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DIGGING UP NUGGETS FOR SAN FRANCISCO'S WILD CARD GAME VS. THE SEATTLE SEAHAWKS



AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

$^{\prime\prime}$ the year of the smaller bear $^{\prime\prime}$

- DL **Nick Bosa** finished the 2022 regular season with 51 tackles, 48 QB hits, 19 TFLs, 18.5 sacks, 2 FFs and 1 PD.
- Bosa's 18.5 sacks led the NFL and are the 2nd-most in a single season in franchise history [LB Aldon Smith 19.5 (2012)]. Bosa became the first member of the 49ers to lead the NFL in sacks since sacks became an offical statistic in 1982.
- Bosa registered 1.0-or-more sacks in 13 games this season, becoming the 4th player since 1982 to record at least 1.0 sack in 13 games in a single season, [DeMarcus Ware, Dal. (14 games in 2008), Justin Houston, KC (13 in 2014) & Chandler Jones, Arz. (13 in 2017)].
- Bosa's 48 QB hits are the most registered in a single season since 2015 (DL J.J. Watt, Hou. 50). Bosa is just the 2nd player to register 48-or-more QB hits in a single season since QB hits became an official statistic in 2006 (Watt twice, 51 in 2014 & 50 in 2015).
- Bosa's 19 TFLs were tied for the 2nd most in the NFL in 2022 (DL Maxx Crosby, LV 22, LB Frankie Luvu, Car. 19). Bosa is the 2nd player since 2006 to register 18.5-or-more sacks, 48-or-more QB hits and 19-or-more TFLs in a single season [Watt in 2014 (20.5 sacks, 51 QB hits, 29 TFLs)].

PARE ROOKIE SEEDER

- QB **Brock Purdy** completed 114 of 170 passing atts. (67.1%) for 1,374 yds., 13 TDs and a 107.3 passer rating in 2022.
- **Purdy's** 13 TDs are the most by a rookie QB in franchise history while his 1,374 passing yds. rank 2nd despite starting just 5 games.
- Over **Purdy's** 5 starts (Week 14-18), the 49ers averaged an NFL-high 33.6 ppg, which is the highest registered by San Francisco in its final 5 games of a season since 1994 (35.8 ppg).
- Purdy became just the 3rd rookie in NFL history to win his first 5 NFL starts (Ben Roethlisberger, Pit. 13 games & QB Mike Kruczek, Pit. 6 games) and the 2nd rookie in NFL history to register 2-or-more TD passes in 6-or-more consecutive games [Justin Herbert, LAC 7 games (2020)]. His 119.0 passer rating over the 5 starts was an NFL-high.

- Since general manager John Lynch traded for RB Christian McCaffrey, McCaffrey has registered a team-high 1,210 scrimmage yds. in his 9 games as a member of the 49ers, the most by a midseason addition in NFL history.
- Free agent addition CB **Charvarius Ward** led the team with 11 PDs, while S **George Odum** led the NFL in ST tackles (21) and WR **Ray-Ray McCloud** racked up 2nd most punt return yds. (356) in the NFL.
- 7th round draft pick QB Brock Purdy became the first rookie QB drafted in the 7th round-or-later to register 1,000-or-more passing yds. and 10-or-more TD passes in a single season. 4th round pick OL Spencer Burford started 16 games.

COACH

- Head coach **Kyle Shanahan** has led the 49ers to a 13-4 record in 2022. Following a 3-4 start, the team's 10-game winning streak marked the longest by the 49ers since 1997 [11 games; Week 2-13 (Week 6 BYE)]. The Niners are 1 of 2 teams in NFL history to win 9-or-more consecutive games after starting the season 3-4 or worse (2008 Indianapolis Colts).
- San Francisco (6-0) went undefeated in divisional play for the first time since 1997 (8-0).
- The 49ers 13 wins marked the 3rd time since 1998 that the franchise has won 13-or-more wins in a single season as well as the most wins by a team with 3 QBs starting 2-or-more games since the 2016 New England Patriots (14 wins).
- **Shanahan's** offense posted the lowest 3-n-out percentage (14.0%) and the highest scoring differental (173 pts.) in the NFL.

DEMECO KNOWS DEFENSE *****

- Defensive coordinator **DeMeco Ryans** helped lead the **49ers defense** to NFL bests in yds. allowed per game (300.6), pts. allowed per game (16.3), turnover margin (+13) and giveaway pts. allowed (23).
- Under Ryans, San Francisco's defense also ranked tied for first in the NFL in INTs (20) and 2nd in rushing yds, allowed per game (77.7).
- The unit's 16.3 pts. allowed per game and 77.7 rushing yds. allowed per game were the lowest registered by the 49ers defense since 2011 (14.3 pts. allowed per game & 77.3 rushing yds. allowed per game).

