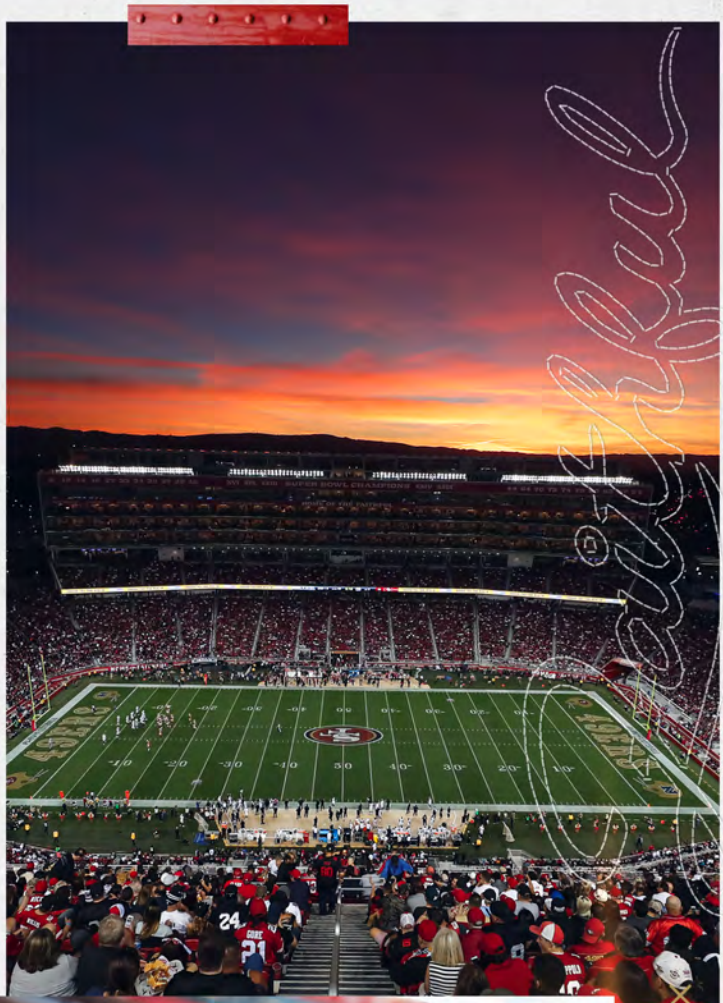




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RAMS VS. 49ERS

The San Francisco 49ers host the divisional opponent Los Angeles Rams for a rematch of last season's NFC Championship Game on *Monday Night Football* at Levi's Stadium. The 49ers lead the all-time series 75-68-3, winning seven of the last ten matchups, and will be looking for their fourth straight home win against the Rams.

The Niners are coming off an 11-10 loss against the Denver Broncos. Offensively, the 49ers registered 267 total net yards, 106 of which came from RB Jeff Wilson Jr., who registered 12 carries and had a career long run of 37 yards, while catching three passes for 31 yards. QB Jimmy Garoppolo completed 18 of his 29 passing attempts for a total of 211 yards, including a three-yard touchdown pass to WR Brandon Aiyuk, giving him his first receiving touchdown of the season. WR Deebo Samuel registered a team-high five receptions for 73 yards.

On defense, the Niners held the Broncos to 261 total net yards. LB Dre Greenlaw registered a team-high 10 tackles, while the defensive line got to Broncos QB Russell Wilson four times on the night. DL Nick Bosa tallied his fourth sack of the season, while DL Kerry Hyder Jr. and DL Kevin Givens each registered their first sacks of the year. DL Drake Jackson also got to Wilson, registering the first sack of his career.

San Francisco's special teams unit contributed four points on the night, as K Robbie Gould connected on a 51-yard field goal and his only extra point attempt. P Mitch Wishnowsky punted the ball seven times for an average of 51.7 yards, including a career long 74-yard punt.

BY THE NUMBERS

11 DL **Nick Bosa** has registered 11 QB hits this season, which is the most in the NFL.

12 Last week at Den. (9/25/22), K **Robbie Gould** connected on a 51-yd. FG and is now tied with K Phil Dawson as the 12th all-time points leader in NFL History.

101 The **49ers offense** has registered 101 rushing atts. this season, the 4th-most in the NFL (Cle. - 114; Chi. - 104; Phi. - 103).

148.3 The **49ers defense** is holding opponents to a NFL-best 148.3 passing yds. per game this season.

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2022 SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PT)
REGULAR SEASON (1-2)		
SEPT. 11	@ CHICAGO	L, 10-19
SEPT. 18	**SEATTLE**	**W, 27-7**
SEPT. 25	@ DENVER	L, 10-11
OCT. 3	**LA RAMS**	**5:15 PM**
OCT. 9	@ CAROLINA	1:05 PM
OCT. 16	@ ATLANTA	10:00 AM
OCT. 23	**KANSAS CITY**	**1:25 PM**
OCT. 30	@ LA RAMS	1:25 PM
NOV. 13	**LA CHARGERS**	**5:20 PM**
NOV. 21	@ ARIZONA (MX)	5:15 PM
NOV. 27	**NEW ORLEANS**	**1:25 PM**
DEC. 4	**MIAMI**	**1:05 PM**
DEC. 11	**TAMPA BAY**	**1:25 PM**
DEC. 15	@ SEATTLE	5:15 PM
DEC. 24	**WASHINGTON**	**1:05 PM**
JAN. 1	@ LAS VEGAS	1:05 PM
JAN. 7/8	**ARIZONA**	**TBD**

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THE HEAD COACHES



Kyle Shanahan was named the 20th head coach of the San Francisco 49ers on February 6, 2017. Over the last five seasons, he has posted a 39-42 record (4-2 in the postseason) and led the 49ers to the 2019 NFC West Division Title, two trips to the NFC Championship Game and a trip to Super Bowl LIV. He completed his fifth season with the 49ers after spending the previous two seasons as the offensive coordinator of the Atlanta Falcons. Shanahan has 18 seasons of coaching experience at the NFL level, including nine seasons as an offensive coordinator for the Atlanta Falcons (2015-16), Cleveland Browns (2014), Washington Redskins (2010-13) and Houston Texans (2008-09). In six of his nine seasons as an offensive coordinator (2008-09, 2012-13 and 2015-16), and one as head coach of the 49ers (2019), Shanahan has directed an offense that ranked in the top 10 in the NFL in yards gained. In 2019, Shanahan led the 49ers to NFC West and Conference titles en route to a trip to Super Bowl LIV in his third season with the team, winning Coach of the Year honors by Sporting News and NFC Coach of the Year by the Committee of 101. Two years later, Shanahan guided the team to its second NFC Championship Game in two seasons (2021). Following the 2016 season, Shanahan was named Associated Press Assistant Coach of the Year, Coordinator of the Year by Sporting News and Assistant Coach of the Year by the Pro Football Writers of America after a record-setting performance by the Falcons offense en route to capturing the NFC South Division Title and an appearance in Super Bowl LI.

COACHES COMPARISON

Kyle Shanahan		Sean McVay
40-44 (.476)	**Record as Head Coach**	57-27 (.679)
40-44 (.476)	**Record with Current Team**	57-27 (.679)
44-46 (.489)	**Overall Record (Regular/Postseason)**	64-30(.681)
6th	**Years as Head Coach with Team**	6th
6th	**Years as Head Coach in NFL**	6th
19th	**Years as an NFL Coach**	14th



Sean McVay is in his sixth season as head coach of the Los Angeles Rams. In the 2021 season, McVay guided the Rams to their fifth straight winning season and a Super Bowl LVI win over the Cincinnati Bengals, giving the franchise its first title since 1999. McVay, who became the youngest coach to ever win a Super Bowl at 36, led an offense that ranked in the top ten in both total offense (372.1 ypg) and passing offense (273.1 ypg). McVay led the Rams to a 10-6 record in 2020 marking the third time in four seasons that Los Angeles won 10+ games with McVay as head coach. In his third season with the team, the Rams finished with a 9-7 record and third in the NFC West. In his second season with the Rams, McVay led his team to a 13-3 record. Finishing atop of the NFC West, he guided the Rams to their fourth Super Bowl, where they were ultimately defeated by the New England Patriots. In his inaugural season leading the Rams, McVay completed one of the greatest offensive turnarounds in NFL history. He helped the Rams move from the 32nd-ranked scoring offense in 2016 to the league's top-scoring team in 2017, marking the first time in league history a team has gone from last to first in scoring. The first-year head coach led the Rams to an 11-5 record and their first NFC West title since the 2003 season, earning the team's first playoff berth since 2004. On January 12, 2017, McVay was hired as the head coach of the Los Angeles Rams at the age of 30, which made him the youngest head coach in modern NFL history. Prior to taking the helm in Los Angeles, McVay spent three seasons as offensive coordinator for Washington (2014-16) and three seasons as the teams tightends coach (2011-13).

49ERS RECORD WHEN

TEAM	2022 Reg. Season	Shanahan Reg. Season
Overall	1-2	40-44
At Home	**1-0**	**19-22**
On the Road	0-2	21-22
Neutral Site	0-0	0-0
In Primetime	**0-1**	**8-11**
In Dome	0-0	3-7
In September	1-2	9-10
In October	**0-0**	**8-14**
In November	0-0	8-9
In December	0-0	13-10
In January	0-0	2-1
In February	0-0	0-0
Vs. NFC	**1-1**	**29-35**
Vs. NFC West	**1-0**	**13-18**
Vs. NFC East	0-0	4-7
Vs. NFC North	0-1	6-6
Vs. NFC South	0-0	4-4
Vs. AFC	0-1	13-9
Vs. AFC West	0-1	2-3
Vs. AFC East	0-0	2-2
Vs. AFC North	0-0	4-1
Vs. AFC South	0-0	5-3
Scoring on opening drive	1-0	23-11
Scoring first	1-2	23-19
Leading at half	1-2	29-9
Leading after three quarters	1-2	35-9
Winning time of possession	1-1	24-16
Out-rushing opponent	1-1	29-17
Out-passing opponent	1-2	28-25
Out-gaining opponent	1-2	33-20
OFFENSE		
40% + 3rd down conversions	1-1	27-17
50% + 3rd down conversions	0-0	20-6
Not throwing an INT	1-0	19-9
Passing for 300+ yards	0-0	11-10
Having a 100+ yard rusher	0-0	11-6
Having a 100+ yard receiver	0-0	18-16
Scoring 20+ points	1-0	37-19
Scoring 30+ points	0-0	22-4
Rushing for 150+ yards	1-1	17-7
Having 20+ first downs	1-0	31-25
Not allowing a sack	0-0	8-2
Allowing two or fewer sacks	1-1	28-18
DEFENSE		
Opp. less than 40% on 3rd down	0-1	27-17
Opp. less than 30% on 3rd down	1-0	14-6
Scoring a defensive TD	0-0	7-2
Returning an INT for a TD	0-0	6-1
Returning a fumble for a TD	0-0	1-1
Recording 3+ sacks	0-1	22-15
Recording 5+ sacks	0-0	5-2
Winning the turnover battle	1-0	18-6
Allowing 17 or fewer points	1-1	23-4
Allowing a 100-yard rusher	0-0	4-7
Allowing a 100-yard receiver	1-0	12-18
Not allowing a rushing TD	1-0	22-11
Not allowing a passing TD	1-1	13-3

SERIES HISTORY VS. LOS ANGELES RAMS

LOS ANGELES RAMS	Overall: 75–68–3	Home: 37–34–2	Away: 38–34–1

Date	Win	Score	Location
10/1/50	Rams	35–14	SF
11/5/50	Rams	28–21	LA
10/28/51	49ers	44–17	SF
11/4/51	Rams	23–16	LA
11/23/52	Rams	35–9	LA
11/30/52	Rams	34–21	SF
10/4/53	49ers	31–30	SF
11/8/53	49ers	31–27	LA
10/3/54	Tie	24–24	LA
11/7/54	Rams	42–34	SF
9/25/55	Rams	23–14	SF
11/6/55	Rams	27–14	LA
10/7/56	49ers	33–30	SF
11/11/56	Rams	30–6	LA
10/6/57	49ers	23–20	SF
11/10/57	Rams	37–24	LA
10/5/58	Rams	33–3	SF
11/9/58	Rams	56–7	LA
10/4/59	49ers	34–0	SF
11/8/59	49ers	24–16	LA
10/2/60	49ers	13–9	SF
12/4/60	49ers	23–7	LA
10/8/61	49ers	35–0	SF
11/12/61	Rams	17–7	LA
10/27/62	Rams	28–14	SF
11/18/62	49ers	24–17	LA
10/27/63	Rams	28–21	LA
12/1/63	Rams	21–17	SF
10/18/64	Rams	42–14	LA
12/6/64	49ers	28–7	SF
10/17/65	49ers	45–21	LA
11/21/65	49ers	30–27	SF
9/30/66	Rams	34–3	LA
11/6/66	49ers	21–13	SF
10/8/67	49ers	27–24	LA
11/5/67	Rams	17–7	SF
10/6/68	Rams	24–10	LA
11/17/68	Tie	20–20	SF
10/12/69	Rams	27–21	SF
11/9/69	Rams	41–30	LA
10/11/70	49ers	20–6	LA
11/29/70	Rams	30–13	SF
10/10/71	Rams	20–13	SF
11/21/71	Rams	17–6	LA
10/8/72	Rams	31–7	LA
12/4/72	Rams	26–16	SF
9/30/73	Rams	40–20	SF
11/18/73	Rams	31–13	LA
10/20/74	Rams	37–14	LA
11/4/74	Rams	15–13	SF
9/28/75	Rams	23–14	SF
11/9/75	49ers	24–23	LA
10/11/76	49ers	16–0	LA
11/21/76	Rams	23–3	SF
10/2/77	Rams	34–14	LA
11/20/77	Rams	23–10	SF
10/8/78	Rams	27–10	LA
11/19/78	Rams	31–28	SF
9/16/79	Rams	27–24	LA
11/25/79	Rams	26–20	SF
10/5/80	Rams	48–26	A
10/19/80	Rams	31–17	SF
10/25/81	49ers	20–17	SF
11/22/81	49ers	33–31	A
12/2/82	49ers	30–24	A
1/2/83	Rams	21–20	SF
10/9/83	Rams	10–7	SF
10/23/83	49ers	45–35	A
10/28/84	49ers	33–0	A
12/14/84	49ers	19–16	SF
10/27/85	49ers	28–14	A
12/9/85	Rams	27–20	SF
9/14/86	Rams	16–13	A
12/19/86	49ers	24–14	SF
11/1/87	49ers	31–10	A
12/27/87	49ers	48–0	SF
10/16/88	49ers	24–21	A
12/18/88	Rams	38–16	SF
10/1/89	Rams	13–12	SF
12/11/89	49ers	30–27	A
1/14/90 (c)	**49ers**	**30–3**	**SF**
11/25/90	Rams	28–17	SF
12/17/90	49ers	26–10	A
9/22/91	49ers	27–10	SF
11/25/91	49ers	33–10	A
10/4/92	49ers	27–24	SF
11/22/92	49ers	27–10	A
10/31/93	49ers	40–17	SF
11/28/93	49ers	35–10	A
9/18/94	49ers	34–19	A
11/20/94	49ers	31–27	SF
10/22/95	49ers	44–10	SLB
11/26/95	49ers	41–13	SF
9/8/96	49ers	34–0	SF
10/6/96	49ers	28–11	SL
9/7/97	49ers	30–10	SL
10/12/97	49ers	15–12	SF
10/25/98	49ers	28–10	SL
12/27/98	49ers	38–19	SF
10/10/99	Rams	42–20	SL
11/21/99	Rams	23–7	SF
9/17/00	Rams	41–24	SL
10/29/00	Rams	34–24	SF
9/23/01	Rams	30–26	SF
12/9/01	Rams	27–14	SL
10/6/02	49ers	37–13	SF
12/30/02	Rams	31–20	SL
9/14/03	Rams	27–24 (OT)	SL
11/2/03	49ers	30–10	SF
10/3/04	Rams	24–14	SF
12/5/04	Rams	16–6	SL
9/11/05	49ers	28–25	SF
12/24/05	49ers	24–20	SL
9/17/06	49ers	20–13	SF
11/26/06	Rams	20–17	SL
9/16/07	49ers	17–16	SL
11/18/07	Rams	13–9	SF
11/16/08	49ers	35–16	SF
12/21/08	49ers	17–16	SL
10/4/09	49ers	35–0	SF
1/3/10	49ers	28–6	SL
11/14/10	49ers	23–20 (OT)	SF
12/26/10	Rams	25–17	SL
12/4/11	49ers	26–0	SF
1/1/12	49ers	34–27	SL
11/11/12	Tie	24–24 (OT)	SF
12/2/12	Rams	16–13 (OT)	SL
9/26/13	49ers	35–11	SL
12/1/13	49ers	23–13	SF
10/13/14	49ers	31–17	SL
11/2/14	Rams	13–10	SF
11/1/15	Rams	27–6	SL
1/3/16	49ers	19–16 (OT)	SF
9/12/16	49ers	28–0	SF
12/24/16	49ers	22–21	LA
9/21/17	Rams	41–39	SF
12/31/17	49ers	34–13	LA
10/21/18	Rams	39–10	SF
12/30/18	Rams	48–32	LA
10/13/19	49ers	20–7	LA
12/21/19	49ers	34–31	SF
10/18/20	49ers	24–16	SF
10/29/20	49ers	23–20	LA
11/15/21	49ers	31–10	SF
1/9/22	49ers	27–24 (OT)	LA
1/30/22 (c)	**Rams**	**20–17**	**LA**

(c) – NFC Championship Game *(LA) – Los Angeles* *(A) – Anaheim* *(SL) – St. Louis* *(SLB) – Busch Memorial Stadium*

Record: **At Levi's Stadium:** (5–3) **SoFi Stadium:** (2–1)

Points: **At Levi's Stadium:** (195–166) **SoFi Stadium:** (67–64)

SERIES HIGHLIGHTS

Matchups: 146
Series Record: 49ers lead series 75-68-3
49ers Home Record vs. Rams: 49ers lead series 37-34-2
49ers Away Record vs. Rams: 49ers lead series 38-34-1
First Meeting: 10/1/50, Rams win 35-14, at SF
Last Meeting: 1/30/22, Rams win 20-17, at LA (NFC - C)
Current Streak: Lost 1
Longest 49ers Win Streak: 17 (12/17/90 – 12/27/98)
Longest Rams Win Streak: 10 (11/29/70 – 9/28/75)
Most 49ers Points: 48 (12/27/87): 49ers win 48-0, at SF
Most Rams Points: 56 (11/9/58): Rams win 56-7, at LA
49ers Shutouts: 9 (Last 9/12/16), 49ers win 28-0, at SF
Rams Shutouts: None



2022 NFC WEST STANDINGS

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Home	Road	AFC	NFC	DIV	Streak
L.A. Rams	2	1	61	70	1-1	1-0	0-1	2-0	1-0	W2
San Francisco	**1**	**2**	**47**	**37**	**1-0**	**0-2**	**0-1**	**1-1**	**1-0**	**L1**
Arizona	1	2	62	87	0-2	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	L1
Seattle	1	2	47	70	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	L2

2022 COMPARISON

49ERS (rank)		RAMS (rank)
1-2 (t-2nd NFCW)	**Record**	2-1 (1st NFCW)
15.7 (28th)	**Points Per Game**	20.3 (15th)
323.7 (23rd)	**Total Offense**	306.3 (24th)
151.0 (6th)	**Rushing Offense**	72.3 (30th)
172.7 (29th)	**Passing Offense**	234.0 (17th)
32:26 (t-8th)	**Possession Average**	28:24 (23rd)
12.3 (3rd)	**Points Allowed Per Game**	23.3 (t-20th)
227.0 (2nd)	**Total Defense**	346.3 (17th)
78.7 (4th)	**Rushing Defense**	93.7 (10th)
148.3 (1st)	**Passing Defense**	252.7 (23rd)
8 (t-10th)	**Sacks**	7 (t-12th)
3 (t-9th)	**Interceptions**	4 (t-6th)
43.3 (13th)	**Punting Avg. (Gross)**	35.4 (31st)
-1 (t-19th)	**Turnover Differential**	0 (14th)

49ERS		RAMS
	PASSING YARDS	
Jimmy Garoppolo....365		Matthew Stafford.....761
	RUSHING YARDS	
Jeff Wilson Jr.....181		Darrell Henderson.....111
Deebo Samuel 111		Cam Akers.....105
	RECEPTIONS	
Deebo Samuel 12		Cooper Kupp..... 28
Brandon Aiyuk.....10		Tyler Higbee.....16
	RECEIVING YARDS	
Brandon Aiyuk.....142		Cooper Kupp.....280
Deebo Samuel 131		Tyler Higbee.....171
	INTERCEPTIONS	
Three Players 1		Four Players 1
	SACKS	
Nick Bosa.....4.0		Aaron Donald 2.0
Four Players.....1.0		Bobby Wagner 2.0



CONTROL THE CLOCK

- The Niners have an average time of possession of 31:10 over the past four seasons (2019-22), ranking 5th in the NFL over that span (Bal. - 32:28; GB - 32:16; NO - 31:19; Buf. - 31:18).
- This year, the Niners have an average time of possession of 32:26, which ranks 8th in the NFL, and is t-3rd in the NFC (Cle. - 35:26; Cin. - 34:42; Jac. - 34:35; Buf. - 34:29; Den. - 33:33; GB - 33:05; Was. - 32:38).

HIGHEST AVG. TIME OF POSSESSION IN THE NFL, 2019-22

	Team	TOP
1.	Baltimore Ravens	32:28
2.	Green Bay Packers	32:16
3.	New Orleans Saints	31:19
4.	Buffalo Bills	31:18
5.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**31:10**

GET OUT IN FRONT

- The 49ers have outscored their opponents 1,329-1,102 since 2019. The team's +227 point differential ranks 4th in the NFC and 8th in the NFL (Bal. - +431; Buf. - +428; KC - +393; TB - +328; NE - +306; GB - +285; NO - +274) over that span.

HIGHEST PT. DIFFERENTIAL IN THE NFL, 2019-22

	Team	Diff.
1.	Baltimore Ravens	+431
2.	Buffalo Bills	+428
3.	Kansas City Chiefs	+393
4.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	+328
5.	New England Patriots	+306
6.	Green Bay Packers	+285
7.	New Orleans Saints	+274
8.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**+227**
9.	Dallas Cowboys	+201
10.	Los Angeles Rams	+185

YARDS ON YARDS

- The 49ers have averaged 372.6 yds. per game since 2019, ranking 7th in the NFL over that span.
- San Francisco has accumulated 19,377 total net yds. of offense and allowed 15,490 total net yds. on defense the last four seasons (2019-22). The team's +3,887 total net yds. differential ranks 1st in the NFL since 2019.

HIGHEST YDS. PER GAME AVG. IN THE NFL, 2019-22

	Team	Yds./Gm.
1.	Dallas Cowboys	398.9
2.	Kansas City Chiefs	395.9
3.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	390.5
4.	Baltimore Ravens	382.9
5.	Los Angeles Chargers	378.7
6.	Buffalo Bills	373.9
7.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**372.6**
8.	Los Angeles Rams	370.7
9.	Las Vegas Raiders	368.8
10.	Minnesota Vikings	368.2

HIGHEST TOTAL NET YARDAGE DIFFERENTIAL IN THE NFL, 2019-22

	Team	Total Yds.	Def. Total Yds.	Diff.
1.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**19,377**	**15,490**	**+3,887**
2.	Buffalo Bills	19,443	15,691	+3,752
3.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	20,304	17,329	+3,065
4.	Los Angeles Rams	19,274	16,847	+2,427
5.	Dallas Cowboys	20,744	18,319	+2,425

KEEP IT MOVING

- Since 2019, the 49ers offense has averaged 5.88 yds. per play, which is the 4th-highest mark in the NFL during that span (KC - 6.15; TB - 5.92; Dal. - 5.90).

HIGHEST YDS. PER PLAY AVG. IN THE NFL, 2019-22

	Team	Yds./Play
1.	Kansas City Chiefs	6.15
2.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	5.92
3.	Dallas Cowboys	5.90
4.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**5.88**
5.	Minnesota Vikings	5.87

STRETCH THE FIELD

- San Francisco has registered 368 big plays since 2019 (rushes of 10-or-more yds. and receptions of 20-or-more yds.), the 4th-most in the NFL over that span. Of those 368 big plays, 180 have been rushing while 188 have been receiving.

MOST BIG PLAYS (RUSHES OF 10+ YDS. & PASSES OF 20+ YDS.) IN THE NFL, 2019-22

	Team	Big Plays
1.	Baltimore Ravens	402
2.	Cleveland Browns	380
3.	Minnesota Vikings	373
4.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**368**
5.	Buffalo Bills	365
6.	Dallas Cowboys	355
7.	Arizona Cardinals	354
8.	New England Patriots	353
9.	Kansas City Chiefs	349
10.	Tennesee Titans	348

WHAT'S THE RUSH?

- Over the last 4 seasons (2019-22), the 49ers have scored 67 rushing TDs, the 2nd-most in the NFL over that span (Ten. - 73).

MOST RUSHING TDS IN THE NFL, 2019-22

	Team	TDs
1.	Tennessee Titans	73
2.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**67**
3.	Arizona Cardinals	66
4t.	Baltimore Ravens	65
	New England Patriots	65

ELITE ON FIRST

- Since the beginning of 2017, the Niners have racked up 15,395 total yds. of offense on 2,455 plays on 1st down.
- The team's 6.27 average yds. gained on 1st down is the highest in the NFL over that span.

HIGHEST AVG. YDS. GAINED ON 1ST DOWN IN THE NFL, 2017-22

	Team	Avg.
1.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**6.27**
2.	New Orleans Saints	6.12
3.	Kansas City Chiefs	6.10
4.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	5.94
5.	Atlanta Falcons	5.91

NOTHIN' BUT A JIMMY G THANG



JIMMY GAROPPOLO

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Garoppolo has completed 31 of 50 passing atts. (62.0%) for 365 yds. and 2 TDs with a passer rating of 89.2 in 2022. He also has registered 5 rushing atts. for 5 yds. and 1 TD on the ground.

QUICK HITS

- His career .688 winning percentage (33-15) as a starter is the 4th-highest (Patrick Mahomes - .788; Tom Brady - .768; Lamar Jackson - .750) among active QBs (min. 10 starts).
- Garoppolo is 1 of 6 QBs in the Super Bowl era to win at least 20 of his first 25 career starts.
- Garoppolo's 3 games in 2019 with 300-or-more passing yds. and 4-or-more TD passes (Week 9 at Arz., Week 11 vs. Arz. & Week 14 at NO) were the most by a 49ers QB in a single season since QB Steve Young in 1993 (3 games).

MOST QB WINS THROUGH 25 STARTS, SUPER BOWL ERA

	Player	Wins
1.	Ben Roethlisberger	22
2.	Dan Marino	21
3t.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**20**
	Pat Haden	20
	Roger Staubauch	20
	Kurt Warner	20

- In his first-career start with the 49ers at Chi. (12/3/17), Garoppolo completed 26 of 37 atts. for 293 yds. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, his 293 passing yds. set the franchise record for most passing yds. by a player in his first start with the team.
- Finished the game completing 17 of 25 atts. for 314 yds. and a career-long 79-yd. TD for a passer rating of 124.2 at Det. (9/12/21).
- Completed 17 of 28 passing atts. for 322 yds. at Chi. (10/31/21). He also rushed 5 times for 4 yds., including TD runs from 5-yds. and 2-yds. He became the first 49ers QB to rush for multiple TDs in a game since QB Colin Kaepernick at Jax. (10/27/13) and the first 49ers QB to throw for 300-or-more yds. and rush for 2 TDs in a game since QB Jeff Garcia vs. NO (12/10/00).
- Garoppolo has 10 career games with 300-or-more passing yds. as a member of the 49ers. The 49ers are 8-2 in games that Garoppolo throws for at least 300 yds. His 10 games with 300-or-more passing yds. are the 4th-most in franchise history.
- Garoppolo's 5 games with 300-or-more passing yds. in 2021 were tied for the 3rd-most in a single season in franchise history [Steve Young (1998) - 7 games; Jeff Garcia (2000) - 6 games; Steve Young (1994) - 5 games; Joe Montana (1982, 1985, 1987 & 1990) - 5 games].

MOST GAMES WITH 300-OR-MORE PASSING YDS., FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Games
1.	Joe Montana	35
2.	Steve Young	28
3.	Jeff Garcia	14
4.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**10**
5.	John Brodie	6

- With 235 passing yds. vs. Atl. (12/19/21), Garoppolo surpassed 3,000 passing yds. on the 2021 season, marking his 2nd season with at least 3,000 passing yds. (2019 – 3,978). Garoppolo became just the 6th QB in 49ers history to register multiple seasons with 3,000-or-more passing yds. (Joe Montana - 8 times; Steve Young - 6 times; John Brodie - 2 times; Jeff Garcia - 2 times; Colin Kaepernick - 2 times).
- With 1 TD through the air and 1 TD on the ground vs. Sea. (9/18/22), it marked the 3rd time in Garoppolo's career that he both threw for at least 1 TD and rushed for at least 1 TD [vs. Jax. (12/24/17) & at Phi. (9/19/21)].

JIMMY GQ

Garoppolo has quickly climbed the 49ers record books since joining the team in 2017. Among San Francisco QBs with 500 passing atts., he ranks 1st in completion percentage (67.5%) and 2nd in passer rating (98.0), behind QB Steve Young (101.4).

JIMMY CLIMBS THE RANKS



MR. 10,000

With 296 passing yds. at Cin. (12/12/21), Garoppolo surpassed 10,000 passing yds. as a member of the 49ers in the fewest games in franchise history (43).

FEWEST GAMES TO 10,000 PASSING YDS., FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Gms.
1.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**43**
2.	Jeff Garcia	44
3.	Colin Kaepernick	56
4.	Alex Smith	58
5.	Joe Montana	64

IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG

- In 48 games played with the 49ers (46 starts), Garoppolo has completed 928 of 1,374 passing atts. for 11,527 yds. and 68 TDs. His 11,527 passing yds. are the 8th-most in franchise history.

MOST PASSING YDS. BY A QB, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Games	Atts.	Comps.	Yds.	TDs
1.	Joe Montana	167	4,600	2,929	35,124	244
2.	John Brodie	201	4,491	2,469	31,548	214
3.	Steve Young	150	3,648	2,400	29,907	221
4.	Jeff Garcia	74	2,360	1,449	16,408	113
5.	Y.A. Tittle	112	2,194	1,226	16,016	108
6.	Alex Smith	80	2,177	1,290	14,280	81
7.	Colin Kaepernick	69	1,692	1,011	12,271	72
8.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**48**	**1,374**	**928**	**11,527**	**68**
9.	Steve DeBerg	39	1,201	670	7,220	37
10.	Steve Spurrier	92	840	441	5,250	33

- Garoppolo's 2019 season saw him complete 329 of 476 passes for 3,978 yds. and 27 TDs. His 3,978 passing yds. were the 4th-most in a single season in franchise history.

MOST PASSING YDS. IN A SINGLE SEASON, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Season	Atts.	Comps.	Yds.	TDs
1.	Jeff Garcia	2000	561	355	4,278	31
2.	Steve Young	1998	517	322	4,170	36
3.	Steve Young	1993	462	314	4,023	29
4.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**2019**	**476**	**329**	**3,978**	**27**
5.	Steve Young	1994	461	324	3,969	35

WHEN IT MATTERS

- Garoppolo generated 4 game-winning drives in the 4th Qtr. or OT in 2019, which according to ESPN Stats & Info, were the 3rd-most in the NFL on the season (Josh Allen, Buf. - 5; Russell Wilson, Sea. - 5).

GAROPPOLO'S GAME-WINNING DRIVES IN 2019

			Time Remaining	
Date	Opp.	Final Score	When Drive Started	At Final Score
12/21/19	vs. LAR	34-31	2:30	0:00
12/8/19	at NO	48-46	0:53	0:00
11/17/19	vs. Arz.	36-26	2:12	0:31
9/22/19	vs. Pit.	24-20	5:29	1:15

- In the 49ers 27-24 Week 18 OT victory at LAR (1/9/22), Garoppolo executed a 5-play, 88-yd. drive with 1:27 remaining to tie the score and send the game into overtime with a TD pass to WR Jauan Jennings. In OT, he led the team on a 12-play, 69-yd. drive that resulted in a K Robbie Gould 24-yd. FG which led to San Francisco's win.

THE PEOPLE'S TIGHT END



GEORGE KITTLE

MR. 4,000

With 13 rec. yds. vs. Min. (11/28/21), Kittle reached 4,000 career rec. yds. (4,004) in 61 career games, which is tied for the 2nd-fewest games to reach 4,000 career rec. yds. by a TE in NFL history.

FEWEST GAMES TO 4,000 REC. YDS. BY A TE, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Gms.
1.	Kellen Winslow Sr.	58
2t.	**George Kittle**	**61**
	Rob Gronkowski	61
4.	Jimmy Graham	64
5.	Travis Kelce	66

FIRST 50

Kittle's 3,380 rec. yds. through his first 50 career NFL games are the 3rd-most by a TE in in NFL history.

MOST REC. YDS. BY A TE IN FIRST 50 CAREER GAMES, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Yds.
1.	Mike Ditka	3,436
2.	Kellen Winslow Sr.	3,420
3.	**George Kittle**	**3,380**
4.	Rob Gronkowski	3,255
5.	Jimmy Graham	3,106

GOOD OVER TIME

A 2019 AP First-Team All-Pro and three-time Pro Bowl selection (2019-20 & 2022), TE George Kittle ranks 2nd in the NFL in rec. yds. (4,517) among all TEs since entering the NFL in 2017.

MOST REC. YDS. BY A TE IN THE NFL, SINCE 2017

	Player	Recepts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1.	Travis Kelce, KC	497	6,374	12.8	45
2.	**George Kittle, SF**	**339**	**4,517**	**13.3**	**20**
3.	Zach Ertz, Phi./Arz.	404	4,135	10.2	29
4.	Mark Andrews, Bal.	285	3,711	13.0	32
5.	Jared Cook, Oak./NO/LAR	250	3,357	13.4	28

BREAK-AWAY SPEED

Kittle owns the top 3 and 5 of the top 7 performances for most rec. yds. in a game by a TE in franchise history.

MOST REC. YDS. BY A TE IN A SINGLE GAME, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Date	Opp.	Recepts.	Yds.	TDs
1.	**George Kittle**	**12/9/18**	**vs. Den.**	**7**	**210**	**1**
2.	**George Kittle**	**10/4/20**	**vs. Phi.**	**15**	**183**	**1**
3.	**George Kittle**	**12/5/21**	**at Sea.**	**9**	**181**	**2**
4.	Vernon Davis	10/13/13	vs. Arz.	8	180	2
5.	Eric Johnson	10/10/04	vs. Arz.	13	162	1
6.	**George Kittle**	**12/12/21**	**at Cin.**	**13**	**151**	**1**
7.	**George Kittle**	**12/30/18**	**at LAR**	**9**	**149**	**1**

GEORGE FEELS 100

Kittle has 13 career games with 100-or-more yds., with 10 of those coming within his first 50 career games, the 4th-most by a TE in NFL history through their first 50 career games.

MOST GAMES WITH 100-OR-MORE REC. YDS. BY A TE THROUGH 50 CAREER GAMES, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Gms.
1t.	Mike Ditka	14
	Kellen Winslow Sr.	14
3.	Rob Gronkowski	12
4.	**George Kittle**	**10**

Kittle's 13 career games with 100-or-more yds. are the 5th-most in franchise history among all players.

MOST GAMES WITH 100-OR-MORE REC. YDS. AMONG ALL PLAYERS, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Gms.
1.	Jerry Rice	66
2.	Terrell Owens	25
3.	Gene Washington	17
4.	Dwight Clark	16
5.	**George Kittle**	**13**

KONSISTENT KITTLE

Kittle's 2,945 rec. yds. in his first 3 NFL seasons are the most by a TE through their first 3 seasons in NFL history.

His 4,489 rec. yds. in his first 5 NFL seasons are the 3rd-most by a TE through their first 5 seasons in NFL history (Jimmy Graham - 4,752; Kellen Winslow Sr. - 4,513).

MOST REC. YDS. IN FIRST 3 SEASONS BY A TE, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Yds.
1.	**George Kittle**	**2,945**
2.	Mike Ditka	2,774
3.	Rob Gronkowski	2,663
4.	Jimmy Graham	2,648

KITTLE GETS 1,000

Kittle finished the 2019 season with 1,053 rec. yds., becoming the 5th player, and first TE, in franchise history to record multiple 1,000-yd. seasons.

MOST 1,000-YD. SEASONS, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Seasons
1.	Jerry Rice	12
2.	Terrell Owens	5
3t.	**George Kittle**	**2**
	Anquan Boldin	2
	John Taylor	2

STONE COLD KITTLE

CAREER NUGGETS

- Has 3 career games with 13-or-more recepts., tied for the 3rd-most in NFL history among TEs (Zach Ertz - 4; Jason Witten - 4; Kellen Winslow Sr. - 3).
- Finished with 9 recepts. for 181 yds. and 2 TDs at Sea. (12/5/21), marking his first career game with 2-or-more TD recepts.
- Registered 4 recepts. for 34 yds. and 1 TD at Jax. (11/21/21), making it 3-consecutive weeks with 1-or-more TD recept. for the first time in his career.
- Not only were Kittle's 1,377 yds. in 2018 the most in a single season by a TE in NFL history at the time, he was also the first member of the 49ers to reach 1,000 rec. yds. in a single season since WR Anquan Boldin registered 1,062 rec. yds. in 2014 and the first TE to reach 1,000 rec. yds. in a single season. His 1,377 rec. yds. were the most by a 49ers player since WR Terrell Owens had 1,412 rec. yds. in 2001.
- Kittle has registered the two longest TD recepts. by a TE in franchise history [82t at LAC (9/30/18) & 85t vs. Den. (12/9/18)].



SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Kittle finished the 2018 season with 88 recepts. for 1,377 yds. (15.6 avg.), both team highs. His 1,377 yds. were the most in a single season by a TE in NFL history at the time and ranked 8th among all players that year, while his 88 recepts. ranked 3rd in the NFL among TEs (Zach Ertz, Phi. - 116; Travis Kelce, KC - 103). His recept. total was also the most in a single season by a 49ers TE.

MOST REC. YDS. BY A TE IN A SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Year	Recepts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1.	Travis Kelce, KC	2020	105	1,416	13.5	11
2.	**George Kittle, SF**	**2018**	**88**	**1,377**	**15.6**	**5**
3.	Travis Kelce, KC	2018	103	1,336	13.0	10
4.	Rob Gronkowski, NE	2011	90	1,327	14.7	17
5.	Jimmy Graham, NO	2011	99	1,310	13.2	11

A DAY TO REMEMBER

Kittle finished with 7 recepts. for a career-high 210 yds. and 1 TD vs. Den. (12/9/18). His 210 rec. yds. were the most in a single game by a TE in franchise history, the 8th-most among all players and the 3rd-most by a TE in a single-game in the NFL since 1960. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, his 210 rec. yds. in the 1st half were the most in the 1st half of an NFL game since Seattle Seahawks WR Steve Largent registered 224 rec. yds. in the 1st half at Det. (10/18/87).

MOST REC. YDS. BY A TE IN A SINGLE GAME, SINCE 1960

	Player	Date	Opp.	Recepts.	Yds.	TDs
1.	Shannon Sharpe, Den.	10/20/02	at KC	12	214	2
2.	Jackie Smith, StL Cardinals	10/13/63	vs. Pit.	9	212	2
3.	**George Kittle, SF**	**12/9/18**	**vs. Den.**	**7**	**210**	**1**
4t.	Rich Caster, NYJ	9/24/72	at Bal. Colts	6	204	3
	Pete Retziaff, Phi.	11/14/65	vs. Was.	7	204	0

FROM THE START

Kittle's 515 rec. yds. in 2017 ranked 2nd in the NFL in 2017 among rookie TEs (Evan Engram, NYG - 722 yds.) and also were the 8th-most in a single season by a 49ers rookie and the most by a 49ers rookie TE since the merger in 1970.

MOST REC. YDS. BY A ROOKIE TE IN THE NFL, 2017

	Player	Yds.	Rd. Selected	Overall Pick
1.	Evan Engram, NYG	722	1st	23rd
2.	**George Kittle, SF**	**515**	**5th**	**146th**
3.	O.J. Howard, 432	432	1st	19th
4.	David Njoku, Cle.	386	1st	29th
5.	Gerald Everett, LAR	244	2nd	44th

GEORGE KITTLE

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Kittle has registered 4 recepts. for 28 yds. (7.0 avg.) in 2022.

PUT A DEEBO ON IT



PRO BOWL
LAS VEGAS 2022

DEEBO SAMUEL

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Samuel has registered 12 recepts. for 131 yds. (10.9 avg.) to go along with 17 carries for 111 yds. and 1 TD in 2022.

MR. DO-IT-ALL

Samuel became 1 of 3 players, and the only WR, in NFL history to have at least 1,000 rec. yds., 5 rec. TDs and 5 rushing TDs in a single season in 2021 (Roger Craig, SF - 1985; Marshall Faulk, StL - 1999).

PLAYERS WITH AT LEAST 1,000 REC. YDS., 5 REC. TDS AND 5 RUSHING TDS IN A SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Player	Season
Deebo Samuel, SF	**2021**
Marshall Faulk, StL	1999
Roger Craig, SF	1985

Samuel became the 1st player in NFL history with at least 1,200 rec. yds. (1,405) and 300 rushing yds. (365) in the same season (2021).

FRIDAY TURNED SUNDAY

In 2021, WR Deebo Samuel's 1,405 rec. yds. on the season ranked 5th in the NFL among all players.

MOST REC. YDS. IN THE NFL, 2021

	Player	Yds.
1.	Cooper Kupp, LAR	1,947
2.	Justin Jefferson, Min.	1,616
3.	Davante Adams, GB	1,553
4.	Ja'Marr Chase, Cin.	1,455
5.	**Deebo Samuel, SF**	**1,405**

In 2021, Samuel's 994 yds. in Games 1-10 were the 5th-most through 10 games in franchise history.

MOST REC. YDS. IN GAMES 1-10 BY A MEMBER OF THE 49ERS

	Player	Yds.
1.	WR Jerry Rice (1990)	1,052
2.	WR Jerry Rice (1989)	1,043
3.	WR Jerry Rice (1995)	1,037
4.	WR Jerry Rice (1986)	1,030
5.	**Deebo Samuel (2021)**	**994**

QUICK HITS

MOST RUSHING TDS BY A WR, SINCE 1960

	Player	TDs
1.	WR Bobby Mitchell	18
2t.	**WR Deebo Samuel**	**12**
	WR Eric Metcalf	12

- Samuel registered 2 recepts. for 14 yds. to go along with 8 carries for 52 yds. and 1 TD at Chi. (9/11/22). The rushing TD marked the 12th of his career, which is tied for the 2nd-most by a player whose primary position is WR since the merger (WR Bobby Mitchell - 18).
- Samuel hauled in 3 recepts. for 38 yds. at Dal. (1/16/22 - NFC-WC). He also added 10 carries for 72 yds. and 1 TD on the ground. His 26-yd. TD run was the first postseason rushing TD of his career. His 72 rushing yds. are the most by a WR in a postseason game in NFL History.
- Samuel's 1,770 yds. from scrimmage (1,405 rec. yds. & 365 rushing yds.) in 2021 were the 7th-most in a single-season in franchise history and the most since RB Frank Gore notched a franchise-record 2,180 yds. from scrimmage (1,695 rushing yds. & 485 rec. yds.) in 2006.
- Samuel is the 2nd WR ever with 3-or-more rushing TDs in 2 of his first 3 seasons in the Super Bowl Era, according to The Elias Sports Bureau [Frank Jackson (1961-62)].
- Samuel's 8 rushing TDs in 2021 were the most in a single season by a WR in NFL history.
- Samuel is 1 of 4 players in franchise history to surpass 1,000 rec. yds. through the team's first 11 games of a season (WR Jerry Rice - 6 times; WR Terrell Owens - 2 times; WR Dave Parks – 1 time).
- Samuel hauled in 1 recept. for 12 yds., while adding 6 carries for 66 yds. and 2 TDs on the ground vs. Min. (11/28/21). According to the Elias Sports Bureau, he became the first WR with at least 1 rushing TD in 3-consecutive games in a season since the merger in 1970 and is the first player in the Super Bowl era, whose primary position is listed as WR, to register 5 rushing TDs in a season.
- Samuel's 79 rushing yds. at Jax. (11/21/21) were the most by a 49ers WR in a single game since 1960.
- Samuel has reached at least 150 rec. yds. in 4 games in 2021 [189 at Det. (9/12/21), 156 at Sea. (10/3/21), 171 at Chi. (10/31/21) & 159 at Ten. (12/23/21)], becoming the first member of the 49ers with 4-or-more games with 150-plus rec. yds. since WR Jerry Rice (1995).
- Samuel's 802 rec. yds. on the 2019 season were the 2nd-most by a rookie in franchise history [Jerry Rice - 927 (1985)]. His 57 recepts. rank 2nd by a rookie in franchise history (RB Earl Cooper - 83 recepts. in 1980).
- Samuel registered his 3rd rushing TD of the season on a 30-yd. TD run at Sea. (12/29/19). He finished the game with 5 recepts. for 102 yds. and had 2 carries for 33 yds. and 1 TD.
- Samuel hauled in 8 recepts. for a then career-high 134 yds. vs. Arz. (11/17/19). Along with his 8 recepts. for 112 yds. Week 10 vs. Sea. (11/11/19), Samuel became the first rookie in franchise history to register at least 8 recepts. and 100 rec. yds. in consecutive games. The last rookie in the NFL to accomplish the feat was WR Odell Beckham Jr. in 4 consecutive weeks from 12/7/14 through 12/28/14.
- Samuel registered 3 games with 100-or-more rec. yds. in 2019. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, his 3 games with 100-or-more rec. yds. were the most in a single season by a rookie in franchise history.

NO FLY ZONE

- Since the beginning of the 2019 season, 49ers opponents are averaging 192.1 net passing yds. per game allowed, the fewest allowed in the NFL over that span.
- This season, the Niners are allowing a league-best 148.3 passing ypg.

FEWEST NET PASSING YDS. PER GAME ALLOWED IN THE NFL, 2019-22

	Team	YPG
1.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**192.1**
2.	Buffalo Bills	194.0
3.	New England Patriots	196.6
4.	Pittsburgh Steelers	204.5
5.	Chicago Bears	213.8



SHORT OF THE STICKS

- San Francisco has forced 208 drives that resulted in a 3-and-out over the last 4 seasons (2019-22), ranking 3rd in the NFL (Phi. - 215; Pit. - 210).
- Since 2019, the 49ers defense has held opponents to a 36.2% 3rd down conversion percentage, ranking 4th in the NFL (NE - 34.7%; Bal. - 35.2%; Buf. - 35.5%).

LOWEST 3RD DOWN % ALLOWED IN THE NFL, 2019-22

	Team	3rd Conv.	3rd Att.	3rd %
1.	New England Patriots	219	632	34.7
2.	Baltimore Ravens	218	620	35.2
3.	Buffalo Bills	231	650	35.5
4.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**236**	**652**	**36.2**
5.	New Orleans Saints	255	701	36.4

USE THE FORCE

- In the last two seasons (2021-22), the 49ers defense has forced 24 fumbles which is the 2nd most forced fumbles in the NFL during that span.

MOST DEFENSIVE FFS IN THE NFL, 2021-22

	Team	FFs
1.	Arizona Cardinals	27
2.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**24**
3t.	Los Angeles Chargers	22
	Cincinnati Bengals	22
5t.	Kansas City Chiefs	21
	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	21

DEFENSIVE QUICK HITS

- Over the last four seasons (2019-22), San Francisco's defense has allowed 297.9 yds. per game, ranking 1st in the NFL.
- The 49ers have allowed opponents to reach the red zone 149 times since 2019, ranking t-2nd in the NFL (NE - 135; NO - 149).

FEWEST NET YDS. PER GAME ALLOWED IN THE NFL, 2019-22

	Team	YPG
1.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**297.9**
2.	Buffalo Bills	301.8
3.	New England Patriots	313.5
4.	New Orleans Saints	320.8
5.	Los Angeles Rams	324.0



- In the last two seasons (2021-22), the 49ers defense has allowed 297.6 yds. per game, which ranks 2nd in the NFL during that span (Buf. - 263.9).
- This year, out of 34 possible drives, the 49ers defense has forced 15 three-and-outs, which is the highest mark in the NFL at 44.1%.
- In Week 3 of 2022, the 49ers defense forced the Broncos to punt 10 times, marking the most punts recorded by an opponent against the Niners since 2016 [10 punts vs. LAR (9/12/16)].

FEWEST YDS. PER GAME ALLOWED IN THE NFL, 2021-22

	Team	YPG
1.	Buffalo Bills	263.9
2.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**297.6**
3.	New England Patriots	311.4
4.	Carolina Panthers	312.4
5.	Cleveland Browns	313.4

YOU'VE BEEN WARNER-ED

YOU'VE GOT A FRED IN ME

- Warner racked up a team-high 137 tackles (7 TFLs), 4 PDs, a career-high 3 FRs, 1 FF and 0.5 sack in 2021 after leading the team in the same category with 125 tackles in 2020.
- Warner is 1 of 3 players in the NFL to register 115-or-more tackles in each of the past 4 years (2018-21) (Shaquille Leonard, Ind.; Bobby Wagner, Sea.).
- Warner was 1 of 2 players in the NFL with 110-or-more tackles (125), 5-or-more PDs (6), 2-or-more INTs (2), 1-or-more FFs (1) and 1-or-more FRs (2) in 2020 (LB Eric Wilson, Min.).

49ERS TACKLE LEADERS, 2021

	Player	Tackles
1.	**Fred Warner**	**137**
2.	Azeez Al-Shaair	102
3.	Jimmie Ward	75
4.	Jaquiski Tartt	64
5.	Arik Armstead	63

PLAYERS WITH 110-OR-MORE TACKLES, 5-OR-MORE PDS, 2-OR-MORE INTS, 1-OR-MORE FFS & 1-OR-MORE FRS, 2020

Player	Tackles	PDs	FFs	FRs	INTs
Fred Warner, SF	**125**	**6**	**1**	**2**	**2**
Eric Wilson, Min.	121	8	1	2	3

- Tied a then career high with 14 tackles (tied for the most in the NFL in Week 16) to go along with a career-high 3 PDs, 1 FF & 1 FR at Arz. (12/26/20) and was named NFC Defensive Player of the Week.
- In San Francisco's Week 10 game of 2019 vs. Sea. (11/11/19), Warner registered 10 tackles, a career-high 2.0 sacks, 1 FF and 1 PD. His 2.0 sacks were the first of his career, as he became the first 49ers MLB to register 2.0-or-more sacks in a game since LB NaVorro Bowman had 2.0 sacks at StL (9/26/13).
- He became the first player in the NFL to register at least 10 tackles, 2.0 sacks a 1 FF in a game since Chicago Bears DL Akiem Hicks tallied 10 tackles, 2.0 sacks and 1 FF vs. SF (12/4/16).
- Warner intercepted Rams QB Jared Goff and returned the pass 46 yds. for a TD vs. LAR (12/21/19), marking the first INT and TD of his career.
- Warner finished the 2019 season as 1 of 3 LBs in the NFL with at least 90 tackles (118), 4 PDs (9), 3.0 sacks (3.0), 2 FFs (3) and 1 INT (1).
- In Weeks 10-13 of 2019, Warner registered 44 tackles, 4 TFLs, 3.0 sacks, 3 PDs and 2 FFs. His 44 tackles were tied for the most in the NFL over that span, as he was winner of NFC Defensive Player of the Week in Week 12. Warner was the only player in the NFL to register 40-or-more tackles and 3.0-plus sacks over that span. He was named NFC Defensive Player of the Month (November).

QUICK HITS

- Warner was selected by the 49ers in the 3rd round (70th overall) of the 2018 NFL Draft out of the Brigham Young University. He has stared all 67 games throughout his career.
- Warner was the only NFL defender in Week 1 of 2018 to register at least 10 tackles (12), 1 FF and 1 PD, according to Gamebook Statistics.
- In 2018, Warner racked up 123 tackles, ranking 12th in the NFL, 7th in the NFC and 3rd among all rookies.
- With 10-or-more tackles in each of the first 4 games of his career, Warner became the first rookie since 2000 to begin his career with 4 consecutive games of at least 10 tackles.

MOST TACKLES IN THE NFL AMONG ROOKIES, 2018 (according to gamebook stats)

	Player	Tackles
1.	Shaquille Leonard, Ind.	163
2.	Leighton Vander Esch, Dal.	138
3.	**Fred Warner, SF**	**123**
4t.	Roquan Smith, Chi.	121
	Tremaine Edmunds, Buf.	121



FRED WARNER

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Warner has registered 16 tackles and 1 PD in 2022.

BEWARE OF BOSA

THE TECHNICIAN

- Bosa is 1 of 3 players to rank in the top 5 in the NFL in Sacks, TFLs and QB Hits along with Micah Parsons, Dal. & Alex Highsmith, Pit. (4.0 sacks - t-2nd, 4 TFLs - t-3rd, 11 QB Hits - 1st).
- Bosa registered 21 tackles for loss in 2021, tied for the most in the NFL (T.J. Watt, Pit. - 21).
- Bosa's 32 QB hits in 2021 were the 3rd-most in the NFL (T.J. Watt, Pit. - 39; Myles Garrett, Cle. - 33).
- Bosa's 15.5 sacks on the season were the most in a single season by a member of the 49ers since LB Aldon Smith had 19.5 sacks in 2012 and the 5th-most by a member of the 49ers in a single season [LB Aldon Smith - 19.5 (2012); DL Fred Dean - 17.5 (1983); DL Tim Harris - 17.0 (1992); DL Charles Haley - 16.0 (1990)].
- Bosa has 8.0 sacks in the 6 games of his postseason career, including at least 0.5 in each. His 8.0 postseason sacks are the most in postseason franchise history and he is 1 of 5 players in franchise history with multiple postseason games with 2.0-or-more sacks (Dwaine Board, Ahmad Brooks, Fred Dean & Tim Harris).
- Bosa's 8.0 sacks in his first 6 postseason games are the 3rd-most in NFL postseason history (LaMarr Woodley - 10.0; Richard Dent - 9.5).
- With 47 tackles, 9.0 sacks, 2 FRs, 2 PDs, 1 INT and 1 FF on the 2019 season, Bosa ranked t-22nd in the NFL among all players in sacks and 3rd among rookies (Josh Allen, Jax. - 10.5; Maxx Crosby, Oak. - 10.0).
- Bosa registered 4 tackles, 3.0 sacks, 1 PD and 1 INT vs. Car. (10/27/19), joining Vikings DE/DT Kevin Williams (12/28/2003) and Panthers DE Julius Peppers (10/13/2002) as the only rookies to have at least 3.0 sacks and an INT in a single game since 1982.
- Bosa became the 6th player since 1982 to record 7.0-or-more sacks through his first 7 career games [DE Mark Anderson (7.5 – 2006), DE Julius Peppers (7.0 – 2002), DT Santana Dotson (7.0 – 1992), LB James Francis (7.0 – 1990) & LB Vernon Maxwell (7.0 – 1983)].
- In Weeks 5-8 of 2019, Bosa registered the most TFLs (9), tied for the most sacks (6.0) and ranked 2nd with 9 QB hits. He was named NFC Player of the Week twice (Weeks 5 & 8) and earned both NFC Defensive Player of the Month and NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month honors for the month of October.

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS IN THE NFL AMONG ALL PLAYERS, 2021

	Player	TFLs
1t.	**Nick Bosa, SF**	**21**
	T.J. Watt, Pit.	21
3.	Micah Parsons, Dal.	20
4.	Aaron Donald, LAR	19
5t.	Two Players	17

MOST CAREER SACKS BY A MEMBER OF THE 49ERS IN THE POSTSEASON, SINCE 1982

	Player	Games	Sacks
1.	**Nick Bosa**	**6**	**8.0**
2.	Charles Haley	12	7.5
3t.	Dwaine Board	7	6.5
	Ahmad Brooks	8	6.5
	Tim Harris	6	6.5

QUICK HITS

- With 9.0 sacks on the 2019 season, Bosa finished with the 4th-most by a 49ers rookie since 1982.
- Making his NFL debut at TB (9/8/19), Bosa registered a 9-yd. sack on Buccaneers QB Jameis Winston, the first of his career.
- In Week 5 of 2019, finished with 5 QB hits, tied for the most in the NFL among all players. He won NFC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance.
- With 2.0 sacks, 1 FF and 1 FR vs. Cle. (10/7/19), Bosa registered his first career FF, FR and multi-sack game. According to ESPN Stats & Info, Bosa became the only 49ers player to register 2.0 sacks, 1 FF and 1 FR in a single-game in the previous 25 years. He also became the first 49ers rookie with at least 2.0 sacks in a game since DL DeForest Buckner at Buf. (10/16/16).

MOST SACKS BY A 49ERS ROOKIE, 1982-2019

	Player	Year	Sacks
1.	LB Aldon Smith	2011	14.0
2.	LB Charles Haley	1986	12.0
3.	DT Dana Stubblefield	1993	10.5
4.	**DL Nick Bosa**	**2019**	**9.0**
5.	DE Andre Carter	2001	6.5



NICK BOSA

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Bosa has registered 11 tackles, an NFL-high 11 QB hits and 4.0 sacks in 2022.

SACK MASTER

Bosa's 4.0 sacks in 2022 are tied for the 2nd-most in the NFL and are tied for the most in the NFC.

MOST SACKS IN THE NFL, 2022

	Player	Sacks
1.	Alex Highsmith, Pit.	4.5
2t.	**Nick Bosa, SF**	**4.0**
	Jerry Hughes, Hou.	4.0
	Khalil Mack, LAC	4.0
	Micah Parsons, Dal.	4.0
	Deatrich Wise, NE	4.0

GOULDEN BOOT

CLIMBS THE RANKS

Gould has made 138 FGs as a member of the 49ers. His 138 FGM rank 2nd in franchise history.

Combined with his 276 career made FGs as a member of the Chicago Bears, Gould is the 13th kicker in NFL history to reach 100 made FGs for 2 different franchises.

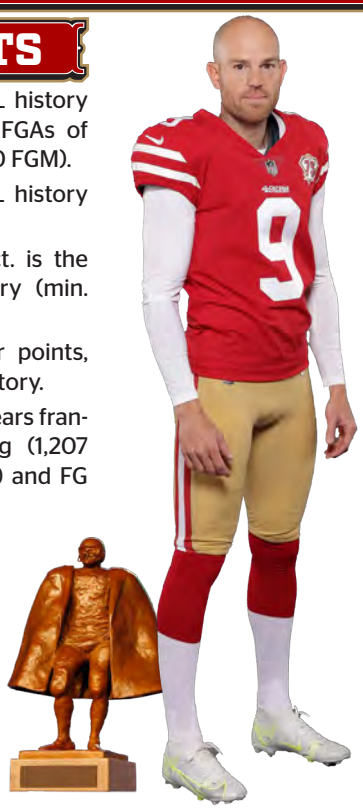
MOST CAREER FGM, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	FGM
1.	Ray Wersching	190
2.	**Robbie Gould**	**138**
3.	Tommy Davis	130
4.	Joe Nedney	129
5.	Mike Cofer	128

He also is just the 7th kicker in NFL history to record 200 FGM with 1 franchise and 100 FGM with another (Gary Anderson; Morten Anderson; John Carney; Ryan Longwell; Matt Stover; Adam Vinatieri).

QUICK HITS

- Gould Ranks 7th in NFL history in FG pct. (70.0%) on FGAs of 50-or-more yds. (min. 20 FGM).
- Is 1 of 11 kickers in NFL history with at least 400 FGM.
- His 87.9% made FG pct. is the highest in 49ers history (min. 100 atts.).
- Gould has 1,847 career points, the 12th-most in NFL history.
- Ranks as the Chicago Bears franchise leader in scoring (1,207 points), made FGs (276) and FG pct. (85.4 pct.).



CONSISTENCY IS KEY

Gould connected on FGs from 21 and 33 yds. at LAC (9/30/18), making a franchise-record 33 consecutive FGAs from 10/29/17-9/30/18.

He currently holds both the longest and 3rd-longest FGM streak in franchise history.

MOST CONSECUTIVE FGM, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Range	FGM
1.	**Robbie Gould**	**10/29/17-9/30/18**	**33**
2.	Phil Dawson	10/6/13-12/29/13	27
3.	**Robbie Gould**	**10/15/18-9/8/19**	**25**
4.	Phil Dawson	9/14/15-12/13/15	19
5.	Joe Nedney	11/26/06-9/30/07	18

HISTORIC LEG

Among those with 100-or-more career made FGs, Gould ranks 6th in made FG percentage at 86.5%.

HIGHEST FG PCT. AMONG KICKERS WITH 100-OR-MORE FGM, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Pct.
1.	Justin Tucker	91.1
2.	Harrison Butker	90.2
3.	Daniel Carlson	88.0
4.	Chris Boswell	87.9
5.	Josh Lambo	87.1
6.	**Robbie Gould**	**86.5**

ROBBIE GOULD

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Gould has connected on 4 of 5 FGAs (80.0%) and each of his 5 PATs in 2022.

2-YEAR SPAN

Over his first 2 seasons with the 49ers (2017-18), Gould made 72 of 75 FGAs (96.0%). His 96.0 FG %, along with his 96.1% from 2016-17, are the 2 highest percentages in NFL history over a 2-year span (min. 32 FGAs).

HIGHEST FG % IN A 2-YEAR SPAN, NFL HISTORY (min. 32 atts.)

	Player	Years	FG %
1.	**Robbie Gould**	**2016-17**	**96.1**
2.	**Robbie Gould**	**2017-18**	**96.0**
3.	Eddie Murray	1988-89	95.2
4.	Adam Vinatieri	2014-15	94.8
5.	Justin Tucker	2016-17	94.7

KNOCKS IT THROUGH

Gould finished the 2017 season with 145 pts., setting a new single-season career high, while his 39 made FGs tied for the 3rd-most in a single season in NFL history.

MOST FGM IN A SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Year	FGM
1.	David Akers, SF	2011	44
2.	Neil Rackers, Arz.	2005	40
3t.	**Robbie Gould, SF**	**2017**	**39**
	Olindo Mare, Mia.	1999	39
	Jeff Wilkins, StL	2003	39

UNDER PRESSURE

Throughout his 17-year career, and including the postseason, Gould has connected on 19 game-winning FGs (losing by 2-or-less points or tied in the 4th Qtr. or tied in OT), with 8 as a member of the 49ers.

GOULD'S CAREER GAME-WINNING FGS

Date	Opp.	Final Score	4th Qtr./OT	Time Remaining
1/22/22*	at GB	13-10	4th Qtr.	0:00
1/9/22	at LAR	27-24	OT	2:45
11/29/20	at LAR	23-20	4th Qtr.	0:00
12/21/19	vs. LAR	34-31	4th Qtr.	0:00
12/8/19	at NO	48-46	4th Qtr.	0:00
12/16/18	vs. Sea.	26-23	OT	---
12/17/17	vs. Ten.	25-23	4th Qtr.	0:00
12/3/17	at Chi.	15-14	4th Qtr.	0:04
10/4/15	vs. Oak.	22-20	4th Qtr.	0:02
11/11/13	vs. Bal.	23-20	OT	---
10/28/12	vs. Car.	23-22	4th Qtr.	0:00
9/27/10	vs. GB	20-17	4th Qtr.	0:04
9/20/09	vs. Pit.	17-14	4th Qtr.	0:15
12/22/08	vs. GB	20-17	OT	---
12/11/08	vs. NO	27-24	OT	---
11/25/07	vs. Den.	37-34	OT	---
1/14/07*	vs. Sea.	27-24	OT	---
12/17/06	vs. TB	34-31	OT	---
11/6/05	at NO	20-17	4th Qtr.	0:06

*Postseason

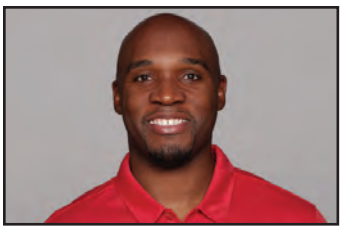
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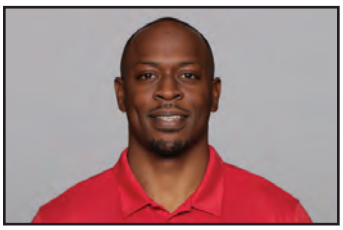
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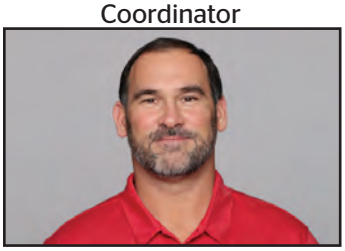
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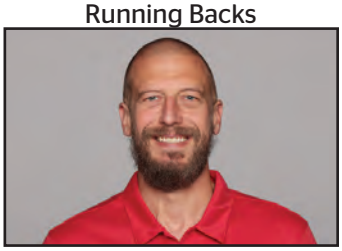
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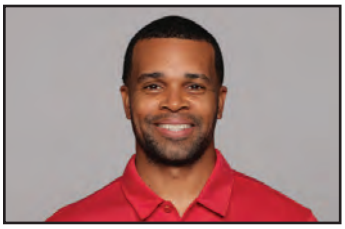
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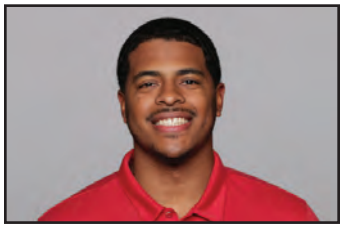
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2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS UNOFFICIAL DEPTH CHART

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AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

OFFENSE							
WR	11	Brandon Aiyuk	3	Ray–Ray McCloud III	6	Danny Gray	
LT	71	Trent Williams	68	Colton McKivitz			
LG	65	Aaron Banks	61	Blake Hance			
C	64	Jake Brendel	60	Daniel Brunskill			
RG	74	Spencer Burford	63	Nick Zakelj			
RT	69	Mike McGlinchey	76	Jaylon Moore			
TE	85	George Kittle	89	Charlie Woerner	82	Ross Dwelley	
					81	Tyler Kroft	
WR	19	Deebo Samuel	15	Jauan Jennings			
RB	22	Jeff Wilson Jr.	32	Tyrion Davis–Price	24	Jordan Mason	
					23	Marlon Mack	
FB	44	Kyle Juszczyk					
QB	10	Jimmy Garoppolo	13	Brock Purdy			
DEFENSE							
LDE	56	Samson Ebukam	95	Drake Jackson	92	Kerry Hyder Jr.	
LDT	99	Javon Kinlaw	90	Kevin Givens			
RDT	91	Arik Armstead	98	Hassan Ridgeway			
RDE	97	Nick Bosa	94	Charles Omenihu	53	Kemoko Turay	
SAM	51	Azeez Al–Shaair	45	Demetrius Flannigan–Fowles			
MIKE	54	Fred Warner					
WILL	57	Dre Greenlaw	48	Oren Burks			
LCB	4	Emmanuel Moseley	38	Deommodore Lenoir			
RCB	7	Charvarius Ward	20	Ambry Thomas			
NB	26	Samuel Womack III					
FS	31	Tashaun Gipson Sr.	30	George Odum			
SS	29	Talanoa Hufanga	33	Tarvarius Moore			
SPECIAL TEAMS							
P	18	Mitch Wishnowsky					
K	9	Robbie Gould					
H	18	Mitch Wishnowsky					
PR	3	Ray–Ray McCloud III	11	Brandon Aiyuk			
KOR	3	Ray–Ray McCloud III	6	Danny Gray			
LS	46	Taybor Pepper					

Injured Reserve List – DL Maurice Hurst, QB Trey Lance, TE Jordan Matthews, RB Elijah Mitchell, LB Curtis Robinson, DB Jimmie Ward, DL Jordan Willis

Reserve/PUP – CB Jason Verrett

Reserve/NFI – DL Kalia Davis

Underline – rookies

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Brandon Aiyuk	EYE–yook
Azeez Al–Shaair	uh–ZEEZ, all–SHY–urr
Kalia Davis	kuh–LEE–uh
Tyrion Davis–Price	TIE–ree–on
Samson Ebukam	EH–boo–kahm
Robbie Gould	GOLD
Talanoa Hufanga	tal–uh–NOE–uh, who–FAWN–guh
Kyle Juszczyk	YOOZ–check
Javon Kinlaw	juh–VONN
Deommodore Lenoir	dee–AH–mo–door, luh–NOOR
Tarvarius Moore	tarr–VEAR–ee–us
Charles Omenihu	oh–MEN–ah–who
Ambry Thomas	AM–bree
Charvarius Ward	charr–VEAR–ee–us
Mitch Wishnowsky	wish–NOW–ski
Charlie Woerner	WER–ner
Nick Zakelj	zuh–CAL

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2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS NUMERICAL ROSTER

AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	Age	EXP	COLLEGE	ACQUIRED
3	Ray–Ray McCloud III	WR	5–9	190	25	5	Clemson	FA in '22
4	Emmanuel Moseley	CB	5–11	190	26	5	Tennessee	FA in '18
6	Danny Gray	WR	6–0	200	23	R	Southern Methodist	D–3B in '22
7	Charvarius Ward	CB	6–1	196	26	5	Middle Tennessee State	FA in '22
9	Robbie Gould	K	6–0	190	39	18	Penn State	FA in '17
10	Jimmy Garoppolo	QB	6–2	225	30	9	Eastern Illinois	TR in '17 (NE)
11	Brandon Aiyuk	WR	6–0	200	24	3	Arizona State	D–2B in '20
13	Brock Purdy	QB	6–1	220	22	R	Iowa State	D–7 in '22
15	Jauan Jennings	WR	6–3	212	25	2	Tennessee	D–7 in '20
18	Mitch Wishnowsky	P	6–2	220	30	4	Utah	D–4 in '19
19	Deebo Samuel	WR	6–0	215	26	4	South Carolina	D–2 in '19
20	Ambry Thomas	CB	6–0	190	23	2	Michigan	D–3B in '21
22	Jeff Wilson Jr.	RB	6–0	213	26	5	North Texas	FA in '18
23	Marlon Mack	RB	6–0	212	26	6	South Florida	FA in '22
24	Jordan Mason	RB	5–11	223	23	R	Georgia Tech	FA in '22
26	Samuel Womack III	CB	5–10	189	23	R	Toledo	D–5 in '22
29	Talanoa Hufanga	S	6–0	200	22	2	Southern California	D–5C in '21
30	George Odum	S	6–1	202	28	5	Central Arkansas	FA in '22
31	Tashaun Gipson Sr.	S	6–1	212	32	11	Wyoming	FA in '22
32	Tyrion Davis–Price	RB	6–1	219	21	R	Louisiana State	D–3A in '22
33	Tarvarius Moore	DB	6–2	200	26	5	Southern Mississippi	D–3B in '18
38	Deommodore Lenoir	DB	5–10	200	22	2	Oregon	D–5B in '21
44	Kyle Juszczyk	FB	6–2	235	31	10	Harvard	FA in '17
45	Demetrius Flannigan–Fowles	LB	6–2	223	26	3	Arizona	FA in '19
46	Taybor Pepper	LS	6–4	245	28	5	Michigan State	FA in '20
48	Oren Burks	LB	6–3	233	27	5	Vanderbilt	FA in '22
51	Azeez Al–Shaair	LB	6–2	228	25	4	Florida Atlantic	FA in '19
53	Kemoko Turay	DL	6–5	248	27	5	Rutgers	FA in '22
54	Fred Warner	LB	6–3	230	25	5	Brigham Young	D–3A in '18
56	Samson Ebukam	DL	6–3	245	27	6	Eastern Washington	FA in '21
57	Dre Greenlaw	LB	6–0	230	25	4	Arkansas	D–5 in '19
60	Daniel Brunskill	OL	6–5	300	28	4	San Diego State	FA in '19
61	Blake Hance	OL	6–6	310	26	2	Northwestern	W in '22 (Cle.)
63	Nick Zakelj	OL	6–6	316	23	R	Fordham	D–6A in '22
64	Jake Brendel	OL	6–4	299	30	5	UCLA	FA in '20
65	Aaron Banks	OL	6–5	325	25	2	Notre Dame	D–2 in '21
68	Colton McKivitz	OL	6–6	301	26	3	West Virginia	D–5 in '20
69	Mike McGlinchey	T	6–8	310	27	5	Notre Dame	D–1 in '18
71	Trent Williams	T	6–5	320	34	13	Oklahoma	TR in '20 (Was.)
74	Spencer Burford	OL	6–4	300	22	R	Texas–San Antonio	D–4 in '22
76	Jaylon Moore	OL	6–4	311	24	2	Western Michigan	D–5A in '21
81	Tyler Kroft	TE	6–6	252	29	8	Rutgers	FA in '22
82	Ross Dwelley	TE	6–5	235	27	5	San Diego	FA in '18
85	George Kittle	TE	6–4	250	28	6	Iowa	D–5A in '17
89	Charlie Woerner	TE	6–5	241	24	3	Georgia	D–6 in '20
90	Kevin Givens	DL	6–1	285	25	3	Penn State	FA in '19
91	Arik Armstead	DL	6–7	290	28	8	Oregon	D–1 in '15
92	Kerry Hyder Jr.	DL	6–2	275	31	7	Texas Tech	FA in '22
94	Charles Omenihu	DL	6–5	280	25	4	Texas	TR in '21 (Hou.)
95	Drake Jackson	DL	6–4	273	21	R	Southern California	D–2 in '22
97	Nick Bosa	DL	6–4	266	24	4	Ohio State	D–1 in '19
98	Hassan Ridgeway	DL	6–3	305	27	7	Texas	FA in '22
99	Javon Kinlaw	DT	6–5	319	24	3	South Carolina	D–1A in '20
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1	Jimmie Ward	DB	5–11	195	31	9	Northern Illinois	D–1 in '14
5	Trey Lance	QB	6–4	224	22	2	North Dakota State	D–1 in '21
25	Elijah Mitchell	RB	5–10	200	24	2	Louisiana	D–6 in '21
59	Curtis Robinson	LB	6–3	235	24	2	Stanford	FA in '21
75	Jordan Willis	DL	6–4	270	27	6	Kansas State	TR in '20 (NYJ)
88	Jordan Matthews	TE	6–3	236	30	7	Vanderbilt	FA in '21
96	Maurice Hurst	DL	6–2	291	27	5	Michigan	FA in '21
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List								
2	Jason Verrett	CB	5–10	188	31	9	Texas Christian	FA in '19
Reserve/Non–Football Injury List								
93	Kalia Davis	DL	6–2	310	23	R	Central Florida	D–6B in '22
Practice Squad								
14	Kurt Benkert	QB	6–3	218	27	2	Virginia	FA in '22
17	Malik Turner	WR	6–2	202	26	5	Illinois	FA in '22
27	Dontae Johnson	CB	6–2	190	30	9	North Carolina State	FA in '19
28	Tevin Coleman	RB	6–1	210	29	8	Indiana	FA in '22
40	Marcelino McCrary–Ball	LB	6–0	214	23	R	Indiana	FA in '22
41	Tayler Hawkins	S	6–1	205	24	R	San Diego State	FA in '22
43	Qwuantrezz Knight	CB	6–0	199	24	R	UCLA	FA in '22
47	Buddy Johnson	LB	6–2	240	23	2	Texas A&M	FA in '22
55	Akeem Spence	DL	6–1	307	30	9	Illinois	FA in '22
58	Alex Barrett	DL	6–2	250	28	2	San Diego State	FA in '19
62	Jason Poe	OL	6–1	300	24	R	Mercer	FA in '22
67	Keith Ismael	OL	6–3	310	24	3	San Diego State	FA in '22
77	Alfredo Gutierrez*	OL	6–9	332	26	1	Tecnológico de Monterrey	FA in '21
78	Leroy Watson	OL	6–5	311	24	R	Texas–San Antonio	FA in '22
83	Willie Snead IV	WR	5–11	195	29	8	Ball State	FA in '22
86	Tay Martin	WR	6–3	185	24	R	Oklahoma State	FA in '22
88	Troy Fumagalli	TE	6–6	248	27	5	Wisconsin	FA in '22

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NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	Birthdate	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
11	Aiyuk, Brandon	WR	6–0	200	3–17–98	3	Arizona State	Reno, NV
51	Al–Shaair, Azeez	LB	6–2	228	8–4–97	4	Florida Atlantic	Tampa, FL
91	Armstead, Arik	DL	6–7	290	11–15–93	8	Oregon	Elk Grove, CA
65	Banks, Aaron	OL	6–5	325	9–3–97	2	Notre Dame	El Cerrito, CA
97	Bosa, Nick	DL	6–4	266	10–23–97	4	Ohio State	Fort Lauderdale, FL
64	Brendel, Jake	OL	6–4	299	9–10–92	5	UCLA	Plano, TX
60	Brunskill, Daniel	OL	6–5	300	1–27–94	4	San Diego State	Valley Center, CA
74	Burford, Spencer	OL	6–4	300	7–19–00	R	Texas–San Antonio	San Antonio, TX
48	Burks, Oren	LB	6–3	233	3–21–95	5	Vanderbilt	Lorton, VA
32	Davis–Price, Tyrion	RB	6–1	219	10–23–00	R	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, LA
82	Dwelley, Ross	TE	6–5	235	1–26–95	5	San Diego	El Dorado Hills, CA
56	Ebukam, Samson	DL	6–3	245	5–9–95	6	Eastern Washington	Portland, OR
45	Flannigan–Fowles, Demetrius	LB	6–2	223	9–4–96	3	Arizona	Tucson, AZ
10	Garoppolo, Jimmy	QB	6–2	225	11–2–91	9	Eastern Illinois	Arlington Heights, IL
31	Gipson Sr., Tashaun	S	6–1	212	8–7–90	11	Wyoming	Dallas, TX
90	Givens, Kevin	DL	6–1	285	3–1–97	3	Penn State	Newark, NJ
9	Gould, Robbie	K	6–0	190	12–6–82	18	Penn State	Jersey Shore, PA
6	Gray, Danny	WR	6–0	200	4–1–99	R	Southern Methodist	Dallas, TX
57	Greenlaw, Dre	LB	6–0	230	5–25–97	4	Arkansas	Fayetteville, AR
61	Hance, Blake	OL	6–6	310	1–11–96	2	Northwestern	Jacksonville, IL
29	Hufanga, Talanoa	S	6–0	200	2–1–00	2	Southern California	Corvallis, OR
92	Hyder Jr., Kerry	DL	6–2	275	5–2–91	7	Texas Tech	Austin, TX
95	Jackson, Drake	DL	6–4	273	4–12–01	R	Southern California	Corona, CA
15	Jennings, Jauan	WR	6–3	212	7–10–97	2	Tennessee	Murfreesboro, TN
44	Juszczyk, Kyle	FB	6–2	235	4–23–91	10	Harvard	Lodi, OH
99	Kinlaw, Javon	DT	6–5	319	10–3–97	3	South Carolina	Charleston, SC
85	Kittle, George	TE	6–4	250	10–9–93	6	Iowa	Norman, OK
81	Kroft, Tyler	TE	6–6	252	10–15–92	8	Rutgers	Downingtown, PA
38	Lenoir, Deommodore	DB	5–10	200	10–6–99	2	Oregon	Los Angeles, CA
23	Mack, Marlon	RB	6–0	212	3–7–96	6	South Florida	Sarasota, FL
24	Mason, Jordan	RB	5–11	223	5–24–99	R	Georgia Tech	Gallatin, TN
3	McCloud III, Ray–Ray	WR	5–9	190	10–15–96	5	Clemson	Tampa, FL
69	McGlinchey, Mike	T	6–8	310	1–12–95	5	Notre Dame	Philadelphia, PA
68	McKivitz, Colton	OL	6–6	301	8–9–96	3	West Virginia	Jacobsburg, OH
76	Moore, Jaylon	OL	6–4	311	1–9–98	2	Western Michigan	Detroit, MI
33	Moore, Tarvarius	DB	6–2	200	8–16–96	5	Southern Mississippi	Quitman, MS
4	Moseley, Emmanuel	CB	5–11	190	3–25–96	5	Tennessee	Greensboro, NC
30	Odum, George	S	6–1	202	11–3–93	5	Central Arkansas	Millington, TN
94	Omenihu, Charles	DL	6–5	280	8–20–97	4	Texas	Rowlett, TX
46	Pepper, Taybor	LS	6–4	245	5–28–94	5	Michigan State	Saline, MI
13	Purdy, Brock	QB	6–1	220	12–27–99	R	Iowa State	Gilbert, AZ
98	Ridgeway, Hassan	DL	6–3	305	11–2–94	7	Texas	Mansfield, TX
19	Samuel, Deebo	WR	6–0	215	1–15–96	4	South Carolina	Inman, SC
20	Thomas, Ambry	CB	6–0	190	9–9–99	2	Michigan	Detroit, MI
53	Turay, Kemoko	DL	6–5	248	7–11–95	5	Rutgers	Newark, NJ
7	Ward, Charvarius	CB	6–1	196	5–16–96	5	Middle Tennessee State	McComb, MS
54	Warner, Fred	LB	6–3	230	11–19–96	5	Brigham Young	San Marcos, CA
71	Williams, Trent	T	6–5	320	7–19–88	13	Oklahoma	Longview, TX
22	Wilson Jr., Jeff	RB	6–0	213	11–16–95	5	North Texas	Elkhart, TX
18	Wishnowsky, Mitch	P	6–2	220	3–3–92	4	Utah	Perth, Australia
89	Woerner, Charlie	TE	6–5	241	10–16–97	3	Georgia	Tiger, GA
26	Womack III, Samuel	CB	5–10	189	7–7–99	R	Toledo	Detroit, MI
63	Zakelj, Nick	OL	6–6	316	6–22–99	R	Fordham	Broadview Heights, OH
Injured Reserve List								
96	Hurst, Maurice	DL	6–2	291	5–9–95	5	Michigan	Westwood, MA
5	Lance, Trey	QB	6–4	224	5–9–00	2	North Dakota State	Marshall, MN
88	Matthews, Jordan	TE	6–3	236	7–16–92	7	Vanderbilt	Madison, AL
25	Mitchell, Elijah	RB	5–10	200	5–2–98	2	Louisiana	Erath, LA
59	Robinson, Curtis	LB	6–3	235	6–2–98	2	Stanford	Santa Ana, CA
1	Ward, Jimmie	DB	5–11	195	7–18–91	9	Northern Illinois	Mobile, AL
75	Willis, Jordan	DL	6–4	270	5–2–95	6	Kansas State	Kansas City, MO
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List								
2	Verrett, Jason	CB	5–10	188	6–18–91	9	Texas Christian	Fairfield, CA
Reserve/Non–Football Injury List								
93	Davis, Kalia	DL	6–2	310	10–2–98	R	Central Florida	Pensacola, FL
Practice Squad								
58	Barrett, Alex	DL	6–2	250	3–6–94	2	San Diego State	Mesa, AZ
14	Benkert, Kurt	QB	6–3	218	7–17–95	2	Virginia	Baltimore, MD
28	Coleman, Tevin	RB	6–1	210	4–16–93	8	Indiana	Oak Forest, IL
88	Fumagalli, Troy	TE	6–6	248	2–17–95	5	Wisconsin	Aurora, IL
77	Gutierrez, Alfredo*	OL	6–9	332	12–29–95	1	Tecnológico de Monterrey	Tijuana, MX
41	Hawkins, Tayler	S	6–1	205	12–27–97	R	San Diego State	Palm Springs, CA
67	Ismael, Keith	OL	6–3	310	7–25–98	3	San Diego State	San Francisco, CA
47	Johnson, Buddy	LB	6–2	240	2–27–99	2	Texas A&M	Dallas, TX
27	Johnson, Dontae	CB	6–2	200	12–1–91	9	North Carolina State	Pennington, NJ
43	Knight, Qwuantrezz	CB	6–0	199	10–10–97	R	UCLA	Havana, FL
86	Martin, Tay	WR	6–3	185	12–14–97	R	Oklahoma State	Houma, LA
40	McCrary–Ball, Marcelino	LB	6–0	214	3–23–99	R	Indiana	Roswell, GA
62	Poe, Jason	OL	6–1	300	7–27–98	R	Mercer	Fitzgerald, GA
83	Snead IV, Willie	WR	5–11	195	10–17–92	8	Ball State	Muskegon, MI
55	Spence, Akeem	DL	6–1	307	11–29–91	9	Illinois	Fort Walton Beach, FL
17	Turner, Malik	WR	6–2	202	1–30–96	5	Illinois	Springfield, IL
78	Watson, Leroy	OL	6–5	311	6–10–98	R	Texas–San Antonio	Snellville, GA

