PRO: Seven-year veteran Deuce Lutui was signed by the Titans following the first week of the 2012 season to provide depth at both guard positions along the offensive front. The 6-foot-4-inch, 338-pounder spent the first six seasons of his career as a member of the Arizona Cardinals where he appeared in 93 games with 72 starts. Lutui has also played in six postseason contests, including a start in Super Bowl XLIII against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:
• From 2006-2011 with the Arizona Cardinals, started 72 of 93 games at right guard. Also started all six postseason games in 2008 and 2009. Only missed start from 2007-10 was the 2007 season finale due to a knee injury.
• Lutui was a key contributor along the offensive line for the 2008 Cardinals that reached the Super Bowl and then returned to the postseason in 2009.

TITANS TIDBITS:
• In July of 2010, was among 204 legal residents who took the Oath of Allegiance and became U.S. citizens, a process he began in 2001.
• Cousin of former NFL return specialist Vai Sikahema, who became the first Tongan to play in the NFL when he was drafted by the Cardinals in the 10th round of the 1986 Draft.
• During the 2006 season against Detroit (11/19), Lutui started his third NFL game just hours after his wife gave birth to a baby girl.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS:
• The Mesa, Ariz., native was originally selected by the Arizona Cardinals in the second round (41st overall) of the 2006 NFL Draft.
• Signed by the Cardinals as an unrestricted free agent on July 31, 2011.
• Signed by the Seattle Seahawks as an unrestricted free agent on April 6, 2012 and released by the team on Aug. 26, 2012.
• Signed by the Titans as a free agent on Sept. 11, 2012.

SEASON RECAPS:
2012 (8/8 - Tennessee): Started eight games at right guard. Was inactive for the first seven games after being signed by the Titans as a free agent on Sept. 11, following the first week of NFL games.
• At San Diego (9/16), was inactive.
• Against Detroit (9/23), was inactive.
• At Houston (9/30), was inactive.
• At Minnesota (10/7), was inactive.
• Against Pittsburgh (10/11), was inactive.
• At Buffalo (10/21), was inactive.
• Against Indianapolis (10/28), was inactive.
• At Chicago (11/4), made his first start for the Titans at right guard.
• At Miami (11/11), started at right guard and helped open holes for Titans' rushers to gain 177 rushing yards on 37 carries.
• At Jacksonville (11/25), started at right guard.
• Against Houston (12/2), started at right guard.
• At Indianapolis (12/9), started at right guard.
• Against N.Y. Jets (12/17), started at right guard and helped open holes for Titans' ball carriers to gain 167 yards on the ground.
• At Green Bay (12/23), started at right guard.
• Against Jacksonville (12/30), started at right guard.

2011 (15/0 - Arizona): Served as a key reserve along the offensive line in 2011 for Arizona seeing action in 15 games, mainly on special teams blocking units.

2010 (16/16 - Arizona): Won the starting job at right guard in 2010 training camp and started 16 games for a third-consecutive season.
• At Atlanta (9/19), helped open holes for Tim Hightower to rush for 115 yards, including an 80-yard touchdown jaunt.
• Against Denver (12/12), helped clear the way for Tim Hightower to gain 148 yards on 18 carries, including two touchdowns.

2009 (16/16, 2/2 - Arizona): Started all 16 games and both postseason contests at right guard for the second straight season. Member of a line that allowed 26 sacks, the second lowest regular season total by a Cardinals offensive line (24 sacks in 2007).
• Against Seattle (11/15), part of line that, despite 38 pass attempts, did not allow sack for the second time in ’09 and cleared the way for 122 rushing yards.
• At St. Louis (11/22), helped clear the way for 183 rushing yards on 30 carries, marking the most rushing yards by the Cardinals since 2004.
• Against Green Bay Bay (1/3), part of line that did not allow a sack for the fourth time in 2009. Cleared the way for 156 rushing yards against the NFL’s number one ranked rush defense in the Wild Card matchup.

2008 (16/16, 4/4 - Arizona): Started all 16 regular season games for the first time and was part of an offensive line that had the same five starters for all 20 regular and postseason games.
• At San Francisco (9/7), helped Edgerrin James collect 100 yards on 26 carries in season opener.
• Against Seattle (12/28), helped clear way for James to register his 57th career 100-yard game and eighth as a Cardinal in the season finale.
• Against Atlanta (1/3), started his first career playoff game and was part of an offensive line that allowed zero sacks.
• At Carolina (1/10), helped Cardinals run the ball a season-high 43 times for 145 yards in the Divisional round.

2007 (15/15 - Arizona): Started first 15 games before suffering a knee injury against Atlanta (12/23). Part of an offensive line that allowed just 24 sacks, fewest by a Cardinals team since the sacks became official in 1982. Also helped Edgerrin James eclipse 1,000 yards on the season, the first Cardinals running back to record back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons since Ottis Anderson in 1983-84.
• At San Francisco (9/10), helped Arizona gain 161 rushing yards on 38 carries in the season opener.
• Against San Francisco (11/25), helped block for an offense that racked up 552 total yards, most by a Cardinals offense since 1949.

2006 (15/9 - Arizona): Appeared in 15 games with starts in the final nine contests of his rookie campaign. Helped Edgerrin James become the first Cardinals running back to rush for 1,000 yards in a season since Adrian Murrell in 1998.
• Against San Francisco (9/10), made his NFL debut on special teams in the season opener.
• Against Kansas City (10/8), saw his first career action on the offensive line when he replaced the injured Milford Brown.
• At Green Bay (10/29), logged the first start of his NFL career at right guard.
• Against Detroit (11/19), started his third NFL game just hours after his
wife gave birth to a baby girl.

COLLEGE:
• After attending Mesa (Ariz.) Community College and then Snow (Utah) Junior College, transferred to USC in 2004 and helped the Trojans go undefeated and win a second consecutive National Championship.
• Started every game for the Trojans as a junior and senior moving from right tackle to left guard between those seasons.
• As a senior, named to the 2005 Football Coaches, Football Writers, The Sporting News, ESPN.com, SI.com, CBSSportsline.com and Rivals.com All-American first team.
• Named J.C. Grid-Wire and National Junior College Athletic Association All-American first team at Snow Junior College. Snow finished 9-1 and tied for fourth in the final NJCAA poll.
• Originally signed with Utah in 2002 but did not qualify for admission.

PERSONAL:
• Married and has four children and lives in Mesa, Ariz.
• Named Super Prep All-Farwest, Prep Star All-West, All-State, All-Region and All-Conference as a two-way lineman at Mesa (Ariz.) High School.
• Born Taitusi Lutui on May 5, 1983 in Ha’api, Tonga.

DEUCE LUTUI’S NFL STATISTICS

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Additional Statistics