

# Will Davis

## 2009 Arizona Cardinals Draft Selection

### Round 6, Selection 31 – 204th Overall

#### OLB – Illinois – 6-2, 261

#### OVERVIEW:

Davis, a former wide receiver and tight end, registered 12.5 tackles for loss, including 9.5 sacks, as a junior to earn second-team All-Big Ten honors. He has rare foot quickness and straight-line speed -- to be expected of a former receiver -- for a defensive end, though he was sapped of some of that speed by nagging ankle injuries. A team willing to spend a second-day draft pick could get a nice return on their initial investment if they can get Davis to work in the weight room.

#### 2008 SEASON:

Had six tackles against Western Michigan, assisting on a QB sack and totaling 1.5 TFLs ... Tallied two solo tackles, including a QB sack, against Iowa ... Had four tackles at Wisconsin ... Recorded two tackles and a PBU vs. Minnesota ... Had four tackles, including one TFL, at Michigan ... Had three tackles with a QB sack, two TFLs and a QB hurry against Louisiana ... Forced a fumble against Eastern Illinois to go along with five tackles and a sack ... Recorded three tackles including 0.5 TFL against Missouri ... Also notched a PBU and a QB hurry against the Tigers.

#### 2007 SEASON:

Earned second-team All-Big Ten honors by the media and honorable mention from the coaches ... a Ted Hendricks Award candidate ... Played in all 13 games, starting nine ... Named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for his performance at Indiana where he registered four sacks, five tackles for loss and forced a fumble ... Ranked 26th in the nation and sixth in the Big Ten in sacks per game with 0.73 ... Tied for 96th in the nation and 12th in the Big Ten in TFLs per game ... Recorded two solo tackles vs. Southern California in the Rose Bowl ... Had three solo tackles, a sack and two QB hurries against Northwestern ... Notched three solo tackles and a sack at No. 1 Ohio State ... Had two solo tackles at Minnesota ... Notched three tackles - including two solos - a sack and a QB hurry against Ball State ... Had four tackles - including three solos - 0.5 TFLs and a QB hurry against No. 25 Michigan ... Assisted on three tackles and notched 0.5 sacks for five yards at Iowa ... Assisted on a tackle and had a QB hurry against No. 5 Wisconsin ... Notched six tackles - three solo - against No. 21 Penn State, along with 0.5 sacks and a QB hurry ... Recorded a career-high four sacks, seven tackles - including a career-high five solos - five total TFLs for 22 yards and a forced fumble at Indiana ... Recorded three tackles - including two solos - and a career-high 1.5 sacks at Syracuse ... Had one quarterback hurry against Western Illinois ... Recorded a career-high four solo tackles and one TFL against Missouri.

#### 2006 SEASON:

Played in all 12 games, starting the final two at defensive end ... Recorded two tackles, one for loss and a quarterback hurry in the season finale at Northwestern ... Had one tackle for loss vs. Purdue ... Forced two fumbles and had three solo tackles, one for a sack vs. Ohio State ... Recorded his first career sack for 12 yards at Penn State ... Tied a career-high against Indiana with three tackles, including two solos ... Also recorded a QB hurry against the Hoosiers ... Recorded three tackles, including one solo, at Michigan State ... Recorded a career-high two QB hurries against Iowa ... Had two tackles, including a solo, against the Hawkeyes ... Recorded two solo tackles against Syracuse ... Assisted on a tackle against Eastern Illinois.

#### 2005 SEASON:

Played in eight games as both a wide receiver and tight end ... Did not record any statistics ... Was in on 58 special teams snaps and 23 offensive plays.

#### HIGH SCHOOL:

A member of the *SuperPrep* top-25 team ... Started on both sides of the ball ... Earned first-team all-state, all-metro, all-league, and all-county honors ... Named to the Maryland Super 44 All-Star team and the P.G. County North All-Star team ... Averaged over 28 yards per reception as a senior ... Made 21 receptions for 579 yards and 10 touchdowns as a wide receiver ... Also recorded 136 tackles and 24 sacks on defense ... Had eight passes broken up, one safety, one blocked punt and four forced fumbles ... *SuperPrep* All-Region selection ... Lettered two years in football and track and one year in basketball ... High school football coach was Rick Houchens.

#### PERSONAL:

Full name is William Benjamin Davis Jr.... Born June 2, 1986 ... Son of William Davis Sr. and Pearine Davis-Parkinson ... Has seven brothers and two sisters ... Mother, Pearine, is the Deputy Minister of State for the African nation of Liberia ... Mom played basketball for the Liberian national team and the University of Liberia and his uncle, John Davis, played soccer for Liberia ... Majoring in community health ... Chose Illinois over UConn, Boston College and Virginia.

**CAREER HIGHS:****Tackles:** 7 at Indiana, 9/22/07**Solos:** 4 vs. Missouri, 9/1/07**TFL:** 5 at Indiana, 9/22/07**QB Hurries:** 2, twice (last time at Penn State, 10/21/06)**QB Sacks:** 4 at Indiana, 9/22/07**Forced Fumbles:** 2 vs. Ohio State, 11/4/06**PLAYER STATISTICS:**

Season Totals	Tackles					Sacks		Fumbles			Int		qbh	Pass	Blkd
	solo	ast	total	tfl	yds	no.	yds	ff	fr	yds	no.	yds		brup	kick
2006	11	7	18	3.5	20	2.0	19	2	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
2007	29	12	41	12.5	56	9.5	45	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
2008	13	23	36	7	25	3.5	21	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	1
TOTALS	53	42	95	23	101	15	85	4	0	0	0	0	19	2	0