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NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	DOB	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
Quarterbacks (2)									
10	Garoppolo, Jimmy	QB	6–2	225	11–2–91	9	Eastern Illinois	Arlington Heights, IL	TR in '17 (NE)
13	Purdy, Brock	QB	6–1	220	12–27–99	R	Iowa State	Gilbert, AZ	D–7 in '22
Running Backs/Fullbacks (5)									
22	Wilson Jr., Jeff	RB	6–0	213	11–16–95	5	North Texas	Elkhart, TX	FA in '18
23	Mack, Marlon	RB	6–0	212	3–7–96	6	South Florida	Sarasota, FL	FA in '22
24	Mason, Jordan	RB	5–11	223	5–24–99	R	Georgia Tech	Gallatin, TN	FA in '22
32	Davis–Price, Tyrion	RB	6–1	219	10–23–00	R	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, LA	D–3A in '22
44	Juszczyk, Kyle	FB	6–2	235	4–23–91	10	Harvard	Lodi, OH	FA in '17
Wide Receivers (5)									
3	McCloud III, Ray–Ray	WR	5–9	190	10–15–96	5	Clemson	Tampa, FL	FA in '22
6	Gray, Danny	WR	6–0	200	4–1–99	R	Southern Methodist	Dallas, TX	D–3B in '22
11	Aiyuk, Brandon	WR	6–0	200	3–17–98	3	Arizona State	Reno, NV	D–1B in '20
15	Jennings, Jauan	WR	6–3	212	7–10–97	2	Tennessee	Murfreesboro, TN	D–7 in '20
19	Samuel, Deebo	WR	6–0	215	1–15–96	4	South Carolina	Inman, SC	D–2 in '19
Tight Ends (4)									
81	Kroft, Tyler	TE	6–6	252	10–15–92	8	Rutgers	Downingtown, PA	FA in '22
82	Dwelley, Ross	TE	6–5	235	1–26–95	5	San Diego	El Dorado Hills, CA	FA in '18
85	Kittle, George	TE	6–4	250	10–9–93	6	Iowa	Norman, OK	D–5A in '17
89	Woerner, Charlie	TE	6–5	241	10–16–97	3	Georgia	Tiger, GA	D–6 in '20
Offensive Line (10)									
60	Brunskill, Daniel	OL	6–5	300	1–27–94	4	San Diego State	Valley Center, CA	FA in '19
61	Hance, Blake	OL	6–6	310	1–11–96	2	Northwestern	Jacksonville, IL	W in '22 (Cle.)
63	Zakelj, Nick	OL	6–6	316	6–22–99	R	Fordham	Broadview Heights, OH	D–6A in '22
64	Brendel, Jake	OL	6–4	299	9–10–92	5	UCLA	Plano, TX	FA in '20
65	Banks, Aaron	OL	6–5	325	9–3–97	2	Notre Dame	El Cerrito, CA	D–2 in '21
68	McKivitz, Colton	OL	6–6	301	8–9–96	3	West Virginia	Jacobsburg, OH	D–5 in '20
69	McGlinchey, Mike	T	6–8	310	1–12–95	5	Notre Dame	Philadelphia, PA	D–1 in '18
71	Williams, Trent	T	6–5	320	7–19–88	13	Oklahoma	Longview, TX	TR in '20 (Was.)
74	Burford, Spencer	OL	6–4	300	7–19–00	R	Texas–San Antonio	San Antonio, TX	D–4 in '22
76	Moore, Jaylon	OL	6–4	311	1–9–98	2	Western Michigan	Detroit, MI	D–5A in '21
Specialists (3)									
9	Gould, Robbie	K	6–0	190	12–6–82	18	Penn State	Jersey Shore, PA	FA in '17
18	Wishnowsky, Mitch	P	6–2	220	3–3–92	4	Utah	Perth, Australia	D–4 in '19
46	Pepper, Taybor	LS	6–4	245	5–28–94	5	Michigan State	Saline, MI	FA in '20
Defensive Line (10)									
53	Turay, Kemoko	DL	6–5	248	7–11–95	5	Rutgers	Newark, NJ	FA in '22
56	Ebukam, Samson	DL	6–3	245	5–9–95	6	Eastern Washington	Portland, OR	FA in '21
90	Givens, Kevin	DL	6–1	285	3–1–97	3	Penn State	Newark, NJ	FA in '19
91	Armstead, Arik	DL	6–7	290	11–15–93	8	Oregon	Elk Grove, CA	D–1 in '15
92	Hyder Jr., Kerry	DL	6–2	275	5–2–91	5	Texas Tech	Austin, TX	FA in '22
94	Omenihu, Charles	DL	6–5	280	8–20–97	4	Texas	Rowlett, TX	TR in '21 (Hou.)
95	Jackson, Drake	DL	6–4	273	4–12–01	R	Southern California	Corona, CA	D–2 in '22
97	Bosa, Nick	DL	6–4	266	10–23–97	4	Ohio State	Fort Lauderdale, FL	D–1 in '19
98	Ridgeway, Hassan	DL	6–3	305	11–2–94	7	Texas	Mansfield, TX	FA in '22
99	Kinlaw, Javon	DT	6–5	319	10–3–97	3	South Carolina	Charleston, SC	D–1A in '20
Linebackers (5)									
45	Flannigan–Fowles, Demetrius	LB	6–2	223	9–4–96	3	Arizona	Tucson, AZ	FA in '19
48	Burks, Oren	LB	6–3	233	3–21–95	5	Vanderbilt	Lorton, VA	FA in '22
51	Al–Shaair, Azeez	LB	6–2	228	8–4–97	4	Florida Atlantic	Tampa, FL	FA in '19
54	Warner, Fred	LB	6–3	230	11–19–96	5	Brigham Young	San Marcos, CA	D–3A in '18
57	Greenlaw, Dre	LB	6–0	230	5–25–97	4	Arkansas	Fayetteville, AR	D–5 in '19
Defensive Backs (9)									
4	Moseley, Emmanuel	CB	5–11	190	3–25–96	5	Tennessee	Greensboro, NC	FA in '18
7	Ward, Charvarius	CB	6–1	196	5–16–96	5	Middle Tennessee State	McComb, MS	FA in '22
20	Thomas, Ambry	CB	6–0	190	9–9–99	2	Michigan	Detroit, MI	D–3B in '21
26	Womack III, Samuel	CB	5–10	189	7–7–99	R	Toledo	Detroit, MI	D–5 in '22
29	Hufanga, Talanoa	S	6–0	200	2–1–00	2	Southern California	Corvallis, OR	D–5C in '21
30	Odum, George	S	6–1	202	11–3–93	5	Central Arkansas	Millington, TN	FA in '22
31	Gipson Sr., Tashaun	S	6–1	212	8–7–90	11	Wyoming	Dallas, TX	FA in '22
33	Moore, Tarvarius	DB	6–2	200	8–16–96	5	Southern Mississippi	Quitman, MS	D–3B in '18
38	Lenoir, Deommodore	DB	5–10	200	10–6–99	2	Oregon	Los Angeles, CA	D–5B in '21
Injured Reserve List (7)									
1	Ward, Jimmie	DB	5–11	195	7–18–91	9	Northern Illinois	Mobile, AL	D–1 in '14
5	Lance, Trey	QB	6–4	224	5–9–00	2	North Dakota State	Marshall, MN	D–1 in '21
25	Mitchell, Elijah	RB	5–10	200	5–2–98	2	Louisiana	Erath, LA	D–6 in '21
59	Robinson, Curtis	LB	6–3	235	6–2–98	2	Stanford	Santa Ana, CA	FA in '21
75	Willis, Jordan	DL	6–4	270	5–2–95	6	Kansas State	Kansas City, MO	TR in '20 (NYJ)
88	Matthews, Jordan	TE	6–3	236	7–16–92	7	Vanderbilt	Madison, AL	FA in '21
96	Hurst, Maurice	DL	6–2	291	5–9–95	5	Michigan	Westwood, MA	FA in '21
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List (1)									
2	Verrett, Jason	CB	5–10	188	6–18–91	9	Texas Christian	Fairfield, CA	FA in '19
Reserve/Non–Football Injury List (1)									
93	Davis, Kalia	DL	6–2	310	10–2–98	R	Central Florida	Pensacola, FL	D–6B in '22

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ROSTER BY EXPERIENCE

PLAYER	EXP	GP/GS	W/SF
Gould, Robbie	18	252/0	76/0
Williams, Trent	13	152/151	32/32
Gipson Sr., Tashaun	11	143/135	3/3
Juszczyk, Kyle	10	142/101	78/69
Garoppolo, Jimmy	9	65/48	48/46
Verrett, Jason&	9	40/35	15/14
Ward, Jimmie*	9	94/74	94/74
Armstead, Arik	8	97/78	97/78
Kroft, Tyler	8	83/50	2/2
Hyder Jr., Kerry	7	74/23	19/14
Matthews, Jordan*	7	76/46	4/0
Ridgeway, Hassan	7	68/12	3/0
Ebukam, Samson	6	84/49	20/14
Kittle, George	6	68/60	68/60
Mack, Marlon	6	48/23	1/0
Willis, Jordan*	6	60/2	17/0
Brendel, Jake	5	40/6	19/3
Burks, Oren	5	62/7	3/0
Dwelley, Ross	5	63/17	63/17
Hurst, Maurice*	5	42/17	2/0
McCloud III, Ray–Ray	5	51/8	3/0
McGlinchey, Mike	5	55/55	55/55
Moore, Tarvarius	5	51/13	51/13
Moseley, Emmanuel	5	43/31	43/31
Odum, George	5	68/10	3/0
Pepper, Taybor	5	52/0	20/0
Turay, Kemoko	5	38/3	0/0
Ward, Charvarius	5	59/46	3/3
Warner, Fred	5	67/67	67/67
Wilson Jr., Jeff	5	40/11	40/11
Al–Shaair, Azeez	4	47/24	47/24
Bosa, Nick	4	38/36	38/36
Brunskill, Daniel	4	47/40	47/40
Greenlaw, Dre	4	35/27	35/27
Omenihu, Charles	4	47/7	12/0
Samuel, Deebo	4	41/34	41/34
Wishnowsky, Mitch	4	52/0	52/0
Aiyuk, Brandon	3	32/30	32/30
Flannigan–Fowles, Demetrius	3	31/3	31/3
Givens, Kevin	3	30/2	30/2
Kinlaw, Javon	3	21/19	21/19
McKivitz, Colton	3	18/4	18/4
Woerner, Charlie	3	34/3	34/3
Banks, Aaron	2	12/3	12/3
Hance, Blake	2	20/8	3/0
Hufanga, Talanoa	2	18/6	18/6
Jennings, Jauan	2	19/2	19/2
Lance, Trey*	2	8/4	8/4
Lenoir, Deommodore	2	16/2	16/2
Mitchell, Elijah*	2	12/11	12/11
Moore, Jaylon	2	10/3	10/3
Robinson, Curtis*	2	6/0	3/0
Thomas, Ambry	2	15/5	15/5
Burford, Spencer	R	3/3	3/3
Davis–Price, Tyrion	R	1/0	1/0
Davis, Kalia@	R	0/0	0/0
Gray, Danny	R	2/0	2/0
Jackson, Drake	R	3/0	3/0
Mason, Jordan	R	3/0	3/0
Purdy, Brock	R	0/0	0/0
Womack III, Samuel	R	3/1	3/1
Zakelj, Nick	R	0/0	0/0

HOW THEY WERE BUILT

YEAR	PLAYER	ACQ
2014	Jimmie Ward*	D1
2015	Arik Armstead	D1
2017	Robbie Gould	FA
	Kyle Juszczyk	FA
	George Kittle	D5a
	Jimmy Garoppolo	TR
2018	Mike McGlinchey	D1
	Fred Warner	D3a
	Tarvarius Moore	D3b
	Ross Dwelley	FA
	Emmanuel Moseley	FA
	Jeff Wilson Jr.	FA
2019	Jason Verrett&	FA
	Daniel Brunskill	FA
	Nick Bosa	D1
	Deebo Samuel	D2
	Mitch Wishnowsky	D4
	Dre Greenlaw	D5
	Azeez Al–Shaair	FA
	Demetrius Flannigan–Fowles	FA
	Kevin Givens	FA
2020	Jake Brendel	FA
	Javon Kinlaw	D1a
	Brandon Aiyuk	D1b
	Colton McKivitz	D5
	Charlie Woerner	D6
	Jauan Jennings	D7
	Trent Williams	TR
	Taybor Pepper	FA
	Jordan Willis*	TR
2021	Samson Ebukam	FA
	Maurice Hurst*	FA
	Trey Lance*	D1
	Aaron Banks	D2
	Ambry Thomas	D3b
	Jaylon Moore	D5a
	Deommodore Lenoir	D5b
	Talanoa Hufanga	D5c
	Elijah Mitchell*	D6
	Jordan Matthews*	FA
	Charles Omenihu	TR
	Curtis Robinson*	FA
2022	Oren Burks	FA
	Charvarius Ward	FA
	Hassan Ridgeway	FA
	Ray–Ray McCloud III	FA
	George Odum	FA
	Kerry Hyder Jr.	FA
	Drake Jackson	D2
	Tyrion Davis–Price	D3a
	Danny Gray	D3b
	Spencer Burford	D4
	Samuel Womack III	D5
	Nick Zakelj	D6a
	Kalia Davis@	D6b
	Brock Purdy	D7
	Jordan Mason	FA
	Tyler Kroft	FA
	Blake Hance	W
	Tashaun Gipson Sr.	FA
	Kemoko Turay	FA
	Marlon Mack	FA

*Injured Reserve
&Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform
^Reserve/Suspended
#Reserve/COVID–19
@Reserve/Non–Football Injury

2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS PARTICIPATION CHART

PLAYER	at CHI 9–11	SEA 9–18	at DEN 9–25	LAR 10–3	at CAR 10–9	at ATL 10–16	KC 10–23	at LAR 10–30	LAC 11–13	at ARZ 11–21	NO 11–27	MIA 12–4	TB 12–11	at SEA 12–15	WAS 12–24	at LV 1–1	ARZ 1–7/8	GP	GS	DNP	IA
Aiyuk, Brandon	WR	WR	WR															3	3	0	0
Al–Shaair, Azeez	P	SAM	SAM															3	2	0	0
Armstead, Arik	RDT	RDT	IA															2	2	0	1
Banks, Aaron	LG	LG	LG															3	3	0	0
Barrett, Alex	PS	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
Benkert, Kurt	NR	NR	PS															0	0	0	0
Bosa, Nick	RDE	RDE	RDE															3	3	0	0
Brendel, Jake	C	C	C															3	3	0	0
Brunskill, Daniel	IA	IA	IA															0	0	0	3
Burford, Spencer	RG	RG	RG															3	3	0	0
Burks, Oren	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Coleman, Tevin	NR	NR	PS															0	0	0	0
Davis–Price, Tyrion	IA	P	IA															1	0	0	2
Davis, Kalia@	NFI	NFI	NFI															0	0	0	0
Dwelley, Ross	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Ebukam, Samson	LDE	LDE	LDE															3	3	0	0
Flannigan–Fowles, Demetrius	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Fumagalli, Troy	PS	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
Garoppolo, Jimmy	DNP	P	QB															2	1	1	0
Gipson Sr., Tashaun	FS	FS	FS															3	3	0	0
Givens, Kevin	P	P	RDT															3	1	0	0
Gould, Robbie	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Gray, Danny	IA	P	P															2	0	0	1
Greenlaw, Dre	WILL	WILL	WILL															3	3	0	0
Gutierrez, Alfredo	PS	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
Hance, Blake	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Hawkins, Tayler	PS	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
Hufanga, Talanoa	SS	SS	SS															3	3	0	0
Hurst, Maurice*	IR	IR	IR															0	0	0	0
Hyder Jr., Kerry	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Ismael, Keith	NR	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
Jackson, Drake	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Jennings, Jauan	WR	P	P															3	1	0	0
Johnson, Buddy	PS	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
Johnson, Dontae	PS	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
Juszczyk, Kyle	P	FB	FB															3	2	0	0
Kinlaw, Javon	LDT	LDT	LDT															3	3	0	0
Kittle, George	IA	IA	TE															1	1	0	2
Knight, Qwuantrezz	PS	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
Kroft, Tyler	TE	TE	IA															2	2	0	1
Lance, Trey*	QB	QB	IR															2	2	0	0
Lenoir, Deommodore	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Mack, Marlon	NR	PS	P															1	0	0	0
Martin, Tay	PS	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
Mason, Jordan	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Matthews, Jordan*	IR	IR	IR															0	0	0	0
McCloud III, Ray–Ray	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
McCrary–Ball, Marcelino	PS	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
McGlinchey, Mike	RT	RT	RT															3	3	0	0
McKivitz, Colton	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Mitchell, Elijah*	RB	IR	IR															1	1	0	0
Moore, Jaylon	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Moore, Tarvarius	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Moseley, Emmanuel	LCB	LCB	LCB															3	3	0	0
Odum, George	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Omenihu, Charles	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Pepper, Taybor	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Poe, Jason	PS	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
Purdy, Brock	IA	IA	DNP															0	0	1	2
Ridgeway, Hassan	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Robinson, Curtis*	IR	IR	IR															0	0	0	0
Samuel, Deebo	WR	WR	WR															3	3	0	0
Snead IV, Willie	NR	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
Spence, Akeem	PS	PS	P															1	0	0	0
Sutherland, Keaton	PS	NR	NR															0	0	0	0
Thomas, Ambry	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Turay, Kemoko	PS	IA	IA															0	0	0	2
Turner, Malik	P	PS	PS															1	0	0	0
Verrett, Jason&	PUP	PUP	PUP															0	0	0	0
Vincent Jr., Kary	NR	PS	NR															0	0	0	0
Watson, Leroy	PS	PS	PS															0	0	0	0
Ward, Charvarius	RCB	RCB	RCB															3	3	0	0
Ward, Jimmie*	IR	IR	IR															0	0	0	0
Warner, Fred	MIKE	MIKE	MIKE															3	3	0	0
Wedington, Connor	PS	NR	NR															0	0	0	0
Williams, Trent	LT	LT	LT															3	3	0	0
Willis, Jordan*	IA	IR	IR															0	0	0	1
Wilson Jr., Jeff	P	RB	RB															3	2	0	0
Wishnowsky, Mitch	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Woerner, Charlie	P	P	P															3	0	0	0
Womack III, Samuel	NB	P	P															3	1	0	0
Zakelj, Nick	IA	IA	IA															0	0	0	3

Position = Starter, P = Played, DNP = Did Not Play, IA = Inactive, IR = Injured Reserve, PUP = Physically Unable to Perform, PS = Practice Squad, PS–INJ = Practice Squad Injured, NFI = Non–Football Injury, SUS = Suspended, EXP = Roster Exemption, OO = Reserve/Opt–Out, RC = Reserve/COVID–19, BYE = Week 9, NR = Not on Roster.

2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

Opp	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	FB	RB	QB	Other
at CHI	Samuel	Williams	Banks	Brendel	Burford	McGlinchey	Kroft	Aiyuk		Mitchell	Lance	Jennings (WR)
SEA	Samuel	Williams	Banks	Brendel	Burford	McGlinchey	Kroft	Aiyuk	Juszczyk	Wilson Jr.	Lance	
at DEN	Samuel	Williams	Banks	Brendel	Burford	McGlinchey	Kittle	Aiyuk	Juszczyk	Wilson Jr.	Garoppolo	
LAR												
at CAR												
at ATL												
KC												
at LAR												
LAC												
at ARZ												
NO												
MIA												
TB												
at SEA												
WAS												
at LV												
ARZ												

DEFENSE

Opp	LDE	LDT	RDT	RDE	SAM	MIKE	WILL	LCB	RCB	SS	FS	Other
at CHI	Ebukam	Kinlaw	Armstead	Bosa		Warner	Greenlaw	Moseley	C. Ward	Hufanga	Gipson Sr.	Womack III (NB)
SEA	Ebukam	Kinlaw	Armstead	Bosa	Al–Shaair	Warner	Greenlaw	Moseley	C. Ward	Hufanga	Gipson Sr.	
at DEN	Ebukam	Kinlaw	Givens	Bosa	Al–Shaair	Warner	Greenlaw	Moseley	C. Ward	Hufanga	Gipson Sr.	
LAR												
at CAR												
at ATL												
KC												
at LAR												
LAC												
at ARZ												
NO												
MIA												
TB												
at SEA												
WAS												
at LV												
ARZ												

INACTIVES

Opp	
at CHI	Gray/Purdy/Davis–Price/Brunskill/Zakelj/Willis/Kittle
SEA	Purdy/Turay/Brunskill/Zakelj/Kittle
at DEN	Davis–Price/Turay/Brunskill/Zakelj/Kroft/Armstead
LAR	
at CAR	
at ATL	
KC	
at LAR	
LAC	
at ARZ	
NO	
MIA	
TB	
at SEA	
WAS	
at LV	
ARZ	

2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS TRANSACTIONS

1–1 Activated P Mitch Wishnowsky from the Reserve/COVID–19 List.
Promoted TE Tanner Hudson to the active roster from the team's practices squad.
Activated LB Mark Nzeocha and LB Curtis Robinson from the team's practice squad (standard elevations).
Waived RB Brian Hill.

1–3 LB Mark Nzeocha, LB Curtis Robinson and QB Nate Sudfeld reverted back to the team's practice squad.
Placed CB Dontae Johnson, RB Raheem Mostert, DB Jimmie Ward and CB K'Waun Williams on the Reserve/COVID–19 List.
Signed RB Brian Hill to the team's practice squad.
Released P Colby Wadman from the practice squad.

1–4 Signed CB Darqueze Dennard to the team's practice squad.

1–5 Placed DB Deommodore Lenoir and CB Ambry Thomas on the Reserve/COVID–19 List.
Opened the Injured Reserve practice windows for CB Emmanuel Moseley, WR Mohamed Sanu Sr. and S Tavon Wilson.

1–7 Activated CB Ambry Thomas from the Reserve/Covid–19 List.
Waived TE Tanner Hudson.

1–8 Activated CB Dontae Johnson, DB Jimmie Ward and CB K'Waun Williams from the Reserve/Covid–19 List.
Activated CB Emmanuel Moseley to the active roster from the Injured Reserve List.
Activated LB Curtis Robinson from the team's practice squad (COVID–19 replacement).
Activated CB Darqueze Dennard and LB Mark Nzeocha from the team's practice squad (standard elevations).

1–10 CB Darqueze Dennard, LB Mark Nzeocha and LB Curtis Robinson reverted back to the team's practice squad.
Activated CB Deommodore Lenoir from the Reserve/Covid–19 List.
Signed TE Tanner Hudson to the team's practice squad.
Placed CB Luq Barcoo, QB Tyler Bray and FB Josh Hokit on the practice squad/COVID–19 List.

1–11 Activated RB Trey Sermon to the active roster from the Injured Reserve List.

1–12 Opened the practice window for RB Trenton Cannon.
Restored S Doug Middleton to the practice squad from the practice squad Injured Reserve List.
Signed P Ryan Winslow to the team's practice squad.
Released QB Tyler Bray from the practice squad.

1–15 Activated CB Darqueze Dennard and LB Mark Nzeocha from the team's practice squad (standard elevations).

1–17 CB Darqueze Dennard and LB Mark Nzeocha reverted back to the team's practice squad.

1–18 Activated RB Raheem Mostert from the Reserve/Covid–19 List.
Activated FB Josh Hokit from the practice squad/Covid–19 List.
Released CB Luq Barcoo and P Ryan Winslow from the practice squad.

1–21 Activated CB Darqueze Dennard and LB Mark Nzeocha from the team's practice squad (standard elevations).

1–24 CB Darqueze Dennard and LB Mark Nzeocha reverted back to the team's practice squad.

1–25 Waived S Jarrod Wilson.

1–26 Activated WR Mohamed Sanu Sr. to the active roster from the Injured Reserve List.
Signed S Jarrod Wilson to the team's practice squad.
Released S Doug Middleton from the team's practice squad.

1–29 Activated RB Trenton Cannon to the active roster from the Injured Reserve List.
Activated LB Mark Nzeocha and QB Nate Sudfeld from the team's practice squad (standard elevations).
Waived WR River Cracraft.

1–31 LB Mark Nzeocha and QB Nate Sudfeld reverted back to the team's practice squad.

2–2 Signed the following 11 free agents to Reserve/Future contracts: DL Alex Barrett, OL Alfredo Gutierrez, FB Josh Hokit, CB Ka'dar Hollman, TE Tanner Hudson, WR KeeSean Johnson, WR Austin Mack, TE Jordan Matthews, LB Curtis Robinson, DL Chris Slayton and WR Connor Wedington.

3–7 Announced coaching staff hires/title changes: Stephen Adegoke (Defensive Quality Control), James Cregg (Assistant Offensive Line), Brian Fleury (Tight Ends), Chris Foerster (Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator), Joe Graves (Assistant Offensive Line), Brian Griese (Quarterbacks), Leonard Hankerson (Wide Receivers), Klay Kubiak (Assistant Quarterbacks), Anthony Lynn (Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs), Asauni Rufus (Offensive Quality Control), Brian Schneider (Special Teams Coordinator), Deuce Schwartz (Offensive Quality Control), Bobby Slowik (Offensive Passing Game Coordinator) and Nick Sorensen (Defensive Assistant).

3–8 Signed OL Keaton Sutherland to a Reserve/Future contract.

3–9 Signed OL Jake Brendel to a one–year extension.

3–10 Signed DL Kevin Givens, RB JaMycal Hasty, DL Maurice Hurst and OL Colton McKivitz to one–year extensions.
Signed QB Nate Sudfeld to a Reserve/Future contract.

3–11 Signed LB Demetrius Flannigan–Fowles to a one–year extension.

3–16 Tendered one–year contracts to restricted free agents LB Azeez Al–Shaair and OL Daniel Brunskill.

3–17 Signed LB Oren Burks to a two–year deal.
Signed CB Charvarius Ward to a three–year deal.

3–21 Signed DL Hassan Ridgeway to a one–year deal.

3–22 Signed WR Ray–Ray McCloud III to a two–year deal.
Signed S George Odum to a three–year deal.

3–23 Re–signed DL Jordan Willis to a one–year deal.

3–24 Signed DL Kerry Hyder Jr. to a one–year deal.
Re–signed CB Dontae Johnson to a one–year deal.

3–25 Signed CB Darqueze Dennard to a one–year deal.

3–28 Re–signed TE Ross Dwelley to a one–year deal.

3–29 Re–signed RB Jeff Wilson Jr. to a one–year deal.

4–11 Signed WR Marcus Johnson and WR Malik Turner to one–year deals.
Released and re–signed DL Maurice Hurst to a one–year deal.

4–18 Signed DL Kemoko Turay to a one–year deal.

4–19 OL Daniel Brunskill and WR Jauan Jennings signed their one–year tendered contracts.

4–25 LB Azeez Al–Shaair signed his one–year tendered contract.
Exercised the fifth–year contract option on DL Nick Bosa for the 2023 season.

4–29 Selected DL Drake Jackson in the second round (61st overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.
Selected RB Tyrion Davis–Price in the third round (93rd overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.
Selected WR Danny Gray in the third round (105th overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.

4–30 Selected OL Spencer Burford in the fourth round (134th overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.
Selected CB Samuel Womack III in the fifth round (172nd overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.
Selected OL Nick Zakelj in the sixth round (187th overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.
Selected DL Kalia Davis in the sixth round (220th overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.
Selected CB Tariq Castro–Fields in the sixth round (221st overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.
Selected QB Brock Purdy in the seventh round (262nd overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft.

5–2 Re–signed CB Jason Verrett to a one–year deal.

2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS TRANSACTIONS (CONT.)

5–13 Signed the following 14 undrafted rookie free agents: Kevin Atkins, Jeremiah Gemmel, Tayler Hawkins, Qwuantrezz Knight, Taysir Mack, Tay Martin, Jordan Mason, Marcelino McCrary–Ball, Segun Olubi, Leon O'Neal Jr., Jason Poe, Sam Schlueter, Garrett Walston and Dohnovan West.
Released WR Connor Wedington.

5–17 Signed TE Troy Fumagalli to a one–year deal.
Waived TE Garrett Walston.

5–23 Signed TE Tyler Kroft to a one–year deal.
Waived DL Chris Slayton.

6–2 RB Frank Gore signed a one–day contract with the team and retired from the National Football League.
Signed each of the team's nine draft picks to four–year deals: OL Spencer Burford, CB Tariq Castro–Fields, DL Kalia Davis, RB Tyrion Davis–Price, WR Danny Gray, DL Drake Jackson, QB Brock Purdy, CB Samuel Womack III and OL Nick Zakelj.

6–3 C Alex Mack retired from the National Football League.

7–26 Signed DL Robert Nkemdiche to a one–year deal.

7–27 Placed CB Jason Verret and TE Charlie Woerner on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List.
Placed DL Kalia Davis on the Active/Non–Football Injury List.
Released DL Dee Ford.

7–29 Signed DL Tomasi Laulile to a one–year deal.

8–1 Signed DL Akeem Spence to a one–year deal.
Placed DL Maurice Hurst on the Injured Reserve List.
Signed WR Deebo Samuel to a three–year extension through the 2025 season.

8–4 Placed TE Jordan Matthews on the Injured Reserve List.

8–5 Waived WR Taysir Mack.

8–6 Signed OL Jordan Mills and WR Willie Snead IV to one–year deals.

8–10 Signed CB Ken Crawley to a one–year deal.
Waived/Injured S Leon O'Neal Jr.

8–14 Activated TE Charlie Woerner from the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List.

8–15 Waived the following three players: FB Josh Hokit, WR KeeSean Johnson and DL Tomasi Laulile.
Released CB Darqueze Dennard.

8–16 Released DL Robert Nkemdiche.

8–22 Signed S Tashaun Gipson Sr. to a one–year deal.
Waived/Injured WR Austin Mack.

8–23 Released TE Tanner Hudson.
Waived LB Jeremiah Gemmel.
Waived/Injured WR Austin Mack and OL Sam Schlueter.
Placed DL Kalia Davis on the Reserve/Non–Football Injury List.
Placed CB Jason Verret on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List.

8–28 Waived CB Ka'dar Hollman.

8–29 Released CB Ken Crawley.
Waived OL Dohnovan West.

8–30 Released the following players: TE Troy Fumagalli, S Tashaun Gipson Sr., CB Dontae Johnson, WR Marcus Johnson, TE Tyler Kroft, OL Jordan Mills, WR Willie Snead IV, DL Akeem Spence, QB Nate Sudfeld, DL Kemoko Turay, WR Malik Turner and DL Jordan Willis.
Waived the following players: DL Kevin Atkins, DL Alex Barrett, CB Tariq Castro–Fields, OL Alfredo Gutierrez, RB JaMycal Hasty, S Tayler Hawkins, CB Qwuantrezz Knight, WR Tay Martin, LB Marcelino McCrary–Ball, LB Segun Olubi, OL Jason Poe, OL Justin Skule and OL Keaton Sutherland.

8–31 Signed TE Tyler Kroft and DL Jordan Willis to one–year deals.
Claimed OL Blake Hance off waivers from the Cleveland Browns.
Placed LB Curtis Robinson and DB Jimmie Ward on the Injured Reserve List.
Waived RB Trey Sermon.
Signed the following 13 players to the team's practice squad: DL Alex Barrett, S Tashaun Gipson Sr., OL Alfredo Gutierrez, S Tayler Hawkins, CB Qwuantrezz Knight, WR Tay Martin, LB Marcelino McCrary–Ball, OL Jason Poe, WR Willie Snead IV, DL Akeem Spence, OL Keaton Sutherland, DL Kemoko Turay and WR Malik Turner.

9–1 Signed CB Dontae Johnson to the team's practice squad.

9–5 Signed LB Buddy Johnson and OL Leroy Watson to the team's practice squad.

9–7 Signed TE Troy Fumagalli and WR Connor Wedington to the team's practice squad.
Released WR Willie Snead IV.

9–10 Activated S Tashaun Gipson Sr. and WR Malik Turner from the team's practice squad (standard elevations).

9–12 S Tashaun Gipson Sr. and WR Malik Turner reverted back to the team's practice squad.

9–13 Promoted S Tashaun Gipson Sr. to the active roster from the team's practice squad.
Placed RB Elijah Mitchell on the Injured Reserve List.
Signed OL Keith Ismael to the team's practice squad.
Released OL Keaton Sutherland and WR Connor Wedington.

9–14 Promoted DL Kemoko Turay to the active roster from the team's practice squad.
Placed DL Jordan Willis on the Injured Reserve List.
Signed RB Marlon Mack, WR Willie Snead IV and CB Kary Vincent Jr. to the team's practice squad.

9–16 Signed P Mitch Wishnowsky to a four–year extension through the 2026 season.

9–19 Signed LB Dre Greenlaw to a two–year extension through the 2024 season.

9–21 Promoted RB Marlon Mack to the active roster from the team's practice squad.
Placed QB Trey Lance on the Injured Reserve List.
Signed QB Kurt Benkert and RB Tevin Coleman to the team's practice squad.
Released CB Kary Vincent Jr.

9–24 Activated DL Akeem Spence from the team's practice squad (standard elevation).

9–26 DL Akeem Spence reverted back to the team's practice squad.

2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

Date	W/L	Score	Opponent	Attendance
9/11	L	10–19	at Chicago	62,159
9/18	W	27–7	Seattle	71,597
9/25	L	10–11	at Denver	77,021
10/3			Los Angeles Rams	
10/9			at Carolina	
10/16			at Atlanta	
10/23			Kansas City	
10/30			at Los Angeles Rams	
11/13			Los Angeles Chargers	
11/21			at Arizona (Mexico City)	
11/27			New Orleans	
12/4			Miami	
12/11			Tampa Bay	
12/15			at Seattle	
12/24			Washington	
1/1			at Las Vegas	
1/7–8			Arizona	

Team Statistics	49ers	Opponents
Total First Downs	**55**	**43**
Rushing	25	14
Passing	22	22
Penalty	8	7
3rd Down: Made/Att	15/42	13/40
3rd Down Pct.	35.7%	32.5%
4th Down: Made/Att	2/5	0/0
4th Down Pct.	40.0%	0.0%
Possession Avg.	**32:26**	**27:34**
Total Net Yards	**971**	**681**
Avg. Per Game	323.7	227.0
Total Plays	189	173
Avg. Per Play	5.1	3.9
Net Yards Rushing	**453**	**236**
Avg. Per Game	151.0	78.7
Total Rushes	101	84
Net Yards Passing	**518**	**445**
Avg. Per Game	172.7	148.3
Sacked/Yards Lost	7/41	8/57
Gross Yards	559	502
Attempts/Completions	81/46	81/52
Completion Pct.	56.8%	64.2%
Had Intercepted	2	3
Punts/Average	**14/46.8**	**21/47.7**
Net Punting Avg.	**43.3**	**42.7**
Penalties/Yards	**20/165**	**18/160**
Fumbles/Ball Lost	**7/3**	**3/1**
Touchdowns	**5**	**5**
Rushing	3	2
Passing	2	2
Returns	0	1

Score By Periods	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	Pts
49ers	13	21	3	10	0	47
Opponents	0	3	16	18	0	37

Scoring	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	PAT	FG	2Pt	Pts
R.Gould	0	0	0	0	5/5	4/5	0	17
K.Juszczyk	1	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
J.Garoppolo	1	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
R.Dwelley	1	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
D.Samuel	1	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
B.Aiyuk	1	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
49ers	**5**	**3**	**2**	**0**	**5/5**	**4/5**	**0**	**47**
Opponents	**5**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**2/4**	**1/2**	**0**	**37**

2–Pt. Converstions: **49ers 0/0, Opponents 0/1**

Sacks:
49ers: N.Bosa 4.0, S.Ebukam 1.0, D.Jackson 1.0, K.Givens 1.0, K.Hyder Jr. 1.0
Total: 8.0 Opponents: 7.0

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
J.Garoppolo	50	31	365	62.0%	7.3	2	4.0%	1	2.0%	38t	5/32	89.2
T.Lance	31	15	194	48.4%	6.3	0	0.0%	1	3.2%	44	2/9	55.0
49ers	**81**	**46**	**559**	**56.8%**	**6.9**	**2**	**2.5%**	**2**	**2.5%**	**44**	**7/41**	**76.1**
Opponents	**81**	**52**	**502**	**64.2%**	**6.2**	**2**	**2.5%**	**3**	**3.7%**	**51t**	**8/57**	**74.2**

Rushing	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
J.Wilson Jr.	39	181	4.6	37	0
D.Samuel	17	111	6.5	51	1
T.Lance	16	67	4.2	13	0
E.Mitchell	6	41	6.8	16	0
T.Davis–Price	14	33	2.4	20	0
J.Mason	1	7	7.0	7	0
B.Aiyuk	1	7	7.0	7	0
J.Garoppolo	5	5	1.0	3	1
K.Juszczyk	2	1	0.5	1t	1
49ers	**101**	**453**	**4.5**	**51**	**3**
Opponents	**84**	**236**	**2.8**	**16**	**2**

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
D.Samuel	12	131	10.9	32	0
B.Aiyuk	10	142	14.2	31	1
J.Wilson Jr.	7	58	8.3	16	0
J.Jennings	6	71	11.8	44	0
G.Kittle	4	28	7.0	11	0
R.McCloud III	3	47	15.7	20	0
R.Dwelley	2	49	24.5	38t	1
K.Juszczyk	1	24	24.0	24	0
T.Kroft	1	9	9.0	9	0
D.Gray	0	0	0.0	0	0
49ers	**46**	**559**	**12.2**	**44**	**2**
Opponents	**52**	**502**	**9.7**	**51t**	**2**

Interceptions	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
T.Gipson Sr.	1	14	14.0	14	0
C.Ward	1	9	9.0	9	0
T.Hufanga	1	1	1.0	1	0
49ers	**3**	**24**	**8.0**	**14**	**0**
Opponents	**1**	**26**	**26.0**	**26**	**0**

Punting	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
M.Wishnowsky	14	655	46.8	43.3	2	8	74	0
Team	**14**	**655**	**46.8**	**43.3**	**2**	**8**	**74**	**0**
Opponents	**21**	**1002**	**47.7**	**42.7**	**1**	**8**	**58**	**0**

Punt Returns	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
R.McCloud III	10	6	86	8.6	18	0
49ers	**10**	**6**	**86**	**8.6**	**18**	**0**
Opponents	**3**	**2**	**9**	**3.0**	**9**	**0**

Kickoff Returns	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
R.McCloud III	4	65	16.3	21	0
49ers	**4**	**65**	**16.3**	**21**	**0**
Opponents	**6**	**108**	**18.0**	**30**	**0**

Field Goals	1–19	20–29	30–39	40–49	50+
R.Gould	0/0	2/3	1/1	0/0	1/1
49ers	**0/0**	**2/3**	**1/1**	**0/0**	**1/1**
Opponents	**0/0**	**0/0**	**0/0**	**0/0**	**1/2**

Fumbles Lost: J.Garoppolo 1, J.Wilson Jr. 1, D.Samuel 1 **Total: 3**
Opponent Fumble Recoveries: R.Dwelley 1 **Total: 1**

2022 DEFENSIVE & SPECIAL TEAMS STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES			For	Quarterback				
PLAYER	Total	Solo	Ast	Loss	Sacks	INT	PD	FF	FR
D. Greenlaw	23	14	9	2	0.0	0	0	0	0
T. Hufanga	21	17	4	4	0.0	1	3	0	0
C. Ward	18	8	10	1	0.0	1	3	1	0
F. Warner	16	9	7	0	0.0	0	1	0	0
E. Moseley	13	10	3	0	0.0	0	2	0	0
A. Al–Shaair	11	4	7	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
N. Bosa	11	9	2	4	4.0	0	0	0	0
T. Gipson Sr.	9	7	2	0	0.0	1	1	0	0
S. Ebukam	7	4	3	1	1.0	0	0	0	0
K. Givens	7	4	3	4	1.0	0	0	0	0
H. Ridgeway	7	3	4	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
D. Lenoir	5	3	2	1	0.0	0	1	0	0
S. Womack III	5	4	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	0
C. Omenihu	4	1	3	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
A. Armstead	3	3	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0
D. Jackson	3	2	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0
D. Flannigan–Fowles	2	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
J. Kinlaw	2	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
K. Hyder Jr.	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0	0
T. Moore	1	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
A. Spence	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**170**	**108**	**62**	**20**	**8.0**	**3**	**12**	**2**	**0**

SACKS (8.0)

N. Bosa (4.0) – 1.0 at Chi., 2.0 vs. Sea., 1.0 at Den.
S. Ebukam (1.0) – 1.0 at Chi.
D. Jackson (1.0) – 1.0 at Den.
K. Givens (1.0) – 1.0 at Den.
K. Hyder Jr. (1.0) – 1.0 at Den.

INTERCEPTIONS (3)

T. Gipson Sr. (1) – 1–1 vs. Sea.
T. Hufanga (1) – 1–1 at Chi.
C. Ward (1) – 1–1 vs. Sea.

SINGLE-GAME BESTS

Tackles: 11 by Talanoa Hufanga at Chi.
Tackles For Loss: 3 by Kevin Givens vs. Sea.
Sacks: 2.0 by Nick Bosa vs. Sea.
Interceptions: 1, three times, last by Tashaun Gipson Sr. & Charvarius Ward vs. Sea.
Passes Defensed: 2 by Talanoa Hufanga vs. Sea.
Forced Fumbles: 1, two times, last by Charvarius Ward & Samuel Womack III at Den.
Fumble Recoveries: None
Special Teams Tackles: 2 by George Odum at Den.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PLAYER	Tot	Solo	Ast	FF	FR
G. Odum	3	1	2	0	0
O. Burks	2	0	2	0	0
J. Mason	2	1	1	0	0
A. Thomas	2	1	1	0	0
D. Flannigan–Fowles	1	0	1	0	0
D. Lenoir	1	0	1	0	0
T. Moore	1	1	0	0	0
R. Dwelley	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	**12**	**4**	**8**	**0**	**1**

2022 49ERS OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

	@Chi.	Sea.	@Den.	LAR	@Car.	@Atl.	KC	@LAR	LAC	@Arz.	NO	Mia.	TB	@Sea.	Was.	@LV	Arz.	Totals
First Downs																		
Total	17	25	13															**55**
Rushing	11	11	3															**25**
Passing	5	8	9															**22**
Penalty	1	6	1															**8**
Third Down																		
Conversions	8	6	1															**15**
Attempts	17	15	10															**42**
Percentage	47.1	40.0	10.0															**35.7**
4th Down																		
Conversions	0	2	0															**2**
Attempts	2	3	0															**5**
Time of Possession																		
49ers	33:28	38:20	25:31															**32:26**
Total Net Yards																		
Plays	67	70	52															**189**
Yards	331	373	267															**971**
Average	4.9	5.3	5.1															**5.1**
Rushing																		
Attempts	37	45	19															**101**
Yards	176	189	88															**453**
Average	4.8	4.2	4.6															**4.5**
Passing																		
Net	155	184	179															**518**
Sacks	2	1	4															**7**
Yards	9	0	32															**41**
Gross	164	184	211															**559**
Attempts	28	24	29															**81**
Completions	13	15	18															**46**
Percentage	46.4	62.5	62.1															**56.8**
Interceptions	1	0	1															**2**
Punting																		
Number	4	3	7															**14**
Average	40.3	44.0	51.7															**45.3**
Net	40.3	44.0	44.7															**43.0**
Penalties																		
Number	12	1	7															**20**
Yards	99	26	40															**165**
Fumbles																		
Number	2	1	3															**6**
Lost	1	0	2															**3**
Red Zone																		
Number	3	5	1															**9**
Touchdowns	1	2	1															**4**
Field Goals	0	2	0															**2**
Touchdowns																		
Rushing	1	2	0															**3**
Passing	0	1	1															**2**
Returns	0	0	0															**0**

2022 49ERS DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

	@Chi.	Sea.	@Den.	LAR	@Car.	@Atl.	KC	@LAR	LAC	@Arz.	NO	Mia.	TB	@Sea.	Was.	@LV	Arz.	Totals
First Downs																		
Total	15	14	14															**43**
Rushing	6	3	5															**14**
Passing	4	10	8															**22**
Penalty	5	1	1															**7**
Third Down																		
Conversions	5	2	6															**13**
Attempts	14	7	19															**40**
Percentage	35.7	28.6	31.6															**32.5**
4th Down																		
Conversions	0	0	0															**0**
Attempts	0	0	0															**0**
Time of Possession																		
Opponent	26:32	21:40	34:29															**27:34**
Total Net Yards																		
Plays	56	47	70															**173**
Yards	204	216	261															**681**
Average	3.6	4.6	3.7															**3.9**
Rushing																		
Attempts	37	14	33															**84**
Yards	99	36	101															**236**
Average	2.7	2.6	3.1															**2.8**
Passing																		
Net	105	180	160															**445**
Sacks	2	2	4															**8**
Yards	16	17	24															**57**
Gross	121	197	184															**502**
Attempts	17	31	33															**81**
Completions	8	24	20															**52**
Percentage	47.1	77.4	60.6															**64.2**
Interceptions	1	2	0															**3**
Punting																		
Number	6	5	10															**21**
Average	46.2	49.8	47.6															**47.9**
Net	39.0	45.2	43.6															**42.6**
Penalties																		
Number	3	10	5															**18**
Yards	24	106	30															**160**
Fumbles																		
Number	0	1	2															**3**
Lost	0	1	0															**1**
Red Zone																		
Number	2	1	1															**4**
Touchdowns	2	0	1															**3**
Field Goals	0	0	0															**0**
Touchdowns																		
Rushing	1	0	1															**2**
Passing	2	0	0															**2**
Returns	0	1	0															**1**

2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

	Bests/Highs	Opponent	Date	Worsts/Lows	Opponent	Date
First Downs	25	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	13	at Denver	9/25/22
Third–Down %	8–17–47.1%	at Chicago	9/11/22	1–10–10.0%	at Denver	9/25/22
Total Net Yards	373	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	267	at Denver	9/25/22
Offensive Plays	70	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	52	at Denver	9/25/22
Avg. Per Play	5.3	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	4.9	at Chicago	9/11/22
Rushing Yards	189	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	88	at Denver	9/25/22
Rushes	45	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	19	at Denver	9/25/22
Rushing Avg.	4.8	at Chicago	9/11/22	4.6	at Denver	9/25/22
Net Passing Yards	184	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	155	at Chicago	9/11/22
Completions	15	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	13	at Chicago	9/11/22
Attempts	29	at Denver	9/25/22	28	at Chicago	9/11/22
Completions %	62.5	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	46.4	at Chicago	9/11/22
Avg. Gain Per Passing Play	7.4	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	5.2	at Chicago	9/11/22
Interceptions Thrown	0	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	1	2 times, last at Denver	9/25/22
Fumbles Lost	0	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	2	at Denver	9/25/22
Turnovers	0	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	3	at Denver	9/25/22
Penalties	1	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	12	at Chicago	9/11/22
Penalty Yards	26	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	99	at Chicago	9/11/22
Gross Punting Avg.	51.7	at Denver	9/25/22	40.3	at Chicago	9/11/22
Net Punting Avg.	44.7	at Denver	9/25/22	40.3	at Chicago	9/11/22
Time of Poss.	38:20	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	25:31	at Denver	9/25/22

OPPONENTS

	Worsts/Lows	Opponent	Date	Bests/Highs	Opponent	Date
First Downs	14	2 times, last at Denver	9/25/22	15	at Chicago	9/11/22
Third–Down %	2–7–28.6%	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	5–14–35.7%	at Chicago	9/11/22
Total Net Yards	204	at Chicago	9/11/22	261	at Denver	9/25/22
Offensive Plays	47	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	70	at Denver	9/25/22
Avg. Per Play	3.6	at Chicago	9/11/22	4.6	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Rushing Yards	36	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	101	at Denver	9/25/22
Rushes	14	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	37	at Chicago	9/11/22
Rushing Avg.	2.6	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	3.1	at Denver	9/25/22
Net Passing Yards	105	at Chicago	9/11/22	180	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Completions	8	at Chicago	9/11/22	31	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Attempts	17	at Chicago	9/11/22	33	at Denver	9/25/22
Completions %	47.1	at Chicago	9/11/22	77.4	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Avg. Gain Per Passing Play	4.3	at Denver	9/25/22	5.5	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Interceptions Thrown	2	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	0	at Denver	9/25/22
Fumbles Lost	1	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	0	2 times, last at Denver	9/25/22
Turnovers	3	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	0	at Denver	9/25/22
Penalties	10	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	3	at Chicago	9/11/22
Penalty Yards	106	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	24	at Chicago	9/11/22
Gross Punting Avg.	46.2	at Chicago	9/11/22	49.8	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Net Punting Avg.	39.0	at Chicago	9/11/22	45.2	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Time of Poss.	21:40	vs. Seattle	9/18/22	34:29	at Denver	9/25/22

2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Long Plays		Player	Opponent	Date
Longest Run (yards)	51	Deebo Samuel	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Longest TD Run (yards)	6t	Deebo Samuel	at Chicago	9/11/22
Longest Pass Completion (yards)	44	Trey Lance–Jauan Jennings	at Chicago	9/11/22
Longest TD Pass (yards)	3t	Jimmy Garoppolo–Brandon Aiyuk	at Denver	9/25/22
Longest Interception Return (yards)	14	Tashaun Gipson Sr.	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Longest Kickoff Return (yards)	21	Ray–Ray McCloud III	at Chicago	9/11/22
Longest Punt Return (yards)	18	Ray–Ray McCloud III	at Denver	9/25/22
Longest Punt (yards)	74	Mitch Wishnowsky	at Denver	9/25/22
Longest Field Goal (yards)	51	Robbie Gould	at Denver	9/25/22

Single–Game Highs		Player	Opponent	Date
Most Points Scored	9	Robbie Gould	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Most Touchdowns	1	Five times, most recently Brandon Aiyuk	at Denver	9/25/22
Most Field Goals Attempted	3	Robbie Gould	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Most Field Goals Made	2	Robbie Gould	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Most Rushing Yards	84	Jeff Wilson Jr.	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Most Rushing Attempts	18	Jeff Wilson Jr.	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Highest Rushing Avg. (Min. 10 att.)	6.3	Jeff Wilson Jr.	at Denver	9/25/22
Most Pass Completions	18	Jimmy Garoppolo	at Denver	9/25/22
Most Pass Attempts	29	Jimmy Garoppolo	at Denver	9/25/22
Most Gross Passing Yards	211	Jimmy Garoppolo	at Denver	9/25/22
Highest Avg. Yards/Per Att. (Min. 10 att.)	7.3	Two times, most recently Jimmy Garopppolo	at Denver	9/25/22
Fewest Interceptions Thrown (Min. 10 att.)	0	Jimmy Garoppolo & Trey Lance	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Fewest Times Sacked (Min. 10 att.)	0	Trey Lance	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Most Receptions	5	Two times, most recently Deebo Samuel	at Denver	9/25/22
Most Receiving Yards	73	Deebo Samuel	at Denver	9/25/22
Most Kickoff Returns	2	Two times, most recently Ray–Ray McCloud III	at Denver	9/25/22
Most Kickoff Return Yards	42	Ray–Ray McCloud III	at Chicago	9/11/22
Most Punt Returns	5	Ray–Ray McCloud III	at Denver	9/25/22
Most Punt Return Yards	40	Ray–Ray McCloud III	at Denver	9/25/22
Most Interceptions	1	Three times, most recently Tashaun Gipson Sr. & Charvarius Ward	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Most Interception Return Yardage	14	Tashaun Gipson Sr.	vs. Seattle	9/18/22
Most Tackles	11	Talanoa Hufanga	at Chicago	9/11/22
Most Sacks	2.0	Nick Bosa	vs. Seattle	9/18/22

2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS TURNOVER BREAKDOWN

TAKEAWAYS

Date	Opponent	Turnover	Starting L.O.S.	Point of Turnover	Resulting L.O.S.	Qtr.	Result (pts)
9/11	at Chi.	T. Hufanga INT (J. Fields)	CHI 35	CHI 48	CHI 48	1	Punt (0)
9/18	vs. Sea.	T. Gipson Sr. INT (G. Smith)	SEA 40	SF 36	50	2	Downs (0)
		C. Ward INT (D. Dallas)*	SF 8	SF –2	SF 7	2	Punt (0)
		R. Dwelley FR (X. Crawford) (ST)	SF 29	SEA 24	SEA 22	2	Touchdown (7)
9/25	at Den.	None					

Regular Season Totals: 4 takeaways resulted in 7 points

GIVEAWAYS

Date	Opponent	Turnover	Starting L.O.S.	Point of Turnover	Resulting L.O.S.	Qtr.	Result (pts)
9/11	at Chi.	D. Samuel FUMBLE (J. Johnson FF)*	CHI 16	CHI 12	CHI 12	1	Interception (0)
		T. Lance INT (E. Jackson)	SF 41	SF 47	SF 21	4	Touchdown (7)
9/18	vs. Sea.	None					
9/25	at Den.	J. Garoppolo FUMBLE (Aborted)	50	50	50	3	Punt (0)
		J. Garoppolo INT (J. Griffith)	SF 48	DEN 41	DEN 42	4	Punt (0)
		J. Wilson Jr. FUMBLE (P. Locke FF)	SF 3	SF 19	SF 24	4	End of Game (0)

Regular Season Totals: 5 giveaways resulted in 7 points

L.O.S. – Line of scrimmage
* – Red zone play
(ST) – Special teams play
(TB) – Touchback

GAME-BY-GAME TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL

Date	Opp	Takeaways	Giveaways	Game Total	Total
9/11	at Chi.	1	2	–1	–1
9/18	Sea.	3	0	+3	+2
9/25	at Den.	0	3	–3	–1
10/3	LAR				
10/9	at Car.				
10/16	Atl.				
10/23	KC				
10/30	LAR				
11/13	LAC				
11/21	at Arz.				
11/27	NO				
12/4	Mia.				
12/11	TB				
12/15	at Sea.				
12/24	Was.				
1/1	at LV				
TBD	Arz.				

2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY

49ERS THIRD-AND ...

Date	Opp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+	Totals
9/11	at Chi.	1/1	3/3	0/2	0/1	1/2	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/2	1/2	1/1	8/17
9/18	Sea.	0/1	2/4	1/1	1/1	0/0	1/3	0/2	0/0	1/3	0/0	0/0	6/15
9/25	at Den.	0/0	0/0	1/3	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/4	0/1	0/1	1/10
10/3	LAR												
10/9	at Car.												
10/16	at Atl.												
10/23	KC												
10/30	at LAR												
11/13	LAC												
11/21	at Arz.												
11/27	NO												
12/4	Mia.												
12/11	TB												
12/15	at Sea.												
12/24	Was.												
1/1	at LV												
TBD	Arz.												
Regular Season Totals:		**1/2**	**5/7**	**2/6**	**1/2**	**1/2**	**2/4**	**0/4**	**0/1**	**1/9**	**1/3**	**1/2**	**15/42**
		50.0	**71.4**	**33.3**	**50.0**	**50.0**	**50.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**11.1**	**33.3**	**50.0**	**35.7**

OPPONENTS THIRD-AND ...

Date	Opp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+	Totals
9/11	at Chi.	1/1	1/1	0/0	1/1	0/0	1/2	0/3	0/1	0/1	1/1	0/3	5/14
9/18	Sea.	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/1	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/3	2/7
9/25	at Den.	1/1	0/1	2/2	0/1	0/1	2/2	0/1	0/1	0/2	1/1	0/6	6/19
10/3	LAR												
10/9	at Car.												
10/16	at Atl.												
10/23	KC												
10/30	at LAR												
11/13	LAC												
11/21	at Arz.												
11/27	NO												
12/4	Mia.												
12/11	TB												
12/15	at Sea.												
12/24	Was.												
1/1	at LV												
TBD	Arz.												
Regular Season Totals:		**3/3**	**2/3**	**2/2**	**1/3**	**0/2**	**3/4**	**0/4**	**0/2**	**0/3**	**2/2**	**0/12**	**13/40**
		100.0	**66.7**	**100.0**	**33.3**	**0.0**	**75.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**100.0**	**0.0**	**32.5**

2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS RED ZONE PRODUCTION

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Date	Opp	Poss	TD	PAT	2–Pt.	FG	MFG/ BFG	INT	FUM	DWNS/ Punt	HF	GM	PTS	TD%	SCORE PCT.	PTS/ POSS
9/11	at Chi.	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	33.3%	66.7%	3.3
9/18	Sea.	5	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	40.0%	80.0%	4.0
9/25	at Den.	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	100.0%	100.0%	7.0
10/3	LAR															
10/9	at Car.															
10/16	at Atl.															
10/23	KC															
10/30	at LAR															
11/13	LAC															
11/21	at Arz.															
11/27	NO															
12/4	Mia.															
12/11	TB															
12/15	at Sea.															
12/24	Was.															
1/1	at LV															
TBD	Arz.															
TOTALS		**9**	**4**	**4**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**37**	**44.4%**	**77.8%**	**4.1**

OPPONENTS

Date	Opp	Poss	TD	PAT	2–Pt.	FG	MFG/ BFG	INT	FUM	DWNS/ Punt	HF	GM	PTS	TD%	SCORE PCT.	PTS/ POSS
9/11	at Chi.	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	100.0%	100.0%	6.5
9/18	Sea.	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0
9/25	at Den.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	100.0%	100.0%	6.0
10/3	LAR															
10/9	at Car.															
10/16	at Atl.															
10/23	KC															
10/30	at LAR															
11/13	LAC															
11/21	at Arz.															
11/27	NO															
12/4	Mia.															
12/11	TB															
12/15	at Sea.															
12/24	Was.															
1/1	at LV															
TBD	Arz.															
TOTALS		**4**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**19**	**75.0%**	**75.0%**	**4.8**

2022 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS BIG PLAYS

Rushes of 10–yards or more; Pass completions of 20–yards or more; Returns of 30–yards or more

9/11/22 AT CHICAGO

49ERS

Run	Pass	Ret.	Description
	31		Trey Lance to Brandon Aiyuk
16			Elijah Mitchell run
	20		Trey Lance to Ray–Ray McCloud III
11			Elijah Mitchell run
13			Trey Lance run
27			Deebo Samuel run
11			Deebo Samuel run
	44		Trey Lance to Jauan Jennings

BEARS

Run	Pass	Ret.	Description
12			Khalil Herbert run
12			Justin Fields run
	51t		Justin Fields to Dante Pettis
	22		Justin Fields to Byron Pringle
10			Khalil Herbert run

9/18/22 VS. SEATTLE

SEAHAWKS

Run	Pass	Ret.	Description
	27		Geno Smith to Tyler Lockett
		86t	Michael Jackson return

49ERS

Run	Pass	Ret.	Description
	25		Trey Lance to Brandon Aiyuk
20			Tyrion Davis–Price run
51			Deebo Samuel run
	38t		Jimmy Garoppolo to Ross Dwelley
13			Jeff Wilson Jr. run
16			Jeff Wilson Jr. run

9/25/22 AT DENVER

49ERS

Run	Pass	Ret.	Description
	20		Jimmy Garoppolo to Brandon Aiyuk
37			Jeff Wilson Jr. run
	32		Jimmy Garoppolo to Deebo Samuel
18			Jeff Wilson Jr. run
	24		Jimmy Garoppolo to Kyle Juszczyk

BRONCOS

Run	Pass	Ret.	Description
	34		Russell Wilson to Courtland Sutton
16			Javonte Williams run
	22		Russell Wilson to Melvin Gordon III
	27		Russell Wilson to Kendall Hinton
12			Russell Wilson run

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TEAM TOTALS

Won in Overtime

By 49ers:	1/9/22	49ers win at Los Angeles Rams, 27–24
By Opponent:	11/11/19	Seahawks win vs. Seattle, 27–24
	1/22/12	*Giants win vs. New York, 20–17 – NFC–C*

Won by Scoring in the Last Two Minutes of Regulation

By 49ers:	11/29/20	49ers win at Los Angeles Rams, 23–20 (last score at 0:00)
	1/22/22	*49ers win at Green Bay, 13–10 (last score at 0:00) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/23/21	Titans win at Tennessee, 20–17 (last score at 0:04)
	1/30/22	*Rams win at Los Angeles, 20–17 (last score at 1:46) – NFC–C*

Tied Game by Scoring in the Last Two Minutes of Regulation

By 49ers:	1/9/22	49ers win at Los Angeles Rams, 27–24 (OT) (tied game at 0:26)
By Opponent:	12/12/21	Bengals loss at Cincinnati, 23–26 (OT) (tied game at 1:19)

Shutout

By 49ers:	10/20/19	49ers win at Washington, 9–0
	12/29/96	*49ers win vs. Philadelphia, 14–0 – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	11/21/10	Buccaneers win vs. Tampa Bay, 21–0

Won by 20–or–More Points

By 49ers:	9/18/22	49ers win vs. Seattle, 27–7
	1/29/95	*49ers win at San Diego, 49–26 – SB XXIX*
By Opponent:	10/11/20	Dolphins win vs. Miami, 43–17
	1/12/03	*Buccaneers win at Tampa Bay, 31–6 – NFC–D*

Won After Trailing by 20–or–More Points

By 49ers:	10/2/11	49ers win at Philadelphia, 24–23 (Eagles ahead 23–3 in 3rd Q)
	1/5/03	*49ers win vs. New York, 39–38 (Giants ahead 38–14 in 3rd Q) – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	12/20/14	Chargers win vs. San Diego, 38–35 (OT) (49ers ahead 28–7 in 2nd Q)

Held a 28–or–More Point Lead

By 49ers:	9/12/21	49ers win at Detroit, 41–33 (49ers ahead 38–10 in 3rd Q)
	1/29/95	*49ers win vs. San Diego, 49–26 (49ers ahead 49–18 in 4th Q) – SB XXIX*
By Opponent:	11/5/20	Packers win vs. Green Bay, 34–17 (Packers ahead 34–3 in 4th Q)
	1/4/87	*Giants win at New York, 49–3 (Giants ahead 49–3 in 4th Q) – NFC–D*

Held a 21–or–More Point Lead

By 49ers:	11/21/21	49ers win at Jacksonville, 30–10 (49ers ahead 30–3 in 4th Q)
	1/19/20	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–20 (49ers ahead 34–13 in 4th Q) – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	11/7/21	Cardinals win vs. Arizona, 31–17 (Cardinals ahead 31–7 in 3rd Q)
	2/3/13	*Ravens win vs. Baltimore, 34–31 (Ravens ahead 28–6 in 3rd Q) – SB XLVII*

Scored 20–or–More Points in a Quarter

By 49ers:	11/28/21	49ers win vs. Minnesota, 34–26 (20 points, 3rd Q)
	1/19/20	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–20 (20 points, 2nd Q) – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	1/3/21	Seahawks win vs. Seattle, 26–23 (20 points, 4th Q)
	2/2/20	*Chiefs win at Kansas City, 31–20 (21 points, 4th Q) – SB LIV*

Scored 20–or–More Points in a Half

By 49ers:	9/18/22	49ers win vs. Seattle, 27–7 (20 points, 1st half)
	1/19/20	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–20 (27 points, 1st half) – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	12/23/21	Titans win at Tennessee, 20–17 (20 points, 2nd half)
	2/2/20	*Chiefs win at Kansas City, 31–20 (21 points, 2nd half) – SB LIV*

Held Opponent without a Touchdown

By 49ers:	10/25/20	49ers win at New England, 33–6 (2 FGs)
	12/29/96	*49ers win vs. Philadelphia, 14–0 – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	10/20/19	Redskins loss at Washington, 0–9 (3 FGs)
	1/12/03	*Buccaneers win at Tampa Bay, 31–6 (2 FGs) – NFC–D*

Touchdowns Scored by Offense and Defense

By 49ers:	11/15/21	49ers win vs. Los Angeles Rams, 31–10 (3 offense, 1 defense)
	1/3/98	*49ers win vs. Minnesota, 38–22 (4 offense, 1 defense) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	11/29/20	Rams loss at Los Angeles, 20–23 (1 offense, 1 defense)
	1/13/12	*Packers loss vs. Green Bay, 31–45 (3 offense, 1 defense) – NFC–D*

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Touchdowns Scored by Offense, Defense and Special Teams

By 49ers:	10/4/09	49ers win vs. St. Louis, 35–0 (2 offense, 2 defense, 1 special teams)
By Opponent:	9/23/07	Steelers win at Pittsburgh, 37–16 (2 offense, 1 defense, 1 special teams)

Safety Scored

By 49ers:	10/28/18	Penalty on Josh Rosen enforced in the end zone at Arizona
	2/3/13	*Sam Koch ran out of bounds in end zone, forced by Chris Culliver vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*
By Opponent:	9/25/22	Jimmy Garoppolo ran out of bounds in end zone, forced by Mike Purcell at Denver

Successful Two Point Conversion

By 49ers:	10/31/21	Jimmy Garoppolo pass to Brandon Aiyuk at Chicago
	1/5/03	*Jeff Garcia pass to Terrell Owens vs. New York Giants – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	9/19/21	Kenneth Gainwell run at Philadelphia
	1/14/12	*Drew Brees pass to Darren Sproles vs. New Orleans – NFC–D*

Failed Two Point Conversion Attempt

By 49ers:	10/24/21	Pass failed from Jimmy Garoppolo to Brandon Aiyuk vs. Indianapolis
	2/3/13	*Pass failed from Colin Kaepernick to Randy Moss vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*
By Opponent:	9/25/22	Pass failed from Russell Wilson to Javonte Williams at Denver
	1/19/20	*Pass failed from Aaron Rodgers to Davante Adams vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*

OFFENSIVE TOTALS

500–or–More Total Net Yards of Offense

By 49ers:	12/8/19	49ers win at New Orleans, 48–46 (516; 162 rushing, 354 passing)
	1/12/13	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 45–31 (579; 323 rushing, 256 passing) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	10/15/18	Packers win at Green Bay, 33–30 (521; 116 rushing, 405 passing)

400–or–More Total Net Yards of Offense

By 49ers:	1/9/22	49ers win at Los Angeles Rams, 27–24 (OT) (449; 135 rushing, 314 passing)
	2/3/13	*49ers loss vs. Baltimore, 31–34 (468; 182 rushing, 286 passing) – SB XLVII*
By Opponent:	11/7/21	Cardinals win vs. Arizona, 31–17 (437; 163 rushing, 274 passing)
	1/20/13	*Falcons loss at Atlanta, 24–28 (477; 81 rushing, 396 passing) – NFC–C*

300–or–More Net Yards Rushing by Team

By 49ers:	12/20/14	49ers loss vs. Chargers, 35–38 (OT) (355)
	1/12/13	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 45–31 (323) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	10/16/16	Bills win at Buffalo, 45–16 (312)

200–or–More Net Yards Rushing by Team

By 49ers:	11/28/21	49ers win vs. Minnesota, 34–26 (208)
	1/19/20	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–20 (285) – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	10/22/17	Cowboys win vs. Dallas, 40–10 (265)
	1/4/87	*Giants win at New York, 49–3 (216) – NFC–D*

Individual 200–Yard Rushing Game

By 49ers:	9/20/09	Frank Gore (16–207–2 TDs) vs. Seattle
	1/19/20	*Raheem Mostert (29–220–4 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	11/22/15	Thomas Rawls (30–209–1 TD) at Seattle

Individual 150–Yard Rushing Game

By 49ers:	12/26/20	Jeff Wilson Jr. (22–183) at Arizona
	1/19/20	*Raheem Mostert (29–220–4 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	11/5/17	Adrian Peterson (37–159) vs. Arizona
	1/4/87	*Joe Morris (24–159–2 TDs) at New York Giants – NFC–D*

Individual 100–Yard Rushing Game

By 49ers:	1/2/22	Elijah Mitchell (21–119) vs. Houston
	1/19/20	*Raheem Mostert (29–220–4 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	10/31/21	Justin Fields (10–103–1 TD) at Chicago
	2/2/20	*Damien Williams (17–104–1 TD) at Kansas City – SB LIV*

Two 100–Yard Rushers in the Same Game

By 49ers:	12/20/14	Frank Gore (26–158–1 TD) & Colin Kaepernick (7–151–1 TD) vs. San Diego
	1/12/13	*Colin Kaepernick (16–181–2 TDs) and Frank Gore (23–119–1 TD) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	11/8/53	Skeets Quinlan (11–119) & Tank Younger (12–101–1 TD) at Los Angeles Rams

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Consecutive 100–Yard Rushing Games

By 49ers:	10/24/21–10/31/21	Elijah Mitchell (18–107–1 TD) vs. Indianapolis; Elijah Mitchell (18–137–1 TD) at Chicago
	1/19/14–1/19/20	*Colin Kaepernick (11–130) at Seattle – NFC–C; Tevin Coleman (22–105–2 TDs) vs. Minnesota – NFC–D; Raheem Mostert (29–220–4 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	10/24/21–10/31/21	Jonathan Taylor (18–107–1 TD) vs. Indianapolis; Justin Fields (10–103–1 TD) at Chicago
	12/31/83–1/8/84	*Billy Sims (20–114–2 TDs) vs. Detroit – NFC–D; John Riggins (36–123–2 TDs) at Washington – NFC–C*

Combined 200–Yard Rushing by Two Players

By 49ers:	12/26/20	201 by Jeff Wilson Jr. (22–183) and C.J. Beathard (3–18) at Arizona
	1/19/20	*263 by Raheem Mostert (29–220–4 TDs) and Deebo Samuel (2–43) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	10/22/17	208 by Ezekiel Elliott (26–147–2 TDs) and Rod Smith (8–61) vs. Dallas

Individual with 30–or–More Carries

By 49ers:	10/30/11	Frank Gore (31–134) vs. Cleveland
By Opponent:	11/5/17	Adrian Peterson (37–159) vs. Arizona
	1/8/84	*John Riggins (36–123) at Washington – NFC–C*

Individual with 25–or–More Carries

By 49ers:	11/28/21	Elijah Mitchell (27–133–1 TD) vs. Minnesota
	1/16/22	*Elijah Mitchell (27–96–1 TD) at Dallas – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	11/11/19	Chris Carson (25–89–1 TD) vs. Seattle
	1/5/03	*Tiki Barber (26–115) vs. New York Giants – NFC–WC*

Rushing Play of 80–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	9/20/20	80t, Raheem Mostert at New York Jets
	1/1/89	*80t, Roger Craig vs. Minnesota – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/9/07	84t, Chester Taylor vs. Minnesota

Rushing Play of 60–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	9/20/20	80t, Raheem Mostert at New York Jets
	1/1/89	*80t, Roger Craig vs. Minnesota – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/5/21	73t, Travis Homer at Seattle

Rushing Play of 40–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	9/18/22	51, Deebo Samuel vs. Seattle
	1/19/14	*58, Colin Kaepernick at Seattle – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	12/5/21	73t, Travis Homer at Seattle
	1/19/14	*40t, Marshawn Lynch at Seattle – NFC–C*

Individual with Two–or–More Rushing Touchdowns

By 49ers:	11/28/21	Deebo Samuel (6–66–2 TDs) vs. Minnesota
	1/19/20	*Raheem Mostert (29–220–4 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	11/7/21	James Conner (21–96–2 TDs) vs. Arizona
	1/12/03	*Mike Alstott (17–60–2 TDs) at Tampa Bay – NFC–D*

400 Net Yards Passing by Team

By 49ers:	11/17/19	49ers win vs. Arizona, 36–26 (408)
By Opponent:	10/15/18	Packers win at Green Bay, 33–30 (405)
	1/14/12	*Saints loss vs. New Orleans, 32–36 (435) – NFC–D*

300 Net Yards Passing by Team

By 49ers:	1/9/22	49ers win at Los Angeles Rams, 27–24 (OT) (314)
	1/5/03	*49ers win vs. New York Giants, 39–38 (356) – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	12/21/21	Bengas loss at Cincinnati, 23–26 (OT) (311)
	1/30/22	*Rams win at Los Angeles, 20–17 (326) – NFC–C*

Individual with 50–or–More Pass Attempts

By 49ers:	10/7/18	C.J. Beathard (54–34–349–2 INTs–2 TDs) vs. Arizona
	1/6/96	*Steve Young (65–32–328–2 INTs–0 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/12/21	Jared Goff (57–38–338–1 INT–3 TDs) at Detroit
	1/22/12	*Eli Manning (58–32–316–0 INTs–2 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–C*

Individual with 40–or–More Pass Attempts

By 49ers:	12/12/21	Jimmy Garoppolo (41–27–296–0 INTs–2 TDs) at Cincinnati
	1/14/12	*Alex Smith (42–24–299–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	11/15/21	Matthew Stafford (41–26–243–2 INTs–1 TD) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	1/30/22	*Matthew Stafford (45–31–337–1 INT–2 TDs) at Los Angeles Rams – NFC–C*

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Individual with 30–or–More Pass Completions

By 49ers:	11/17/19	Jimmy Garoppolo (45–34–424–2 INTs–4 TDs) vs. Arizona
	1/6/96	*Steve Young (65–32–328–2 INTs–0 TD) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/5/21	Russell Wilson (37–30–231–1 INT–2 TDs) at Seattle
	1/30/22	*Matthew Stafford (45–31–337–1 INT–2 TDs) at Los Angeles Rams – NFC–C*

Individual with 25–or–More Pass Completions

By 49ers:	12/23/21	Jimmy Garoppolo (35–26–322–2 INTs–1 TD) at Tennessee
	1/5/03	*Jeff Garcia (44–27–331–1 INT–3 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	12/12/21	Joe Burrow (34–25–348–0 INTs–2 TDs) at Cincinnati
	1/30/22	*Matthew Stafford (45–31–337–1 INT–2 TDs) at Los Angeles Rams – NFC–C*

No Sacks Allowed

By 49ers:	12/19/21	49ers win vs. Atlanta, 31–13 (23 attempts – Jimmy Garoppolo; 1 attempt – Deebo Samuel)
	1/30/22	*49ers loss at Los Angeles Rams, 17–20 (30 attempts – Jimmy Garoppolo) – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	10/18/20	Rams loss vs. Los Angeles, 16–24 (38 attempts – Jared Goff)
	1/7/95	*Bears loss vs. Chicago, 15–44 (19 attempts – Steve Walsh) – NFC–D*

Individual 300–Yard Passing Game

By 49ers:	1/9/22	Jimmy Garoppolo (32–23–316–2 INTs–1 TD) at Los Angeles Rams
	2/3/13	*Colin Kaepernick (28–16–302–1 INT–1 TD) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*
By Opponent:	12/12/21	Joe Burrow (34–25–348–0 INTs–2 TDs) at Cincinnati
	1/30/22	*Matthew Stafford (45–31–337–1 INT–2 TDs) at Los Angeles Rams – NFC–C*

Consecutive 300–Yard Passing Games

By 49ers:	10/31/21–11/7/21	Jimmy Garoppolo (28–17–322–0 INTs–0 TDs) at Chicago; Jimmy Garoppolo (40–28–326–1 INT–2 TDs) vs. Arizona
By Opponent:	9/16/18–9/23/18	Matthew Stafford (53–34–347–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. Detroit; Patrick Mahomes (38–24–314–0 INTs–3 TDs) at Kansas City
	1/14/12–1/22/12	*Drew Brees (63–40–462–2 INTs–4 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D; Eli Manning (58–32–316–0 INTs–2 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–C*

Individual with Four–or–More Touchdown Passes

By 49ers:	12/8/19	Jimmy Garoppolo (35–26–349–1 INT–4 TDs) at New Orleans
	1/29/95	*Steve Young (36–24–325–0 INTs–6 TDs) at San Diego – SB XXIX*
By Opponent:	12/7/20	Josh Allen (40–32–375–0 INTs–4 TDs) vs. Buffalo
	1/14/12	*Drew Brees (63–40–462–2 INTs–4 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D*

Individual with Three–or–More Touchdown Passes

By 49ers:	12/7/20	Nick Mullens (39–26–316–2 INTs–3 TDs) vs. Buffalo
	1/14/12	*Alex Smith (42–24–299–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	1/9/22	Matthew Stafford (32–21–238–2 INTs–3 TDs) at Los Angeles Rams
	2/3/13	*Joe Flacco (33–22–287–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*

Individual with 10–or–More Receptions

By 49ers:	12/12/21	George Kittle (13–151–1 TD) at Cincinnati
	1/6/96	*Jerry Rice (11–117) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/23/21	A.J. Brown (11–145–1 TD) at Tennessee
	1/30/22	*Cooper Kupp (11–142–2 TDs) at Los Angeles Rams – NFC–C*

Individual with 150–Yard Receiving Game

By 49ers:	12/23/21	Deebo Samuel (9–159) at Tennessee
	1/14/12	*Vernon Davis (7–180–2 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	11/5/20	Davante Adams (10–173–1 TD) vs. Green Bay
	1/20/13	*Julio Jones (11–182–2 TDs) at Atlanta – NFC–C*

Individual with 100–Yard Receiving Game

By 49ers:	1/9/22	Brandon Aiyuk (6–107) at Los Angeles Rams
	1/12/14	*Anquan Boldin (8–136) at Carolina – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/18/22	Tyler Lockett (9–107) vs. Seattle
	1/30/22	*Cooper Kupp (11–142–2 TDs) & Odell Beckham Jr. (9–113) at Los Angeles Rams – NFC–C*

Two 100–Yard Receivers in the Same Game

By 49ers:	10/7/12	Michael Crabtee (6–113–1 TD) & Vernon Davis (5–106) vs. Buffalo
	2/3/13	*Michael Crabtree (5–109–1 TD) & Vernon Davis (6–104) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*
By Opponent:	12/21/19	Tyler Higbee (9–104) & Robert Woods (8–117) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	1/30/22	*Cooper Kupp (11–142–2 TDs) & Odell Beckham Jr. (9–113) at Los Angeles Rams – NFC–C*

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Consecutive 100–Yard Receiving Games

By 49ers:	12/5/21–12/12/21	George Kittle (9–181–2 TDs) at Seattle; George Kittle (13–151–1 TD) at Cincinnati
	1/14/12–1/12/14	*Vernon Davis (7–180–2 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D; V. Davis (3–112–2 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–C; Michael Crabtree (9–119–2 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D; Vernon Davis (5–106–1 TD) at Atlanta –NFC–C; Michael Crabtree (5–109–1 TD) & Vernon Davis (6–104) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII; Michael Crabtree (8–125) at Green Bay – NFC–WC; Anquan Boldin (8–136) at Carolina – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/19/21–9/26/21	Quez Watkins (2–117) at Philadelphia; Davante Adams (12–132–1 TD) vs. Green Bay
	1/22/22–1/30/22	*Aaron Jones (9–129) at Green Bay – NFC–D; Cooper Kupp (11–142–2 TDs) & Odell Beckham Jr. (9–113) at Los Angeles Rams – NFC–C*

Pass Play of 80–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	10/31/21	83, Jimmy Garoppolo to Deebo Samuel at Chicago
By Opponent:	9/19/21	91, Jalen Hurts to Quez Watkins at Philadelphia

Pass Play of 60–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	10/31/21	83, Jimmy Garoppolo to Deebo Samuel at Chicago
	1/22/12	*73t, Alex Smith to Vernon Davis vs. New York Giants – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	9/19/21	91, Jalen Hurts to Quez Watkins at Philadelphia
	1/22/22	*75, Aaron Rodgers to Aaron Jones at Green Bay – NFC–D*

Pass Play of 40–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	1/9/22	43, Jimmy Garoppolo to Deebo Samuel at Los Angeles Rams
	1/12/14	*45, Colin Kaepernick to Anquan Boldin at Carolina – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/11/22	51t, Justin Fields to Dante Pettis at Chicago
	1/22/22	*75, Aaron Rodgers to Aaron Jones at Green Bay – NFC–D*

Individual with Three–or–More Touchdown Receptions

By 49ers:	10/25/09	Vernon Davis (7–93–3 TDs) at Houston
	1/29/95	*Jerry Rice (10–149–3 TDs) at San Diego – SB XXIX*
By Opponent:	9/14/14	Brandon Marshall (5–48–3 TDs) vs. Chicago
	1/5/03	*Amani Toomer (8–136–3 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–WC*

Individual with Two–or–More Touchdown Receptions

By 49ers:	1/9/22	Jauan Jennings (6–94–2 TDs) at Los Angeles Rams
	1/12/13	*Michael Crabtree (9–119–2 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	1/9/22	Tyler Higbee (6–55–2 TDs) at Los Angeles Rams
	1/30/22	*Cooper Kupp (11–142–2 TDs) at Los Angeles Rams – NFC–C*

Led Team in Both Rushing and Receiving Yards in the Same Game

By 49ers:	9/13/20	Raheem Mostert (15–56 rushing, 4–95–1 TD receiving) vs. Arizona
	1/30/22	*Deebo Samuel (7–26 rushing, 4–72–1 TD receiving) at Los Angeles Rams – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	10/22/17	Ezekiel Elliott (26–147–2 TDs rushing, 1–72–1 TD receiving) vs. Dallas
	1/22/22	*Aaron Jones (12–41 rushing, 9–129 receiving) at Green Bay – NFC–D*

100–Yard Rusher & Receiver in the Same Game

By 49ers:	10/31/21	Elijah Mitchell (18–137–1 TD) & Deebo Samuel (6–171) at Chicago
	2/3/13	*Frank Gore (19–110–1 TD), Michael Crabtree (5–109–1 TD) & Vernon Davis (6–104) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*
By Opponent:	10/24/21	Jonathan Taylor (18–107–1 TD) & Michael Pittman Jr. (4–105–1 TD) vs. Indianapolis
	2/2/20	*Damien Williams (17–104–1 TD) & Tyreek Hill (9–105) at Kansas City – SB LIV*

100–Yard Rusher, 100–Yard Receiver & 300–Yard Passer in the Same Game

By 49ers:	10/31/21	Elijah Mitchell (18–137–1 TD) & Deebo Samuel (6–171) & Jimmy Garoppolo (28–17–322–0 INTs–0 TDs) at Chicago
	2/3/13	*Frank Gore (19–110–1 TD), Michael Crabtree (5–109–1 TD), Vernon Davis (6–104) & Colin Kaepernick (28–16–302–1 INT–1 TD) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*
By Opponent:	9/18/16	Fozzy Whittaker (16–100), Kelvin Benjamin (7–108–2 TDs), Greg Olsen (5–122–1 TD) & Cam Newton (40–24–353–1 INT–4 TDs) at Carolina
	1/5/03	*Tiki Barber (26–115–1 TD), Amani Toomer (8–136–3 TDs) & Kerry Collins (43–29–342–1 INT–4 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–WC*

Individual with at Least One Rushing and One Receiving Touchdown in the Same Game

By 49ers:	11/15/21	Deebo Samuel (5–36–1 TD rushing, 5–97–1 TD receiving) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	1/29/95	*Ricky Watters (15–47–1 TD rushing, 3–61–2 TDs receiving) at San Diego – SB XXIX*
By Opponent:	11/7/21	James Conner (21–96–2 TDs rushing, 5–77–1 TD receiving) vs. Arizona
	2/2/20	*Damien Williams (17–104–1 TD rushing, 4–29–1 TD receiving) at Kansas City – SB LIV*

THE LAST TIME ...

