



DARQUEZE DENNARD

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10.10.91 × DRY BRANCH, GA × 8TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '22

GOLDMINE

- Dennard is currently in the process of bringing a youth center to his native Twiggs County, GA. The center will provide after-school tutoring, college prep services and mentoring programs. "To make a difference, we need our youth to understand that they can make a difference. It's very important for them to stay in school, get good grades, participate extracurricular activities, but we want them to know they can make a difference," said Dennard's sister Kaylor.
- In May of 2019, Dennard saw his project, Build a Place to Call Home, come to fruition. After 18 months of collaborating with construction companies, interior designers and furniture wholesalers, Dennard was able to present a family of 11 in need of a stable living situation with a brand-new, fully-furnished home. "I know the feeling, my sisters know the feeling, my family knows the feeling, and I know how it is to not have a house," explained Dennard. "I'm a living testimony that anything you want in life is possible."



- Dennard established his foundation, the Dennard Difference, shortly after entering the league in 2014. The Dennard Difference's mission is to help youth of all ages succeed academically, athletically, and within the community. The goal is to be impactful the lives of youth by providing safe havens, educational programs, athletic resources and developing life skills necessary for youth to excel in their future endeavors. Dennard has chosen to bring awareness to the foundation annually through the NFL's My Cause My Cleats initiative.



DENNARD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Name is pronounced "dar-KWEZ deh-NARD." Nickname is 'Qwez.'
- Dennard's continued his pursuit of higher education after graduating from Michigan State with a Bachelor's Degree in communications as he also earned an MBA from the University of Miami during offseasons while playing for the Bengals.
- Choose not to attend the 2014 NFL Draft since the former first-round pick wanted to spend the day with his family.

GOLDMINE

- Dennard's efforts in the community actually inspired a pair of his teammates in the Bengals secondary, Shawn Williams and Jessie Bates III to support the Dennard Difference through the My Cause My Cleats initiative during Week 14 of the 2019 season. What sparked Bates and Williams' admiration was how close Dennard is to P.J. Feagin, a boy Dennard mentors through the Dennard Difference. "P.J. thinks the world of Darqueze. It's a big brother type thing. That's huge. He's a stand-up guy. Does things the right way. He's helping someone else realize their dreams. That's big," said Williams. From attending P.J.'s basketball games to bringing him out for a couple of burgers, Dennard has helped fill the role of a male role model in P.J.'s life. Dennard, who also grew up in a single-parent household, strives to help single moms and their children through his foundation.



- Dennard celebrated his selection in 2014 NFL Draft at home in Georgia rather than at the event in New York City, because his grandparents do not fly. "I wanted them to be here for my special moment," the first-round pick said on the decision. "They pretty much raised me and showed me the definition of hard work. I felt like it was a big moment not just for me, but for them and everybody else who helped me."
- Dennard is not only the first member of his family to receive a Master's Degree, he's also the first to graduate from college. "The college degree, that was big for my family," Dennard said. "It set the standard for my younger cousins and younger siblings."

DENNARD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INT	INTERCEPTIONS				PD	FUMBLES		
				TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS		YDS	LG	TD			FF	FR	YDS
2014	CIN	14	0	7	6	1	1.0	3.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2015	CIN	10	1	16	12	4	0.0	0.0	1	10	10	0	3	0	0	0	0
2016	CIN	15	3	41	28	13	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2017	CIN	16	6	83	59	24	2.0	6.0	2	109	89t	1	6	0	0	0	0
2018	CIN	13	9	67	53	14	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	6	2	1	0	0
2019	CIN	9	5	37	25	12	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
2020	ATL	8	6	36	28	8	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
2021	NYG/SF	2	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		87	30	288	212	76	3.0	9.0	4	119	89t	1	27	2	1	0	0

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INT	INTERCEPTIONS				PD	FUMBLES		
				TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS		YDS	LG	TD			FF	FR	YDS
2014	CIN	1	0	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	—	0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	SF	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		2	0	2	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	—	0	0	1	0	0	0

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 23: 2014 (10); 2015 (4); 2016 (6); 2017 (2); 2018 (1); **Postseason** – 1: 2021 (1)

Punt Returns – 1: 2017 (1)

Punt Return Yards – 0: 2017 (0)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Atl. (9/14/14); **First Start:** at Arz. (11/22/15); **First INT:** Regular Season – at Buf. (10/18/15 – QB EJ Manuel); **First INT Returned for a TD:** Regular Season – at Bal. (12/31/17 – QB Joe Flacco); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. Ten. (9/21/14 – QB Jake Locker); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. Oak. (12/16/18 – RB Jalen Richard); **First FF:** Regular Season – vs. Oak. (12/16/18 – RB Jalen Richard); Postseason – at Ind. (1/4/15 – RB Daniel Herron)

