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ANTHONY HILL JR.

Position: LB

Height: 6-3

Weight: 238

Class: Junior

Hometown: Denton, Texas

High School: Ryan

Major: Physical Culture & Sports

Bio

A third-year linebacker who has played in 40 games with 32 starts ... named a 2025 Second-Team All-American by the Associated Press, AFCA and FWAA ... a finalist for the 2025 Butkus Award ... a semifinalist for the 2025 Chuck Bednarik Award ... a 2025 Coaches' All-SEC Second Team selection ... on 2025 preseason watch lists for the Lombardi Award, Chuck Bednarik Award, Walter Camp National Player of the Year Award, Butkus Award, Bronko Nagurski Trophy and Lott IMPACT Trophy ... named a 2024 Second-Team All-American by the AFCA, AP, The Sporting News and Walter Camp ... added to 2024 Chuck Bednarik Award watch list ... announced as Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 15 ... named Lott IMPACT National Player of the Week on Oct. 16 ... named SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 14 ... on 2024 preseason watch lists for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy and Dick Butkus Award . . . named preseason second-team All-SEC on defense . . . shared 2023 Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year honors ... selected honorable mention All-Big 12 in 2023 ... a member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (spring 2023).

JUNIOR (2025)

Started in ten games ... compiled six tackles (one solo) in season opener at No. 3/2 Ohio State (8/30) ... notched six tackles (five solo) and recorded a career-high two forced fumbles in home opener vs. San Jose State (9/6) ... amassed three tackles (two solo) vs. UTEP (9/13) ... totaled two tackles, including a tackle for a loss of two yards, vs. Sam Houston (9/20) ... recorded 14 total tackles (three solo) at Florida (10/4), as well as one fumble recovery for 21 yards ... notched seven tackles (four solo) against No. 6/6 Oklahoma (10/11) ... registered career-high 12 tackles (eight solo) at Kentucky (10/18), as well as one interception ... notched ten tackles (six solo) including 2.5 sacks (3.5 total TFL) for 18 yards at Mississippi State (10/25), as well as a forced fumble and four quarterback hurries ... posted four

tackles (three solo) against No. 9/11 Vanderbilt (11/1) including a sack for a loss of seven yards ... logged an interception at No. 3/3 Georgia (11/15) as well as six tackles (three solo) including 0.5 TFL ... missed final two regular season games against Arkansas (11/22) and No. 3/3/3 Texas A&M (11/28) due to injury ... declared for the 2026 NFL Draft following regular season and did not play in Cheez-It Citrus Bowl vs. Michigan (12/31).

SOPHOMORE (2024)

Appeared in and started all 16 games throughout the 2024 campaign ... registered three double-digit tackle performances: 11 vs. UTSA (9/14), 11 vs. Oklahoma (10/12) and 11 vs. Kentucky (11/23) ... has been credited with 0.5-or-more tackles for loss in 11 different games ... registered 0.5-or-more sacks in seven different contests ... been credited with two-or-more tackles in every game this season ... set a season high with 4.0 tackles for loss against Kentucky (11/23) ... credited with a season high 2.0 sacks in a game on two separate occasions: vs. Oklahoma (10/12) and vs. Kentucky (11/23) ... picked off his lone pass of the season against ULM (9/21) ... all four of his forced fumbles came against SEC opponents ... had a fumble recovery for 25 yards against Georgia (12/7) ... the only Texas defender with 100-or-more (107) tackles on the season ... has been credited with at least one tackle (107), one tackle for loss (16.0), one sack (7.5), one interception (1), one pass breakup (1), one quarterback hurry (4), one fumble recovery (1), and one forced fumble (4) ... his 16.0 tackles for loss were a team high ... credited with six tackles (four solo) and a 0.5 sack for a loss of four yards in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl at the CFP Semifinal vs. Ohio State on Jan. 10.

FRESHMAN (2023)

FWAA Freshman All-American ... co-Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year ... honorable mention All-Big 12 ... Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award semifinalist ... a Freshman All-America selection by ESPN, The Athletic and the College Football Network ... named to the 247Sports True Freshman All-America Team ... selected fourth-team All-Big 12 by Phil Steele ... tabbed the Freshman Linebacker of the Year by the College Football Network ... played in all 14 games with six starts ... totaled 66 tackles (40 solo), 8.0 tackles for loss, five sacks, one forced fumble, four quarterback hurries and two pass breakups ... his five sacks are tied for fourth-most by a Longhorn freshman and are the third-most by a Texas true freshman ... the eight tackles for loss equaled the eighth-most for a UT freshman and sixth-most for a true freshman ... made one solo tackle and had a quarterback hurry in his Longhorn debut against Rice ... had a breakout performance in the victory at No. 3 Alabama, making six tackles (four solo) with two tackles for loss and two sacks, including one on the Crimson Tide's final offensive play of the game ... earned Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Week and 247Sports True Freshman of the Week honors for his performance ... had three tackles (one solo) against Wyoming ... made six tackles (five solo) at Baylor ... recorded one tackle against Kansas ... registered a career-high eight tackles (five solo) with 1.5 tackles for loss, one sack and one pass breakup in the Red River Rivalry against Oklahoma ... made five tackles (one solo) with half a tackle for loss at Houston ... earned his first career start against BYU and tallied five tackles (four solo), one tackle for loss, one QB hurry and one pass breakup ... recorded four tackles (one solo) against Kansas State ... equaled his career highs with eight tackles and five solo tackles along with one quarterback hurry at TCU ... registered six tackles (four solo) with half a tackle for loss at Iowa State ... tallied four tackles (two solo) with a sack for an 11-yard loss against Texas Tech ... made six tackles (four solo), one tackle for loss, one sack and forced a fumble in the Big 12 Championship Game victory over Oklahoma State ... collected four tackles (two solo) with half a tackle for loss in the Sugar Bowl against Washington ... selected a Midseason True Freshman All-American by 247Sports and On3 ... named to the preseason watch lists for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award.