OFFENSIVE TOTALS

Individual with at Least One Rushing Touchdown and One Touchdown Pass in the Same Game

By 49ers:	9/18/22	Jimmy Garoppolo (21–13–154–0 INTs–1 TD passing, 4–5–1 TD rushing) vs. Seattle
	1/12/14	*Colin Kaepernick (28–15–196–0 INTs–1 TD passing, 8–15–1 TD rushing) at Carolina – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	10/31/21	Justin Fields (27–19–175 –1 INT–1 TD passing, 10–103–1 TD rushing) at Chicago
	2/2/20	*Patrick Mahomes (42–26–286–2 INTs–2 TDs passing, 9–29–1 TD rushing) at Kansas City – SB LIV*

No Turnovers

By 49ers:	9/18/22	49ers win vs. Seattle, 27–7
	1/19/20	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–20 – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	9/25/22	Broncos win at Denver, 11–10
	1/5/14	*Packers loss at Green Bay, 20–23 – NFC–WC*

Touchdown Scored on First Drive

By 49ers:	12/23/21	49ers loss at Tennesee, 17–20
	1/16/22	*49ers win at Dallas, 23–17 – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	12/5/21	Seahawks win at Seattle, 30–23
	1/22/22	*Packers loss vs. Green Bay, 10–13 – NFC–D*

DEFENSIVE TOTALS

Held Opponent Under 200 Net Yards of Total Offense

By 49ers:	12/13/20	49ers loss vs. Washington, 15–23 (193; 98 rushing, 95 passing)
	1/11/20	*49ers win vs. Minnesota, 27–10 (147; 21 rushing, 126 passing) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/4/16	Bears win at Chicago, 26–6 (147; 141 rushing, 6 passing)
	1/4/97	*Packers win at Green Bay, 35–14 (196; 68 rushing, 128 passing) – NFC–D*

Held Opponent Under 300 Net Yards of Total Offense

By 49ers:	9/25/22	49ers loss at Denver, 10–11 (267; 88 rushing, 179 passing)
	1/22/22	*49ers win at Green Bay, 13–10 (263; 67 rushing, 196 passing) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/25/22	Broncos win at Denver, 11–10 (261; 101 rushing, 160 passing)
	1/30/22	*Rams win at Los Angeles, 20–17 (282; 50 rushing, 232 passing) – NFC–C*

Held Opponent Under 50 Yards Rushing

By 49ers:	9/18/22	49ers win vs. Seattle, 27–7 (36)
	1/11/20	*49ers win vs. Minnesota, 27–10 (21) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	11/7/21	Cardinals win vs. Arizona, 31–17 (39)
	1/11/98	*Packers win vs. Green Bay, 23–10 (33) – NFC–C*

Held Opponent Under 75 Yards Rushing

By 49ers:	9/18/22	49ers win vs. Seattle, 27–7 (36)
	1/22/22	*49ers win at Green Bay, 13–10 (67) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/5/21	Seahawks win at Seattle, 30–23 (71)
	1/30/22	*Rams win at Los Angeles, 20–17 (50) – NFC–C*

Held Opponent Under 100 Yards Rushing

By 49ers:	9/18/22	49ers win vs. Seattle, 27–7 (36)
	1/30/22	*49ers loss at Los Angeles Rams, 20–17 (70) – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	12/23/21	Titans win at Tennessee, 20–17 (83)
	1/30/22	*Rams win at Los Angeles, 20–17 (50) – NFC–C*

Held Opponent Under 100 Net Yards Passing

By 49ers:	12/13/20	49ers loss vs. Washington, 15–23 (95)
	1/4/97	*49ers loss at Green Bay, 35–14 (71) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/17/17	Seahawks win at Seattle, 12–9 (89)
	1/19/20	*Packers loss vs. Green Bay, 20–37 (69) – NFC–C*

Held Opponent Under 150 Net Yards Passing

By 49ers:	9/11/22	49ers loss at Chicago, 10–19 (105)
	1/11/20	*49ers win vs. Minnesota, 27–10 (126) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	10/11/20	Dolphins win vs. Miami, 43–17 (128)
	1/22/22	*Packers loss at Green Bay, 10–13 (106) – NFC–D*

Interception Return for a Touchdown

By 49ers:	11/15/21	Jimmie Ward, 27 (QB Matthew Stafford) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	1/3/98	*Ken Norton, 23 (QB Randall Cunningham) vs. Minnesota – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/13/20	Kamren Curl, 76 (QB Nick Mullens) vs. Washington
	1/12/13	*Sam Shields, 52 (QB Colin Kaepernick) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D*

THE LAST TIME ...

DEFENSIVE TOTALS

Individual with Three–or–More Interceptions

By 49ers:	10/8/06	Walt Harris (1–Andrew Walter, 2–Marcus Tuiasosopo) vs. Oakland
By Opponent:	11/20/77	Bill Simpson (1–Scott Bull, 2–Jim Plunkett) vs. Los Angeles Rams

Individual with Two–or–More Interceptions

By 49ers:	11/15/21	Jimmie Ward (2 – QB Matthew Stafford) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	1/15/95	*Eric Davis (2 – QB Troy Aikman) vs. Dallas – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	12/30/18	Cory Littleton (2 – QB Nick Mullens) at Los Angeles Rams
	1/9/99	*William White (2 – QB Steve Young) at Atlanta – NFC–D*

Seven–or–More Sacks by Team

By 49ers:	10/27/19	49ers win vs. Carolina, 51–13 (7)
	1/6/85	*49ers win vs. Chicago, 23–0 (9) – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	10/21/18	Rams win vs. Los Angeles Rams, 39–10 (7)

Six–or–More Sacks by Team

By 49ers:	10/27/19	49ers win vs. Carolina, 51–13 (7)
	1/11/20	*49ers win vs. Minnesota, 27–10 (6) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/21/19	Rams loss vs. Los Angeles, 31–34 (6)

Five–or–More Sacks by Team

By 49ers:	1/9/22	49ers win at Los Angeles Rams, 27–24 (OT) (5)
	1/22/22	*49ers win at Green Bay, 13–10 (5) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	11//7/21	Cardinals win vs. Arizona, 31–17 (5)

Individual with Three–or–More Sacks

By 49ers:	10/27/19	Nick Bosa (3.0 of QB Kyle Allen) vs. Carolina
	1/9/93	*Pierce Holt (3.0 of QB Mark Rypien) vs. Washington – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	11/7/21	Markus Golden (3.0 of QB Jimmy Garoppolo) vs. Arizona
	1/17/93	*Tony Casillas (3.0 of QB Steve Young) vs. Dallas – NFC–C*

Individual with Two–or–More Sacks

By 49ers:	9/18/22	Nick Bosa (2.0 of QB Geno Smith) vs. Seattle
	1/22/22	*Arik Armstead (2.0 of QB Aaron Rodgers) & Nick Bosa (2.0 of QB Aaron Rodgers) at Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	11/7/21	Markus Golden (3.0 of QB Jimmy Garoppolo) vs. Arizona
	1/22/22	*Rashan Gary (2.0 of QB Jimmy Garoppolo) at Green Bay – NFC–D*

Fumble Recovered for Touchdown

By 49ers:	11/17/19	D.J. Reed Jr. recovered a Larry Fitzgerald fumble and returned it 4 yards vs. Arizona
	12/26/71	*Bob Hoskins recovered a Bruce Gossett fumble in end zone vs. Washington – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/13/20	Chase Young recovered a Nick Mullens fumble and returned it 47 yards vs. Washington
	1/4/97	*Antonio Freeman recovered an Edgar Bennet fumble in end zone at Green Bay – NFC–D*

SPECIAL TEAMS TOTALS

Kickoff Return for a Touchdown

By 49ers:	12/16/18	Richie James, 97 yards vs. Seattle
	1/11/98	*Chuck Levy, 95 yards vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	11/28/21	Kene Nwangwu, 99 yards vs. Minnesota
	2/3/13	*Jacoby Jones, 108 yards vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*

Kickoff Return for a Touchdown on the Opening Kickoff

By 49ers:	11/10/08	Allen Rossum, 104 yards at Arizona
	12/23/72	*Vic Washington, 97 yards vs. Dallas – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	(could not find an instance when it occurred)	

Punt Return for a Touchdown

By 49ers:	9/11/11	Ted Ginn Jr., 55 yards vs. Seattle
By Opponent:	12/3/17	Tarik Cohen, 61 yards at Chicago
	1/4/97	*Desmond Howard, 71 yards at Green Bay – NFC–D*

THE LAST TIME ...

SPECIAL TEAMS TOTALS

Blocked Punt Recovered for Touchdown

By 49ers:	10/3/10	Taylor Mays recovered Michael Koenen's punt (blocked by Dominique Zeigler) in the end zone at Atlanta
	1/22/22	*Talanoa Hufanga recovered Corey Bojorquez's punt (blocked by Jordan Willis) and returned it 6 yds. at Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/28/14	Brad Smith recovered Andy Lee's punt (blocked by Trey Burton) in the end zone vs. Philadelphia

Blocked Punt

By 49ers:	9/14/14	Aaron Lynch blocked Patrick O'Donnell's punt vs. Chicago
	1/22/22	*Jordan Willis blocked Corey Bojorquez's punt at Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/13/20	Ezekiel Turner blocked Mitch Wishnowsky's punt vs. Arizona
	12/16/71	*Jon Jaqua blocked Steve Spurrier's punt vs. Washington – NFC–D*

Blocked PAT

By 49ers:	10/18/20	Dion Jordan blocked a PAT attempt by Samuel Sloman vs. Los Angeles Rams
By Opponent:	12/24/17	Jalen Myrick blcoked a PAT attempt by Robbie Gould vs. Jacksonville

Missed (not blocked) PAT

By 49ers:	12/5/21	Robbie Gould at Seattle
By Opponent:	9/11/22	Cairo Santos (twice) at Chicago

Blocked Field Goal

By 49ers:	9/19/21	Javon Kinlaw blocked a 47–yard attempt by Jake Elliott at Philadelphia
	1/22/22	*Jimmie Ward blocked a 39–yard attempt by Mason Crosby at Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/18/22	Michael Jackson, 86–yard return after Tariq Woolen blocked a 20–yard attempt by Robbie Gould vs. Seattle

Blocked Field Goal returned for a TD

By 49ers:	9/27/09	Nate Clements, 59–yard return after Ray McDonald blocked a 44–yard attempt by Ryan Longwell at Minnesota
By Opponent:	9/18/22	Michael Jackson, 86–yard return after Tariq Woolen blocked a 20–yard attempt by Robbie Gould vs. Seattle

Individual with Five–or–More Field Goals

By 49ers:	12/17/17	Robbie Gould (6–6) vs. Tennessee
By Opponent:	10/11/20	Jason Sanders (5–5) vs. Miami
	1/20/91	*Matt Bahr (5–6) vs. New York Giants – NFC–C*

Individual with Four–or–More Field Goals

By 49ers:	10/31/21	Joey Slye (4–5) at Chicago
	1/24/82	*Ray Wersching (4–4) at Cincinnati – SB XVI*
By Opponent:	10/11/20	Jason Sanders (5–5) vs. Miami
	1/20/91	*Matt Bahr (5–6) vs. New York Giants – NFC–C*

Individual with Three–or–More Field Goals

By 49ers:	1/2/22	Robbie Gould (3–3) vs. Houston
	1/16/22	*Robbie Gould (3–3) at Dallas – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	12/12/21	Evan McPherson (3–4) at Cincinnati
	1/19/14	*Steven Hauschka (3–3) at Seattle – NFC–C*

Successful Onsides Kick

By 49ers:	9/21/17	Robbie Gould kick recovered by Raheem Mostert vs. Los Angeles Rams (4th Q)
By Opponent:	9/12/21	Austin Seibert kick recovered by Godwin Igwebuike at Detroit (4th Q)

Failed Onsides Kick Attempt

By 49ers:	10/3/21	Mitch Wishnowsky kick recovered by Freddie Swain vs. Seattle (4th Q)
By Opponent:	11/15/21	Matt Gay kick recovered by Ross Dwelley vs. Los Angeles Rams (4th Q)
	1/19/20	*Mason Crosby kick recovered by Mark Nzeocha vs. Green Bay (4th Q) – NFC–C*



BRANDON AIYUK

11 | WR | 6-0 × 200 × ARIZONA STATE

3.17.98 × RENO, NV × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED D-1B IN '20

AWARDS & HONORS

2020: Pepsi Zero Sugar Rookie of the Week (Week 3)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- With 26 rec. yds. vs. LAR (11/15), became the 5th-fastest player in franchise history (21 games) to reach 1,000 career rec. yds.

FASTEST TO 1,000 REC. YDS., FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Year	Games
1.	Gene Washington	1969	12
2.	Jerry Rice	1986	18
3.	Michael Crabtree	2010	19
4.	Deebo Samuel	2020	20
5.	**Brandon Aiyuk**	**2021**	**21**

- With 10 recepts. vs. Was. (12/13/20), tied the franchise's rookie single-game record for most recepts. [WR Jerry Rice – 10 recepts. vs. LAR (12/9/85); RB Earl Cooper – 10 recepts. at NO (9/7/80)].

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Registered 3 recepts. for 39 yds. and 1 TD at Den. (9/25). His 3-yd. TD recept. marked his first of the season and the 11th of his career.

GOLDMINE

- Though he grew up in Nevada, Aiyuk has roots in Northern California. He attended Sierra (Rocklin, CA) College from 2016-17, where the 49ers spent training camp from 1981-1997. Additionally, Aiyuk began supporting the 49ers at a young age, thanks to his mom. "My mom's been a huge 49ers fan her whole life, so that kind of bled on me a little bit when I was younger," said Aiyuk. When he got the call informing him that he would be a member of the team, Aiyuk realized a childhood dream that he wasn't sure would come true. "There were a lot of people telling me before today and all week that it was going to happen. So, it's crazy that it actually did happen."



AIYUK'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His last name is pronounced EYE-yook.
- Though he stands at 6-foot-0, Aiyuk recorded an 81-inch wingspan, equivalent to 6-foot-9.
- Aiyuk is only the second alum from a Northern Nevada high school to become a first-round NFL draft pick. Former DT Shawn Knight (Reed HS, NV) was drafted by the New Orleans Saints 11th overall in the 1987 NFL Draft.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- During his time at Sierra College and later Arizona State, Aiyuk was known for his work ethic on and off the field. Ben Noonan, who coached Aiyuk at Sierra College, found Aiyuk in the weight room constantly, improving his squat from 275 pounds coming out of high school to 500 pounds by May 2017. That drive carried over to the practice field, where Aiyuk routinely stayed for 30 minutes after every practice working on routes in the Rocklin heat. "It gets up to a good 110 degrees, and then he's out there until the daylight is gone with the quarterbacks after a four-hour day," Noonan said. "And demanding that the quarterbacks stay, you know, whether their arm was falling off or not."

AIYUK'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	2	40	20.0	31	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	5	63	12.6	25	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	3	39	13.0	20	1
Oct 3	LAR							
Oct 9	at Car							
Oct 16	at Atl							
Oct 23	KC							
Oct 30	at LAR							
Nov 13	LAC							
Nov 21	Arz							
Nov 27	NO							
Dec 4	Mia							
Dec 11	TB							
Dec 15	at Sea							
Dec 24	Was							
Jan 1	at LV							
Jan 7/8	Arz							
TOTALS			**3/3**	**10**	**142**	**14.2**	**31**	**1**

AIYUK'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2020	SF	12	11	60	748	12.5	49	5	6	77	12.8	38t	2
2021	SF	17	16	56	826	14.8	43	5	5	17	3.4	8	0
2022	SF	3	3	10	142	14.2	31	1	1	7	7.0	7	0
TOTALS		**32**	**30**	**126**	**1,716**	**13.6**	**49**	**11**	**12**	**101**	**8.4**	**38t**	**2**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2021	SF	3	3	9	135	15.0	37	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**3**	**3**	**9**	**135**	**15.0**	**37**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 3: 2020 (3)
Fumbles – Lost – 2–1: 2021 (1–1)
Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2020 (1)
Punt Returns – 31: 2020 (2); 2021 (29)
Punt Return Yards – 234: 2020 (26); 2021 (208)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at NYJ (9/20/20); **First Start:** at NYJ (9/20/20); **First Reception:** Regular Season – at NYJ (9/20/20 – 8–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); Postseason – at Dal. (1/16/22 – 11–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First TD Reception:** Regular Season – vs. LAR (10/18/20 – 2–yd. TD pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – at NYG (9/27/20 – 19–yds.); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 3, Last at LAR (1/9/22 – 107–yds.); **First Punt Return:** Regular Season – vs. Buf. (12/7/20 – 16–yd. PR)

AIYUK'S CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (3)

Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
10/25/20	at NE	6	115	19.2	0	1/9/21	at LAR	6	107	17.8	0
12/13/20	vs. Was.	10	119	11.9	0						

AIYUK'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season –10 vs. Was. (12/13/20); Postseason – 5 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 119 vs. Was. (12/13/20); Postseason – 69 at LAR (1/30/22)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 49 vs. Buf. (12/7/20); Postseason – 37 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Receiving TDs: Regular Season – 1 (11 times) Last at Den. (9/25/22)
Rushes: Regular Season – 3 at NYG (9/27/20)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 38 vs. Phi. (10/4/20)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 38t vs. Phi. (10/4/20)
Rushing TDs: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Phi. (10/4/20)
Punt Returns: Regular Season – 4 vs. Sea. (10/3/21)
Punt Return Yards: Regular Season – 32 vs. Sea. (10/3/21)
Long Punt Return: Regular Season – 27 vs. Arz. (11/7/21)

AIYUK'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the second of two 1st–round (25th overall) draft choices by SF in 2020...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/4/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/6/20...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/20/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/2/20.



AZEEZ AL-SHAAIR

51 | **LB**

6-2 × 228 × FLORIDA ATLANTIC

8.4.97 × TAMPA, FL × 4TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '19

AWARDS & HONORS

2019: 49ers Community Relations Rookie Player Award

2021: 49ers Community Relations Veteran Player Award, Hazeltine Iron Man Award

GOLDMINE



- Al-Shaair grew up in a family of nine, with his mother, Naadhirah, supporting him and his seven siblings. In 2012, struggling to make ends meet, the family moved into their grandmother's home in Tampa, FL. One night, Al-Shaair awoke to the smell of smoke encompassing the house. He was able to wake up and lead the rest of his family to safety, as they watched the house burn down. The family moved from place to place before settling in a long-stay motel. Al-Shaair chose to sleep on the floor, as the family had to fit into one room. He trekked two hours by bus each day to attend school and football practice, often only eating once a day, making sure any leftover food went to his mom and siblings. His work ethic on and off the field grew in that adversity. "My mom always told me, 'What's meant for you is meant for you,'" Al-Shaair said. "All you can do is put forth the effort, and I believe that I've done that."
- While at Florida Atlantic, Al-Shaair decided to move his two younger brothers, Abdul-Lateef and Abdur-Rahmaan, into his Boca Raton apartment. Constantly worrying about whether they were eating or getting into trouble, Al-Shaair began to serve as the father figure of the household. "They were doing bad in school with their grades. I moved them here to put them in a different environment," said Al-Shaair.



AL-SHAAIR'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His name is pronounced uh-ZEEZ, all-SHY-urr.
- Recipient of the N4A Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Achievement Award, which honors any collegiate student-athlete who has overcome great personal, academic, and/or emotional odds to achieve academic success while participating in intercollegiate athletics.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- During the 2022 offseason, Al-Shaair and his fellow 49er LBs, Dre Greenlaw and Fred Warner, were invited to throw out the first pitch at a San Francisco Giants game. The trio took a few swings at batting practice and mingled with Giants players prior to throwing out ceremonial first pitches and cheering on the hometown team.



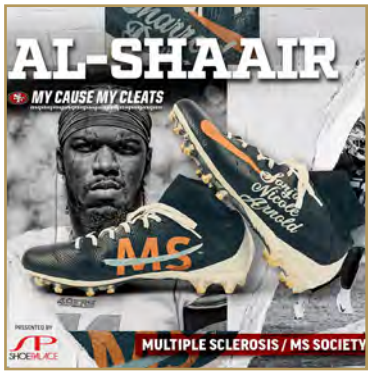
AL-SHAAIR'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	5	2	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	5	2	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/2**	**11**	**4**	**7**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- During Week 13 of the 2020 season, 49ers players wore custom cleats as a part of the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign. Al-Shaair and his teammates highlighted their respective causes, with Al-Shaair representing the Multiple Sclerosis Society.



- In November of 2019, the 49ers teamed up with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose to serve Thanksgiving dinner to over 300 people in need. Members of the team served food, bussed tables and refilled beverages. The team also provided toiletries and giveaways to all those in attendance.



- The 49ers LBs welcomed eight foster youth from Unity Care to Levi's Stadium in December of 2019. This group received gifts and much needed resources, like bedding and new shoes, this holiday season. The linebackers chose to support foster youth to honor teammate Dre Greenlaw who is a former foster youth.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Al-Shaair participated in the 49ers Annual Community Day, helping pack more than 31,000 nutritious meals in collaboration with Feeding Children Anywhere. The meals, along with groceries and backpacks, were distributed to those most in need in East San Jose.



- Prior to Week 2's matchup in Cincinnati during the 2019 season, the 49ers spent time in Youngstown, OH , where they participated in the Community Blitz. Al-Shaair and some of his teammates visited Easter Seals Center for Rehabilitation. The players spent time painting and playing games with several seniors at the facility.



AL-SHAAIR'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	15	4	11	6	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2020	SF	16	5	34	21	13	0.0	0.0	1	0	–	0	2	1	0	0
2021	SF	13	13	102	58	44	2.0	8.0	1	24	24	0	5	1	2	12
2022	SF	3	2	11	4	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**47**	**24**	**158**	**89**	**69**	**2.0**	**8.0**	**2**	**24**	**24**	**0**	**7**	**2**	**2**	**12**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2021	SF	3	3	13	7	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**3**	**13**	**7**	**6**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 10: 2019 (8); 2020 (2)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at TB (9/8/19); **First Start:** vs. GB (11/24/19); **First INT:** Regular Season – vs. Phi. (10/4/20 – QB Carson Wentz); **First FF:** Regular Season – at NE (10/25/20 – FB Jakob Johnson); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. Ind. (10/24/21 – QB Carson Wentz); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at Sea. (12/5/21 – QB Russell Wilson)

AL-SHAAIR'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 15 at Sea. (12/5/21); Postseason – 5 (2 times) Last at LAR (1/30/22)
Solo: Regular Season – 11 at Sea. (12/5/21); Postseason – 3 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Assists: Regular Season – 6 vs. Sea. (10/3/21); Postseason – 3 at LAR (1/30/22)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 2 at Det. (9/12/21)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Min. (11/28/21)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 24 vs. Min. (11/28/21)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 24 vs. Min. (11/28/21)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/5/21)
Fumbles Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Min. (11/28/21)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 at Cin. (12/12/21)

AL-SHAAIR'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by SF on 5/3/19...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 4/25/22.



ARIK ARMSTEAD

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AWARDS & HONORS



2020: NFLPA Community MVP (Week 10), 49ers Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Nominee, Perry/Yonamine Unity Award

2021: 49ers Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Nominee, NFLPA Community MVP (Week 4)

GOLDMINE

- In May of 2020, Armstead donated $50,000 to Sacramento's Mercy Housing for students to be able to participate in distance learning. The donation will provide 350 Chromebooks to students, as well as one-year of pre-paid internet service for those families, many of whom have multiple students in their households. Also included in the donation were education kits consisting of learning activities, books, supplies and even healthy snacks benefiting children of all ages who remain physically at home, unable to visit their schools because of the coronavirus pandemic. "These are things that people should have access to, these are things that students in other communities do have access to, so this is just a baseline of essential needs for them to be successful in the classroom," said Armstead. "I think people need to realize that some of the things we're experiencing right now maybe the new norm, even when the virus calms down." Armstead took the time to personally deliver the Chromebooks to the recipients of the donation. "A lot of students had been disengaged before the pandemic, but even more so with school getting canceled and having to learn virtually and not having the technology and access," said Armstead. "I'm happy that I launched the foundation last year so that I could try to address some of these issues in my community."



- Armstead returned to his hometown of Sacramento during the 2019 offseason to host the second charity weekend for his foundation, Armstead Academic Project, which promotes equal opportunities through education. The festivities kicked off as teammates Ronald Blair III, Richard Sherman, Jaquiski Tartt and Ahkello Witherspoon joined Armstead for a charity gala and silent auction which raised more than $100,000. Armstead then led a youth camp the following morning, where the children were able to get hands-on lessons from the NFL players. Throughout the day, Armstead stressed the importance of hard work, sportsmanship and teamwork.

ARMSTEAD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Named the 49ers representative for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award in 2020, which recognizes an NFL player for his excellence on and off the field.
- Named the Perry/Yonamine Unity Award recipient in 2020. The award is presented to the 49ers player who exhibits an exceptional commitment to promoting unity within the team and in their community. The Perry/Yonamine Unity Award is named for the former 49ers players and pioneers of unity and diversity, Joe "The Jet" Perry and Wally Yonamine, and is voted on by the players.
- Lists his parents, Guss and Christa, as the most influential people in his life. He also gives credit to his grandfather, Willie B. Armstead, an Air Force veteran, for instilling the value of integrity that his parents have passed along to him. "A lot of things he instilled in my dad have carried down to me. Having a family member who is more courageous than you can imagine and who served his country is a huge honor."
- Played both basketball and football at Oregon before focusing only on football in 2014.
- During Super Bowl 50's Media Day, Armstead joined Sacramento's ABC10 sports team as a reporter to learn what it is like to cover NFL players during one of the most hectic events of the year. Held at SAP Center in San Jose, Armstead interviewed former teammates, fans, media members and Miss Universe. "It's like a feeding frenzy - everyone running around, and being part of that frenzy was a unique experience," said Armstead during the event.

ARMSTEAD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022														
Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	–	–	–	–INACTIVE (Foot)				–	–	–	–	–	–
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**2/2**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- During the 2020 offseason, Armstead began implementing several installments of Story time with Arik Armstead using virtual platforms. For Earth Day, Armstead surprised a virtual classroom of 20 second-grade students with a story time, Q&A and conversations about the environment. For Mother's Day, he and his mom, Christa, read "Guess How Much I Love You" on the 49ers Instagram account. Education is at the forefront of Armstead's commitment to the Bay Area, as the defensive lineman founded the Armstead Academic Project to ensure every student, no matter their socioeconomic status, has direct access to a quality education through a positive learning environment and resources needed in order to thrive and be successful.
- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Armstead and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. In choosing the foundation Arik Armstead Academic Project which focuses on education equity, "I play for all children to have the right to quality education," said Armstead.



- Members of the 49ers defensive line spent time with 25 local youth from the Fam 1st Foundation at Shoe Palace for a special holiday shopping experience on December 16, 2019. The Fam 1st Foundation is based in Oakland and focuses on underserved youth, aiming to build new generations of innovative thinkers to create solutions for the future of Oakland and beyond.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- If Armstead wasn't in the NFL, he would be playing basketball. He was a three-year starter in basketball at Pleasant Grove High School in Sacramento and played two years at the University of Oregon before focusing solely on football for the 2014 season. He entered his high school senior season listed as the number three prospect in NorCalPrep.com's Top 40 rankings for the class of 2012. "A big part of the recruiting pitch from Oregon was they were going to let me play two sports. We only lost 5 games during my time there. I wanted to go somewhere with the chance to win and be a part of something special."
- In 2017, Armstead returned to his hometown of Sacramento to hold his Annual free youth football camp. The camp was held in Elk Grove, CA and sponsors made it possible for 200 scholarships to be offered to interested kids. The kids participated in both football and conditioning drills with the players and then were allowed to ask questions to discuss not only football, but school, healthy choices, and other topics. Armstead's goal was to provide campers with a unique experience on the football field, as well as insight into the hard work and dedication that are needed to make it to the NFL. "I want the kids to enjoy themselves while also coming away learning that they can do whatever they put their mind to," said Armstead. "I want to teach them the things that helped me get where I am now like the importance of education, work ethic, and faith."



- Armstead's brother, Armond, was forced to retire before ever playing a down in the NFL. After playing collegiately at USC, Armond became an All-Star for the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League, helping the team win the league's 100th Grey Cup. He went on to sign with the New England Patriots in 2013, but medical issues forced him to hang up his cleats. "The biggest thing he has told me through this process is, 'at the end of the day, it's just football.' Having a brother who played at this level makes everything less overwhelming."
- In April of 2018, Armstead worked with Leataata Floyd Elementary and 916 Ink to host a trip to the Imaginarium, where the young students developed their artistic abilities, while learning how to be better at communicating. The event was in conjunction with Armstead's foundation, which focuses on assisting at-risk youth, particularly through the means of education.
- Armstead and his teammates joined Levi's in support of breast, colon and pediatric cancer warriors at the Crucial Catch Fashion Show presented by Dignity Health in October of 2018. 49ers players and cancer warriors took to the runway to show off their attire and share their stories of strength and courage with the audience.



ARMSTEAD'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2015	SF	16	1	19	13	6	2.0	12.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2016	SF	8	4	21	11	10	2.5	4.5	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2017	SF	6	6	16	8	8	1.5	8.5	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
2018	SF	16	16	48	33	15	3.0	19.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	SF	16	16	54	32	22	10.0	73.0	0	0	–	0	2	2	1	0
2020	SF	16	16	49	29	20	3.5	25.5	0	0	–	0	3	0	0	0
2021	SF	17	17	63	29	34	6.0	43.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2022	SF	2	2	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**97**	**78**	**273**	**158**	**115**	**28.5**	**185.5**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**6**	**3**	**1**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	3	3	8	7	1	2.0	15.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2021	SF	3	3	9	4	5	3.0	24.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**6**	**6**	**17**	**11**	**6**	**5.0**	**39.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 1: 2020 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Min. (9/14/15); **First Start:** vs. StL (1/3/16); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at Arz. (9/27/15 – QB Carson Palmer); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – QB Kirk Cousins); **First FF:** Regular Season – at Buf. (10/16/16 – QB Tyrod Taylor); Postseason – vs. GB (1/19/20 – QB Aaron Rodgers); **First FR:** Regular Season – at LAR (10/13/19 – QB Jared Goff); **First Multi–Sack Game:** Regular Season – vs. Car. (10/27/19 – 2.0; QB Kyle Allen); Postseason – at GB (1/22/22 – 2.0; QB Aaron Rodgers) **Multi–Sack Games:** Regular Season – 5, Last at LAR (1/9/22 – 2.5; QB Matthew Stafford); Postseason – at GB (1/22/22 – 2.0; QB Aaron Rodgers)

ARMSTEAD'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (6)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB	Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
10/27/19	vs. Car.	2.0	11.0	Kyle Allen (2.0)	12/20/20	at Dal.	2.0	17.0	Andy Dalton (2.0)
11/11/19	vs. Sea.	1.5	12.0	Russell Wilson (1.5)	1/9/22	at LAR	2.5	17.0	Matthew Stafford (2.5)
11/24/19	vs. GB	2.0	13.0	Aaron Rodgers (2.0)	1/22/22*	at GB	2.0	18.0	Aaron Rodgers (2.0)

*Postseason

ARMSTEAD'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 10 vs. Arz. (11/7/21); Postseason – 4 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Solo: Regular Season – 8 (2 times) vs. Arz. (11/7/21); Postseason – 3 (2 times) Last at GB (1/22/22)
Assists: Regular Season – 5 vs. Hou. (1/2/22); Postseason – 3 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Sacks: Regular Season – 2.5 at LAR (1/9/22); Postseason – 2.0 at GB (1/22/22)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last vs. Sea. (11/11/19); Postseason – 1 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 at LAR (10/13/19)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (5 times) Last vs. LAR (10/18/20)

ARMSTEAD'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st–round (17th overall) draft choice by SF in 2015...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/8/16...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/17/17...Signed a five–year extension through 2024 with SF on 3/16/20...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/16/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/25/20.



AARON BANKS

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AWARDS & HONORS

2021: 49ers Community Relations Rookie Player Award

GOLDMINE

- Originally from El Cerrito, Banks grew up less than an hour from Levi's Stadium. For Draft Day, Banks and his large family rented a house in Napa to wait for his name to be called. Learning his football path brought him right back to where it all started, the moment was not lost on him. "[It's] crazy how this journey brought me right back home," Banks said. The chorus of screams from his family upon hearing his name associated with the hometown team resonates with Banks and his excitement to return.
- At El Cerrito High School, Banks was a dual-sport athlete as a center on the basketball team and an offensive and defensive lineman on the football team. The basketball team won the North Coast Section champion with Banks in the paint and he also helped El Cerrito to its first-ever NCS football championship in 2013.
- Banks has three dogs, two huskies and a pitbull mix. The dogs are named Waffles, Pancakes and Beans.

2021

- Appeared in 9 games on offense and special teams. Also appeared in the NFC-WC game at Dal. (1/16/22).

COLLEGE

Appeared in 38 games (31 starts) in 4 years (2017-20) at Notre Dame. As a senior in 2020, started all 12 games, including an appearance in the CFP Semifinal. Named First-Team AFCA All-America and Associated Press First-Team All-America as a senior. Started all 13 games as a junior in 2019 and helped the Irish rank 13th nationally in scoring offense. Played in all 13 games (6 starts) as a sophomore in 2018. Did not see game action as a freshman in 2017.

BANKS' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Was given the nickname 'The Dancing Bear' by former Notre Dame offensive coordinator Chip Long due to his energy and playing style.
- As a sophomore at Notre Dame, hosted pizza night every Thursday night in his apartment to help the offensive line bond off the field. "We have those guys every week, it's our pizza night. But it's not always at our house. We move it around a little bit," Banks said. "Pizza night has been a thing among the o-line for a long time, and it's a tradition."
- While attending El Cerrito (CA) HS, Banks, realizing that the school's weight room was limited, took it upon himself to find additional ways to train in a local gym. "Yeah, we didn't have a lot of weights," Banks said. "So myself and my little brother would go before school, at like 4:30 in the morning and go lift."

PERSONAL

- Attended El Cerrito (CA) HS where he was named American Family Insurance first team all-USA California and first team *San Francisco Chronicle* all-metro in 2016
- Majored in film, television and theatre at Notre Dame.
- Born Aaron Banks (9/3/97) in Alameda, CA.

BANKS' CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS: 12/3: 2021 (9/0); 2022 (3/3)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS: 1/0: 2021 (1/0)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. LAR (11/15/21); **First Start:** at Chi. (9/11/22)

BANKS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 2nd–round (48th overall) draft choice by SF in 2021.



NICK BOSA

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AWARDS & HONORS

2019: AP NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, Pepsi Rookie of the Year, *Sporting News* Rookie of the Year, PFWA Rookie of the Year, PFWA Defensive Rookie of the Year, PFWA All-Rookie Team, NFC Pro Bowl, NFC Defensive Player of the Month (October), Defensive Rookie of the Month (October), NFC Defensive Player of the Week (Week 5 and Week 8)

2021: NFC Pro Bowl, PFWA All-NFL Team, PFWA All-NFC Team, Bill Walsh Award, Sporting News All-Pro

PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2020

PRO BOWL LAS VEGAS 2022

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Registered 9.0 sacks in his rookie season, the 4th-most by a 49ers rookie since 1982.

MOST SACKS IN A SINGLE SEASON BY A 49ERS ROOKIE, SINCE 1982

	Player	Year	Sacks
1.	LB Aldon Smith	2011	14.0
2.	LB Charles Haley	1986	12.0
3.	DT Dana Stubblefield	1993	10.5
4.	**DL Nick Bosa**	**2019**	**9.0**
5.	DE Andre Carter	2001	6.5

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Sacked Bears QB Justin Fields at Chi. (9/11) for a 6-yd. loss. Finished with 5 tackles and 1.0 sack on the day.
- Registered 4 tackles and 2.0 sacks of Seahawks QB Geno Smith vs. Sea. (9/18). It also marked his 3rd-consectutive game against Sea. with at least 1.0 sack and the 7th time in his career that he's registered 2.0-or-more sacks in a single game.
- With 2 tackles and 1.0 sack of Denver Broncos QB Russell Wilson at Den. (9/25), it marked the 2nd time in his career he's registered 1.0-or-more sacks in 3-consecutive games [1.0 at Sea. (12/5/21), 2.0 at Cin. (12/12/21) and 1.0 vs. Atl. (12/19/21)]. It also marked the 10th time in his last 11 road games that he had recorded 0.5-or-more sacks.

BOSA'S GOLDEN NUGGETS



- His father, John, was selected 16th overall by the Miami Dolphins in the 1987 NFL Draft. The following season, Miami chose his future uncle, Eric Kumerow, also 16th overall.
- The San Diego Chargers selected his brother, Joey, 3rd overall in the 2016 NFL Draft.
- The Bosa brothers had nicknames growing up, with Joey's being Big Bear and Nick's as Smaller Bear.
- In 2017, was the winner of the Big Ten's Smith-Brown Defensive Lineman of the Year Award, becoming the fourth-consecutive member of Ohio State to win the award, following his brother, Joey (2014-15) and Indianapolis Colts DE Tyquan Lewis (2016).

BOSA'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	5	4	1	1.0	6.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	4	4	0	2.0	17.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	2	1	1	1.0	8.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/3**	**11**	**9**	**2**	**4.0**	**31.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE



- Bosa's father, John, a former Miami Dolphin, encouraged sons Nick and Joey to try other sports like tennis, golf and baseball. However, Nick only had one sport in mind, and he let his parents know it. "Nick threw temper tantrums," John said. After successfully convincing his parents to let him play football, Nick gave everything he had to the sport. Even as a kid on the field, he wasn't afraid to speak his mind. Early in his football career, Cheryl watched from the sideline at practice as Nick approached a coach. "I find out later they'd put Nick with the offense," she recalled. "And he walked up to this guy, totally by himself, tugged on his shirt and said, 'I don't want to play offense. I want to play defense.'"

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- Participated in the 49ers Annual Community Day, helping pack more than 31,000 nutritious meals in collaboration with Feeding Children Anywhere. The meals, along with groceries and backpacks, were distributed to those most in need in East San Jose.

BOSA'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	16	14	47	32	15	9.0	77.0	1	46	46	0	2	1	2	6
2020	SF	2	2	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2021	SF	17	17	52	40	12	15.5	122.0	0	0	–	0	1	4	0	0
2022	SF	3	3	11	9	2	4.0	31.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**38**	**36**	**116**	**84**	**32**	**28.5**	**230.0**	**1**	**46**	**46**	**0**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**6**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	3	3	15	11	4	4.0	35.0	0	0	–	0	2	1	0	0
2021	SF	3	3	12	8	4	4.0	17.5	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS		**6**	**6**	**27**	**19**	**8**	**8.0**	**52.5**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at TB (9/8/19); **First Start:** vs. Pit. (9/22/19); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at TB (9/8/19 – QB Jameis Winston); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – QB Kirk Cousins); **First FF:** Regular Season – vs. Cle. (10/7/19 – QB Baker Mayfield); Postseason – at KC (2/2/20 – QB Patrick Mahomes); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. Cle. (10/7/19 – QB Baker Mayfield); **First Multi–Sack Game:** Regular Season – vs. Cle. (10/7/19 – 2.0; QB Baker Mayfield); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – 2.0; QB Kirk Cousins); **Multi–Sack Games:** Regular Season – 7, Last vs. Sea. (9/18/22 – 2.0; QB Geno Smith); Postseason – 2, Last at GB (1/22/22 – 2.0; QB Aaron Rodgers); **First INT:** Regular Season – vs. Car. (10/27/19 – QB Kyle Allen)

BOSA'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (10)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
10/7/19	vs. Cle.	2.0	21.0	Baker Mayfield (2.0)
10/27/19	vs. Car.	3.0	25.0	Kyle Allen (3.0)
1/11/20*	vs. Min.	2.0	15.0	Kirk Cousins (2.0)
9/19/21	at Phi.	2.0	13.0	Jalen Hurts (2.0)
10/31/21	at Chi.	2.0	12.0	Justin Fields (2.0)
11/21/21	at Jax.	2.0	6.0	Trevor Lawrence (2.0)
12/12/21	at Cin.	2.0	12.0	Joe Burrow (2.0)
1/22/22*	at GB	2.0	5.0	Aaron Rodgers (2.0)
1/30/22*	at LAR	1.5	7.5	Matthew Stafford (1.5)
9/18/22	vs. Sea	2.0	17.0	Geno Smith (2.0)

*Postseason

BOSA'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 8 vs. Sea. (11/11/19); Postseason – 6 (2 times) Last at LAR (1/30/22)
Solo: Regular Season – 5 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19); Postseason – 6 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 5 vs. Sea. (11/11/19); Postseason – 2 (4 times) Last at LAR (1/30/22)
Sacks: Regular Season – 3.0 vs. Car. (10/27/19); Postseason – 2.0 (2 times) Last at GB (1/22/22)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. GB (11/24/19)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (6 times) Last vs. Atl. (12/19/21); Postseason – 1 (2 times) Last at GB (1/22/22)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last at Phi. (9/19/21); Postseason – 1 (2 times) Last at KC (2/2/20)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 vs. Car. (10/27/19)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 46 vs. Car. (10/27/19)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 46 vs. Car. (10/27/19)

BOSA'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st–round (2nd overall) draft choice by SF in 2019...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/23/20.



JAKE BRENDEL

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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 NUGGETS

- 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

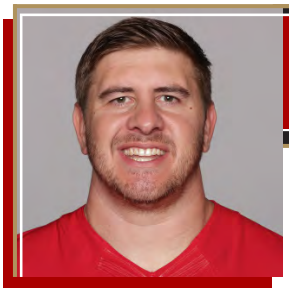
GAMES/STARTS – 40/6: 2016 (1/0); 2017 (16/0); 2018 (4/3); 2019 (0/0); 2021 (16/0); 2022 (3/3)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 4/0: 2016 (1/0); 2021 (3/0)

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 1: 2018 (1); **Fumbles – Lost – 1–0:** 2022 (1–0)

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...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/9/22.



DANIEL BRUNSKILL

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AWARDS & HONORS

2019: 49ers Community Relations Youth Football Ambassador Award

2020: 49ers Community Relations Veteran Player Award

GOLDMINE

- In February of 2020, Brunskill joined current and former NFL players in Budapest, Hungary, where the group conducted two days of free football camps for men, women and children, while additionally hosting community activities. The camps are organized by American Football Without Barriers, a nonprofit foundation that was co-created by former NFL tight end Gary Barnidge. Its mission is to teach American football to those all around the globe. While abroad, Brunskill got to experience the culture of Hungary, including taking a picture with a falcon at Budapest Castle. "It was an amazing culture and I got to experience some pretty rich history over there," Brunskill said. "They don't have a big group playing, but they have a lot of fans. They're definitely coming along. It was interesting to see how many people actually cared about the NFL over there and love the game."





- The 49ers hosted the third annual Crucial Catch Fashion Show presented by Dignity Health in October of 2019, featuring cancer warriors representing all cancers as they modeled apparel donated by Levi's. Brunskill and his teammates were paired with each of the warriors to share their stories of strength and courage with the audience and walk the runway.



BRUNSKILL'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Walked on at San Diego State where he began his career as a tight end. Prior to his senior season, made the switch to his high school position of offensive lineman for the Aztecs and went on to start all 14 games at right tackle.
- As a member of the Alliance of American Football's (AAF) San Diego Fleet in 2019, was coached by former NFL head coach, Mike Martz.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- During Week 13 of the 2020 season, 49ers players wore custom cleats as a part of the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign. Brunskill and his teammates highlighted their respective causes, with Brunskill representing Wishes for Warriors.



- Prior to Week 2's matchup in Cincinnati during the 2019 season, the 49ers spent time in Youngstown, OH, where they participated in the Community Blitz. Brunskill and some of his teammates joined the students at Williamson Elementary School to talk about inclusion and anti-bullying. The players spoke at an assembly before helping the kids write compliment cards and discuss how to be kind to one another.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Brunskill and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Brunskill chose the Melanoma Research Foundation and Vietnam Veterans of America, saying, "I play for my cousins battling melanoma, and for Vietnam veterans like my uncle."



BRUNSKILL'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 47/40: 2019 (14/7); 2020 (16/16); 2021 (17/17); 2022 (0/0)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 6/3: 2019 (3/0); 2021 (3/3)

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 4: 2019 (1); 2021 (3) **Postseason – 1:** 2021 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Pit. (9/22/19); **First Start:** at LAR (10/13/19)

BRUNSKILL'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent with Atl. on 5/1/17...Waived by Atl. on 9/2/17...Signed to Atl. practice squad on 9/3/17...Signed to Reserve/Future contract with Atl. on 1/15/18...Waived by Atl. on 9/1/18...Signed to Atl. practice squad on 9/2/18...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 4/12/19...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/20/20...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 4/13/21...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 4/19/22.



SPENCER BURFORD

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GOLDMINE

- Burford became the 3rd Roadrunner in the program's 11-year history to be drafted into the NFL when the 49ers selected him 134th overall in 2022, joining New Orleans Saints DL Marcus Davenport and former Minnesota Vikings TE David Morgan. Morgan was the first Texas-San Antonio alum to become an NFL draft pick in 2016, while Davenport followed in 2018 when he went off the board as the 14th pick in the first round.

COLLEGE



Appeared in 45 games (43 starts) in four years (2018-21) at Texas-San Antonio. As a senior in 2021, started all 12 games and helped pave the way for school records in total yds. (6,146), passing yds. (3,577) and points scored (516). As a junior in 2020, was named Second-Team All-Conference USA after appearing in 11 games (10 starts) and helping block for a program-best 2,585 rushing yds. Appeared in all 12 games (11 starts) as a sophomore in 2019 and was named All-Conference USA Honorable Mention. As a freshman in 2018, started all 10 games he appeared in.

BURFORD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Has two cousins who played in the NFL, former Bears and Cowboys WR Sam Hurd and former Bills, Patriots and Lions OL LaAdrian Waddle.
- Is an avid fan of both making and listening to music. He plays the drums and describes music as his "gateway to get away," and that "it takes him into a whole different realm."
- Started playing football at the age of four years old with older children. "I got to know the game at a young age. That is where my love of football came from," he said.

PERSONAL

- Earned first-team all-area and all-district honors as a senior at Wagner (San Antonio, TX) HS.
- Son of Barretta Burford and John Watts. Has one brother, Andre.
- Majored in criminal justice at Texas-San Antonio.

BURFORD'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 3/3: 2022 (3/3)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Chi. (9/11/22); **First Start:** at Chi. (9/11/22)

BURFORD'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 4th–round (134th overall) draft choice by SF in 2022.



OREN BURKS

48 **LB**

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AWARDS & HONORS

2020: NFLPA Community MVP (Week 4)

GOLDMINE

- Since entering the NFL in 2018, Burks has supported a variety of charitable causes, including House for Hope. "My rookie year with the Packers, I was eager to learn about ways that current players were giving back to the community. [Former Packers DT] Mike Daniels, invited me to House of Hopes Annual Fundraising Gala, and from that point on I knew that this was an organization that I wanted to get behind," Burks said. House of Hope works to help women and children transition out of homelessness in the greater Green Bay Area. Their staff works tirelessly to equip their residents with the skills and resources they need to get back one their feet. "Everyone, I don't care who you are, has needed a helping hand at some point in their life, so why not pay it forward." Personal donations to House of Hope and fundraisintg efforts helped Burks win the NFLPA Community MVP during Week 4 of the 2020 season as the foundation exceeded the $1 million mark in total fundraising.



BURKS' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Was college teammates with 49ers OL Justin Skule at Vanderbilt. The two trained together in Nashville during the 2020 offseason when gyms were closed due to the pandemic.
- His cousin, Andrew White, is a professional basketball player who played for the Atlanta Hawks during the 2017-18 season, while his sister, Whitney, played softball at Stanford.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- Another cause that touched Burks was Sherman Phoenix. "I was introduced to Sherman Phoenix by my teammate [Former Packers TE] Lance Kendricks, who was originally from the Milwaukee area," said Burks. The organization's mission is to support entrepreneurship and build community wealth in Sherman Park, Milwaukee, an area that has experienced decades of systemic oppression and racial unrest. To rise from the ashes, community leaders converted a vacant bank into an entrepreneurship hub and community center that is now home to over 27 businesses. "Through my relationship with the Packers, we have been able to donate over $75,000 to further their cause in the community."

BURKS' GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Burks chose to support SCFAA through the NFL's My Cause My Cleats initiative during Week 14 of the 2019 season.



- On March 3, 2020, a tornado tore through Central Tennessee, including Burks' neighborhood in Nashville. The tornado, fortunately, missed Burks' home, but many others were not as lucky. Burks was inspired to help and offered families in need with housing support so they wouldn't be forced to sell their land.
- Burks' desire to be involved with his community didn't begin when he started his NFL career. While at Vanderbilt, he was the president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), the co-founder of REVAMP (Revitalizing and Empowering Vanderbilt's African-American Population) and a member of the 2016 Allstate-AFCA Good Works Team.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Perhaps the cause closest to Burks is the South County Football Alumni Association, an organization he helped found. "My time as a student-athlete at South County HS allowed me to build the foundation I use today to be successful. My teammates and classmates became lifelong friends who push each other to be the best versions of ourselves. Together, we decided that we wanted to build a platform where we could give back to a program that gave so much to us," said Burks. After officially establishing 501(c)(3) status in 2019, the group has raised money for the team's State Championship hotel, awarded post secondary scholarships, provided snacks to fuel student-athletes before and after workouts and hosted a TeamBurks Football camp.



BURKS' CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	GB	14	4	16	12	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	GB	12	0	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2020	GB	16	0	11	8	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2021	GB	17	3	26	16	10	0.5	2.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2022	SF	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**62**	**7**	**59**	**39**	**20**	**0.5**	**2.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	GB	2	0	3	0	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2020	GB	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2021	GB	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**5**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 35: 2018 (8); 2019 (5); 2020 (10); 2021 (10); 2022 (2) **Postseason – 3:** 2019 (3)
Special Teams Forced Fumbles – 1: 2020 (1)
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2021 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Was. (9/23/18); **First Start:** at Det. (10/7/18); **First FF:** Regular Season – at Hou. (10/25/20 – RB Duke Johnson); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at SF (9/26/21 – QB Jimmy Garoppolo)

BURKS' CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 6 vs. Pit. (10/3/21); Postseason – 3 at Sea. (1/12/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 10 at Det. (10/7/18)
Assists: Regular Season – 3 vs. Pit. (10/3/21); Postseason – 3 at Sea. (1/12/20)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 at Hou. (10/25/20)
Sacks: Regular Season – 0.5 at SF (9/26/21)

BURKS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 3rd–round (88th overall) draft choice by GB in 2018...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/28/21...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 1/1/22...Signed a two–year deal with SF on 3/7/22.



KALIA DAVIS

93 **DL**

6-2 × 310 × CENTRAL FLORIDA

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GOLDMINE

- Davis credits his coaches at West Florida (Pensacola, FL) Tech, Rhett Summerford and Harry Lees, for his development on defense. "I came in with wide receiver dreams and they shut that down quick," Davis recalled. "They said, 'you'll be a good high school receiver, but you're going to be a Division I linebacker.' I had dreams of playing D1, so when he told me that, he really shut down my receiver dreams. But looking back, it was the best decision that I ever made. Those guys are two of the biggest reasons I'm here today."



DAVIS' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- First name is pronounced kuh-LEE-uh.
- Named to AAC All-Academic Team twice (2017 & 2020) at UCF.
- Played ILB at West Florida Tech (Pensacola, FL) HS. Was ranked the 41st ILB in the nation as a senior, and received three stars from ESPN.
- Is the third Knight to be a member of the 49ers, joining former FB Bruce Miller and former DT Leger Douzable, and the second Knight to be drafted by the team (Miller - 7th round in 2011).

DAVIS' GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
PLACED ON RESERVE/NFI (Knee) ON 8/23														
Sep 11	at Chi	L	–	–	–	RESERVE/NFI(Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 18	Sea	W	–	–	–	RESERVE/NFI(Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 25	at Den	L	–	–	–	RESERVE/NFI(Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

DAVIS' CAREER STATISTICS

		TACKLES							INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2022	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

DAVIS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally the second of three (220th overall) draft choices by SF in 2022...Placed on the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 7/27/22...Placed on the Reserve/Non–Football Injury List on 8/23/22.

COLLEGE

Appeared in 28 games (14 starts) in five years (2017-21) at Central Florida and registered 61 tackles, 11.0 tackles for loss, 3.0 sacks, 2 PDs, 1 FF and 1 FR. As a redshirt-senior in 2021, started all 5 games he appeared in and notched 17 tackles, 4.5 TFLs, and 1.0 sack. Opted out of the 2020 season. As a redshirt-sophomore in 2019, played in all 13 games (9 starts) and tallied 27 tackles, including 8.0 TFLs, 3.0 sacks, 1 FF, 1 FR and 1 PD. Played in 10 games as a redshirt-freshman in 2018 and posted 17 tackles, 2.5 TFLs and 1 PD. Redshirted in 2017.



PERSONAL

- Attended West Florida Tech (Pensacola, FL) HS where he was named first-team Florida class 5A all-state by the Associated Press as a senior in 2016 after registering 107 tackles, 9.0 sacks and 2 INTs.
- Majored in interdisciplinary studies at Central Florida.
- Born Kalia Davis (10/2/98) in Pensacola, FL.

INJURY REPORT

2022: Placed on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury List on 8/23 with a knee injury.



TYRION DAVIS-PRICE

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GOLDMINE

- Davis-Price set a school-record with 287 rushing yds. in a win over Florida in Week 7 of the Tigers 2021 campaign. It also marked the most rushing yds. ever allowed by the Gators, surpassing College HOF RB Herschel Walker's mark of 238 yds. set in 1980. Despite putting on an impressive individual performance, he was entirely team-oriented following the game. "I didn't know how many yards I had until after the game," Davis-Price said. "I was just amazed at how well the o-line did and you could see it. Those were big holes that I ran through... it was a great win for the team." It was that mindset that quickly made Davis-Price a favorite among his teammates and fans alike in Baton Rouge.

DAVIS-PRICE'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- First name is pronounced TIE-ree-on.
- Played youth football against the 3rd overall pick in the 2022 NFL Draft and Houston Texans CB Derek Stingley.
- Was a member of the 2019 LSU Tiger team that went 14-0 and won the National Championship.
- Was a finalist for the 2018 Warrick Dunn Award, which is named after the former NFL RB and is awarded to the top high school football player in Baton Rouge annually.

DAVIS-PRICE'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	–	–	–	INACTIVE	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	14	33	2.4	20	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	–	–	–INACTIVE (Ankle)			–	–	–	–
Oct 3	LAR										
Oct 9	at Car										
Oct 16	at Atl										
Oct 23	KC										
Oct 30	at LAR										
Nov 13	LAC										
Nov 21	Arz										
Nov 27	NO										
Dec 4	Mia										
Dec 11	TB										
Dec 15	at Sea										
Dec 24	Was										
Jan 1	at LV										
Jan 7/8	Arz										
TOTALS			**1/0**	**14**	**33**	**2.4**	**20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

DAVIS-PRICE'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2022	SF	1	0	14	33	2.4	20	0	0	0	–	0	0
TOTALS		**1**	**0**	**14**	**33**	**2.4**	**20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs Sea. (9/18/22)

DAVIS-PRICE'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: Regular Season – 14 vs. Sea. (9/18/22)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 33 vs. Sea. (9/18/22)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 20 vs. Sea. (9/18/22)

DAVIS-PRICE'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of two 3rd–round (93rd overall) draft choices by SF in 2022.

COLLEGE

Appeared in 36 games (16 starts) in three years (2019-21) at Louisiana State and registered 379 carries for 1,744 rushing yds. and 15 TDs along with 28 recepts. for 185 yds. As a junior in 2021, started all 12 games and registered 211 rushes for 1,003 yds. and 15 TDs. As a sophomore in 2020, appeared in 9 games (4 starts) and tallied 104 carries for 446 yds. and 3 TDs. Appeared in all 11 games as a freshman in 2019 and posted 64 carries for 295 yds. and 3 TDs.



PERSONAL

- Attended Southern University Laboratory (Baton Rouge, LA) HS, where he rushed for 2,500 yds. and 29 TDs as a senior.
- Son of Stacie Davis-Price and Tyquincy Price. Has a daughter, Brooklyn Mae.
- Born Tyrion Davis-Price (10/23/00) in Baton Rouge, LA.

INJURY REPORT

2022: Inactive at Den. (9/25) with an ankle injury.



ROSS DWELLEY

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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Reeled in a career-long 38-yd. TD pass at Sea. (9/18), marking the 5th of his career. Also recovered a muffed punt by Seahawks CB Xavier Crawford that put the 49ers at Seattle's 22-yd. line and helped set up a TD run.

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. Dwelley and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Dwelley chose the Autism Tree Project Foundation and said, "I play for Autism awareness."
- The 49ers and their families hosted 450 underserved boys and girls from the Bay Area for the first-ever 49ers Hope for the Holidays event. Each child had a once-in-a-lifetime experience traveling through Levi's Stadium and left with a brand new bike, helmet, lock, haircut, shoes, toys, glasses, backpack, dinner and more.



DWELLEY'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Dwelley became the seventh player (WR Jamal Agnew, DE Eric Bakhtiari, WR Michael Gasperson, QB Josh Johnson, WR Matt Maslowski, WR John Matthews) from the University of San Diego to make an NFL roster, and the fourth to suit up for the 49ers.
- Dwelley graduated from San Diego with a degree in industrial systems engineering. "I've always had a fascination with space." Dwelley said. "My education is definitely important to me. I'm really proud of graduating."

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- On November 26th, 2019, the 49ers teamed up with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose to serve Thanksgiving dinner to over 300 people in need. Members of the team served food, bussed tables and refilled beverages. The team also provided toiletries and giveaways to all those in attendance.

DWELLEY'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	1	11	11.0	11	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	1	38	38.0	38t	1
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	0	0	–	–	0
Oct 3	LAR							
Oct 9	at Car							
Oct 16	at Atl							
Oct 23	KC							
Oct 30	at LAR							
Nov 13	LAC							
Nov 21	Arz							
Nov 27	NO							
Dec 4	Mia							
Dec 11	TB							
Dec 15	at Sea							
Dec 24	Was							
Jan 1	at LV							
Jan 7/8	Arz							
TOTALS			**3/0**	**2**	**49**	**24.5**	**38t**	**1**

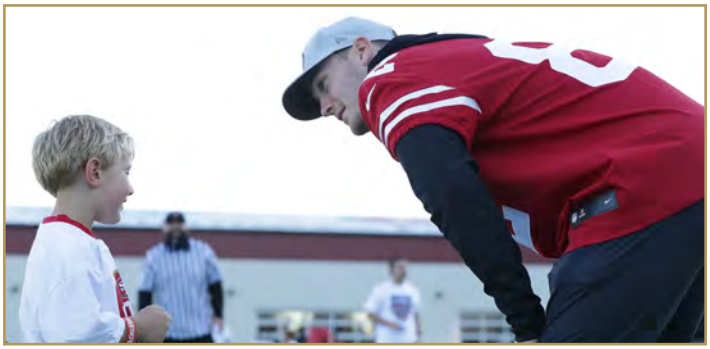
GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Fellow TE George Kittle partnered with the Jessie Rees Foundation to pass out JoyJars filled with toys and games at a local children's hospital. Dwelley attended the event and was joined by several of his teammates including, TE Garrett Celek, TE Daniel Helm, QB Nick Mullens and LB Fred Warner who helped him spread holiday cheer and lift the spirits of everyone they met.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- The 49ers hosted a flag football clinic for local first responders and their children at the team facility in October of 2018. Dwelley and his teammates taught the children the fundamentals of the game before hitting the field for drills and games. The 100-plus guests also had the opportunity to try on equipment and participate in a photoshoot.
- The 49ers worked alongside the humanitarian-relief organization Convoy of Hope in December of 2018, and hosted 1,500 guests in-need from Bay Area nonprofits and schools at Levi's® Stadium for a free holiday resource fair. Dwelley and his 49ers teammates distributed groceries, toys, books, shoes and other holiday offerings to the guests. The attendees also received haircuts, utilized health resources and took family portraits or professional headshots.



DWELLEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2018	SF	11	0	2	14	7.0	8	0	0	0	–	–	0
2019	SF	16	6	15	91	6.1	25	2	0	0	–	–	0
2020	SF	16	9	19	245	12.9	36	1	0	0	–	–	0
2021	SF	17	2	4	51	12.8	21t	1	0	0	–	–	0
2022	SF	3	0	2	49	24.5	38t	1	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**63**	**17**	**42**	**450**	**10.7**	**38t**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	3	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
2021	SF	3	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 10: 2018 (2); 2019 (3); 2020 (3); 2021 (2) **Postseason:** 2021 (1)
Tackles – 2: 2019 (1); 2021(1)
Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2022 (1)
Special Teams Forced Fumbles – 1: 2019 (1)
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2022 (1)
Kick Returns – 1: 2020 (1)
Kick Return Yards – 20: 2020 (20)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at GB (10/15/18); **First Start:** at LAR (10/13/19); **First Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Oak. (11/1/18 – 8–yd. pass from QB Nick Mullens); **First TD Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (11/17/19 – 4–yd. TD pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First Multi–TD Game:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (11/17/19 – 2 TDs); **First FF:** Regular Season – vs. Atl. (12/15/19 – RB Kenjon Barner)

DWELLEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 4 (3 times) Last at NYG (9/27/20)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 52 vs. GB (11/5/20)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 38t vs. Sea. (9/18/22)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 2 vs. Arz. (11/17/19)
Kickoff Returns: Regular Season – 1 vs. GB (11/5/20)
Kickoff Return Yards: Regular Season – 20 vs. GB (11/5/20)
Long Kickoff Return: Regular Season – 20 vs. GB (11/5/20)

DWELLEY'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by SF on 4/30/18...Waived by SF on 9/1/18...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/2/18...Promoted to SF active roster on 10/15/18...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/24/20...Signed a one–year contract extension through 2021 with SF on 3/5/21...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/28/22.



SAMSON EBUKAM

56 | **DL** | 6-3 × 245 × EASTERN WASHINGTON

5.9.95 × PORTLAND, OR × 6TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '21

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Brought down Bears QB Justin Fields for a 10-yd. loss at Chi. (9/11), giving him 19.5 in his career. He finished the game with 2 tackles and 1.0 sack.

GOLDMINE

- Ebukam was born "Nnamaka Samson Ebukam" on the banks of the Niger River just behind the Nile and the Congo as the youngest of seven siblings. The Ebukam family values education and betterment. From a young age, Ebukam watched as his father and siblings began leaving Nigeria for America in search of new opportunities. Ebukam became accustomed to living away from his family for years, until at the age of nine, his father Tobias sent for him to make the trek to America. "They had to sacrifice their own happiness just to make sure we had a better future, and for that I'm eternally grateful," Ebukam said. He would later learn English from his mother.



EBUKAM'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Last name is pronounced EH-boo-kahm.
- Learned how to play football in high school after years of playing soccer in his hometown of Onitsha, Nigeria. "I didn't even know what basketball was," Ebukam said. "I didn't know what football was. I knew about track & field, but that was just called running."

GOLDMINE

- With the only sport he knew being soccer, it wasn't until coach Dan Wood at David Douglas (Portland, OR) HS witnessed Ebukam's explosiveness and begged him to join the football team. Although it took his parents some convincing, the dream of college football and a free education took precedence. Receiving two scholarship offers out of high school, Ebukam fell in love with Eastern Washington and became a standout in the FCS.
- Ebukam beams with pride when he thinks about his journey and hometown. He founded the T&S Foundation, named after his parents Tobias and Stella Ebukam who provided every resource to get him to where he is today. The mission of his foundation is to fulfill basic humanitarian needs for the people of Nigera and aims to aid displacement, food insecurity, climate-related issues, disease outbreaks, domestic violence and more. Ebukam partners with companies such as Adidas, Kellogg's, Baller Bellys, FIJI Water and the NFLPA to make a difference in his home country.

EBUKAM'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	2	2	0	1.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	2	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/3**	**7**	**4**	**3**	**1.0**	**10.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

EBUKAM'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2017	LAR	16	2	22	20	2	2.0	21.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2018	LAR	16	14	39	24	15	3.0	11.0	1	25	25t	1	1	3	2	11t
2019	LAR	16	5	47	26	21	4.5	32.0	0	0	–	0	4	1	2	0
2020	LAR	16	14	27	14	13	4.5	20.0	0	0	–	0	1	1	0	0
2021	SF	17	11	36	19	17	4.5	41.5	0	0	–	0	1	1	0	0
2022	SF	3	3	7	4	3	1.0	10.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**84**	**49**	**178**	**107**	**71**	**19.5**	**135.5**	**1**	**25**	**25t**	**1**	**7**	**7**	**4**	**11t**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2017	LAR	1	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2018	LAR	3	2	8	7	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	1	0	0
2020	LAR	2	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2021	SF	3	3	8	5	3	2.0	14.5	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**9**	**5**	**18**	**14**	**4**	**2.0**	**14.5**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 17: 2017 (9); 2018 (1); 2019 (1); 2020 (4); 2021 (2)
Special Teams Forced Fumbles – Postseason – 1: 2020 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Ind. (9/10/17); **First Start:** at Arz. (12/3/17); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. Hou (11/12/17 – QB Tom Savage); Postseason – at Dal. (1/16/22 – QB Dak Prescott) **First FF:** Regular Season – vs. Hou (11/12/17 – QB Tom Savage); Postseason – at NO (1/20/19; QB Drew Brees); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. KC (11/19/18 – QB Patrick Mahomes); **First Multi–Sack Game:** Regular Season – vs. Sea. (12/8/19 – 2.0; QB Russell Wilson); **Multi–Sack Games:** Regular Season – 4, Last at Ten. (12/23/21 – QB Ryan Tannehill); **First TD:** Regular Season – vs. KC (11/19/18 – QB Patrick Mahomes)

EBUKAM'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (4)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
11/25/19	vs. Bal.	1.5	9	Lamar Jackson (1.5)
12/8/19	vs. Sea.	2.0	18	Russell Wilson (2.0)
1/3/21	vs. Arz.	2.0	9	Kyler Murray (1.0); Chris Streveler (1.0)
12/23/21	at Ten.	1.5	10	Ryan Tannehill (1.5)

EBUKAM'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 7 vs. Bal (11/25/19); Postseason – 3 (4 times) Last at LAR (1/30/22)
Solo: Regular Season – 5 at Arz. (12/3/17); Postseason – 3 (2 times) Last at GB (1/22/22)
Assists: Regular Season – 4 (2 times) Last vs. Bal. (11/25/19); Postseason – 2 at LAR (1/30/22)
Sacks: Regular Season – 2.0 (2 times) Last vs. Arz. (1/3/21); Postseason – 1.0 at GB (1/22/22)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (7 times) Last at Min. (11/28/21); Postseason – 1 vs. Dal. (1/12/19)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (7 times) Last at Cin. (12/12/21); Postseason – 1 at NO (1/20/19)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (4 times) Last vs. Arz. (12/29/19)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 vs. KC (11/19/18)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 25 vs. KC (11/19/18)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 25t vs. KC (11/19/18)
Interception Returns for TD: Regular Season – 1 vs. KC (11/19/18)

EBUKAM'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 4th–round (125th overall) draft choice by LAR in 2017...Signed a two–year deal with SF on 3/19/21.



DEMETRIUS FLANNIGAN-FOWLES

45 **LB**

6-2 × 210 × ARIZONA

9.4.96 × TUCSON, AZ × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '19

AWARDS & HONORS

2020: Thomas Herrion Memorial Award

GOLDMINE



- Took part in the 49ers Annual Community Day, helping pack more than 31,000 nutritious meals in collaboration with Feeding Children Anywhere. The meals, along with groceries and backpacks, were distributed to those most in need in East San Jose.
- In November of 2019, the 49ers teamed up with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose to serve Thanksgiving dinner to over 300 people in need. Members of the team served food, bussed tables and refilled beverages. The team also provided toiletries and giveaways to all those in attendance.



FLANNIGAN-FOWLES' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- In 2020, named the recipient of the 49ers Thomas Herrion Memorial Award, which was established in 2005 by 49ers owners Denise and John York and is presented to a rookie or first-year player who best represents the dream of Thomas Herrion. The recipient has taken advantage of every opportunity, turned it into a positive situation and made their dream turn into a reality. The award is voted on by the coaches.
- Flannigan-Fowles describes himself as a "momma's boy." While growing up, he and his mom, Kurtisha, would regularly have "date nights" and spend time together.
- Began playing football at the age of 6, when his uncle, Harold, signed him up for flag football.

FLANNIGAN-FOWLES' GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
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Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/0**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

FLANNIGAN-FOWLES' CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	–	–	–	PRACTICE SQUAD		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2020	SF	11	1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2021	SF	17	2	20	7	13	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2022	SF	3	0	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**31**	**3**	**26**	**12**	**14**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2021	SF	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 18: 2020 (5); 2021 (12); 2022 (1); **Postseason – 3:** 2021 (3)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at NYG (9/27/20); **First Start:** vs. Sea (1/3/21)

FLANNIGAN-FOWLES' CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 5 vs. Hou. (1/2/22)

Solo: Regular Season – 2 (4 times) Last at Den. (9/25/22)

Assists: Regular Season – 3 (3 times) Last vs. Hou. (1/2/22)

FLANNIGAN-FOWLES' TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by SF on 5/3/19...Waived by SF on 8/31/19...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/1/19...Placed on the practice squad Injured Reserve List on 12/10/19...Signed a two–year deal with SF on 2/5/20...Re–Signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/11/22.



JIMMY GAROPPOLO

10 | **QB** | 6-2 × 225 × EASTERN ILLINOIS

11.2.91 × ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL × 9TH YEAR × ACQUIRED TR IN '17 - NE

AWARDS & HONORS

2017: FedEx Air Player of the Week (Week 15), Castrol EDGE Clutch Performer of the Week (Week 15 & Week 16)

2019: NFC Offensive Player of the Week (Week 14), *Sporting News* Comeback Player of the Year

2021: Garry Niver Award

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Registered 1 TD through the air and 1 TD on the ground vs. Sea. (9/18/22), marking the 3rd time in his career that he both threw for at least 1 TD and rushed for at least 1 TD [vs. Jax. (12/24/17) & at Phi. (9/19/21)] in a single game.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- With 296 passing yds. at Cin. (12/12/21), Garoppolo surpassed 10,000 passing yds. as a member of the 49ers in the fewest games in franchise history, 43 games.

FASTEST TO 10,000 PASSING YDS., FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Games
1.	**QB Jimmy Garoppolo**	**43**
2.	QB Jeff Garcia	44
3.	QB Colin Kaepernick	56
4.	QB Alex Smith	58
5.	QB Joe Montana	64

GAROPPOLO'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Is a two-time Super Bowl champion (XLIX & LI) as a member of the New England Patriots.
- Registered 13,089 yards in total offense at Eastern Illinois, joining former New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton (10,298 yards; 1983-86) as the only players in EIU history to generate at least 10,000 yards in total offense.
- Following his senior season at Eastern Illinois in 2013, was named the Walter Payton Award winner. The Award is given to the most outstanding offensive player in the Division I Football Championship Subdivision.
- In addition to Garoppolo, Eastern Illinois has produced a fair share of NFL products including Mike Shanahan, former Super Bowl winning NFL head coach and father of current 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan, Atlanta Falcons senior personnel executive Ryan Pace, Sean Payton and former Dallas Cowboys QB and current TV analyst Tony Romo.
- Brother, Mike, played linebacker at Western Illinois (2007-11).

GAROPPOLO'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg	Sk/Yds	Rtg	Rsh	Yds	Total TD	Pct. Net Yds.	Offense
Sep 11	at Chi	L	–	–	–	–	–	–	–DID NOT PLAY–		–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	21	13	61.9	154	1	0	38	1/0	100.1	4	5	1	159	42.6
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	29	18	62.1	211	1	1	32	4/32	81.2	1	0	0	179	67.0
Oct 3	LAR																
Oct 9	at Car																
Oct 16	at Atl																
Oct 23	KC																
Oct 30	at LAR																
Nov 13	LAC																
Nov 21	Arz																
Nov 27	NO																
Dec 4	Mia																
Dec 11	TB																
Dec 15	at Sea																
Dec 24	Was																
Jan 1	at LV																
Jan 7/8	Arz																
TOTALS			**2/1**	**50**	**31**	**62.0**	**365**	**2**	**1**	**38**	**5/32**	**89.2**	**5**	**5**	**1**	**370**	**38.1**

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- With a 34-31 victory vs. LAR (12/21/19) Garoppolo improved to 20-5 as a starter in the NFL, becoming the 6th QB in the Super Bowl era to win at least 20 of his first 25 career starts.
- His 67.5 career completion percentage as a member of the 49ers ranks 1st in franchise history (min. 500 atts.).
- With wins in each of his 1st five starts with the 49ers [15-14 at Chi. (12/3/17); 26-16 at Hou. (12/10/17); 25-23 vs. Ten. (12/17/17); 44-33 vs. Jax. (12/24/17); 34-13 at LAR (12/31)], he became the 1st 49ers QB since the merger in 1970 to win each of his 1st five starts with the team.

MOST QB WINS THROUGH 25 CAREER STARTS, SUPER BOWL ERA

	Player	Wins
1.	Ben Roethlisberger, Pit.	22
2.	Dan Marino, Mia.	21
3t.	**Jimmy Garoppolo, NE/SF**	**20**
	Pat Haden, LAR	20
	Roger Staubauch, Dal.	20
	Kurt Warner, StL	20

HIGHEST CAREER COMP. PCT., FRANCHISE HISTORY (MIN. 500 ATTS.)

	Player	Comp. %
1.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**67.5**
2.	Steve Young	65.8
3.	Nick Mullens	64.9
4.	Joe Montana	63.7
5.	Shaun Hill	61.7

- With a 98.9 career quarterback rating as a member of the 49ers, Garoppolo ranks 2nd in franchise history (min. 500 atts.). His 8.3 career average yds. per attempt as a 49er ranks 1st in franchise history (min. 500 atts.).

HIGHEST CAREER QB RATING, FRANCHISE HISTORY (MIN. 500 ATTS.)

Player	QB Rating
1. Steve Young	101.4
2. Jimmy Garoppolo	**98.0**
3. Joe Montana	93.5
4. Colin Kaepernick	88.9
5. Jeff Garcia	88.3

HIGHEST CAREER AVG. YDS./ATT., FRANCHISE HISTORY (MIN. 500 ATTS.)

Player	Yds./Att.
1. Jimmy Garoppolo	**8.3**
2. Steve Young	8.2
3. Nick Mullens	8.0
4. Joe Montana	7.6
5. Y.A. Tittle	7.3

- According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Garoppolo is 1 of 5 QBs to win their 1st seven NFL starts since the merger in 1970.

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS BY A QB TO START HIS CAREER, SINCE 1970

	Player	Wins
1.	Ben Roethlisberger	15
2.	Mike Tomczak	10
3t.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**7**
	Dieter Brock	7
	Daunte Culpepper	7

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- His 1,542 passing yds. in his 1st five starts with the team are the most by a 49ers QB in his 1st five starts in franchise history and ranks 4th among all QBs in their 1st five starts with a new team since the merger in 1970.

MOST PASSING YDS. BY A 49ERS QB IN 1ST 5 STARTS, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Atts.	Comps.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	INTs
1.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**176**	**118**	**67.0**	**1,542**	**6**	**5**
2.	Nick Mullens	174	111	63.8	1,479	9	6
3.	Jeff Kemp	166	103	62.0	1,385	10	4
4.	Elvis Grbac	164	117	71.3	1,376	8	4
5.	Steve Bono	185	105	56.8	1,251	7	3

MOST PASSING YDS. IN 1ST 5 STARTS WITH A TEAM, SINCE 1970

	Player	Team	Year	Yds.
1.	Drew Bledsoe	Buffalo	2002	1,762
2.	Trent Green	St. Louis	2000	1,668
3.	Cam Newton	Carolina	2011	1,610
4.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**San Francisco**	**2017**	**1,542**
5.	Kirk Cousins	Washington	2012-14	1,503

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MOST PASSING YDS. IN 1ST 7 CAREER STARTS, SINCE 1970

	Player	Year	Yds.
1.	Billy Volek	2003-04	2,305
2.	Patrick Mahomes	2017-18	2,149
3.	Cam Newton	2011	2,103
4.	Kirk Cousins	2012-14	2,043
5.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**2016-17**	**2,038**

- With wins at Chi. (12/3/17), at Hou. (12/10/17) and at LAR (12/31/17), he is the 3rd 49ers QB since the merger in 1970 to win each of his 1st three road starts. QB Elvis Grbac won each of his 1st four road starts from 1995-96 and QB Jim Plunkett won his 1st three starts on the road in 1976.
- In his 1st start as a member of the 49ers, completed 26 of 37 atts. for a career-high 293 yds. at Chi. (12/3/17). According to the Elias Sports Bureau, his 293 passing yds. set the franchise record for most passing yds. by a player in his 1st start with the team.
- His 2,038 passing yds. through his 1st seven NFL starts ranks 5th among all QBs since the merger in 1970.

GOLDMINE



- As a kid in suburban Chicago, Garoppolo and his three brothers occasionally rose early to join their dad, Tony, at his job. Tony is now a retired union electrician, with his career spanning more than 40 years. Tony instilled his work ethic into Jimmy. "But it was that blue-collar mentality. When you're raised like that, you don't know any different. All I knew was hard work, and it translates over to football." In May of 2019, Jimmy and Tony went to the Silicon Valley Career Technical Education Center in San Jose to speak to and congratulate over 90 recent high school graduates who decided to pursue a career in a skilled trade. A take on national signing day for high school athletes, each person would sign papers at a table, be rewarded with a cap and announce at the podium what trade they would follow. The event encourages students to take up a skill trade, something that doesn't require a four-year university. "This can help set the path earlier in kids' lives — they want to be in trades and they can get started in high school," Garoppolo said.
- During Week 13 of the 2020 season, 49ers players wore custom cleats as a part of the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign. Garoppolo and his teammates highlighted their respective causes, with Garoppolo representing the Cal Fire Benevolent Foundation.



- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Garoppolo and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Garoppolo represented Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area, and said, "I play for the kids who inspire me with their strength and courage."



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Garoppolo continued his giving theme in 2019, partnering with Men's Wearhouse on a suit drive, asking for donations of gently used suits, shirts, jackets, ties, slacks and shoes. The professional attire for men and women were passed along to local non-profit organizations, who provided them to those looking to re-enter the workplace. Done along with résumé-writing workshops, interview preparation courses and employment training programs, the objective is to create a confident job candidate, someone who shows up for an interview feeling well-prepared and looking the part. "It's kind of related to the football mentality of, look-good, feel-good, play-good," Garoppolo said of the drive. "You go in there with a suit and you're feeling good about yourself and your confidence is up, obviously you're going to perform better."
- Prior to Week 2's matchup in Cincinnati during the 2019 season, the 49ers spent time in Youngstown, OH, where they participated in the Community Blitz. Garoppolo and some of his teammates visited the Akron Children's hospital as players went from room to room to visit and meet some of the young patients.



