



# RICHIE JAMES

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WR

5-9 \* 185 \* MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

9.5.95 \* SARASOTA, FL \* 4TH YEAR \* ACQUIRED D-7B IN '18

### AWARDS & HONORS

2018: PFWA All-NFC Team (KR), ESPN All-Rookie Team (KR)

### GOLDMINE

NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. James and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. James represented the Special Olympics Northern California, and said, "I play for athletes to feel included and part of a community." Special Olympics Northern California enriches the lives of more than 23,925 children and adults with intellectual disabilities and their communities in Northern California through sports, education, and athlete health.



### JAMES' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Finished his collegiate career as Middle Tennessee State's all-time leader in receptions. (244), rec. yds. (3,261) and TD receipts. (23).
- On November 26, 2016, James became the sixth player in NCAA FBS history to have 200 yds. rushing and 100 rec. yds. in a game with 207 rushing yds. and 120 rec. yds. vs. Florida Atlantic.

### GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- In October of 2019, James and his teammates spent time with fans and members of local Silicon Valley businesses to compete in a bowling tournament as the 49ers Foundation hosted the second annual 1st and Bowl Challenge. The funds raised at the event will support the charitable programs of the 49ers Foundation and benefit Bay Area youth.
- As a youth in Sarasota, FL, James faced a handful of hurdles growing up in a rough environment. James notes that while a majority of his classmates took a different route than he did, he was able to make it out of his tough surroundings by taking the more positive route and maintaining his focus on his craft. "I've always had that independent mindset," James said. "I've learned from being out on the streets, and what you really should be doing."



### JAMES' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	RECEIVING					RUSHING				
				NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2018	SF	13	2	8	126	15.8	53	1	0	0	–	–	0
2019	SF	16	1	6	165	27.5	57	1	2	–1	–0.5	–1	0
2020	SF	11	7	23	394	17.1	47	1	0	0	–	–	0
2021	SF	–	–	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>–1</b>	<b>–0.5</b>	<b>–1</b>	<b>0</b>

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	RECEIVING					RUSHING				
				NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	3	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0</b>

#### KICKOFF RETURNS

YEAR	TEAM	KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS					
		NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2018	SF	23	580	25.2	97t	1	12	10	75	6.3	23	0
2019	SF	20	428	21.4	81	0	33	11	264	8.0	32	0
2020	SF	4	73	18.3	21	0	6	6	34	5.7	12	0
2021	SF	–	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>97t</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS					
		NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	7	112	16.0	22	0	5	3	49	9.8	26	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Additional Statistics:

**Fumbles–Lost – Regular Season – 5–4:** 2018 (2–1); 2019 (1–1); 2020 (2–2) **Postseason – 1–0:** 2019 (1–0)

**Special Teams Tackles – 4:** 2018 (1); 2019 (2); 2020 (1)

**Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 1:** 2018 (1)

**Tackles – 3:** 2018 (1); 2019 (1); 2020 (1)

#### Milestones:

**NFL Debut:** vs. Det. (9/16/18); **First Start:** vs. Arz. (10/7/18); **First Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (10/7/18 – 7–yd. pass from QB C.J. Beathard); **First TD Reception:** Regular Season – at LAR (12/30/18 – 9–yd. TD pass from QB Nick Mullens); **First Kickoff Return:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (10/7/18 – 32–yd. KOR); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – 22–yd. KOR); **First Punt Return:** Regular Season – at GB (10/15/18 – 0–yd. PR); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – 5–yd. PR); **Kickoff Return TD:** Regular Season – 1 vs. Sea. (12/16/18 – 97–yds.); **100–yd. Games:** 1 vs. GB (11/5/20 – 184–yds.)

