

Two Colts Rookies Shining at Training Camp



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Colt's training camp has been in session for a week and two rookies are turning heads early on. Chris Ballard has assembled a strong roster through the draft. Ballard drafted safety Nick Cross and wide receiver Alec Pierce during the 2022 NFL Draft.

The Colts drafted Nick Cross to strengthen their secondary and continue to be one of the best defenses in the NFL. Cross joined a young secondary that includes Kenny Moore, Isaiah Rodgers, Brandon Facyson, and Stephon Gilmore. Alec Pierce was drafted to help the Colt's offense produce more points.

What's the buzz around Nick Cross?

Nick Cross was drafted in the third round from the University of Maryland. Ballard drafted Cross because of his versatility in the secondary. At Maryland cross was tasked

with covering tight ends, wide receivers, and run support. Cross can play in the box and deep. Cross will be called upon as new defensive coordinator Gus Bradley installs a new defense.

During his time at Maryland, Nick Cross recorded 134 tackles, four sacks, and five interceptions. If Cross can continue to make strides during camp and in the regular season Indy's defense will be in good hands.

What about Pierce?

Alec Pierce was drafted in the second round of the 2022 Nfl Draft. Pierce was drafted to strengthen the Colt's wide receiver corps. During the 2021 season, Pierce enjoyed a break-out season. He caught 52 balls for 884 receiving yards and eight touchdowns.

Pierce has picked up Frank Reich's offense quickly and impressed his teammates. Fellow wide receiver Michael Pittman Jr said, Alec's light years ahead of where I was as a rookie. Pierce has made some big plays in training camp. He has caught passes while being matched up against Stephon Gilmore, Isaiah Rodgers, and Kenny Moore. If Pierce can continue to improve he can solidify himself as the second option behind Michael Pittman Jr.