- During the 2019 offseason, members of the 49ers took part in the Second Annual Picnic on the Field, located on the Levi's Stadium field. Garoppolo and his teammates spent the day taking pictures with fans, who enjoyed music, food and games in support of the 49ers Foundation. The foundation, in conjunction with NFL Huddle for 100, partnered with Amazon to fill 1,000 backpacks full of school supplies. Fans and players joined together to assemble the packs, which were distributed throughout the community to children in need.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- Garoppolo has quickly become integrated with the Bay Area and its sports franchises. Prior to Game 3 of the NHL's 2018 Western Conference Semifinals between the San Jose Sharks and Vegas Golden Knights, Garoppolo was asked to be the "honorary locker room door opener" at SAP Center in San Jose. The Sharks ask celebrities and well-respected sports figures to be the ceremonial door opener as the team heads out for final warmups and pregame introductions.
- For fans traveling to the San Francisco Zoo, they can keep an eye out for one of the zoo's snow leopards, Jimmy G, whom the zoo chose to name after the 49ers quarterback. The zoo received both a male and female snow leopard in early 2018 and quickly found a new name. You can find Jimmy G in the enclosure outside the Lion House near the Lion Fountain.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- In May of 2016, Garoppolo, in partnership with AccessSportAmerica, volunteered at a football clinic for disabled high school students at Harvard Stadium. During the clinic, Garoppolo gave tips to participants on passing, blocking and other essential football skills. Garoppolo enjoyed the clinic so much, he returned to Harvard Stadium again in 2017 to hang out with the AccessSport America students. Garoppolo said he felt honored to volunteer with AccessSportAmerica, and contribute to their efforts to inspire higher function and fitness for people living with challenges and disabilities through high-challenge sports and training.



GAROPPOLO'S CAREER STATISTICS

				PASSING										RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG	SK	LST	RTG	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2014	NE	6	0	27	19	70.4	182	1	0	37	5	36	101.2	10	9	0.9	9	0
2015	NE	5	0	4	1	25.0	6	0	0	6	0	0	39.6	5	–5	–1.0	–1	0
2016	NE	6	2	63	43	68.3	502	4	0	37t	3	15	113.3	10	6	0.6	10	0
2017	NE/SF	6	5	178	120	67.4	1,560	7	5	61	8	57	96.2	15	11	0.7	8	1
2018	SF	3	3	89	53	59.6	718	5	3	56	13	97	90.0	8	33	4.1	13	0
2019	SF	16	16	476	329	69.1	3,978	27	13	75t	36	237	102.0	46	62	1.3	13	1
2020	SF	6	6	140	94	67.1	1,096	7	5	76t	11	77	92.4	10	25	2.5	9	0
2021	SF	15	15	441	301	68.3	3,810	20	12	83	29	201	98.7	38	51	1.3	7	3
2022	SF	2	1	50	31	62.0	365	2	1	38	5	32	89.2	5	5	1.0	3	1
TOTALS		**65**	**48**	**1,468**	**991**	**67.5**	**12,217**	**73**	**39**	**83**	**110**	**752**	**98.5**	**147**	**197**	**1.3**	**13**	**6**

PLAYOFFS

				PASSING										RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG	SK	LST	RTG	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2014	NE	1	0	0	0	–	0	0	0	–	0	0	0.0	0	0	–	–	0
2015	NE	0	0	0	0	–	0	0	0	–	0	0	0.0	0	0	–	–	0
2016	NE	0	0	0	0	–	0	0	0	–	0	0	0.0	0	0	–	–	0
2019	SF	3	3	58	37	63.8	427	2	3	30	4	26	75.9	10	1	0.1	3	0
2021	SF	3	3	74	43	58.1	535	2	3	44t	4	25	72.7	2	5	2.5	4	0
TOTALS		**7**	**6**	**132**	**80**	**60.6**	**962**	**4**	**6**	**44t**	**8**	**51**	**74.1**	**12**	**6**	**0.5**	**4**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles–Lost – 22–9: 2016 (2–1); 2017 (1–0); 2018 (1–0); 2019 (7–4); 2020 (2–0), 2021 (8–3); 2022 (1–1)
Receptions – 2: 2016 (1); 2017 (1)
Receiving Yards – (–3): 2016 (3); 2017 (–6)
Tackles – 1: 2017 (1)
Fumble Recoveries – 3: 2018 (1); 2019 (1); 2021 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at KC (9/29/14); **First Start:** at Arz. (9/11/16); **First Passing TD:** Regular Season – at KC (9/29/14 – 13–yd. pass to TE Rob Gronkowski); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – 3–yd. pass to WR Kendrick Bourne); **First 300–Yd. Game:** Regular Season – at Hou. (12/10/17 – 334 yds.); **300–Yd. Games:** Regular Season – 10, Last at LAR (1/9/22 – 316 yds.); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – vs. Jax. (12/24/17 – 1–yd. run); **First 400–Yd. Game:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (11/17/19 – 424 yds.); **10,000 Career Passing Yds:** Regular Season – at Jax. (11/21/21)

GAROPPOLO'S CAREER 300-YARD PASSING GAMES (10)

Date	Opp	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD	Date	Opp	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD
12/10/17	at Hou.	33	20	334	1	9/12/21	at Det.	25	17	314	1
12/17/17	vs. Ten.	43	31	381	1	10/31/21	at Chi.	28	17	322	0
10/31/19	at Arz.	37	28	317	4	11/7/21	vs. Arz.	28	40	326	2
11/17/19	vs. Arz.	45	34	424	4	12/23/21	at Ten.	35	26	322	1
12/8/19	at NO	35	26	349	4	1/9/22	at LAR	23	32	316	1

GAROPPOLO'S CAREER HIGHS

Passes Attempted: Regular Season – 46 vs. Sea. (11/11/19); Postseason – 31 at KC (2/2/20)
Completions: Regular Season – 34 vs. Arz. (11/17/19); Postseason – 20 at KC (2/2/20)
Completion Percentage: Regular Season – 87.5 at NYJ (9/20/20); Postseason – 64.5 at KC (2/2/20)
Passing Yards: Regular Season – 424 vs. Arz. (11/17/19); Postseason – 232 at LAR (1/30/22)
Long Pass: Regular Season – 83 at Chi. (10/31/21); Postseason – 44t at LAR (1/30/22)
QB Rating: Regular Season – 145.8 vs. GB (11/24/19); Postseason – 104.7 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Passing Touchdowns: Regular Season – 4 (3 times) Last at NO (12/8/19); Postseason – 2 at LAR (1/30/22)
Rushes: Regular Season – 11 at Phi. (9/19/21); Postseason – 4 (2 times) Last vs. GB (1/19/20)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 20 (2 times) Last at Phi. (9/19/21); Postseason – 4 at LAR (1/30/22)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 13 at KC (9/23/18); Postseason – 4 at LAR (1/30/22)
Rushing Touchdowns: Regular Season – 2 at Chi. (10/31/21)

GAROPPOLO'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 2nd–round (62nd overall) draft choice by NE in 2014...Traded to SF on 10/31/17...Signed a five–year extension through 2022 with SF on 2/8/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/26/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/5/20.



TASHAUN GIPSON SR.

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8.7.90 × DALLAS, TX × 11TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '22

AWARDS & HONORS

2015: AFC Pro Bowl

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Intercepted Seahawks QB Geno Smith and registered 14 return yds. at Sea. (9/18). The INT marked his first of the season and as a member of the 49ers and the 28th of his career.

GOLDMINE

- During Week 13 of the 2020 season, 49ers players wore custom cleats as a part of the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign. Gipson and his teammates highlighted their respective causes, with Gipson representing the Alzheimer's Association. The cause is extremely close to him as his grandmother, Phyllis, suffers from the disease.



GIPSON'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Has five siblings; Taneah, Mike, Terriyon, Marcell and Anitra. Two of his brothers also played football at Mountain West schools. Marcell played with Tashaun at Wyoming, while Terriyon played running back at New Mexico.
- Has three childen, Tashaun Jr., Nala and Jett.

GIPSON'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
SIGNED TO SF PRACTICE SQUAD ON 8/31														
ACTIVATED FROM SF PRACTICE SQUAD ON 9/10														
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVERTED BACK TO SF PRACTICE SQUAD ON 9/12														
PROMOTED TO SF ACTIVE ROSTER ON 9/13														
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	1	14	1	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	5	4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/3**	**9**	**7**	**2**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**14**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GIPSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2012	CLE	10	3	29	23	6	0.0	0.0	1	23	23	0	1	0	0	0
2013	CLE	16	15	95	63	32	0.0	0.0	5	143	44t	1	12	0	0	0
2014	CLE	11	11	52	28	24	0.0	0.0	6	158	62t	1	8	1	0	0
2015	CLE	13	13	60	42	18	0.0	0.0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
2016	JAX	16	16	41	34	7	0.0	0.0	1	30	30	0	2	0	0	0
2017	JAX	16	16	64	53	11	0.0	0.0	4	83	67	0	7	0	1	0
2018	JAX	16	16	54	44	10	0.0	0.0	1	8	8	0	7	0	0	0
2019	HOU	14	14	51	37	14	0.0	0.0	3	105	79t	1	8	0	0	0
2020	CHI	16	16	66	48	18	0.0	0.0	2	10	9	0	7	0	1	0
2021	CHI	12	12	47	33	14	1.0	2.0	2	31	31	0	3	0	1	13
2022	SF	3	3	9	7	2	0.0	0.0	1	14	14	0	1	0	0	0
Totals		**143**	**135**	**568**	**412**	**156**	**1.0**	**2.0**	**28**	**605**	**79t**	**3**	**58**	**1**	**3**	**13**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2017	JAX	3	3	7	6	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	HOU	–	–	–	–	–INJURED RESERVE(Back)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2020	CHI	1	1	7	6	1	1.0	3.0	0	0	–	0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS		**4**	**4**	**14**	**12**	**2**	**1.0**	**3.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – Regular Season – 4: 2012 (4); **Postseason – 1:** 2020 (1)
Fumbles – Fumbles Lost – 1–1: 2015 (1–1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Phi. (9/9/12); **First Start:** vs. Pit. (11/25/12); **First INT:** Regular Season – at KC (12/9/12 – QB Brady Quinn); **First INT Returned for a TD:** Regular Season – vs. Chi. (12/15/13 – QB Jason Campbell); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at LV (10/10/21 – QB Derek Carr); Postseason – at NO (1/10/21 – QB Taysom Hill); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. LAC (10/12/17 – RB Austin Ekeler); **First FF:** Regular Season – at Cin. (11/6/14 – RB Jeremy Hill); Postseason – at NO (1/10/21 – QB Taysom Hill)

GIPSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 9 (6 times) Last vs. Ind. (10/4/20); Postseason – 10 at KC (2/2/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 9 at KC (10/27/13); Postseason – 8 at KC (2/2/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 5 (5 times) Last vs. Hou. (11/16/14); Postseason – 4 at LAR (1/30/22)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 at LV (10/10/21); Postseason – 1.0 at NO (1/10/21)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 2 (3 times) Last at Pit. (10/8/17); Postseason – 1 at LAR (1/30/22)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 79 (2 times) Last vs. Atl. (10/6/19); Postseason – 23 at LAR (1/30/22)
Interception Returns For TD: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last vs. Atl. (10/6/19)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 79t vs. Atl. (10/6/19); Postseason – 23 at LAR (1/30/22)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 at Cin. (11/6/14); Postseason – 1 at KC (2/2/20)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last vs. Cin. (9/19/21)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 3 vs. Cin. (9/29/13)

GIPSON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by Cle. on 5/9/12...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/20/14...Re–signed with Cle. on a one–year deal on 6/12/15...Signed a five–year deal through 2020 with Jax. on 3/10/16...Released by Jax. on 3/8/19...Signed a three–year deal through 2021 with Hou. on 3/12/19.. Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/31/19...Released by Hou. on 4/27/20...Signed a one–year deal with Chi. on 5/1/20... Re–signed with Chi. on a one–year deal on 4/20/21...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/19/22...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/29/22...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 8/22/22...Released by SF on 8/30/22...Signed to SF practice squad on 8/31/22...Activated from SF practice squad on 9/10/22...Reverted back to SF practice squad on 9/12/22...Promoted to SF active roster on 9/13/22.



KEVIN GIVENS

90 **DL**

6-1 × 285 × PENN STATE

3.1.97 × NEWARK, NJ × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '19

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Registered 3 tackles and 1.0 sack at Den. (9/25), marking his first of the season and the 2nd of his career.

GOLDMINE

- Members of the 49ers defensive line spent time with 25 local youth from the Fam 1st Foundation at Shoe Palace for a special holiday shopping experience on December 16, 2019. The Fam 1st Foundation is based in Oakland and focuses on underserved youth, aiming to build new generations of innovative thinkers to create solutions for the future of Oakland and beyond.
- Givens participated in the 49ers Annual Community Day, helping pack more than 31,000 nutritious meals in collaboration with Feeding Children Anywhere. The meals, along with groceries and backpacks, were distributed to those most in need in East San Jose.



GIVENS' GOLDEN NUGGET

Was presented with the Jim O'Hora Award in 2018, which is presented annually to a defensive player on the Penn State football team for "exemplary conduct, loyalty, interest, attitude and improvement."

GIVENS' GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	3	1	2	1.0	6.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/1**	**7**	**4**	**3**	**1.0**	**6.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GIVENS' CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	1	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2020	SF	13	1	19	14	5	1.0	7.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	1	0
2021	SF	13	0	17	7	10	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2022	SF	3	1	7	4	3	1.0	6.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**30**	**2**	**44**	**26**	**18**	**2.0**	**13.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2021	SF	3	0	6	1	5	0.5	0.5	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**6**	**1**	**5**	**0.5**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Sea. (12/29/19); **First Start:** at LAR (11/29/20); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at NE (10/25/20 – QB Jarrett Stidham); Postseason – at Dal. (1/16/22 – QB Dak Prescott) **First FR:** Regular Season – at LAR (11/29/20 – RB Malcolm Brown); **First FF:** Regular Season – vs. Min. (11/28/21 – RB Dalvin Cook)

GIVENS' CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 4 vs. Sea. (9/18/22); Postseason – 4 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Solo: Regular Season – 3 (3 times) Last vs. Sea. (9/18/22); Postseason – 1 at Dal. (1/16/22
Assists: Regular Season – 3 at Ten. (12/23/21); Postseason – 3 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 (2 times) Last at Den. (9/25/22); Postseason – 0.5 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 at LAR (11/29/20)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 vs. Min. (11/28/21)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 vs. Buf. (12/7/20); Postseason – 1 at Dal. (1/16/22)

GIVENS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by SF on 5/3/19...Waived by SF on 8/31/19...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/1/19...Promoted to SF active roster on 12/28/19...Granted a roster exemption on 12/12/20...Roster exemption lifted on 12/17/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/25/21...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 10/30/21...Re–Signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/10/22.



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AWARDS & HONORS





2005: NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 9)

2006: NFC Pro Bowl, First-Team All-Pro, NFC Special Teams Player of the Month (October), NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 16)

2008: NFC Special Teams Player of the Month (December)

2015: Chicago Bears Ed Block Courage Award Recipient, NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 4)

2017: Perry/Yonamine Unity Award, NFC Special Teams Player of the Month (December), NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 13 & Week 15)

2018: 49ers Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award, NFC Special Teams Player of the Month (December), NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 2 & Week 15)

2019: NFC Special Teams Player of the Month (December), NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 16)

2020: NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 12)

2021: NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 18)

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Connected on a 51-yd. FG and 1 PAT at Den. (9/25). With 4 pts. on the night, tied K Phil Dawson as the 12th all-time point leader in NFL History and is the only active player in the top 12.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Became the 23rd kicker in NFL history to register at least 1,500 points in their career after scoring 14 points vs. Sea. (12/16/18).
- Became the 17th kicker in NFL history to register at least 1,700 points in their career after scoring 7 points at NO (11/15/20).
- In 2017, made 5-or-more FGs in three games [5 for 5 at Arz. (10/1); 5 for 5 at Chi. (12/3); 6 for 6 vs. Ten. (12/17)]. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, he is 1 of 3 players in NFL history to make 5-or-more FGs in three different games in a single season, joining Min. K Rich Karlis [7 for 7 vs. LAN (11/5/89); 5 for 5 vs. Atl. (12/10/89); 5 for 6 vs. Cin. (12/25/89)] and KC K Harrison Butker [5 for 5 at Hou. (10/8/17); 5 for 5 vs. Den. (10/30/17); 5 for 6 vs. Mia. (12/24/17)].

MOST CONSECUTIVE FGM, FRANCHISE HISTORY

Player	Range	FGM
Robbie Gould	**10/29/17-10/7/18**	**33**
Phil Dawson	10/6/13-12/29/13	27
Robbie Gould	**10/15/18-9/8/19**	**25**

- Holds the 49ers franchise record for most consecutive FGM with 33 from 10/29/17 to 10/7/18. Started a new streak on 10/15/18 through 9/8/19 of 25 consecutive FGM.
- Made 15 FGs in a three-game span [5 for 5 at Chi. (12/3/17); 4 for 4 at Houston (12/10/17); 6 for 6 vs. Ten. (12/17/17)]. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Gould is the 1st player in NFL history to make 15 FGs in the three-game span.

GOULD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His last name is pronounced GOLD.
- Named the 49ers representative for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award in 2018, which recognizes an NFL player for his excellence on and off the field.
- Ranks as the Chicago Bears franchise leader in total scoring (1,207 points), made FGs (276), made FGs of 50-or-more yds. (23) and FG pct. (85.4).
- Started The Goulden Touch Foundation in 2011 to help those in need. An avid golfer, he has hosted charity golf events through his foundation. In June of 2017, the Goulden Touch Foundation held two events that benefited the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago in addition to his hometown of Lock Haven, PA.
- Named the recipient of the 49ers 2017 Perry/Yonamine Unity Award which is presented to the 49ers player who exhibits an exceptional commitment to promoting unity within the team and in their community. The award is named for the former 49ers players and pioneers of unity and diversity, Joe "The Jet" Perry and Wally Yonamine, and is voted on by the players.

GOULD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	Pts	XP–XPA	FG–FGA	Kick–By–Kick
Sep 11	at Chi	L	4	1–1	1–1	25
Sep 18	Sea	W	9	3–3	2–3	20, 33, B20
Sep 25	at Den	L	4	1–1	1–1	51
Oct 3	LAR					
Oct 9	at Car					
Oct 16	at Atl					
Oct 23	KC					
Oct 30	at LAR					
Nov 13	LAC					
Nov 21	Arz					
Nov 27	NO					
Dec 4	Mia					
Dec 11	TB					
Dec 15	at Sea					
Dec 24	Was					
Jan 1	at LV					
Jan 7/8	Arz					
TOTALS			**17**	**5–5**	**4–5**	**Long: 51**

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- Finished the 2017 season with a career-high 145 points. His 145 points ranks 2nd in franchise history for most points in a season.

MOST POINTS SCORED IN A SINGLE SEASON, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Year	Points
1.	David Akers	2011	166
2.	**Robbie Gould**	**2017**	**145**
3.	Phil Dawson	2013	140
4.	Jerry Rice	1987	138
5.	Mike Cofer	1989	136

- His 39 made FGs in 2017 ranks t-3rd in NFL history for the most made FGs in a single season.

MOST MADE FIELD GOALS IN A SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Team	Year	FGM	FGA	Pct.
1.	David Akers	San Francisco	2011	44	52	84.6
2.	Neil Rackers	Arizona	2005	40	42	95.2
3t.	**Robbie Gould**	**San Francisco**	**2017**	**39**	**41**	**95.1**
	Olindo Mare	Miami	1999	39	46	84.8
	Jeff Wilkins	St. Louis	2003	39	42	92.9

- Connected on a career-high 6 FGs (38, 48, 28, 50, 48 & 45) vs. Ten. (12/17/17), including the game-winning 45-yd. FG as time expired. His 6 made FGs tied the 49ers franchise record for most made field goals in a single game [K Ray Wersching – 10/16/83 at NO (6 for 6); K Jeff Wilkins – 9/29/96 vs. Atl. (6 for 6)].
- Made at least 1 FG in 24 consecutive games, dating from 12/11/16 to 10/7/18, marking the longest stretch of his career. He previously made a FG in 22 consecutive games (10/23/05-11/26/06).
- Ranks as the Bears franchise leader in scoring (1,207 points), made FGs (276), 50-or-more yd. made FGs (23), consecutive made FGs (26) and FG pct. (85.4 pct.).
- Between 12/18/05 vs. Atl. and 9/22/13 at Pit., Gould converted 275 consecutive PATs, the longest streak in Bears franchise history.
- Set the Bears franchise record with 26 consecutive made FGs across the 2005 and 2006 seasons [12/25/05 - 11/19/06].
- In 2015, set a Bears single-season franchise record with 33 made FGs. He broke the record of 32 made FGs, which he set in 2006.
- Converted a 58-yd. FG vs. Cin. (9/8/13), the longest made FG in Bears franchise history.
- In 2015, established a Chicago single-season franchise record with 7 made FGs of 50-or-more yds. He previously set the record in 2011 with 6 made FGs of 50-or-more yds.
- From 12/20/15 to 10/15/17, Gould made 32 consecutive FGs, the longest streak of consecutive made FGs of his career. His previous longest streak was 26 consecutive made FGs from 11/25/05 to 11/19/06, as a member of the Chicago Bears.
- In 2017, made each of his first 15 FGAs on the season, setting the 49ers franchise record for most made FGs to start a season. The previous record was held by K Wade Richey (13 FGs in 1999).
- Connected on a 40-yd. FG at Ind. (10/8/17), becoming the 31st player in NFL history to make 300 FGs in his career.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- With 3 FGM at NYG (9/27/20), he surpassed 100 FGM as a member of the 49ers. His 134 FGM ranks 2nd all-time in franchise history.
- Along with his 276 career FGM as a member of the Chicago Bears, he is the 13th kicker in NFL history to reach 100 FGM for 2 different franchises.

MOST MADE FIELD GOALS, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	FGM
1.	Ray Wersching	190
2.	**Robbie Gould**	**138**
3.	Tommy Davis	130
4.	Joe Nedney	129
5.	Mike Cofer	128

KICKERS WITH 200-OR-MORE MADE FIELD GOALS WITH 1 FRANCHISE AND 100-OR-MORE MADE FIELD GOALS WITH ANOTHER

Player	200+ Franchise	100+ Franchise
Gary Anderson	Pit. (309)	Min. (109)
Morten Anderson	NO (302)	Atl. (184)
John Carney	SD (261)	NO (166)
Robbie Gould	**Chi. (276)**	**SF (138)**
Ryan Longwell	GB (226)	Min. (135)
Matt Stover	Bal. (354)	Cle. (108)
Adam Vinatieri	Ind. (336)	NE (263)

- With 2 FGM (41 & 31 yds.) at Dal. (12/20/20), became the 11th kicker in NFL history to reach 400 career FGM.
- Is just the 7th kicker in NFL history to record 200 FGM with 1 franchise and 100 FGM with another.

MOST MADE FIELD GOALS, NFL HISTORY

	Player	FGM
1.	Adam Vinatieri	599
2.	Morten Anderson	565
3.	Gary Anderson	538
4.	Jason Hanson	495
5.	John Carney	476
6.	Matt Stover	471
7.	John Kasay	461
8.	Phil Dawson	441
9t.	Jason Elam	436
	Sebastian Janikowski	436
11.	**Robbie Gould**	**424**

GOLDMINE

- During the 2022 offseason, Gould participated in the American Century Golf Championship in South Lake Tahoe, CA. Gould, alongside former 49ers Jerry Rice, Alex Smith and Steve Young, played 54 holes in an effort to help raise funds for the Stowers Institute for Medical Research, a biomedical research organization dedicated to finding treatments for life-threatening diseases.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Gould and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Gould represented 49ers Foundation (& 49ers PREP & 49ers EDU), saying, "I play for Bay Area youth to tackle what's possible in the classroom and on the football field."



- The 49ers worked alongside the humanitarian-relief organization Convoy of Hope in December of 2018, and hosted 1,500 guests in-need from Bay Area nonprofits and schools at Levi's® Stadium for a free holiday resource fair. Gould and his 49ers teammates distributed groceries, toys, books, shoes and other holiday offerings to the guests. The attendees also received haircuts, utilized health resources and took family portraits or professional headshots. Convoy of Hope is a nonprofit organization that directs children's feeding initiatives, hosts community outreach programs and provides disaster response resources to those in need in the Bay Area and throughout the world."
- The 49ers hosted a flag football clinic for local first responders and their children at the team facility in October of 2018. Gould and his teammates taught the children the fundamentals of the game before hitting the field for drills and games. The 100-plus guests also had the opportunity to try on equipment and participate in a photoshoot.



- In partnership with the One Love Foundation, Gould, his 49ers teammates and their significant others participated in a film-based workshop with local high school students about healthy and unhealthy relationships. The group watched a film together, and thereafter, held group discussions about the implications of the relationship behaviors depicted in the film. The One Love Foundation believes that love is a skill we can work on, and focuses on three main elements to convey their message: content, conversation and community action.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during a designated home game between Weeks 13-15 of 2018. Gould and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago provides superior pediatric care in a setting that offers the latest benefits and innovations in medical technology, research and family-friendly design.



- Following 11 seasons with the Chicago Bears, Gould formed a special bond with the city of Chicago. Despite being removed from the city for more than a year, the Chicago Cubs invited him to throw out the ceremonial first pitch and sing the seventh inning stretch in July of 2017, a tradition he's done each year since.



- Started The Goulden Touch Foundation in 2011, which has partnered with several key organizations in education, social services, health and wellness, and medical research to help those in need. Annually, The Golden Touch hosts the Windy City Kicker Golf Classic in Gould's hometown area of Clinton County, PA and has raised over $285,000 for Clinton County area programs. In 2016, Gould hosted a Celebrity Golf Invitational, which raised over $940,000 for The Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.
- In 2012, The Goulden Touch launched its annual event, "Kicking Hunger," which provides meals and raises funds for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. To date, The Goulden Touch has raised over 36,000 meals for their backpack program.



GOULD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	XP	XPA	PCT	FG	FGA	PCT	BLK	LG	PTS
2005	CHI	13	19	20	95.0	21	27	77.8	0	45	82
2006	CHI	16	47	47	100.0	32	36	88.9	1	49	143
2007	CHI	16	33	33	100.0	31	36	86.1	2	49	126
2008	CHI	16	41	41	100.0	26	29	89.7	2	48	119
2009	CHI	16	33	33	100.0	24	28	85.7	2	52	105
2010	CHI	16	35	35	100.0	25	30	83.3	1	54	110
2011	CHI	16	37	37	100.0	28	32	87.5	0	57	121
2012	CHI	13	33	33	100.0	21	25	84.0	2	54	96
2013	CHI	16	45	46	97.8	26	29	89.7	0	58	123
2014	CHI	12	28	29	96.6	9	12	75.0	0	45	55
2015	CHI	16	28	29	96.6	33	39	84.6	0	55	127
2016	NYG	10	20	23	87.0	10	10	100.0	0	47	50
2017	SF	16	28	30	93.3	39	41	95.1	1	52	145
2018	SF	16	27	29	93.1	33	34	97.1	0	53	126
2019	SF	13	41	42	97.6	23	31	74.2	2	47	110
2020	SF	15	36	38	94.7	19	23	82.6	0	52	93
2021	SF	13	39	40	97.5	20	23	87.0	0	52	99
2022	SF	3	5	5	100.0	4	5	80.0	1	51	17
TOTALS		**252**	**575**	**590**	**97.5**	**424**	**490**	**86.5**	**14**	**58**	**1,847**

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	G	XP	XPA	PCT	FG	FGA	PCT	BLK	LG	PTS
2005	CHI	1	3	3	100.0	0	0	–	0	–	3
2006	CHI	3	9	9	100.0	6	6	100.0	0	49	27
2010	CHI	2	7	7	100.0	0	0	–	0	–	7
2016	NYG	1	1	1	100.0	2	2	100.0	0	40	7
2019	SF	3	9	9	100.0	7	7	100.0	0	54	30
2021	SF	3	5	5	100.0	6	6	100.0	0	53	23
TOTALS		**13**	**34**	**34**	**100.0**	**21**	**21**	**100.0**	**0**	**54**	**97**

Additional Statistics:

Punting – 5–171: 2005 (1–28 yds.; 28.0 avg; 9.0 net avg.); 2007 (2–53 yds.; 26.5 avg.; 26.5 net avg.); 2021 (2–90 yds.; 45.0 avg.; 45.0 net avg.)
Passing – 1–0–0–0–0 TDs: 2007 (1–0–0–0–0 TDs)
Special Teams Tackles: Regular Season – 15: 2005 (2); 2006 (2); 2007 (1); 2008 (2); 2009 (3); 2010 (3); 2013 (1); 2015 (1) **Postseason – 1:** 2010 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Cle. (10/9/05); **First FG:** Regular Season – at Cle. (10/9/05); Postseason – vs. Sea. (1/14/07); **100th FG Made:** Regular Season – vs. Jax. (12/7/08); **200th FG Made:** Regular Season – vs. Car. (10/28/12); **300th FG Made:** Regular Season – at Ind. (10/8/17); **400th FG Made**: Regular Season – at Dal. (12/20/20); **First PAT:** Regular Season – at Bal. (9/26/99); Postseason – vs. Car. (1/15/06); **100th PAT Made:** Regular Season – at Ind. (9/7/08); **200th PAT Made:** Regular Season – at Min. (12/20/10); **300th PAT Made:** Regular Season – at Was. (10/20/13); **400th PAT Made:** Regular Season – vs. LAR (9/21/17); **500th PAT Made:** Regular Season – at NYJ (9/20/20); **500th Career Point:** Regular Season – at Atl. (10/18/09); **1,000th Career Point:** Regular Season – vs. Dal. (12/9/13); **1,500th Career Point:** Regular Season – vs. Sea. (12/16/18); **100–Point Seasons:** 11, Last in 2019 (110); **Highest Single–Game Points Total:** Regular Season – 19 vs. Ten. (12/17/17); Postseason – 13 (2 times) Last vs. GB (1/19/20)

GOULD'S CAREER FIELD GOAL STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	1–19	PCT	20–29	PCT	30–39	PCT	40–49	PCT	50+	PCT	TOT
2005	CHI	0/0	–	9/9	100.0	9/10	90.0	3/8	37.5	0/0	–	21/27
2006	CHI	0/0	–	6/6	100.0	14/16	87.5	12/14	85.7	0/0	–	32/36
2007	CHI	0/0	–	7/7	100.0	12/13	92.3	12/14	85.7	0/2	0.0	31/36
2008	CHI	0/0	–	6/6	100.0	12/12	100.0	8/11	72.7	0/0	–	26/29
2009	CHI	0/0	–	9/9	100.0	6/6	100.0	7/10	70.0	2/3	66.7	24/28
2010	CHI	1/1	100.0	9/9	100.0	8/9	88.9	4/7	57.1	3/4	75.0	25/30
2011	CHI	0/0	–	10/10	100.0	6/6	100.0	6/10	60.0	6/6	100.0	28/32
2012	CHI	0/0	–	7/7	100.0	5/7	71.4	7/9	77.8	2/2	100.0	21/25
2013	CHI	0/0	–	11/11	100.0	6/7	85.7	6/7	85.7	3/4	75	26/29
2014	CHI	0/0	–	4/4	100.0	2/3	66.7	3/4	75.0	0/1	0.0	9/12
2015	CHI	1/1	100.0	8/8	100.0	10/12	83.3	7/9	77.8	7/9	77.8	33/39
2016	NYG	0/0	–	3/3	100.0	3/3	100.0	4/4	100.0	0/0	–	10/10
2017	SF	0/0	–	7/8	87.5	11/11	100.0	17/18	94.4	4/4	100.0	39/41
2018	SF	0/0	–	9/9	100.0	13/13	100.0	9/10	90.0	2/2	100.0	33/34
2019	SF	0/0	–	9/9	100.0	8/10	80.0	6/8	75.0	0/4	0.0	23/31
2020	SF	0/0	–	3/3	100.0	5/6	83.3	9/10	90.0	2/4	50.0	19/23
2021	SF	0/0	–	6/6	100.0	4/4	100.0	7/9	77.8	3/4	75.0	20/23
2022	SF	0/0	–	2/3	66.7	1/1	100.0	0/0	–	1/1	100.0	4/5
TOTALS		**2/2**	**100.0**	**125/127**	**98.4**	**135/149**	**90.6**	**127/162**	**78.4**	**35/50**	**70.0**	**424/490**

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	1–19	PCT	20–29	PCT	30–39	PCT	40–49	PCT	50+	PCT	TOT
2005	CHI	0/0	–	0/0	–	0/0	–	0/0	–	0/0	–	0/0
2006	CHI	1/1	100.0	1/1	100.0	0/0	–	4/4	100.0	0/0	–	6/6
2010	CHI	0/0	–	0/0	–	0/0	–	0/0	–	0/0	–	0/0
2016	NYG	0/0	–	1/1	100.0	0/0	–	1/1	100.0	0/0	–	2/2
2019	SF	0/0	–	2/2	100.0	2/2	100.0	2/2	100.0	1/1	100.0	7/7
2021	SF	0/0	–	1/1	–	0/0	–	2/2	100.0	2/2	100.0	5/5
TOTALS		**1/1**	**100.0**	**5/5**	**100.0**	**3/3**	**100.0**	**9/9**	**100.0**	**3/3**	**100.0**	**21/21**

GOULD'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent with NE on 4/29/05...Waived by NE on 8/30/05...Signed to Bal. practice squad on 9/7/05...Waived by Bal. on 9/27/05...Signed with Chi. on 10/8/05...Signed a five–year extension with Chi. on 5/12/08...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/11/12...Re–signed with Chi. on a four–year deal on 12/27/13...Released by Chi. on 9/4/16...Signed with NYG on 10/20/16...Signed a two–year deal with SF on 3/10/17...Designated Non–Exclusive Franchise Tag by SF on 2/26/19...Signed a four–year deal with SF on 7/15/19...Signed a renegotiated contract through the 2022 season on 12/30/20...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/30/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/5/21...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 11/6/21.



DANNY GRAY

6 WR

6-0 × 200 × SOUTHERN METHODIST

4.1.99 × DALLAS, TX × ROOKIE × ACQUIRED D-3B IN '22

GOLDMINE

- Gray has always possessed great speed. He earned his nickname "missile" at the age of 5 and was a track & field standout in addition to excelling on the basketball court and football field at James Madison (Dallas, TX) HS. That speed impressed scouts at the 2022 NFL Combine as Gray registered the fourth-fastest time (4.33) produced by a WR at the event.
- Draft day was a very emotional experience for Gray, who grew up in a single-parent home. "I grew up in a seven-person household. Mom worked as a nurse. She was a single parent doing the best that she could to take care of me and all my other siblings," Gray said. "She worked 16-hour shifts, 22-hour shifts, I feel like I owe her my life... I know I'm gonna cry no matter how tough I try to be," Gray said prior to the event. "I'm gonna be a crybaby on that day. Every tear, it exemplifies, man, I've been through this, I've been through that, but I kept going." Gray faced his fair share of adversity on his road to the NFL. He missed the majority of his freshman year of high school due to having to care for his younger siblings. An obstacle that made him initially ineligible to play DI football, forgo a scholarship at the University of Missouri and enroll in junior college. Gray pushed through and piggybacked on success at Blinn College and Southern Methodist all the way to the NFL. "It felt impossible and I just turned the impossible into possible," Gray said looking back on the journey that brought him to where he is today.

GRAY'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Also played basketball and competed in track & field at James Madison (Dallas, TX) HS, where he won state championships in the 100-meter dash and 4x100-meter relay.
- Was invited to and played in the 2022 Reese's Senior Bowl in Mobile, AL.
- Attended Blinn College for his freshman and sophomore years of college, prior to transferring to Southern Methodist. Chose the Mustangs in order to play his final two collegiate seasons in his hometown.

GRAY'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	–	–	INACTIVE	–	–	–
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	–	–	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	0	0	–	–	0
Oct 3	LAR							
Oct 9	at Car							
Oct 16	at Atl							
Oct 23	KC							
Oct 30	at LAR							
Nov 13	LAC							
Nov 21	Arz							
Nov 27	NO							
Dec 4	Mia							
Dec 11	TB							
Dec 15	at Sea							
Dec 24	Was							
Jan 1	at LV							
Jan 7/8	Arz							
TOTALS			**2/0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

GRAY'S CAREER STATISTICS

		RECEIVING							RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2022	SF	2	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Sea. (9/18/22)

GRAY'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the second of two 3rd–round (105th overall) draft choices by SF in 2022.

COLLEGE



Started all 18 games he appeared in two years (2020-21) at Southern Methodist and registered 72 recepts. for 1,251 rec. yds. and 13 TDs. As a senior in 2021, appeared in 10 games and registered 49 recepts. for 803 yds. and 9 TDs. Named First-Team All-AAC. As a junior in 2020, started all 8 games he appeared in and tallied 33 recepts. for 448 yds. and 4 TDs in addition to 3 rushes for 30 yds. and 2 TDs as well as 9 KRs for 180 yds. Transferred to SMU from Blinn (Brenham, TX) College. Appeared in all 9 games as a sophomore in 2019 at Blinn, and recorded 54 recepts. for 877 yds. and 8 TDs. Earned First-Team All-SWJCFC honors. As a freshman in 2018 at Blinn, registered 15 recepts. for 409 yds. and 6 TDs.

PERSONAL

- Earned all-district and all-state honors at James Madison (Dallas, TX) HS in 2015 and 2016. Named district MVP in 2014.
- Born Daniel Gray (4/1/99) in Ruston, LA.



DRE GREENLAW

57 | **LB** | 6-0 × 230 × ARKANSAS

5.25.97 × FAYETTEVILLE, AR × 4TH YEAR × ACQUIRED D-5 IN '19

AWARDS & HONORS

2019: PFWA All-Rookie Team, Thomas Herrion Memorial Award

GOLDMINE



- Since he was eight years old, Greenlaw had been living in group homes and shelters across Arkansas. Six years later, he met Brian Early, who was the defensive coach at Fayetteville High, while Greenlaw was getting treatment for an injury he suffered in football practice. After learning about Dre's situation, Brian and his wife, Nanci, began spending more time with him, and soon he became like a son. When they were informed that his group home was going to be shut down, they invited Dre to live with them and their two daughters, AJ and Camryn. The family later made his adoption official shortly after Greenlaw turned 21. "Even though it wasn't legal until July, he's always been my son," said Brian. "He's felt the same way. We're Mom and Dad to him. It's a pretty special relationship."
- During the 2022 offseason, Greenlaw and his fellow linebackers, Azeez Al-Shaair and Fred Warner, were invited to throw out the first pitch at a San Francisco Giants game. The trio took a few swings at batting practice and mingled with Giants players prior to throwing out ceremonial first pitches and cheering on the hometown team.



GREENLAW'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- In 2019, named the recipient of the 49ers Thomas Herrion Memorial Award, which was established in 2005 by 49ers owners Denise and John York and is presented to a rookie or first-year player who best represents the dream of Thomas Herrion. The recipient has taken advantage of every opportunity, turned it into a positive situation and made their dream turn into a reality. The award is voted on by the coaches.
- During the 2019 offseason, Greenlaw spoke to a crowd of nearly 30 Santa Clara foster youth who were honored at Levi's Stadium for graduating from High School, obtaining a GED, earning a Vocational Program Certificate, Associate Degree, Bachelor and/or a Master Degree in the 2018-2019 academic year. A former foster child, Greenlaw addressed the crowd saying, "I can survive anything. Once you get that mindset, which I know you guys have. it's just the beginning."
- Was named team captain in 2018 at Arkansas after week four of the season.
- Participated in track & field at Fayetteville (AR) HS, in addition to football.

GREENLAW'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	8	6	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	10	5	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/3**	**23**	**14**	**9**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Greenlaw and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Greenlaw represented the Bill Wilson Center and said, "I play for foster youth like me."



- The 49ers LBs welcomed eight foster youth from Unity Care to Levi's Stadium in December of 2019. This group received gifts and much needed resources, like bedding and new shoes, this holiday season. The linebackers chose to support foster youth to honor Greenlaw, who is a former foster youth.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Took part in the 49ers Annual Community Day, helping pack more than 31,000 nutritious meals in collaboration with Feeding Children Anywhere. The meals, along with groceries and backpacks, were distributed to those most in need in East San Jose.



- During the 2019 offseason, members of the 49ers took part in the Second Annual Picnic on the Field, located on the Levi's Stadium field. Greenlaw and his teammates spent the day taking pictures with fans, who enjoyed music, food and games in support of the 49ers Foundation. The foundation, in conjunction with NFL Huddle for 100, partnered with Amazon to fill 1,000 backpacks full of school supplies. Fans and players joined together to assemble the packs, which were distributed throughout the community to children in need.
- Prior to Week 2's matchup in Cincinnati during the 2019 season, the 49ers spent time in Youngstown, OH, where they participated in the Community Blitz. Greenlaw and some of his teammates joined the students at Williamson Elementary School to talk about inclusion and anti-bullying. The players spoke at an assembly before helping the kids write compliment cards and discuss how to be kind to one another.



GREENLAW'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	16	11	87	62	25	1.0	19.0	1	47	47	0	2	0	0	0
2020	SF	13	11	83	59	24	1.0	8.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
2021	SF	3	2	21	10	11	0.0	0.0	1	39	39t	1	1	0	0	0
2022	SF	3	3	23	14	9	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**35**	**27**	**214**	**145**	**69**	**2.0**	**27.0**	**2**	**86**	**47**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	3	3	14	10	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2021	SF	3	3	14	8	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	1	0
TOTALS		**6**	**6**	**28**	**18**	**10**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 9: 2019 (5); 2020 (4)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at TB (9/8/19); **First Start:** at TB (9/8/19); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at Arz. (10/31/19 – QB Kyler Murray); **First INT:** Regular Season – vs. Sea. (11/11/19 – QB Russell Wilson); **First FF:** Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – RB Dalvin Cook); **First TD**: Regular Season – at Det. (9/12/21 – QB Jared Goff); **First FR:** Postseason – at GB (1/22/22 – TE Marcedes Lewis)

GREENLAW'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 13 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19); Postseason – 6 (2 times) Last at GB (1/22/22)
Solo: Regular Season – 11 at Sea. (12/29/19); Postseason – 5 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 7 at LAR (1/9/22); Postseason – 3 at GB (1/22/22)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 (2 times) Last at NE (10/25/20)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at Det. (9/12/21)
Interception Returned For TD: Regular Season – 1 at Det. (9/12/21)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 47 vs. Sea. (11/11/19)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 47 vs. Sea. (11/11/19)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (4 times) Last at Det. (9/12/21)
Forced Fumbles: Postseason – 1 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Fumble Recoveries: Postseason – 1 at GB (1/22/22)

GREENLAW'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 5th–round (148th overall) draft choice by SF in 2019...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/17/21...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 11/27/21...Signed a two–year extension with SF through 2024 on 9/19/22.



BLAKE HANCE

61 | OL | 6-6 × 310 × NORTHWESTERN

1.11.96 × JACKSONVILLE, IL × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED W IN '22 (CLE.)

GOLDMINE

- Hance made his NFL debut under untraditional circumstances. During the 2020 postseason, the Cleveland Browns offensive line was greatly depleted due to injuries and COVID-19 protocols. This gave Hance an opportunity to get his first game action in Cleveland's Wild Card Round matchup at the Pittsburgh Steelers (1/10/21). Hance was up for the task, as the Browns went onto to win 48-37 and the offensive line did not allow a sack of QB Baker Mayfield. Mayfield stated in a postgame interview that after Browns OL Michael Dunn left the game due to an injury, "a guy named Blake, who I introduced myself literally in the locker room before the game, stepped up for us in the fourth quarter." After that game, Mayfield was sure to remember who Hance was as he appeared in every Browns game from that point forward. "We got one practice in last week, but with all the COVID going around, obviously everyone was staying very far apart from each other, we didn't even go in the locker room or anything. So there's a ton of guys that I didn't really get a chance to meet yet. I saw Baker in the locker room before the game, so we got a chance to quickly meet. But then Michael Dunn, he played a really great game. He stepped up big time in his first start. And so I was bummed for him to see him go down. I didn't really have much time to think about it before running out there," Hance said on the experience.

2021 (CLEVELAND)

- Appeared in 17 games (8 starts) on the offensive line.
- Made first career NFL start at LAC (10/10).

2020 (NEW YORK JETS/CLEVELAND)

- Signed to NYJ practice squad where he spent the majority of the season.
- Signed to Cle. active roster on 1/2/21 and appeared in both of the team's postseason games.

2019 (JACKSONVILLE)

- Signed to the Jax. practice squad on 9/2, where he spent the remainder of the season.

HANCE'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Was a jack of all trades at Jacksonville (IL) HS as he played in all three phases, on the offensive line and the defensive line, as well as a TE and LS. Hance finished his high school football career with over 100 tackles, over 100 receptions and ranked as the 31st best OL prospect in the country.
- Also lettered in basketball and baseball during his time at Jacksonville.

COLLEGE

Appeared in 51 games (46 starts) in four years (2015-18) at Northwestern. Played in 13 games and made 12 starts at LT in his senior season. Started all 13 games, four at LG and nine at LT, in 2017 and helped Wildcats RB Clayton Thorson rush for 1,000 yds. for the fourth-consecutive season. Started all 13 games in 2016 at LT and was part of an offensive that registered 400 yds. or more in six-straight games. Started eight games in 2015 as a freshman and was named to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team.

PERSONAL

- Attended Jacksonville (IL) HS, where he was a three-sport athlete and a member of the National Honor Society.
- Son of Ron and Theresa Hance.
- Majored in economics at Northwestern.
- Born Blake Andrew Hance (1/1/96).

HANCE'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 20/8: 2021 (17/8); 2022 (3/0)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 2/0: 2020 (2/0)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at KC (9/12/21); **First Start:** at LAC (10/10/21)

HANCE'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by Buf. on 5/9/19...Waived by Buf. on 5/22/19...Signed a one–year deal with Was. on 6/3/19...Waived by Was. on 8/31/19...Signed to Jax. practice squad on 9/2/19...Signed a Reserve/Future contract with Jax. on 12/30/19...Waived by Jax. on 9/5/20...Signed to NYJ practice squad on 9/23/20...Signed to Cle. active roster on 1/2/21...Re–signed with Cle. on a one–year deal on 4/13/22...Waived by Cle. on 8/31/22...Claimed off of Waivers by SF on 8/31/22.



TALANOA HUFANGA

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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Intercepted Bears QB Justin Fields at Chi. (9/11) and registered a 6-yd. return. He ended the day with a career-high 11 tackles, 1 PD and 1 INT, which marked the first of his career.

GOLDMINE



- Hufanga grew up on a small farm in Oregon where he and his family raised goats, cows, chickens, pigs, dogs and cats. The family would drive dirt bikes and tractors, but taking care of his goat was always his favorite activity. "Growing up on a farm, it's a different kind of childhood I didn't have neighborhood friends to hang out with," he said. "On the weekends it was mandatory that my brother and I were working. We weeded, cleaned the barn, fed the animals, took eggs out of the chicken coop and maintained the pig pens."
- Hufanga's father, Tevita, grew up in Tonga until the age of 18. In 2014, Tevita took Hufanga to the village of Pea on Tonga's largest island, Tongatapu, to see where their family comes from. "It just kind of humbled me in the sense that I'm grateful for everything I have," Hufanga reflected. "You go to a place like that and see how my pops was raised is very different from how I was raised. He came from living on dirt floors to where he is now, it's a different lifestyle. It made me work that much harder just to try to do what I can do and be the better version of myself because that was the best version of himself moving and creating a better life for his family." Hufanga brings that culture, enthusiasm, energy and unwavering work ethic to everything he does on and off the field.

HUFANGA'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His name is pronounced tal-uh-NOE-uh who-FAWN-guh.
- Comes from a family of football players, as brother, T.J., was a linebacker at Oregon State from 2013-14 and cousins Marlon and Tuli Tuipulotu are both defensive linemen at USC.
- Trained with fellow Trojan alum and Hall of Fame S Troy Polamalu in the coming months before being drafted in 2021.
- Plays the ukulele.

HUFANGA'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	11	9	2	0.0	0.0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	6	5	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/3**	**21**	**17**	**4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**

HUFANGA'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2021	SF	15	3	30	23	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	2	0	0	0
2022	SF	3	3	21	17	4	0.0	0.0	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0
TOTALS		**18**	**6**	**51**	**40**	**11**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

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

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 3: 2021 (3)
Blocked Punts Returned For Touchdowns – Postseason – 1: 2021 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Det. (9/12/21); **First Start:** at Chi. (10/31/21); **First INT:** at Chi. (9/11/21 – QB Justin Fields)

HUFANGA'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 11 at Chi. (9/11/22); Postseason – 1 at LAR (1/30/22)
Solo: Regular Season – 9 at Chi. (9/11/22)
Assists: Regular Season – 2 (2 times) Last at Chi. (9/11/22); Postseason – 1 at LAR (1/30/22)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 at Chi. (9/11/22)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 2 vs. Sea. (9/18/22)

HUFANGA'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the third of three 5th–round (180th overall) draft choices by SF in 2021.



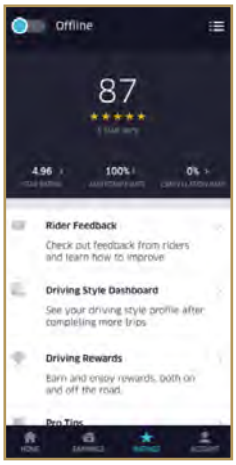
MAURICE HURST

96 **DL**

6-2 × 291 × MICHIGAN

5.9.95 × WESTWOOD, MA × 5TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '21

GOLDMINE



- While attending Michigan, Hurst took to Uber driving to supplement his scholarship and earn money. He quickly became the self-proclaimed 'Best Uber Driver in Ann Arbor.' Growing up with a single mother who worked multiple jobs, Hurst learned the values of hardwork and dedication from a young age. His mother, Nicole, worked tirelessly to support his goals of becoming a professional football player. Hurst brings the same energy he does on Sundays to everything he does, which also led to his 4.98 Uber rating and over 82 five-star ratings. Hurst continued to drive throughout the early days of his NFL playing career.
- After reading about the hurricane devastation and distress caused in Nicaragua in 2020, Hurst lent a hand by donating food, health supplies and mattresses to 500 families affected by the storms near the Pacific coast. On November 17 of 2020, Hurst reached out to his friend and Nicaragua native, Oakland resident and logtime Raiders fan Abdel Zaharn to organize a food and supply drive. "To be able to help, that's the greatest thing in the world," Hurst said. "For me, that's part of who I am. I'm someone who wants to give back whatever ways I can and pass on some goodwill and good faith. I hope that others do the same and carry on and just be a never-ending chain."
- In the summer of 2016, Hurst took part in a summer abroad program ran by Michigan's Center for Global and Intercultural Study and PeacePlayers International, a company that aims to unify communities in conflict through sport. Hurst traveled to Israel for 16 days nad worked with Israeli and Palestinian youth ranging in ages from six through 15. "We were trying to bring together the kids in Israel through sport," Hurst said. "We talked about the history of Israel and the conflict that's going on and how it can be resolved through sport. PeacePlayers International brought the Israeli and Palestinian kids together."

HURST'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Nickname is 'Mo.'
- Father, Maurice Hurst Sr., was a CB for the New England Patriots from 1989-95.
- An avid travler, has traveled to Israel, Italy, Ireland and England throughout his life.
- Raised thousands of dollars for the ChadTough Foundation by dying his hair orange in 2017 to honor former Michigan coach Lloyd Carr's grandson, Chad, who died at the age of five with a rare form of cancer.

HURST'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	OAK	13	10	31	26	5	4.0	18.0	0	0	–	0	3	1	0	0
2019	OAK	16	4	18	11	7	3.5	39.5	1	55	55	0	3	0	2	2
2020	LV	11	3	27	14	13	0.5	5.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
2021	SF	2	0	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2022	SF	–	–	–	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Biceps)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**42**	**17**	**78**	**53**	**25**	**8.0**	**62.5**	**1**	**55**	**55**	**0**	**7**	**1**	**2**	**2**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2021	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. LAR (9/10/18); **First Start:** at Den. (9/16/18); **First FF:** Regular Season – vs. Cle. (9/30/18); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. Det. (11/3/19); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at Den. (9/16/18 – QB Case Keenum); **First Multi–Sack Game:** Regular Season – vs. Chi. (10/6/19 – 2.0; QB Chase Daniel); (**First INT:** Regular Season – vs. Ten. (12/8/19)

HURST'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (1)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
10/6/19	vs. Chi.	2.0	24	Chase Daniel (2.0)

HURST'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 6 at NE (9/27/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 5 (2 times) Last at NE (9/27/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 3 at Min. (9/22/19)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (7 times) Last vs. Buf. (10/4/20)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Cin. (11/17/19)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 vs. Cle. (9/30/18)
Sacks: Regular Season – 2 vs. Chi. (10/6/19)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 vs. Ten. (12/8/19)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 55 vs. Ten. (12/8/19)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 55 vs. Ten. (12/8/19

HURST'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 5th–round (140th overall) draft choice by Oak. in 2018...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List 10/6/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 10/19/20...Waived by LV on 4/15/21...Signed with SF on a one–year deal on 4/23/21...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/1/21...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 10/2/21...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/10/22...Released on 4/11/22...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 4/11/22...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/1/22.



KERRY HYDER JR.

92 | DL

6-2 × 275 × TEXAS TECH

5.2.91 × AUSTIN, TX × 7TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '22

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Sacked Broncos QB Russell Wilson for a 3-yd. loss at Den. (9/25), marking his first sack of the season and the 21st of his career. Also added 1 PD.

GOLDMINE

- Like many other athletes, Hyder is a creature of habit. Whether that be the time he wakes up in the morning or how he washes his face, Hyder tends to not deviate from his daily routine. When he was on the cusp of making the Detroit Lions roster in 2016, he and his wife, Jasmine, went to dinner at Outback Steakhouse. Two days later, he recorded 3.0 sacks in the final preseason game. Following the performance, he made the team's 53-man roster for the first time. His sack streak continued, as he recorded at least 1.0 sack in each of the team's first four games. During that time, he made sure to spend each Friday at Outback Steakhouse with his wife. "It's just a joke between me and my wife," Hyder said at the time. "Like 'Gotta go to Outback. I don't care what we got planned tonight, gotta go to Outback.'" Outback Steakhouse was also where Hyder and his now-wife spent their first date, when Hyder was a college student at Texas Tech. After their date, Hyder recorded 3 tackles and a blocked punt against Oklahoma State. "And he had a great game," said Jasmine. "And now it's just part of tradition."
- When Hyder joined the Dallas Cowboys in 2019, he immediately embraced the city. In October of 2019, Hyder set up a makeshift clothing shop at one of Dallas' newest drop-in centers for teens and young adults. The drop-in center was the latest addition to City Square's TRAC program, established for people 14-24 who are homeless or transitioning. The center is a place to study, lounge, write a resume or get a meal. "They have so many dreams. Just talking to them, they want to do so much. Talking to kids that want to go to med school, they want to play professional sports, they want to be doctors," said Hyder.



HYDER'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Cousin of Chris Houston, who was a cornerback for the Atlanta Falcons (2007-09) and Detroit Lions (2010-13).
- Wife, Jasmine, was a prominant track & field star at Arizona State, where she made the 2011 world championship team. She currently competes in hurdles in various competitions. Additionally, Jasmine competed in the 2016 Olympic Trials in the 400 metres hurdles.



- Participated in football and basketball at Lyndon B. Johnson (Austin, TX) HS.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during the 2019 season. Hyder and players from around the NFL represented their causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Hyder represented the Boys and Girls Club, Austin chapter.



HYDER'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	1	1	0	1.0	3.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1.0**	**3.0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

HYDER'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2014	NYJ	–	–	–	PRACTICE SQUAD		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2015	DET	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2016	DET	16	2	36	23	13	8.0	44.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	1	0
2017	DET	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Achilles)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2018	DET	7	0	6	5	1	1.0	13.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	DAL	16	0	17	10	7	1.0	11.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	1	0
2020	SF	16	14	49	30	19	8.5	46.5	0	0	–	0	0	0	1	14
2021	SEA	15	7	33	20	13	1.5	14.5	0	0	–	0	0	0	2	0
2022	SF	3	0	1	1	0	1.0	3.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		**74**	**23**	**142**	**89**	**53**	**21.0**	**132.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**5**	**14**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2016	DET	1	0	2	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**1**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Chi. (1/3/16); **First Start:** at GB (9/25/16); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at Ind. (9/11/16 – QB Andrew Luck); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. Was. (10/23/16 – QB Kirk Cousins); **First Multi–Sack Game:** Regular Season – at Ind. (9/11/16 – 2.0; QB Andrew Luck); **Multi–Sack Games:** Regular Season – 3, Last at LAR (11/29/20 – 2.0; QB Jared Goff)

HYDER'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (3)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
9/11/16	at Ind.	2.0	17.0	Andrew Luck (2.0)
11/6/16	at Min.	2.0	14.0	Sam Bradford (2.0)
11/29/20	at LAR	2.0	16.0	Jared Goff (2.0)

HYDER'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 9 at NYJ (9/20/20); Postseason – 2 at Sea. (1/7/17)
Solo: Regular Season – 4 at Was. (12/20/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 6 at NYJ (9/20/20); Postseason – 2 at Sea. (1/7/17)
Sacks: Regular Season – 2.0 (3 times) Last at LAR (11/29/20)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at Den. (9/25/22)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (5 times) Last at Pit (10/17/21)

HYDER'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by NYJ on 5/13/14...Waived by NYJ on 8/30/14...Signed to NYJ practice squad on 9/1/14...Signed a Reserve/Future contract with Det. on 1/6/15...Waived by Det. on 9/5/15...Signed to Det. practice squad on 9/7/15...Promoted to Det. active roster on 1/2/16...Re–signed with Det. on a one–year contract on 4/17/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/15/17...Signed a one–year contract extension with Det. on 3/9/18...Signed a one–year contract with Dal. on 3/18/19...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 3/25/20...Signed a three–year deal with Sea. through 2023 on 3/25/21...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/19/21...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/24/21...Released by Sea. on 3/18/22...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 3/24/22.



DRAKE JACKSON

95 **DL**

6-4 × 273 × SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

4.12.01 × CORONA, CA × ROOKIE × ACQUIRED D-2 IN '22

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Brought down Denver Broncos QB Russell Wilson for a 7-yd. loss at Den. (9/25), marking the first sack of his NFL career.

GOLDMINE

- When Jackson was born, his father, Dennis, wrote, "Drake Jackson, University of Southern California, outside linebacker, 265 pounds," on his birth certificate. Against all odds, Dennis spoke his infant son's future into existence. "When I was born, my dad said, manifested [and] praised to God that I go to USC," the younger Jackson said. "Now for me to be in my last year where I really feel like the guy and weigh how much he said, it's just crazy to me how everything really works out."



- Jackson has a unique skill that earned him a unique nickname. At 6-4, 270 lbs Jackson can perform backflips with ease, earning him the moniker "the freak" by his college teammates. That was always one of the coolest things to me when I was a kid: "flipping," Jackson said. "I was always interested in gymnastics-type of things and that was probably as close as I got to it. I've always been able to do it."

JACKSON'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Was teammates with current 49ers S and 2021 5th-round draft pick Talanoa Hufanga for two seasons (2019-20) with the Trojans.
- His biggest inspiration is his late grandmother, Cynthia Cavitt, who loved to follow her grandson's football career long before others did. "Drake was her little celebrity," Jackson's father, Dennis, said. In Jackson's first game following his grandmother's passing, he hauled in his second career INT and was "happy that he did it for her" in the win over San Jose State.

JACKSON'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	1	1	0	1.0	7.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/0**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**1.0**	**7.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

JACKSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2022	SF	3	0	3	2	1	1.0	7.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**1.0**	**7.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Chi. (9/11/22); **First Sack:** at Den. (9/25/22 – QB Russell Wilson)

JACKSON'S CAREER HIGHS

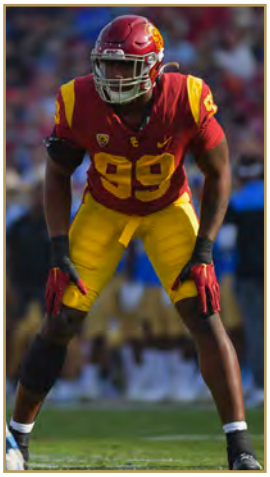
Total Tackles: Regular Season – 2 at Chi. (9/11/22)
Solos: Regular Season – 1 at Chi. (9/11/22)
Assists: Regular Season – 1 at Chi. (9/11/22)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 at Den. (9/25/22)

JACKSON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 2nd–round (61st overall) draft choice by SF in 2022.

COLLEGE

Appeared in 28 games (26 starts) in three years (2019-21) at Southern California and registered 103 tackles, 25.0 TFLs, 4 PDs, 2 INTs, 1 FF and 1 FR. As a junior in 2021, appeared in all 11 games (9 starts) and notched 37 tackles, a team-high 8.0 TFLs, 5.0 sacks, 1 FR, 1 FF and 1 INT earning him Second-Team All-Pac-12 honors. As a sophomore in 2020, started all 6 games and tallied 20 tackles, including 5.5 TFLs, 2.0 sacks and 1 INT. Started all 11 games he appeared in as a freshman in 2019 and posted a career-high 46 tackles, a team-high 11.5 TFLs, 5.5 sacks, 3 PDs and 1 FF. Earned Second-Team All-Pac-12 honors and was named Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year Honorable Mention.



PERSONAL

- Attended Centennial (Corona, CA) HS where he was named prep-star all-american, cal-hi sports all-state first-team and Los Angeles Times All-Area as a senior in 2018 after registering 28 tackles and 6.0 sacks.
- Majored in communications at Southern California.
- Born Drake Jackson (4/12/01) in Compton, CA.



JAUAN JENNINGS

15 **WR** 6-3 × 212 × TENNESSEE

7.10.97 × MURFREESBORO, TN × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED D-7 IN '20

AWARDS & HONORS

2021: Thomas Herrion Memorial Award

GOLDMINE

- When a deadly tornado hit Tennessee in March of 2020, Jennings turned his scheduled autograph session into a donation drop off benefiting those affected by the tornado. "Just to be able to go down there and help," said Jennings, "It means a lot because this is a place that helped build who I am today. I had just gotten to Knoxville from the Combine and to wake up and see that call about the tornado and see the devastation that's happened, it broke my heart." In addition to signing autographs and talking to young fans, Jennings organized donations to go toward the community. "A lot of people are contacting me and they're like, 'What can we do?'" Jennings said. "And I'm like, 'Just bring donations. I'll take care of the rest.' It just means a lot to be able to just come out here and help the community."



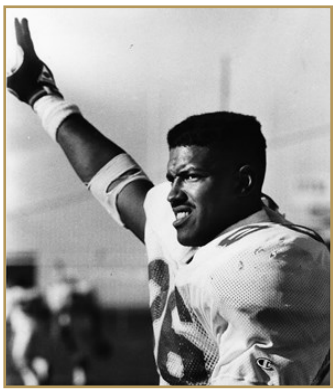
- Since childhood, Jennings has immersed himself in athletics. Coming from a family of athletes, Jennings grew up with a competitive spirit. Older sister, Alexis, played collegiate basketball at Kentucky and South Carolina, collecting Second-Team All-SEC honors as a senior with the Gamecocks in 2018-19. "We were always outside going to the playgrounds or to the local YMCA to play against people," said Alexis. "We pretty much played anything and everything. We just loved to be outside doing anything that had to do with sports."

JENNINGS' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His first name is pronounced juh-WAHN.
- In addition to football, Jennings played basketball at Blackman (Murfreesboro, TN) HS.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Jennings followed in the footsteps of his father, Bennie, who was a four-year letterman on the University of North Alabama's football team from 1987-90. The First-Team All-American registered 29 catches for 456 yards and four touchdowns as a senior. His athletic prowess earned him a spot in UNA's Hall of Fame for football.



JENNINGS' GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	4	62	15.5	44	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	1	4	4.0	4	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	1	5	5.0	5	0
Oct 3	LAR							
Oct 9	at Car							
Oct 16	at Atl							
Oct 23	KC							
Oct 30	at LAR							
Nov 13	LAC							
Nov 21	Arz							
Nov 27	NO							
Dec 4	Mia							
Dec 11	TB							
Dec 15	at Sea							
Dec 24	Was							
Jan 1	at LV							
Jan 7/8	Arz							
TOTALS			**3/1**	**6**	**71**	**11.8**	**44**	**0**

JENNINGS' CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2020	SF	–	–	–	–PRACTICE SQUAD		–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2021	SF	16	1	24	282	11.8	34	5	0	0	–	–	0
2022	SF	3	1	6	71	11.8	44	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**19**	**2**	**30**	**353**	**11.8**	**44**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2021	SF	3	0	6	43	7.2	13	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**6**	**43**	**7.2**	**13**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 1: 2021 (1)
Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2021 (1)
Fumbles – Lost: 1–0: 2021 (1–0)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Det. (9/12/21); **First Start:** vs. LAR (11/15/21); **First Reception:** Regular Season – at Phi. (9/19/21 – 11–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); Postseason – at Dal. (1/16/22 – 11–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First TD Reception:** Regular Season – at Phi. (9/19/21 – 11–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo)

JENNINGS' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 5 at LAR (1/9/22); Postseason – 3 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 94 at LAR (1/9/22); Postseason – 29 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 44 at Chi (9/11/22); Postseason – 13 at Dal. (1/16/22)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 2 at LAR (1/9/22)

JENNINGS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 7th–round (217th overall) draft choice by SF in 2020...Waived by SF on 9/5/20...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/6/20...Placed on the practice squad Injured Reserve List on 10/24/20...Signed to Reserve/Future contract with SF on 1/4/21...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 4/19/22



KYLE JUSZCZYK

44 **FB**

6-1 × 235 × HARVARD

4.23.91 × LODI, OH × 10TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '17

AWARDS & HONORS

2016: AFC Pro Bowl
2017: Bill Walsh Award, NFC Pro Bowl, 49ers Community Relations Youth Football Award
2018: NFC Pro Bowl
2019: NFC Pro Bowl
2020: NFC Pro Bowl
2021: NFC Pro Bowl

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Led all NFL FBs in 2015 after registering career highs in recepts. (41), rec. yds. (321) and rec. TDs (4) for a Ravens offense that set a single-season team-record in net passing yds. (4,271).
- In 2016, finished with 37 recepts. for 266 yds. and was selected to his 1st career Pro Bowl.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Scored on a 1-yd. TD run vs. Sea. (9/18), marking his first of the season and the 5th of his career.

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. Juszczyk and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Juszczyk represented the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, saying, "I play to honor my wife's mother, Virginia."
- Juszczyk chose to support The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation in 2018, which is a volunteer-fueled organization dedicated to finding cures for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and improving the quality of life of children and adults affected by these diseases.



- In 2015, Juszczyk hosted the inaugural Juice's Future All-Stars Camp in Burbank, OH, with all proceeds donated to benefit Crohn's disease research.

JUSZCZYK'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His last name is pronounced YOOZ-check.
- Named the recipient of the 2017 Bill Walsh Award, which was established in 2004 in honor of San Francisco's Hall of Fame Head Coach. The award, which is voted on by the coaching staff, is given to the 49er who has best represented the standard of professional excellence established by Walsh. Walsh served as the team's head coach for 10 seasons from 1979-88. In that time, he compiled a record of 102-63-1 and led the team to three Super Bowls. He was twice named Coach of the Year (1981, 1984) and was later named Coach of the Decade for the 1980s.
- Each offseason, Juszczyk likes to build at least one piece of furniture with his own hands. His most recent piece of furniture assembled was a farmhouse-style kitchen table.
- In search of his favorite pregame meal, Juszczyk settled on filet mignon with sweet potatoes and spaghetti with scrambled eggs, a meal he describes as, "The perfect combination of protein and the right carbs before a game."
- His great uncle, Rich "Dickie" Moore, played DT at Villanova University before being selected by the Green Bay Packers in the first round (12th overall) of the 1969 NFL Draft.

JUSZCZYK'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	2	1	0.5	1t	1	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	0	0	–	–	0	1	24	0
Oct 3	LAR										
Oct 9	at Car										
Oct 16	at Atl										
Oct 23	KC										
Oct 30	at LAR										
Nov 13	LAC										
Nov 21	Arz										
Nov 27	NO										
Dec 4	Mia										
Dec 11	TB										
Dec 15	at Sea										
Dec 24	Was										
Jan 1	at LV										
Jan 7/8	Arz										
TOTALS			**3/2**	**2**	**1**	**0.5**	**1**	**1t**	**1**	**24**	**0**

JUSZCZYK'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2013	BAL	16	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
2014	BAL	16	14	0	0	–	–	0	19	182	9.6	33	1
2015	BAL	16	11	2	3	1.5	2	0	41	321	7.8	39	4
2016	BAL	16	7	5	22	4.4	10t	1	37	266	7.2	40	0
2017	SF	14	10	7	31	4.4	12	0	33	315	9.5	44	1
2018	SF	16	14	8	30	3.8	12	0	30	324	10.8	56	1
2019	SF	12	12	3	7	2.3	6	0	20	239	12.0	27	1
2020	SF	16	15	17	64	3.8	10	2	19	202	10.6	41	4
2021	SF	17	16	8	22	2.8	6	1	30	296	9.9	26	1
2022	SF	3	2	2	1	0.5	1t	1	1	24	24.0	24	0
TOTALS		**142**	**101**	**52**	**180**	**3.5**	**12**	**5**	**230**	**2,169**	**9.4**	**56**	**13**

PLAYOFFS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2014	BAL	2	1	0	0	–	–	0	6	45	7.5	11	0
2019	SF	3	3	0	0	–	–	0	3	39	13.0	15t	1
2021	SF	3	3	3	14	4.7	13	0	2	15	7.5	10	0
TOTALS		**8**	**7**	**3**	**14**	**4.7**	**13**	**0**	**11**	**99**	**9.0**	**15t**	**1**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles–Lost – 6–6: 2014 (2–2); 2017 (2–2); 2018 (2–2)
Special Teams Tackles: Regular Season – 19: 2013 (5); 2014 (3); 2015 (1); 2016 (3); 2017 (3); 2018 (1); 2021 (3) **Postseason – 4:** 2014 (4)
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 2: 2013 (1); 2019 (1)
Kick Returns – 5: 2013 (2); 2014 (2); 2015 (1)
Kick Return Yards – 52: 2013 (17); 2014 (28); 2015 (7)
Tackles – 3: 2018 (2); 2021 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Den. (9/5/13); **First Start:** vs. Cin. (9/7/14); **First Reception:** Regular Season – at Cle. (9/21/14 – 9–yd. TD pass from QB Joe Flacco); Postseason – at Pit. (1/3/15 – 7–yd. pass from QB Joe Flacco); **First TD Reception:** Regular Season – at Cle. (9/21/14 – 9–yd. TD pass from QB Joe Flacco); Postseason – at KC (2/2/20 – 15–yd. TD pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – at Pit. (12/25/16); **100th Reception:** Regular Season – vs. LAR (9/21/17 – 34–yd. pass from QB Brian Hoyer); **200th Reception:** Regular Season – at Det. (9/12/21); **First Multi–TD Game:** Regular Season – at Arz. (12/26/20 – 2 TDs)

JUSZCZYK'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: Regular Season – 5 vs. GB (9/26/21); Postseason – 2 at GB (1/22/22)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 18 at NE (10/25/20); Postseason – 14 at GB (1/22/22)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 12 (2 times) Last vs. Arz. (10/7/18); Postseason – 13 at GB (1/22/22)
Rushing TDs: Regular Season – 1 (5 times) Last vs. Sea. (9/18/22)
Receptions: Regular Season – 7 vs. Arz. (11/17/19); Postseason – 4 at NE (1/10/15)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 76 vs. Jax. (12/24/17); Postseason – 39 at KC (2/2/20)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 56 at Min. (9/9/18); Postseason – 15t at KC (2/2/20)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 2 at Arz. (12/26/20); Postseason – 1 at KC (2/2/20)

JUSZCZYK'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 4th–round (130th overall) draft choice by Bal. in 2013...Signed a four–year deal with SF on 3/10/17...Signed a five–year extension through 2025 with SF on 3/15/21.



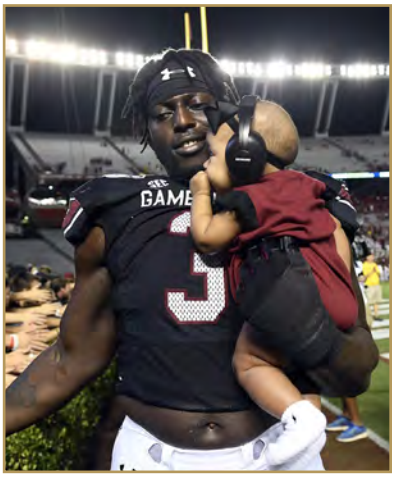
JAVON KINLAW

99 **DT**

6-5 × 319 × SOUTH CAROLINA

10.3.97 × CHARLESTON, SC × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED D-1A IN '20

GOLDMINE



- Kinlaw, known for his work ethic on and off the field, found an extra source of motivation in his daughter, Eden Amara, born in April of 2019. Heading into his final season with South Carolina, Kinlaw reached new heights on the defensive line and earned national accolades. "When she was born, not that he didn't work hard before, but I saw a guy that was on a mission," South Carolina head coach Will Muschamp said. "[He] understood that there was a lot more out there for him right now in taking care of his daughter and taking care of his family." In addition to his growth on the field, Kinlaw saw the change in his mentality, too. "It's been a long journey, and I still have a long way to go. I feel like I needed it at that point and time in my life," he said. "It's helped me mature a little bit more, on and off the field. My biggest responsibility is being a good father."
- Kinlaw and his family faced financial uncertainty throughout his childhood, as they often moved from place to place in order to make ends meet. "You definitely can't give up on yourself," Kinlaw said. "I didn't really expect myself to be here. I didn't expect myself to be a collegiate athlete, but I stuck with it." Despite living in difficult circumstances at times, Kinlaw credits his childhood for his maturity. "It made me a man at a young age, [I] grew up early definitely," said Kinlaw. "It's been a long journey, just coming from the bottom and slowly working my way up. I'm really proud of myself and all that I've accomplished."

KINLAW'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His first name is pronounced juh-VONN.
- Leesa James-Exum, Kinlaw's mother, immigrated to Washington D.C. from Trinidad and Tobago in 1995.
- Played with older brother, Caleb, at South Carolina from 2017-2019.
- After not participating in Pop Warner as a kid, Kinlaw's football career began as a sophomore at Goose Creek (Charleston, SC) HS.

KINLAW'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/3**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

KINLAW'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2020	SF	14	12	33	15	18	1.5	7.5	1	27	27t	1	4	0	0	0
2021	SF	4	4	8	1	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2022	SF	3	3	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**21**	**19**	**43**	**18**	**25**	**1.5**	**7.5**	**1**	**27**	**27t**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2021	SF	–	–	–	–	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Knee)–				–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Blocked Field Goals – 1: 2021 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Arz. (9/13/20); **First Start:** at NYG (9/27/20); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at NO (11/15/20 – QB Taysom Hill); **First Multi–Sack Game:** Regular Season – at NO (11/15/20 – 1.5; QB Taysom Hill, Jameis Winston); **First INT:** Regular Season – at LAR (11/29/20 – QB Jared Goff); **First INT Returned for a TD:** Regular Season – at LAR (11/29/20 – QB Jared Goff)

KINLAW'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (1)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
11/15/20	at NO	1.5	7.5	Taysom Hill (1.0)
				Jameis Winston (0.5)

KINLAW'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 6 vs. GB (9/26/21)
Solo: Regular Season – 3 vs. Was. (12/13/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 5 vs. GB (9/26/21)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (4 times) Last at LAR (11/29/20)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.5 at NO (11/15/20)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 at LAR (11/29/20)
Interception Returns For TD: Regular Season – 1 at LAR (11/29/20)

KINLAW'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of two 1st–round (14th overall) draft choices by SF in 2020...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/18/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/27/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/30/21.



GEORGE KITTLE

85 **TE**

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AWARDS & HONORS

2018: AP Second-Team All-Pro, PFWA NFL Most Improved Player, PFWA All-NFC Team, Bill Walsh Award, NFC Pro Bowl, 49ers Community Relations Veteran Player Award

2019: AP First-Team All-Pro, PFWA All-NFL Team, PFWA All-NFC Team, Len Eshmont Award, NFC Pro Bowl

2021: NFC Offensive Player of the Week (Week 14), NFC Pro Bowl, PFWA All-NFC Team, 49ers NFL Salute to Service Award Nominee

PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2019

PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2020

PRO BOWL LAS VEGAS 2022

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Since entering the NFL in 2017, Kittle ranks 2nd in rec. yds. among all TEs.

MOST REC. YDS. BY A TE IN THE NFL, SINCE 2017

	Player	Recepts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1.	Travis Kelce, KC	497	6,374	12.8	45
2.	**George Kittle, SF**	**339**	**4,517**	**13.3**	**20**
3.	Zach Ertz, Phi./Arz.	404	4,135	10.2	29
4.	Mark Andrews, Bal.	285	3,711	13.0	32
5.	Jared Cook, LV/NO/LAC	250	3,357	13.4	28

- Surpassed 4,000 career rec. yds. in 61 career games, which is tied for the 2nd-fewest games to reach 4,000 career rec. yds. by a TE in NFL history.
- Surpassed 3,000 career rec. yds. in 47 career games, which is tied for the 3rd-fewest games to reach 3,000 career rec. yds. by a TE in NFL history.
- His 10 career 100-yd. games are the most by a TE in franchise history and rank t-7th among all players.

FEWEST GAMES TO 4,000 CAREER REC. YDS. BY A TE, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Games
1.	Kellen Winslow Sr.	58
2t.	**George Kittle**	**61**
	Rob Gronkowski	61
4.	Jimmy Graham	64
5.	Travis Kelce	66

FEWEST GAMES TO 3,000 CAREER REC. YDS. BY A TE, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Games
1t.	Mike Ditka	45
	Kellen Winslow Sr.	45
3t.	**George Kittle**	**47**
	Rob Gronkowski	47
5.	Jimmy Graham	49

KITTLE'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- In 2019, was the recipient of the 49ers Len Eshmont Award, which is voted on by the players and is given to the 49er who best exemplifies the inspirational and courageous play of Len Eshmont, an original member of the 1946 49ers team.
- Named the recipient of the 2018 Bill Walsh Award, which was established in 2004 in honor of San Francisco's Hall of Fame Head Coach. The award is voted on by the coaching staff and given to the 49er who has best represented the standard of professional excellence established by Walsh. Walsh served as the team's head coach for 10 seasons from 1979-88. In that time, he compiled a record of 102-63-1 and led the team to three Super Bowls. He was twice named Coach of the Year (1981, 1984) and was later named Coach of the Decade (1980s).
- His father, Bruce, was an offensive lineman at Iowa where he played in the 1982 Rose Bowl before suffering a career-ending injury in training camp with Washington in 1982. Following his football career, Bruce went on to become an assistant coach at Oklahoma University (2010-12).
- After more than five years as a criminal defense attorney, Bruce Kittle is the offensive line coach at Lipscomb Academy (Nashville, TN) HS, under former 49ers QB Trent Dilfer.
- Bruce writes George a letter prior to each game he plays that he reads on the bus on the way to the stadium.
- Kittle's cousin, Henry Krieger-Coble, signed with the Denver Broncos as an undrafted free agent TE in 2016. The two were teammates at Iowa.

KITTLE'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	–	–	INACTIVE (Groin)	–	–	–
Sep 18	Sea	W	–	–	INACTIVE (Groin)	–	–	–
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	4	28	7.0	11	0
Oct 3	LAR							
Oct 9	at Car							
Oct 16	at Atl							
Oct 23	KC							
Oct 30	at LAR							
Nov 13	LAC							
Nov 21	Arz							
Nov 27	NO							
Dec 4	Mia							
Dec 11	TB							
Dec 15	at Sea							
Dec 24	Was							
Jan 1	at LV							
Jan 7/8	Arz							
TOTALS			**1/1**	**4**	**28**	**7.0**	**11**	**0**

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- His 3,380 rec. yds. through his first 50 career NFL games are the 3rd-most by a TE in NFL history.
- Set an NFL record at the time for most rec. yds. (1,377) in a season by a TE in 2018.
- Is the 5th player and 1st TE in franchise history to record multiple 1,000-yd. seasons (2018-19).
- Registered 7 recepts. for a career-high 210 yds. and 1 TD vs. Den. (12/9/18). His 210 rec. yds. are the most in a single game by a TE in franchise history and the 8th-most all-time.
- With 210 rec. yds. vs. Den. (12/9/18), became the first 49ers TE to eclipse the 1,000-yd. receiving mark and set the franchise record for most yds. in a single season by a 49ers TE. He is the first member of the 49ers to register at least 1,000 rec. yds. in a single season since WR Anquan Boldin registered 1,062 rec. yds. in 2014.
- His 210 rec. yds. vs. Den. (12/9/18) are the 3rd-most by a TE in a single game in the NFL since 1960.
- From 2017-19, he registered 216 recepts. for 2,945 yds. and 12 TDs. His 2,945 rec. yds. became the most by a TE through his first 3 seasons in NFL history.
- In 2017, his rookie season, registered 43 recepts. for 515 yds. and 2 TDs. His 515 rec. yds. are the most by a 49ers rookie TE since the merger in 1970 and ranked 2nd among rookie TEs.