### JAMES' CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (1)

Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
11/5/20	GB	9	184	20.4	1

### JAMES' CAREER HIGHS

**Receptions:** Regular Season – 9 vs. GB (11/5/20)

**Receiving Yards:** Regular Season – 184 vs. GB (11/5/20)

**Long Reception:** Regular Season – 57 vs. Arz. (11/17/19)

**TD Receptions:** Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last 9 vs. GB (11/5/20)

**Punt Returns:** Regular Season – 6 vs. Car. (10/27/19); Postseason – 3 vs. Min. (1/11/20)

**Punt Return Yards:** Regular Season – 53 vs. Pit. (9/22/19); Postseason – 26 vs. GB (1/19/20)

**Long Punt Return:** Regular Season – 32 vs. Cle. (10/7/19); Postseason – 26 vs. GB (1/19/20)

**Kick Returns:** Regular Season – 4 (3 times) Last at Arz. (10/31/19); Postseason – 4 at KC (2/2/20)

**Kick Return Yards:** Regular Season – 113 vs. Sea. (12/16/18); Postseason – 61 at KC (2/2/20)

**Kick Return Long:** Regular Season – 97t vs. Sea. (12/16/18); Postseason – 22 vs. Min. (1/11/20)

**Rushes:** Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at NO (12/8/19)

### JAMES' TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 7th–round (240th overall) draft choice by SF in 2018...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 7/27/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 8/4/20...Placed on the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 8/4/20...Activated from the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 9/3/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/18/20...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 10/17/20...Waived/injured on 8/28/21...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/2/21.

## 2020

- Appeared in 11 games (7 starts) and recorded a career-high 23 receipts. for 394 yds. and 1 TD. Registered 4 KORs for 73 yds. (18.3 avg.) and 6 PRs for 34 yds. (5.7 avg.) on special teams.
- Hauled in a career-high 9 receipts. for a career-high 184 yds and 1 TD vs. GB (11/5). His 41-yd. TD receipt. marked his 1st TD of the season and 3rd of his career. It also marked his 1st career 100-yd. rec. game.
- His 184 rec. yds. are the most by a 49ers WR since 9/8/13 when WR Anquan Boldin registered 208 rec. yds. vs. GB.
- With 3 receipts. that went for 40-or-more yds., became the first player with at least 3 receipts. of 40-plus yds. in the NFL since Chiefs WR Tyreek Hill [3 at NYJ (12/3/17)] and the first member of the 49ers to do so since WR Jerry Rice [3 vs. Min. (12/18/95)].

## 2019

- Played in all 16 games and tallied 6 receipts. for a single-season career-high 165 yds. and 1 TD. As a returner, registered 20 KR for 428 yds. (21.4 avg.) along with 33 PRs for 264 yds. (8.0 avg.). Also appeared in all 3 postseason games and tallied 7 KR for 112 yds. and 5 PRs for 49 yds. (9.8 avg.).
- Registered his 2nd career TD receipt. on a 39-yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo at TB (9/8).
- Caught a career-long 57-yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo vs. Arz. (11/17) to help set up the team's first TD of the day.
- Registered a season-long 81-yd. kickoff return vs. LAR (12/21).

## 2018

- Played in 13 games (2 starts) and tallied 8 receipts. for 126 yds. and 1 TD. As a returner, registered 23 kick returns for 580 yds. (25.2 avg.) and 1 TD, along with 12 punt returns for 75 yds. (6.3 avg.).
- Made his 1st career start vs. Arz. (10/7) and also registered his 1st career receipt. on a 7-yd. pass from QB C.J. Beathard.
- Registered 2 receipts. for career highs in rec. yds. (60) and long receipt. (53) vs. Oak. (11/1).
- Registered a 97-yd. kickoff return for a TD vs. Sea. (12/16). It marked the first time a member of the 49ers has registered a kickoff return for a TD since WR Tedd Ginn Jr. registered a 102-yd. kickoff return for a TD vs. Sea. (9/11/11). Became the first 49ers rookie to register a kickoff return for a TD since 1981 [RB Amos Lawrence - 92-yd. KR TD at LAR (11/22/81)]. His kickoff return for a TD was just the 5th in the NFL on the season (Jakeem Grant, Mia.; Darius Jennings, Ten; Cordarrelle Patterson, NE; Andre Roberts, NYJ).
- Registered 3 receipts. for 32 yds. and his 1st career TD on a 9-yd. pass from QB Nick Mullens at LAR (12/30).

