov 8	at Dal	W 1/1	6	6	0.0	1	0	0	0	56	72%
INJURED RESERVE (TORN PECTORAL TENDON)											
Totals		8/5	54	44	1.0	2	0	1	3	453	37%

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

- Became the first NFL rookie to register opponent fumble recoveries in three consecutive games (9/27-10/11/15) since **Jack Del Rio** in 1985. Was the first Eagle to accomplish the feat since **Byron Evans** in 1993
- Returned an INT of Cowboys QB **Matt Cassell** for a 67-yard TD at Dal. (11/8/15), marking the longest INT-TD by an Eagles LB since **Shawn Barber** (80 yards at Dallas on 12/21/02) and the first by an Eagles rookie since **Bill Bradley** (56 yards at Dallas on 10/19/69). Reached the end zone for the first time since playing RB as a high school senior
- Made his first career NFL start at NYJ (9/27/15), logging a career-high 14 tackles. Recorded a fourth-quarter INT of Jets QB **Ryan Fitzpatrick** and recovering a fumble by Jets WR **Brandon Marshall**. His INT was the first by an Eagles rookie LB since **Stewart Bradley** in 2009
- Pressed into his first career action on defense due to injuries to **Mychal Kendricks** and **Kiko Alonso** vs. Dal. (9/20/15). Registered a sack-fumble of Cowboys QB **Tony Romo**

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Recorded 147 tackles as a senior at Texas, which tied for the 7th-highest total in school annals (most since **Winfred Tubbs** notched 157 in 1992)
- Named honorable mention Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year by the conference's coaches after appearing in all 12 games and totaling 23 tackles, 1 sack and 6 special teams tackles
- Earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors in 2014 and 2011 and was a seven-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. Was also named to the 2015 NFF Hampshire Honor Society

TRANSACTIONS

- 2015** Drafted by PHI in 3rd round (84th overall)
Signed 4-year contract