MOST REC. YDS. BY A TE IN FIRST 50 CAREER GAMES, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Rec. Yds.
1.	Mike Ditka	3,436
2.	Kellen Winslow Sr.	3,420
3.	**George Kittle**	**3,380**
4.	Rob Gronkowski	3,255
5.	Jimmy Graham	3,106

MOST 1,000-YD. SEASONS, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Seasons
1.	Jerry Rice	12
2.	Terrell Owens	5
3t.	**George Kittle**	**2**
	Anquan Boldin	2
	John Taylor	2

MOST REC. YDS. IN A SINGLE GAME IN THE NFL BY A TE, SINCE 1960

	Player	Date	Opp.	Recepts.	Yds.	TDs
1.	Shannon Sharpe, Den.	10/20/02	at KC	12	214	2
2.	Jackie Smith, StL Cardinals	10/13/63	vs. Pit.	9	212	2
3.	**George Kittle, SF**	**12/9/18**	**vs. Den.**	**7**	**210**	**1**
4t.	Rich Caster, NYJ	9/24/72	at Bal. Colts	6	204	3
	Pete Retziaff, Phi.	11/14/65	vs. Was.	7	204	0

MOST REC. YDS. BY A TE IN FIRST 3 SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Yds.
1.	**George Kittle**	**2,945**
2.	Mike Ditka	2,774
3.	Rob Gronkowski	2,663
4.	Jimmy Graham	2,648

MOST REC. YDS. BY A ROOKIE TE, 2017

	Player	Yds.	Round Picked	Overall Pick
1.	Evan Engram, NYG	722	1st	23rd
2.	**George Kittle, SF**	**515**	**5th**	**146th**
3.	O.J. Howard, TB	432	1st	19th
4.	David Njoku, Cle.	386	1st	29th
5.	Gerald Everett, LAR	244	2nd	44th

GOLDMINE

- During the 2020 NFL Combine, Kittle teamed up with Rich Eisen in support of the Run Rich Run event. Each combine, Eisen runs the 40-yard dash to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Kittle joined Eisen, with the assistance of Von, a St. Jude's patient, and Jerry Rice, in timing his 40-yard dash. George then presented a $10,000 donation to St. Jude's on behalf of him and his wife, Claire. "I'm just such a fan of Rich and that he does that every year through St. Jude's," Kittle said. "I'm a big fan of the Iowa Children's Hospital. I'm just a fan of that, any time I can give back to help kids, they deserve it."



- Kittle, along with Kansas City Chiefs TE Travis Kelce, created a TE summit near Nashville, TN. More than 45 TEs gathered to share tips, workouts and advice in 2021. The annual event nearly doubled in size it's second year with roughly 90 participants.



- Kittle partnered with the Jessie Rees Foundation to pass out JoyJars filled with toys and games at a local children's hospital. Kittle spearheaded the event and was joined by several of his teammates including, TE Garrett Celek, TE Ross Dwelley, TE Daniel Helm, QB Nick Mullens and LB Fred Warner who helped him spread holiday cheer and lift the spirits of everyone they met.
- The 49ers and their families hosted 450 underserved boys and girls from the Bay Area for the first-ever 49ers Hope for the Holidays event. Each child had a once-in-a-lifetime experience traveling through Levi's Stadium and left with a brand new bike, helmet, lock, haircut, shoes, toys, glasses, backpack, dinner and more.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Kittle and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Kittle represented TAPS, saying, "I play for the fallen heroes and their families."



- The 49ers hosted the third annual Crucial Catch Fashion Show presented by Dignity Health in October of 2019, featuring cancer warriors representing all cancers as they modeled apparel donated by Levi's. Kittle and his teammates were paired with each of the warriors to share their stories of strength and courage with the audience and walk the runway.



- Kittle is an avid fan of the WWE. In May of 2017, he took time to visit the Black and Brave Wrestling Academy in Iowa, which is co-owned by one of Kittle's favorite wrestlers, WWE superstar Seth Rollins. At a pro wrestling event on the same weekend, Kittle got to live out one of his dreams and get into the ring, where he delivered a Stone Cold Stunner, a move made famous by his favorite wrestler of all-time, Steve Austin. "I felt like a kid," Kittle said.
- The 49ers worked alongside the humanitarian-relief organization Convoy of Hope in December of 2018, and hosted 1,500 guests in-need from Bay Area nonprofits and schools at Levi's® Stadium for a free holiday resource fair. Kittle and his 49ers teammates distributed groceries, toys, books, shoes and other holiday offerings to the guests. The attendees also received haircuts, utilized health resources and took family portraits or professional headshots. Convoy of Hope is a nonprofit organization that directs children's feeding initiatives, hosts community outreach programs and provides disaster response resources to those in need in the Bay Area and throughout the world.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- After posing for a photoshoot, Kittle and his teammates joined Levi's in support of breast, colon and pediatric cancer warriors at the Crucial Catch Fashion Show presented by Dignity Health in October of 2018. 49ers players and cancer warriors took to the runway to show off their attire and share their stories of strength and courage with the audience.



- The 49ers joined forces with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose as part of their Community Tuesday kick-off event in September of 2018. Kittle and teammates took part in the event by serving dinner to nearly 200 residents in need, refilling beverages and bussing tables. Both the 49ers and Levi's Stadium partner with Martha's Kitchen throughout the year by donating excess food after stadium events. Martha's Kitchen's mission is to "feed the hungry with dignity, no questions asked, no judgements made."



- In April of 2018, along with several teammates, Kittle attended the eighth annual UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Prom in San Francisco.
- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during a designated home game between Weeks 13-15 of 2018. Kittle and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. The Pat Tillman Foundation unites and empowers military veterans and spouses as the next generation of public and private sector leaders committed to service beyond self.

KITTLE'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2017	SF	15	7	43	515	12.0	44	2	0	0	–	–	0
2018	SF	16	16	88	1,377	15.6	85t	5	1	10	10.0	10	0
2019	SF	14	14	85	1,053	12.4	61t	5	5	22	4.4	18	0
2020	SF	8	8	48	634	13.2	44t	2	2	17	8.5	9	0
2021	SF	14	14	71	910	12.8	48	6	3	20	7	9	0
2022	SF	1	1	4	28	7.0	11	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**68**	**60**	**339**	**4,517**	**13.3**	**85t**	**20**	**11**	**69**	**6.3**	**18**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	3	3	8	71	8.9	19	0	0	0	–	–	0
2021	SF	3	3	7	108	15.4	24	1	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**6**	**6**	**15**	**179**	**11.9**	**24**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Tackles – 11: 2017 (1); 2018 (2); 2019 (6); 2021 (2) **Postseason – 1:** 2021 (1)
Fumbles – Lost – 4–2: 2019 (1–0); 2021 (3–2)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Car. (9/10/17); **First Start:** vs. Car. (9/10/17); **First Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Car. (9/10/17 – 13–yd. pass from QB Brian Hoyer); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – 11–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First TD Reception:** Regular Season – at Ind. (10/8/17 – 5–yd. TD pass from QB Brian Hoyer); Postseason – at LAR (1/30/22 – 16–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 13, Last at Cin. (12/12/21 – 151 yds.)

KITTLE'S CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (13)

Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
12/31/17	at LAR	4	100	25.0	0
9/30/18	at LAC	6	125	20.8	1
11/1/18	vs. Oak.	4	108	27.0	1
12/9/18	vs. Den.	7	210	30.0	1
12/30/18	at LAR	9	149	16.6	1
10/13/19	at LAR	8	103	12.9	0
11/24/19	vs. GB	6	129	21.5	1
12/15/19	vs. Atl.	13	134	10.3	0
10/4/20	vs. Phi.	15	183	12.2	1
10/18/20	vs. LAR	7	109	15.6	1
11/7/21	vs. Arz.	6	101	16.8	1
12/5/21	at Sea.	9	181	20.1	2
12/12/21	at Cin.	13	151	11.6	1

KITTLE'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 15 vs. Phi. (10/4/20); Postseason – 4 (2 times) Last at GB (1/22/22)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 210 vs. Den. (12/9/18); Postseason – 63 at GB (1/22/22)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 85t vs. Den. (12/9/18); Postseason – 24 at GB (1/22/22)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 2 at Sea. (12/5/21); Postseason – 1 at LAR (1/30/22)
Rushes: Regular Season – 2 at Was. (10/20/19)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 18 vs. Cle. (10/7/19)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 18 vs. Cle. (10/7/19)

KITTLE'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of two 5th–round (146th overall) draft choices by SF in 2017...Signed a five–year extension through 2025 with SF on 8/14/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/5/20...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 12/25/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/9/21... Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 11/6/21.



TYLER KROFT

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GOLDMINE

- Kroft has hosted the Tyler Kroft Blue & Gold Youth Football Camp for three consecutive summers in his hometown of Downingtown, PA. "The game of football is an awesome metaphor for life. I am always happy to talk with young players, especially in my community, about the physical commitment to self and team, but also the academic commitment and requirements to succeed," Kroft said following the inaugural camp in 2019.



KROFT'S GOLDEN NUGGET

He and his wife, Lexi, donated $50,000 to four organizations: the Pegula Community Aid Fund (Orchard Park, NY), the Lord's Pantry (Downingtown, PA), the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley (Cornwall, NJ) and the Franklin Food Bank (Somerset, NJ) when the COVID-19 pandemic first hit in March of 2020.

KROFT'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	1	9	9.0	9	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	0	0	–	–	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	–	–	INACTIVE (Knee)	–	–	–
Oct 3	LAR							
Oct 9	at Car							
Oct 16	at Atl							
Oct 23	KC							
Oct 30	at LAR							
Nov 13	LAC							
Nov 21	Arz							
Nov 27	NO							
Dec 4	Mia							
Dec 11	TB							
Dec 15	at Sea							
Dec 24	Was							
Jan 1	at LV							
Jan 7/8	Arz							
TOTALS			**2/2**	**1**	**9**	**9.0**	**9**	**0**

KROFT'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2015	CIN	16	6	11	129	11.7	22	1	0	0	–	–	0
2016	CIN	14	11	10	92	9.2	21	0	0	0	–	–	0
2017	CIN	16	16	42	404	9.6	59	7	0	0	–	–	0
2018	CIN	5	2	4	36	9.0	16	0	0	0	–	–	0
2019	BUF	11	3	6	71	11.8	20	1	0	0	–	–	0
2020	BUF	10	4	12	119	9.9	38	3	0	0	–	–	0
2021	NYJ	9	6	16	173	10.8	26	1	0	0	–	–	0
2022	SF	2	2	1	9	9.0	9	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**83**	**50**	**102**	**1,033**	**10.1**	**59**	**13**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2015	CIN	1	1	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
2019	BUF	1	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 20: 2015 (10); 2016 (7); 2017 (1); 2018 (1); 2021 (1)
Tackles – 7: 2016 (1); 2017 (3); 2020 (1); 2021 (2)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Oak. (9/13/15); **First Start:** vs. Sea. (9/15/14); **First Reception:** vs. StL. (11/29/15 – 4–yd. pass from QB Andy Dalton); **First TD Reception:** at SF (12/20/15 – 20–yd. pass from QB A.J. McCarron); **First Multi–TD Game:** at Cle. (10/1/17 – 2 TDs)

KROFT'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 6 at Cle. (10/1/17)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 79 at Jax. (11/5/17)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 59 at Jax. (11/5/17)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 2 (3 times) Last vs. LAR (9/27/20)

KROFT'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 3rd–round (85th overall) draft choice by Cin. in 2015...Signed a three–year deal with Buf. on 3/13/19...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/14/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/14/20...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 1/2/21...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 1/4/21...Signed a one–year deal with NYJ on 3/22/21...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/27/21...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 1/6/22...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 5/23/22...Released by SF on 8/30/22...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 8/31/22.



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AWARDS & HONORS

2021: 49ers Community Relations Rookie Player Award

GOLDMINE



- In Week 13 of the 2021 NFL season, Lance surprised a local blue star military family with a brand new Sleep Number mattresses in addition to signed gear. Lance played catch with the family's four-year old son, making him a 49ers fan for life. "I was honored to join Sleep Number and Blue Star Families to surprise a deserving military family right here in San Jose, with brand new Sleep Number 360 smart beds," said Lance. "Families such as the Supaia family sacrifice so much for our country, so it was an absolute pleasure to surprise them with these smart beds to show how much they're appreciated." 2021 marks the seventh year Sleep Number and NFL partners have teamed up with Blue Star Families to help provide resources and tools that help strengthen military families through better sleep.

LANCE'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Father, Carlton, played football for Southwest Minnesota State and attended NFL camps with the Houston Oilers and San Francisco 49ers before playing in the CFL for the Saskatchewan Roughriders (1993) and in the World League for the London Monarchs (1995).
- Younger brother, Bryce, is a WR at North Dakota State.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Lance has paired up with former 49er and NFL Hall of Famer Jerry Rice to promote Rice's health-forward energy drink, G.O.A.T. Fuel. Lance officially became the brand's first NFL partner in July of 2021.



LANCE'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg	Sk/Yds	Rtg	Rsh	Yds	Total TD	Pct. Net Yds.	Offense
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	28	13	46.4	164	0	1	44	2/9	50.3	13	54	0	209	63.1
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	3	2	66.7	30	0	0	25	0/0	99.3	3	13	0	43	11.5
PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Ankle) ON 9/21																	
TOTALS			**2/2**	**31**	**15**	**48.4**	**194**	**0**	**1**	**44**	**2/9**	**55.0**	**16**	**67**	**0**	**252**	**35.8**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- On Thursday, April 29, 2021, Lance's hometown of Marshall, Minnesota, celebrated "Trey Day" to honor Lance who was selected 3rd overall. Activities included a high school trivia contest with 200 participants, decorated storefronts, 50 percent off specials at restaurants and draft parties, all televised to commemorate one of Marshall's own. "It was just emotional watching (the coaches) because there were tears in their eyes," local restaurant owner Dan Fosvick said. "It was so cool to see those guys having a kid they coached go in the draft like that. It was crazy. There was so much talk about it and excitement. Nothing like this has ever happened to the town of Marshall."
- Not only was Lance a captain on the field and court, but Lance's hard work extended beyond athletics as he earned a 3.9 GPA at Marshall.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- In high school, Lance would wake up at at 5 a.m. each morning to work out at the local YMCA with his father, Carlton. "The fact that I was outworking people, that was something I enjoyed knowing," Lance said. "In my mind, I felt like, 'I know this is going to pay off one day.' There were definitely tough days. Waking up that early as a 15-, 16-year-old kid, I did not want to do it. But in my head, I felt guilty if I didn't. And once I started, I've never really stopped."

LANCE'S CAREER STATISTICS

				PASSING										RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG	SK	LST	RTG	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2021	SF	6	2	71	41	57.7	603	5	2	76t	4	15	97.3	38	168	4.4	15	1
2022	SF	2	2	31	15	48.4	194	0	1	44	2	9	55.0	16	67	4.2	13	0
TOTALS		**8**	**4**	**102**	**56**	**54.9**	**797**	**5**	**3**	**76t**	**6**	**24**	**84.5**	**54**	**235**	**4.4**	**15**	**1**

PLAYOFFS

				PASSING										RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG	SK	LST	RTG	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2021	SF	0	0	0	0	–	0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Det. (9/12/21); **First Start:** at Arz. (10/10/21); **First TD Pass**: Regular Season – at Det. (9/12/21 – 5 yd. pass to WR Trent Sherfield); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – at GB (9/26/21 – 1–yd. run)

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 1: 2022 (1)
Fumbles–Lost – 1–0: 2022 (1–0)

LANCE'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st–round (3rd overall) draft choice by SF in 2021...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/21/22.

LANCE'S CAREER HIGHS

Passes Attempted: Regular Season – 29 at Arz. (10/10/21)
Completions: Regular Season – 16 vs. Hou. (1/2/22)
Passing Yards: Regular Season – 249 vs. Hou. (1/2/22)
Long Pass: Regular Season – 76t vs. Sea. (10/3/21)
Passing Touchdowns: Regular Season – 2 (2 times) Last vs. Hou. (1/2/22)
Rushes: Regular Season – 16 at Arz. (10/10/21)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 89 at Arz. (10/10/21)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 15 at Arz. (10/10/21)
Rushing Touchdowns: Regular Season – 1 at GB (9/26/21)



DEOMMODORE LENOIR

38 **DB**

5-10 × 200 × OREGON

10.6.99 × LOS ANGELES, CA × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED D-5B IN '21

GOLDMINE

- Lenoir grew up in a hard-working family that always stressed education and hard work. His father works in construction as his mother works at home, constantly reminding Lenoir of the sacrifices you make for success.



- Attributes his aspirations to his upbringing and community that pushed him in a competitive environment. "Growing up in South Los Angeles taught me a lot," he said. "It taught me to stay focused in order to be able to go where I want to go, and that's to the NFL. You have to stay in the classroom and do what you're told to do."

LENOIR'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His name is pronounced dee-AH-mo-door, luh-NOOR.
- Goes by nicknames 'Demo' or 'Dede.'
- Comes from a large family, as he is the ninth child of 12.
- Was coached by D'Vah Thomas in high school, a long time friend of veteran CB Richard Sherman. With both men serving as mentors, he considers them "family."

LENOIR'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/0**	**5**	**3**	**2**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

LENOIR'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2021	SF	13	2	13	10	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	2	0	0	0
2022	SF	3	0	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		**16**	**2**	**18**	**13**	**5**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2021	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 5: 2021 (4); 2022 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Det. (9/12/21); **First Start:** at Det. (9/12/21)

LENOIR'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 5 at Den. (9/25/22)
Solo: Regular Season – 3 (3 times) Last at Den. (9/25/22)
Assists: Regular Season – 2 at Den. (9/25/22)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 2 at Phi. (9/19/21)

LENOIR'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the second of three 5th–round (172nd overall) draft choices by SF in 2021...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 1/5/22...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 1/10/22.



MARLON MACK

23 | **RB** | 6-0 × 212 × SOUTH FLORIDA

3.7.96 × SARASOTA, FL × 6TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '22

GOLDMINE

- Shortly after entering the NFL, Mack founded the Marlon Mack Foundation. The foundation's mission is to transform the lives of youth and empower leadership and academic achievement sustainability through scholarships and to create a sustainable option, where all youth have access to the education and training they need to be successful and become a model for empowerment and leadership in their community.



- The Marlon Mack foundation has hosted a variety of community events in Indianapolis and South Florida, including holiday toy drives, back-to-school supplies drives, youth football clinics and visits with underserved youth.
- Mack represented his foundation through the NFL's My Cause My Cleats Initiative during Week 13 of the 2020 NFL Season.



MACK'S GOLDEN NUGGET

Despite only playing three seasons at the University of South Florida, he is the Bulls all-time leading rusher, as he totaled 3,609 rushing yds. in 36 career games.

MACK'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
SIGNED TO SF PRACTICE SQUAD ON 9/14											
Sep 18	Sea	W	–	–	–PRACTICE SQUAD–				–	–	–
PROMOTED TO SF ACTIVE ROSTER ON 9/21											
Sep 25	at Den	W	1/0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR										
Oct 9	at Car										
Oct 16	at Atl										
Oct 23	KC										
Oct 30	at LAR										
Nov 13	LAC										
Nov 21	Arz										
Nov 27	NO										
Dec 4	Mia										
Dec 11	TB										
Dec 15	at Sea										
Dec 24	Was										
Jan 1	at LV										
Jan 7/8	Arz										
TOTALS			**1/0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

MACK'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2017	IND	14	0	93	358	3.8	35	3	21	225	10.7	34	1
2018	IND	12	10	195	908	4.7	49	9	17	103	6.1	29t	1
2019	IND	14	12	247	1,091	4.4	63t	8	14	82	5.9	14	0
2020	IND	1	1	4	26	6.5	18	0	3	30	10.0	19	0
2021	IND	6	0	28	101	3.6	22	0	2	8	4.0	7	0
2022	SF	1	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**48**	**23**	**567**	**2,484**	**4.4**	**63t**	**20**	**57**	**448**	**7.9**	**34**	**2**

PLAYOFFS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2018	IND	2	2	33	194	5.9	29	1	2	6	3.0	6	0
TOTALS		**2**	**2**	**33**	**194**	**5.9**	**29**	**1**	**2**	**6**	**3.0**	**6**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles–Lost – 3–2: 2017 (1–0); 2018 (2–2)
Fumbles Recoveries – 1: 2019 (1)
Tackles – 2: 2018 (2)
Kick Returns – 3: 2017 (3)
Kick Return Yards – 69: 2017 (69)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at LAR (9/10/17); **First Start:** at Was. (9/16/18); **First Reception:** Regular Season – at LAR (9/10/17 – 21–yd. pass from QB Scott Tolzien); Postseason – at Hou. (1/5/19 – 0–yd. pass from QB Andrew Luck); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – at LAR (9/10/17 – 3–yds.); Postseason – at Hou. (1/5/19 – 2–yds.); **First Receiving TD:** Regular Season – at Cin. (10/29/17 – 24–yd. pass from QB Jacoby Brissett); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 7, Last vs. Jax. (11/17/19 – 109 yds.)

MACK'S CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (7)

Date	Opp	Rsh	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rsh	Yds	Avg	TD
10/21/18	vs. Buf.	19	126	6.6	1	9/8/19	at LAC	25	174	7.0	1
10/28/18	at Oak.	25	132	4.6	0	10/6/19	at KC	29	132	4.6	0
12/16/18	vs. Dal.	27	139	5.1	2	12/17/19	vs. Jax.	14	109	7.8	1
12/30/18	at Ten.	25	119	4.8	1						

MACK'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: Regular Season – 29 at KC (10/6/19); Postseason – 24 at Hou. (1/5/19)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 174 at LAC (9/8/19); Postseason – 148 at Hou. (1/5/19)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 63t at LAC (9/8/19); Postseason – 29 at Hou. (1/5/19)
Rushing TDs: Regular Season – 2 (2 times) Last vs. Dal. (12/16/18); Postseason – 1 at Hou. (1/5/19)
Receptions: Regular Season – 4 vs. Jax. (10/22/17); Postseason – 2 at Hou. (9/5/19)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 40 vs. Jax. (10/22/17); Postseason – 6 at Hou. (9/5/19)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 34 vs. Jax. (10/22/17); Postseason – 6 at Hou. (9/5/19)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Buf. (10/21/18)
Kick Returns: Regular Season – 2 at Cin. (10/22/17)
Kick Return Yards: Regular Season – 35 at Cin. (10/22/17)
Kick Return Long: Regular Season – 34 at Bal. (12/23/17)

MACK'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 4th–round (143rd overall) draft choice by Ind. in 2017...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/16/20...Re–signed with Ind. on a one–year deal on 3/17/21...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/27/21...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/31/21...Signed a one–year deal with Hou. on 4/11/22...Released by Hou. on 8/30/22...Signed to Hou. practice squad on 8/31/22...Released by Hou. on 9/5/22...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/14/22... Promoted to SF active roster on 9/21/22.

2021 (INDIANAPOLIS)
- Appeared in 6 games and registered 28 carries for 128 yds. to go along with 2 recepts. for 8 yds.

2020 (INDIANAPOLIS)
- Started 1 games and recorded 4 carries for 26 yds. and 3 recepts. for 30 yds. before being placed on Injured Reserve with an achilles injury.

2019 (INDIANAPOLIS)
- Played in 14 games (12 starts) and registered 247 carries for 1,091 yds. and 8 TDs. Also added 14 recepts. for 82 yds.
- Registered 25 rushes for a career-high 174 yds. and 1 TD at LAC (9/8). It marked his 5th-consecutive game with a rushing TD dating back to the 2018 season, the longest steak of his career.
- Tallied 16 carries for 74 yds. and 1 TD as well as 2 recepts. for 14 yds. vs. Atl. (9/22).
- Recorded 29 rushes for 132 yds. and 3 recepts. for 16 yds. at KC (10/6).
- Posted 19 carries for 76 yds. and 1 TD vs. Den. (10/27) in addition to a 14-yd. recept.
- Registered 14 rushes for 109 yds. and 1 TD vs. Jax. (11/17).
- Posted 13 carries for 38 yds. and 1 TD at TB (12/8).
- Tallied 16 rushes for 95 yds. and 1 TD to go along with 2 recepts. for 6 yds. vs. Car. (12/22).
- Notched 15 carries for 77 yds. and a career-high 2 TDs at Jax. (12/29).

2018 (INDIANAPOLIS)
- Played in 12 games (10 starts) and registered 195 carries for 908 yds. and 9 TDs. Also added 147 recepts. for 103 yds. and 1 rec. TD. Started both of the team's postseason games where he recorded 33 carries for 194 yds. and 1 TD along with 2 recepts. for 6 yds.
- Registered 25 rushes for 126 yds. and 1 TD as well as 2 recepts. for 33 yds. and 1 rec TD vs. Buf. (10/21). Marked the first time in his career he's registered 1 rushing TD and 1 rec. TD in the same game.
- Tallied 25 carries for 132 yds. and a career-high 2 TDs as well as 2 recepts. for 17 yds. at Oak. (10/28).
- Recorded 16 rushes for 61 yds. 1 TD vs. Ten. (11/18).
- Posted 14 carries for 33 yds. and 1 TD at Hou. (12/9).
- Registered 27 rushes for 139 yds. and a career-best 2 TDs along with a 10-yd. recept. vs. Dal. (12/16).
- Posted 12 carries for 34 yds. and 1 TD as well as a 4-yd. recept. vs. NYG (12/23).
- Tallied 25 rushes for 119 yds. and 1 TD at Ten. (12/30).

2017 (INDIANAPOLIS)
- Appeared in 14 games and registered 93 rushes for 358 yds. and 3 TDs in addition to 21 recepts. for 225 yds. and 1 rec. TD.
- Tallied 10 rushes for 24 yds. and 1 TD in his NFL debut at LAR (9/10).
- Recorded 9 carries for 91 yds. and 1 TD vs. SF (10/8).
- Posted 11 rushes for 27 yds. along with 3 recepts. for 36 yds. and 1 rec. TD at Cin. (10/29).
- Notched 7 rushes for 28 yds. and 1 TD as well as 2 recepts. for 10 yds. vs. Hou. (12/31).

COLLEGE
Started all 36 games during his three-year career at South Florida. Rushed for 3,609 yds. and 32 TDs on 586 atts., while adding 65 recepts. for 498 yds. and 1 TD. Was a three-time member of the All-AAC First-Team. He finished his career ranked 1st in rushing yds. (3,609) and rushing TDs (32) in school history. Started all 12 games as a junior and notched 174 carries for 1,187 yds. and 15 TDs. Also had 28 recepts. for 227 yds. In 2015, started all 12 games and recorded 210 carries for 1,381 yds. and 8 TDs while adding 16 recepts. for 111 yds. and 1 TD. As a true freshman, started all 12 games and rushed for 1,041 yds. and 9 TDs on 202 atts. Also hauled in 21 recepts. for 160 yds.

PERSONAL
- Attended Booker (Sarasota, FL) HS where he was named an AP Class 5A first-team all-state as a senior after rushing for 1,527 yds. and 19 TDs.
- Born Marlon Devon Mack (3/7/96) in Sarasota, FL.

INJURY REPORT
2017: Inactive two games [vs. Cle. (9/24) and at Sea. (10/1)] with a shoulder injury.

2018: Inactive vs. Cin. (9/9) with a hamstring injury. Inactive at Phi. (9/23) with a hamstring and foot injury. Inactive vs. Hou. (9/30) with a hamstring injury. Inactive at NE (10/4) with a knee injury.

2019: Inactive two games [at Hou. (11/21) and vs. Ten. (12/1)] with a knee injury.

2020: Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/16 with an achilles injury.

MACK'S GAME-BY-GAME

2017 (Indianapolis)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 10	at LAR	L	1/0	10	24	2.4	24	1	1	21	0
Sep 17	Arz	L	1/0	6	–3	–0.5	3	0	1	11	0
Sep 24	Cle	W	–	–INACTIVE (Shoulder)–				–	–	–	–
Oct 1	at Sea	L	–	–INACTIVE (Shoulder)–				–	–	–	–
Oct 8	SF	W	1/0	9	91	10.1	35	1	1	2	0
Oct 16	at Ten	L	1/0	2	18	9.0	22	0	0	0	0
Oct 22	Jax	L	1/0	5	26	5.2	14	0	4	40	0
Oct 29	at Cin	L	1/0	11	27	2.5	8	0	3	36	1
Nov 5	at Hou	W	1/0	9	29	3.2	11	0	0	0	0
Nov 12	Pit	L	1/0	7	7	1.0	8	0	2	19	0
Nov 26	Ten	L	1/0	4	11	2.8	5	0	2	20	0
Dec 3	at Jax	L	1/0	6	46	7.7	25	0	1	8	0
Dec 10	at Buf	L	1/0	7	23	3.3	20	0	2	21	0
Dec 14	Den	L	1/0	6	14	2.3	6	0	0	0	0
Dec 23	at Bal	L	1/0	4	17	4.3	11	0	2	37	0
Dec 31	Hou	W	1/0	7	28	4.0	12	1	2	10	0
TOTALS			**14/0**	**93**	**358**	**3.8**	**35**	**3**	**21**	**225**	**1**

2018 (Indianapolis)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 9	Cin	L	–	–INACTIVE(Hamstring)–				–	–	–	–
Sep 16	at Was	W	1/1	10	34	3.4	8	0	1	2	0
Sep 23	at Phi	L	–	–INACTIVE(Hamstring/Foot)–				–	–	–	–
Sep 30	Hou	L	–	–INACTIVE(Hamstring)–				–	–	–	–
Oct 4	at NE	L	–	–INACTIVE(Knee)–				–	–	–	–
Oct 14	at NYJ	L	1/1	12	89	7.4	25	0	1	4	0
Oct 21	Buf	W	1/1	19	126	6.6	23	1	2	33	1
Oct 28	at Oak	W	1/1	25	132	5.3	49	2	2	17	0
Nov 11	Jax	W	1/0	12	29	2.4	7	0	2	9	0
Nov 18	Ten	W	1/1	16	61	3.8	9	1	1	8	0
Nov 25	Mia	W	1/1	15	85	5.7	25	0	2	11	0
Dec 2	at Jax	L	1/1	8	27	3.4	7	0	1	6	0
Dec 9	at Hou	W	1/1	14	33	2.4	7	1	0	0	0
Dec 16	Dal	W	1/0	27	139	5.1	21	2	1	10	0
Dec 23	NYG	W	1/1	12	34	2.8	11	1	1	4	0
Dec 30	at Ten	W	1/1	25	119	4.8	21	1	3	–1	0
1**TOTALS**			**12/10**	**195**	**908**	**4.7**	**49**	**9**	**17**	**103**	**1**

2018 Postseason (Indianapolis)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Jan 5	at Hou	W	1/1	24	148	6.2	29	1	2	6	0
Jan 12	at KC	L	1/1	9	46	5.1	20	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			**2/2**	**33**	**194**	**5.9**	**29**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**0**

2019 (Indianapolis)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 8	at LAC	L	1/0	25	174	7.0	63t	1	0	0	0
Sep 15	at Ten	W	1/1	20	51	2.6	10	0	2	12	0
Sep 22	Atl	W	1/1	16	74	4.6	26	1	2	14	0
Sep 29	Oak	L	1/1	11	39	3.5	18	0	0	0	0
Oct 6	at KC	W	1/1	29	132	4.6	30	0	3	16	0
Oct 20	Hou	W	1/0	18	44	2.4	7	0	3	12	0
Oct 27	Den	W	1/1	19	76	4.0	16	1	1	14	0
Nov 3	at Pit	L	1/1	21	89	4.2	24	0	0	0	0
Nov 10	Mia	L	1/1	19	74	3.9	20	0	1	8	0
Nov 17	Jax	W	1/1	14	109	7.8	20	1	0	0	0
Nov 21	at Hou	L	–	–INACTIVE(Knee)–				–	–	–	–
Dec 1	Ten	L	–	–INACTIVE(Knee)–				–	–	–	–
Dec 8	at TB	L	1/1	13	38	2.9	13	1	0	0	0
Dec 16	at NO	L	1/1	11	19	1.7	7	0	0	0	0
Dec 22	Car	W	1/1	16	95	5.9	30	1	2	6	0
Dec 29	at Jax	L	1/1	15	77	5.1	20	2	0	0	0
TOTALS			**14/12**	**247**	**1,091**	**4.4**	**63t**	**7**	**14**	**133**	**0**

2020 (Indianapolis)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 13	at Jax	L	1/0	4	26	6.5	18	0	3	30	0
PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Achilles) ON 9/16											
TOTALS			**1/0**	**4**	**26**	**6.5**	**18**	**0**	**3**	**30**	**0**

2021 (Indianapolis)

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 12	Sea	L	–	–	–DID NOT PLAY–			–	–	–	–
Sep 19	LAR	L	1/0	5	16	3.2	6	0	0	0	0
Sep 26	at Ten	L	–	–	– INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–
Oct 3	at Mia	W	1/0	10	22	2.2	12	0	1	1	0
Oct 11	at Bal	L	1/0	5	47	9.4	22	0	1	7	0
Oct 17	Hou	W	1/0	5	12	2.4	8	0	0	0	0
Oct 24	at SF	W	1/0	3	4	1.3	3	0	0	0	0
Oct 31	Ten	L	1/0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	0
Nov 4	NYJ	W	–	–	– INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–
Nov 14	Jax	W	–	–	– INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–
Nov 21	at Buf	W	–	–	– INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–
Nov 28	TB	L	–	–	– INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–
Dec 5	at Hou	W	–	–	– INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–
Dec 18	NE	W	–	–	– INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–
Dec 25	at Arz	W	–	–	– INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–
Jan 2	LV	L	–	–	– INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–
Jan 9	at Jax	L	–	–	– INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–
TOTALS			**6/0**	**28**	**101**	**3.6**	**22**	**2**	**2**	**8**	**0**



JORDAN MASON

24 **RB**

5-11 × 223 × GEORGIA TECH

5.24.99 × GALLATIN, TN × ROOKIE × ACQUIRED FA IN '22

GOLDMINE

- In addition to his contributions on the football field, Mason was an active member the Georgia Tech community during his five years at the school. Mason made it a point to support for those who supported him when he attended the Yellow Jacket Marching Band's concert during the 2019 offseason.



MASON'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Began playing football at age five.
- Was the runner-up for Tennessee's Class 5A Mr. Football award as a senior.
- Also lettered in baseball and basketball at Gallatin (TN) HS in addition to his time on the gridiron.
- First cousin, Zaccheus Mason, played college basketball at the University of Mississippi and the University of Chattanooga, and played professionally in France and the Philippines.

MASON'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	1	7	7.0	7	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR										
Oct 9	at Car										
Oct 16	at Atl										
Oct 23	KC										
Oct 30	at LAR										
Nov 13	LAC										
Nov 21	Arz										
Nov 27	NO										
Dec 4	Mia										
Dec 11	TB										
Dec 15	at Sea										
Dec 24	Was										
Jan 1	at LV										
Jan 7/8	Arz										
TOTALS			**3/0**	**1**	**7**	**7.0**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

MASON'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2021	SF	3	0	1	7	7.0	7	0	0	0	–	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**7.0**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 2: 2022 (2)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Chi. (9/11/22)

MASON'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: Regular Season – 1 at Den. (9/25/22)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 7 at Den. (9/25/22)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 7 at Den. (9/25/22)

MASON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by SF on 5/13/22.

COLLEGE

Appeared in 43 games (20 starts) in 5 years at Georgia Tech (2017-21) and registered 449 carries for 2,349 yds. and 17 TDs. In 2021, appeared in all 12 games and tallied 387 rushes for 439 yds. and 1 TD. As a junior, saw action in all 6 games (2 starts) and recorded 82 carries for 352 yds. and 2 TDs. In 2019, was named Third-Team All-ACC after starting all 12 games and posting 172 carries for 899 yds. and 7 TDs. In 2018, played in all 13 games (5 starts) and registered 108 rushes for 659 yds. and 7 TDs. Redshirted as a freshman in 2017.



PERSONAL

- Attended Gallatin (TN) HS, where he rushed for a school-record 4,553 career yds., including 2,050 as a senior.
- Is the middle of three siblings. Has one daughter.
- Born Jordan Ponchez Mason (5/24/99) in Gallatin, TN



JORDAN MATTHEWS

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6-3 × 236 × VANDERBILT

7.16.92 × MADISON, AL × 7TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '19

GOLDMINE

- When Jordan Matthews signed as a free agent with the 49ers, he continued a family legacy that began over 30 years ago. Matthews' mother is a first cousin of 49ers great Jerry Rice, who Matthews lists as his favorite player. Before getting drafted by the Eagles in 2014, Matthews reached out to Rice and asked for advice. "He said 'everywhere you go, tell yourself you're the best person there and that you're supposed to be there,' said Jordan. "And that's what I did. I can (still) use that advice."



- Matthews established Matthews Mission in 2016 in order to give back and contribute to the different communities that affected him in life. The mission of the foundation is to FEED - feed the hungry, educate the children, empower the family and donate to those in need. Since its inception, the foundation has donated or raised more than $200,000 for different charities, ranging from Boys & Girls Clubs to the Vanderbilt Annual Fund. This past summer, Matthews teamed up with former Vanderbilt teammates and alumni to put on a charity baseball game, benefitting charities that spread awareness and aid the end of domestic abuse in Nashville.



MATTHEW'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His wife, Cheyna, currently plays for the Racing Louisville in the National Women's Soccer League and was a member of Jamaica's Women's Soccer team during the 2019 World Cup.
- His mother is a first cousin of 49ers legend and Pro Football Hall of Fame WR Jerry Rice.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- Jordan and Cheyna Matthews married in 2018 after the two met while both attending Vanderbilt as student-athletes. While Jordan was an established star on the football field, Cheyna was developing as a promising forward for the women's soccer team. After a First Team All-SEC performance her sophomore year, she transferred to Florida State, and was eventually drafted in the first round of the NWSL College Draft by the Washington Spirit. Cheyna was a member of the Jamaican team for the 2019 FIFA World Cup.
- After the conclusion of the 2016 season, Matthews and former teammate Carson Wentz traveled to Haiti on a mission trip. This was Matthews' second mission trip, with his first taking him to Africa his junior year of high school. While in Port-au-Prince, the two helped paint houses and spent time with the children of the community.



MATTHEWS' CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2014	PHI	16	10	67	872	13.0	44t	8	0	0	–	–	0
2015	PHI	16	12	85	997	11.7	78t	8	0	0	–	–	0
2016	PHI	14	13	73	804	11.0	54	3	0	0	–	–	0
2017	BUF	10	7	25	282	11.3	47	1	0	0	–	–	0
2018	PHI	14	3	20	300	15.0	56t	2	0	0	–	–	0
2019	SF/PHI	3	1	4	33	8.3	10	0	0	0	–	–	0
2020	SF	2	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
2021	SF	1	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
2022	SF	–	–	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Knee)–			–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**76**	**46**	**274**	**3,288**	**12.0**	**78t**	**22**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2018	PHI	2	0	1	37	37.0	37t	1	0	0	–	–	0
2019	SF	0	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
2021	SF	–	–	–	–PRACTICE SQUAD		–	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**2**	**0**	**1**	**37**	**37.0**	**37t**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles – Lost – 4–2: 2015 (2–1); 2016 (1–0); 2017 (1–1)

Tackles – 5: 2015 (1); 2016 (1); 2017 (2); 2018 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Jax. (9/7/14); **First Start:** at Ind. (9/15/14); **First Reception:** vs. Jax. (9/7/14 – 30–yd. pass from QB Nick Foles); **First TD Reception:** vs. Was. (9/21/14 – 11–yd. pass from QB Nick Foles); **First Multi–TD Game:** vs. Was. (9/21/14 – 2 TDs); **100–yd. Games:** 8, Last vs. Cle. (9/11/16 – 114 yds.)

MATTHEWS' CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (8)

Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
11/10/14	vs. Car.	7	138	19.7	2	11/8/15	at Dal.	9	133	14.8	1
11/16/14	at GB	5	107	21.4	1	12/20/15	vs. Arz.	8	159	19.9	1
12/28/14	at NYG	8	105	13.1	1	12/26/15	vs. Was.	6	104	17.3	1
9/14/15	at Atl.	10	102	10.2	0	9/11/16	vs. Cle.	7	114	16.3	1

MATTHEWS' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 11 at Dal. (10/30/16); Postseason – 1 at NO (1/13/19)

Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 159 vs. Arz. (12/20/15); Postseason – 37 at NO (1/13/19)

Long Reception: Regular Season – 78t vs. Arz. (12/20/15); Postseason – 37 at NO (1/13/19)

TD Receptions: Regular Season – 2 (3 times) Last at NYG (1/3/16)

MATTHEWS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 2nd–round (42nd overall) draft choice by Phi. in 2014...Traded to Buf. on 8/11/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/5/17...Signed a one–year deal with NE on 4/6/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/1/18...Released by NE on 8/7/18...Signed a one–year deal with Phi. on 9/19/18...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 3/14/19...Released by SF on 8/31/19...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 10/3/19...Released by SF on 10/26/19...Signed a one–year deal with Phi. on 11/11/19...Waived by Phi. on 11/25/19...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 12/11/19...Signed to SF practice squad on 11/27/20...Waived by SF on 12/8/20...Signed to SF practice squad on 12/23/20...Activated from SF practice squad on 12/25/20...Reverted back to SF practice squad on 12/28/20...Activated from SF practice squad on 1/2/21...Reverted back to SF practice squad on 1/4/21...Waived by SF on 1/4/21...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 7/31/21... Waived by SF on 8/31/21...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/1/21...Waived by SF on 9/22/21...Signed to SF practice squad on 10/5/21...Activated from SF practice squad on 10/30/21...Reverted back to SF practice squad on 11/1/21...Signed to Reserve/Future contract with SF on 2/2/22...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/4/22.



RAY-RAY McCLOUD III

3 **WR** 5-9 × 190 × CLEMSON

10.15.96 × TAMPA, FL × 5TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '22

GOLDMINE

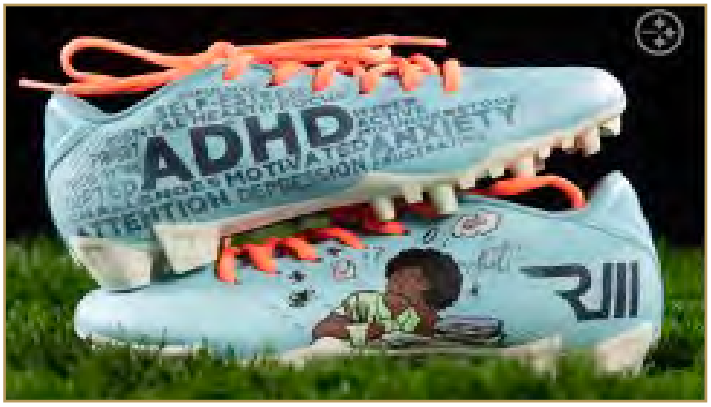
- McCloud credits his work ethic, not only to his family who taught him responsibility and discipline, but also to New England Patriots WR Nelson Agholor. Although almost four years apart, Agholor and McCloud grew up together in Tampa where they took their friendship from youth football to the NFL. The veteran receiver served as a mentor to McCloud. "We stay in contact all the time about life decisions. I've always stayed close with him in that way. He's got a great family. His dad and mom raised him well, but to have another player in this league to always make sure you're doing things the right way is important." "When he got drafted I was so excited," Agholor said. "The one thing I know about him is he's a player. He's going to find a way to make plays in this league. He just has to make sure he doesn't worry about where he was drafted. He just has to know his worth and that somebody needs him."
- McCloud recently launched his own charitable organization, the RMIII foundation, which is focused on raising awareness for ADHD and helping families with how to handle the very common learning challenge. The cause is a personal one based on his own journey with ADHD. He was diagnosed in the third grade and struggled to overcome many obstacles, yet still graduated with honors. "It was really challenging in school wanting to get good grades and trying really hard while having to fight my own lack of focus and attention," said McCloud. "It was an internal battle of self-control. Before I was diagnosed, I felt pretty bad getting blamed for not being a good student or being labeled a bad kid when nobody understood that sometimes I had to work twice as hard on a simple task while other times the schoolwork came easy but sitting still did not. I turned my focus to sports to balance my hyper-activity," said McCloud. "Luckily, I had great support from my family. After getting help, I didn't feel alone, and my parents helped me to work through it and were very understanding. They always had high expectations for my grades and never made excuses. They still drove me to succeed, but they did it with support and patience and for that I am forever grateful."

McCLOUD'S GOLDEN NUGGET

Lists his father, Raymond McCloud Jr., as his biggest inspiration. The elder McCloud played football at the University of Arkansas.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- McCloud chose to bring light to the topic through the NFL's My Cause My Cleats initiative during Week 14 of the 2021 season.
- The foundation was established in 2021 and is partnering with other ADHD non-profits to bring families together to provide knowledge of ADHD and available resources, to improve self-esteem for kids and to work on improving the future for kids who suffer from ADHD and their families. McCloud plans to hold atheltic camps for ADHD youth as a way to channel their energy, somthing that helped him get to where he is today.



McCLOUD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	1	20	20.0	20	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	1	16	16.0	16	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	1	11	11.0	11	0
Oct 3	LAR							
Oct 9	at Car							
Oct 16	at Atl							
Oct 23	KC							
Oct 30	at LAR							
Nov 13	LAC							
Nov 21	Arz							
Nov 27	NO							
Dec 4	Mia							
Dec 11	TB							
Dec 15	at Sea							
Dec 24	Was							
Jan 1	at LV							
Jan 7/8	Arz							
TOTALS			**3/0**	**3**	**47**	**15.7**	**20**	**0**

2022 Returns

Date	Opp	KR	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	PR	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	2	42	21.0	21	0	2	2	23	11.5	16	0
Sep 18	Sea	0	0	0.0	0	0	3	1	23	7.7	14	0
Sep 25	at Den	2	23	11.5	15	0	5	3	40	8.0	18	0
Oct 3	LAR											
Oct 9	at Car											
Oct 16	at Atl											
Oct 23	KC											
Oct 30	at LAR											
Nov 13	LAC											
Nov 21	Arz											
Nov 27	NO											
Dec 4	Mia											
Dec 11	TB											
Dec 15	at Sea											
Dec 24	Was											
Jan 1	at LV											
Jan 7/8	Arz											
TOTALS		**4**	**65**	**16.3**	**21**	**0**	**10**	**6**	**86**	**8.6**	**18**	**0**

McCLOUD'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2018	BUF	10	1	5	36	7.2	16	0	2	4	2.0	7	0
2019	CAR/BUF	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	–	0
2020	PIT	16	2	20	77	3.9	13	0	4	65	16.3	58	0
2021	PIT	16	5	39	277	7.1	24	0	2	15	7.5	10	0
2022	SF	3	0	3	47	15.7	20	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**51**	**8**	**67**	**437**	**6.5**	**24**	**0**	**8**	**84**	**10.5**	**58**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2020	PIT	1	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
2021	PIT	1	0	2	20	10.0	12	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**2**	**0**	**2**	**20**	**10.0**	**12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

		KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS					
YEAR	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2018	BUF	1	18	18.0	18	0	4	2	20	5.0	13	0
2019	CAR	8	174	21.8	31	0	10	7	82	8.2	39	0
2020	PIT	29	646	23.1	49	0	29	19	298	10.3	57	0
2021	PIT	35	776	22.2	40	0	38	12	367	9.7	23	0
2022	SF	4	65	16.3	21	0	10	6	86	8.6	18	0
TOTALS		**76**	**1,679**	**22.1**	**49**	**0**	**91**	**43**	**853**	**9.4**	**57**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

		KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS					
YEAR	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2020	PIT	6	146	24.3	28	0	2	2	16	8.0	11	0
2021	PIT	3	66	22.0	29	0	2	2	13	6.5	8	0
TOTALS		**9**	**212**	**23.6**	**29**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**29**	**7.3**	**11**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles–Lost – 12–4: 2018 (2–1); 2019 (3–1); 2020 (2–1); 2021 (4–1); 2022 (1–0)
Tackles – 1: 2020 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Min. (9/23/18); **First Start:** at Min. (9/23/18); **First Reception:** Regular Season – at Min. (9/23/18 – 6–yd. pass from QB Josh Allen); Postseason – at KC (1/16/22 – 8–yd. pass from QB Ben Roethlisberger); **First Kickoff Return:** Regular Season – at Hou. (10/14/18 – 18–yd. KOR); Postseason – vs. Cle. (1/10/21 – 22–yd. KOR); **First Punt Return:** Regular Season – at Min. (9/23/18 – 13–yd. PR); Postseason – vs. Cle. (1/10/21 – 11–yd. PR)

McCLOUD'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 9 vs. Det. (11/14/21); Postseason – 2 at KC (1/16/22)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 63 vs. Det. (11/14/21); Postseason – 20 at KC (1/16/22)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 24 vs. Cin. (9/26/21); Postseason – 12 at KC (1/16/22)
Punt Returns: Regular Season – 6 vs. Det. (11/14/21); Postseason – 2 (2 times) Last at KC (1/16/22)
Punt Return Yards: Regular Season – 83 at Ten. (10/25/20); Postseason – 16 vs. Cle. (1/10/21)
Long Punt Return: Regular Season – 57 at Ten. (10/25/20); Postseason – 11 vs. Cle. (1/10/21)
Kick Returns: Regular Season – 4 (2 times) Last vs. LV (9/19/21); Postseason – 6 vs. Cle. (1/10/21)
Kick Return Yards: Regular Season – 99 at GB (10/3/21); Postseason – 146 vs. Cle (1/10/21)
Kick Return Long: Regular Season – 49 vs. Den. (12/20/20); Postseason – 29 at KC (1/16/22)
Rushes: Regular Season – 2 vs. Phi. (10/11/20)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 63 vs. Phi. (10/11/20)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 58 vs. Phi. (10/11/20)

McCLOUD'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 6th–round (187th overall) draft choice by Buf. in 2018...Waived by Buf. on 8/31/19...Claimed off waivers by Car. on 9/1/19...Waived by Car. on 10/15/19...Signed to Buf. practice squad on 10/17/19...Signed to Reserve/Future contract with Buf. on 1/6/20...Waived by Buf. on 7/27/21...Signed with Pit. on a one–year deal on 8/21/20...Re–Signed with Pit. on a one–year deal on 3/10/21...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/23/21...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/2/21...Signed with SF on a two–year deal in 3/22/22.



MIKE McGLINCHEY

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AWARDS & HONORS

2018: PFWA All-Rookie Team, ESPN All-Rookie Team

GOLDMINE

- McGlinchey was so big for his age as a child, his parents would make sure to bring his birth certificate to his basketball games. Later, at age eight, he was hoping to make his debut in youth football, but decided against it after the league's directors told his family that they would have to place him on a team with eighth and ninth graders due to his size. Embracing such a large frame as a child, McGlinchey constantly threw his weight around with his big family, which featured 22 cousins and 5 siblings. Even at his grandmother's wake, McGlinchey and his extended family engaged in a pickup football game while still dressed in their suits. As Mike puts it, "That's the way she would have wanted it."

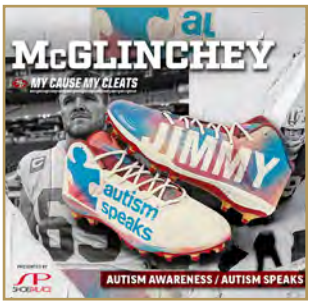


- In July of 2020, McGlinchey surprised five families from around the Bay Area by delivering gift baskets in person, while following social distancing protocols. The gift baskets included 49ers gear and $1,000 in Visa gift cards. "With some gift cards and some 49ers gear, hopefully we'll make a couple of people's days and lives a little bit easier," said McGlinchey.
- During Week 13 of the 2020 season, 49ers players wore custom cleats as a part of the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign.



49ers highlighted their respective causes, with McGlinchey representing Autism Speaks.

- The 49ers and their families hosted 450 underserved boys and girls from the Bay Area for the first-ever 49ers Hope for the Holidays event. Each child had a once-in-a-lifetime experience traveling through Levi's Stadium and left with a brand new bike, helmet, lock, haircut, shoes, toys, glasses, backpack, dinner and more.



McGLINCHEY'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- McGlinchey's uncle, John Loughery, played QB at Boston College (1979-82) as did his cousin, Matt Ryan (2004-07). Ryan currently plays for the Indianapolis Colts and earned 2016 NFL MVP honors under current 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan, who was Ryan's offensive coordinator (Mike pictured top right).



- Despite being roughly six foot, eight inches tall, McGlinchey doesn't know where his large frame came from. Said McGlinchey jokingly, "My dad is about five foot, eleven inches. My mom is five foot, eight inches. So, it must have been a genetic mutation."

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- The 49ers hosted the third annual Crucial Catch Fashion Show presented by Dignity Health in October of 2019, featuring cancer warriors representing all cancers as they modeled apparel donated by Levi's. McGlinchey and his teammates were paired with each of the warriors to share their stories of strength and courage with the audience and walk the runway.



- In November of 2019, the 49ers teamed up with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose to serve Thanksgiving dinner to over 300 people in need. Members of the team served food, bussed tables and refilled beverages. The team also provided toiletries and giveaways to all those in attendance.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. McGlinchey and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. McGlinchey represented the charity Autism Speaks, and said, "I play for my brother Jimmy."



- McGlinchey and his teammates surprised guests of the CityTeam Men's Program and House of Grace in November of 2018, at Levi's Stadium. The group believed they were just taking a tour of the stadium, but they were in fact joining the 49ers players for a night full of exciting events. The guests received a makeover and haircut, selected a new outfit from Dockers, snapped a new headshot and then shared a Thanksgiving dinner with the 49ers players.
- McGlinchey and his fellow rookies participated in the annual 49ers Mentorship Academy in September of 2018. The Mentorship Academy, partnering with USA Football, is a three-step program designed to provide high school football players with the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to succeed and be leaders on and off the field. The rookie class invited the high schoolers to the team facility, where they shared opinions and lessons over a meal and fun competitions.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- The 49ers worked alongside the humanitarian-relief organization Convoy of Hope in December of 2018, and hosted 1,500 guests in-need from Bay Area nonprofits and schools at Levi's® Stadium for a free holiday resource fair. McGlinchey and his 49ers teammates distributed groceries, toys, books, shoes and other holiday offerings to the guests. The attendees also received haircuts, utilized health resources and took family portraits or professional headshots. Convoy of Hope is a nonprofit organization that directs children's feeding initiatives, hosts community outreach programs and provides disaster response resources to those in need in the Bay Area and throughout the world.



- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during a designated home game between Weeks 13-15 of 2018. McGlinchey and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of people with autism and their families.



McGLINCHEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 55/55: 2018 (16/16); 2019 (12/12); 2020 (16/16); 2021 (8/8); 2022 (3/3)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 3/3: 2019 (3/3); 2021 (IR)

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 3: 2018 (1); 2020 (1); 2021 (1)
Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2018 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Min. (9/9/18); **First Start:** at Min. (9/9/18)

McGLINCHEY'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st–round (9th overall) draft choice by SF in 2018...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/10/21.



COLTON McKIVITZ

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6-6 × 301 × WEST VIRGINIA

8.9.96 × JACOBSBURG, OH × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED D-5 IN '20

GOLDMINE

- McKivitz is a lover of outdoor activities, as he frequently spends his time with his dad, Matt, fishing and hunting, for deer, ducks and squirrels. "It was really my dad that got me into it," said McKivitz. "He's got me into everything in the outdoors, really. That's me and dad's time, the outdoor time. I'm just lucky to have that type of figure to learn from and that's kind of what I love most about the outdoors." Matt is known for creating unique hats from the animals the two of them have hunted. The elder McKivitz is famous for being seen sporting one at each of West Virginia's home games.



McKIVITZ'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- In addition to playing football, McKivitz was a four-year basketball player at Union Local (Jacobsburg, OH) HS, earning all-state honors as a senior in 2014.
- Didn't participate in organized football until he enrolled at Union Local before his sophomore year of high school in 2012.
- He caught his first fish, a bluegill, at age 3. McKivitz notes that the largest fish he's ever caught was an 8-pounder which he caught in the Summer of 2019.
- Is a fan of country music, citing Kenny Chesney and the Zac Brown Band among his favorites.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- While the Mountaineers were on a bye in September of 2019, McKivitz returned to his former high school, Union Local, in Ohio to be honored at the homecoming game. The Jets retired McKivitz's number 53 in a pregame ceremony, an honor that McKivitz doesn't take lightly. "It was huge. At the time I didn't really understand the meaning of it. But now, once you look back on it, that number will never see the field again. It's a pretty big honor for me." Former Union Local offensive line coach Brion Schiappa echoed the sentiment, saying, "We're all just so proud of what Colton has accomplished, and it meant a great deal to honor him in that way."



McKIVITZ'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 17/4: 2020 (13/3); 2021 (1/1); 2022 (3/0)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 2/0: 2021 (2/0)

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 1: 2020 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at NYJ (9/20/20); **First Start:** at LAR (11/29/20)

McKIVITZ'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 5th–round (153rd overall) draft choice by SF in 2020...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/16/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/25/20...Waived by SF on 8/31/21...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/1/21...Promoted to SF active roster on 11/10/21... Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/10/22.



ELIJAH MITCHELL

25 **RB**

5-10 × 200 × LOUISIANA

5.2.98 × ERATH, LA × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED D-6 IN '21

AWARDS AND HONORS

2021: FedEx Ground Player of the Week (Week 8)

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Registered 6 carries for 41 yds. at Chi. (9/11). With 41 rushing yds., he surpassed 1,000 career rushing yds. (1,004) in just his 12th NFL game. He became the fastest player in franchise history to reach 1,000 career rushing yds., according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

FEWEST GAMES TO 1,000 RUSHING YDS., FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Gms.
1.	**Elijah Mitchell**	**12**
2.	Ricky Watters	14
3t.	Frank Gore	19
	Joe Perry	19
5.	Vic Washington	20

GOLDMINE

- Mitchell has always paired his love for football with his love for those around him on and off the field. In 2020, Mitchell led his team to a win in Lousiana's final game, and dedicated the feat to the late Coach Looney, the team's offensive line coach who died of a heart attack during an August team workout shortly before the start of preseason camp. On what would have been coach Looney's 32nd birthday, Mitchell and the offense ran the ball for 265 rushing yards to cement the victory. "It was very important (to end the season with a win), man," said Mitchell. "We've been through so much with coach Looney, with just everything going on," Mitchell said, "and we just put it in our minds that we just wanted this year to be great, no matter what the circumstances."
- In November of 2016, when Mitchell and Erath HS chased its first playoff win in 12 years. Former Bobcat Ross Granger neared the end of a lengthy battle with brain cancer. Realizing that his childhood friend might not have much more time, Mitchell — then a senior — played inspired. Early in the second half, Ross' Father, Nathan informed the team that Ross had died. Mitchell continued to run with a passion and ended the evening with 331 rushing yards in a blowout victory. After the final whistle sounded, Mitchell embraced his QB, Ross' little brother, Mason. Mitchell continues to honor Ross' legacy. In the 49ers win in the NFC Divisional Round at GB, Mitchell sported wristbands that proud displayed "Team Ross".



MITCHELL'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

His love for the game of football has always been palpable to those around him. "I really believe he's in love with football," UL running backs coach Jabbar Juluke said.

Prides himself on being known as a tough, hardworking running back and earned that reputation amongst his teammates and coaches at Louisiana. "Those moments make you feel pretty good," Mitchell said. "It means that the coaches trust you with the ball when it is crunch time. It makes you feel like you are a playmaker and someone the team can count on when things get tough."

MITCHELL'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	6	41	6.8	16	0	0	0	0
PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Knee) ON 9/13											
Sep 18	Sea	W	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Knee)–					–	–	–
Sep 25	at Den	L	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Knee)–					–	–	–
Oct 3	LAR										
Oct 9	at Car										
Oct 16	at Atl										
Oct 23	KC										
Oct 30	at LAR										
Nov 13	LAC										
Nov 21	Arz										
Nov 27	NO										
Dec 4	Mia										
Dec 11	TB										
Dec 15	at Sea										
Dec 24	Was										
Jan 1	at LV										
Jan 7/8	Arz										
TOTALS			**1/1**	**6**	**41**	**6.8**	**16**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- As a senior at Erath (LA) HS, Mitchell went out of his way to create some special memories for his classmate, Eddie Armond. Armond, who was born with down syndrome, attended every Erath football game. Mitchell showed his appreciation by ensuring Armond got his own opportunity to play. In the 2nd qtr. of a game against rival Patterson (LA) HS, Armond joined the offense at the Patterson 20-yd. line, where Erath was in position to score. Mitchell showed him where to stand and got down in a three point stance in front of Armond as his lead blocker. Erath quarterback, Mason Granger, handed Armond the ball and he took off running up the middle. Armond scored and everyone, including the opposing players, congratulated him for the TD. The play even earned Armond the Gulf Coast Bank/Abbeville Meridional Co-Offensive Player of the Week. "Eddie was beyond ecstatic," said his mother, Dawn Armond. "He called himself the Erath king. Elijah was his best friend. When we were on the sidelines and Elijah made a play, he'd look for Eddie and say, `Eddie, did you see that?,' And he would explain the play to Eddie. He would include him in the game to make sure he knew what was going on. I enjoyed that. When Elijah sat down, Eddie would sit with him. They just kind of blended."



MITCHELL'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2021	SF	11	10	207	963	4.7	39	5	19	137	7.2	14	1
2022	SF	1	1	6	41	6.8	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**12**	**11**	**213**	**1,004**	**4.7**	**39**	**5**	**19**	**137**	**7.2**	**14**	**1**

PLAYOFFS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2021	SF	3	2	55	169	3.1	16	1	7	57	8.1	21	0
TOTALS		**3**	**2**	**55**	**169**	**3.1**	**16**	**1**	**7**	**57**	**8.1**	**21**	**0**

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Det. (9/12/21); **First Start**: at Phi. (9/19/21); **First Reception:** Regular Season – at Phi (9/19/21 – 11–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); Postseason – at Dal. (1/16/22 – (–11)–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – at Det. (9/12/21 – 38 yds.); Postseason – at Dal. (1/16/22 – 4 yds.) **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 5 – Last vs. Hou. (1/2/22 – 119 yds.); **First TD Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Hou. (1/2/22 – 8–yd. pass from QB Trey Lance)

MITCHELL'S CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (5)

Date	Opp	Rsh	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rsh	Yds	Avg	TD
9/12/21	at Det.	19	104	5.5	1	11/28/21	vs. Min.	27	133	4.9	1
10/24/21	vs. Ind.	18	107	5.9	1	1/2/22	vs. Hou.	21	119	5.7	0
10/31/21	at Chi.	18	137	7.6	1						

MITCHELL'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: Regular Season – 27 (2 times) Last vs. Min. (11/28/21); Postseason – 27 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 137 at Chi. (10/31/21); Postseason – 96 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Rushing TDs: Regular Season – 1 (5 times) Last at Sea. (12/5/21); Postseason – 1 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 39 at Chi. (10/31/21); Postseason – 16 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Receptions: Regular Season – 5 (2 times) Last vs. Min. (11/28/21); Postseason – 3 (2 times) Last at LAR (1/30/22)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 43 vs. Arz. (11/7/21); Postseason – 50 at LAR (1/30/22)
Receiving TDs: Regular Season – 1 vs. Hou. (1/2/22)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 14 at Arz. (10/10/21); Postseason – 21 at LAR (1/30/22)

MITCHELL'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 6th–round (194th overall) draft choice by SF in 2021...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/13/22.



JAYLON MOORE

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6-4 × 311 × WESTERN MICHIGAN

1.9.98 × DETROIT, MI × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED D-5A IN '21

GOLDMINE

- While at Western Michigan, Moore played behind Chukwuma Okorafor, who was drafted himself by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 3rd round (92nd overall) of the 2018 NFL Draft. Okorafor helped Moore's transition from defensive to offensive line. Said Moore about his time with Okorafor, "He taught me a lot. Just watching him, I feel like I'm more comfortable to have seen what he's done and where he's at now, and everything that he's taught me as far as understanding coverages, understanding spacing and just getting to the right spots at the right time."
- Moore was invited and attended the 2021 Reese's Senior Bowl in Mobile, AL. He, along with former WMU teammate D'Wayne Eskridge (pictured below), was part of the National Team. Moore and Eskridge will see each other twice a year as Eskridge was drafted in the 2nd round (56th overall) of the 2021 NFL Draft by the Seattle Seahawks.



2021

- Appeared in 7 games (3 starts) on the offensive line and special teams.
- Made first career NFL start vs. Ind. (10/24).

MOORE'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Gained 25 pounds his senior season at Consortium College Prep (Detroit, MI) to transition from tight end to the offensive line. Western Michigan's head coach at the time, P.J. Fleck, saw him make the transition to offensive line his senior year, leaving his impression on Fleck as a "hidden gem."
- State of Michigan football is in his family as his cousin, Timothy Ford, played at Siena Heights University.

COLLEGE

Appeared in 36 games (26 starts) in five years (2016-20) at Western Michigan. Played in all 6 games as a redshirt senior in 2020 and blocked for a WMU offense that ranked fourth in the MAC in yds. per game (479.7). Started all 13 games in 2019 and helped the Broncos finish with a top-three MAC ranking in total offensive yds. per game (445.7). Started all 13 games in 2018 and was part of an offensive line that allowed the 2nd-fewest sacks allowed per game (1.54 avg.) in the MAC. Appeared in 5 games in 2017 as a redshirt freshman. Did not see game action in 2016.

PERSONAL

- Attended Consortium College Prep (Detroit, MI) where he played on the offensive and defensive line, as well as tight end.
- Son of Latisha Price and James Moore.
- Majored in finance at Western Michigan.
- Born Jaylon Moore (1/9/98) in Detroit, MI.

MOORE'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 10/3: 2021 (7/3); 2022 (3/0)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 0/0: 2021 (0/0)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Det. (9/12/21); **First Start:** vs. Ind. (10/24/21)

MOORE'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of three 5th–round (155th overall) draft choices by SF in 2021.



TARVARIUS MOORE

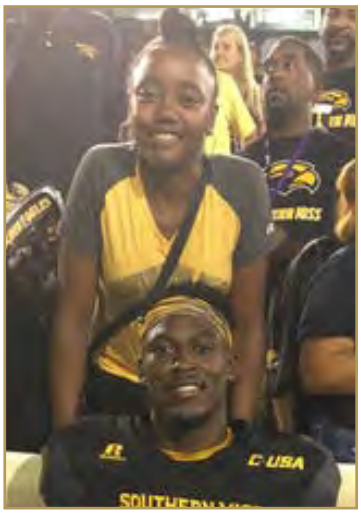
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6-2 × 200 × SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

8.16.96 × QUITMAN, MS × 5TH YEAR × ACQUIRED D-3B IN '18

GOLDMINE

- Prior to the start of his senior year at Southern Mississippi, Moore's younger sister, TavyAnna, passed away suddenly at the age of 16. "My sister was basically my best friend," said Moore. "After every game, no matter what, she was always the first person I'd see. Even if it was a tough loss, she would just always try to encourage me or give me some words of wisdom. For her to be my younger sister, she was kind of like my big sister at times. So, it was pretty hard. But I know she would want me to go out and do my best." Moore, who changed his Twitter screen name to "#DoIt4Tavy" shortly before the 2017 season began, found it easier to keep his chin up his senior season because of the inspiration he's drawn from his sister. "When I think about her, it gives me the motivation to keep on going each and every day," he said. "When I'm on the field, if I'm tired or my teammates are tired, I just try to think what she would want me to do. I know she would never want me to quit or give up on anything. So I just try to find it within to go as hard as I can."



- The 49ers and their families hosted 450 underserved boys and girls from the Bay Area for the first-ever 49ers Hope for the Holidays event. Each child had a once-in-a-lifetime experience traveling through Levi's Stadium and left with a brand new bike, helmet, lock, haircut, shoes, toys, glasses, backpack, dinner and more.



MOORE'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Coming from a town with just two stop lights, Moore is looking forward to having the opportunity to travel. "I can remember as a kid, just going to any big city was a big deal for us," Moore said. "I want to travel to as many foreign countries as I can, just to experience those different cultures."
- Moore comes from an athletic family, as his cousin, Antonio McDyess, played 17 seasons in the NBA for the Pistons, Nuggets, Spurs, Suns and Knicks. Originally drafted by the Clippers (then traded to the Nuggets) with the 2nd overall pick, McDyess averaged 12 points and 7 rebounds per game in his lengthy NBA career.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Moore and his fellow rookies participated in the annual 49ers Mentorship Academy in September of 2018. The Mentorship Academy, partnering with USA Football, is a three-step program designed to provide high school football players with the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to succeed and be leaders on and off the field. The rookie class invited the high schoolers to the team facility, where they shared opinions and lessons over a meal and fun competitions.



MOORE'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

MOORE'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	SF	16	2	19	16	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	2	1	0	0
2019	SF	16	3	15	10	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	3	0	0	0
2020	SF	16	8	49	34	15	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	1	1	3
2021	SF	–	–	–RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM–					–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2022	SF	3	0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**51**	**13**	**84**	**60**	**24**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**6**	**2**	**1**	**3**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	7	7	0	2	0	0	0
2021	SF	–	–	–RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM–					–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – Regular Season – 23: 2018 (5); 2019 (12); 2020 (5); 2022 (1) **Postseason – 2:** 2019 (2)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Min. (9/9/18); **First Start:** vs. Chi. (12/23/18); **First FF:** Regular Season – vs. Chi. (12/23/18 – WR Allen Robinson II); **First FR:** Regular Season – at NYG (9/27/20 – WR Darius Slayton); **First INT:** Postseason – at KC (2/2/20 – QB Patrick Mahomes)

MOORE'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 11 at Arz. (12/26/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 8 at Arz. (12/26/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 6 at Arz. (12/26/20)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 2 vs. Sea. (12/16/18); Postseason – 2 at KC (2/2/20)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at NO (11/15/20)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 at NYG (9/27/20)
Interceptions: Postseason – 1 vs. KC (2/2/20)
Interception Yards: Postseason – 7 vs. KC (2/2/20)
Long Interception Return: Postseason – 7 vs. KC (2/2/20)

MOORE'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the second of two 3rd–round (95th overall) draft choices by SF in 2018...Placed on Reserve/Physcially Unable to Perform List on 8/31/21.

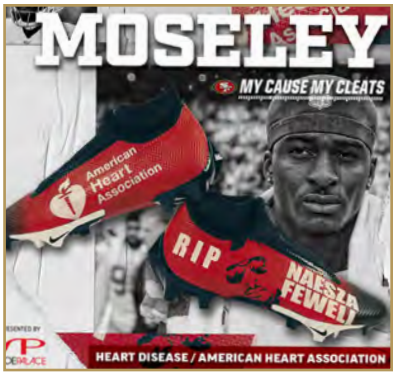


EMMANUEL MOSELEY

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3.25.96 × GREENSBORO, NC × 5TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '18

GOLDMINE



- During Week 13 of the 2020 season, 49ers players wore custom cleats as a part of the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign. Moseley and his teammates highlighted their respective causes, with Moseley representing the American Heart Association.
- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Moseley and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Moseley represented the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research, saying, "I play for my Aunt Freda."



- Prior to Week 2's matchup in Cincinnati in 2019, the 49ers spent time in Youngstown, OH, where they participated in the Community Blitz. Moseley visited the Akron Children's hospital as players went from room to room to visit some of the young patients.



MOSELEY'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- In June of 2019, Moseley returned to his high school alma mater, James B. Dudley (Greensboro, NC) HS, to share inspirational messages and knowledge with current students.
- Lists his secret talents as singing, dancing and playing the piano.
- Was considered a two-star recruit coming out of high school, but impressed the University of Tennessee coaching staff enough to play in every game of his four-year career.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- The 49ers and their families hosted 450 underserved boys and girls from the Bay Area for the first-ever 49ers Hope for the Holidays event. Each child had a once-in-a-lifetime experience traveling through Levi's Stadium and left with a brand new bike, helmet, lock, haircut, shoes, toys, glasses, backpack, dinner and more.



MOSELEY'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	8	5	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
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Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/3**	**13**	**10**	**3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- In November of 2019, the 49ers teamed up with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose to serve Thanksgiving dinner to over 300 people in need. Members of the team served food, bussed tables and refilled beverages. The team also provided toiletries and giveaways to all those in attendance.
- In October of 2019, Moseley and teammates spent time with fans and members of local businesses to compete in a bowling tournament as the 49ers Foundation hosted the 2nd annual 1st and Bowl Challenge. The funds raised at the event will support charitable programs of the 49ers Foundation and benefit Bay Area youth.
- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during a designated home game between Weeks 13-15 of 2018. Moseley and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Unity Care provides quality youth and family programs for the purpose of creating healthier communities through lifelong partnerships. They provide safe, secure, and positive living environments; educate and support underserved youth; and prepare young people to pursue professions in which minorities are chronically underrepresented.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Moseley and his fellow rookies participated in the annual 49ers Mentorship Academy in September of 2018. The Mentorship Academy, partnering with USA Football, is a three-step program designed to provide high school football players with the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to succeed and be leaders on and off the field. The rookie class invited the high schoolers to the team facility, where they shared opinions and lessons over a meal and fun competitions.



MOSELEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	SF	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	SF	16	9	43	37	6	0.0	0.0	1	3	3	0	8	0	0	0
2020	SF	12	8	47	34	13	0.0	0.0	1	51	51	0	9	0	0	0
2021	SF	11	11	42	33	9	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	11	0	1	0
2022	SF	3	3	13	10	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	2	0	0	0
TOTALS		**43**	**31**	**145**	**114**	**31**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**3**	**54**	**51**	**0**	**30**	**0**	**1**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	3	2	14	14	0	0.0	0.0	1	9	9	0	4	0	0	0
2021	SF	3	3	23	21	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**6**	**5**	**37**	**35**	**2**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**9**	**9**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 9: 2018 (1); 2019 (8)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Oak. (11/1/18); **First Start:** at LAR (10/13/19); **First INT:** Regular Season – vs. Car. (10/27/19 – QB Kyle Allen); Postseason – vs. GB (1/19/20 – QB Aaron Rodgers); **First FR:** Regular Season – at Sea. (12/5/21)

MOSELEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 15 vs. Arz. (9/13/20); Postseason – 12 at Dal. (1/16/22)

Solo: Regular Season – 11 vs. Arz. (9/13/20); Postseason – 10 at Dal. (1/16/22)

Assists: Regular Season – 4 vs. Arz. (9/13/20); Postseason – 2 at Dal. (1/16/22)

Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 4 vs. Ind. (10/24/21); Postseason – 2 vs. Min. (1/11/20)

Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last at LAR (1/9/22); Postseason – 1 vs. GB (1/19/20)

Interception Yards: Regular Season – 51 at NE (10/25/20); Postseason – 9 vs. GB (1/19/20)

Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 51 at NE (10/25/20); Postseason – 9 vs. GB (1/19/20)

Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 at Sea. (12/5/21)

MOSELEY'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by SF on 5/1/18...Waived by SF on 9/1/18...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/2/18...Promoted to SF active roster on 11/1/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/2/18...Signed a two–year extension through 2022 with SF on 3/15/21...Placed on the Reserve/Covid–19 List on 7/27/21...Activated from the Reserve/Covid–19 List on 8/6/21...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/11/21...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 1/8/21.



GEORGE ODUM

30 | S

6-1 × 202 × CENTRAL ARKANSAS

11.3.93 × MILLINGTON, TN × 5TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '22

AWARDS & HONORS

2020: AP First-Team All-Pro, PFWA All-NFL Team

GOLDMINE

- During Odum's time in the NFL, he's supported a variety of causes by wearing custom cleats as a part of the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign. Odum's organizations throughout the years include the United Way of Central Arkansas (2018-19) and Wheeler Mission Ministries (2020-21). The central theme of Odum's efforts is to help combat homelessness.
- In 2019, Odum, his Colts teammates and 150 volunteers worked together to build a playground at an Indianapolis public school. Students at Francis W. Parker Elementary were shocked to see members of the Colts construct a brand new playground in just 5 hours. The school also received a new outdoor classroom along with other improvements building-wide.



ODUM'S GOLDEN NUGGET

In fall of 2018, Odum returned to Millington Central (TN) HS to have his #5 jersey retired. Odum became just the fifth player in school history to have his jersey retired. He made an impact in all three phases while at Millington Central as he was named AAA-6A All-Region twice as both a DB and punt returner. Odum also lined up at WR on offense. When he wasn't on the football field, the two-time sectional qualifer took on the triple jump and sprinted for Millington Central's track & field team.

ODUM'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

ODUM'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	IND	16	2	28	19	9	0.0	0.0	1	14	14	0	2	0	0	0
2019	IND	16	1	31	26	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	2	0	0
2020	IND	16	0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2021	IND	17	7	45	36	9	0.0	0.0	1	21	21	0	2	0	1	0
2022	SF	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**68**	**10**	**105**	**81**	**24**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**2**	**35**	**21**	**0**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	IND	2	0	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2020	IND	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 48: 2018 (9); 2019 (6); 2020 (20); 2021 (10); 2022(3); **Postseason – 3:** 2018 (3)
Special Teams Forced Fumbles – 2: 2020 (1); 2021 (1)
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2019 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Cin. (9/9/18); **First Start:** vs. Ten. (11/18/18); **First INT:** Regular Season – vs. Dal. (12/26/18 – QB Dak Prescott); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. NYJ (11/4/21); **First FF:** Regular Season – at KC (10/6/19)

ODUM'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 9 vs. NYG (12/23/18); Postseason – 1 (2 times) Last at KC (1/12/19)
Solo: Regular Season – 7 at Arz. (12/25/21); Postseason – 1 (2 times) Last at KC (1/12/19)
Assists: Regular Season – 5 vs. NYG (12/23/18)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (4 times) at Arz. (12/25/21)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at Buf. (11/21/21)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 21 at Buf. (11/21/21)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 21 at Buf. (11/21/21)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 vs. NYJ (11/4/21)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at TB (12/8/19)

ODUM'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by Ind. on 5/1/18...Re–Signed with Ind. on a one–year deal on 4/19/21...Signed a three–year deal with SF on 3/22/22.



CHARLES OMENIHU

94 **DL**

6-5 × 280 × TEXAS

8.10.97 × ROWLETT, TX × 4TH YEAR × ACQUIRED TR IN '21 - HOU

GOLDMINE

- In Feburary of 2021, Omenihu, along with his fellow Houston Texans teammate Tytus Howard, purchased $1,000 worth of meals each from The Breakfast Klub to give to Houston-area families impacted by the winter storm that has impacted millions of Texas residents' access to necessary utilities.
- During his rookie season, Omenihu decided to have his cleats designed in pink colors as part of the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign to showcase breast cancer awareness. "I don't speak too much on it, but it has a special place in my heart," Omenihu said. "I'm glad I was able to express it for this game with my cleats. That's a very close personal thing to me. I want to show my support. It's not just the cleats. It's something I plan on doing more to raise awareness."



OMENIHU'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Last name is prounced oh-MEN-ah-who.
- Omenihu's off the field hobbies include video games. In July of 2020, Omenihu participated in a Pros vs. Joes Madden Tournament along with 10 other NFL players. The event was put on by cousins and former NFL players Josh Johnson, Marcus Peters, and Marshawn Lynch. Fundraising efforts tied to the tournament included a text-to-donate campaign with all procedes benifiting the Fam1st Family Foundation. The initiative is part of the Ultimate Gaming League's efforts to cross the chasms of the digital divide and support tech and Esports education in urban areas.

OMENIHU'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	3	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
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Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/0**	**4**	**1**	**3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

OMENIHU'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	HOU	14	0	13	8	5	3.0	34.0	0	0	–	0	2	2	0	0
2020	HOU	15	5	17	11	6	4.0	35.0	0	0	–	0	2	0	0	0
2021	HOU/SF	15	2	17	14	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
2022	SF	3	0	4	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**47**	**7**	**51**	**34**	**17**	**7.0**	**69.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**5**	**2**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	HOU	2	0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2021	SF	3	0	4	2	2	1.5	10.5	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS		**5**	**0**	**5**	**2**	**3**	**1.5**	**10.5**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Jax. (9/15/19); **First Start:** at KC (9/10/20); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. Jax (9/15/19 – QB Gardner Minshew II); Postseason at Dal. (1/16/22 – QB Dak Prescott) **First FF:** Regular Season – vs. Jax. (9/15/19 – QB Gardner Minshew II); Postseason at Dal. (1/16/22 – QB Dak Prescott)

OMENIHU'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (1)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
1/16/22*	at Dal.	1.5	10.5	Dak Prescott (1.5)

*Postseason

OMENIHU'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 4 (2 times) Last at Cle. (9/19/21); Postseason – 3 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Solo: Regular Season – 3 (3 times) Last at Cle. (9/19/21); Postseason – 1 (2 times) Last at LAR (1/30/22)
Assists: Regular Season – 2 (4 times) Last at Den. (9/25/22); Postseason – 2 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 (7 times) Last vs. Ten. (1/3/21); Postseason – 1.5 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at KC (10/13/19); Postseason – 1 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 2 vs. Ind. (12/6/20)

OMENIHU'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 5th–round (161st overall) draft choice by Hou. in 2019...Traded to SF on 11/2/21.



TAYBOR PEPPER

46 **LS**

6-4 × 245 × MICHIGAN STATE

5.28.94 × SALINE, MI × 5TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '20

GOLDMINE

- When he's not on the football field, one of Pepper's favorite hobbies is video game streaming. After signing a contract with the New York Giants in 2018, his first purchase was video game equipment. "I got a computer and two monitors," said Pepper. "I've been watching streams on Twitch since early 2012, 2011. It's my main form of entertainment, even today." At one point, Pepper was streaming on a full-time basis, garnering a few hundred views each day playing games like World of Warcraft, Skyrim and more. "More and more people are going to be exposed to technology, which means video games will be more accessible, which will increase the competition level in esports," said Pepper. Following his NFL career, Pepper has considering pursuing a career in esports. "I also would love to find a way to join an esports organization," said Pepper. "The one I have my eye on is 100 Thieves. They have some really good teams, but alongside that, they have a really awesome streetwear presence and are expanding to be more than just an esports organization. I think it'd be a cool look to have a pro athlete be a part of it."

PEPPER'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Participated in track & field at Saline (MI) HS.
- Father, Cam, was an offensive lineman at Illinois.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- An undrafted free agent, Pepper knows that the NFL can be unpredictable. While preparing for an opportunity to sign with a team, Pepper began offering lessons to local long snappers in the East Lansing and Grand Rapids areas. The lessons were a way to help make some extra income as well as extra practice before joining a team. "You just never know when you are going to get a call," said Pepper.