DENNARD'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 10 (2 times) Last vs. Ind. (10/29/17);

Postseason – 2 at Ind. (1/4/15)

Solo: Regular Season – 8 at Den. (11/19/17); Postseason – 2 at Ind. (1/4/15)

Assists: Regular Season – 6 vs. Pit. (12/4/17)

Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 (3 times) Last at Cle. (10/1/17)

Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (4 times) Last vs. Chi. (9/27/20)

Interception Yards: Regular Season – 89 at Bal. (12/31/17)

Interception Returns For TD: Regular Season – 1 at Bal. (12/31/17)

Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 89t at Bal. (12/31/17)

Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at Pit. (12/30/18); Postseason – 1 at Ind. (1/4/15)

Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 vs. Oak. (12/16/18)

Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 2 (3 times) Last vs. Chi. (9/27/20)

DENNARD'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st-round (24th overall) draft choice by Cin. in 2014...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/27/15...Re-signed with Cin. on a one-year deal on 3/25/19...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 8/31/19...Activated from the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 10/18/19...Signed a one-year deal with Atl. on 8/3/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/29/20 with a hamstring injury...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 11/7/20...Signed a one-year deal with Arz. on 6/3/21...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/30/21...Waived by Arz. on 9/9/21...Signed to Ind. practice squad on 10/20/21...Waived by Ind. on 12/21/21...Signed to NYG practice squad on 12/23/21...Promoted to NYG active roster on 12/25/21...Reverted back to NYG practice squad on 12/27/21...Waived by NYG on 12/28/21...Signed to SF practice squad on 1/4/22...Promoted to SF active roster on 1/8/22...Reverted back to SF practice squad on 1/10/22...Promoted to SF active roster on 1/15/22...Reverted back to SF practice squad on 1/17/22...Promoted to SF active roster on 1/21/22...Reverted back to SF practice squad on 1/24/22...Signed a Reserve/Future contract with SF on 3/25/22.

2021 (INDIANAPOLIS/NEWYORK GIANTS/SAN FRANCISCO)

- Began the season on the Colts practice squad and was waived on 12/23.
- Signed with the Giants on 12/25, appeared in 1 game before being waived on 12/28.
- Signed with SF on 1/8/22. Appeared in 1 regular season game as well as the NFC Divisional Playoff Game at GB (1/22/22) where he made a tackle on special teams.

2020 (ATLANTA)

- Appeared in 8 games (6 starts) and recorded 36 tackles, 5 PDs and 1 INT.
- Picked off Bears QB Nick Foles vs. Chi. (9/27). Finished the game with 6 tackles, 2 PDs and 1 INT.

2019 (CINCINNATI)

- Saw action in 9 games (5 starts) and registered 37 tackles and 5 PDs after begin the season on the Injured Reserve List.

2018 (CINCINNATI)

- Played in 13 games (9 starts) and registered 67 tackles along with career-highs in PDs (6), FFs (2) and FR (1).
- Stripped Raiders RB Jalen Richard at Oak (12/16), marking the first FF and FR of his career. Finished the game with 8 tackles, 1 FF, 1 FR and 1 PD.

2017 (CINCINNATI)

- Played in 16 games (6 starts) and registered career-highs with 83 tackles, 6 PDs, 2.0 sacks and 2 INTs, including 1 returned for a TD.
- Brought down Packers QB Aaron Rodgers at GB (9/24). Finished the game with 10 tackles and 1.0 sack.
- Sacked Browns QB Kevin Hogan for a loss of 6 yds. at Cle. (10/1). Ended the game with 4 tackles and 1.0 sack. It marked the first time in his career he's registered at least 1.0 sack in back-to-back games.
- Picked off Titans QB Marcus Mariota for a 10-yd. return at Ten. (11/12). Finished the game with 3 tackles and 1 INT.
- Intercepted Ravens QB Joe Flacco and returned it 89 yds. for a TD at Bal. (12/31), marking his first career TD. Also added a tackle.

2016 (CINCINNATI)

- Appeared in 15 games (3 starts) and recorded 41 tackles and 1 PD.

2015 (CINCINNATI)

- Saw action in all 10 games (1 start) and notched 16 tackles, 1 INT and 3 PDs.
- Intercepted Bills QB EJ Manuel and returned it 10 yds. for a TD, marking his 1st career INT.
- Registered a pair of tackles in his first career NFL start at Arz. (11/22).