## COLLEGE

Played in 31 games in three seasons at Middle Tennessee State and registered 244 receipts. for 3,261 yds. and 23 TDs while adding 60 rushing atts. for 542 yds. and 5 TDs. Finished his career ranked 1st in school history in receipts. (244), rec. yds. (3,261) and TD receipts. (23). Recorded at least 1 receipt. in all 31 games played. A team captain in 2017, played in 5 games and notched 31 receipts. for 290 yds. and 3 TDs. As a sophomore, earned First-Team All-Conference USA. Played in all 13 games and tallied 105 receipts. for a school record 1,625 yds. and 12 TDs while rushing for 339 yds. and 4 TDs on 38 atts. In 2015, named First-Team Freshman All-America by the Football Writers Association of America and USA Today. Also earned First-Team All-Conference USA honors and was selected to the Conference USA All-Freshman Team. Played in all 13 games and registered 108 receipts. for 1,346 yds. and 8 TDs. Set the single-season Middle Tennessee State and Conference USA freshman records in receipts. (108) and rec. yds. (1,346). His 108 receipts. ranked 3rd nationally and 4th in Conference USA history. Redshirted in 2014.

## PERSONAL

- Attended Riverview (Sarasota, FL) HS, where he played QB as a senior and was named honorable mention all-state for Class 8A as an athlete by the Orlando Sentinel.
- Named honorable mention all-Southwest Florida Regional Elite Team in 2013 after passing for 442 yds. and 7 TDs to go along with 1,044 rushing yds. and 15 TDs.
- As a junior, tallied 49 receipts. for 727 yds. and 7 TDs.
- Was a member of the track team and competed in the 400 meters, long jump, triple jump and 4x400 relay.
- Born Richard Rhondel James Jr. (9/5/95) in Sarasota, FL.
- Majored in concrete industry management.

## INJURY REPORT

**2020:** Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/18 with a hamstring injury. Inactive at Sea. (11/1) with an ankle injury.

**2021:** Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/2 with a knee injury.

### JAMES' GAME-BY-GAME

2018									2018 Returns													
Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Date	Opp	KR	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	PR	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	
Sep 9	at Min	L	—	—	INACTIVE	—	—	—	Sep 9	at Min	—	—	—	—	INACTIVE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sep 16	Det	W	1/0	0	0	—	—	—	Sep 16	Det	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	0
Sep 23	at KC	L	—	—	INACTIVE	—	—	—	Sep 23	at KC	—	—	—	—	INACTIVE	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sep 30	at LAC	L	—	—	INACTIVE	—	—	—	Sep 30	at LAC	—	—	—	—	INACTIVE	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Oct 7	Arz	L	1/1	1	7	7.0	7	0	Oct 7	Arz	1	32	32.0	32	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	
Oct 15	at GB	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Oct 15	at GB	4	108	27.0	32	0	1	2	0	0.0	0	0	
Oct 21	LAR	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Oct 7	Arz	1	21	21.0	21	0	1	1	6	6.0	6	0	
Oct 28	at Arz	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Oct 28	at Arz	2	52	26.0	31	0	3	1	32	10.7	15	0	
Nov 1	Oak	W	1/0	2	60	30.0	53	0	Nov 1	Oak	0	0	—	—	0	1	2	6	6.0	6	0	
Nov 12	NYG	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Nov 12	NYG	0	0	—	—	0	1	1	23	23.0	23	0	
Nov 25	at TB	L	1/0	2	27	13.5	19	0	Nov 25	at TB	3	44	14.7	26	0	2	2	6	3.0	6	0	
Dec 2	at Sea	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Dec 2	at Sea	4	109	27.3	42	0	2	1	2	1.0	2	0	
Dec 9	Den	W	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Dec 9	Den	3	46	15.3	20	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
Dec 16	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Dec 16	Sea	2	113	56.5	97t	1	0	0	0	—	—	0	
Dec 23	Chi	L	1/0	1	4	4.0	4	0	Dec 23	Chi	2	30	15.0	16	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	
Dec 30	at LAR	L	1/0	3	32	10.7	22	1	Dec 30	at LAR	1	25	25.0	25	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>13/2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>97t</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	

  