PEPPER'S CAREER STATISTICS

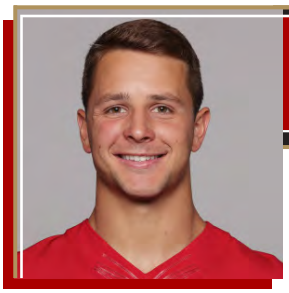
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POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 3/0: 2021 (3/0)

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 2: 2020 (2)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Chi. (9/28/17)

PEPPER'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed a Reserve/Future contract with GB on 1/27/17...Waived by GB on 5/8/17...Signed a one–year deal with Bal. on 8/28/17...Waived by Bal. on 9/1/17...Signed a one–year deal with GB on 9/25/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/3/17...Signed a two–year deal with NYG on 12/31/18...Waived by NYG on 8/31/19...Signed a two–year deal with Mia. on 9/2/19...Waived by Mia. on 4/26/20...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 9/30/20...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/28/20...Signed a two–year extension through 2022 with SF on 2/4/21.



BROCK PURDY

13 QB

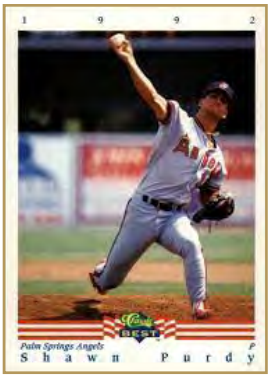
6-1 × 220 × IOWA STATE

12.27.99 × GILBERT, AZ × ROOKIE × ACQUIRED D-7 IN '22

GOLDMINE

- Through Purdy's high school and collegiate football career, he only suffered one significant injury, and it came at the hands of a cactus. When playing paintball in the desert with his Perry (Gilbert, AZ) HS teammates in May 2017, Purdy suffered a punctured left hand from a Saguaro Cactus. "It's something that everyone's done," Purdy said on the game in the desert. "It's one of those group things that you do to build chemistry." The team-building exercise forced Perry's starting QB to miss spring ball headed into his senior season. However, Purdy was largely unfazed by the injury to his non-throwing hand as the Queen Creek, AZ native threw for 4,405 yds. and 57 TDs that fall en route to winning Arizona Gatorade Player of the Year.

PURDY'S GOLDEN NUGGETS



- Comes from an athletic family. His father, Shawn, played baseball at the University of Miami (FL) and in the minor leagues (1991-98). His older sister, Whittney, played softball at Southeastern University and his younger brother, Chubba, is a QB at Nebraska.
- Was named First-Team All-Big 12 twice (Associated Press in 2021, coaches poll in 2020) at Iowa State.
- Became the first Iowa State QB to be drafted since Seneca Wallace was selected in 2003.

PURDY'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg	Sk/Yds	Rtg	Rsh	Yds	Total TD	Pct. Net Yds.	Offense
Sep 11	at Chi	L	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	INACTIVE–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 18	Sea	W	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	INACTIVE–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 25	at Den	L	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–DID NOT PLAY–		–	–	–	–	–	–
Oct 3	LAR																
Oct 9	at Car																
Oct 16	at Atl																
Oct 23	KC																
Oct 30	at LAR																
Nov 13	LAC																
Nov 21	Arz																
Nov 27	NO																
Dec 4	Mia																
Dec 11	TB																
Dec 15	at Sea																
Dec 24	Was																
Jan 1	at LV																
Jan 7/8	Arz																
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0/0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**

PURDY'S CAREER STATISTICS

				PASSING										RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG	SK	LST	RTG	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2022	SF	0	0	0	0	–	0	0	0	–	0	0	–	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

PURDY'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 7th–round (262nd overall) draft choice by SF in 2022.

COLLEGE



Appeared in 48 games (46 starts) in four years (2018-21) at Iowa State and completed 993 of 1,467 atts. for 12,170 yds. and 81 TDs. Added 365 carries for 1,117 yds. and 19 TDs on the ground. As a senior in 2021, started all 13 games and completed 292 of 407 atts. for 3,188 yds. and 19 TDs. Added 85 carries for 238 yds. and 1 TD on the ground. As a junior in 2020, started all 12 games and completed 243 of 365 atts. for 2,750 yds. and 19 TDs. Added 87 carries for 382 yds. and 5 rushing TDs. Started all 13 games as a sophomore in 2019, and completed 312 of 475 atts. for 3,982 yds. and 27 TDs. Added 93 carries for 249 yds. and 8 TDs on the ground. As a freshman in 2018, appeared in 10 games (8 starts) and completed 146 of 220 atts. for 2,250 yds. and 16 TDs. Added 100 carries for 308 yds. and 5 rushing TDs.

PERSONAL

- Attended Perry (Gilbert, AZ) HS, where he won Arizona Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior in 2017.
- Son of Shawn and Carrie Purdy.
- Majored in communications studies at Iowa State.
- Born Brock Purdy (12/27/99) in Queen Creek, AZ.



HASSAN RIDGEWAY

98 | **DL**

6-3 × 305 × TEXAS

11.2.94 × MANSFIELD, TX × 7TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '22

GOLDMINE

- At the 2017 NFL draft, Ridgeway, a fourth-round pick the year prior, returned to the draft to announce the Colts 2017 fourth-round pick with a special guest, Rocky the Orangutan from the Indianapolis Zoo. "What a difference a year makes," Ridgeway said on the experience.



RIDGEWAY'S GOLDEN NUGGET

Along with Josh Doctson and Rees Odhiambo, was one of three players who played high school football in Mansfield, TX to be selected in the 2016 NFL Draft.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- In August of 2016, Ridgeway and his Colts teammates visited the town of Kokomo, IN after a tornado devestated the town. The Kokomo Event Center was converted into a Red Cross Emergency Shelter where Ridgeway visited, met with locals, signed autographs and helped distribute donated food and supplies alongside the Red Cross.



RIDGEWAY'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	4	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
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Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/0**	**7**	**3**	**4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

RIDGEWAY'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2016	IND	16	5	21	8	13	1.5	6.5	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
2017	IND	13	1	14	5	9	3.0	22.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2018	IND	5	0	6	5	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	PHI	7	5	8	5	3	2.0	17.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2020	PHI	7	0	11	9	2	1.0	9.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2021	PHI	17	1	20	10	10	2.0	19.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2022	SF	3	0	7	3	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**68**	**12**	**87**	**45**	**42**	**9.5**	**73.5**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	IND	2	0	3	1	2	0.5	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2021	PHI	1	0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**3**	**0.5**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Det. (9/11/16); **First Start:** vs. Ten. (11/20/16); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at Jax. (10/2/16 – QB Blake Bortles); Postseason – at Hou. (1/5/19 – QB Deshaun Watson); **First FF:** Regular Season – at Det. (10/31/21 – RB D'Andre Swift)

RIDGEWAY'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 5 vs. Hou. (12/11/16); Postseason – 2 at Hou. (1/5/19)

Solo: Regular Season – 3 at Was. (9/13/20); Postseason – 1 at KC (1/12/19)

Assists: Regular Season – 4 vs. Hou. (12/11/16); Postseason – 2 at Hou. (1/5/19)

Sacks: Regular Season – 1 (9 times) Last at Det. (10/31/21); Postseason – 0.5 at Hou. (1/5/19)

Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 at Det. (10/31/21)

Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 at Jax. (10/2/16)

RIDGEWAY'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 4th–round (116th overall) draft choice by Ind. in 2016...Traded to Phi. on 4/27/19...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/23/19...Re–Signed with Phi. on a one–year deal on 3/18/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/26/20...Re–Signed with Phi. on a one–year deal on 3/23/21...Released by Phi. on 8/31/21...Re–Signed with Phi on a one–year deal on 9/2/21...Signed on a one–year with SF on 3/21/22.



CURTIS ROBINSON

59 | **LB** | 6-3 × 235 × STANFORD

6.2.98 × SANTA ANA, CA × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '21

GOLDMINE

- Robinson spent 5 seasons as a member of the Stanford Cardinal football team. At Stanford, Robinson played alongside current Houston Texans QB Davis Mills and 49ers WR Connor Wedington for four seasons. The trio caught up after the 49ers Week 17 win over the Texans during the 2021 NFL season.



- At the conclusion of Robinson's senior season he received the Al Masters Award, which is awarded to the Stanford football player who displays the highest degree of leadership and respect of his teammates.

ROBINSON'S GOLDEN NUGGET

At Stanford's pro day in March of 2021, Robinson impressed scouts by posting a 4.46 40-yard dash, a mere .07 seconds away from matching the best mark ever recorded by a LB.

ROBINSON'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Ankle) ON 8/31														
Sep 11	at Chi	L	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Ankle)–							–	–	–	–
Sep 18	Sea	W	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Ankle)–							–	–	–	–
Sep 25	at Den	L	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Ankle)–							–	–	–	–
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

ROBINSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2021	DEN/SF	6	0	5	2	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2022	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**6**	**0**	**5**	**2**	**3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2021	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 1: 2021 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Bal. (10/3/21)

ROBINSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 3 at Cle. (10/21/21)
Solo: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Phi. (11/14/21)
Assists: Regular Season – 3 at Cle. (10/21/21)

ROBINSON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by Den. on 5/14/21...Waived by Den. on 8/31/21...Signed to Den. practice squad on 9/1/21...Activated from Den. practice squad on 10/2/21...Reverted back to Den. practice squad on 10/4/21...Activated from Den. practice squad on 10/19/21...Waived by Den. on 10/26/21...Signed to Den. practice squad on 10/27/21...Activated from Den. practice squad on 11/13/21...Reverted back to Den. practice squad on 11/15/21...Waived by Den. on 11/30/21...Signed to SF practice squad on 12/6/21...Activated from SF practice squad on 12/23/21...Reverted back to SF practice squad on 12/24/21...Activated from SF practice squad on 1/1/22...Reverted back to SF practice squad on 1/3/22...Activated from SF practice squad on 1/8/22...Reverted back to SF practice squad on 1/10/22...Signed to Reserve/Future contract with SF on 1/31/22...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/31/22.



DEEBO SAMUEL

19 **WR**

6-0 × 215 × SOUTH CAROLINA

1.15.96 × INMAN, SC × 4TH YEAR × ACQUIRED D-2 IN '19

AWARDS AND HONORS

2021: NFC Offensive Player of the Week (Week 8 & Week 10), NFC Pro Bowl, AP First-Team All-Pro, Len Eshmont Award

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Registered 2 recepts. for 14 yds. to go along with 8 carries for 52 yds. and 1 TD at Chi (9/11). With 52 rushing yds. on the day, it marks the 3rd time in his career that he has registered 50-or-more rushing yds. in a game [79 yds. at Jax. (11/21/21) & 66 yds. vs. Min. (11/28/21)]. The rushing TD marked his first of the season and the 12th of his career, which is tied for the 2nd-most by a player whose primary position is WR since the merger.
- Registered 5 recepts. for 44 yds. to go along with 4 carries for 53 yds. vs. Sea. (9/18), including a career-long 51-yd. run in the 1st qtr.

MOST RUSHING TDS BY A WR, SINCE 1960

	Player	TDs
1.	WR Bobby Mitchell	18
2t.	**WR Deebo Samuel**	**12**
	WR Eric Metcalf	12

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Became the 3rd player in NFL history to have 1,000 rec. yds., 5 rec. TDs and 5 rushing TDs in a season [SF RB Roger Craig (1985) and StL RB Marshall Faulk (1999)].

PLAYERS TO REGISTER 1,000 REC. YDS., 5 REC. TDS AND 5 RUSHING TDS IN A SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Player	Year	Games
Deebo Samuel, SF	**2021**	**11**
Marshall Faulk, StL	1999	16
Roger Craig, SF	1985	16

- Became the 3rd-fastest player in franchise history (29 games) to reach 2,000 career rec. yds. at Chi. (10/31/21).

FASTEST TO 2,000 REC. YDS., FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Games
1.	Jerry Rice	27
2.	Gene Washington	28
3.	**Deebo Samuel**	**29**
4.	George Kittle	33
5.	Michael Crabtree	39

SAMUEL'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His father, Galen, gave him the nickname "Deebo" after the notorious bully in the 1995 movie *Friday* because he was always taking things away from people as a toddler. In high school, his stepmother, Precious Martin, gave him another nickname, "Sweet Feet," due to his speed.
- Lists his favorite player growing up as Reggie Bush.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- Finished the 2019 season with 802 rec. yds., which is 2nd all-time for most receiving yards by a rookie in franchise history.

MOST REC. YDS. IN A SINGLE SEASON BY A ROOKIE, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Year	Yds.
1.	Jerry Rice	1985	927
2.	**Deebo Samuel**	**2019**	**802**
3.	Brandon Aiyuk	2020	748
4.	Gene Washington	1969	711
5.	Dave Parks	1964	703

SAMUEL'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	2	14	7.0	8	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	5	44	8.8	15	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	5	73	14.6	32	0
Oct 3	LAR							
Oct 9	at Car							
Oct 16	at Atl							
Oct 23	KC							
Oct 30	at LAR							
Nov 13	LAC							
Nov 21	Arz							
Nov 27	NO							
Dec 4	Mia							
Dec 11	TB							
Dec 15	at Sea							
Dec 24	Was							
Jan 1	at LV							
Jan 7/8	Arz							
TOTALS			**3/3**	**12**	**131**	**10.9**	**32**	**0**

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- His 57 recepts. in 2019 are 3rd all-time for most recepts. by a rookie in franchise history.

MOST RECEPTS. IN A SINGLE SEASON BY A ROOKIE, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Year	Recepts.
1.	Earl Cooper (RB)	1980	83
2.	Brandon Aiyuk	2020	60
3.	**Deebo Samuel**	**2019**	**57**
4.	Gene Washington	1969	51
5.	Jerry Rice	1985	49

- Registered 3 games with 100-or-more rec. yds. during the 2019 season, which are the most in a single season by a rookie in franchise history.

MOST 100-YD. REC. GAMES IN A SINGLE SEASON BY A ROOKIE, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Year	Games
1.	**Deebo Samuel**	**2019**	**3**
2t.	Brandon Aiyuk	2020	2
	Jerry Rice	1985	2
	Dave Parks	1964	2

- Registered 3 games with 100-or-more rec. yds. during the 2019 season. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, his 3 games with 100-or-more rec. yds. are the most in a single season by a rookie in franchise history.
- According to the Elias Sports Bureau, he became the first WR in franchise history to have 3-or-more rushing TDs in a single season. He is the first WR to have 3-or-more rushing TDs in a single season in the NFL since 2016 (WR Tyreek Hill, KC – 3 rushing TDs & WR Ty Montgomery, GB – 3 rushing TDs).

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- A retail management major at South Carolina, Samuel is passionate about fashion and his appearances in front of the camera. His fashion flair became something he was known for during his time in Columbia, usually with help from his step-mom, Precious. Martin and Samuel would often video chat while he was away from home so she could help pick out his outfits. "I love it. It makes me feel like he needs me," she said. "I can't get enough of it. I don't know if he does it more for me or more for him." Samuel was even referred to as the best dressed player at SEC Media Day. When asked about Samuel's style, a former coach remarked that his style doesn't always coincide with his personality. "Coming through here he'd always be dressed to the max. It's surprising knowing how humble he is and soft-spoken he is, but it's almost like his clothing is his alter-ego," said Steven Fusaro, who coached Deebo during his time at Chapman High. Following his football career, Samuel hopes to start his own clothing line.
- Samuel, a South Carolina native, knew he wanted to stay close to home when he went to college. Growing up with eight siblings, family has been a staple in his life. Step-mom, Precious Martin, noted that Deebo and his siblings were always hanging out at the house and encouraging each other to accomplish their goals. One of her goals was to finally get her college degree after struggling in college during her youth. Deebo, like with the other members of his family, was there to support her, often helping her with her homework. "Deebo used to help me a lot with my math courses, he's real good in math," said Martin. "They've seen me working hard as far as working and working hard at school, a lot of sacrifices I had to make and a lot of things I had to miss out with them. I think that plays a major part in my children wanting to further their education." Her goal was accomplished when both she and Deebo graduated from college.

SAMUEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	15	11	57	802	14.1	42t	3	14	159	11.4	31	3
2020	SF	7	5	33	391	11.8	17	1	8	26	3.3	10	0
2021	SF	16	15	77	1,405	18.2	83	6	59	365	6.2	49	8
2022	SF	3	3	12	131	10.9	32	0	17	111	6.5	51	1
TOTALS		**41**	**34**	**179**	**2,729**	**15.2**	**83**	**10**	**98**	**661**	**6.7**	**51**	**12**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	3	3	10	127	12.7	30	0	6	102	17.0	32	0
2021	SF	3	3	10	154	15.4	44t	1	27	137	5.1	26t	1
TOTALS		**6**	**6**	**20**	**281**	**14.1**	**44t**	**1**	**33**	**239**	**7.2**	**32**	**1**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles–Lost – 8–4: 2019 (2–1), 2021 (4–2); 2022 (2–1)
Tackles – Regular Season – 2: 2019 (1); 2022 (2) **Postseason – 1:** 2019 (1)
Fumble Recoveries – 2: 2019 (1); 2021 (1)
Passing Attempts/Completions – 2/1: 2021 (2/1)
Passing TDs – 1: 2021 (1)
Passing Yards – 24: 2021 (24)
Tackles – 2: 2020 (1); 2021 (1)
Kick Returns – 3: 2021 (3) **Postseason – 1:** 2021 (3)
Kick Return Yards – 75: 2021 (75) **Postseason – 71:** 2021 (71)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at TB (9/8/19); **First Start:** at TB (9/8/19); **First Reception:** Regular Season – at TB (9/8/19 – 14–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – 10–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First TD Reception:** Regular Season – at Cin. (9/15/19 – 3–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); Postseason – at LAR (1/30/22 – 44–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – vs. Car. (10/27/19 – 20–yds.); Postseason – at Dal. (1/16/22 – 26–yds.); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 9, Last at Ten. (12/23/21 – 159–yds.)

SAMUEL'S CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (9)

Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
11/11/19	vs. Sea.	8	112	14.0	0	10/3/21	vs. Sea.	8	156	19.5	2
11/17/19	vs. Arz.	8	134	16.8	0	10/24/21	vs. Ind.	7	100	14.3	1
12/29/19	at Sea.	5	102	20.4	0	10/31/21	at Chi.	6	171	28.5	0
11/29/20	at LAR	11	133	12.1	0	12/23/21	at Ten.	9	159	17.7	0
9/12/21	at Det.	9	189	21.0	1						

SAMUEL'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 11 at LAR (11/29/20); Postseason – 5 at KC (2/2/20)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 189 at Det. (9/12/21); Postseason – 72 at LAR (1/30/22)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 83 at Chi. (10/31/21); Postseason – 44t at LAR (1/30/22)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 2 vs. Sea. (10/3/21); Postseason – 1 at LAR (1/30/22)
Rushes: Regular Season – 8 (2 times) Last at Cin. (12/12/21); Postseason – 10 (2 times) Last at GB. (1/22/22)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 79 at Jax. (11/21/21); Postseason – 72 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Rushing Touchdowns: Regular Season – 2 vs. Min. (11/28/21); Postseason – 1 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 51 vs. Sea. (9/18/22); Postseason – 32 (2 times) Last at KC (2/2/20)
Passes Attempted: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at LAR (1/9/22)
Completions: Regular Season – 1 at LAR (1/9/22)
Passing Yards: Regular Season – 24 at LAR (1/9/22)
Long Pass: Regular Season – 24t at LAR (1/9/22)
Passing Touchdowns: Regular Season – 1 (at LAR (1/9/22)
Kick Returns: Regular Season – 2 vs. Ind. (10/24/21); Postseason – 2 at LAR (1/30/22)
Kick Return Yards: Regular Season – 60 vs. Ind. (10/24/21); Postseason – 45 at GB (1/22/22)
Kick Return Long: Regular Season – 33 vs. Ind. (10/24/21); Postseason – 45 at GB (1/22/22)

SAMUEL'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 2nd–round (36th overall) draft choice by SF in 2019...Placed on the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 7/28/20...Activated from the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 9/5/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/12/20...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 10/3...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/4/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/6/20...Signed a three–year extension through 2025 with SF on 8/1/22.



AMBRY THOMAS

20 **CB**

6-0 × 190 × MICHIGAN

9.9.99 × DETROIT, MI × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED D-3B IN '21

GOLDMINE



- In April of 2022, Thomas joined Muslims of the World and Mercy-USA in flying thousands of miles to a small village in Somalilands, Somalia, where villagers had no access to water. Food and water in the area are very scare as Somalilands had not seen rain in nine months, leaving the land arid and it's people thirsty. Thomas met with children of the village, distributed clean water to the villagers and even offered to match any donation of the suggested $50 a month through a social media post. "The situation is heartbreaking, but just $50 could spark a change," said Thomas, who saw the visit as the perfect way to kick off Ramadan. Thomas' efforts online paid off, as he was able to reach over 10,000 supporters to the Somaliland Water Relief campaign who raised over $500,000 within a week of the first post.
- In June of 2019, Thomas was diagnosed with colitis. He quickly lost 35 pounds and was told he would not be able to play. Thomas dedicated himself to his return throughout a 34-day hospital stay. Thomas became a leader on his team and took charge in every way he could. "I don't know how he did it," former Michigan defensive coordinator Don Brown said. "I really don't. He's a special guy, now. Some guys would have missed a lot of time. Not this guy. He didn't miss a thing. That was the thing — I would walk off shaking my head: 'I can't believe this guy is functioning as well as he is. But that's who he is."
- His defensive coordinator wasn't the only coach who was impressed with Ambry's determination. "One thing that really stands out, looking back on it, was Ambry's attitude, his positive attitude, his attention to detail in terms of doing everything the doctors told him," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said. "Right down to the rest, the diet, the fluids he was taking in. He was so mature with the attitude that he had."

THOMAS' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- After dreaming of playing together in high school, cousin Jaylen Kelly Powell joined Thomas at Michigan to be teammates on the Wolverines squad. "We've been playing with each other all our life," Thomas said of Powell. "In Little League, we played Detroit Dolphins together. We were supposed to play at the same high school together, which was (Martin Luther) King, but he went to Cass (Technical). Every time I play him I act like I don't know him."
- Won two state championships at Martin Luther King (Detroit, MI) HS, which he and his teammates cite as honoring his late high school coach, Dale Harvel.

THOMAS' GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2021	SF	12	5	19	14	5	0.0	0.0	1	0	–	0	5	0	0	0
2022	SF	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**15**	**5**	**19**	**14**	**5**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2021	SF	2	2	16	13	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		**2**	**2**	**16**	**13**	**3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 8: 2021 (6); 2022 (2)
Kickoff Returns – 4: 2021 (4)
Kickoff Return Yards – 70: 2021 (70)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Det. (9/12/21); **First Start:** at Cin. (12/12/21); **First INT:** Regular Season – at LAR (1/9/22 – QB Matthew Stafford)

THOMAS' CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 6 at Cin. (12/12/21); Postseason – 13 at LAR (1/30/22)
Solos: Regular Season – 4 at Jax. (11/21/21); Postseason – 10 LAR (1/30/22)
Assists: Regular Season – 4 at Cin. (12/12/21); Postseason – 3 at LAR (1/30/22)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 2 at Ten. (12/23/21); Postseason – 1 at Dal. (1/16/22)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 at LAR (1/9/22)
Kickoff Returns: Regular Season – 4 at Det. (9/12/21)
Kickoff Return Yards: Regular Season – 70 at Det. (9/12/21)

THOMAS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally the second of two 3rd–round (102nd overall) draft choices by SF in 2021...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 1/5/22...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 1/7/22.



KEMOKO TURAY

53 | DL

6-5 × 248 × RUTGERS

7.11.95 × NEWARK, NJ × 5TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '22

GOLDMINE

- While at Rutgers, Turay earned the nickname, "the Kemoko dragon" due to his fierce play. "I see why they call me that," Kemoko said. "I'm also long, bendy and can attack. I admire komodo dragons and the things they can do and I like the nickname."
- Turay did not play a full season of football until his senior year of high school. As a freshman at East Orange Campus (NJ) HS, he had a season-ending ankle injury, which prompted his parents to transfer their son to Newark Tech (NJ), a school that did not have football, where he spent his sophomore and junior year. As a senior, Turay exploded in his first season of varisty football. He tallied a state-leading 19.0 sacks and helped lead his new school, Barringer (NJ) HS to their first playoff appearance in over 25 years. Following his breakout season, Turay earned a scholarship to Rutgers.
- Through the NFL's My Cause, My Cleats initiative, Turay has consisently represented and supported the Special Olympics. Turay has sported cleats honoring the organization in each of his three first seasons in the NFL.



TURAY'S GOLDEN NUGGET

Born in the West African country of Guinea and immigrated to the United States with his parents at the age of three as his family settled in New Jersey.

TURAY'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
SIGNED TO THE PRACTICE SQUAD ON 8/31														
Sep 11	at Chi	L	–	–	–PRACTICE SQUAD–				–	–	–	–	–	–
PROMOTED TO THE ACTIVE ROSTER ON 9/14														
Sep 18	Sea	W	–	–	–INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 25	at Den	L	–	–	–INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
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Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

TURAY'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	IND	14	3	15	11	4	4.0	7.5	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2019	IND	4	0	5	2	3	1.5	12.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2020	IND	7	0	4	3	1	1.0	5.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2021	IND	13	0	9	6	3	5.5	37.5	0	0	–	0	0	0	1	0
2022	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**38**	**3**	**33**	**22**	**11**	**12.0**	**62.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	IND	2	0	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2020	IND	1	0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Cin. (9/9/18); **First Start:** at NYJ (10/14/18); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at Phi. (9/23/18 – QB Carson Wentz); **First FF:** Regular Season – vs. Buf. (10/21/18 – QB Carson Wentz); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. Jax. (11/14/21 – QB Trevor Lawrence)

TURAY'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (3)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
9/23/18	at Phi.	1.5	1.5	Carson Wentz (1.5)
10/3/21	at Mia.	2.0	14.0	Jacoby Brissett (2.0)
12/5/21	at Hou.	2.0	13.0	Davis Mills (2.0)

TURAY'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 3 (3 times) Last at Mia. (10/3/21); Postseason – 2 at Hou. (1/5/19)
Solo: Regular Season – 3 vs. Buf. (10/21/18); Postseason – 2 at Hou. (1/5/19)
Assists: Regular Season – 2 at KC (10/6/19); Postseason – 1 at Buf. (1/9/21)
Sacks: Regular Season – 2.0 (2 times) Last at Hou. (12/5/21)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at LAC (9/8/19)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 2 at Jax. (11/14/21)

TURAY'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 2nd–round (52nd overall) draft choice by Ind. in 2018...Placed on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List on 9/5/20...Activated from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List on 11/17/20...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/22/21...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/29/21...Signed with SF on a one–year deal on 4/14/22...Released by SF on 8/30/22...Signed to SF practice squad on 8/31/22...Promoted to SF active roster on 9/14/22.



JASON VERRETT

2 | **CB** | 5-10 × 188 × TEXAS CHRISTIAN

6.18.91 × FAIRFIELD, CA × 9TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '19

AWARDS & HONORS

2015: AFC Pro Bowl

2020: Hazeltine Iron Man Award, Ed Block Courage Award

GOLDMINE



- Throughout his NFL career, Verrett has been involved in multiple community outreach initiatives, looking to positively impact the public. One that he frequently partakes in is the Play 60 program, which encourages kids to spend at least 60 minutes a day outside. During the events, players engage with young fans through drills, scrimmages, and more. As a professional football player, Verrett knows the importance of staying active and passes that wisdom on when he can. "Follow your heart, keep your dreams alive," he said. "That was something I did when I was younger. I just kept my dream alive, all about football. Making sure I took care of my body. All the right things to keep me going."



- Prior to the 2016 spring workouts, Verrett attempted to break a Guinness World Record. To break the record, Verrett needed to have some pretty decent speed. Evidently, he was too fast. On National High Five Day, the cornerback tried to break the world record for most high fives in one minute. In order to break the record, his attempt needed to be captured on video with a clear shot of each high five. Three hundred fans lined up to help him with the feat. Reaching every hand in 40 seconds, Verrett ran too quickly for the camera to follow him on a golf cart. Sadly, Verrett had to return to his workout and wasn't able to officially beat the previous record.

VERRETT'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Named the 49ers Hazeltine Iron Man Award winner for the 2020 season. The award is named for former linebacker Matt Hazeltine, a 13-year performer who played more seasons at linebacker than any other 49ers player. Known for his durability and dedication, Hazeltine passed away in 1987 from ALS, and Bill Walsh established the award in his honor that year. The award is given annually to the most courageous and inspirational defensive player as voted upon by the defensive coaches.
- Named the 49ers Ed Block Courage Award recipient in 2019. The Ed Block Courage Award is named after Ed Block, the former head athletic trainer of the Baltimore Colts of 23 years. Block was a pioneer in his profession and a respected humanitarian whose most passionate cause was helping children of abuse. The award is presented in his name each year to the player that exemplified a commitment to sportsmanship and courage. Ed Block Courage Award winners from each of the 32 NFL teams are honored at a banquet in Baltimore, MD.
- Is distant cousins with ESPN SportsCenter anchor Stan Verrett.
- In June of 2019, Verrett held "Feeva's Fun Fest" in Fairfield, CA, which hosted free activities such as bubble soccer, kickball, Jenga, cornhole and connect four, among others.
- Appeared on an episode of The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon prior to the 2014 NFL Draft at Radio City Music Hall. Verrett starred alongside seven other Draft hopefuls, including Odell Beckham Jr. and Teddy Bridgewater.

VERRETT'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
PLACED ON RESERVE/PUP (Knee) on 9/2														
Sep 11	at Chi	L	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 18	Sea	W	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 25	at Den	L	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Marvel's blockbuster Black Panther is a favorite of many, including cornerback Jason Verrett. When the film debuted in February of 2017, Verrett took 350 local students from Rodriguez High School to a screening. Verrett, a 2009 graduate of the school, acted like a superhero himself, hoping to uplift the kids who might not have been able to afford to see the film otherwise. The movie, which is set in Oakland and a fictional country in Africa called Wakanda, is highlighted by an African superhero and sports a primarily African-American cast. "I just think it's great. It's Marvel, first of all, plus it's so great for young kids to be able to have a superhero they admire and draw inspiration from," Verrett said.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- In December of 2018, Verrett spent his time with the Vacaville Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club, providing the kids with 50 winter coats, gift cards, and a bounty of toys. "Our Christmas party brings together the best in our community, especially the kids. They never know what gifts they will receive, or if they will even receive a gift," said Anna Eaton, executive director of the club. "[they] all were especially warmed to know that a community member thought of them."

VERRETT'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2014	SD	6	4	19	18	1	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
2015	SD	14	12	47	42	5	0.0	0.0	3	68	68t	1	12	0	0	0
2016	SD	4	4	13	11	2	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
2017	LAC	1	1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2018	LAC	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Achilles)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2019	SF	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2020	SF	13	13	60	50	10	0.0	0.0	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
2021	SF	1	1	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**40**	**35**	**145**	**125**	**20**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**7**	**68**	**68t**	**1**	**26**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	LAC	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Achilles)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2019	SF	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2021	SF	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 1: 2016 (1)

Milestones:

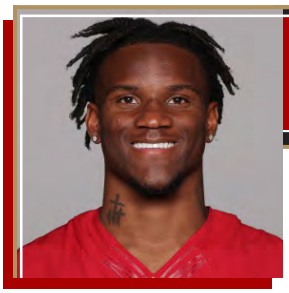
NFL Debut: at Arz. (9/8/14); **First Start:** vs. Sea. (9/14/14); **First INT:** Regular Season – at Oak. (10/12/14 – QB Derek Carr); **First INT Returned for a TD:** Regular Season – vs. Chi. (11/9/15 – QB Jay Cutler – 68 yds.)

VERRETT'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 11 vs. Buf. (12/7/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 11 vs. Buf. (12/7/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 3 vs. GB (11/5/20)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (7 times) Last vs. Was. (12/13/20)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 68 vs. Chi. (11/9/15)
Interception Returns For TD: Regular Season – 1 vs. Chi. (11/9/15)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 68 vs. Chi. (11/9/15)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 3 (2 times) Last vs. Chi. (11/9/15)

VERRETT'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st–round (25th overall) draft choice by SD in 2014...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/15/14...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/7/16...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/29/17...Activated from the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 8/4/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/23/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/1/18...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 3/14/19...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/3/19...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 4/13/20...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 4/1/21... Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/13/21... Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 5/2/22...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/27/22...Placed on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List on 9/2/22.



CHARVARIUS WARD

7 CB

6-1 × 196 × MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

5.16.96 × MCCOMB, MS × 5TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '22

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Recorded 8 tackles and intercepted a pass att. by Seahawks RB Deejay Dallas vs. Sea. (9/18). The INT marked his first of the season and as a member of the 49ers and the 5th of his career.
- Tallied 8 tackles, 1 PD and 1 FF at Den. (9/25). The FF of Denver Broncos RB Melvin Gordon marked his first of the season and the 2nd of his career [at Oak. (9/15/19) as a member of the Kansas City Chiefs].

GOLDMINE

- During Week 12 of the 2021 season, Ward traveled to his hometown of McComb, MS during the Chiefs' Bye Week to donate $10,000 worth of holiday food with help from the Boys and Girls Club and the Mississippi Food Network. "This is the place that made me who I am. Like, this is the reason why I'm in the NFL now," Ward said. "I love my hometown. This is the place that made me. I got a lot, so I just chose to give back this year and I'm making it a tradition from now on to give back every year. I just love my people and I want to give back to them." Ward, along with volunteers from The Boys & Girls Club and McComb High School, distributed turkeys and fresh produce to 290 families. Although Ward says this is just the beginning for his newly founded charity, Charvarius for Change.



- When Ward was a child, a large cyst in his hip left him wheelchair-bound for an extended period of time. During this period of his life, Ward built a strong bond with his family, his mother in particular, as they assisted him in all aspects of his daily life. Due to the injury, Ward did not play organized football until his senior year of high school, but against all odds, eventually made it to the NFL.

WARD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- First name is pronounced char-VEAR-ee-us.
- Founded the 'Charvarius for Change' foundation in 2021. The foundation's inaugural event occured in November and Ward says there'll be many more coming soon to his hometown of McComb, MS.
- Began his collegiate career at Hinds CC (MS) where he spent two seasons before transferring to Middle Tennessee State University.

WARD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	8	4	4	0.0	0.0	1	9	1	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	8	3	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/3**	**18**	**8**	**10**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**9**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**

WARD'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	KC	13	2	18	17	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	3	0	0	0
2019	KC	16	16	74	56	18	0.0	0.0	2	10	10	0	10	1	0	0
2020	KC	14	13	51	38	13	1.0	9.0	0	0	–	0	6	0	0	0
2021	KC	13	12	67	48	19	0.0	0.0	2	0	–	0	10	0	0	0
2022	SF	3	3	18	8	10	0.0	0.0	1	9	9	0	3	1	0	0
TOTALS		**59**	**46**	**228**	**167**	**61**	**1.0**	**9.0**	**5**	**19**	**10**	**0**	**32**	**2**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	KC	2	1	11	6	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	4	0	0	0
2019	KC	3	3	9	7	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
2020	KC	3	3	18	15	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
2021	KC	3	3	11	12	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	3	0	0	0
TOTALS		**11**	**10**	**54**	**40**	**14**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**9**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 12: 2018 (12)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Den. (10/1/18); **First Start:** at Sea. (12/23/18); **First INT:** Regular Season – at Oak. (9/15/19 – QB Derek Carr); **First FF:** Regular Season – aat Oak. (9/15/19 – QB Derek Carr); **First Sack:** at Den. (10/25/20 – QB Drew Lock)

WARD'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 10 at LAC (12/16/21); Postseason – 7 (2 times) Last vs. Buf. (1/24/21)
Solo: Regular Season – 9 at Oak. (12/30/18); Postseason – 6 (2 times) Last vs. Buf. (1/24/21)
Assists: Regular Season – 5 at Den. (9/25/22); Postseason – 3 vs. NE (1/20/19)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 3 (2 times) Last vs. Dal. (11/21/21); Postseason – 4 vs. Ind. (1/12/19)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (5 times) Last vs. Sea. (9/18/22)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 10 at Oak. (9/15/19)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 10 at Oak. (9/15/19)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at Den. (9/25/22)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 at Den. (10/25/20)

WARD'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by Dal. on 4/30/18...Traded to KC on 8/31/18...Re–Signed with KC on a one–year deal through 2021 on 6/10/21...Placed on the Reserve/Covid–19 List on 12/20/21...Activated from the Reserve/Covid–19 List on 12/23/21...Signed a three–year deal with SF on 3/16/22.



JIMMIE WARD

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DB

5-11 × 195 × NORTHERN ILLINOIS

7.18.91 × MOBILE, AL × 9TH YEAR × ACQUIRED D-1 IN '14

AWARDS & HONORS

2015: Hazeltine Iron Man Award

GOLDMINE

- In June of 2022, Ward hosted a free youth camp for 75 kids in his hometown of Racine, WI in celebration of Juneteenth. Ward guided the campers through a series of activities and enjoyed lunch with the group following a morning of hard work and fun.
- Ward and his teammates surprised guests of the CityTeam Men's Program and House of Grace in November of 2018, at Levi's Stadium. The group believed they were just taking a tour of the stadium, but they were in fact joining the 49ers players for a night full of exciting events. The guests received a makeover and haircut, selected a new outfit from Dockers, snapped a new headshot and then shared a Thanksgiving dinner with the 49ers players.



- Ward's family is no stranger to professional athletics. He is the cousin of former NBA player, Caron Butler. Butler, 10 years older than Ward, watched him grow up in Racine, WI, prior to Ward's move to Mobile, AL.



- While playing youth football, Ward went by the nickname 'Neko' and was teammates with former Alabama QB AJ McCarron with the Mobile Youth Football's Municipal Raiders. He played linebacker for the team that won multiple Youth Bowl Championships in Mobile.
- Growing up in Mobile, AL, Ward knew when to separate himself from others in his neighborhood. Said Ward, "From where I come from, the neighborhood that I grew up in, a lot of people don't make it out. There's a lot of stuff. They either flunk out of school, end up having a child so they have to drop out of school and raise that child, or end up going to jail. It really just made me want to do something more than what my peers were doing." Ward would later surround himself with positive influences.
- The 49ers and their families hosted 450 underserved boys and girls from the Bay Area for the first-ever 49ers Hope for the Holidays event. Each child had a once-in-a-lifetime experience traveling through Levi's Stadium and left with a brand new bike, helmet, lock, haircut, shoes, toys, glasses, backpack, dinner and more.

WARD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Named the 49ers Hazeltine Iron Man Award winner for the 2015 season. The award is named for former linebacker Matt Hazeltine, a 13-year performer who played more seasons at linebacker than any other 49ers player. Known for his durability and dedication, Hazeltine passed away in 1987 from ALS, and Bill Walsh established the award in his honor that year. The award is given annually to the most courageous and inspirational defensive player as voted upon by the defensive coaches.
- On the day he was selected by the 49ers in the 1st round of the 2014 NFL Draft, drove three hours to New Orleans to purchase a new purse for his mother's birthday. He said, "I never really bought her anything expensive, because you're a kid. Growing up you would write a card, color a card or just buy a card or simple flowers. That's the most I ever did. She likes purses, so I just decided to get her a purse. It really didn't matter how much it cost, you just wanted to see that smile." His act of generosity shows his true character. "I'm not a selfish person. I just like to see and make other people smile too. It makes me feel better as a person."
- Was friends growing up with former 49ers S Jaquiski Tartt. The two were teammates at W.P. Davidson HS in Mobile, AL.

WARD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Hamstring) ON 8/31														
Sep 11	at Chi	L	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Hamstring)–								–	–	–
Sep 18	Sea	W	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Hamstring)–								–	–	–
Sep 25	at Den	L	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Hamstring)–								–	–	–
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
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Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

WARD'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2014	SF	8	0	23	17	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	2	0	0	0
2015	SF	16	8	65	51	14	1.0	9.0	1	29	29t	1	6	0	0	0
2016	SF	11	10	64	49	15	1.0	7.0	1	8	8	0	12	0	0	0
2017	SF	7	6	32	27	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	1	43
2018	SF	9	7	23	18	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	SF	13	13	60	46	14	1.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	8	0	0	0
2020	SF	14	14	71	43	28	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	4	2	0	0
2021	SF	16	16	75	49	26	0.0	0.0	2	27	27t	1	6	0	0	0
2022	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**94**	**74**	**413**	**300**	**113**	**3.0**	**16.0**	**4**	**64**	**29t**	**2**	**39**	**2**	**1**	**43**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	3	3	17	13	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2021	SF	3	3	15	10	5	0.0	0.0	1	23	23	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		**6**	**6**	**32**	**23**	**9**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**23**	**23**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – Regular Season – 19: 2014 (3); 2015 (4); 2016 (2); 2018 (1); 2019 (5); 2020 (2); 2021 (2) **Postseason – 2:** 2019 (2)
Special Teams Forced Fumbles – 2: 2016 (1); 2018 (1)
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 2: 2016 (1); 2017 (1)
Blocked Field Goal Attempts – Postseason – 1: 2021 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Dal. (9/7/14); **First Start:** vs. Min. (9/14/15); **First INT:** Regular Season – at Chi. (12/6/15 – QB Jay Cutler); Postseason – at LAR (1/30/22 – QB Matthew Stafford); **First INT Returned for a TD:** Regular Season – at Chi. (12/6/15 – QB Jay Cutler); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. Cin. (12/20/15 – QB AJ McCarron); **First FR:** Regular Season – at Was. (10/15/17 – TE Vernon Davis); **First FF:** Regular Season – at LAR (11/29/20 – RB Malcolm Brown); Postseason – at KC (2/2/20 – QB Patrick Mahomes)

WARD'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 12 vs. NYJ (12/11/16); Postseason – 10 at KC (2/2/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 9 vs. NYJ (12/11/16); Postseason – 8 at KC (2/2/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 5 vs. Was. (12/13/20); Postseason – 4 at LAR (1/30/22)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 (3 times) Last vs. Arz. (11/17/19)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 2 vs. LAR (11/15/21); Postseason – 1 at LAR (1/30/22)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 29t at Chi. (12/6/15); Postseason – 23 at LAR (1/30/22)
Interception Returns For TD: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. LAR (11/15/21)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 29t at Chi. (12/6/15); Postseason – 23 at LAR (1/30/22)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 2 at LAR (11/29/20); Postseason – 1 at KC (2/2/20)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 at Was. (10/15/17)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 4 at Arz. (11/13/16)

WARD'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st–round (30th overall) draft choice by SF in 2014...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/15/14...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/20/16...Placed on the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 7/28/17...Activated from the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 8/24/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/1/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/27/18...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/15/19...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/26/19...Activated from the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/30/19...Re–signed with SF on a three–year deal on 3/24/20...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 1/3/22...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 1/8/22...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/31/22.



FRED WARNER

54 **LB**

6-3 × 230 × BRIGHAM YOUNG

11.19.96 × SAN MARCOS, CA × 5TH YEAR × ACQUIRED D-3A IN '18

AWARDS & HONORS

2019: NFC Defensive Player of the Month (November), NFC Defensive Player of the Week (Week 12).

2020: AP First-Team All-Pro, Len Eshmont Award, Bill Walsh Award, NFC Pro Bowl, NFC Defensive Player of the Week (Week 16).

PRO BOWL 2021

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2018, became the first NFL rookie since 2000 to begin his career with 4 consecutive games of at least 10 tackles, according to Gamebook Statistics.

GOLDMINE

- Warner credits his mother, Laura, as the number one influence in his life. He notes that his mother raised him and his siblings all by herself while making sacrifices along the way. "She taught all of us about hard work," Warner said. On draft day, Laura was by Fred's side as he was selected by the 49ers in the third round. "She was right next to me," he said. "She got the first hug."



- During the 2022 offseason, Warner and his fellow linebackers, Azeez Al-Shaair and Dre Greenlaw, were invited to throw out the first pitch at a San Francisco Giants game. The trio took a few swings at batting practice and mingled with Giants players prior to throwing out ceremonial first pitches and cheering on the hometown team.



WARNER'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- In 2020, was the recipient of the 49ers Len Eshmont Award, which is voted on by the players and is given to the 49er who best exemplifies the inspirational and courageous play of Len Eshmont, an original member of the 1946 49ers team.
- Named the recipient of the 2020 Bill Walsh Award, which was established in 2004 in honor of San Francisco's Hall of Fame Head Coach. The award, which is voted on by the coaching staff, is given to the 49er who has best represented the standard of professional excellence established by Walsh. Walsh served as the team's head coach for 10 seasons from 1979-88. In that time, he compiled a record of 102-63-1 and led the team to three Super Bowls. He was twice named Coach of the Year (1981, 1984) and was later named Coach of the Decade for the 1980s.
- Caught the attention of BYU coaches after a die-hard BYU fan and family friend sent Warner's highlight tape to the coaches and was later offered a scholarship.
- At BYU, was roommates with his younger brother Troy, who played cornerback for the Cougars and signed with the Tampa Bay Bucaneers as a free agent in 2021.

WARNER'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	6	4	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	3	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	7	4	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/3**	**16**	**9**	**7**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during the 2019 season. Warner and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Warner represented Cancer CAREPOINT and said, "I play to honor my grandmother who passed from breast cancer."



- The 49ers hosted the third annual Crucial Catch Fashion Show presented by Dignity Health in October of 2019, featuring cancer warriors representing all cancers as they modeled apparel donated by Levi's. Warner and his teammates were paired with each of the warriors to share their stories of strength and courage with the audience and walk the runway.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- In October of 2019, Warner teamed up with the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a volunteer-powered charity that funds childhood cancer research grants. During the fundraiser, they assisted in shaving the heads of volunteers as a symbol of support of the cancer warriors.



- The 49ers LBs welcomed eight foster youth from Unity Care to Levi's Stadium in December of 2019. This group received gifts and much needed resources, like bedding and new shoes, this holiday season. The linebackers chose to support foster youth to honor teammate Dre Greenlaw who is a former foster youth.
- The 49ers joined forces with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose as part of their Community Tuesday kickoff event in September of 2018. Warner took part in the event by serving dinner to nearly 200 residents in need, refilling beverages and bussing tables. The 49ers partner with Martha's Kitchen throughout the year by donating excess food after stadium events. Martha's Kitchen's mission is to "feed the hungry with dignity, no questions asked, no judgements made."

WARNER'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	SF	16	16	123	84	39	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	6	1	1	0
2019	SF	16	16	118	89	29	3.0	31.0	1	46	46t	1	9	3	0	0
2020	SF	16	16	125	79	46	1.0	11.0	2	3	3	0	6	1	2	0
2021	SF	16	16	137	79	58	0.5	5.0	0	0	–	0	4	1	3	0
2022	SF	3	3	16	9	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		**67**	**67**	**519**	**340**	**179**	**4.5**	**47.0**	**3**	**49**	**46t**	**1**	**26**	**6**	**6**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	3	3	20	11	9	0.0	0.0	1	3	3	0	2	0	0	0
2021	SF	3	3	21	13	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS		**6**	**6**	**41**	**24**	**17**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 1: 2018 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Min. (9/9/18); **First Start:** at Min. (9/9/18); **First FF:** Regular Season – at Min. (9/9/18 – RB Dalvin Cook); Postseason – at GB (1/22/22 – TE Marcedes Lewis); **First FR:** Regular Season – at Arz. (10/28/18 – TE Jermaine Gresham); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. Sea. (11/11/19 – QB Russell Wilson); **First Multi–Sack Game:** Regular Season – vs. Sea. (11/11/19 – 2.0; QB Russell Wilson); **First INT:** Regular Season – vs. LAR (12/21/19 – QB Jared Goff); Postseason – at KC (2/2/20 – QB Patrick Mahomes); **First TD:** Regular Season – vs. LAR (12/21/19)

WARNER'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (1)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
11/11/19	vs. Sea.	2.0	18.0	Russell Wilson (2.0)

WARNER'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 15 vs. Hou. (1/2/22); Postseason – 10 at LAR (1/30/22)
Solo: Regular Season – 11 at Min. (9/9/18); Postseason – 7 at LAR (1/30/22)
Assists: Regular Season – 8 (2 times) Last vs. Hou. (1/2/22); Postseason – 4 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 3 at Arz. (12/26/20); Postseason – 1 (3 times) Last at LAR (1/30/22)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (6 times) Last vs. Hou. (1/2/22); Postseason – 1 at GB (1/22/22)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (6 times) Last vs. Atl. (12/19/21)
Sacks: Regular Season – 2.0 vs. Sea. (11/11/19)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at NE (10/25/20); Postseason – 1 at KC (2/2/20)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 46t vs. LAR (12/21/19); Postseason – 3 at KC (2/2/20)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 46t vs. LAR (12/21/19); Postseason – 3 at KC (2/2/20)
Interception Returns for TD: Regular Season – 1 vs. LAR (12/21/19)

WARNER'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 3rd–round (70th overall) draft choice by SF in 2017...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 8/31/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 9/9/20... Signed a five–year extension through 2026 with SF on 7/21/21.



TRENT WILLIAMS

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6-5 × 320 × OKLAHOMA

7.19.88 × LONGVIEW, TX × 13TH YEAR × ACQUIRED TR IN '20 - WAS.

AWARDS & HONORS

2012: NFC Pro Bowl
2013: NFC Pro Bowl
2014: NFC Pro Bowl
2015: AP Second-Team All-Pro, PFWA All-NFC Team, NFC Pro Bowl
2016: PFWA All-NFC Team, *Sporting News* First-Team All-Pro, NFC Pro Bowl
2017: *Sporting News* First-Team All-Pro, NFC Pro Bowl
2018: NFC Pro Bowl
2020: NFC Pro Bowl, Garry Niver Award
2021: NFL Way to Play (Week 3 & Week 5), NFC Pro Bowl, AP First-Team All-Pro, PFWA All-NFL Team, PFWA All-NFC Team, Garry Niver Award, Sporting News All-Pro

PRO BOWL HAWAII 01.27.13

PRO BOWL HAWAII 01.26.14

PRO BOWL ARIZONA 01.25.15

PRO BOWL HAWAII 2016

PRO BOWL ORLANDO 01.29.17

PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2018

PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2019

PRO BOWL 2021

PRO BOWL LAS VEGAS 2022

GOLDMINE

- When Williams was young, he and his family lost his paternal grandfather, John L. Hawkins, due to Type 2 diabetes. It affected Williams deeply, saying, "Not being able to build that relationship with my grandfather, sometimes I still think about it." To honor his memory and expand the awareness and prevention of diabetes, Williams began to serve as an ambassador for the American Diabetes Association in 2014, and has done so ever since in order to help others focus on the importance of wellness in life. "As we all know, it affects a lot of Americans, not just around the world, but in America we have almost 30 million people living with the disease," Williams said. "It's almost catastrophic, and it can be without the right awareness. Obviously, I lost my grandfather at a young age to this disease, so I have a special interest in working with the ADA every year. To me, I feel like it's something that I have to do," Williams said. "I owe it to my family and to myself to do."
- In July of 2022, EA Sports named Williams the first OL to be rated 99 overall in the Madden franchise since NFL Hall of Fame T Walter Jones in 2007.

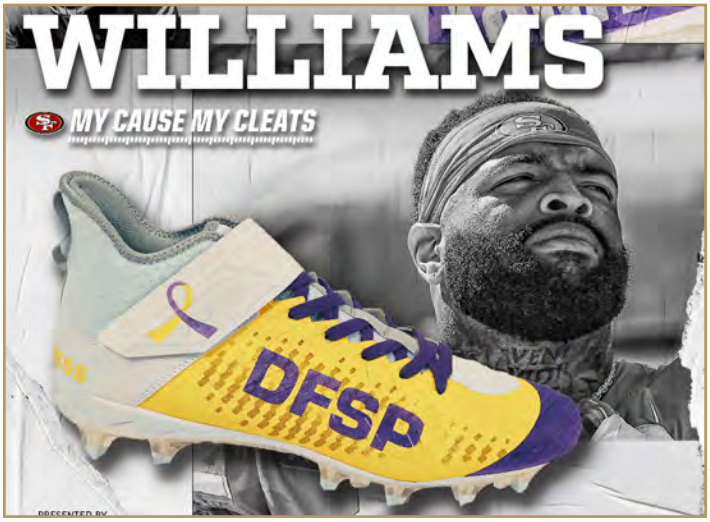


WILLIAMS' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Was the 49ers 2020 and 2021 Garry Niver Award winner, presented annually by the San Francisco Chapter of the Pro Football Writers of America to a 49ers player for his cooperation and professionalism in helping the writers do their jobs.
- Honored in his hometown of Longview, Texas, with "Trent Williams Day" on May 12, 2010 to celebrate his selection in the NFL Draft.
- In 2016, Williams partnered with Nike in order donate over 1,000 shoes to give to each elementary school campus in his hometown of Longview, Texas, for kids who are in need.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- During Week 13 of the 2020 season, 49ers players wore custom cleats as a part of the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign. Williams and his teammates highlighted their respective causes, with Williams representing the DFSP Foundation.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- In May of 2017, Williams returned to his roots as he walked through the Lobo Stadium tunnel at his alma mater of Longview High School. Williams returned to Texas to partake in a ceremony held by the school for the 2006 Longview graduate in conjunction with the football team's Green-White Game in order to retire his No. 71 jersey. He became the second former player to have his jersey number retired in the school's history. "It's a surreal feeling," Williams said. "Never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine getting my jersey retired, especially at a high school like this that's rich in tradition in football. To know that I've done enough in my career, and I feel like I've got a lot left to do, to have my jersey retired, it's a blessing."



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Throughout his career, Williams has made it a priority to assist and help those who shaped him in his younger years. In 2015, Williams donated $25,000 to his high school alma mater to help fund EKG screening for every member of the football program. He has also donated a new locker room, new shoes for elementary students and Christmas gifts for those in need in his hometown of Longview, Texas. "This is home," his mother, Veronica, said. "Trent loves giving back to the community here. When it's involving children, that's his first love." Williams' former high school coach, John King, added, "The money he's given our football program, our athletic program, our high school, the at-risk kids throughout the district and in this community, he's never forgotten home. He's done a lot of things that haven't gotten recognition. Just a tremendous person."
- In June of 2018, Williams hosted the 5th Life and Skills Camp, also known as Silverback football camp, at Lobo Stadium in his hometown of Longview, Texas. Williams hosted more than 100 athletes during the afternoon with assistance from Los Angeles Rams LB Travin Howard, who also attended Longview High School, as well as other volunteer coaches. Williams enjoys being able to give back to his community, and said, "This is where I grew up, the place that birthed me. Anytime I get a chance to come back and connect with the community, I love it."



WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 152/151: 2010 (14/13); 2011 (10/10); 2012 (16/16); 2013 (16/16); 2014 (15/15); 2015 (14/14); 2016 (12/12); 2017 (10/10); 2018 (13/13); 2019 (IR); 2020 (14/14); 2021 (15/15); 2022 (3/3)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 5/5: 2012 (1/1); 2015 (1/1); 2021 (3/3)

Additional Statistics:
Fumble Recoveries – 2: 2017 (1); 2018 (1)
Tackles – 12: 2010 (1); 2011 (2); 2013 (4); 2014 (1); 2017 (2); 2020 (1); 2021 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Dal. (9/12/10); **First Start:** vs. Dal. (9/12/10); **100th Career Start:** at KC (10/2/17)

WILLIAMS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st–round (4th overall) draft choice by Was. in 2010...Placed on the Reserve/Suspended List on 12/6/11...Signed a five–year extension through 2020 with Was. on 8/30/15...Placed on the Reserve/Suspended List on 11/1/16... Activated from the Reserve/Suspended List on 12/6/16...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/23/17...Placed on the Reserve/Did Not Report List on 7/27/19...Placed on the Exempt List on 10/30/19...Placed on the Reserve/NFI List on 11/7/19...Traded to SF on 4/25/20...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/4/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/6/20...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/20/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/28/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 1/1/21...Re–signed with SF on a six–year deal on 3/23/21.



JORDAN WILLIS

75 DL

6-4 × 270 × KANSAS STATE

5.2.95 × KANSAS CITY, MO × 6TH YEAR × ACQUIRED TR IN '20 - NYJ

GOLDMINE

- Willis comes from a family of hard workers, with that example set for him by his dad, Calvin. Calvin Willis worked in the same auto shop for over 20 years. As he grew in the business, he worked harder to provide a better life for his family. The Willis' moved multiple times throughout Jordan's childhood, including switching grade schools twice and middle schools twice, all across the greater Kansas City area. "I've got a lot of diversity," Jordan said. "Whether it was a social education when we lived in the inner city, and I had a private education as well, so I got a wide variety of different experiences." Eventually, Willis began at Rockhurst High School, an all-boys prep school in Kansas City. A natural-born leader, he used his ambition and work ethic to help those on and off the field, and was elected student-body president by his peers as a senior. "If I'm not playing football, I want to go into coaching," says Willis. "But if it was a job outside of football, I would go into politics, but I would want to go into local politics, because I would want to actually affect people."

WILLIS' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Served as the student body president as a senior at Rockhurst (Kansas City, MO) HS.
- Comes from a large family, and is the seventh of 11 children.

WILLIS' GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	–	–	–	–INACTIVE–			–	–	–	–	–	–
PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Knee) ON 9/14														
Sep 18	Sea	W	–	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Knee)				–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 25	at Den	L	–	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Knee)				–	–	–	–	–	–
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

WILLIS' CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2017	CIN	16	1	25	17	8	1.0	4.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2018	CIN	16	1	20	15	5	1.0	7.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	1	0
2019	CIN/NYJ	9	0	7	4	3	1.0	1.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2020	NYJ/SF	9	0	13	7	6	2.5	18.5	0	0	–	0	0	0	1	0
2021	SF	10	0	15	6	9	3.0	23.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2022	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**60**	**2**	**80**	**49**	**31**	**8.5**	**53.5**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2021	SF	3	0	4	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Blocked Punts – 1: 2017 (1) **Postseason – 1:** 2021 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Bal. (9/10/17); **First Start:** vs. Hou. (9/14/17); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. Buf. (10/5/17 – QB Tyrod Taylor); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. Bal. (10/13/18 – QB Joe Flacco); **First FF:** Regular Season – at Jax. (10/27/19 – QB Gardner Minshew)

WILLIS' CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 5 vs. Hou. (9/14/17); Postseason – 2 (2 times) Last at LAR (1/30/22)
Solo: Regular Season – 3 (2 times) Last at Bal. (12/31/17); Postseason – 1 (2 times) Last at LAR (1/30/22)
Assists: Regular Season – 4 vs. Hou. (9/14/17); Postseason – 1 (2 times) Last at LAR (1/30/22)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 vs. Bal. (9/13/18)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 (8 times) Last vs. Hou. (1/2/22)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Hou. (1/2/22)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at Buf. (9/13/20)

WILLIS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 3rd–round (73rd overall) draft choice by Cin. in 2017...Waived by Cin. on 9/10/19...Claimed off waivers by NYJ on 9/11/19...Traded to SF on 10/27/20...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 11/23/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 1/1/21...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/23/21...Placed on the Reserve/Suspended List on 6/17/21...Activated from the Reserve/Suspended List on 10/25/21.....Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/23/22...Released by SF on 8/30/22...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 8/31/22...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/14/22.



JEFF WILSON JR.

22 | **RB** | 6-0 × 213 × NORTH TEXAS

11.16.95 × ELKHART, TX × 5TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '18

AWARDS & HONORS

2020: FedEx Ground Player of the Week (Week 7)

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Recorded 12 carries for 75 yds. at Den. (9/25), including a career-long 37-yd. rush.

GOLDMINE



- Wilson holds a close relationship with his father, Jeff Sr. His father, who played running back at the University of Texas-Arlington before the school decided to end the program, has guided Jeff Jr. throughout his athletic career and life. "He's always been a major part of my life," Wilson said. "I don't even remember him missing a single one of my games. That's the type of father he is."
- When he was 13 years of age, Wilson moved to Elkhart, TX, to live with his father, Jeff Wilson Sr. and his father used the rural surroundings to their advantage, creating a training program using the equipment they already owned. "We'd go old school," said Wilson. "We'd just hook up a tractor tire to a rope in the front yard, put a little loop around it and now I'm running with the tire. That was kind of like our little sled." The two of them would get up early every day and train, running long distances and catching passes in the yard. "That's why I love the country. There's a lot of things you can do with a lot of different things. You can have fun with it." When his little sister moved out of the house, Wilson and his dad then converted her room into a makeshift gym. "We had the cement weights," Wilson said. "It was basically a rock. If you dropped it on the ground, it would crack. We didn't have a lot of big weights, so we would have, like, three or four 25s on the bar and two to four 10s. We used to make up stuff. That was the beauty of it."

WILSON'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Has been drumming since he was two years old. His father, Wilson Sr., sang in a gospel group and Wilson backed him up on the drums.
- Grew up in Elkhart, TX, roughly 10 miles from the hometown of RB Adrian Peterson. Wilson and his dad, Jeff Wilson Sr., regularly attended Peterson's high school games, breaking down his play to emulate his style in practice.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Wilson and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Wilson represented MADD, saying, "I play for awareness against drunk driving."



WILSON'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	9	22	2.4	0	0	2	8	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/1	18	84	4.7	16	0	2	19	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/1	12	75	6.3	37	0	3	31	0
Oct 3	LAR										
Oct 9	at Car										
Oct 16	at Atl										
Oct 23	KC										
Oct 30	at LAR										
Nov 13	LAC										
Nov 21	Arz										
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Dec 4	Mia										
Dec 11	TB										
Dec 15	at Sea										
Dec 24	Was										
Jan 1	at LV										
Jan 7/8	Arz										
TOTALS			**3/2**	**39**	**181**	**4.6**	**37**	**0**	**7**	**58**	**0**

WILSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2018	SF	6	2	66	266	4.0	18	0	12	98	8.2	8	0
2019	SF	10	0	27	105	3.9	25	4	3	34	11.3	25t	1
2020	SF	12	3	126	600	4.8	34	7	13	133	10.2	21t	3
2021	SF	9	4	79	294	3.7	17	2	7	31	4.4	11	0
2022	SF	3	2	39	181	4.6	37	0	7	58	8.3	16	0
TOTALS		**40**	**11**	**337**	**1,446**	**4.3**	**37**	**13**	**42**	**354**	**8.4**	**25t**	**4**

PLAYOFFS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	1	0	0	0	–	–	0	1	20	20.0	20	0
2021	SF	2	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**1**	**20**	**20.0**	**20**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Fumbles–Lost – 7–5: 2018 (3–2); 2020 (2–2); 2021 (1–0); 2022 (1–1)
Special Teams Tackles – 4: 2018 (1); 2019 (2); 2021 (1)
Fumbles Recoveries – 2: 2020 (1); 2021 (1)
Tackles – 2: 2020 (1); 2022 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at TB (11/25/18); **First Start:** vs. Den. (12/9/18); **First Reception:** Regular Season – at TB (11/25/18 – 8–yd. pass from QB Nick Mullens); Postseason – at KC (2/2/20 – 20–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – at Cin. (9/15/19 – 2–yds.); **First Receiving TD:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (11/17/19 – 25–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 3, Last vs. Atl. (12/19/21 – 110 yds.)

WILSON'S CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (3)

Date	Opp	Rsh	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rsh	Yds	Avg	TD
10/25/20	at NE	17	112	6.6	3	12/19/21	vs. Atl.	21	110	5.2	1
12/26/20	at Arz.	22	183	8.3	0						

WILSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: Regular Season – 23 vs. Den. (12/9/18)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 183 at Arz. (12/26/20)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 37 at Den. (9/25/22)
Rushing TDs: Regular Season – 3 at NE (10/25/20)
Receptions: Regular Season – 8 at Sea. (12/2/18); Postseason – 1 at KC (2/2/20)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 73 at Sea. (12/2/18); Postseason – 20 at KC (2/2/20)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 25t vs. Arz. (11/17/19); Postseason – 20 at KC (2/2/20)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 1 (4 times) Last vs. Sea. (1/3/21)

WILSON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by SF on 5/1/18...Waived by SF on 9/1/18...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/2/18...Promoted to SF active roster on 11/24/18...Waived by SF on 8/31/19...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/1/19...Promoted to SF active roster on 9/14/19...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 4/20/20...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 7/30/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 8/4/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/31/20...Signed a one–year contract extension through 2021 with SF on 1/26/21...Placed on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List on 8/31/21...Activated from Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List on 11/6/21...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/29/22.



MITCH WISHNOWSKY

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AWARDS & HONORS

2019: NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 9)
2021: NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 2)
NFC Special Teams Player of the Month (September)

GOLDMINE

- During Week 13 of the 2020 season, 49ers players wore custom cleats as a part of the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign. Wishnowsky and his teammates highlighted their respective causes, with Wishnowsky representing the World Wildlife Fund.
- While working as a glazier, a glass installation specialist, in Australia, Wishnowsky's friends began showing him NFL games. After a couple years, he decided to leave his job and move to Melbourne to join ProKick Australia, a training academy for aspiring punters. Founded by Nathan Chapman, an Australian who once had an opportunity with the Packers, the academy has had massive success, with about 50 punters on Division I scholarships. "While Americans grow up wanting to throw the ball, we grow up trying to kick 60-yard goals," he said. "Sure, the techniques are slightly different, but the swing of your leg is pretty much the same. We have that muscle memory drilled into us from a young age."



- Prior to Week 2's matchup in Cincinnati during the 2019 season, the 49ers spent time in Youngstown, OH, where they participated in the Community Blitz. Wishnowsky and some of his teammates joined the students at Williamson Elementary School to talk about inclusion and anti-bullying. The players spoke at an assembly before helping the kids write compliment cards and discuss how to be kind to one another.



WISHNOWSKY'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Last name is pronounced wish-NOW-ski.
- Left school at the age of 17 to take an apprenticeship as a glass installation specialist.
- Accumulated 62 punts that traveled 50-or-more yards during his career at Utah, 2nd most in the school's history.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- Participated in the 49ers Annual Community Day, helping pack more than 31,000 nutritious meals in collaboration with Feeding Children Anywhere. The meals, along with groceries and backpacks, were distributed to those most in need in East San Jose.
- Wishnowsky is a naturally talented athlete, whether it is something that requires pure strength or skill. While he participated in universally popular athletics, like soccer and rugby, he enjoyed any sort of competition. When he was 12 years old, he won a major West Australian Billiards tournament. Before shifting to football in the U.S., he was a member of a local semi-pro team in the West Australian Football League. While at Santa Barbara Community College, he found that his ideal conditioning was a mix of hitting the weight room and playing beach volleyball.

WISHNOWSKY'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In20	Lg	Blk
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	4	161	40.3	40.3	0	3	51	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	3	132	44.0	44.0	0	2	47	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	7	362	51.7	44.7	2	3	74	0
Oct 3	LAR										
Oct 9	at Car										
Oct 16	at Atl										
Oct 23	KC										
Oct 30	at LAR										
Nov 13	LAC										
Nov 21	Arz										
Nov 27	NO										
Dec 4	Mia										
Dec 11	TB										
Dec 15	at Sea										
Dec 24	Was										
Jan 1	at LV										
Jan 7/8	Arz										
TOTALS			**3/0**	**14**	**655**	**46.8**	**43.3**	**2**	**8**	**74**	**0**

WISHNOWSKY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	G	NO	YDS	AVG	RET	YDS	NET	TB	IN 20	LG	BLK
2019	SF	16	52	2,333	44.9	23	131	41.6	2	23	65	0
2020	SF	16	66	3,093	46.9	23	183	41.6	6	25	60	1
2021	SF	17	57	2,566	45.0	7	47	40.5	5	21	67	0
2022	SF	3	14	655	46.8	3	9	43.3	2	8	74	0
TOTALS		**52**	**189**	**8,647**	**45.8**	**69**	**479**	**41.4**	**15**	**77**	**74**	**1**

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	G	NO	YDS	AVG	RET	YDS	NET	TB	IN 20	LG	BLK
2019	SF	3	8	349	43.6	2	0	41.1	1	4	56	0
2021	SF	3	14	601	42.9	6	16	40.4	2	6	52	0
TOTALS		**6**	**22**	**950**	**43.2**	**5**	**16**	**43.2**	**3**	**10**	**56**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 9: 2019 (2); 2020 (4); 2021 (3)
XP–XPA – 1–2: 2021 (1–2)
FG–FGA – 0–1: 2021 (0–1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at TB (9/8/19); **First punt inside–20:** Regular Season – at TB (9/8/19); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20); **First PAT:** Regular Season – vs. Sea. (10/3/21)

WISHNOWSKY'S CAREER HIGHS

Punts: Regular Season – 9 vs. Was. (12/13/20); Postseason – 5 (2 times) Last at LAR (1/30/22)
Gross Average: Regular Season – 54.8 vs. GB (11/5/20); Postseason – 46.8 at GB (1/22/22)
Net Average: Regular Season – 50.5 vs. Arz. (11/17/19); Postseason – 44.6 at GB (1/22/22)
Long Punt: Regular Season – 74 at Den. (9/25/22); Postseason – 56 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Inside–20: Regular Season – 4 (2 times) Last vs. Was. (12/13/20); Postseason – 3 at LAR (1/30/22)

WISHNOWSKY'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 4th–round (110th overall) draft choice by SF in 2019...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/27/21...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 1/1/22...Signed a four–year extension with SF through 2026 on 9/16/22.



CHARLIE WOERNER

89 **TE**

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GOLDMINE

- Woerner grew up in a busy household, as he was brother to six siblings: Rachel, Allen, Peter, Jack, Sally and Lucy. As the second youngest of seven kids, Woerner gained his competitive spirit by trying to keep up with his older brothers. Whether it was on the playground or out hunting, Woerner always pushed himself to keep up the pace set by his siblings. "People ask me, 'Who did you look up to when you were young?'" Woerner said. "I don't say some pro athlete or college athlete. I've always looked up to my big brothers. They're who I spent all my time with. Definitely, without a doubt, they're the biggest influences in my life."



- Growing up in a small town in Georgia, Woerner and his family love outdoor activities, as they all enjoy hunting wild turkey and other game in the area. "I think a lot of it was just being outside playing," he said. "Mom and Dad would make us stay outside for the whole day. We'd go inside to get water and they'd just shove us right back outside. We were always in the woods running around."



WOERNER'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His last name is pronounced WER-ner.
- Has caught several sharks while fishing in the ocean.
- Woerner followed in the footsteps of his uncle, Scott Woerner, a College Football Hall of Fame defensive back who helped Georgia win a national title in 1980 and was drafted in the 3rd round (80th overall) of the 1981 NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons. Additionally, Woerner's father, Kent, was a fullback at Furman University.



WOERNER'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/0	0	0	–	–	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	0	0	–	–	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	0	0	–	–	0
Oct 3	LAR							
Oct 9	at Car							
Oct 16	at Atl							
Oct 23	KC							
Oct 30	at LAR							
Nov 13	LAC							
Nov 21	Arz							
Nov 27	NO							
Dec 4	Mia							
Dec 11	TB							
Dec 15	at Sea							
Dec 24	Was							
Jan 1	at LV							
Jan 7/8	Arz							
TOTALS			**3/0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

WOERNER'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2020	SF	14	0	3	36	12.0	18	0	0	0	–	–	0
2021	SF	17	3	5	52	10.4	27	0	0	0	–	–	0
2022	SF	3	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**34**	**3**	**8**	**88**	**11.0**	**27**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2021	SF	3	1	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 11: 2020 (3); 2021 (8)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Arz. (9/13/20); **First Start:** vs. Ind. (10/24/21); **First Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Buf. (12/7/20 – 15–yd. pass from QB Nick Mullens)

WOERNER'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2 vs. Buf. (12/7/20)
Receiving Yards: 33 vs. Buf. (12/7/20)
Long Reception: 27 vs. Ind. (10/24/21)

WOERNER'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 6th–round (190th overall) draft choice by SF in 2020...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/19/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 12/29/20...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/27/22...Activated from the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 8/15/22.



SAMUEL WOMACK III

26 **CB**

5-10 × 189 × TOLEDO

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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Posted 2 tackles and his first-career FF of Denver Broncos RB Melvin Gordon at Den. (9/25).

GOLDMINE

- Womack comes to the 49ers with a pair of connections to current 49ers CBs, Ambry Thomas and Ka'Dar Hollman. Womack and Thomas both grew up in Detroit, MI and although they went to rival high schools, the two remain close. "I don't like his school, but me and him have a great relationship," Womack said. "That's my man, that's my brother. Me and him worked out a couple times and chopped it up a couple times, so I'm familiar with him." Womack continued his playing career at the University of Toledo where he spent two years alongside Hollman, a fellow walk-on who earned himself a scholarship. Both Rockets ran 4.3s in the 40-yd. dash on their Pro Days, something that Toledo head coach Jason Candle attributes to their hard work and commitment to the team's strength and conditioning program. "They have a very similar state of mind," Candle said. "It's probably not an accident that those two guys are playing for the 49ers. Because if you think back to some of the guys on that coaching staff and in that organization, it's about toughness, it's about working hard and doing what you do and earning your way."

WOMACK'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Played both WR and CB in HS at East English Village (Detroit, MI) Prep. Had over 1,000 rec. yds. and 20 rec. TDs along with 11 INTs as a senior.
- Played alongside current 49ers CB Ka'Dar Hollman at Toledo for two seasons (2017-18). The two won a MAC Championship together in 2017.
- Ran a 4.39 at Toledo's Pro Day. The second-fastest time recorded by any Rocket in attendance, trailing only current Bengals S Tycen Anderson.

WOMACK'S GAME-BY-GAME

2022 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 11	at Chi	L	1/1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	Sea	W	1/0	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Den	L	1/0	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Oct 3	LAR													
Oct 9	at Car													
Oct 16	at Atl													
Oct 23	KC													
Oct 30	at LAR													
Nov 13	LAC													
Nov 21	Arz													
Nov 27	NO													
Dec 4	Mia													
Dec 11	TB													
Dec 15	at Sea													
Dec 24	Was													
Jan 1	at LV													
Jan 7/8	Arz													
TOTALS			**3/1**	**5**	**4**	**1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

WOMACK'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2022	SF	3	1	5	4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**1**	**5**	**4**	**1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Chi. (9/11/22); **First Start:** at Chi. (9/11/22); **First FF:** at Den. (9/25/22)

WOMACK'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 3 vs. Sea. (9/18/22)
Solo: Regular Season – 2 (2 times) Last at Den. (9/25/22)
Assists: Regular Season – 1 vs. Sea. (9/18/22)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 at Den. (9/25/22)

WOMACK'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 5th–round (172nd overall) draft choice by SF in 2022.

COLLEGE



Appeared in 51 games in five years (2017-21) at Toledo and tallied 128 tackles, 45 PDs, 5 INTs, 0.5 sack, 1 FF and 1 FR. As a senior in 2021, appeared in all 13 games and registered 33 tackles, 17 PDs, 2 INTs and 1 FR. As a junior in 2020, played in 6 games and posted 20 tackles, 8 PDs and 0.5 sack. Appeared in all 12 games as a sophomore in 2019 and recorded a career-high 59 tackles, 17 PDs, 2 INTs and 1 FF. As a freshman in 2018, appeared in all 13 games and notched 12 tackles and 1 PD. As a redshirt-freshman in 2017, played in 7 games and registered 4 tackles, 2 PDs and 1 INT.

PERSONAL

- Earned first-team all-city, all-metro and all-state honors as a senior at East English Village (Detroit, MI) Prep.
- Son of Samuel Womack, Jr. and Dianna Womack. Has one sister, Dania.
- Majored in management at Toledo.



NICK ZAKELJ

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GOLDMINE

- Zakelj's path to the NFL was anything but traditional. The Brecksville-Broadview Heights (OH) HS product was a zero-start recruit when he joined FCS Fordham University's football team. Once on campus, the former LB converted to OL. If it wasn't for another Fordham teammate annd current Miami Dolphins RB Chase Edmonds, Zakelj may have not ended up where he is today. When NFL scouts from all 32 teams came to see Edmonds his senior year, they were struck by the potential Zakelj possessed as a freshman playing offensive line for the first time. The story came full circle when the 49ers drafted the four-year starter five years later in the sixth-round of the 2022 NFL Draft.
- Zakelj earned his Master's Degree in business analytics while at Fordham and is passionate about the subject. Zakelj said if he wasn't in the NFL he'd probably pursue a career in baseball analytics, something he explores in his free time. "Baseball reference is the coolest thing ever. Looking at Barry Bonds' baseball reference page... that 2004 season is so crazy," Zaklej said. "Sites like fangraphs make it so much easier for a causal fan to understand that stuff. As I got further in my studies at Fordham, I was actually able to take that data and analyze it myself."

ZAKELJ'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Last name is pronounced zuh-CAL.
- Played LB at Brecksville-Broadview Heights (OH) HS alongside former Iowa State and current Kansas City Chiefs LB Mike Rose.
- Received All-Patriot-League honors in three consectutive seasons. Was selected to the first-team in 2021 and 2019 and the second team in 2018.
- Member of the Patriot League All-Academic team in 2021.

PERSONAL

- Was a captain of the football team and a member of the National Honor Society at Brecksville-Broadview Heights (OH) HS. Named first-team all-suburban league and Cleveland.com All-Star as a senior in 2016.
- Son of Lois and Stan Zakelj. Has an older brother, Matt, and an older sister, Audrey.
- Majored in finance at Fordham.

COLLEGE

Appeared in 37 games in five years (2017-21) at Fordham. As a senior in 2021, appeared in 5 games (3 starts) and helped Fordham rank 6th in the FCS in yds. per game (349.7). As a junior in 2019, started all 12 games at LT and helped block for the Patriot League's top-ranked offense (357.2 yds. per game). Appeared in all 11 games as a sophomore in 2018. As a freshman in 2017, appeared in 9 games (8 starts).



ZAKELJ'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 0/0: 2022 (0/0)

ZAKELJ'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of three sixth–round (187th overall) draft choices by SF in 2022.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

SAN FRANCISCO 10 × CHICAGO 19

SOLDIER FIELD

The 49ers fell to the Chicago Bears, 19–10, at a rain–soaked Soldier Field to open the regular season. The 49ers defense opened the game by forcing a 3–n–out capped off by a DL Samson Ebukam 10–yd. sack of Bears QB Justin Fields. The Niners defense later saw S Talanoa Hufanga intercept a pass from Fields on Chicago's 2nd offensive possession. The 49ers opened up the scoring in the second quarter with a 7–play, 52–yd. drive including an 11–yd. run from RB Elijah Mitchell, culminating in a 6–yd. WR Deebo Samuel TD run. Both teams traded two scoreless drives to end the half, sending the 49ers into halftime with a 7–0 lead. The 49ers opened the 2nd half by marching down the field with the help of a 44–yd. connection between QB Trey Lance and WR Jauan Jennings. The drive finished with a K Robbie Gould 25–yd. FG to put the 49ers up by a score of 10–0. Chicago quickly responded with a 5–play, 72–yd. scoring drive of their own that was finished off by a 51–yd. TD pass from Fields to WR Dante Pettis. Fields later completed an 18–yd. TD pass to WR Equanimeous St. Brown to take the lead early in the 4th qtr. Chicago then extended their lead with a 3–yd. TD run from RB Khalil Herbert.

NOTES: The **49ers** Defense allowed just 19 net passing yds. in the first half, the least they've allowed in a single half to an opponent since allowing 9 net passing yds. in the first half vs. GB (11/24/19)...The Niners held Bears QB Justin Fields to a passer rating of 2.8 in the first half, the lowest registered by an opposing QB in any half against the 49ers since Seahawks QB Russell Wilson posted a 0.0 passer rating in the second half vs. Sea (10/18/12)...It also marks the lowest passer rating by an opposing QB in a first half against the 49ers since 1973 when passer rating became an official statistic...DL **Nick Bosa** sacked Bears QB Justin Fields for a 6–yd. loss, giving him 25.5 in his career...**Bosa** has now recorded 0.5–or–more sacks in 9 of his last 10 road games...**Bosa** finished with 5 tackles and 1.0 sack on the day... DL **Samson Ebukam** brought down Bears QB Justin Fields for a 10–yd. loss, giving him 19.5 sacks in his career...**Ebukam** finished the game with 2 tackles and 1.0 sack...S **Talanoa Hufanga** intercepted Bears QB Justin Fields and registered a 6–yd. return. The INT marked the first of his career... **Hufanga** finished with a career–high and team–leading 11 tackles, 1 PD and 1 INT...RB **Elijah Mitchell** registered 6 carries for a 41 yds and sur–passed 1,000 career rushing yds. (1,004)...In just his 12th career game, **Mitchell** became the fastest player in franchise history to reach 1,000 ca–reer rushing yds., according to the Elias Sports Bureau...WR **Deebo Samuel** registered 2 recepts. for 14 yds. to go along with 8 carries for 52 yds. and 1 TD....With 52 rushing yds. on the day, it marks the 3rd time in his career that **Samuel** has registered 50–or–more rushing yds. in a game [79 yds. at Jax. (11/21/21) & 66 yds. vs. Min. (11/28/21)]...The rushing TD marked his first of the season and the 12th of his career, which is tied for the 2nd–most by a player whose primary position is WR since the merger...QB **Trey Lance** finished the game completing 13 of 28 atts. for 164 yds., 1 INT and a QB rating of 50.3. He also ran for 54 yards on 13 atts. and connected with WR **Jauan Jennings** on a 44–yd. pass.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
San Francisco	0	7	3	0	10
Chicago	0	0	7	12	19

SF – D. Samuel, 6 run (R. Gould) (7–52, 3:32)
SF – R. Gould, 25 FG (11–68, 6:38)
CHI – D. Pettis, 51 pass from J. Fields (C. Santos) (5–72, 2:50)
CHI – E. St. Brown, 18 pass from J. Fields (kick failed) (10–84, 3:52)
CHI – K. Herbet, 3 run (kick failed) (5–21, 2:21)

TEAM STATISTICS	SF	CHI
First Downs	17	15
Net Yards Gained	331	204
Rushes/Yards	37/176	37/99
Net Yards Passing	155	105
Att/Comp/INT	28/13/1	17/8/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/9	2/16
Punts/Average	4/40.3	6/46.2
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	12/99	3/24
Time of Possession	33:28	26:32
3rd Down Efficiency	8/17 (47.1%)	5/14 (35.7%)

RUSHING: 49ERS – T. Lance 13–54, D. Samuel 8–52–1 TD, E. Mitchell 6–41, J. Wilson Jr. 9–22, B. Aiyuk 1–7 ... **BEARS** – K. Herbert 9–45–1 TD, J. Fields 11–28, D. Montgomery 17–26.

