



# Clark Atlanta University Sports Information

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## Former CAU Panther Johnson Makes Colts 53-man Roster



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**ATLANTA, Ga.** – Former Clark Atlanta University football standout Curtis Johnson earned a spot on the Indianapolis Colts final 53-man roster on Saturday.

“This morning I had a talk with team president Bill Polian, and he let me know to keep my head up, that things would work out no matter what,” said Johnson. “At around 11:15 a.m. when I didn’t get that phone call, I knew my dream of making the team had come true.”

Johnson, a Syracuse, NY native, signed with the Colts as an undrafted free agent in June after attending the team’s rookie minicamp after the draft. He finished the preseason with one sack, six solo tackles including two for loss in only three games.

“It’s a very grinding job; it’s a lot easier to make it to the NFL, than it is to stay. All I have to do is go out on that field and keep performing as I have during the preseason.”

Johnson was a two-year letterman and started in all 21 games that he played in for Clark Atlanta. He finished his Panther career with 187 tackles, 119 of them solo. As a senior, he was named SIAC Defensive Player of the Year as well as 2007 Daktronics All-American at defensive end, after finishing the season with a team-high 112 tackles. Johnson finished first in the nation in Division II with 2.5 tackles for loss average per game, while also earning SIAC defensive player of the week honors four times. Johnson also became the first player in CAU history to be named to the East-West Shrine Game, recognizing the top college football players in the country.

“I am very proud of Curtis and all of his accomplishments on and off the field.” said Clark Atlanta head football coach, Ted Bahhur. “Curtis is a great man with unlimited potential to succeed.”



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He will don his #94 jersey next Sunday as Indianapolis will host the Chicago Bears at the Colts' new Lucas Oil Stadium.