

Colts Guard Earns Contract Extension



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There's an old saying in football that "games are won in the trenches." The Indianapolis Colts have adopted this saying and built a solid offensive line. Quenton Nelson has been the anchor of Indy's offensive line and one of the best guards in the NFL. Nelson and the Colts agreed to a 4-year \$80 million dollar extension. Nelson will get \$60 million dollars guaranteed. The deal makes Nelson the highest-paid guard in the NFL.

Nelson enters the 2022 season on the fourth year of his rookie contract. The Pro Bowl guard will make \$13.8 million this season.

Nelson's Impact

Quenton Nelson has been a mainstay on Indy's offensive line. Nelson was drafted in 2018 to fix a horrendous offensive line. According to pro football focus, Indianapolis's offensive line ranked 25 in 2017. Additionally, Indy's running backs averaged 1.07 yards before contact which was the lowest in the NFL.

Nelson brought a tough, nasty, and psychical attitude to Indy. During his rookie season, he protected Andrew Luck, created holes in the run game, and dominated defensive lineman. Nelson has used his technique to helps Indy's offense, especially the run game. Last season the Colts finished with the league's second rushing attack.

Accolades



Nelson's play on the gridiron has helped him earn multiple accolades. He has been named All-Pro 4 times, made the pro bowl 4 times, and was recently ranked as the 28th best player in the NFL on the player's list.

Chris Ballard's Strategy

Colts general manager Chris Ballard has emphasized wanting to pay his own players. Ballard prefers to draft and develop his own players and pay his players accordingly. Nyheim Hines, Shaquille Leonard, and Brayden Smith have earned contract extensions. These players were drafted in 2018 and helped Indianapolis become one of the best young rosters in the NFL.