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An under-the-radar Redskin: LB Dadi Nicolas I saw the press release when it was sent out; I even copied it and pasted it into a comment somewhere on Hogs Haven at the time: I didn't pay much attention to it. The bottom-of-the-roster churn during training camp usually doesn't mean much to me -- the 90th guy on the roster being changed out seems hardly noteworthy once camp is underway. (Heck Youth Da'Ron Payne Jersey , we've had two other roster moves since this one was announced -- the team added LB Cassanova McKinzy & DL Dante Sawyer and cut LB Alex McAlister & DL Tavaris Barnes.) But during the game against the Patriots, the radio crew of Larry Michaels, Chris Cooley and Doc Walker highlighted that Dadi Nicolas was in the game in the first half, and mentioned that he was another Va Tech alumnus. He made a couple of notable plays during the game, which got me intrigued. Who is this guy? Well, it turns out that this isn't his first NFL rodeo, so to speak. Background Nicolas is yet another NFL player who was born in Haiti, but grew up in the U.S., in Florida. He only started playing football as a high school senior, and then enrolled at Virginia Tech. Following a redshirt freshman year Youth Jordan Reed Jersey , he played in 10 games as a sophomore, but started every game in his junior year. He lost a lot of his senior year to a broken left hand, but was projected as a late round pick for the draft. He was selected by the Kansas City Chiefs in the 6th round of the 2016 draft. Measurables What happened at Kansas City? Nicolas, who might've been seen as a practice squad candidate, was actually active for 11 games that season, though his only entry into the stat sheet was a pass defended. Arrowhead Pride described his role on the team in 2016 this way: At the end of the season, he was seriously injured, and was placed on injured reserve on January 4, 2017 after suffering a ruptured patellar tendon. The article and comments on the Arrowhead Pride website generally reflect that fans had high hopes for his development, and -- while his 2016 contributions wouldn't necessarily be hard to replace -- they saw him as a player with the ability to grow into a consistent contributor from the linebacker position. Going into the 2017 season White Josh Doctson Jersey , Nicolas was placed on the physically unable to perform list, and didn't see the field during the season. In May this year, just over three months ago, Nicolas' former GM, John Dorsey tried to acquire him for the Browns, according to NFL.com. However two days later, the trade was called off and voided without an explanation given from either team. Nicolas was waived by the Chiefs days later. From there, as a new free agent, Nicolas signed with the Seattle Seahawks in May only to later be released that same month. Dadi becomes a Redskin As we've already seen, the Redskins announced on the 1st of August that Nicolas had been signed. Early reports gave a concise summary of Big Dadi's career to date: How does he fit on the team? Nicolas appears to be a good Matthew Ioannidis Jersey , if low-key signing by the Redskins. He's a versatile linebacker who is still developing his game, and who appears to have decent pass rush skills. He is an experienced special-teamer, and, with just 13 NFL games on his resume, can be stashed on the practice squad to continue his development and provide protection against late-season injuries. I looked through the play-by-play for the first pre-season game against New England (which just ended) and counted Nicolas as being credited with 3 tackles. He seemed to me to play pretty well, though I'm no kind of analyst. With the number of players in front of him (he's probably behind Pete Robertson on the depth chart), Nicolas probably isn't going to be on the 53 in Week 1 against the Cardinals, but he looks like a very strong candidate for a practice squad spot, and it would only take an injury or two to see him on the field in burgundy and gold in December. Redskins Stress-Free NFL Sunday Open Thread The Redskins have a bye this week, and will be rehabbing a few of their injured starters this week. Washington doesn't return for a

game until they travel to New Orleans to face the Saints on Monday Night Football next week. The Redskins will be watching the other 3 teams in the NFC East play today. The Giants finally got their first win of the season last week. They play the Saints in New Jersey today Authentic Adrian Peterson Jersey , and this will be a big game to watch for Redskins fans this week. The Saints have been awful on defense this year, and Jay Gruden will have to score early when he goes against a red hot Drew Brees led offense. The Dallas Cowboys are also 1-2 heading into this week and their offense is a predictable trainwreck. Dak Prescott is averaging 166 passing yards per game, they haven't scored more than 20 points in a game, and their only win is against the Giants. Not much to clap about in Dallas as they host the Lions today. The Eagles are 2-1 and go down to Tennessee to face the Titans today. They got Carson Wentz back last week, but are still dealing with a lot of injuries. The Titans defense has been keeping them in games, and hopefully that continues today.

Week 4 NFL Schedule  
Buffalo Bills at Green Bay Packers 1:00 pm CBS  
Cincinnati Bengals at Atlanta Falcons 1:00 pm CBS  
Detroit Lions at Dallas Cowboys 1:00 pm FOX  
Houston Texans at Indianapolis Colts 1:00 pm CBS  
Miami Dolphins at New England Patriots 1:00 pm CBS  
N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville Jaguars 1:00 pm FOX  
Philadelphia Eagles at Tennessee Titans 1:00 pm FOX  
Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Chicago Bears 1:00 pm FOX  
Cleveland Browns at Oakland Raiders 4:05 pm FOX  
Seattle Seahawks at Arizona Cardinals 4:05 pm FOX  
New Orleans Saints at N.Y. Giants 4:25 pm CBS  
San Francisco 49ers at L.A. Chargers 4:25 pm CBS  
Baltimore Ravens at Pittsburgh Steelers 8:20 pm NBC

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