2014 (CINCINNATI)

- Played in 14 games and registered 8 tackles, 1.0 sack and 1 PD.
- Made a tackle on special teams in his NFL debut vs. Atl (9/14).
- Brought down Titans QB Jack Locker for a loss of 3 yds. vs. Ten. (9/21), marking his first career sack. Also added a pair of tackles.

COLLEGE

Recorded 167 tackles, 30 PDs, 10 INTs, 3 FFs and 1 FR in 44 games (40 starts) over four seasons at Michigan State. Became the first player in program history to win the Jim Thorpe Award (2013), given annually to the nation's best DB. Named first-team All-Big Ten as both a junior and senior in 2012 and 2013. Became the first Spartan CB to be named a unanimous first-team All-American as a senior in 2013 as Michigan State allowed the fewest yds. per game in the nation. Set career highs in tackles (62), PDs (14), INTs (4) and FFs (2) as a senior in 2013. Started all 13 games as a junior in 2012 and posted 52 tackles, 10 PDs and 3 INTs. As a sophomore in 2011, recorded 42 tackles, 6 PDs and 3 INTs over 11 games. As a freshman in 2010, appeared in 6 games (2 starts) and notched 11 tackles, 1.0 sack, 1 FF and 1 FR.

PERSONAL

- Majored in communications at Michigan State.
- Attended Twiggs County (GA) HS where he played WR and DB. Was named a two-time AP All-State WR, a member of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution All-State Team as a DB and an All-Middle Georgia selection as a kick returner.
- Also lettered in basketball and track & field at Twiggs County (GA) HS. He was the runner-up in the 100-meter dash at the 2010 GHSA 1A State Championships with a time of 10.72 seconds.
- Son of Lisa Curry.
- Born Darqueze Dennard (10/10/91) in Dry Branch, GA.

INJURY REPORT

- 2014:** Inactive at Bal. (9/7) with a hip injury. Inactive vs. Jax. (11/2) with a hamstring injury.
- 2015:** Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/27 with a shoulder injury.
- 2016:** Inactive at NYJ (9/11) with an ankle injury.
- 2018:** Inactive 3 games [at KC (10/21), vs. TB (10/28) and vs. NO (11/11)] with a sternoclavicular injury.
- 2019:** Placed on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List on 8/31 with a knee injury. Inactive vs. LAR (10/27) with a hamstring injury.
- 2020:** Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/29 with a hamstring injury. Inactive 3 games [vs. TB (12/20), at KC (12/27) and at TB (1/3)] with a quadriceps injury.
- 2021:** Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/30 with a leg injury.

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DENNARD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020 (Atlanta)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Sea	L	1/0	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at Dal	L	1/1	7	5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 27	Chi	L	1/1	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	1	0	2	0	0	0
PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE ON 9/29														
Oct 5	at GB	L	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oct 11	Car	L	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oct 18	at Min	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oct 25	Det	L	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oct 29	at Car	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ACTIVATED FROM INJURED RESERVE ON 11/7														
Nov 8	Den	W	1/0	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nov 22	at NO	L	1/1	7	6	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 29	LV	W	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec 6	NO	L	1/1	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 13	at LAC	L	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 20	TB	L	—	—	—	—	INACTIVE (Quadriceps)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dec 27	at KC	L	—	—	—	—	INACTIVE (Quadriceps)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jan 3	at TB	L	—	—	—	—	INACTIVE (Quadriceps)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS			8/6	36	28	8	0.0	0.0	1	0	5	0	0	0

2021 (Indianapolis/New York Giants/San Francisco)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
SIGNED TO IND PRACTICE SQUAD ON 10/20														
Oct 24	at SF	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oct 31	Ten	L	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nov 4	NYJ	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nov 14	Jax	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nov 21	at Buf	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nov 28	TB	L	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dec 5	at Hou	L	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dec 18	NE	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WAIVED BY IND ON 12/21														
SIGNED TO NYG PRACTICE SQUAD ON 12/23														
Dec 26	at Phi	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WAIVED BY NYG ON 12/28														
SIGNED TO SF PRACTICE SQUAD ON 1/4														
PROMOTED TO SF ACTIVE ROSTER ON 1/8														
Jan 9	at LAR	W	1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVERTED BACK TO PRACTICE SQUAD ON 1/10														
TOTALS			2/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2021 Postseason (San Francisco)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
PROMOTED TO SF ACTIVE ROSTER ON 1/15														
Jan 16	at Dal	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
REVERTED BACK TO PRACTICE SQUAD ON 1/17														
PROMOTED TO SF ACTIVE ROSTER ON 1/21														
Jan 22	at GB	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVERTED BACK TO PRACTICE SQUAD ON 1/24														
Jan 30	at LAR	L	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS			1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0