



# NICK MCCLLOUD CORNERBACK

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**6-0** **193** **ROOKIE** 

**JULY 9, 1998 (AGE 23)**

 **ROCK HILL, SC**

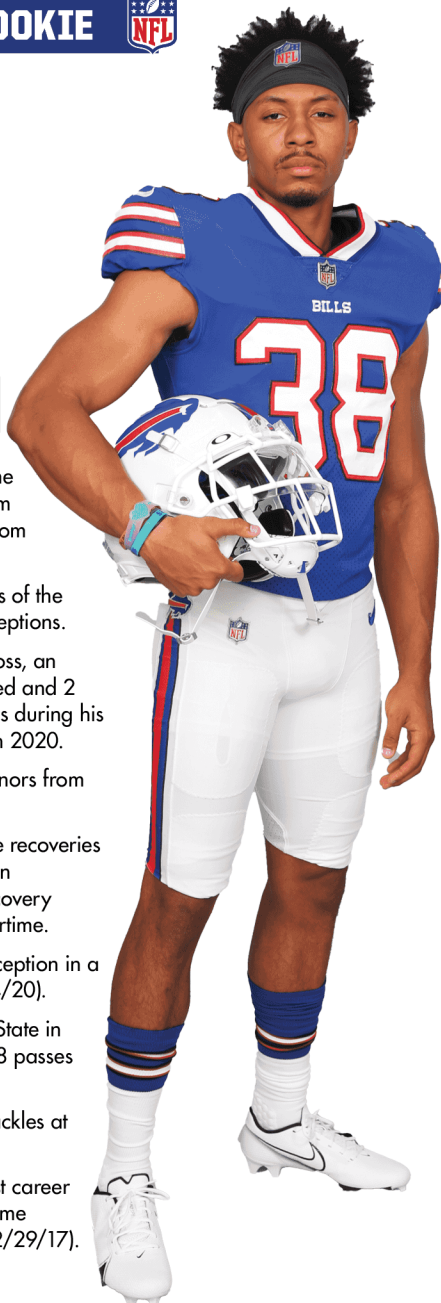
 **SOUTH POINTE HS**

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 **UDFA: 2021**

## SHOUTOUTS

- Played his final season of college football at Notre Dame in 2020 after transferring from NC State, where he played during his 2016-19.
- Earned Defensive MVP honors of the 2021 Hula Bowl with 2 interceptions.
- Tallied 33 tackles, two for a loss, an interception, 8 passes defended and 2 fumble recoveries in 12 games during his lone season at Notre Dame in 2020.
- Earned 2nd-team All-ACC honors from the Associated Press in 2020.
- Posted 3 tackles and 2 fumble recoveries in a OT win vs. No. 1 Clemson (11/7/20). His 2nd fumble recovery sealed the win in the 2nd overtime.
- Tallied 4 tackles and an interception in a 45-3 win at Pittsburgh (10/24/20).
- Started all 11 games for NC State in 2018 and posted 51 tackles, 8 passes defended and 2 interceptions.
- Compiled a career-high 10 tackles at Clemson (10/20/18).
- Notched 7 tackles and his first career interception in a Sun Bowl game victory over Arizona State (12/29/17).



## FIRST-AND-10

**NICK MCCLLOUD** was signed by the Bills as an undrafted free agent following the 2021 draft. The Rock Hill, SC, native played the 2020 season with Notre Dame after transferring from NC State.

## IF YOU HAVEN'T 'HERD'

### HIGH PRAISE FROM BURRIS

Former Notre Dame star and Bills 1994 first round pick Jeff Burris had some high praise for McCloud.

"I think his leadership capabilities," Burris responded to the South Bend Tribune when asked what stands out about McCloud. "As a young man, he walks into a room and he has that charisma about him, that quiet confidence. He's a well-liked, well-respected young man. Well-spoken young man. He's very knowledgeable in all aspects of life."

Burris, now the defensive backs coach at Louisiana Tech, knows McCloud well as they both grew up in Rock Hill, SC. Burris' brother, Pat, coached him in high school and McCloud became close with Burris' kids.

McCloud has also been aided by another Rock Hill native Stephon Gilmore, another former Bills draft pick. "[We] are close as ever," McCloud said. "Having that relationship with him being defensive player of the year and the press corner he is, if I have a question, I can go in the locker room, text him and he'll hit me back right away. That relationship and knowledge of the game is definitely beneficial to me."

## PERSONAL

His parents are Nakia, a high school football coach, and Jonetta. Has a younger brother, Nakia, and a younger sister, Carrigan. Competed in football, basketball and baseball in high school. Earned a degree in business administration from NC State in 2020 while concentrating in marketing.