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## ZACH CLAYTON

DEFENSIVE TACKLE • 6'2" • 298 lbs • COLLEGE: AUBURN  
ACQUIRED: 7TH ROUND - 2011 • NFL EXP. (NFL/TITANS): 2/2  
HOMETOWN: OPELIKA, ALA.  
GAMES PLAYED/GAMES STARTED: 3/0 (PLAYOFFS: 0/0)



**PRO:** Zach Clayton is a physical presence in the middle of the defensive line. The 6-foot-2-inch, 298-pounder is strong at the point of attack against the run, yet possesses the agility and athleticism to provide pressure on the passer. A hard worker in the weight room and leader by example on the field, Clayton provides depth in the Titans' defensive tackle rotation.

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Clayton appeared in three games as a rookie in 2011 and spent the entire 2012 campaign on the practice squad.
- As a senior at Auburn in 2010, Clayton started all 14 games and posted career-highs with 28 tackles and eight tackles for loss. In the BCS National Championship Game victory, he dropped Darron Thomas for a two-yard sack on a third-and-five play in the third quarter.

### TITANS TIDBITS:

- Clayton comes from an athletic family. His parents met while on the track team at the University of Illinois. His mother, Rebecca, was a three-time All-American in the long jump and his father, Jerry, threw the shot put for the school. Jerry has served as the assistant head track coach at Auburn for the last 13 years.
- Clayton threw the discus for two seasons (2007-2008) while at Auburn. During the 2008 outdoor track season, he qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships, finishing 19th. He finished second in the discus at the Midwest Regional Championships with a personal-best throw of 58.49m (191-11), a mark that ranks fifth in school history. As a freshman, Clayton finished sixth at the SEC Outdoor Championships with a mark of 55.97m (183-7), earning him a spot on the SEC All-Freshman Team. He won the discus throw at the Tiger Track Classic in 2007.
- To pass the time during the draft, Clayton and his family worked on a 1,000-piece puzzle of hot air balloons, which they finished 30 minutes before the Titans selected him the seventh round.

### CAREER TRANSACTIONS:

- The Opelika, Ala., native was selected by the Titans with their first of two picks in the seventh round (212nd overall) of the 2011 NFL Draft.
- Waived on Aug. 31, 2012 and re-signed to the Titans' practice squad on Sept. 1, 2012.
- Re-signed by the Titans as a free agent on Dec. 31, 2012.

### SEASON RECAPS:

**2012 (0/0):** In his second season, spent the entire campaign on the Titans practice squad.

**2011 (3/0):** As a rookie, appeared in three games as a reserve defensive tackle and posted three tackles. Was inactive for 13 games.

- At Jacksonville (9/11), saw action as a reserve in his first career NFL contest and posted two tackles.
- Against Baltimore (9/18), saw limited action as a reserve defensive tackle and tallied a tackle.
- At Houston (1/1), played as a reserve at defensive tackle.

### COLLEGE:

- During his four-year career at Auburn, appeared in 41 games with 15 starts. Tallied 65 tackles, including 17 stops for loss, 5.5 sacks and a pass defended. Was named to the SEC Community Service team as a senior.
- As a senior (2010), started all 14 games and totaled career highs with 28 tackles and eight tackles for loss. Also posted a sack and a pass defended.
- As a junior (2009), appeared in six games, totaling seven tackles with a stop for loss. Missed seven games due to injury and did not play in season

opener against Louisiana Tech.

- As a sophomore (2008), played in 11 games with one start and totaled 22 tackles, including 16 solo stops. Finished with the fourth-most tackles for loss on team with 7.5 and the second-most tackles for loss yardage at minus 35. Also finished second on team with 4.5 sacks and the most sack yardage at minus 35.
- As a freshman (2007), played in 10 of 13 games and posted eight tackles and a half tackle for loss.
- As a freshman (2006), did not see action in his first year with the program.
- Graduated with a finance degree in agriculture business and economics at Auburn.

### PERSONAL:

- Married to Tara, the couple splits time between Nashville and Opelika, Ala., with daughter, Rylie Grace.
- Selected to the Alabama Sports Writers Association Class 6A All-State team and finished his senior season with 46 tackles, six sacks and five pass breakups. Named the Opelika-Auburn News' 2005 Defensive Player of the Year. Helped lead Opelika to the Class 6A state semifinals his senior year.
- Also was a track and field standout. Won the 2005 Alabama Class 6A state discus and shot put championships. Holds the Class 6A AHSAA state meet discus record.
- Son of Auburn assistant track and field coach Jerry Clayton who has coached at the school for 13 years. Jerry threw shot put in college for Illinois.
- Was nicknamed "Big Cat" by defensive line coach Tracy Rocker while he was at Auburn.
- His hobbies include bass fishing on his parents' lake house in Opelika.
- Follow Clayton on Twitter at @ZAClayton.
- List of favorites: (movie) "Gladiator"; (TV show) "The Office"; (actor) Gerard Butler; (actress) Kate Hudson; (music artist) Garth Brooks; (author) Dave Ramsey; (school subject) math; (vehicle) pickup truck; (food) Mexican; (sports hero) Warren Sapp; and (sports team) Atlanta Braves.
- Born Zachary Alan Clayton on Jan. 1, 1988 in Champaign, Ill.

## ZACH CLAYTON'S GAME-BY-GAME

### 2011 Tennessee Titans

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sk	- Yds	QBP	TFL	Int	- Yds	-TD	PD	FF	FR	- Yds	SpT
Sept 11	@ Jax	L	p	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sept 18	Bal	W	p	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sept 25	Den	W	IA															
Oct 2	@ Cle	W	IA															
Oct 9	@ Pit	L	IA															
Oct 23	Hou	L	IA															
Oct 30	Ind	W	IA															
Nov 6	Cin	L	IA															
Nov 13	@ Car	W	IA															
Nov 20	@ Atl	L	IA															
Nov 27	TB	W	IA															
Dec 4	@ Buf	W	IA															
Dec 11	NO	L	IA															
Dec 18	@ Ind	L	IA															
Dec 24	Jax	W	IA															
Jan 1	@ Hou	W	p	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>			<b>9-7</b>	<b>3/0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 2012 Tennessee Titans

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sk	- Yds	QBP	TFL	Int	- Yds	-TD	PD	FF	FR	- Yds	SpT
Sept 9	NE	L																Practice Squad
Sept 16	@ SD	L																Practice Squad
Sept 23	Det	W																Practice Squad
Sept 30	@ Hou	L																Practice Squad
Oct 7	@ Min	L																Practice Squad
Oct 11	Pit	W																Practice Squad
Oct 21	@ Buf	W																Practice Squad
Oct 28	Ind	L																Practice Squad
Nov 4	Chi	L																Practice Squad
Nov 11	@ Mia	W																Practice Squad
Nov 25	@ Jax	L																Practice Squad
Dec 2	Hou	L																Practice Squad
Dec 9	@ Ind	L																Practice Squad
Dec 17	NYJ	W																Practice Squad
Dec 23	@ GB	L																Practice Squad
Dec 30	Jax	W																Practice Squad
<b>Totals</b>			<b>0-0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## ZACH CLAYTON'S NFL STATISTICS

### REGULAR SEASON

Year	Team	GP	GS	TACKLES							INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES				
				Tot	Solo	Asst	Sk	Yds	QBP	TFL	No	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	SpT	
2011	Tennessee	3	0	3	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2012	Tennessee			Practice Squad																
<b>NFL Totals</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

### Single-Game Highs

Tackles - 2 at Jacksonville (9/11/11)