RECEIVING: 49ERS – J. Jennings 4–62, B. Aiyuk 2–40, D. Samuel 2–14, J. Wilson Jr. 2–8, R. McCloud III 1–20, R. Dwelley 1–11, T. Kroft 1–9 ... **BEARS** – D. Montgomery 3–24, D. Pettis 1–51–1 TD, B. Pringle 1–22, E. St. Brown 1–18–1 TD, D. Mooney 1–8, K. Herbert 1–(–2).

PASSING: 49ERS – T. Lance 28–13–164–1–0 TD ... **BEARS** – J. Fields 17–8–121–1–2 TDs.

INTs: 49ERS – T. Hufanga 1–1 **... BEARS** – E. Jackson 1–26.

SACKS: 49ERS – S. Ebukam 1–10, N. Bosa 1–6 ... **BEARS** – D. Robinson 1.5–7.5, R. Smith 0.5–1.5.

49ERS TURNOVER RATIO: –1 (**SF**: 1 fumble, 1 INT/ **CHI**: 0 fumbles, 1 INT).

Weather: Cloudy, Rain
Temperature: 69 degrees
Wind: Southwest 16 mph
Playing Surface: Natural Grass
Time: 3:01

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

SEATTLE 7 × SAN FRANCISCO 27

LEVI'S STADIUM

The 49ers defeated the Seattle Seahawks, 27–7, at Levi's Stadium for their first win of the 2022 season. The 49ers offense opened the game with an 11–play, 73–yd. drive resulting in a 20–yd. K Robbie Gould FG to take the early lead. The 49ers defense allowed just 22 total yds. on the Seahawks ensuing drive, getting the ball back to the offense for a 49ers 7–play, 74–yd. drive and a 33–yd. FG. After the 49ers defense forced another Seattle punt, the offense, led by QB Jimmy Garoppolo after an injured QB Trey Lance left the game, marched the ball down the field and scored a TD on a 38–yd. pass from Garoppolo to TE Ross Dwelley to take a 13–0 lead in the 2nd qtr. The 49ers defense followed up with a S Tashaun Gipson Sr. INT on the ensuing drive. After the 49ers offense failed to convert a 4th–n–9, the Seahawks drove the ball down to the San Francisco 8–yd. line before a pass by RB DeeJay Dallas was intercepted by CB Charvarius Ward. Dwelley followed up his career–long TD recept. with a special teams play, jumping on a muffed punt to set the 49ers offense up on the Seattle 22–yd. line. San Francisco punched it in for a TD on a 1–yd. FB Kyle Juszczyk to take a 20–0 lead into halftime. The 49ers defense started the 2nd half hot with a 3–n–out including a DL Nick Bosa 8–yd. sack. The offense took the ball down the field to set up K Robbie Gould for a 20–yd. FG, which was blocked by Seattle and returned 86 yds. for a TD, getting the Seahawks on the board. The 49ers responded in the 4th qtr. with a 13–play, 63 yd., 7:09 drive that resulted in a Jimmy Garoppolo 1–yd. TD run. The defense was able to stop the Seahawks in the final minutes, securing the 27–7 49ers win.

NOTES: The **49ers** claimed their first win over Seattle since 12/29/19... Dating back to 2021, the **Niners** have won their fourth–consecutive game following a loss...The 49ers defense held the Seahawks to 216 total net yds. of offense...Seattle's 216 total net yds. of offense was the 2nd–fewest allowed by the 49ers all–time against the Seahawks... The **49ers** defense held the Seahawks to 36 rushing yds, the 2nd–fewest allowed by the 49ers all–time against the Seahawks...The **49ers** defense allowed 0 points to the Seahawks in the first half for the first time since defeating Seattle, 26–21, at Sea. (12/29/19)...QB **Jimmy Garoppolo** connected on 13 of 21 passing atts. for 154 yds., 1 TD and a passer rating of 100.1...**Garoppolo** also rushed 4 times for 5 yds., including a 1–yd. TD run...He now has 6 career rushing TDs...Today marked the 3rd time in **Garoppolo's** career that he both threw for at least 1 TD and rushed for at least 1 TD [vs. Jax. (12/24/17) & at Phi. (9/19/21)]...FB **Kyle Juszczyk** scored on a 1–yd. TD run, marking his first of the season and the 5th of his career...WR **Deebo Samuel's** registered 5 receptions for 44 yds. to go along with 4 carries for 53 yds., including a career–long 51–yd. run in the 1st qtr...TE **Ross Dwelley** reeled in a career–long 38–yd. TD pass from **Garoppolo**...**Dwelley** also recovered a muffed punt by Seahawks CB Xavier Crawford that put the 49ers at Seattle's 22–yd. line and helped set up **Juszczyk's** TD run...DL **Nick Bosa** registered 4 tackles and 2.0 sacks of Seahawks QB Geno Smith, giving him 3.0 on the season and 27.5 in his career...It also marked **Bosa's** 3rd consectutive game against Seattle with at least 1.0 sack...**Bosa** has now registered 2.0–or–more sacks in a game 8 times in his career...S **Tashaun Gipson Sr.** intercepted Seahawks QB Geno Smith and registered 14 return yds...The INT marked his first of the season and as a member of the 49ers and the 28th of his career...CB **Charvarius Ward** recorded 8 tackles and intercepted a pass att. by Seahawks RB DeeJay Dallas...The INT marked his first of the season and as a member of the 49ers and the 5th of his career.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Seattle	**0**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**7**
San Francisco	**6**	**14**	**0**	**7**	**27**

SF – R. Gould, 20 FG (11–73, 5:44)
SF – R. Gould, 33 FG (7–74, 4:27)
SF – R. Dwelley, 38 pass from J. Garoppolo (R. Gould) (4–78, 2:16)
SF – K. Juszczyk, 1 run (R. Gould) (4–22, 0:23)
SEA – M. Jackson, 86 return of blocked field goal (J. Myers)
SF – J. Garoppolo, 1 run (R. Gould) (13–63, 7:09)

TEAM STATISTICS	SEA	SF
First Downs	14	25
Net Yards Gained	216	373
Rushes/Yards	14/36	45/189
Net Yards Passing	180	184
Att/Comp/INT	31/24/2	24/15/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/17	1/0
Punts/Average	5/49.8	3/44.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/0
Penalties/Yards	10/106	1/26
Time of Possession	21:40	38:20
3rd Down Efficiency	2/7 (28.6%)	5/15 (40.0%)

RUSHING: SEAHAWKS – R. Penny 6–15, K. Walker III 4–10, T. Homer 2–9, G. Smith 2–2 ... **49ERS** – J. Wilson Jr. 18–84, D. Samuel 5–53, T. Davis–Price 14–33, T. Lance 3–13, J. Garoppolo 4–5–1 TD, K. Juszczyk 2–1–1 TD.

RECEIVING: SEAHAWKS – T. Lockett 9–107, D. Metcalf 4–35, T. Homer 4–33, N. Fant 2–11, K. Walker III 2–5, W. Dissly 2–0, D. Eskridge 1–6 ... **49ERS** – B. Aiyuk 5–63, D. Samuel 5–44, J. Wilson Jr. 2–19, R. Dwelley 1–38–1 TD, R. McCloud III 1–16, J. Jennings 1–4.

PASSING: SEAHAWKS – G. Smith 30–24–197–1–0 TDs, D. Dallas 0–0–0–1–0 TDs ... **49ERS** – J. Garoppolo 21–13–154–0–1 TD, T. Lance 3–2–30–0–0 TDs.

INTs: SEAHAWKS – None ... **49ERS** – T. Gipson Sr. 1–14, C. Ward 1–9.

SACKS: SEAHAWKS – B. Mafe 1–0 ... **49ERS** – N. Bosa 2–17.

49ERS TURNOVER RATIO: +3 (**SEA**: 1 fumble, 2 INT/**SF**: 0 fumbles, 0 INT).

Weather: Cloudy, Rain
Temperature: 63 degrees
Wind: Southeast 10 mph
Playing Surface: Natural Grass
Time: 2:51

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

SAN FRANCISCO 10 × DENVER 11

EMPOWER FIELD AT MILE HIGH

The 49ers fell to the Denver Broncos, 11–10, at Empower Field at Mile High on Sunday Night Football. The 49ers offense opened up the scoring on their second drive of the night with a 6–play, 75–yd. TD drive including a RB Jeff Wilson Jr. career–long 37–yd. run and a 3–yd. TD pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo to WR Brandon Aiyuk. The 49ers defense held the Broncos score–less through the 1st Qtr., including three 3–n–outs to start the game. The Broncos opened up the 2nd Qtr. with an 8–play, 57–yd. drive ending in a 55–yd. K Brandon McManus FG. The 49ers and the Broncos traded punts to close out the half with the 49ers up 7–3. The Broncos tacked on a Safety by forcing 49ers QB Jimmy Garoppolo to step out of the back of the end zone, pulling the Broncos within 2 points. The 49ers offense padded their lead with a 4–play, 8–yd. drive culminating in a K Robbie Gould 51–yd. FG to go up 10–5 early in the 4th Qtr. The Broncos offense responded with a 12–play, 80–yd. drive resulting in a RB Melvin Gordon 1–yd. TD run, but failed to convert on the 2–pt. attempt, taking a one–point lead over San Francisco with 4:10 left in the game. The 49ers offense attempted a comeback, but turned the ball over twice, including a Garoppolo INT and a RB Jeff Wilson Jr. fumble to end the game.

NOTES: The **49ers** defense forced the Broncos to punt 10 times, marking the most punts recorded by an opponent against the **Niners** since 2016 [10 punts vs. LAR (9/12/16)]...The **49ers** defense brought down Denver Broncos QB Russell Wilson 4 times for a loss of 24 yds. on the night...With 2 tackles and 1.0 sack of Wilson, DL **Nick Bosa** has registered 1.0–or–more sacks in 3–consecutive games for the 2nd time in his career [1.0 at Sea. (12/5/21), 2.0 at Cin. (12/12/21) and 1.0 vs. Atl. (12/19/21)]...**Bosa** has had at least 0.5 sack in 10 out of his last 11 road games...DL **Kevin Givens** registered 3 tackles and 1.0 sack, marking his first of the season and the 2nd of his career...DL **Kerry Hyder Jr.** sacked Wilson for a 3–yd. loss, marking his first sack of the season and the 21st of his career...**Hyder Jr.** also added 1 PD...DL **Drake Jackson** brought down Wilson for a 7–yd. loss, marking the first sack of his NFL career... CB **Charvarius Ward** tallied 8 tackles, 1 PD and 1 FF. ..The FF of Denver Broncos RB Melvin Gordon marked his first of the season and the 2nd of his career [at Oak. (9/15/19) as a member of the Kansas City Chiefs]...CB **Samuel Womack III** posted 2 tackles and his first–career FF of Gordon...RB **Jeff Wilson Jr.** recorded 12 carries for 75 yds., including a career–long 37–yd. rush...WR **Brandon Aiyuk** registered 3 recepts. for 39 yds. and 1 TD. His 3–yd. TD recept. marked his first of the season and the 11th of his career...K **Robbie Gould** connected on a 51–yd. FG and 1 PAT... With 4 pts. on the night, **Gould** is now tied with K Phil Dawson as the 12th all–time point leader in NFL History...**Gould** is the only active player in the top 12.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
San Francisco	**7**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**10**
Denver	**0**	**3**	**2**	**6**	**11**

SF – B. Aiyuk, 3 pass from J. Garoppolo (R. Gould) (6–75, 3:11)
DEN – B. McManus, 55 FG (8–57, 3:11)
DEN – J. Garoppolo sacked out of bounds in end zone by M. Purcell for Safety
SF – R. Gould, 51 FG (4–8, 1:19)
DEN – M. Gordon 1 run (pass failed) (12–80, 6:04)

TEAM STATISTICS	SF	DEN
First Downs	13	14
Net Yards Gained	267	261
Rushes/Yards	19/88	33/101
Net Yards Passing	179	160
Att/Comp/INT	29/18/1	33/20/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	4/32	4/24
Punts/Average	7/51.7	10/47.6
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	2/0
Penalties/Yards	7/40	5/30
Time of Possession	25:31	34:29
3rd Down Efficiency	1/10 (10.0%)	6/19 (31.6%)

RUSHING: 49ERS – J. Wilson Jr. 12–75, J. Mason 1–7, D. Samuel 5–6, J. Garoppolo 1–0 ... **BRONCOS** – J. Williams 15–58, M. Gordon 12–26–1 TD, R. Wilson 6–17.

RECEIVING: 49ERS – D. Samuel 5–73, G. Kittle 4–28, B. Aiyuk 3–39–1 TD, J. Wilson Jr. 3–31, K. Juszczyk 1–24, R. McCloud III 1–11, J. Jennings 1–5 ... **BRONCOS** – C. Sutton 8–97, M. Gordon 5–29, J. Williams 3–2, J. Jeudy 2–17, K. Hinton 1–27, A. Okwuegbunam 1–12.

PASSING: 49ERS – J. Garoppolo 29–18–211–1–1 TD ... **BRONCOS** – R. Wilson 33–20–184–0–0 TDs.

INTs: 49ERS – None. **... BRONCOS** – J. Griffith 1–1.

SACKS: 49ERS – N. Bosa 1–8, D. Jackson 1–7, K. Givens 1–6, K. Hyder 1–3 ... **BRONCOS** – B. Chubb 1–12 , J. Jewell 1–10, R. Gregory 1–8, M. Purcell 1–2.

49ERS TURNOVER RATIO: –3 (**SF**: 2 fumbles, 1 INT / **CHI**: 0 fumbles, 0 INT).

Weather: Clear
Temperature: 73 degrees
Wind: Northwest 8 mph
Playing Surface: Natural Grass
Time: 3:05

Week 3

National Football League Game Summary

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Date: Sunday, 9/25/2022

San Francisco 49ers at Denver Broncos

at Empower Field at Mile High, Denver, CO

Start Time: 6:22 PM MDT

Game Day Weather

Game Weather: Clear, Temperature falling to near 60 by end of game

Temp: 73° F (22.8° C) Humidity: 21%, Wind: NW 8 mph

Played Open Stadium on Turf: Grass

Outdoor Weather: Clear,

Officials

Referee: Hochuli, Shawn (83)
Umpire: Killens, Jr., Terry (77)
Down Judge: Holt, Patrick (106)
Line Judge: Bradley, Greg (98)
Field Judge: Flemming, Anthony (90)
Side Judge: Hill, Chad (125)
Back Judge: Martinez, Rich (39)
Replay Official: Cerimeli, Tyler (0)

Lineups

San Francisco 49ers

Offense			Defense		
TE	85	G.Kittle	RDE	97	N.Bosa
LT	71	T.Williams	LDT	99	J.Kinlaw
LG	65	A.Banks	DL	90	K.Givens
C	64	J.Brendel	LDE	56	S.Ebukam
RG	74	S.Burford	LB	51	A.Al-Shaair
RT	69	M.McGlinchey	MIKE	54	F.Warner
FB	44	K.Juszczyk	WILL	57	D.Greenlaw
WR	11	B.Aiyuk	LCB	4	E.Moseley
RB	22	J.Wilson	RCB	7	C.Ward
QB	10	J.Garoppolo	FS	29	T.Hufanga
WR	19	D.Samuel	FS	31	T.Gipson

Denver Broncos

Offense			Defense		
WR	10	J.Jeudy	DL	92	J.Harris
WR	9	K.Hinton	DT	97	Dj.Jones
LT	72	G.Bolles	DE	99	D.Williams
LG	66	D.Risner	DE	93	D.Jones
C	79	L.Cushenberry	SLB	55	B.Chubb
RG	61	G.Glasgow	ILB	50	J.Griffith
RT	73	C.Fleming	ILB	47	J.Jewell
TE	87	E.Tomlinson	LCB	2	P.Surtain
WR	14	C.Sutton	CB	21	K.Williams
QB	3	R.Wilson	RCB	23	R.Darby
RB	33	J.Williams	SS	22	K.Jackson

Substitutions

WR 3 R.McCloud, WR 6 D.Gray, K 9 R.Gould, WR 15 J.Jennings, P 18 M.Wishnowsky, CB 20 A.Thomas, RB 23 M.Mack, RB 24 J.Mason, CB 26 S.Womack, S 30 G.Odum, DB 33 T.Moore, DB 38 D.Lenoir, LB 45 D.Flannigan-Fowles, LS 46 T.Pepper, LB 48 O.Burks, DL 55 A.Spence, OL 61 B.Hance, OL 68 C.McKivitz, OL 76 J.Moore, TE 82 R.Dwelley, TE 89 C.Woerner, DL 92 K.Hyder, DL 94 C.Omenihu, DL 95 D.Jackson, DL 98 H.Ridgeway

Substitutions

WR 1 K.Hamler, OLB 5 R.Gregory, S 6 P.Locke, K 8 B.McManus, WR 12 M.Washington, P 17 C.Waitman, RB 25 M.Gordon, RB 26 M.Boone, CB 27 D.Mathis, S 30 C.Sterns, CB 34 E.Bassey, ILB 40 J.Strnad, OLB 42 N.Bonitto, LS 46 J.Bobenmoyer, ILB 49 A.Singleton, LB 56 B.Browning, T 76 C.Anderson, TE 82 E.Saubert, FB/TE 83 A.Beck, TE 85 A.Okwuegbunam, DE 91 M.Henningsen, OLB 94 A.Patrick, DL 98 M.Purcell

Did Not Play

QB 13 B.Purdy

Did Not Play

QB 4 B.Rypien, C 60 L.Wattenberg, G/C 77 Q.Meinerz

Not Active

RB 32 T.Davis-Price, DL 53 K.Turay, OL 60 D.Brunskill, OL 63 N.Zakelj, TE 81 T.Kroft, DL 91 A.Armstead

Not Active

WR 15 J.Virgil, WR 16 T.Cleveland, CB 20 D.Phillips, S 32 D.Turner-Yell, OLB 53 J.Cooper, OL 57 B.Turner, DL 96 E.Uwazurike

Field Goals (made ( ) & missed)

R.Gould (51)

B.McManus (55) 53WR

		1	2	3	4	OT	Total
VISITOR:	San Francisco 49ers	7	0	0	3	0	10
HOME:	Denver Broncos	0	3	2	6	0	11

Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
49ers	1	7:56	B.Aiyuk 3 yd. pass from J.Garoppolo (R.Gould kick) (6-75, 3:11)	7	0
Broncos	2	11:56	B.McManus 55 yd. Field Goal (8-57, 3:11)	7	3
Broncos	3	9:53	J.Garoppolo sacked out of bounds in end zone by M.Purcell for a Safety	7	5
49ers	4	14:10	R.Gould 51 yd. Field Goal (4-8, 1:19)	10	5
Broncos	4	4:10	M.Gordon 1 yd. run (pass failed) (12-80, 6:04)	10	11

Paid Attendance: 77,021

Time: 3:05

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Final Individual Statistics

San Francisco 49ers

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J.Wilson	12	75	6.3	37	0
J.Mason	1	7	7.0	7	0
D.Samuel	5	6	1.2	3	0
J.Garoppolo	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	19	88	4.6	37	0

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
J.Garoppolo	29	18	211	4/32	1	32	1	81.2
Total	29	18	211	4/32	1	32	1	81.2

PASS RECEIVING	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
D.Samuel	8	5	73	14.6	32	0
G.Kittle	5	4	28	7.0	11	0
B.Aiyuk	8	3	39	13.0	20	1
J.Wilson	3	3	31	10.3	16	0
K.Juszczyk	1	1	24	24.0	24	0
R.McCloud	1	1	11	11.0	11	0
J.Jennings	3	1	5	5.0	5	0
Total	29	18	211	11.7	32	1

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Total	0	0	0	0	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN20	LG
M.Wishnowsky	7	362	51.7	44.7	2	3	74
Total	7	362	51.7	44.7	2	3	74

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD
R.McCloud	5	40	8.0	3	18	0
[DOWNED]	2	0	0.0	0	0	0
Total	5	40	8.0	3	18	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD
R.McCloud	2	23	11.5	0	15	0
[TOUCHBACK]	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Total	2	23	11.5	0	15	0

Denver Broncos

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J.Williams	15	58	3.9	16	0
M.Gordon	12	26	2.2	6	1
R.Wilson	6	17	2.8	12	0
Total	33	101	3.1	16	1

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
R.Wilson	33	20	184	4/24	0	34	0	75.8
Total	33	20	184	4/24	0	34	0	75.8

PASS RECEIVING	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
C.Sutton	10	8	97	12.1	34	0
M.Gordon	6	5	29	5.8	22	0
J.Williams	5	3	2	0.7	2	0
J.Jeudy	6	2	17	8.5	16	0
K.Hinton	1	1	27	27.0	27	0
A.Okwuegbunam	2	1	12	12.0	12	0
M.Boone	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
E.Saubert	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	32	20	184	9.2	34	0

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J.Griffith	1	1	1.0	1	0
Total	1	1	1.0	1	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN20	LG
C.Waitman	10	476	47.6	43.6	0	6	57
Total	10	476	47.6	43.6	0	6	57

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD
M.Washington	1	9	9.0	0	9	0
[DOWNED]	3	0	0.0	0	0	0
[OUT OF BOUNDS]	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
[TOUCHBACK]	2	0	0.0	0	0	0
Total	1	9	9.0	0	9	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD
M.Washington	1	14	14.0	0	14	0
[TOUCHBACK]	3	0	0.0	0	0	0
Total	1	14	14.0	0	14	0

San Francisco 49ers

FUMBLES	FUM	LOST	OWN-REC	YDS	TD	FORCED	OPP-REC	YDS	TD	OUT-BDS
R.McCloud	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Garoppolo	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Wilson	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Ward	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
S.Womack	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	3	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

Denver Broncos

FUMBLES	FUM	LOST	OWN-REC	YDS	TD	FORCED	OPP-REC	YDS	TD	OUT-BDS
M.Gordon	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Wilson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P.Locke	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
K.Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
J.Jewell	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	2	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0

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Final Team Statistics

	Visitor 49ers	Home Broncos
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	13	14
By Rushing	3	5
By Passing	9	8
By Penalty	1	1
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	1-10-10.0%	6-19-31.6%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-0-0.0%	0-0-0.0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	267	261
Total Offensive Plays (inc. times thrown passing)	52	70
Average gain per offensive play	5.1	3.7
NET YARDS RUSHING	88	101
Total Rushing Plays	19	33
Average gain per rushing play	4.6	3.1
Tackles for a loss-number and yards	1-1	2-9
NET YARDS PASSING	179	160
Times thrown - yards lost attempting to pass	4-32	4-24
Gross yards passing	211	184
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED	29-18-1	33-20-0
Avg gain per pass play (inc.# thrown passing)	5.4	4.3
KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks	4-3-3	3-2-1
PUNTS Number and Average	7-51.7	10-47.6
Had Blocked	0	0
FGs - PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
Net Punting Average	44.7	43.6
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	40	10
No. and Yards Punt Returns	5-40	1-9
No. and Yards Kickoff Returns	2-23	1-14
No. and Yards Interception Returns	0-0	1-1
PENALTIES Number and Yards	7-40	5-30
FUMBLES Number and Lost	3-2	2-0
TOUCHDOWNS	1	1
Rushing	0	1
Passing	1	0
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempts	1-1	0-1
Kicking Made-Attempts	1-1	0-0
Passing Made-Attempts	0-0	0-1
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	1-1	1-2
RED ZONE EFFICIENCY	1-1-100%	1-1-100%
GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY	1-1-100%	1-1-100%
SAFETIES	0	1
FINAL SCORE	10	11
TIME OF POSSESSION	25:31	34:29

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Ball Possession And Drive Chart

San Francisco 49ers

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	15:00	12:50	2:10	Kickoff	SF 10	5	16	0	16	1	SF 26	Punt
2	11:07	7:56	3:11	Punt	SF 25	6	75	0	75	4	* DEN 3	Touchdown
3	7:05	4:21	2:44	Punt	SF 19	4	12	-5	7	1	SF 26	Punt
4	2:53	0:07	2:46	Punt	SF 25	5	24	0	24	1	SF 49	Punt
5	11:56	9:17	2:39	Kickoff	SF 15	4	48	-10	38	1	DEN 47	Punt
6	2:27	1:32	0:55	Punt	SF 3	3	6	-5	1	0	SF 4	Punt
7	1:00	0:00	1:00	Punt	SF 11	3	5	0	5	0	SF 14	End of Half
8	13:47	12:41	1:06	Punt	SF 43	2	7	0	7	1	50	Fumble
9	10:31	9:53	0:38	Punt	SF 2	2	-2	0	-2	0	SF 2	Safety
10	3:46	1:38	2:08	Missed FG	SF 43	4	10	0	10	1	DEN 47	Punt
11	0:29	14:10	1:19	Punt	DEN 41	4	8	0	8	0	DEN 33	Field Goal
12	12:28	10:14	2:14	Punt	SF 13	4	31	0	31	1	SF 44	Punt
13	4:10	2:06	2:04	Kickoff	SF 25	5	23	0	23	2	SF 48	Interception
14	1:42	1:05	0:37	Punt	SF 15	2	4	0	4	0	SF 3	Fumble

(308) Average SF 22

Denver Broncos

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	12:50	11:07	1:43	Punt	DEN 29	3	3	0	3	0	DEN 32	Punt
2	7:56	7:05	0:51	Kickoff	DEN 25	3	3	5	8	0	DEN 33	Punt
3	4:21	2:53	1:28	Punt	DEN 20	3	5	0	5	0	DEN 25	Punt
4	0:07	11:56	3:11	Punt	DEN 6	8	57	0	57	2	SF 37	Field Goal
5	9:17	2:27	6:50	Punt	DEN 1	11	58	0	58	4	SF 41	Punt
6	1:32	1:00	0:32	Punt	50	3	14	-15	-1	0	DEN 49	Punt
7	15:00	13:47	1:13	Kickoff	DEN 25	3	-4	0	-4	0	DEN 21	Punt
8	12:41	10:31	2:10	Fumble	50	3	1	0	1	0	SF 49	Punt
9	9:53	3:46	6:07	Kickoff	DEN 19	11	36	10	46	3	SF 35	Missed FG
10	1:38	0:29	1:09	Punt	DEN 6	3	-3	0	-3	0	DEN 3	Punt
11	14:10	12:28	1:42	Kickoff	DEN 25	3	9	0	9	0	DEN 34	Punt
12	10:14	4:10	6:04	Punt	DEN 20	12	80	0	80	5	* SF 1	Touchdown
13	2:06	1:42	0:24	Interception	DEN 42	3	5	0	5	0	DEN 47	Punt
14	1:05	0:00	1:05	Fumble	SF 24	3	-3	0	-3	0	SF 26	End of Game

(394) Average DEN 28

*** inside opponent's 20**

Time of Possession by Quarter		**1st**	**2nd**	**3rd**	**4th**	**OT**	**Total**
Visitor	San Francisco 49ers	10:51	4:34	4:21	5:45		25:31
Home	Denver Broncos	4:09	10:26	10:39	9:15		34:29

Kickoff Drive No.-Start Average 49ers: 3 - SF 17 Broncos: 4 - DEN 24

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Final Defensive Statistics

San Francisco 49ers	Regular Defensive Plays											Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SK	/ YDS	TFL	Q	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
D.Greenlaw	5	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.Moseley	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Ward	3	5	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F.Warner	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Gipson	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Lenoir	3	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Al-Shaair	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Hufanga	3	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H.Ridgeway	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Givens	1	2	3	1	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Omenihu	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Womack	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Flannigan-Fowles	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Bosa	1	1	2	1	8	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Ebukam	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Jackson	1	0	1	1	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Hyder	1	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Kinlaw	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Spence	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Moore	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G.Odum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O.Burks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.McCloud	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
D.Samuel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
J.Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	**41**	**34**	**75**	**4**	**24**	**7**	**9**	**0**	**5**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**

TKL = Tackle AST = Assist COMB = Combined QH=QB Hit IN = Interception PD = Pass Defense FF = Forced Fumble FR = Fumble Recovery

Denver Broncos	Regular Defensive Plays											Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SK	/ YDS	TFL	QH	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
J.Jewell	5	4	9	1	10	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Jackson	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Purcell	5	0	5	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Williams	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Williams	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Sterns	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Gregory	3	0	3	1	8	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P.Locke	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Darby	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Griffith	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Chubb	1	1	2	1	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Jones	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P.Surtain	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Bonitto	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dj.Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Singleton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Strnad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.Saubert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
M.Gordon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	**30**	**21**	**51**	**4**	**32**	**5**	**6**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**2**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**

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First Half Summary

	PERIOD SCORES	TIME OF POSSESSION
49ers	7 0 = 7	15:25
Broncos	0 3 = 3	14:35

Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
49ers	1	7:56	B.Aiyuk 3 yd. pass from J.Garoppolo (R.Gould kick) (6-75, 3:11)	7	0
Broncos	2	11:56	B.McManus 55 yd. Field Goal (8-57, 3:11)	7	3

	San Francisco 49ers	Denver Broncos
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	8	6
First Downs Rushing-Passing-by Penalty	2 - 6 - 0	1 - 5 - 0
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-6-0.0%	2-8-25.0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	186	140
Total Offensive Plays	30	30
NET YARDS RUSHING	61	44
NET YARDS PASSING	125	96
Gross Yards Passing	135	106
Times thrown-yards lost attempting to pass	1-10	2-10
Pass Attempts-Completions-Had Intercepted	17 - 11 - 0	16 - 10 - 0
Punts-Number and Average	5 - 53.0	5 - 46.4
Penalties-Number and Yards	4 - 25	3 - 15
Fumbles-Number and Lost	0 - 0	0 - 0
Red Zone Efficiency	1-1-100%	0-0-0%
Average Drive Start	SF 15	DEN 22

San Francisco 49ers

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J.Wilson	8	55	6.9	37	0
D.Samuel	4	6	1.5	3	0
Total	12	61	5.1	37	0

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
J.Garoppolo	17	11	135	1/10	1	32	0	108.7
Total	17	11	135	1/10	1	32	0	108.7

PASS RECEIVING	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
D.Samuel	5	5	73	14.6	32	0
B.Aiyuk	7	3	39	13.0	20	1
G.Kittle	4	3	23	7.7	11	0
J.Jennings	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	17	11	135	12.3	32	1

Denver Broncos

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J.Williams	7	42	6.0	16	0
R.Wilson	1	2	2.0	2	0
M.Gordon	4	0	0.0	4	0
Total	12	44	3.7	16	0

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
R.Wilson	16	10	106	2/10	0	34	0	81.8
Total	16	10	106	2/10	0	34	0	81.8

PASS RECEIVING	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
C.Sutton	6	4	51	12.8	34	0
J.Jeudy	4	2	17	8.5	16	0
J.Williams	3	2	4	2.0	2	0
M.Gordon	1	1	22	22.0	22	0
A.Okwuegbunam	2	1	12	12.0	12	0
Total	16	10	106	10.6	34	0

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	Regular Defensive Plays											Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SK	/ YDS	TFL	Q	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
A.Al-Shaair	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F.Warner	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Greenlaw	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Gipson	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**9**	**7**	**16**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

San Francisco 49ers vs Denver Broncos

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First Half Summary

Denver Broncos	Regular Defensive Plays											Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SK	/ YDS	TFL	QH	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
J.Jewell	4	3	7	1	10	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Jackson	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Williams	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Williams	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**9**	**9**	**18**	**1**	**10**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Play By Play

First Quarter

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DEN wins the coin toss and elects to defer. SF elects to Receive, and DEN elects to defend the north goal.

B.McManus kicks 63 yards from DEN 35 to SF 2. R.McCloud to SF 10 for 8 yards (J.Strnad).

San Francisco 49ers at 15:00, (1st play from scrimmage 14:54)

1-10-SF 10	(14:54) (Shotgun) J.Wilson right tackle to SF 12 for 2 yards (D.Williams).	
2-8-SF 12	(14:19) J.Garoppolo pass short left to D.Samuel to SF 25 for 13 yards (K.Williams, K.Jackson).	P1
1-10-SF 25	(13:42) (Shotgun) D.Samuel left tackle to SF 26 for 1 yard (M.Purcell).	
2-9-SF 26	(13:07) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short left to B.Aiyuk (P.Surtain).	
3-9-SF 26	(13:01) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short middle to G.Kittle (Dj.Jones).	
4-9-SF 26	(12:57) M.Wishnowsky punts 45 yards to DEN 29, Center-T.Pepper, out of bounds.	

Denver Broncos at 12:50

1-10-DEN 29	(12:50) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short right to J.Williams to DEN 31 for 2 yards (D.Greenlaw).	
2-8-DEN 31	(12:24) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Williams left guard to DEN 31 for no gain (D.Greenlaw; K.Givens).	
3-8-DEN 31	(12:01) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short left to J.Jeudy to DEN 32 for 1 yard (D.Lenoir, F.Warner).	
4-7-DEN 32	(11:19) C.Waitman punts 47 yards to SF 21, Center-J.Bobenmoyer. R.McCloud to SF 25 for 4 yards (A.Singleton).	

San Francisco 49ers at 11:07

1-10-SF 25	(11:07) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass deep middle to B.Aiyuk to SF 45 for 20 yards (K.Jackson).	P2
1-10-SF 45	(10:32) J.Wilson left tackle to DEN 18 for 37 yards (P.Surtain).	R3
1-10-DEN 18	(9:46) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to G.Kittle to DEN 9 for 9 yards (C.Sterns; J.Jewell).	
2-1-DEN 9	(9:14) J.Wilson left guard to DEN 8 for 1 yard (J.Jewell).	R4
1-8-DEN 8	(8:38) J.Garoppolo pass short right to D.Samuel to DEN 3 for 5 yards (R.Darby).	
2-3-DEN 3	**(7:58) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to B.Aiyuk for 3 yards, TOUCHDOWN.**	P5
	R.Gould extra point is GOOD, Center-T.Pepper, Holder-M.Wishnowsky.	

SF 7 DEN 0, 6 plays, 75 yards, 3:11 drive, 7:04 elapsed

R.Gould kicks 65 yards from SF 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Denver Broncos at 7:56

1-10-DEN 25	(7:56) J.Williams right guard to DEN 28 for 3 yards (F.Warner).	
2-7-DEN 28	(7:23) (No Huddle, Shotgun) R.Wilson pass incomplete short left to C.Sutton.	
3-7-DEN 28	*(7:19) (Shotgun) PENALTY on SF-S.Ebukam, Neutral Zone Infraction, 5 yards, enforced at DEN 28 - No Play.*	
3-2-DEN 33	(7:19) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass incomplete short middle to A.Okwuegbunam.	
4-2-DEN 33	(7:16) C.Waitman punts 57 yards to SF 10, Center-J.Bobenmoyer. R.McCloud to SF 19 for 9 yards (A.Singleton).	

San Francisco 49ers at 7:05

1-10-SF 19	(7:05) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to B.Aiyuk to SF 35 for 16 yards (N.Bonitto).	P6
1-10-SF 35	(6:24) D.Samuel right end to SF 35 for no gain (D.Jones; J.Jewell).	
2-10-SF 35	(6:02) (Shotgun) J.Wilson left tackle to SF 41 for 6 yards (C.Sterns, J.Jewell).	
3-4-SF 41	*(5:19) (Shotgun) PENALTY on SF-J.Brendel, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at SF 41 - No Play.*	
3-9-SF 36	(5:09) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo sacked at SF 26 for -10 yards (J.Jewell).	
4-19-SF 26	(4:31) M.Wishnowsky punts 74 yards to end zone, Center-T.Pepper, Touchback.	

Denver Broncos at 4:21

1-10-DEN 20	(4:21) M.Gordon right guard to DEN 24 for 4 yards (A.Al-Shaair).	
2-6-DEN 24	(3:48) M.Gordon left tackle to DEN 25 for 1 yard (T.Hufanga, A.Al-Shaair).	
3-5-DEN 25	(3:04) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass incomplete short middle to J.Jeudy (K.Hyder, E.Moseley).	
4-5-DEN 25	(3:00) C.Waitman punts 50 yards to SF 25, Center-J.Bobenmoyer, fair catch by R.McCloud.	

San Francisco 49ers at 2:53

1-10-SF 25	(2:53) J.Wilson left tackle to SF 24 for -1 yards (J.Jewell).	
2-11-SF 24	(2:16) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass deep middle to D.Samuel to SF 42 for 18 yards (K.Williams; K.Jackson).	P7
1-10-SF 42	(1:43) J.Wilson left end to SF 46 for 4 yards (J.Jewell, J.Griffith).	
2-6-SF 46	(1:08) J.Wilson left guard to SF 49 for 3 yards (R.Gregory).	
3-3-SF 49	(:22) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short middle to B.Aiyuk (P.Surtain).	
4-3-SF 49	(:17) M.Wishnowsky punts 45 yards to DEN 6, Center-T.Pepper, downed by SF-D.Flannigan-Fowles.	

Denver Broncos at 0:07

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1-10-DEN 6 (:07) R.Wilson pass deep middle to C.Sutton to DEN 40 for 34 yards (E.Moseley). P1

END OF QUARTER	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
San Francisco 49ers	**7**	**10:51**	**2**	**5**	**0**	**7**	**0/3**	**0/0**
Denver Broncos	**0**	**4:09**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0/3**	**0/0**

Play By Play

Second Quarter

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Denver Broncos continued.

1-10-DEN 40	(15:00) R.Wilson sacked at DEN 37 for -3 yards (K.Hyder).	
2-13-DEN 37	(14:21) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short right to C.Sutton to DEN 44 for 7 yards (C.Ward; D.Greenlaw).	
3-6-DEN 44	(13:39) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short left to J.Jeudy to SF 40 for 16 yards (T.Gipson).	P2
1-10-SF 40	(13:05) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass incomplete short left to J.Jeudy.	
2-10-SF 40	(13:02) M.Gordon right guard to SF 39 for 1 yard (N.Bosa; S.Ebukam).	
3-9-SF 39	(12:18) (Shotgun) R.Wilson scrambles right guard to SF 37 for 2 yards (C.Omenihu).	
	Penalty on DEN-C.Fleming, Offensive Holding, declined.	
4-7-SF 37	**(12:00) B.McManus 55 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-J.Bobenmoyer, Holder-C.Waitman.**	

SF 7 DEN 3, 8 plays, 57 yards, 3:11 drive, 3:04 elapsed

B.McManus kicks 65 yards from DEN 35 to SF 0. R.McCloud to SF 15 for 15 yards (J.Griffith, E.Saubert).

San Francisco 49ers at 11:56, (1st play from scrimmage 11:51)

1-10-SF 15	(11:51) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass deep left to D.Samuel ran ob at SF 47 for 32 yards.	P8
1-10-SF 47	(11:16) J.Wilson right end to SF 47 for no gain (B.Chubb).	
	PENALTY on SF-S.Burford, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at SF 47 - No Play. *Penalty on SF-R.McCloud, Illegal Shift, declined.*	
1-20-SF 37	(10:56) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to G.Kittle to SF 48 for 11 yards (J.Griffith).	
2-9-SF 48	(10:11) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete deep right to B.Aiyuk.	
3-9-SF 48	(10:06) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to D.Samuel to DEN 47 for 5 yards (D.Williams, D.Jones). SF-D.Samuel was injured during the play.	
4-4-DEN 47	(9:28) M.Wishnowsky punts 46 yards to DEN 1, Center-T.Pepper, downed by SF-R.Dwelley.	
	PENALTY on DEN-R.Gregory, Offensive Holding, 0 yards, enforced at DEN 1.	
	Denver challenged the touchback ruling, and the play was Upheld. The ruling on the field stands. (Timeout #1.)	

Denver Broncos at 9:17

1-10-DEN 1	(9:17) J.Williams up the middle to DEN 8 for 7 yards (H.Ridgeway; A.Al-Shaair).	
2-3-DEN 8	(8:35) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short left to C.Sutton to DEN 13 for 5 yards (E.Moseley, A.Al-Shaair).	P3
1-10-DEN 13	(8:01) J.Williams left guard to DEN 17 for 4 yards (F.Warner).	
2-6-DEN 17	(7:22) J.Williams right end to DEN 20 for 3 yards (T.Gipson).	
3-3-DEN 20	(6:37) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short middle to C.Sutton to DEN 25 for 5 yards (D.Lenoir) [D.Jackson].	P4
1-10-DEN 25	(6:04) J.Williams left guard to DEN 41 for 16 yards (T.Gipson).	R5
1-10-DEN 41	(5:23) J.Williams up the middle to 50 for 9 yards (A.Al-Shaair).	
2-1-50	(4:43) R.Wilson pass short right to M.Gordon to SF 28 for 22 yards (C.Ward; D.Greenlaw) [S.Ebukam]. SF-A.Al-Shaair was injured during the play.	P6
1-10-SF 28	(4:03) M.Gordon up the middle to SF 34 for -6 yards (T.Hufanga).	
2-16-SF 34	(3:21) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass incomplete short right to C.Sutton.	
3-16-SF 34	(3:17) (Shotgun) R.Wilson sacked at SF 41 for -7 yards (D.Jackson).	
4-23-SF 41	(2:37) C.Waitman punts 38 yards to SF 3, Center-J.Bobenmoyer, downed by DEN-E.Bassey.	

San Francisco 49ers at 2:27

1-10-SF 3	(2:27) J.Wilson left guard to SF 6 for 3 yards (D.Williams, K.Williams).	

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2-7-SF 6	(2:00) D.Samuel left guard to SF 9 for 3 yards (K.Jackson; J.Griffith).	
	Timeout #2 by DEN at 01:52.	
3-4-SF 9	(1:52) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo scrambles left tackle to SF 16 for 7 yards (J.Jewell).	
	PENALTY on SF-M.McGlinchey, Offensive Holding, 5 yards, enforced at SF 9 - No Play.	
3-9-SF 4	(1:46) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short right to J.Jennings.	
4-9-SF 4	(1:43) M.Wishnowsky punts 55 yards to DEN 41, Center-T.Pepper. M.Washington to 50 for 9 yards (G.Odum; O.Burks).	

Denver Broncos at 1:32

1-10-50	(1:32) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short left to J.Williams ran ob at SF 48 for 2 yards (E.Moseley).	
2-8-SF 48	(1:27) (No Huddle, Shotgun) R.Wilson pass incomplete short right to J.Williams (D.Lenoir).	
3-8-SF 48	*(1:21) (Shotgun) PENALTY on DEN-J.Jeudy, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at SF 48 - No Play.*	
3-13-DEN 47	(1:21) (Shotgun) R.Wilson scrambles right tackle to SF 43 for 10 yards (D.Greenlaw).	
	PENALTY on DEN-G.Bolles, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at DEN 47 - No Play.	

3-23-DEN 37	(1:14) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short left to A.Okwuegbunam to DEN 49 for 12 yards (F.Warner).
	Timeout #1 by SF at 01:07.
4-11-DEN 49	(1:07) C.Waitman punts 40 yards to SF 11, Center-J.Bobenmoyer, fair catch by R.McCloud.

San Francisco 49ers at 1:00

1-10-SF 11	(1:00) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete deep middle to B.Aiyuk.
2-10-SF 11	(:56) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short left to G.Kittle to SF 14 for 3 yards (P.Locke). DEN-B.Browning was injured during the play.
	Timeout #3 by DEN at 00:42.
3-7-SF 14	(:42) (Shotgun) D.Samuel up the middle to SF 16 for 2 yards (K.Williams; B.Chubb).

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs R	P	X	T	Efficiencies 3 Down	4 Down
San Francisco 49ers	**7**	**4:34**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0/3**	**0/0**
Denver Broncos	**3**	**10:26**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**5**	**2/5**	**0/0**

Play By Play

Third Quarter

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DEN elects to Receive, and SF elects to defend the South goal.

R.Gould kicks 65 yards from SF 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Denver Broncos at 15:00

1-10-DEN 25	(15:00) J.Williams right guard to DEN 29 for 4 yards (E.Moseley).	
2-6-DEN 29	(14:27) R.Wilson sacked at DEN 21 for -8 yards (N.Bosa).	
3-14-DEN 21	(14:05) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass incomplete short middle to J.Williams (F.Warner) [N.Bosa].	
4-14-DEN 21	(14:00) C.Waitman punts 54 yards to SF 25, Center-J.Bobenmoyer. R.McCloud to SF 43 for 18 yards (P.Locke).	

San Francisco 49ers at 13:47

1-10-SF 43	(13:47) J.Wilson right end to SF 43 for no gain (M.Purcell).	
	PENALTY on DEN-D.Jones, Illegal Use of Hands, 5 yards, enforced at SF 43 - No Play.	X9
1-10-SF 48	(13:27) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short middle to J.Wilson.	
	PENALTY on SF-J.Jennings, Illegal Shift, 5 yards, enforced at SF 48 - No Play.	
1-15-SF 43	(13:22) J.Mason left end to 50 for 7 yards (K.Jackson; R.Darby).	
2-8-50	(12:44) J.Garoppolo FUMBLES (Aborted) at 50, RECOVERED by DEN-J.Jewell at 50.	

Denver Broncos at 12:41

1-10-50	(12:41) R.Wilson sacked at DEN 44 for -6 yards (K.Givens).	
2-16-DEN 44	(11:59) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short left to J.Williams to DEN 42 for -2 yards (D.Lenoir, F.Warner) [N.Bosa].	
3-18-DEN 42	(11:15) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short right to C.Sutton to SF 49 for 9 yards (T.Gipson).	
4-9-SF 49	(10:41) C.Waitman punts 47 yards to SF 2, Center-J.Bobenmoyer, downed by DEN-M.Boone.	

San Francisco 49ers at 10:31

1-10-SF 2	(10:31) J.Wilson left guard to SF 2 for no gain (M.Purcell).	
2-10-SF 2	**(9:56) J.Garoppolo sacked ob in End Zone for -2 yards, SAFETY (M.Purcell). SF-T.Williams was injured during the play.**	

SF 7 DEN 5, Safety, 5:07 elapsed

M.Wishnowsky kicks 65 yards from SF 20 to DEN 15. M.Washington to DEN 29 for 14 yards (G.Odum; D.Flannigan-Fowles).

PENALTY on DEN-J.Strnad, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at DEN 29.

Denver Broncos at 9:53, (1st play from scrimmage 9:48)

1-10-DEN 19	(9:48) M.Gordon right tackle to DEN 23 for 4 yards (C.Omenihu; H.Ridgeway).	
2-6-DEN 23	(9:21) (No Huddle, Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short middle to M.Gordon to DEN 26 for 3 yards (D.Greenlaw, D.Lenoir).	
3-3-DEN 26	(8:33) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short left to C.Sutton to DEN 36 for 10 yards (E.Moseley, T.Hufanga).	P7
1-10-DEN 36	(7:59) (No Huddle, Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short left to M.Gordon to DEN 36 for no gain (E.Moseley; D.Lenoir).	
2-10-DEN 36	(7:23) R.Wilson pass incomplete deep middle to K.Hamler.	
	PENALTY on SF-N.Bosa, Defensive Offside, 5 yards, enforced at DEN 36 - No Play.	
2-5-DEN 41	(7:16) (Shotgun) M.Gordon up the middle to DEN 47 for 6 yards (E.Moseley; D.Greenlaw).	R8
1-10-DEN 47	(6:46) M.Gordon left guard to SF 47 for 6 yards (D.Flannigan-Fowles, C.Omenihu).	
2-4-SF 47	(6:08) J.Williams right tackle to SF 46 for 1 yard (J.Kinlaw).	
3-3-SF 46	(5:24) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass incomplete deep right to J.Jeudy [K.Hyder].	
	PENALTY on SF-D.Lenoir, Defensive Holding, 5 yards, enforced at SF 46 - No Play.	X9
1-10-SF 41	(5:18) J.Williams left guard to SF 35 for 6 yards (A.Spence).	
2-4-SF 35	(4:39) (Shotgun) J.Williams up the middle to SF 35 for no gain (D.Flannigan-Fowles).	
3-4-SF 35	(3:55) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass incomplete short right to J.Jeudy.	
4-4-SF 35	(3:51) B.McManus 53 yard field goal is No Good, Wide Right, Center-J.Bobenmoyer, Holder-C.Waitman.	

San Francisco 49ers at 3:46

1-10-SF 43	(3:46) J.Wilson right end pushed ob at DEN 39 for 18 yards (C.Sterns).	R10
1-10-DEN 39	(3:17) J.Wilson right tackle to DEN 39 for no gain (M.Purcell, D.Williams).	
2-10-DEN 39	(2:38) J.Garoppolo sacked at DEN 47 for -8 yards (R.Gregory).	
3-18-DEN 47	(1:52) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete deep left to B.Aiyuk.	
4-18-DEN 47	(1:47) M.Wishnowsky punts 41 yards to DEN 6, Center-T.Pepper, downed by SF-T.Moore.	

Denver Broncos at 1:38

1-10-DEN 6	(1:38) R.Wilson pass incomplete short middle to M.Gordon.	
2-10-DEN 6	(1:33) M.Gordon up the middle to DEN 6 for no gain (C.Ward, K.Givens). FUMBLES (C.Ward), recovered by DEN-R.Wilson at DEN 3.	

3-13-DEN 3 (:45) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass incomplete short left to M.Boone.

4-13-DEN 3 (:41) C.Waitman punts 47 yards to 50, Center-J.Bobenmoyer. R.McCloud to DEN 41 for 9 yards (A.Singleton).

San Francisco 49ers at 0:29

1-10-DEN 41 (:29) D.Samuel left end to DEN 41 for no gain (M.Purcell).

END OF QUARTER		**Time Poss**	**First Downs**				**Efficiencies**	
	Score		**R**	**P**	**X**	**T**	**3 Down**	**4 Down**
San Francisco 49ers	**7**	**4:21**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0/1**	**0/0**
Denver Broncos	**5**	**10:39**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**1/5**	**0/0**

Play By Play

Fourth Quarter

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San Francisco 49ers continued.

2-10-DEN 41	(15:00) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete deep right to J.Jennings (C.Sterns) [J.Jewell].	
3-10-DEN 41	(14:55) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short left to J.Wilson to DEN 33 for 8 yards (C.Sterns; P.Locke).	
4-2-DEN 33	**(14:14) R.Gould 51 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-T.Pepper, Holder-M.Wishnowsky.**	

SF 10 DEN 5, 4 plays, 8 yards, 1:19 drive, 0:50 elapsed

R.Gould kicks 65 yards from SF 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Denver Broncos at 14:10

1-10-DEN 25	(14:10) (Shotgun) J.Williams right guard to DEN 28 for 3 yards (H.Ridgeway).	
2-7-DEN 28	(13:35) R.Wilson pass incomplete deep middle to J.Jeudy (C.Ward).	
3-7-DEN 28	(13:28) (Shotgun) R.Wilson scrambles right guard to DEN 34 for 6 yards (D.Greenlaw). Denver challenged the short of the line to gain ruling, and the play was Upheld. The ruling on the field stands. (Timeout #1.)	
4-1-DEN 34	(12:35) C.Waitman punts 53 yards to SF 13, Center-J.Bobenmoyer, fair catch by R.McCloud.	

San Francisco 49ers at 12:28

1-10-SF 13	(12:28) J.Garoppolo pass deep left to K.Juszczyk ran ob at SF 37 for 24 yards.	P11
1-10-SF 37	(11:54) J.Wilson right tackle to SF 39 for 2 yards (R.Gregory, J.Jewell).	
2-8-SF 39	(11:10) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short left to G.Kittle to SF 44 for 5 yards (K.Jackson).	
3-3-SF 44	(10:27) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short middle to D.Samuel [D.Jones].	
4-3-SF 44	(10:23) M.Wishnowsky punts 56 yards to end zone, Center-T.Pepper, Touchback.	

Denver Broncos at 10:14

1-10-DEN 20	(10:14) J.Williams right guard to DEN 21 for 1 yard (S.Ebukam; D.Greenlaw).	
2-9-DEN 21	(9:39) R.Wilson pass short right to C.Sutton to DEN 29 for 8 yards (C.Ward).	
3-1-DEN 29	(8:57) (Shotgun) M.Gordon up the middle to DEN 33 for 4 yards (F.Warner; C.Ward).	R10
1-10-DEN 33	(8:25) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass incomplete deep right.	
2-10-DEN 33	(8:20) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass incomplete deep middle to E.Saubert [N.Bosa].	
3-10-DEN 33	(8:16) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass deep left to K.Hinton to SF 40 for 27 yards (F.Warner).	P11
1-10-SF 40	(7:41) (No Huddle, Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short right to M.Gordon pushed ob at SF 36 for 4 yards (D.Greenlaw, C.Ward).	
2-6-SF 36	(7:11) (No Huddle, Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short right to M.Gordon to SF 36 for no gain (S.Womack). FUMBLES (S.Womack), and recovers at SF 36.	
3-6-SF 36	(6:28) R.Wilson scrambles up the middle to SF 24 for 12 yards (S.Womack).	R12
1-10-SF 24	(5:41) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass deep right to C.Sutton to SF 5 for 19 yards (T.Gipson; C.Ward).	P13
1-5-SF 5	(4:56) (Shotgun) M.Gordon left tackle to SF 1 for 4 yards (E.Moseley; T.Moore).	
2-1-SF 1	**(4:13) C.Anderson reported in as eligible. M.Gordon left tackle for 1 yard, TOUCHDOWN.**	R14
	TWO-POINT CONVERSION ATTEMPT. R.Wilson pass to J.Williams is incomplete. ATTEMPT FAILS.	

SF 10 DEN 11, 12 plays, 80 yards, 6:04 drive, 10:50 elapsed

B.McManus kicks 65 yards from DEN 35 to end zone, Touchback.

San Francisco 49ers at 4:10

1-10-SF 25	(4:10) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to J.Wilson to SF 32 for 7 yards (J.Jewell) [R.Gregory].	
2-3-SF 32	(3:35) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short left to D.Samuel.	
3-3-SF 32	(3:31) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short left to J.Jennings to SF 37 for 5 yards (R.Darby).	P12
1-10-SF 37	(2:49) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to R.McCloud to SF 48 for 11 yards (K.Williams).	P13
1-10-SF 48	(2:13) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle intended for D.Samuel INTERCEPTED by J.Griffith (K.Jackson) at DEN 41. J.Griffith to DEN 42 for 1 yard (D.Samuel).	

Denver Broncos at 2:06

1-10-DEN 42	(2:06) J.Williams up the middle to DEN 43 for 1 yard (C.Ward, H.Ridgeway).	

Two-Minute Warning

2-9-DEN 43	(2:00) J.Williams left end to DEN 43 for no gain (D.Greenlaw).	
	Timeout #1 by SF at 01:55.	
3-9-DEN 43	(1:55) M.Gordon left guard to DEN 47 for 4 yards (T.Hufanga).	
	Timeout #2 by SF at 01:51.	
4-5-DEN 47	(1:51) C.Waitman punts 43 yards to SF 10, Center-J.Bobenmoyer. R.McCloud MUFFS catch, touched at SF 13, and recovers at SF 15.	

San Francisco 49ers at 1:42

1-10-SF 15	(1:42) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo sacked at SF 3 for -12 yards (B.Chubb).	

2-22-SF 3	(1:15) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to J.Wilson to SF 19 for 16 yards (P.Locke). FUMBLES (P.Locke), RECOVERED by DEN-K.Jackson at SF 24. K.Jackson to SF 24 for no gain (J.Wilson).

Denver Broncos at 1:05

1-10-SF 24	(1:05) R.Wilson kneels to SF 25 for -1 yards.
	Timeout #3 by SF at 01:03.
2-11-SF 25	(1:03) R.Wilson kneels to SF 26 for -1 yards.
3-12-SF 26	(:19) R.Wilson kneels to SF 27 for -1 yards.

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
San Francisco 49ers	**10**	**5:45**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**3**	**1/3**	**0/0**
Denver Broncos	**11**	**9:15**	**3**	**2**	**0**	**5**	**3/6**	**0/0**

Miscellaneous Statistics Report

San Francisco 49ers vs Denver Broncos
9/25/2022 at Empower Field at Mile High

Ten Longest Plays for San Francisco 49ers

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
37	1	1-10-SF 45	(10:32) J.Wilson left tackle to DEN 18 for 37 yards (P.Surtain).
32	2	1-10-SF 15	(11:51) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass deep left to D.Samuel ran ob at SF 47 for 32 yards.
24	4	1-10-SF 13	(12:28) J.Garoppolo pass deep left to K.Juszczyk ran ob at SF 37 for 24 yards.
20	1	1-10-SF 25	(11:07) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass deep middle to B.Aiyuk to SF 45 for 20 yards (K.Jackson).
18	1	2-11-SF 24	(2:16) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass deep middle to D.Samuel to SF 42 for 18 yards (K.Williams; K.Jackson).
18	3	1-10-SF 43	(3:46) J.Wilson right end pushed ob at DEN 39 for 18 yards (C.Sterns).
16	1	1-10-SF 19	(7:05) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to B.Aiyuk to SF 35 for 16 yards (N.Bonitto).
13	1	2-8-SF 12	(14:19) J.Garoppolo pass short left to D.Samuel to SF 25 for 13 yards (K.Williams, K.Jackson).
11	2	1-20-SF 37	(10:56) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to G.Kittle to SF 48 for 11 yards (J.Griffith).
11	4	1-10-SF 37	(2:49) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to R.McCloud to SF 48 for 11 yards (K.Williams).

Ten Longest Plays for Denver Broncos

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
34	1	1-10-DEN 6	(:07) R.Wilson pass deep middle to C.Sutton to DEN 40 for 34 yards (E.Moseley).
27	4	3-10-DEN 33	(8:16) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass deep left to K.Hinton to SF 40 for 27 yards (F.Warner).
22	2	2-1-50	(4:43) R.Wilson pass short right to M.Gordon to SF 28 for 22 yards (C.Ward; D.Greenlaw) [S.Ebukam]. SF-A.Al-Shaair was
19	4	1-10-SF 24	(5:41) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass deep right to C.Sutton to SF 5 for 19 yards (T.Gipson; C.Ward).
16	2	3-6-DEN 44	(13:39) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short left to J.Jeudy to SF 40 for 16 yards (T.Gipson).
16	2	1-10-DEN 25	(6:04) J.Williams left guard to DEN 41 for 16 yards (T.Gipson).
12	2	3-23-DEN 37	(1:14) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short left to A.Okwuegbunam to DEN 49 for 12 yards (F.Warner).
12	4	3-6-SF 36	(6:28) R.Wilson scrambles up the middle to SF 24 for 12 yards (S.Womack).
10	3	3-3-DEN 26	(8:33) (Shotgun) R.Wilson pass short left to C.Sutton to DEN 36 for 10 yards (E.Moseley, T.Hufanga).
9	2	1-10-DEN 41	(5:23) J.Williams up the middle to 50 for 9 yards (A.Al-Shaair).

Touchdown Scoring Information		Offense	Defense	Special Teams
VISITOR	San Francisco 49ers	1	0	0
HOME	Denver Broncos	1	0	0

Player Scoring Information

Club	Player	TD	Rush TD	Rec TD	KO TD	Punt Int TD	Fum TD	Misc TD	FG	XP	2Pt Rush	2Pt Rec	Sfty	Points
SF	B.Aiyuk	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
SF	R.Gould	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
DEN	M.Gordon	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
DEN	B.McManus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
DEN	M.Purcell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2

Possession Detail	First Half		Second Half		Game	
	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home
Largest Lead	7	0	5	1	7	1
Drives Leading	5	0	5	2	10	2
Time of Possession Leading	10:04	0:00	7:25	1:29	17:29	1:29
Largest Deficit	0	-7	-1	-5	-1	-7
Drives Trailing	0	5	2	6	2	11
Time of Possession Trailing	0:00	12:52	2:41	18:25	2:41	31:17
Times Score Tied Up		0		0		0
Lead Changes		1		1		2

Playtime Percentage

Percent of playtime per player on offense, defense and special teams (Unofficial)

San Francisco 49ers

		Offense		Defense		Special Teams	
A Banks	G	56	100%			2	7%
M McGlinchey	T	56	100%			2	7%
S Burford	T	56	100%			2	7%
J Garoppolo	QB	56	100%				
J Brendel	C	56	100%				
G Kittle	TE	51	91%				
B Aiyuk	WR	50	89%				
D Samuel	WR	44	79%				
J Wilson	RB	41	73%				
T Williams	T	38	68%				
K Juszczyk	FB	35	62%			7	25%
J Jennings	WR	26	46%			9	32%
C McKivitz	T	11	20%			2	7%
R McCloud	WR	10	18%			13	46%
C Woerner	TE	8	14%			25	89%
J Moore	T	7	12%			2	7%
D Gray	WR	6	11%				
J Mason	RB	5	9%			15	54%
R Dwelley	TE	4	7%			24	86%
T Hufanga	SS			74	100%	3	11%
F Warner	LB			74	100%	3	11%
D Greenlaw	LB			74	100%	1	4%
E Moseley	CB			73	99%	3	11%
T Gipson	FS			73	99%		
C Ward	CB			71	96%	3	11%
N Bosa	DE			57	77%	1	4%
S Ebukam	DE			43	58%	3	11%
J Kinlaw	DT			42	57%	2	7%
D Lenoir	CB			35	47%	17	61%
K Givens	DT			35	47%	2	7%
H Ridgeway	DT			30	41%	2	7%
C Omenihu	DE			28	38%	2	7%
D Jackson	DE			22	30%		
D Flannigan-Fowles	LB			21	28%	23	82%
A Spence	DT			21	28%		
K Hyder	DE			20	27%	2	7%
A Al-Shaair	LB			17	23%		
S Womack	DB			2	3%	16	57%
G Odum	FS			1	1%	25	89%
T Moore	FS			1	1%	23	82%
O Burks	LB					25	89%
A Thomas	CB					20	71%
M Wishnowsky	P					10	36%
T Pepper	LS					9	32%
R Gould	K					5	18%

Denver Broncos

		Offense		Defense		Special Teams	
C Fleming	T	74	100%			2	7%
D Risner	G	74	100%			2	7%
G Bolles	T	74	100%			2	7%
G Glasgow	G	74	100%			2	7%
L Cushenberry	C	74	100%				
R Wilson	QB	74	100%				
C Sutton	WR	64	86%				
J Jeudy	WR	44	59%				
E Saubert	TE	35	47%			24	86%
E Tomlinson	TE	35	47%				
J Williams	RB	33	45%				
K Hinton	WR	32	43%			4	14%
M Gordon	RB	28	38%				
A Beck	TE	27	36%			24	86%
A Okwuegbunam	TE	24	32%				
K Hamler	WR	19	26%				
M Boone	RB	14	19%			18	64%
M Washington	WR	14	19%			13	46%
C Anderson	T	1	1%			2	7%
P Surtain	CB			56	100%	2	7%
R Darby	CB			56	100%	2	7%
K Jackson	SS			56	100%		
C Sterns	FS			53	95%	5	18%
J Jewell	LB			53	95%	2	7%
D Jones	DE			47	84%	2	7%
B Chubb	LB			44	79%	4	14%
R Gregory	DE			40	71%	4	14%
K Williams	CB			36	64%	2	7%
J Griffith	LB			33	59%	16	57%
D Williams	DT			32	57%	3	11%
M Purcell	NT			29	52%	4	14%
J Harris	DE			23	41%		
B Browning	LB			19	34%	6	21%
D Jones	DT			13	23%	1	4%
P Locke	FS			10	18%	25	89%
N Bonitto	LB			9	16%	4	14%
M Henningsen	DE			5	9%	2	7%
E Bassey	CB			2	4%	22	79%
J Strnad	LB					24	86%
A Patrick	LB					24	86%
A Singleton	LB					22	79%
C Waitman	P					12	43%
J Bobenmoyer	LS					12	43%
D Mathis	DB					10	36%

M Mack	RB	3	11%	B McManus	K	5	18%
B Hance	G	2	7%				

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON SERVICE

MOST SEASONS PLAYED

	Player	Seasons
1.	John Brodie (1957–1973)	17
2.	Jerry Rice (1985–2000)	16
	Jimmy Johnson (1961–1976)	16
4.	Charlie Krueger (1959–1973)	15
	Len Rohde (1960–1974)	15

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED

	Player	Games
1.	Brian Jennings (2000–2012)	208
	Len Rohde (1960–1974)	208
3.	Jerry Rice (1985–2000)	189
4.	Leo Nomellini (1950–1963)	174

MOST REGULAR SEASON GAMES PLAYED

	Player	Pos	Years	Seasons	Games
1.	Jerry Rice	WR	1985–2000	16	238
2.	Jimmy Johnson	DB/HB	1961–1976	16	213
3.	Brian Jennings	TE/LS	2000–2012	13	208
	Bryant Young	DT	1994–2007	14	208
	Len Rohde	T	1960–1974	15	208
6.	John Brodie	QB	1957–1973	17	201
7.	Charlie Krueger	DT	1959–1973	15	198
8.	Keith Fahnhorst	T	1974–1987	14	193
9.	Randy Cross	G/C	1976–1988	13	185
10.	Jesse Sapolu	G/C	1983–1997	15	182

MOST REGULAR SEASON GAMES PLAYED BY POSITION

	Quarterbacks	Pos	Years	Seasons	Games
1.	John Brodie	QB	1957–1973	17	201
2.	Joe Montana	QB	1979–1992	14	167
3.	Steve Young	QB	1987–1999	13	150
4.	Y.A. Tittle	QB	1951–1960	10	112
5.	Steve Spurrier	QB	1967–1975	9	92
6.	Alex Smith	QB	2005–2012	8	80
7.	Jeff Garcia	QB	1999–2003	5	74
8.	Colin Kaepernick	QB	2011–2016	6	69
9.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**QB**	**2017–present**	**6**	**48**
10.	Elvis Grbac	QB	1993–1996	4	43

	Offensive Linemen	Pos	Years	Seasons	Games
1.	Len Rohde	T	1960–1974	15	208
2.	Keith Fahnhorst	T	1974–1987	14	193
3.	Randy Cross	G/C	1976–1988	13	185
4.	Jesse Sapolu	C/G	1983–1997	15	182
5.	Joe Staley	T	2007–2019	13	181
6.	Steve Wallace	T	1986–1996	11	166
7.	Bruce Bosley	C/G	1956–1968	13	163
8.	John Ayers	G	1977–1986	10	148
9.	Guy McIntyre	G	1984–1993	10	145
10.	Fred Quillan	C	1978–1987	10	143

	WRs/TEs	Pos	Years	Seasons	Games
1.	Jerry Rice	WR	1985–2000	16	238
2.	Brian Jennings	TE/LS	2000–2012	13	208
3.	Brent Jones	TE	1987–1997	11	143
4.	Vernon Davis	TE	2006–2015	9	139
5.	Mike Wilson	WR	1981–1990	10	136
6.	Dwight Clark	WR	1979–1987	9	134
7.	Gene Washington	WR	1969–1977	9	124
8.	Terrell Owens	WR	1996–2003	8	121
	John Taylor	WR	1987–1995	9	121
10.	Freddie Solomon	WR	1978–1985	8	114

	Running Backs	Pos	Years	Seasons	Games
1.	Frank Gore	RB	2005–2014	10	148
2.	Joe Perry	FB	1950–1963	12	131
3.	Ken Willard	FB	1965–1973	9	125
4.	Roger Craig	RB	1983–1990	8	121
5.	Tom Rathman	FB	1986–1993	8	115
6.	Fred Beasley	FB	1998–2005	8	114
7.	Terry Jackson	RB	1999–2005	7	100
8.	Hugh McElhenny	HB	1952–1960	9	97
	J.D. Smith	HB	1956–1964	9	97
10.	Dexter Carter	RB	1990–1996	7	90

	Defensive Linemen	Pos	Years	Seasons	Games
1.	Bryant Young	DT	1994–2007	14	208
2.	Charlie Krueger	DT	1959–1973	15	198
3.	Leo Nomellini	DT	1950–1963	14	174
4.	Roland Lakes	DT	1961–1970	10	140
5.	Cedrick Hardman	DE	1970–1979	10	139
6.	Tommy Hart	DE	1968–1977	10	131
7.	Isaac Sopoaga	DT	2005–2012	8	125
8.	Michael Carter	NT	1984–1992	9	121
9.	Dwaine Board	DE	1979–1988	10	117
10.	Justin Smith	DT	2008–2014	7	110
	Dennis Brown	DE	1990–1996	7	110

	Linebackers	Pos	Years	Seasons	Games
1.	Matt Hazeltine	LB	1955–1968	14	176
2.	Keena Turner	LB	1980–1990	11	153
	Dave Wilcox	LB	1964–1974	11	153
4.	Frank Nunley	LB	1967–1976	10	137
5.	Willie Harper	LB	1973–1983	11	134
	Mike Walter	LB	1984–1993	10	134
7.	Ahmad Brooks	LB	2009–2016	8	120
	Jeff Ulbrich	LB	2000–2009	10	120
9.	Skip Vanderbundt	LB	1969–1977	9	119
10.	Patrick Willis	LB	2007–2014	8	112
	Ken Norton	LB	1994–2000	7	112

	Secondary	Pos	Years	Seasons	Games
1.	Jimmy Johnson	DB/HB	1961–1976	16	213
2.	Mel Phillips	DB	1966–1977	12	147
3.	Ronnie Lott	S	1981–1990	10	129
4.	Merton Hanks	S	1991–1998	8	125
5.	Don Griffin	CB	1986–1993	8	114
6.	Tim McDonald	S	1993–1999	7	111
7.	Eric Wright	CB	1981–1990	10	110
8.	Dontae Johnson	CB	2014–2021	7	101
9.	Tarell Brown	CB	2007–2013	7	100
	Bruce Taylor	CB	1970–1977	8	100

	Kickers	Pos	Years	Seasons	Games
1.	Ray Wersching	K	1977–1987	11	155
2.	Tommy Davis	K	1959–1969	11	138
3.	Mike Cofer	K	1988–1993	6	96
4.	Joe Nedney	K	2005–2010	6	86
5.	**Robbie Gould**	**K**	**2017–present**	**6**	**76**

	Punters	Pos	Years	Seasons	Games
1.	Andy Lee	P	2004–2014	11	176
2.	Tom Wittum	P	1973–1977	5	70
3.	Bradley Pinion	P	2015–2018	4	64
4.	Max Runager	P	1984–1988	5	59
5.	**Mitch Wishnowsky**	**P**	**2019–present**	**4**	**52**

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON SCORING

ALL–TIME LEADING SCORERS

	Player	Years	Gms	TDs	Rsh	Rec	Ret	2–pt	PAT	FG	Pts
1.	Jerry Rice	1985–2000	238	187	10	176	1	4	0/0	0/0	1,130
2.	Ray Wersching	1977–1987	155	0	0	0	0	0	409/425	190/261	979
3.	Tommy Davis	1959–1969	138	0	0	0	0	0	348/350	130/276	738
4.	Mike Cofer	1988–1993	96	0	0	0	0	0	289/296	128/191	673
5.	Gordy Soltau	1950–1958	107	25	0	25	0	0	284/303	70/139	644
6.	**Robbie Gould**	**2017–present**	**75**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**176/184**	**138/157**	**590**
7.	Joe Nedney	2005–2010	86	0	0	0	0	0	154/154	129/149	541
8.	Terrell Owens	1996–2003	121	83	2	81	0	2	0/0	0/0	502
9.	Bruce Gossett	1970–1974	70	0	0	0	0	0	163/168	99/153	460
10.	Frank Gore	2005–2014	148	76	64	11	1	1	0/0	0/0	458
11.	Phil Dawson	2013–2016	64	0	0	0	0	0	130/132	99/115	427
12.	Roger Craig	1983–1990	121	66	50	16	0	0	0/0	0/0	396
13.	Ken Willard	1965–1973	125	61	45	16	0	0	0/0	0/0	366
14.	Gene Washington	1969–1977	124	59	0	59	0	0	0/0	0/0	354
15.	Joe Perry	1950–1963	131	57	50	7	0	0	6/7	1/6	351
16.	Vernon Davis	2006–2015	139	55	0	55	0	1	0/0	0/0	332
17.	Hugh McElhenny	1952–1960	97	51	35	15	1	0	0/0	0/0	306
18.	David Akers	2011–2012	32	0	0	0	0	0	78/78	73/94	297
19.	Billy Wilson	1951–1960	100	49	0	49	0	0	0/0	0/0	294
20.	Dwight Clark	1979–1987	134	48	0	48	0	0	0/0	0/0	288
	Freddie Solomon	1978–1985	114	48	3	43	2	0	0/0	0/0	288

MOST POINTS IN SINGLE SEASON

	Player	Year	TDs	XPM	XPA	FGM	FGA	2pt	Pts
1.	David Akers	2011	0	34	34	(44) +	(52) +	0	(166) +
2.	**Robbie Gould**	**2017**	**0**	**28**	**30**	**39**	**41**	**0**	**145**
3.	Phil Dawson	2013	0	44	44	32	36	0	140
4.	Jerry Rice	1987	23	0	0	0	0	0	(138)
5.	Mike Cofer	1989	0	49	51	29	36	0	136
6.	David Akers	2012	0	44	44	29	42	0	131
	Ray Wersching	1984	0	56	[56]	25	35	0	(131)
8.	Jeff Wilkins	1996	0	40	40	30	34	0	130
9.	**Robbie Gould**	**2018**	**0**	**27**	**29**	**33**	**34**	**0**	**126**
	Ray Wersching	1983	0	51	51	25	30	0	126

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LONGEST FIELDS GOALS

	Player	Game	Lg
1.	David Akers	at GB (9/9/12)	63
2.	Joey Slye	vs. Ind. (10/24/21)	56
	Phil Dawson	at Arz. (12/29/13)	56
	Joe Nedney	at StL (12/24/05)	56
	Mike Cofer	at Atl. (10/14/90)	56
6.	Phil Dawson	vs. KC (10/5/14)	55
	Phil Dawson	at NO (11/17/13)	55
	David Akers	at Det. (10/16/11)	55
	David Akers	vs. Dal. (9/18/11)	55
10.	Phil Dawson	at StL (11/1/15)	54
	Phil Dawson	at StL (10/13/14)	54
	David Akers	at Sea. (12/23/12)	54
	Steve Mike–Mayer	at LA Rams (11/9/75)	54
	Bruce Gossett	vs. NO (10/21/73)	54

ALL–TIME SCORING

Touchdowns by Rushing	1,087
Touchdowns by Receptions	1,523
Touchdowns by Interception Return	92
Touchdowns by Kickoff Return	22
Touchdowns by Punt Return	30
Fields Goals Made	1,360
Safeties	36

50+YARD FIELD GOALS, Career

	Player	No.
1.	Phil Dawson	14
2.	**Robbie Gould**	**12**
3.	Joe Nedney	10
4.	David Akers	9
5.	Mike Cofer	5

FIELD GOAL PCT., Career

	Player	Pct.
1.	**Robbie Gould, 138–157**	**87.9**
2.	Joe Nedney, 129–149	86.6
2.	Phil Dawson, 99–115	86.1
3.	Ray Wersching, 190–261	72.8
4.	Mike Cofer, 128–191	67.0

**Min. 100 atts.*

FIELD GOAL PCT., Season

	Player	Pct.
1.	**Robbie Gould, 2018 (33–34)**	**97.1**
2.	**Robbie Gould, 2017 (39–41)**	**95.1**
3.	Joe Nedney, 2005 (26–28)	92.9
4.	Wade Richey, 1999 (21–23)	91.3
5.	Joe Nedney, 2007 (17–19)	89.5

**Min. 16 atts.*

MOST TOUCHDOWNS, Career

	Player	TD
1.	Jerry Rice (WR)	187
2.	Terrell Owens (WR)	83
3.	Frank Gore (RB)	76
4.	Roger Craig (RB)	66
5.	Ken Willard (FB)	61
6.	Gene Washington (WR)	59
7.	Joe Perry (FB)	57
8.	Vernon Davis (TE)	55
9.	Hugh McElhenny (HB)	51
10.	Billy Wilson (E)	49

MOST FGs MADE, Career

	Player	FGM
1.	Ray Wersching	190
2.	**Robbie Gould**	**138**
3.	Tommy Davis	130
4.	Joe Nedney	129
5.	Mike Cofer	128
6.	Phil Dawson	99
	Bruce Gossett	99
8.	David Akers	73
9.	Gordie Soltau	70
10.	Wade Richey	54

MOST FGs ATTEMPTED, Career

	Player	FGA
1.	Tommy Davis	276
2.	Ray Wersching	261
3.	Mike Cofer	191
4.	**Robbie Gould**	**157**
5.	Bruce Gossett	153
6.	Joe Nedney	149
7.	Gordie Soltau	139
8.	Phil Dawson	115
9.	David Akers	94
10.	Wade Richey	72

MOST PATs MADE, Career

	Player	PAT
1.	Ray Wersching	409
2.	Tommy Davis	348
3.	Mike Cofer	289
4.	Gordie Soltau	284
5.	**Robbie Gould**	**176**
6.	Bruce Gossett	163
7.	Joe Nedney	154
8.	Phil Dawson	130
9.	Wade Richey	122
10.	Doug Brien	79

MOST PATs ATTEMPTED, Career

	Player	PAT
1.	Ray Wersching	425
2.	Tommy Davis	350
3.	Gordie Soltau	303
4.	Mike Cofer	296
5.	**Robbie Gould**	**184**
6.	Bruce Gossett	168
7.	Joe Nedney	154
8.	Phil Dawson	132
9.	Wade Richey	127
10.	Doug Brien	81

SAFETIES, Career

	Player	Safeties
1.	Bryant Young	3
	Charlie Krueger	3
3.	Leo Nomellini	2
4.	19 Players	1

Last: Team 10/28/18 at Arz.

