

# Clinton McDonald won't stuff the box score, but he will help his teammates do so

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The Denver Broncos have themselves a new defensive tackle in Clinton McDonald — signing a two-year deal earlier Wednesday — who will provide depth to the defensive line as an addition next to Derek Wolfe and Domata Peko.

But is he more of a player than just depth?

McDonald has played 97 games in his career, with 45 games being in his four-year stint with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In 2017, McDonald brought in five sacks, even after only starting three of those games.

In an interview with Les Shapiro and Ronnie Kohrt of Mile High Sports AM 1340 | FM 104.7, Trevor Sikkema of the Powder Report discusses the impact that McDonald made on the Buccaneers and what he will bring to Denver.

“He was thought of as the ‘low-key signing’ he wasn’t the big headline guy that they were bringing in, he ended up being the best value that they had in that entire free agency period and Clinton McDonald can still be that guy,” Sikkema said.

“This is a guy who has a good amount of versatility. He plays that nose-tackle role, he played that role next to Gerald McCoy, a bit of a run-stuffer, guy who picks up a lot of blocks,” Sikkema said. “He’s a hard worker. He does the dirty work, you absolutely need players like that especially on the defensive interior.”

Sikkema goes on to say that while McDonald won’t gobble up the sacks and tally major statistical numbers, it’s the little things he does that make others around him better players.

“Clinton McDonald, I would say, is more of a pressure guy than a sack guy; I think that’s just the natural role he’s in,” Sikkema said. “Those are the kind of players, the staple players, sometimes they won’t get the sacks, but the pressures and the ‘doing your job’ is such a big deal. I know guys like Von Miller are appreciative of players who truly do the dirty work in the middle, so they can get those one-on-ones and they can really shine on the edges.”

[Click here to listen to the full interview with Trevor Sikkema, including what he had to say about the Broncos draft pick at No. 5, how the Jets trade up could effect the Broncos and more, or listen to the podcast below.](#)

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# Broncos sign DT Clinton McDonald to two-year deal

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The Broncos added depth to their defensive line Wednesday when they signed veteran defensive lineman Clinton McDonald to a two-year deal.

The ninth-year veteran appeared in 14 games and totaled five sacks for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2017.

The 6-foot-2, 297-pounder spent the previous four seasons with the Bucs, for whom he started 34 games.

McDonald has also made an impact off the field. He was named the Buccaneers' Walter Payton Man of the Year Award nominee in 2017 for his work in the community. And in the locker room, he repeatedly impressed his teammates and coaches.

"Clinton McDonald, I think, is a perfect teammate," Buccaneers defensive coordinator Mike Smith said. "We talk about his ability on the football player on the defensive line. That speaks for itself. He's there to support the other guys on the team, whether it's in the D-line room, whether it's in the linebacker room or even on the offensive side of the football."

Before he joined the Buccaneers, McDonald spent three seasons in Seattle. He was drafted out of Memphis by the Cincinnati Bengals in the seventh round of the 2009 NFL Draft.

# Broncos sign Clinton McDonald

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The Broncos have made their first addition to their defensive line of the offseason.

According to multiple reports, they have signed veteran defensive tackle Clinton McDonald to a two-year contract.

McDonald spent the last four seasons with the Buccaneers and provided them with some pass rushing punch off the bench last season. McDonald had five sacks last season while playing just over 43 percent of the defensive snaps. He spent most of his first three years in Tampa as a starter and racked up 8.5 sacks in those seasons.

The Broncos have a pair of free agent defensive linemen from last year's team, although both Jared Crick and Billy Winn missed the entire season on injured reserve.