### Has Colts' WR Alec Pierce Shined?



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Colts rookie Alec Pierce with a contested catch in the 4th quarter that helped set up the game tying field goal. (Photo by Isaiah J. Downing/USA TODAY Sports)

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The NFL is full of talented wide receivers. Over the last couple of seasons, rookie wide receivers have made an impact in the NFL. Wide receivers like A.J Brown, DK Metcalf, Jamar Chase, and Justin Jefferson. Most recently Indianapolis's rookie receiver Alec Pierce has shined early. Pierce was drafted in the second round of the 2022 NFL draft by general manager Chris Ballard.

Playing receiver in the NFL is challenging and rewarding. Receivers have to learn how to beat man coverage and make contested catches. Additionally, receivers have to get on the same page as their quarterback. Alec Pierce is slowly learning the NFL game and has shined over the last couple of weeks.

### **College Background**



Alec Pierce at the University of Cincinnati. Photo provided by Cincinnati Athletics.

Pierce had a good collegiate career at Cincinnati. According to Sports Reference, Pierce caught 106 catches, recorded 1,851 receiving yards, and scored 13 touchdowns. During the 2021 season, Pierce helped Cincinnati make the college football playoff. Alec Pierce shined in college and is shining in the NFL. If you want to see his production look at his highlights on Youtube.

## His impact in Indy?

General manager Chris Ballard and Head Coach Frank Reich needed to add more depth to the receiver position. Pierce is a big, physical reciever who can make contested catches. So far Pierce has lived up to his reputation. In multiple games, Pierce has used his 6-3 frame to shield defenders and make critical catches. Alec Pierce has shined with the Colt's offense.

Like a lot of rookies, It took a while for Pierce to adjust to the NFL game. However, Pierce has caught fire and has been a reliable playmaker for the Colts. Over the last four games, he has caught 18 balls and recorded 271 receiving yards. Against the Jaguars, Pierce made the biggest play of his rookie season when he caught the game-winning touchdown.

The future looks bright for Pierce and he will continue to shine. Frank Reich and Offensive Coordinator Marcus Brady will continue to get Pierce the ball. More opportunities will boost Pierce's confidence and strengthen Indy's offense. As he continues to learn the NFL game Pierce will progress. The sky is the limit.

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