HIGH SCHOOL

An All-America and all-state honoree and member of a state championship team ... selected to participate in the 2023 All-American Bowl ... recorded 303 tackles, 13 sacks and nine forced fumbles, while also rushing for 378 yards and 13 touchdowns over three years at Ryan ... ranked No. 15 nationally, No. 1 among inside linebackers and No. 4 overall in the state of Texas by Rivals ... rated No. 18 nationally, No. 2 among outside linebackers and No. 4 overall in the state of Texas by ESPN ... ranked No. 22 nationally, No. 1 among linebackers and No. 4 overall in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... rated No. 62 nationally, No. 3 among linebackers and No. 11 overall in the state of Texas by On3 ... named the No. 16 recruit nationally and to the Top 150 Dream Team by Prepstar ... tabbed the No. 1 player on The Dallas Morning News' top 100 recruits list ... chosen to the 2022 Super Team First Team, the Texas Hot 100 and as a Top 10 linebacker by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... despite being limited to six games as a senior due to injury, still totaled 67 tackles, two sacks and five forced fumbles ... part of a defense that allowed 19.3 points per game in his six games, including a shutout against Saginaw ... opened the season with 13 tackles, including 10 solo stops with a sack, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery, while rushing for a 71-yard touchdown against New Braunfels ... notched 10 tackles with six solo stops, two tackles for loss and one forced fumble against Azle ... rushed for a 51-yard touchdown with three tackles, two pressures and a pass defended against Saginaw ... tallied seven tackles with five solo stops, one tackle for loss, one sack and one forced fumble against The Colony ... compiled 16 tackles with 12 solo stops, one tackle for loss and one pass defended against Centennial ... accumulated 18 tackles with 13 solo tackles, one pressure and one forced fumble against Aledo ... helped Ryan to a 6-4 overall record, including a 6-2 district mark, and an appearance in the bi-district playoffs in 2022 ... selected first-team 5A All-State by the Texas Sports Writers Association in 2021 ... tabbed first-team MaxPreps Junior All-American ... named unanimous MVP of District 5-5A Division 1 and first-team all-district ... chosen All-Area Defensive Player of the Year by the Denton Record-Chronicle ... registered 131 total tackles, including 93 solo, 18 tackles for loss and sacks, along with two interceptions, three fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles, while rushing for 176 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior ... posted double figures in tackles in seven games, including the last five ... part of a defense that allowed just 13.7 points per game, including six games of seven points or fewer ... opened the season with 12 total tackles, including four tackles for loss and one sack, five pressures and one fumble recovery, while rushing for 62 yards and one touchdown on 10 carries against Longview ... collected three tackles for loss and one sack against Guyer ... registered an interception and one rushing touchdown against Reedy ... gathered 13 tackles, with 10 solo, three tackles for loss and one sack against Wakeland ... secured three sacks against Centennial ... hauled in an interception against Independence ... compiled 18 tackles with 14 solo stops and a forced fumble against Lone Star ... totaled 15 tackles with 10 solo and two tackles for loss, and a rushing touchdown against Magnolia West ... notched 12 tackles with nine solo, two tackles for loss and two sacks with a forced fumble and a rushing touchdown against College Station ... helped Ryan to a 12-2 overall record, including an 8-0 district mark and title, and an appearance in the 5A Division 1 quarterfinals in 2021 ... tabbed honorable mention 5A All-State by the Texas Sports Writers Association in 2020 ... named first-team MaxPreps Sophomore All-American ... chosen Defensive Newcomer of the Year of District 5-5A Division 1 and first-team all-district ... selected All-Area Co-Newcomer of the Year by the Denton Record-Chronicle ... tallied 105 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, three sacks and two forced fumbles as a sophomore ... part of a defense that allowed just 15.8 points per game, including six games of 10 points or fewer ... had 22 tackles with 17 of those being solo against Guyer ... helped Ryan to a 15-0 overall record, including a 7-0

district mark and title, and the 5A Division 1 state championship in 2020 ... also participated in track and field in high school in the 4x400m relay on a team that finished second in the 5A state meet.

PERSONAL

Grew up in Denton ... son of Anthony Hill Sr. of Key West, Fla., and Jameka Walton ... has a younger brother, Landon ... big video gamer and is into fashion/clothing ... was born in Wichita, Kansas, at the same hospital as Barry Sanders.