2019									2019 Returns												
Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Date	Opp	KR	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	PR	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 8	at TB	W	1/0	1	39	39.0	39t	1	Sep 8	at TB	0	0	—	—	0	0	1	0	—	—	0
Sep 15	at Cin	W	1/0	1	7	7.0	7	0	Sep 15	at Cin	1	13	13.0	13	0	2	2	4	2.0	4	0
Sep 22	Pit	W	1/0	2	22	11.0	16	0	Sep 22	Pit	2	48	24.0	26	0	5	0	53	10.6	15	0
Oct 7	Cle	W	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Oct 7	Cle	1	4	4.0	4	0	1	0	32	32.0	32	0
Oct 13	at LAR	W	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Oct 13	at LAR	1	18	18.0	18	0	3	2	38	12.7	18	0
Oct 20	at Was	W	1/0	1	40	40.0	40	0	Oct 20	at Was	0	0	—	—	0	2	0	30	15.0	17	0
Oct 27	Car	W	1/0	0	0	—	0	0	Oct 27	Car	0	0	—	—	0	6	0	49	8.2	14	0
Oct 31	at Arz	W	1/0	0	0	—	0	0	Oct 31	at Arz	4	70	17.5	23	0	3	0	25	8.3	10	0
Nov 11	Sea	L	1/0	0	0	—	0	0	Nov 11	Sea	1	22	22.0	22	0	3	1	2	0.7	2	0
Nov 17	Arz	W	1/0	1	57	57.0	57	0	Nov 17	Arz	3	70	23.3	27	0	2	1	8	4.0	6	0
Nov 24	GB	W	1/1	0	0	—	—	0	Nov 24	GB	0	0	—	—	0	3	0	14	4.7	10	0
Dec 1	at Bal	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Dec 1	at Bal	2	47	23.5	26	0	0	0	0	—	—	0
Dec 8	at NO	W	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Dec 8	at NO	1	21	21.0	21	0	1	0	3	3.0	3	0
Dec 15	Atl	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Dec 15	Atl	2	34	17.0	27	0	0	3	0	—	—	0
Dec 21	LAR	W	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Dec 21	LAR	1	81	81.0	81	0	0	1	0	—	—	0
Dec 29	at Sea	W	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Dec 29	at Sea	1	0	0.0	0	0	2	0	6	3.0	6	0
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>16/1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>

  

2019 Postseason									2019 Postseason Returns												
Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Date	Opp	KR	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	PR	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Jan 11	Min	W	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Jan 11	Min	1	22	22.0	22	0	3	2	23	7.7	18	0
Jan 19	GB	W	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Jan 19	GB	2	29	14.5	18	0	1	1	26	26.0	26	0
Feb 2	at KC	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Feb 2	at KC	4	61	15.3	19	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>3/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>

  

2020									2020 Returns													
Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Date	Opp	KR	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	PR	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Sep 13	Arz	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	
<b>PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Hamstring) ON 9/18</b>									<b>PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Hamstring) ON 9/18</b>													
Sep 20	at NYJ	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	Sep 20	at NYJ	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sep 27	at NYG	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	Sep 27	at NYG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oct 4	Phi	L	—	—	—	—	—	—	Oct 4	Phi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oct 11	Mia	L	—	—	—	—	—	—	Oct 11	Mia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>ACTIVATED FROM INJURED RESERVE ON 10/17</b>									<b>ACTIVATED FROM INJURED RESERVE ON 10/17</b>													
Oct 18	LAR	W	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Oct 18	LAR	1	21	21.0	21	0	2	1	20	10.0	12	0	
Oct 25	at NE	W	1/0	0	0	—	—	0	Oct 25	at NE	2	39	19.5	21	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	
Nov 1	at Sea	L	—	—	INACTIVE (Ankle)	—	—	—	Nov 1	at Sea	—	—	—	—	INACTIVE (Ankle)	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Nov 5	GB	L	1/1	9	184	20.4	47	1	Nov 5	GB	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	
Nov 15	at NO	L	1/1	3	26	8.7	14	0	Nov 15	at NO	0	0	—	—	0	1	1	0	0.0	0	0	
Nov 29	at LAR	W	1/1	1	29	29.0	29	0	Nov 29	at LAR	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	
Dec 7	Buf	L	1/1	0	0	—	—	0	Dec 7	Buf	1	13	13.0	13	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	
Dec 13	Was	L	1/0	3	33	11.0	16	0	Dec 13	Was	0	0	—	—	0	2	4	5	2.5	3	0	
Dec 20	at Dal	L	1/1	4	56	14.0	23	0	Dec 20	at Dal	0	0	—	—	0	1	0	9	9.0	9	0	
Dec 26	at Arz	W	1/1	0	0	—	—	0	Dec 26	at Arz	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	
Jan 3	Sea	L	1/1	3	66	22.0	45	0	Jan 3	Sea	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>11/7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	