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Pro Football

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Monsanto Pope, DT - Virginia

Pope by the numbers

- **Ht:** 6'4"
- **Wt:** 295
- **40-time:** 5.16
- **10-yard dash:** 1.8
- **Bench press:** 335
- **Squat:** 485

Positives: Wide-bodied athlete with thick arms and a massive chest...Very aggressive plugging the rush lanes, playing at a low pad level to slip past blocks...Shows the ability to quickly locate the ball and the awareness skills to get his hands up in passing situations… Has the power to stack and control at the line of scrimmage…Displays the lateral agility to ward off low blocks and accelerate to the ball…Will hit, wrap and stop the backs on contact…Flashes fluid swim moves to gain gap penetration…Uses his hands effectively to separate and disengage.

Negatives: Despite his ability to fill the holes at the line, he quently gets high in his stance, causing him to look a little sitant on the move…Reaches and grabs sometimes attempting to tackle…Plays too tall at the line of scrimmage, lacking the body control to consistently flush out the quarterback…Needs to play with steady consistency, as he struggles to come back when his initial move does not work.

CAREER NOTES: Late bloomer who emerged as a run-stuffing force in his senior year…Versatile and quick enough to play any position on the defensive front wall…Recorded 170 tackles (104 solos) in 39 games, including seven sacks and 20 stops for losses of 73 ya s.

PERSONAL: Anthropology major…Lives with grandmother, Geraldine Pope...Has two brothers, Ronnie (25) and Maurice (21), nd a sister, Christine (20)…Born 1/27/78 in Norfolk, Virginia… Resides in Hopewell, Virginia.

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