



# JAKE BRENDEL

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9.10.92 \* PLANO, TX \* 4TH YEAR \* ACQUIRED FA IN '20

## GOLDMINE

- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during the 2018 season. Brendel represented the foundation, "Living for Zachary," named for former high school teammate Zachary Schraw, who passed away in 2009 on the Plano East High School football field. He died suddenly of cardiac arrest. "If there was an AED (automated external defibrillator) nearby, it could have saved Zachary's life, might have brought his heart back to life," Brendel said. "The foundation is trying to make sure the next time that happens, a life can be saved."



## BRENDEL'S GOLDEN NUGGET

- Growing up, Brendel's family was involved in local musical theater. During a production of "Annie," Brendel's dad, Bill, played "Daddy Warbucks," his mom was the musical director and Lauren and Jake played two background actors. "Jake was the dancer. The kid could dance and sing," said Bill.
- Enjoys fishing, particularly for bass, bluegills and walleye.
- Spent much of his childhood participating in various sports, such as football, basketball, baseball, lacrosse, wrestling and was a competitive swimmer in the backstroke and breaststroke.

## GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- As a senior at UCLA in 2015, Brendel and his teammates suited up to play in their senior game at the Rose Bowl. He was joined by his entire family, including older sister, Lauren. Lauren had officially made captain in the Air Force the week before, and decided to skip her ceremonial pinning in order to watch her brother play. "It was great to have her there, especially being Military Appreciation Day," Jake said. "She loved every single aspect of it." Lauren, through her various assignments in the Air Force, was forced to miss a majority of her brother's games, but knew she wanted to be there for this one. "My feeling was, I'll be pinned for major, the next promotion, and then my family can be there," Lauren said. "Senior night was a one and only type thing for Jake. I couldn't miss that ceremony."



## BRENDEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

**GAMES/STARTS – 37/3:** 2016 (1/0); 2017 (16/0); 2018 (4/3); 2019 (0/0); 2021 (16/0)

**POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 2/0:** 2016 (1/0); 2021 (1/0)

### **Additional Statistics:**

**Tackles – 1:** 2018 (1)

### **Milestones:**

**NFL Debut:** vs. SF (11/27/16); **First Start:** at GB (11/11/18)

## BRENDEL'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by Dal. on 5/6/16...Waived by Dal. on 9/3/16...Signed to Dal. practice squad on 9/4/16...Placed on practice squad Injured Reserve List on 9/22/16...Released by Dal. on 9/29/16...Signed to Mia. practice squad on 10/11/16...Promoted to Mia. active roster on 11/19/16...Signed a one-year deal with Mia. on 4/4/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/2/18...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 11/2/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/12/18...Signed a one-year deal with Den. on 4/18/19...Waived by Den. on 8/31/19...Signed a one-year deal with Bal. on 11/27/19...Waived by Bal. on 11/30/19...Signed a one-year deal with SF on 2/7/20...Placed on the Reserve/Opt-Out List on 8/7/20... Released on 8/31/21... Re-signed with SF on a one-year deal on 9/1/21.

## 2019 (DENVER/BALTIMORE)

- After spending training camp with Denver, was waived on 8/31. Later signed with Bal. on 11/27 and was waived on 11/30.

## 2018 (MIAMI)

- Was placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/2 and later activated on 11/2.
- Appeared in 4 games (3 starts) before being placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/12.
- Made first career start at GB (11/11) and recorded his first career tackle.

## 2017 (MIAMI)

- Appeared in all 16 games.

## 2016 (MIAMI)

- Appeared in 1 game after spending a majority of the season on the practice squad. Saw action in 1 postseason game.
- Made his NFL debut vs. SF (11/27).

## COLLEGE

Started 52 games at C in five years at UCLA (2011-15). In 2015, started all 13 games as a team co-captain. Named second-team All-Conference selection and earned Second-Team All-Pac-12 honors. As a junior in 2014, started all 12 games in which he appeared and was named team co-captain for the second year and earned Second-Team All-Pac-12 honors. Started all 13 games in 2013 as a team co-captain. As a freshman in 2012, started all 14 games at C and was named First-Team Freshman All-America by *The Sporting News*. Redshirted in 2011.

## PERSONAL

- Attended Plano (TX) East Senior HS, where he was named all-district first-team as an offensive lineman as a junior and senior.
- Named a team captain as a junior and a senior.
- Began his high school career as a member of the DL before transitioning to OL for his junior and senior seasons.
- Son of Bill Brendel and Carol Koch. Has one older sister, Lauren.
- Born Jacob William Brendel (9/10/92) in Madison, WI.
- Majored in economics at UCLA.

## INJURY REPORT

**2018:** Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/2 with a calf injury. Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/12 with a calf injury.