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON SCORING

TOP SINGLE–GAME SCORING PERFORMANCES

MOST POINTS

	Player	Game	Points
1.	Jerry Rice (WR)	at Atl. (10/14/90) – 5 TDs	30
2.	Gordie Soltau (E)	vs. LA Rams (10/28/51) – 3 TDs, 1 FG, 5 PATs	26
3.	Tevin Coleman (RB)	vs. Car. (10/27/19) – 4 TDs	24
	Jerry Rice (WR)	at TB (11/14/93) – 4 TDs	24
	Billy Kilmer (QB)	at Min. (10/15/61) – 4 TDs	24
6.	Jeff Wilkins (K)	vs. Atl. (9/29/96) – 6 FGs, 3 PATs	21
	Gordie Soltau (E)	vs. Bal. (12/13/53) – 2 TDs, 1FG, 6 PATs	21

MOST TOUCHDOWNS

	Player	Game	TDs
1.	Jerry Rice (WR)	at Atl. (10/14/90)	5
2.	Tevin Coleman (RB)	vs. Car. (10/27/19)	4
	Jerry Rice (WR)	at TB (11/14/93)	4
	Billy Kilmer (QB)	at Min. (10/15/61)	4

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE

	Player	Game	FGM
1.	**Robbie Gould**	**vs. Ten. (12/17/17)**	**6**
	Jeff Wilkins	vs. Atl. (9/29/96)	6
	Ray Wersching	at NO (10/16/83)	6
3.	**Robbie Gould**	**at Chi. (12/3/17)**	**5**
	Robbie Gould	**at Arz. (10/1/17)**	**5**
	Joe Nedney	vs. TB (10/30/05)	5
	Jeff Chandler	vs. Chi. (9/7/03)	5
	Bruce Gossett	at Den. (9/23/73)	5

MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

	Player	Game	FGA
1.	**Robbie Gould**	**vs. Ten. (12/17/17)**	**6**
	David Akers	vs. Arz. (11/20/11)	6
	Joe Nedney	vs. TB (10/30/05)	6
	Jeff Wilkins	vs. Atl. (9/29/96)	6
	Ray Wersching	at NO (10/16/83)	6
	Tommy Davis	at LA Rams (10/17/65)	6
	Tommy Davis	at Dal. (11/20/60)	6
	Gordie Soltau	at GB (11/23/58)	6

MOST PATs MADE

	Player	Game	PATs Made
1.	Mike Cofer	vs. Atl. (10/18/92)	8
2.	Mike Cofer	at Det. (12/19/93)	7
	Mike Cofer	vs. Chi. (12/23/91)	7
	Bruce Gossett	at Atl. (10/29/72)	7
	Tommy Davis	vs. Chi. (9/19/65)	7
	Tommy Davis	at Det. (10/1/61)	7

MOST PATs ATTEMPTED

	Player	Game	PATs Att.
1.	Mike Cofer	vs. Atl. (10/18/92)	8
2.	Mike Cofer	at Det. (12/19/93)	7
	Mike Cofer	vs. Chi. (12/23/91)	7
	Bruce Gossett	at Atl. (10/29/72)	7
	Tommy Davis	vs. Chi. (9/19/65)	7
	Tommy Davis	at Det. (10/1/61)	7

MOST CONSECUTIVE FIELD GOALS MADE

	Player	FG
1.	**Robbie Gould (10/29/17 to 10/7/18)**	**33**
2.	Phil Dawson (10/6/13 to 12/29/13)	27
3.	**Robbie Gould (10/15/18 to 9/8/19)**	**25**
4.	Phil Dawson (9/14/15 to 12/13/15)	19
5.	Joe Nedney (11/26/06 to 9/30/07)	18
6.	Mike Cofer (12/4/88 to 10/1/89)	17
7.	Wade Richey (12/27/98 to 11/7/99)	16
	Gary Anderson (9/14/97 to 11/10/97)	16
9.	**Robbie Gould (12/1/19 to 9/27/20)**	**15**
	Robbie Gould (9/10/17 to 10/15/17)	**15**
	David Akers (10/9/11 to 11/13/11)	15

MOST TOUCHDOWNS, Season

	Player	TD
1.	Jerry Rice (1987), 22 rec., 1 rush	23
2.	Jerry Rice (1995), 15 rec., 1 rush, 1 fum. rec.	17
	Jerry Rice (1989), 17 rec.	17
4.	Terrell Owens (2001), 16 rec.	16
	Jerry Rice (1993), 15 rec, 1 rush	16
	Jerry Rice (1986), 15 rec., 1 rush	16

MOST FGs MADE, Season

	Player	FGM
1.	David Akers (2011)	44
2.	**Robbie Gould (2017)**	**39**
3.	**Robbie Gould (2018)**	**33**
4.	Phil Dawson (2013)	32
5.	Jeff Wilkins (1996)	30

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH FG MADE

	Player	Games
1.	David Akers (9/11/11 to 12/30/12)	32
2.	Bruce Gossett (11/29/70 to 10/1/72)	21

MOST FGs ATTEMPTED, Season

	Player	FGA
1.	David Akers (2011)	52
2.	David Akers (2012)	42
3.	**Robbie Gould (2017)**	**41**
4.	Mike Cofer (1988)	38
5.	Phil Dawson (2013)	36
	Gary Anderson (1997)	36
	Mike Cofer (1990)	36
	Mike Cofer (1989)	36
	Bruce Gossett (1971)	36

MOST PATs MADE, Season

	Player	PAT
1.	Doug Brien (1994)	60
2.	Mike Cofer (1993)	59
3.	Ray Wersching (1984)	56
4.	Mike Cofer (1992)	53
5.	Ray Wersching (1985)	52
	Tommy Davis (1965)	52

MOST CONSECUTIVE PATs MADE

	Player	PAT
1.	Tommy Davis (9/27/59 to 12/12/65)	234

MOST PATs ATTEMPTED, Season

	Player	PAT
1.	Doug Brien (1994)	62
2.	Mike Cofer (1993)	61
3.	Ray Wersching (1984)	56
4.	Mike Cofer (1992)	54
5.	Ray Wersching (1985)	53
	Tommy Davis (1965)	53

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TOUCHDOWN

	Player	Games
1.	Jerry Rice (12/19/86 to 12/27/87)	13
2.	Raheem Mostert (11/24/19 to 9/20/20)	8
	Terrell Owens (11/8/98 to 12/27/98)	8
	Jerry Rice (12/8/89 to 11/27/89)	8
	Freddie Solomon (10/28/84 to 12/14/84	8
	Dave Parks (11/7/65 to 9/11/66)	8

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON PASSING

ALL–TIME LEADING PASSERS (BY YARDS)

	Player	Years	Gms	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yards	TD	INT	Lg	QB Rat	INT Pct.
1.	Joe Montana	1979–1992 (14)	167	4,600	2,929	63.7	35,124	244	123	96t	93.5	2.7
2.	John Brodie	1957–1973 (17)	201	4,491	2,469	55.0	31,548	214	224	83t	72.3	5.0
3.	Steve Young	1987–1999 (13)	150	3,648	2,400	65.8	29,907	221	86	97t	101.4	2.4
4.	Jeff Garcia	1999–2003 (5)	74	2,360	1,449	61.4	16,408	113	56	76t	88.3	2.4
5.	Y.A. Tittle	1951–1960 (10)	112	2,194	1,226	55.9	16,016	108	134	78t	70.0	6.1
6.	Alex Smith	2005–2012 (8)	80	2,177	1,290	59.3	14,280	81	63	75	79.1	2.9
7.	Colin Kaepernick	2011–2016 (6)	69	1,692	1,011	59.8	12,271	72	30	80t	88.9	1.8
8.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**2017–present (6)**	**48**	**1,374**	**928**	**67.5**	**11,527**	**68**	**39**	**83**	**98.0**	**2.8**
9.	Steve DeBerg	1978–1980 (3)	39	1,201	670	55.8	7,220	37	60	93t	63.1	5.0
10.	Steve Spurrier	1967–1975 (9)	92	840	441	52.5	5,250	33	48	81t	61.2	5.7
11.	Nick Mullens	2018–2020 (3)	19	600	387	64.5	4,714	25	22	85t	87.2	3.7
12.	Tim Rattay	2000–2005 (6)	32	586	356	60.8	3,941	24	18	89t	81.6	3.1
13.	Frankie Albert	1950–1952 (3)	36	601	316	52.6	3,847	27	43	60	57.7	7.2
14.	Shaun Hill	2007–2009 (3)	18	522	322	61.7	3,490	23	11	61	87.3	2.1
15.	C.J. Beathard	2017–2020 (4)	19	497	291	58.6	3,469	18	13	83t	81.1	2.6
16.	Jim Plunkett	1976–1977 (2)	26	491	254	51.7	3,285	22	30	85t	62.5	6.1
17.	Elvis Grbac	1994–1996 (3)	42	430	284	66.0	3,098	18	16	81t	85.6	3.7
18.	Blaine Gabbert	2014–2016 (3)	15	449	272	60.6	2,994	16	13	75t	80.2	2.9
19.	Steve Bono	1989–1993 (5)	34	359	220	61.3	2,558	14	7	78	87.7	1.9
20.	Ken Dorsey	2004–2005 (2)	11	316	171	54.1	1,712	8	11	59	63.7	3.5

MOST PASSING YARDS IN SINGLE SEASON

	Player	Year	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yards	TD	INT	Lg	QB Rat	INT Pct
1.	Jeff Garcia	2000	561	355	63.3	4,278	31	10	69t	97.6	1.8
2.	Steve Young	1998	517	322	62.3	4,170	36	12	81t	101.1	2.3
3.	Steve Young	1993	462	314	68.0	4,023	29	16	80t	101.5	3.5
4.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**2019**	**476**	**329**	**69.1**	**3,978**	**27**	**13**	**75t**	**102.0**	**2.9**
5.	Steve Young	1994	461	324	70.3	3,969	35	10	69t	112.8	2.2
6.	Joe Montana	1990	520	321	61.7	3,944	26	16	78t	89.0	3.1
7.	Joe Montana	1983	515	332	64.5	3,910	26	12	77t	94.6	2.3
8.	Joe Montana	1985	494	303	61.3	3,653	27	13	73	91.3	2.6
9.	Steve DeBerg	1979	578	347	60.0	3,652	17	21	50	73.1	3.6
10.	Joe Montana	1984	432	279	64.6	3,630	28	10	80t	102.9	2.3

(Led NFL) [Led Conference]

MOST CONSECUTIVE COMPLETIONS

	Player	Game(s)	Cmp
1.	Joe Montana	last 5 vs. Cle. (11/29/87) first 17 at GB (12/6/87)	22
2.	Steve Young	at Was. (11/24/96)	19

CONSECUTIVE PASSES WITHOUT INTERCEPTION

	Player	Game(s)	Atts
1.	Alex Smith	12 passes at Bal. (11/24/11) to 33 passes at Min. (9/23/12)	249
2.	Steve Young	22 passes vs. Min. (10/3/93) to 12 passes at LA Rams (11/28/93)	184
3.	Joe Montana	12 passes at Phi. (9/24/89) to 6 passes vs. GB (11/19/89)	154

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH TOUCHDOWN PASS

	Player	Game(s)	Gms
1.	C. Kaepernick	at NO (10/17/13) to vs. Was. (11/23/14)	18
	Steve Young	at Det. (10/9/94) to vs. StL (11/26/95) note: DNP in 5 games in 1995	18
3.	Steve Young	vs. NYJ (9/6/98) to vs. StL (12/27/98) note: EQ on 11/8/98	15
	Jeff Garcia	at SD (12/3/00) to vs. Buf. (12/2/01)	15

BEST QB RATING, Career

	Player	QB Rat
1.	Steve Young	101.4
2.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**98.0**
3.	Joe Montana	93.5
4.	Colin Kaepernick	88.9
5.	Jeff Garcia	88.3
6.	Shaun Hill	87.3
7.	Nick Mullens	87.2
8.	Tim Rattay	81.6
9.	Alex Smith	79.1
10.	John Brodie	72.3

(min. 500 attempts)

AVG Yds PER ATTEMPT, Career

	Player	Y/A
1.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**8.4**
2.	Steve Young	8.2
3.	Nick Mullens	7.9
4.	Joe Montana	7.6
5.	Y.A. Tittle	7.3

(min. 500 attempts)

MOST ATTEMPTS, Career

	Player	Att
1.	Joe Montana	4,600
2.	John Brodie	4,491
3.	Steve Young	3,648
4.	Jeff Garcia	2,360
5.	Y.A. Tittle	2,194
6.	Alex Smith	2,177
7.	Colin Kaepernick	1,692
8.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**1,374**
9.	Steve DeBerg	1,201
10.	Steve Spurrier	840

MOST COMPLETIONS, Career

	Player	Comp
1.	Joe Montana	2,929
2.	John Brodie	2,469
3.	Steve Young	2,400
4.	Jeff Garcia	1,449
5.	Alex Smith	1,290
6.	Y.A. Tittle	1,226
7.	Colin Kaepernick	1,011
8.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**928**
9.	Steve DeBerg	670
10.	Steve Spurrier	441

MOST TD PASSES, Career

	Player	TD
1.	Joe Montana	244
2.	Steve Young	221
3.	John Brodie	214
4.	Jeff Garcia	113
5.	Y.A. Tittle	108
6.	Alex Smith	81
7.	Colin Kaepernick	72
8.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**68**
9.	Steve DeBerg	37
10.	Steve Spurrier	33

MOST INTs, Career

	Player	INT
1.	John Brodie	224
2.	Y.A. Tittle	134
3.	Joe Montana	123
4.	Steve Young	86
5.	Alex Smith	63
6.	Steve DeBerg	60
7.	Jeff Garcia	56
8.	Steve Spurrier	48
9.	Frankie Albert	43
10.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**39**

BEST COMPLETION PCT., Career

	Player	Comp. %
1.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**67.5**
2.	Steve Young	65.8
3.	Nick Mullens	64.5
4.	Joe Montana	63.7
5.	Shaun Hill	61.7
6.	Jeff Garcia	61.4
7.	Tim Rattay	60.8
8.	Colin Kaepernick	59.8
9.	Alex Smith	59.3
10.	Y.A. Tittle	55.9

(min. 500 attempts)

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON PASSING

TOP SINGLE–GAME PASSING

MOST PASSING YARDS

	Player	Game	Yards
1.	Joe Montana	at Atl. (10/14/90)	476
2.	Steve Young	at LA Rams (11/28/93)	462
3.	Joe Montana	at LA Rams (12/11/89)	458
4.	Steve Young	vs. Buf. (9/13/92)	449
5.	Joe Montana	at Was. (11/17/86)	441

MOST ATTEMPTS

	Player	Game	Att
1.	Joe Montana	at Was. (11/17/86)	60
2.	Joe Montana	at Atl. (10/6/85)	57
	Tim Rattay	vs. Arz. (10/10/04)	57
4.	Jeff Garcia	at Dal. (12/8/02)	55
5.	C.J. Beathard	vs. Arz. (10/7/18)	54
	Jeff Garcia	at Car. (11/18/01)	54
	Steve DeBerg	at Atl. (12/16/79)	54
	John Brodie	at Chi. (11/13/66)	54

MOST COMPLETIONS

	Player	Game	Cmp
1.	Tim Rattay	vs. Arz. (10/10/04)	38
2.	Joe Montana	at Atl. (10/6/85)	37
3.	Jeff Garcia	vs. Chi. (12/17/00)	36
	Jeff Garcia	at Dal. (12/8/02)	36
5.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**vs. Arz. (11/17/19)**	**34**
	C.J. Beathard	vs. Arz. (10/7/18)	34
	Jeff Garcia	at Car. (11/18/01)	34
	Joe Montana	at Pit. (9/13/87)	34

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES

	Player	Game	TD
1.	Joe Montana	at Atl. (10/14/90)	6
2.	Joe Montana	at Phi. (9/24/89)	5
	Joe Montana	at Atl. (10/6/85)	5
	Steve Spurrier	at Chi. (11/19/72)	5
	John Brodie	at Min. (11/28/65)	5

MOST INTERCEPTIONS

	Player	Game	INT
1.	John Brodie	at Det. (11/4/73)	6
2.	Steve DeBerg	at Dal. (10/12/80)	5
	Scott Bull	vs. Pit. (11/27/78)	5
	Tom Owen	at Cle. (12/1/74)	5
	John Brodie	vs. Bal. (11/29/64)	5
	Y.A. Tittle	vs. Bal. (12/5/59)	5
	Y.A. Tittle	at Bal. (11/30/58)	5
	Frankie Albert	vs. Pit. (12/7/52)	5

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (20+ atts)

	Player	Game	Pct.
1.	Steve Young	vs. Det. (10/20/91), 18–20	90.0
2.	Steve Young	vs. NO (9/14/97), 18–21	85.7
3.	John Brodie	vs. Atl. (9/29/68), 17–20	85.0
4.	Joe Montana	vs. Atl. (9/25/83), 27–32	84.4

AVERAGE YARDS PER ATTEMPT (20+ atts)

	Player	Game	Y/A
1.	Steve Young	vs. Det. (12/19/93)	15.39
2.	Steve Young	vs. LA Rams (11/28/93)	14.44
3.	Steve Young	vs. Atl. (10/18/92)	14.25
4.	Steve Young	vs. Atl. (9/21/97)	14.00

MOST ATTEMPTS, Season

	Player	Att
1.	Steve DeBerg (1979)	578
2.	Jeff Garcia (2000)	561
3.	Jeff Garcia (2002)	528
4.	Joe Montana (1990)	520
5.	Steve Young (1998)	517

MOST COMPLETIONS, Season

	Player	Cmp
1.	Jeff Garcia (2000)	355
2.	Steve DeBerg (1979)	347
3.	Joe Montana (1983)	332
4.	**Jimmy Garoppolo (2019)**	**329**
5.	Jeff Garcia (2002)	328

MOST TD PASSES, Season

	Player	TD
1.	Steve Young (1998)	36
2.	Steve Young (1994)	35
3.	Jeff Garcia (2001)	32
4.	Jeff Garcia (2000)	31
	Joe Montana (1987)	31

MOST INTs, Season

	Player	INT
1.	Y.A. Tittle (1955)	28
2.	John Brodie (1971)	24
3.	Frankie Albert (1950)	23
4.	Steve DeBerg (1978)	22
	John Brodie (1966)	22

BEST COMP. PCT., Season

	Player	Pct
1.	Steve Young (1994)	70.3
2.	Joe Montana (1989)	70.2
3.	**Jimmy Garoppolo (2019)**	**69.1**
4.	**Jimmy Garoppolo (2021)**	**68.3**
5.	Steve Young (1993)	68.0

BEST QB RATING, Season

	Player	Rat
1.	Steve Young (1994)	112.8
2.	Joe Montana (1989)	112.4
3.	Steve Young (1992)	107.0
4.	Steve Young (1997)	104.7
5.	Joe Montana (1984)	102.9

FEWEST INTs, Season

	Player	INT
1.	Alex Smith (2011)	5
2.	Steve Young (1997)	6
	Steve Young (1996)	6
4.	Steve Young (1992)	7
5.	Colin Kaepernick (2013)	8
	Shaun Hill (2008)	8
	Joe Montana (1989)	8
	Steve Young (1991)	8

AVG Yds PER ATTEMPT, Season

	Player	Y/A
1.	John Brodie (1961)	9.14
2.	Joe Montana (1989)	9.12
3.	Steve Young (1991)	9.02
4.	Steve Young (1993)	8.71
5.	**Jimmy Garoppolo (2021)**	**8.64**

49ERS QB WINS/LOSSES AS STARTER

Player	Win	Loss	Ties	Pct
Joe Montana	100	39		0.719
Steve Young	91	33		0.734
John Brodie	74	77	8	0.491
Y.A. Tittle	45	31	2	0.592
Alex Smith	38	36	1	0.513
Jeff Garcia	35	36		0.493
Jimmy Garoppolo	**31**	**15**		**0.674**
Colin Kaepernick	28	30		0.483
Steve Spurrier	13	12	1	0.519
Frankie Albert	13	16	1	0.448
Jim Plunkett	11	15		0.423
Shaun Hill	10	6		0.625
Steve DeBerg	7	28		0.200
Elvis Grbac	6	3		0.667
Steve Bono	5	1		0.833
Nick Mullens	5	11		0.313
George Mira	4	2		0.667
Tom Owen	4	4		0.500
Blaine Gabbert	4	9		0.308
Tim Rattay	4	12		0.250
Jeff Kemp	3	2	1	0.583
Troy Smith	3	3		0.500
Scott Bull	3	4		0.429
Joe Reed	3	4		0.429
Matt Cavanaugh	2	0		1.000
Norm Snead	2	5		0.286
J.T. O'Sullivan	2	6		0.250
Lamar McHan	2	7		0.222
Ken Dorsey	2	8		0.200
C.J. Beathard	2	10		0.167
Bob Gagliano	1	0		1.000
Jimmy Cason	1	0		1.000
Jim Druckenmiller	1	0		1.000
Ty Detmer	1	0		1.000
Mike Moroski	1	1		0.500
Jimmy Powers	1	1		0.500
Trey Lance	**2**	**2**		**0.500**
Earl Morrall	1	3		0.250
Trent Dilfer	1	5		0.167
Chris Weinke	0	1		0.000
Bobby Waters	0	2		0.000
Dennis Morrison	0	2		0.000
Cody Pickett	0	2		0.000
Steve Stenstrom	0	3		0.000
Brian Hoyer	0	6		0.000
	562	**493**	**14**	**0.532**

300–YARD GAMES, Career

	Player	Games
1.	Joe Montana	35
2.	Steve Young	28
3.	Jeff Garcia	14
4.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**10**
5.	John Brodie	6

300–YARD GAMES, Season

	Player	Games
1.	Steve Young (1998)	7
2.	Jeff Garcia (2000)	6
3.	**Jimmy Garoppolo (2021)**	**5**
	Steve Young (1994)	5
	Joe Montana (1982, '85, '87, '90)	5

STARTING QB YEARLY RECORDS

Year	Player	Record as a Starter
1950	Frankie Albert	3–9
1951	Frankie Albert	6–4–1
	Y.A. Tittle	1–0
1952	Frankie Albert	4–3
	Y.A. Tittle	3–2
1953	Y.A. Tittle	8–2
	Jim Powers	1–1
1954	Y.A. Tittle	6–4–1
	Jim Cason	1–0
1955	Y.A. Tittle	4–8
1956	Y.A. Tittle	4–3–1
	Earl Morrall	1–3
1957	Y.A. Tittle	7–4
	John Brodie	1–0
1958	Y.A. Tittle	3–3
	John Brodie	3–3
1959	Y.A. Tittle	6–4
	John Brodie	1–1
1960	John Brodie	4–4
	Y.A. Tittle	3–1
1961	John Brodie	7–6–1
1962	John Brodie	6–8
1963	Lamar McHan	2–7
	John Brodie	0–3
	Bob Waters	0–2
1964	John Brodie	3–9
	George Mira	1–1
1965	John Brodie	7–5–1
	George Mira	0–1
1966	John Brodie	5–6–2
	George Mira	1–0
1967	John Brodie	5–5
	George Mira	2–0
	Steve Spurrier	0–2
1968	John Brodie	7–6–1
1969	John Brodie	2–6–2
	Steve Spurrier	2–2
1970	John Brodie	10–3–1
1971	John Brodie	9–5
1972	John Brodie	2–3
	Steve Spurrier	6–2–1
1973	John Brodie	2–4
	Steve Spurrier	2–3
	Joe Reed	1–2
1974	Tom Owen	4–3
	Joe Reed	2–2
	Dennis Morrison	0–2
	Norm Snead	0–1
1975	Norm Snead	2–5
	Steve Spurrier	3–3
	Tom Owen	0–1
1976	Jim Plunkett	6–6
	Scott Bull	2–0
1977	Jim Plunkett	5–9
1978	Steve DeBerg	1–10
	Scott Bull	1–4
1979	Steve DeBerg	2–13
	Joe Montana	0–1
1980	Steve DeBerg	4–5
	Joe Montana	2–5
1981	Joe Montana	13–3
1982	Joe Montana	3–6
1983	Joe Montana	10–6
1984	Joe Montana	14–1
	Matt Cavanaugh	1–0
1985	Joe Montana	9–6
	Matt Cavanaugh	1–0
1986	Joe Montana	6–2
	Jeff Kemp	3–2–1
	Mike Moroski	1–1

Year	Player	Record as a Starter
1987	Joe Montana	10–1
	Steve Young	2–1
	Bob Gagliano	1–0
1988	Joe Montana	8–5
	Steve Young	2–1
1989	Joe Montana	11–2
	Steve Young	3–0
1990	Joe Montana	14–1
	Steve Young	0–1
1991	Steve Young	5–5
	Steve Bono	5–1
1992	Steve Young	14–2
1993	Steve Young	10–6
1994	Steve Young	13–3
1995	Steve Young	8–3
	Elvis Grbac	3–2
1996	Steve Young	9–3
	Elvis Grbac	3–1
1997	Steve Young	12–3
	Jim Druckenmiller	1–0
1998	Steve Young	11–4
	Ty Detmer	1–0
1999	Jeff Garcia	2–8
	Steve Young	2–1
	Steve Stenstrom	0–3
2000	Jeff Garcia	6–10
2001	Jeff Garcia	12–4
2002	Jeff Garcia	10–6
2003	Jeff Garcia	5–8
	Tim Rattay	2–1
2004	Tim Rattay	1–8
	Ken Dorsey	1–6
2005	Alex Smith	2–5
	Tim Rattay	1–3
	Ken Dorsey	1–2
	Cody Pickett	0–2
2006	Alex Smith	7–9
2007	Alex Smith	2–5
	Trent Dilfer	1–5
	Shaun Hill	2–0
	Chris Weinke	0–1
2008	Shaun Hill	5–3
	J.T. O'Sullivan	2–6
2009	Alex Smith	5–5
	Shaun HIll	3–3
2010	Alex Smith	3–7
	Troy Smith	3–3
2011	Alex Smith	13–3
2012	Alex Smith	6–2–1
	Colin Kaepernick	5–2
2013	Colin Kaepernick	12–4
2014	Colin Kaepernick	8–8
2015	Blaine Gabbert	3–5
	Colin Kaepernick	2–6
2016	Blaine Gabbert	1–4
	Colin Kaepernick	1–10
2017	Jimmy Garoppolo	5–0
	C.J. Beathard	1–4
	Brian Hoyer	0–6
2018	Nick Mullens	3–5
	Jimmy Garoppolo	1–2
	C.J. Beathard	0–5
2019	Jimmy Garoppolo	13–3
2020	Jimmy Garoppolo	3–3
	Nick Mullens	2–6
	C.J. Beathard	1–1
2021	Jimmy Garoppolo	9–6
	Trey Lance	1–1
2022	Trey Lance	1–1
	Jimmy Garoppolo	0–1

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON RUSHING

ALL–TIME LEADING RUSHERS (BY YARDS)

	Player	Years	Gms	Att	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
1.	Frank Gore	2005–2014 (10)	148	2,442	11,073	4.5	80t	64
2.	Joe Perry	1950–1960, '63 (12)	131	1,475	7,344 +	5.0	78t	50
3.	Roger Craig	1983–1990 (8)	121	1,686	7,064	4.2	71	50
4.	Ken Willard	1965–1973 (9)	125	1,582	5,930	3.7	69t	45
5.	Garrison Hearst	1997–2003 (7)	73	1,189	5,535	4.7	96t	26
6.	J.D. Smith	1956–1964 (9)	97	1,007	4,370	4.3	80t	37
7.	Hugh McElhenny	1952–1960 (9)	97	877	4,288	4.9	89t	35
8.	Kevan Barlow	2001–2005 (5)	72	891	3,614	4.1	78t	24
9.	Steve Young (QB)	1987–1999 (13)	150	608	3,581	5.9	49t	37
10.	Wendell Tyler	1983–1986 (4)	48	624	3,112	5.0	40	17
11.	Delvin Williams	1974–1977 (4)	54	669	2,966	4.4	80t	20
12.	Wilbur Jackson	1974–1979 (6)	72	745	2,955	4.0	80	10
13.	Ricky Watters	1992–1994 (3)	43	653	2,840	4.3	43	25
14.	Carlos Hyde	2014–2017 (4)	50	655	2,729	4.2	61	21
15.	Charlie Garner	1999–2000 (2)	32	499	2,371	4.8	53	11
16.	Colin Kaepernick (QB)	2011–2016 (6)	69	375	2,300	6.1	90t	13
17.	Matt Breida	2017–2019 (3)	43	381	1,902	5.0	83t	6
	Tom Rathman	1986–1993 (8)	115	516	1,902	3.7	35	26
19.	Vic Washington	1971–1973 (3)	40	483	1,813	3.8	42	14
20.	Paul Hofer	1976–1981 (6)	77	416	1,746	4.2	47	16

+ does not include AAFC Statistics

MOST RUSHING YARDS IN SINGLE SEASON

	Player	Year	Att	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
1.	Frank Gore	2006	312	1,695	5.4	72	8
2.	Garrison Hearst	1998	310	1,570	5.1	96t	7
3.	Roger Craig	1988	310	1,502	4.8	46t	9
4.	Wendell Tyler	1984	246	1,262	5.1	40	7
5.	Charlie Garner	1999	241	1,229	5.1	53	4
6.	Frank Gore	2012	258	1,214	4.7	37	8
7.	Frank Gore	2011	282	1,211	4.3	55	8
8.	Garrison Hearst	2001	252	1,206	4.8	43t	4
9.	Delvin Williams	1976	248	1,203	4.9	80t	7
10.	Charlie Garner	2000	258	1,142	4.4	42	7
11.	Frank Gore	2013	276	1,128	4.1	51	9
12.	Frank Gore	2009	229	1,120	4.9	80t	10
13.	Frank Gore	2013	255	1,106	4.3	55t	4
13.	Frank Gore	2007	260	1,102	4.2	43t	5
14.	Roger Craig	1989	271	1,054	3.9	27	6
15.	Roger Craig	1985	214	1,050	4.9	62t	9
16.	Joe Perry	1954	173	1,049	6.1	58	8
17.	Frank Gore	2008	240	1,036	4.3	41t	6
	J.D. Smith	1959	207	1,036	5.0	73t	10

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MOST ATTEMPTS, Career

	Player	Att
1.	Frank Gore	2,442
2.	Roger Craig	1,686
3.	Ken Willard	1,582
4.	Joe Perry	1,475
5.	Garrison Hearst	1,189
6.	J.D. Smith	1,007
7.	Kevan Barlow	891
8.	Hugh McElhenny	877
9.	Wilbur Jackson	745
10.	Delvin Williams	669

MOST TOUCHDOWNS, Career

	Player	TD
1.	Frank Gore	64
2.	Roger Craig	50
	Joe Perry	50
4.	Ken Willard	45
5.	J.D. Smith	37
	Steve Young (QB)	37
7.	Hugh McElhenny	35
8.	Garrison Hearst	26
9.	Tom Rathman	26
10.	Ricky Watters	25

HIGHEST RUSHING AVG., Career

	Player	Avg
1.	Colin Kaepernick (QB)	6.13
2.	Steve Young (QB)	5.89
3.	Matt Breida	4.99
4.	Wendell Tyler	4.99
5.	Joe Perry	4.97
6.	Jeff Garcia (QB)	4.94
7.	Hugh McElhenny	4.89
8.	Charlie Garner	4.75
9.	Garrison Hearst	4.66
10.	Frank Gore	4.53

(min. 300 attempts)

100–YARD GAMES, Career

	Player	Games
1.	Frank Gore	39
2.	Joe Perry	20
3.	Garrison Hearst	16
4.	Roger Craig	14
5.	J.D. Smith	12
	Hugh McElhenny	12

1,000–YD SEASONS, Career

	Player	Seasons
1.	Frank Gore	8
2.	Garrison Hearst	3
	Roger Craig	3
4.	Charlie Garner	2
	Joe Perry	2

CONSECUTIVE 1,000–YD SEASONS

	Player	Seasons
1.	Frank Gore (2011–14)	4
	Frank Gore (2006–09)	4
3.	Charlie Garner (1999–00)	2
	Garrison Hearst (1997–98)	2
	Roger Craig (1988–89)	2
	Joe Perry (1953–54)	2

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON RUSHING

TOP SINGLE–GAME RUSHING

MOST RUSHING YARDS

	Player	Game	Yards
1.	Frank Gore	vs. Sea. (11/19/06)	212
2.	Frank Gore	vs. Sea. (9/20/09)	207
3.	Charlie Garner	at Dal. (9/24/00)	201
4.	Garrison Hearst	vs. Det. (12/14/98)	198
5.	Delvin Williams	at StL (10/31/76)	194

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

	Player	Game	Att
1.	Charlie Garner	at Dal. (9/24/00)	36
2.	Maurice Hicks	at Arz. (12/12/04)	34
	Delvin Williams	at StL (10/31/76)	34
4.	Frank Gore	vs. Cle. (10/30/11)	31
	Frank Gore	at Den. (12/31/06)	31
	Garrison Hearst	vs. Sea. (12/1/02)	31
	J.D. Smith	at Bal. (10/7/62)	31
	J.D. Smith	at Chi. (10/14/62)	31

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

	Player	Game	TD
1.	Billy Kilmer (QB)	at Min. (10/15/61)	4
3.	(13 times) Last: **Jeff Wilson Jr.**	**at NE (10/25/20)**	**3**

HIGHEST RUSHING AVERAGE (10+ Attempts)

	Player	Game	Avg
1.	Joe Perry	vs. Det. (11/2/58)	13.4
2.	Frank Gore	vs. Sea. (9/20/09)	12.9
3.	Matt Breida	vs. Det. (9/16/18)	12.5
4.	Wilbur Jackson	vs. NO (11/27/77)	11.9
5.	Hugh McElhenny	at Chi. (10/17/54)	11.4
	Carlos Hyde	vs. NYJ (12/11/16)	11.4

MOST CONSECUTIVE 100–YARD RUSHING GAMES

	Player	Game(s)	Games
1.	Frank Gore	at Phi. (10/2/11) to at Was. (11/6/11)	5
2.	Garrison Hearst	vs. NYG (11/30/98) to at NE (12/20/98)	4
3.	Frank Gore	vs. Oak. (10/17/10) to vs. Den. (10/31/10)	3
	Frank Gore	at Det. (11/12/06) to at StL (11/26/06)	3
	J.D. Smith	at Bal. (10/7/62) to at GB (10/21/62)	3
	Billy Kilmer (QB)	at Det. (10/1/61) to at Min. (10/15/61)	3

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, Season

	Player	Att
1.	Frank Gore (2006)	312
2.	Roger Craig (1988)	310
	Garrison Hearst (1998)	310
4.	Frank Gore (2011)	282
5.	Frank Gore (2013)	276

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS, Season

	Player	TD
1.	Frank Gore (2009)	10
	Derek Loville (1995)	10
	Ricky Watters (1993)	10
	Billy Kilmer, QB (1961)	10
	J.D. Smith (1959)	10
	Joe Perry (1953)	10

HIGHEST RUSHING AVG., Season

	Player	Avg
1.	Hugh McElhenny (1952)	6.98
2.	Colin Kaepernick (QB) (2014)	6.14
3.	Joe Perry (1958)	6.06
4.	Joe Perry (1954)	6.06
5.	Raheem Mostert (2019)	5.64

MOST 100–YARD RUSHING GAMES, Season

	Player	Games
1.	Frank Gore (2006)	9
2.	Roger Craig (1988)	7
3.	Garrison Hearst (1998)	6
4.	**Elijah Mitchell (2021)**	**5**
	Frank Gore (2011)	5
	Frank Gore (2009)	5
	Delvin Williams (1976)	5
	J.D. Smith (1959)	5
	Joe Perry (1953)	5

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A RUSHING TD

	Player	Game(s)	Games
1.	Joe Perry	at GB (11/22/53) to at GB (10/10/54)	7
2.	Raheem Mostert	vs. GB (11/24/19 to at Sea. (12/29/19)	6
	Derek Loville	vs. Car. (11/5/95) to at Car. (12/10/95)	6
4.	**Deebo Samuel**	**vs. LAR (11/15/21) to vs. Atl. (12/19/21)**	**5**
	Hugh McElhenny	vs. Was. (9/26/54) to vs. Det. (10/24/54)	5

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON RECEIVING

ALL–TIME LEADING RECEIVERS (BY RECEPTIONS)

	Player	Years	Gms	Rec	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
1.	Jerry Rice	1985–2000 (16)	238	1,281	19,247	15.0	96t	176
2.	Terrell Owens	1996–2003 (8)	121	592	8,572	14.5	79t	81
3.	Roger Craig (RB)	1983–1990 (8)	121	508	4,442	8.7	73	16
4.	Dwight Clark	1979–1987 (9)	134	506	6,750	13.3	80t	48
5.	Vernon Davis (TE)	2006–2015 (10)	139	441	5,640	12.9	73t	55
6.	Brent Jones (TE)	1987–1997 (11)	143	417	5,195	12.5	69t	33
7.	Billy Wilson	1951–1960 (10)	100	407	5,902	14.5	77t	49
8.	Gene Washington	1969–1977 (9)	124	371	6,664	18.0	79t	59
9.	Michael Crabtree	2009–2014 (6)	79	347	4,327	12.5	60t	26
	John Taylor	1987–1995 (9)	121	347	5,598	16.1	97t	43
11.	Frank Gore (RB)	2005–2014 (10)	148	342	2,883	8.4	55t	11
12.	**George Kittle (TE)**	**2017–present (6)**	**68**	**339**	**4,517**	**13.3**	**85t**	**20**
13.	J.J. Stokes	1995–2002 (8)	111	327	4,139	12.7	53	30
14.	Freddie Solomon	1978–1985 (8)	114	310	4,873	15.7	93t	43
15.	Tom Rathman	1986–1993 (8)	115	294	2,490	8.5	36	8
16.	Bernie Casey	1961–1966 (6)	79	277	4,008	14.5	68t	27
17.	Ken Willard (RB)	1965–1973 (9)	125	273	2,156	7.9	62	16
18.	Gordie Soltau	1950–1958 (9)	107	249	3,487	14.0	54t	25
19.	Anquan Boldin	2013–2015 (3)	46	237	3,030	12.8	76t	16
20.	Earl Cooper	1980–1985 (6)	88	213	1,908	9.0	73t	12

MOST RECEPTIONS IN SINGLE SEASON

	Player	Year	Rec	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
1.	Jerry Rice	1995	122	(1,848)	15.1	81t	15
2.	Jerry Rice	1994	112	(1,499)	13.4	69t	13
3.	Jerry Rice	1996	(108)	1,254	11.6	39	8
4.	Terrell Owens	2002	100	1,300	13.0	76t	(13)
	Jerry Rice	1990	(100)	(1,502)	15.0	64t	(13)
6.	Jerry Rice	1993	98	(1,503)	15.3	80t	(15)
7.	Terrell Owens	2000	97	1,451	15.0	69t	13
8.	Terrell Owens	2001	93	1,412	15.2	60t	(16)
9.	Roger Craig	1985	(92)	1,016	11.0	73	6
10.	**George Kittle (TE)**	**2018**	**88**	**1,377**	**15.6**	**85t**	**5**
11.	Derek Loville (RB)	1995	87	662	7.6	31	3
12.	Jerry Rice	1986	[86]	(1,570)	18.3	66t	(15)
13.	**George Kittle (TE)**	**2019**	**85**	**1,053**	**12.4**	**61t**	**5**
	Anquan Boldin	2013	85	1,179	13.9	63	7
	Michael Crabtree	2012	85	1,105	13.0	49t	9
	Dwight Clark	1981	[85]	1,105	13.0	78t	4
17.	Jerry Rice	1992	84	1,201	14.3	80t	10
18.	Anquan Boldin	2014	83	1,062	12.8	76t	5
	Earl Cooper	1980	[83]	567	6.8	66t	4
20.	Eric Johnson	2004	82	825	10.1	25	2
	Jerry Rice	1998	82	1,157	14.1	75t	9
	Jerry Rice	1989	82	(1,483)	18.1	68t	(17)
	Dwight Clark	1980	82	991	12.1	71t	8

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MOST RECEIVING YARDS, Career

	Player	Yds
1.	Jerry Rice	19,247
2.	Terrell Owens	8,572
3.	Dwight Clark	6,750
4.	Gene Washington	6,664
5.	Billy Wilson	5,902
6.	Vernon Davis (TE)	5,640
7.	John Taylor	5,598
8.	Brent Jones (TE)	5,195
9.	Freddie Solomon	4,873
10.	**George Kittle (TE)**	**4,517**

MOST TOUCHDOWNS, Career

	Player	TD
1.	Jerry Rice	176
2.	Terrell Owens	81
3.	Gene Washington	59
4.	Vernon Davis (TE)	55
5.	Billy Wilson	49
6.	Dwight Clark	48
7.	Freddie Solomon	43
	John Taylor	43
9.	Brent Jones (TE)	33
10.	J.J. Stokes	30

BEST RECEIVING AVG., Career

	Player	Avg
1.	Gene Washington	18.0
2.	John Taylor	16.1
3.	Dave Parks	16.0
4.	Freddie Solomon	15.7
5.	Jerry Rice	15.0

(min. 200 recepts.)

100–YARD GAMES, Career

	Player	Games
1.	Jerry Rice	66
2.	Terrell Owens	25
3.	Gene Washington	17
4.	Dwight Clark	16
5.	**George Kittle (TE)**	**13**

1,000–YD SEASONS, Career

	Player	Seasons
1.	Jerry Rice	12
2.	Terrell Owens	5
3.	**George Kittle (TE)**	**2**
	Anquan Boldin	2
	John Taylor	2

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON RECEIVING

TOP SINGLE–GAME RECEIVING

MOST RECEVING YARDS

	Player	Game	Yards
1.	Jerry Rice (WR)	vs. Min. (12/18/95)	289
2.	John Taylor (WR)	at LA Rams (12/11/89)	286
3.	Terrell Owens (WR)	vs. Chi. (12/17/00)	283
4.	Jerry Rice (WR)	vs. LA Rams (12/9/85)	241
5.	Dave Parks (WR)	at Bal. (10/3/65)	231
6.	Jerry Rice (WR)	at Atl. (10/14/90)	225
	Bernie Casey (WR)	at Chi. (11/13/66)	225
8.	**George Kittle (TE)**	**vs. Den. (12/9/18)**	**210**
9.	Anquan Boldin (WR)	vs. GB (9/8/13)	208
10.	Jerry Rice (WR)	at Was. (11/17/86)	204

MOST RECEPTIONS

	Player	Game	Rec
1.	Terrell Owens	vs. Chi. (12/17/00)	20
2.	Jerry Rice	vs. LA Rams (11/20/94)	16
3.	**George Kittle**	**vs. Phi. (10/4/20)**	**15**
4.	Jerry Rice	vs. Min. (12/18/95)	14
5.	**George Kittle**	**at Cin. (12/12/21)**	**13**
	George Kittle	**vs. Atl. (12/15/19)**	**13**
	Anquan Boldin	vs. GB (9/8/13)	13
	Eric Johnson	vs. Arz. (10/10/04)	13
	Terrell Owens	vs. Phi. (11/25/02)	13
	Jerry Rice	at Atl. (10/14/90)	13

MOST RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

	Player	Game	TD
1.	Jerry Rice	at Atl. (10/14/90)	5
2.	Jerry Rice	at TB (11/14/93)	4
3.	(17 times) Last: Vernon Davis	at Hou. (10/25/09)	3

RECEIVING AVERAGE (5+ RECEPTIONS)

	Player	Game	Avg
1.	John Taylor	at Atl. (12/3/89), 5–162	32.4
2.	Jerry Rice	at Dal. (11/12/95), 5–161	32.2
3.	Gene Washington	vs. NE (10/31/71), 5–160	32.0
4.	Jerry Rice	at GB (11/4/90), 6–187	31.2
5.	**George Kittle**	**vs. Den. (12/9/18), 7–210**	**30.0**

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A RECEPTION

	Player	Game(s)	Games
1.	Jerry Rice	(12/9/85) to (12/23/00)	225*
2.	Terrell Owens	(10/20/96) to (12/21/03)	115
3.	Dwight Clark	(9/14/80 to (9/13/87)	105

** NFL Record (streak extended to 274 in '04 as member of Raiders)*

MOST RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, Season

	Player	TD
1.	Jerry Rice (1987)	22
2.	Jerry Rice (1989)	17
3.	Terrell Owens (2001)	16
4.	Jerry Rice (1995)	15
	Jerry Rice (1993)	15
	Jerry Rice (1986)	15
7.	Terrell Owens (1998)	14
	Jerry Rice (1991)	14
9.	(6 times) Last: Vernon Davis (2013)	13

MOST RECEIVING YARDS, Season

	Player	Yards
1.	Jerry Rice (1995)	1,848
2.	Jerry Rice (1986)	1,570
3.	Jerry Rice (1993)	1,503
4.	Jerry Rice (1990)	1,502
5.	Jerry Rice (1994)	1,499
6.	Jerry Rice (1989)	1,483
7.	Terrell Owens (2000)	1,451
8.	Terrell Owens (2001)	1,412
9.	**Deebo Samuel (2021)**	**1,405**
10.	**George Kittle (2018)**	**1,377**

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION

	Player	Games
1.	Jerry Rice (12/19/86 to 12/27/87)	13
2.	Terrell Owens (11/8/98 to 12/27/98)	8
	Jerry Rice (12/8/89 to 11/27/89)	8
	Dave Parks (11/7/65 to 9/11/66)	8

BEST RECEIVING AVERAGE, Season

	Player	Avg
1.	Freddie Solomon (1983)	21.4
2.	Gene Washington (1974)	21.2
3.	Gene Washington (1970)	20.8
4.	Jerry Rice (1988)	20.4
5.	Torrey Smith (2015)	20.1

(min. 25 receptions)

MOST 100–YARD RECEIVING GAMES, Season

	Player	Games
1.	Jerry Rice (1995)	9
2.	Jerry Rice (1989)	8
3.	Jerry Rice (1990)	7
4.	Terrell Owens (2001)	6
	Jerry Rice (1986)	6
	Dwight Clark (1982)	6

CONSECUTIVE 100–YARD RECEIVING GAMES

	Player	Games
1.	Jerry Rice (10/29/95 to 11/20/95)	4
2.	Jerry Rice (12/10/95 to 12/24/95)	3
	Jerry Rice (9/10/89 to 9/24/89)	3
	Jerry Rice (9/11/88 to 9/25/88)	3
	Jerry Rice (11/15/87 to 11/29/87)	3
	Dwight Clark (12/11/82 to 12/26/82)	3
	Dwight Clark (9/12/82 to 11/21/82)	3

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON SCRIMMAGE YARDS

ALL–TIME LEADERS IN TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

	Player	Years	Gms	Touches	Yards	Avg	Yds/Gm	TD
1.	Jerry Rice (WR)	1985–2000 (16)	238	1,365	19,872	14.6	83.5	186
2.	Frank Gore (RB)	2005–2014 (10)	148	2,784	13,956	5.0	94.3	75
3.	Roger Craig (RB)	1983–1990 (8)	121	2,194	11,506	5.2	95.1	66
4.	Terrell Owens (WR)	1996–2003 (8)	121	613	8,734	14.2	72.2	83
5.	Joe Perry (RB)	1950–1960, '63 (12)	131	1,660	8,624	5.2	65.8	57
6.	Ken Willard (RB)	1965–1973 (9)	125	1,855	8,086	4.4	64.7	61
7.	Garrison Hearst (RB)	1997–2003 (7)	73	1,363	7,139	5.2	97.8	33
8.	Hugh McElhenny (HB)	1952–1960 (9)	97	1,072	6,954	6.5	71.7	50
9.	Dwight Clark (WR)	1979–1987 (9)	134	512	6,800	13.3	50.7	48
10.	Gene Washington (WR)	1969–1977 (9)	124	376	6,663	17.7	53.7	59
11.	Billy Wilson (E)	1951–1960 (10)	100	407	5,902	14.5	59.0	49
12.	Vernon Davis (TE)	2006–2015 (10)	139	447	5,655	12.7	40.7	55
13.	John Taylor (WR)	1987–1995 (9)	121	353	5,629	15.9	46.5	43
14.	J.D. Smith (HB)	1956–1964 (9)	97	1,128	5,479	4.9	56.5	42
15.	Freddie Solomon (WR)	1978–1985 (8)	114	357	5,202	14.6	45.6	46
16.	Brent Jones (TE)	1987–1997 (11)	143	417	5,195	12.5	36.3	33
17.	Kevan Barlow (RB)	2001–2005 (5)	72	1,028	4,757	4.6	66.1	27
18.	**George Kittle (TE)**	**2017–present (6)**	**68**	**350**	**4,586**	**13.1**	**67.4**	**20**
19.	Tom Rathman (RB)	1986–1993 (8)	115	810	4,392	5.4	38.2	34
20.	Michael Crabtree (WR)	2009–2014 (6)	79	350	4,345	12.4	55.0	26

MOST TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE IN SINGLE SEASON

	Player	Year	Touches	Yards	Avg	Yds/Gm	TD
1.	Frank Gore	2006	373	2,180	5.8	136.3	9
2.	Garrison Hearst	1998	349	2,105	6.0	131.6	9
3.	Roger Craig	1985	306	2,066	6.8	129.1	15
4.	Roger Craig	1988	386	2,036	5.3	127.3	10
5.	Jerry Rice	1995	127	1,884	14.8	117.8	16
6.	Charlie Garner	2000	326	1,789	5.5	111.8	10
7.	**Deebo Samuel**	**2021**	**136**	**1,770**	**13.0**	**110.6**	**14**
8.	Charlie Garner	1999	297	1,764	5.9	110.3	6
9.	Jerry Rice	1986	96	1,642	17.1	102.6	16
10.	Ricky Watters	1994	305	1,596	5.2	99.8	11
11.	Jerry Rice	1994	119	1,592	13.4	99.5	15
12.	Jerry Rice	1993	101	1,572	15.6	98.3	16
13.	Garrison Hearst	2001	293	1,553	5.3	97.1	5
14.	Frank Gore	2007	313	1,538	4.9	102.5	6
15.	Roger Craig	1989	320	1,527	4.8	95.4	7

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MOST TOUCHES, Career

	Player	Touches
1.	Frank Gore	2,784
2.	Roger Craig	2,194
3.	Ken Willard	1,855
4.	Joe Perry	1,660
5.	Jerry Rice	1,365
6.	Garrison Hearst	1,363
7.	J.D. Smith	1,128
8.	Hugh McElhenny	1,072
9.	Kevan Barlow	1,028
10.	Wilbur Jackson	893

BEST YARDS PER TOUCH, Career

	Player	Avg
1.	Jerry Rice	14.6
2.	Hugh McElhenny	6.5
3.	Tom Rathman	5.4
4.	Ricky Watters	5.4
5.	Roger Craig	5.2
6.	Garrison Hearst	5.2
7.	Joe Perry	5.2
8.	Delvin Williams	5.1
9.	Frank Gore	5.0
10.	J.D. Smith	4.9

(min. 750 touches)

MOST TOUCHES, Season

	Player	Touches
1.	Roger Craig (1988)	386
2.	Frank Gore (2006)	373
3.	Garrison Hearst (1998)	349
4.	Charlie Garner (2000)	326
5.	Roger Craig (1989)	320

BEST YARDS PER TOUCH, Season

	Player	Avg
1.	Jerry Rice (1993)	15.6
2.	Dwight Clark (1982)	15.2
3.	Jerry Rice (1995)	14.8
4.	Jerry Rice (1990)	14.7
5.	Terrell Owens (2000)	14.6

(min. 100 touches)

TOP SINGLE–GAME SCRIMMAGE YARD TOTALS

MOST YARDS IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	Yards
1.	Jerry Rice	vs. Min. (12/18/95)	299
2.	Terrell Owens	vs. Chi. (12/17/00)	288
3.	John Taylor	at LA Rams (12/11/89)	286
4.	Delvin Williams	vs. Was. (11/7/76)	279
5.	Jerry Rice	vs. LA Rams (12/9/85)	255
6.	Frank Gore	vs. Sea. (9/20/09)	246
7.	Frank Gore	vs. Sea. (11/19/06)	238
8.	Charlie Garner	at Dal. (9/24/00)	235
9.	Dave Parks	at Bal. (10/3/65)	231
10.	Garrison Hearst	vs. NYJ (9/6/98)	225
	Jerry Rice	at Atl. (10/14/90)	225
	Bernie Casey	at Chi. (11/13/66)	225

MOST TOUCHES IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	Touches
1.	Maurice Hicks	at Arz. (12/12/04)	39
	Charlie Garner	at Dal. (9/24/00)	39
3.	Delvin Williams	at StL (10/31/76)	35
4.	Derek Loville	vs. Buf. (12/3/95)	34
5.	Frank Gore	at Den. (12/31/06)	33
	Frank Gore	at Sea. (12/14/06)	33
	Kevan Barlow	at Phi. (12/21/03)	33
	Garrison Hearst	vs. Sea. (12/1/02)	33
	J.D. Smith	at Bal. (10/7/62)	33
10.	(5x) Last: **Elijah Mitchell**	**vs. Min. (11/28/21)**	**32**

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON INTERCEPTIONS

ALL–TIME INTERCEPTION LEADERS

	Player	Years	Gms	INT	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
1.	Ronnie Lott	1981–1990 (10)	129	51	643	12.6	83t	5
2.	Jimmy Johnson	1961–1976 (16)	213	47	615	13.1	63	2
3.	Kermit Alexander	1963–1969 (7)	94	36	499	13.9	66t	1
4.	Merton Hanks	1991–1998 (8)	125	31	380	12.3	67t	2
5.	Dwight Hicks	1979–1985 (7)	96	30	586	19.5	72	3
6.	Lowell Wagner	1950–1953, '55 (5)	47	25	331	13.2	40	0
7.	Tony Parrish	2002–2006 (5)	66	22	504	22.9	60	1
	Don Griffin	1986–1993 (8)	114	22	49	2.2	23	0
	Rex Berry	1951–1956 (6)	66	22	404	18.4	44t	3
10.	Dave Baker	1959–1961 (3)	38	21	294	14.0	40	0
11.	Tim McDonald	1993–1999 (7)	111	20	325	16.3	73t	3
	Dick Moegle	1955–1959 (5)	47	20	232	11.6	40	1
13.	Zack Bronson	1997–2003 (7)	84	19	346	18.2	97t	2
14.	Eric Wright	1981–1990 (10)	110	18	256	14.2	60t	2
	Bruce Taylor	1970–1977 (8)	109	18	201	11.2	70	0
16.	Carlton Williamson	1981–1987 (7)	88	17	294	17.3	82	1
17.	Tim McKyer	1986–1989 (4)	51	16	62	3.9	21t	1
18.	Walt Harris	2006–2008 (3)	46	15	151	10.1	42	1
	Abe Woodson	1958–1964 (7)	89	15	159	10.6	61	0
20.	Dashon Goldson	2007–2012 (6)	81	14	152	10.9	39t	1
	Skip Vanderbundt	1969–1977 (9)	119	14	165	11.8	37t	2
	Frank Nunley	1967–1976 (10)	137	14	136	9.7	24	0
	Dave Wilcox	1964–1974 (11)	153	14	149	10.6	35	1

MOST INTERCEPTIONS IN SINGLE SEASON

	Player	Year	INT	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
1.	Ronnie Lott	1986	(10)	134	13.4	57t	1
	Dave Baker	1960	[10]	96	9.6	28	0
3.	Tony Parrish	2003	(9)	202	22.4	49	0
	Dwight Hicks	1981	9	(239)	26.6	72	1
	Kermit Alexander	1968	9	155	17.2	66t	1
	Lowell Wagner	1951	9	115	12.8	40	0
7.	Walt Harris	2006	[8]	84	10.5	42	1
	Dick Moegle	1957	8	107	13.4	40	0
	Jim Cason	1951	8	147	18.4	65t	1
10.	Tony Parrish	2002	7	204	29.1	60	0
	Ahmed Plummer	2001	[7]	45	6.4	24	0
	Zack Bronson	2001	[7]	165	23.6	97t	(2)
	Merton Hanks	1994	7	93	13.3	38	0
	Dave Waymer	1990	7	64	9.1	24	0
	Tim McKyer	1988	7	11	1.6	7	0
	Eric Wright	1983	(7)	164	23.4	60t	(2)
	Ronnie Lott	1981	7	117	16.7	41t	(3)
	Rex Berry	1953	7	142	20.3	29	(1)

(Led NFL) [Led Conference]

MOST INT RETURN YARDS, Career

	Player	Yards
1.	Ronnie Lott	643
2.	Jimmy Johnson	615
3.	Dwight Hicks	586
4.	Tony Parrish	504
5.	Kermit Alexander	499
6.	Rex Berry	404
7.	Merton Hanks	380
8.	Zack Bronson	346
9.	Lowell Wagner	331
10.	Tim McDonald	325

MOST INTs RETURNED FOR TD, Career

	Player	TD
1.	Ronnie Lott	5
2.	Rex Berry	3
	Dwight Hicks	3
	Tim McDonald	3
	Deion Sanders	3
6.	(12 Players) Last: **Jimmie Ward**	2

MOST INT RETURN YARDS, Season

	Player	Yards
1.	Deion Sanders (1994)	303
2.	Dwight Hicks (1981)	239
3.	Tony Parrish (2002)	204
4.	Tony Parrish (2004)	202
5.	Zack Bronson (2001)	165

MOST INTs RETURNED FOR TD, Season

	Player	TD
1.	Deion Sanders (1994)	3
	Ronnie Lott (1981)	3
3.	Zack Bronson (2001)	2
	Tim McDonald (1995)	2
	Ken Norton (1995)	2
	Tom Holmoe (1986)	2
	Dwight Hicks (1983)	2
	Eric Wright (1983)	2
	Skip Vanderbundt (1972)	2

MOST INTs BY A NON–DB, Season

	Player	INT
1.	Jim Fahnhorst, LB (1986)	4
	Keena Turner, LB (1984)	4
	Frank Nunley, LB (1974)	4

TOP SINGLE–GAME INTERCEPTION TOTALS

MOST INTERCEPTIONS IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	INT
1.	Dave Baker	at LA Rams (12/4/60)	4
2.	Walt Harris	vs. Oak. (10/8/06)	3
	Ronnie Heard	vs. Arz. (10/27/02)	3
	Rod Woodson	vs. NO (9/14/97)	3
	Eric Wright	at Min. (9/8/83)	3
	Tony Leonard	vs. Cin. (10/1/78)	3
	Dave Baker	at Dal. (11/20/60)	3

MOST INTs RETURNED FOR TD IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	INT
1.	Ken Norton	at StL (10/22/95)	2
2.	56 Players	75 Times	1

MOST INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	Yards
1.	Dwight Hicks	at Was. (10/4/81)	104
2.	Zack Bronson	at Chi. (10/28/01)	97
3.	Merton Hanks	vs. NO (11/22/93)	94
	Al Randolph	vs. Chi. (12/11/66)	94
5.	Deion Sanders	at Atl. (10/16/94)	93
6.	Deion Sanders	at SD (12/11/94)	90
	Kermit Alexander	at Pit. (11/24/68)	90
8.	NaVorro Bowman	vs. Atl. (12/23/13)	89
9.	Tory Nixon	at GB (10/26/86)	88
10.	Patrick Willis	at Sea. (9/14/08)	86
	Eric Davis	vs. StL (11/26/95)	86

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON SACKS

ALL–TIME SACK LEADERS

	Player	Years	Sacks
1.	Bryant Young (DT)	1994–2007 (14)	89.5
2.	Charles Haley (LB)	1986–1999 (7)	66.5
3.	Ahmad Brooks (LB)	2009–2016 (8)	51.5
4.	Dana Stubblefield (DT)	1993–2002 (7)	46.5
5.	Dwaine Board (DE)	1982–1988 (10)	45.0
6.	Aldon Smith (LB)	2011–2014 (4)	44.0
7.	Justin Smith (DT)	2008–2014 (7)	43.5
8.	Chris Doleman (DE)	1996–1998 (3)	38.0
9.	Andre Carter (DE)	2001–2005 (5)	32.0
10.	Jeff Stover (DE)	1982–1988 (7)	30.5
11.	Roy Barker (DE)	1996–1998 (3)	30.0
12.	Pierce Holt (DE)	1988–1992 (5)	29.5
13.	**Arik Armstead (DL)**	**2015–2022 (8)**	**28.5**
	Nick Bosa (DL)	**2019–2022 (4)**	**28.5**
	DeForest Buckner (DL)	2016–2019 (4)	28.5
16.	Larry Roberts (DE)	1986–1993 (8)	28.0
	Fred Dean (DE)	1981–1985 (5)	28.0
18.	Tim Harris (LB)	1991–1995 (4)	26.0
19.	Kevin Fagan (DE)	1987–1993 (7)	25.5
20.	Dennis Brown (DE)	1990–1996 (7)	24.5

Note: Includes figures since 1982, when sacks first became an official statistic

MOST SACKS IN SINGLE SEASON

	Player	Year	Sacks
1.	Aldon Smith	2012	19.5
2.	Fred Dean	1983	17.5
3.	Tim Harris	1992	17.0
4.	Charles Haley	1990	16.0
5.	**Nick Bosa**	**2021**	**15.5**
6.	Chris Doleman	1998	15.0
	Dana Stubblefield	1997	15.0
8.	Aldon Smith	2011*	14.0
9.	Dwaine Board	1983	13.0
10.	Andre Carter	2002	12.5
	Roy Barker	1996	12.5

Led Conference *Rookie Year

MOST SACKS IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	Sacks
1.	Fred Dean	vs. NO (11/13/83)	6.0
2.	Aldon Smith	vs. Chi. (11/19/12)	5.5
3.	Roy Barker	at StL (10/25/98)	4.0
	Chris Doleman	at NO (10/11/98)	4.0
	Dana Stubblefield	at Phi. (11/10/97)	4.0
	Pierce Holt	vs. NYG (11/27/89)	4.0
	Dwaine Board	at LA Raiders (9/22/85)	4.0

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON PUNTING

ALL–TIME LEADING PUNTERS (BY AVERAGE)

	Player	Years	Punts	Yards	Avg	Net	Lg	In20	Blk
1.	Andy Lee	2004–2014 (11)	941	43,468	46.2	39.5	82	300	4
2.	**Mitch Wishnowsky**	**2019–present (4)**	**189**	**8,647**	**45.8**	**41.4**	**74**	**77**	**1**
3.	Tommy Davis	1959–1969 (11)	511	22,833	44.7	NA	82	NA	2
4.	Bradley Pinion	2015–2018 (4)	334	14,599	43.7	39.9	65	112	1
5.	Frankie Albert	1950–1952 (3)	139	5,830	41.9	NA	70	NA	1
6.	Tommy Thompson	1995–1997 (3)	208	8,711	41.9	35.6	65	55	3
7.	Tom Wittum	1973–1977 (5)	380	15,494	40.8	NA	68	NA	9
8.	Jim Miller	1980–1982 (3)	214	8,686	40.6	31.7	80	36	1
9.	Jason Baker	2001–2002 (2)	111	4,501	40.5	34.1	64	33	0
10.	Max Runager	1984–1988 (5)	281	11,394	40.5	33.8	62	36	5

**minimum 100 punts*

BEST PUNTING AVERAGE IN SINGLE SEASON

	Player	Year	Punts	Yards	Avg	Net	Lg	In20	Blk
1.	Andy Lee	2011	78	3,970	50.9	44.0	68	28	1
2.	Andy Lee	2013	79	3,804	48.2	41.7	62	27	0
3.	Andy Lee	2012	67	3,226	48.1	43.2	66	36	0
4.	Andy Lee	2008	66	3,155	47.8	39.0	82	13	1
5.	Andy Lee	2009	99	4,711	47.6	41.0	64	30	0
6.	Andy Lee	2007	105	4,968	47.3	41.0	74	42	0
7.	**Mitch Wishnowsky**	**2020**	**66**	**3,093**	**46.9**	**41.6**	**60**	**25**	**1**
8.	Andy Lee	2014	72	3,369	46.8	39.6	71	28	1
9.	Andy Lee	2010	91	4,203	46.2	38.2	64	34	0
10.	Tommy Davis	1965	54	2,471	45.8	NA	65	NA	0

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MOST PUNTS IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	Punts
1.	Tom Wittum	vs. LA Rams (11/21/76)	11
2.	Andy Lee	vs. Sea. (9/30/07)	10
	Jim Miller	vs. Atl. (11/8/81)	10
	Jim Miller	vs. LA Rams (10/25/81)	10
	Mike Connell	at Atl. (11/5/78)	10
	Mike Connell	vs. Cin. (10/1/78)	10
	Tom Wittum	at Atl. (11/6/77)	10
	Tom Wittum	vs. Atl. (10/23/76)	10
	Tommy Davis	at Det. (10/6/63)	10

BEST PUNT AVG. IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	Avg
1.	Andy Lee	vs. Sea. (9/11/11)	59.6
2.	Andy Lee	at Bal. (11/24/11)	57.6
3.	Andy Lee	at Pit. (9/23/07)	57.2
4.	Andy Lee	at StL (1/1/12)	56.8
5.	Andy Lee	at NE (12/16/12)	56.6
6.	Andy Lee	vs. Dal. (9/18/11)	55.3
7.	Klaus Wilmsmeyer	vs. Det. (10/9/94)	55.0
8.	Andy Lee	at StL (12/21/08)	54.8

**minimum 4 punts*

MOST PUNTS, Career

	Player	Punts
1.	Andy Lee	941
2.	Tommy Davis	511
3.	Tom Wittum	380
4.	Max Runager	281
5.	Steve Spurrier	230

MOST PUNTS INSIDE 20, Career

	Player	IN20
1.	Andy Lee	300
2.	Bradley Pinion	112
3.	Max Runager	84
4.	**Mitch Wishnowsky**	**77**
5.	Tommy Thompson	55

**inside–the–20 became official stat in 1976*

MOST PUNTS, Season

	Player	Punts
1.	Andy Lee (2005)	107
2.	Andy Lee (2007)	105
3.	Bradley Pinion (2016)	100
4.	Andy Lee (2009)	99
5.	Andy Lee (2004)	96
	Mike Connell (1978)	96

MOST PUNTS INSIDE 20, Season

	Player	IN20
1.	Andy Lee (2007)	42
2.	Andy Lee (2012)	36
3.	Andy Lee (2010)	34
4.	Bradley Pinion (2017)	31
	Bradley Pinion (2015)	31
6.	Andy Lee (2009)	30
	Max Runager (1985)	30

**inside–the–20 became official stat in 1976*

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON PUNT RETURNS

ALL–TIME LEADERS IN PUNT RETURNS (BY AVERAGE)

	Player	Years	PR	FC	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
1.	Manfred Moore	1974–1975 (2)	21	0	309	14.7	88t	1
2.	Jim Cason	1950–1952, '54 (4)	24	NA	288	12.0	33	0
3.	Ted Ginn Jr.	2010–2012 (3)	94	48	1,113	11.8	78t	2
4.	Allen Rossum	2008–2009 (2)	27	8	307	11.4	45	0
5.	Iheanyi Uwaezuoke	1996–1998 (3)	34	14	373	11.0	36	0
6.	LaMichael James	2012–2014 (3)	23	12	251	10.9	40	0
7.	Dana McLemore	1982–1987 (6)	142	38	1,531	10.8	93t	4
8.	Jimmy Williams	2001–2004 (4)	55	18	576	10.5	89t	1
9.	Dexter Carter	1990–1996 (7)	117	56	1,213	10.4	78t	2
10.	John Taylor	1987–1995 (9)	149	55	1,517	10.2	95t	2

**minimum 20 returns*

BEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE IN SINGLE SEASON

	Player	Year	PR	FC	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
1.	Jimmy Williams	2002	20	8	336	(16.8)	89t	1
2.	Hugh McElhenny	1952	20	NA	284	14.2	(94t)	1
3.	Ted Ginn Jr.	2010	24	18	321	13.4	78t	1
4.	Joe Arenas	1951	21	NA	272	13.0	51	0
5.	John Taylor	1988	44	7	(556)	(12.6)	(95t)	(2)
6.	Dana McLemore	1987	21	7	265	12.6	83t	1
7.	Ted Ginn Jr.	2011	38	18	466	12.3	55t	1
8.	Dexter Carter	1993	34	20	411	12.1	72t	1
9.	Bruce Taylor	1970	43	10	516	12.0	76	0
10.	John Taylor	1989	36	20	417	11.6	37	0

**minimum 20 returns*

(Led NFL) [Led Conference]

TOP SINGLE–GAME PUNT RETURN PERFORMANCES

MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	Yards
1.	Tony Leonard	vs. NO (10/17/76)	141
2.	Bruce Taylor	at Hou. (11/15/70)	133
3.	Dexter Carter	vs. Min. (10/3/93)	131
4.	Dexter Carter	vs. Min. (12/18/95)	126
5.	Dana McLemore	vs. LA Rams (1/2/83)	125

MOST PUNT RETURNS IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	Returns
1.	Tony Leonard	vs. NO (10/17/76)	9
	Ralph McGill	at Atl. (10/29/72)	9
3.	Michael Lewis	vs. StL (11/18/07)	7
	Dana McLemore	at NO (11/25/84)	7
	Tony Leonard	at Atl. (11/6/77)	7
	Tony Leonard	vs. LA Rams (11/21/76)	7
	Ralph McGill	at Phi. (11/30/75)	7
	Ralph McGill	vs. Atl. (10/12/75)	7

BEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	Avg
1.	Ted Ginn Jr.	at StL (12/26/10)	32.3
2.	Dexter Carter	vs. Min. (12/18/95)	31.5
3.	Dana McLemore	vs. LA Rams (1/2/83)	31.3
4.	Abe Woodson	at GB (10/21/62)	30.3
5.	John Taylor	vs. Was. (11/21/88)	28.3
6.	Chuck Levy	at Phi. (11/10/97)	27.3
7.	Dexter Carter	vs. Min. (10/3/93)	26.2
8.	Dana McLemore	at NYG (10/8/84)	25.8
9.	Bruce Taylor	vs. NYG (12/21/75)	25.7
10.	Freddie Solomon	vs. TB (10/26/80)	25.0

**minimum of 3 punt returns*

MOST PUNT RETURNS, Career

	Player	PR
1.	John Taylor	149
2.	Dana McLemore	142
	Bruce Taylor	142
4.	Joe Arenas	124
5.	Kermit Alexander	120
6.	Dexter Carter	117
7.	Freddie Solomon	106
8.	Ralph McGill	105
	Abe Woodson	105
10.	Hugh McElhenny	99

MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS, Career

	Player	Yards
1.	Dana McLemore	1,531
2.	John Taylor	1,517
3.	Bruce Taylor	1,323
4.	Dexter Carter	1,213
5.	Ted Ginn Jr.	1,113
6.	Ralph McGill	964
7.	Abe Woodson	949
8.	Freddie Solomon	804
9.	Kermit Alexander	782
10.	Joe Arenas	774

MOST PUNT RETURN TDs, Career

	Player	TD
1.	Dana McLemore	4
2.	Kermit Alexander	2
	Dexter Carter	2
	Ted Ginn Jr.	2
	Freddie Solomon	2
	John Taylor	2
	Abe Woodson	2

MOST PUNT RETURNS, Season

	Player	PR
1.	R.W. McQuarters (1998)	47
2.	Dana McLemore (1984)	45
3.	Michael Lewis (2007)	44
	John Taylor (1988)	44
5.	Bruce Taylor (1970)	43
6.	Ted Ginn Jr. (2011)	38
	Dexter Carter (1996)	38
	Don Griffin (1986)	38
	Dana McLemore (1985)	38
10.	Dexter Carter (1996)	36
	John Taylor (1989)	36

MOST PUNT RETURN TDs, Season

	Player	TD
1.	John Taylor (1988)	2
	Freddie Solomon (1980)	2

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON KICKOFF RETURNS

ALL–TIME LEADERS IN KICKOFF RETURNS (BY AVERAGE)

	Player	Years	KR	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
1.	Abe Woodson	1958–1964 (7)	166	4,873	29.4	105t	5
2.	LaMichael James	2012–2014 (3)	26	738	28.4	62	0
3.	Joe Arenas	1951–1957 (7)	139	3,798	27.3	96	1
4.	Allen Rossum	2008–2009 (2)	54	1,411	26.1	104t	1
5.	Lenny Lyles	1959–1960 (2)	42	1,091	26.0	97t	1
6.	Vic Washington	1971–1973 (3)	84	2,178	25.9	98t	1
7.	Bruce Ellington	2014–2016 (3)	50	1,279	25.6	40	0
8.	Mike Holmes	1974–1975 (2)	27	671	24.9	57	0
9.	J.D. Smith	1956–1964 (9)	36	882	24.5	39	0
10.	Amos Lawrence	1981–1982 (2)	26	627	24.1	92t	1

**minimum 25 returns*

BEST KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE IN SINGLE SEASON

	Player	Year	KR	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
1.	Joe Arenas	1953	16	551	34.4	82	0
2.	Abe Woodson	1963	29	935	32.2	103t	3
3.	Abe Woodson	1962	37	1,157	31.3	79	0
4.	Lenny Lyles	1960	17	526	30.9	97t	1
5.	Joe Arenas	1956	27	801	29.7	96	1
6.	Abe Woodson	1960	17	498	29.3	64	0
7.	Abe Woodson	1961	27	782	29.0	98t	1
8.	Vic Washington	1972	27	771	28.6	98t	1
9.	Ted Ginn Jr.	2011	29	800	27.6	102t	1
10.	Abe Woodson	1964	32	880	27.5	70	0

**minimum 1.25 ret/game*

(Led NFL) [Led Conference]

TOP SINGLE–GAME KICKOFF RETURN PERFORMANCES

MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDS IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	Yards
1.	Abe Woodson	vs. Det. (11/11/62)	210
2.	Abe Woodson	at Det. (9/23/62)	205
3.	Lenny Lyles	vs. Bal. (12/18/60)	202
4.	Maurice Hicks	vs. SD (10/15/06)	195
5.	Allen Rossum	vs. Phi. (10/12/08)	194

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	Returns
1.	Maurice Hicks	vs. SD (10/15/06)	9
	Allen Rossum	vs. Phi. (10/12/08)	9
3.	Maurice Hicks	at Was. (1023/05)	8
4.	(15 times) Last: Ted Ginn Jr.	at SD (12/16/10)	7

BEST KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	Avg
1.	Lenny Lyles	vs. Bal. (12/18/60)	67.3
2.	Doug Cunningham	vs. NO (10/22/67)	53.0
3.	Abe Woodson	vs. Min. (9/29/63)	51.0
4.	Allen Rossum	vs. Arz. (11/10/08)	46.5
5.	Amos Lawrence	vs. LA Rams (11/22/81)	46.0
	Abe Woodson	vs. NYG (11/17/63)	46.0

**minimum of 3 kickoff returns*

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWN IN SINGLE GAME

	Player	Game	TD
1.	(22 times) Last: Richie James	vs. Sea. (12/16/18)	1

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS, Career

	Player	KR
1.	Dexter Carter	217
2.	Maurice Hicks	185
3.	Abe Woodson	166
4.	Joe Arenas	139
5.	Kermit Alexander	137
6.	Ted Ginn Jr.	87
7.	Vic Washington	84
8.	Carl Monroe	76
9.	James Owens	72
10.	Paul Hofer	68
	Doug Cunningham	68

MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDS, Career

	Player	Yards
1.	Abe Woodson	4,873
2.	Dexter Carter	4,707
3.	Maurice Hicks	4,242
4.	Joe Arenas	3,798
5.	Kermit Alexander	3,271
6.	Vic Washington	2,178
7.	Ted Ginn Jr.	2,045
8.	James Owens	1,728
9.	Carl Monroe	1,660
10.	Doug Cunningham	1,613

MOST KICKOFF RETURN TDs, Career

	Player	TD
1.	Abe Woodson	5
2.	Dexter Carter	2
	James Owens	2
	Dave Williams	2
5.	(11 times) Last: Richie James	1

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS, Season

	Player	KR
1.	Maurice Hicks (2007)	63
2.	Maurice Hicks (2006)	57
3.	Vinny Sutherland (2001)	50
4.	Dexter Carter (1994)	48
5.	Ted Ginn Jr. (2010)	47
	Allen Rossum (2008)	47
7.	Dexter Carter (1996)	41
	Dexter Carter (1990)	41
	James Owens (1979)	41

MOST KICKOFF RETURN TDs, Season

	Player	TD
1.	Abe Woodson (1963)	3
2.	(19x) Last: Richie James (2018)	1

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LONGEST RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE

96t	Garrison Hearst vs. NYJ	9/6/98
90t	Colin Kaepernick vs. SD	12/20/14
89t	Hugh McElhenny at Dal. Texans	10/5/52
86t	Hugh McElhenny at GB	11/18/56
83t	Matt Breida vs. Cle.	10/7/19
82t	Hugh McElhenny vs. Dal. Texans	10/26/52
80	Wilbur Jackson vs. NO	11/27/77
80t	Raheem Mostert at NYJ	9/20/20
80t	Frank Gore vs. Sea.	9/20/09
80t	Delvin Williams vs. Was.	11/7/76
80t	J.D. Smith vs. GB	12/7/58
79t	Frank Gore vs. Sea.	9/20/09
78t	Kevan Barlow vs. Pit.	11/17/03
78t	Joe Perry vs. Dal. Texans	10/26/52
78t	Joe Perry vs. GB	12/10/50

LONGEST RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE BY QUARTERBACK

90t	Colin Kaepernick vs. SD	12/20/14
50t	Colin Kaepernick vs. Mia.	12/9/12
50	Colin Kaepernick at StL	12/2/12
49t	Steve Young vs. Min.	10/30/88
45	Y.A. Tittle at Bal. Colts	11/24/57
44t	Blaine Gabbert at Chi.	12/6/15
42	Frankie Albert at GB	11/26/50

LONGEST PASSES

97t	Steve Young to John Taylor at Atl.	11/3/91
96t	Joe Montana to Jerry Rice at SD	11/27/88
95t	Joe Montana to John Taylor at LA Rams	12/11/89
93t	Steve DeBerg to Freddie Solomon vs. Atl.	9/28/80
92t	Joe Montana to John Taylor at LA Rams	12/11/89
89t	Tim Rattay to Brandon Lloyd vs. Dal.	9/25/05
85t	Nick Mullens to **George Kittle vs. Den.**	**12/9/18**
85t	Jim Plunkett to Delvin Williams vs. Was.	11/7/76
83	**Jimmy Garoppolo to Deebo Samuel at Chi.**	**10/31/21**
83t	C.J. Beathard to Marquise Goodwin vs. NYG	11/12/17
83t	John Brodie to Dave Parks at LA Rams	10/18/64
82t	C.J. Beathard to **George Kittle at LAC**	**9/30/18**
82	Steve Young to Terry Kirby at Atl.	10/19/97
81t	Steve Young to Garrison Hearst vs. NO	11/22/98
81t	Elvis Grbac to Jerry Rice at Dal.	11/12/95
81t	Steve Spurrier to Ted Kwalick vs. NO	10/22/72
80t	(8x) Last time: C. Kaepernick to Brandon Lloyd at StL	10/13/14

LONGEST PUNTS

86	Larry Barnes vs. Chi.	9/29/57
82	Andy Lee vs. NE	10/5/08
82	Tommy Davis vs. Min.	9/30/62
81	Andy Lee at TB	11/21/04
81	Tommy Davis at StL Cardinals	11/25/62
80	Jim Miller at Den.	9/19/82
79	Tommy Davis at Chi.	10/14/62
76	Larry Barnes vs. Bal.	12/8/57
75	Verl Lillywhite vs. Cle.	9/30/57
74	Andy Lee vs. Bal.	10/7/07
74	Tommy Davis vs. Chi.	10/30/51
72	Jon Kilgore vs. Chi.	12/6/69

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

95t	John Taylor vs. Was.	11/21/88
94t	Hugh McElhenny at Chi.	10/19/52
93t	Dana McLemore vs. LA Rams	1/2/83
89t	Jimmy Williams vs. Sea.	12/1/02
88t	Manfred Moore vs. Atl.	11/24/74
85t	Abe Woodson at GB	10/21/62
83t	Dana McLemore vs. Chi.	12/14/87
80t	Abe Woodson vs. Det.	11/5/61
79t	Dana McLemore at NYG	10/8/84
78t	Ted Ginn Jr. at StL	12/26/10
78t	Dexter Carter vs. Min.	12/18/95

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

105t	Abe Woodson at LA Rams	11/8/59
104t	Allen Rossum at Arz.	11/11/08
103t	Abe Woodson vs. Min.	9/15/63
102t	Ted Ginn Jr. vs. Sea.	9/11/11
101t	Terry Kirby vs. Car.	11/16/97
101t	James Owens at Det.	11/2/80
99t	Abe Woodson at NYG	11/17/63
98t	Dexter Carter vs. NO	12/1/91
98t	Vic Washington at Atl.	10/29/72
98t	Abe Woodson at Det.	10/1/61
97t	Richie James vs. Sea.	12/16/18
97t	Vic Washington vs. Dal.	12/23/72
97t	Lenny Lyles vs. Bal.	12/18/60
96t	Dexter Carter at Was.	11/6/94

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURNS

97t	Zack Bronson at Chi.	10/28/01
94t	Alvin Randolph vs. Chi.	12/11/66
93t	Deion Sanders at Atl.	10/16/94
90t	Deion Sanders at SD	12/11/94
89t	NaVorro Bowman vs. Atl.	12/23/13
88t	Tory Nixon at GB	10/26/86
86t	Patrick Willis at Sea.	9/14/08
86t	Eric Davis vs. StL	11/26/95
83t	Ronnie Lott at KC	12/26/82
82	Carlton Williamson vs. Sea.	11/25/85
77t	Tom Holmoe vs. StL Cardinals	11/9/86
74t	Deion Sanders vs. NO	9/25/94
73	Eric Reid at Sea.	12/14/14

LONGEST FUMBLE RETURNS

99t	Don Griffin vs. Chi.	12/23/91
96t	Lee Woodall vs. Buf.	12/3/95
80t	Dwaine Carpenter at Chi.	10/31/04
80t	Dwight Hicks at Was.	10/4/81
78t	Derrick Johnson at Arz. (Mexico City)	10/2/05
75t	Clark Miller at Det.	11/14/65
73t	Skip Vanderbundt at Dal.	11/23/72
71t	Darnell Walker at Min.	10/24/99
71	Gerard Williams vs. NO	9/23/79
66t	Windlan Hall vs. Phi.	12/2/73
65t	Keena Turner at Was.	12/1/85
63t	Tommy Hart at StL Cardinals	10/24/71

LONGEST FIELD GOALS

63	David Akers at GB	9/9/12
56	Joey Slye vs. Ind.	10/24/21
56	Phil Dawson at Arz.	12/29/13
56	Joe Nedney at StL	12/24/05
56	Mike Cofer at Atl.	10/14/90
55	Phil Dawson vs. KC	10/5/14
55	Phil Dawson at NO	11/17/13
55	David Akers at Det.	10/16/11
55	David Akers vs. Dal.	9/18/11
54	Phil Dawson at StL	10/14/14
54	David Akers at Sea.	12/23/12
54	Steve Mike–Mayer at LA Rams	11/9/75
54	Bruce Gossett vs. NO	10/21/73
53	**(10x) Last time: Robbie Gould vs. NYG.**	**11/12/18**

LONGEST RETURNS OF FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT

92t	Bruce Taylor at NO	12/13/70
74t	Nate Clements at NYG	10/19/08
62t	Johnny Jackson at Dal.	10/15/89
58t	Bruce Taylor at NO	9/26/71
41t	Donald Strickland vs. Phi.	10/12/08
38	Kermit Alexander vs. Phi.	11/20/66
30	Kermit Alexander at Phi.	9/20/64

NFL RECORDS BY 49ERS

Most Consecutive Seasons Leading NFL in Passer Rating
4 Steve Young (1991–94)

Highest Single–Game Completion Percentage (min. 15 atts.)
94.7 Alex Smith at Arz. (10/29/12)

Most Seasons Leading League in Passing Touchdowns
4 Steve Young (1992–94, '98); tied with Johnny Unitas (1957–60), Len Dawson (1962–63, 1965–66), Brett Favre (1995–97, 2003), Drew Brees (2008–09, 2011–12), Peyton Manning (2000, '04, '06, '13)

Most Receiving Touchdowns in a Game
5 Jerry Rice at Atl. (10/14/90); tied with Chi. Bob Shaw vs. Bal. (10/2/50) and SD Kellen Winslow vs. Oak. (11/22/81)

Most Interceptions in a Game
4 Dave Baker vs. LA Rams (12/4/60); tied with 12 others

Most Interceptions Returned for a Touchdown in a Game
2 Ken Norton vs. StL (10/22/95); tied with 26 others

Most Seasons Leading League in Kickoff Return Avg.
3 Abe Woodson (1959, 1962–63)

Most Points in a Season, No Touchdowns, Single Season
166 David Akers (2011)

Most Field Goals Attempted in a Season
52 David Akers (2011)

Most Field Goals Made in a Season
44 David Akers (2011)

Most Receiving Yards by a Tight End in a Season
1,377 George Kittle (2018)

49ERS NFL LEADERS

RUSHING CHAMPIONS (Yards)

1953	Joe Perry	1,018
1954	Joe Perry	1,049

PASSING CHAMPIONS (Passer Rating)

1970	John Brodie	93.9
1987	Joe Montana	102.1
1989	Joe Montana	112.4
1991	Steve Young	101.8
1992	Steve Young	107.0
1993	Steve Young	101.5
1994	Steve Young	112.8
1996	Steve Young	97.2
1997	Steve Young	104.7

RECEIVING CHAMPIONS (Receptions)

1954	Billy Wilson	60
1956	Billy Wilson	60
1957	Billy Wilson	52
1965	Dave Parks	80
1968	Clifton McNeil	71
1982	Dwight Clark	60
1985	Roger Craig	92
1990	Jerry Rice	100
1996	Jerry Rice	108

49ERS NFL LEADERS

RECEIVING CHAMPIONS (Touchdowns)

1953	Billy Wilson	10
1972	Gene Washington	12
1986	Jerry Rice	16
1987	Jerry Rice	22
1989	Jerry Rice	17
1990	Jerry Rice	13
1991	Jerry Rice	14
1993	Jerry Rice	16
1994	Jerry Rice	13
2001	Terrell Owens	16
2002	Terrell Owens	13
2009	Vernon Davis #	13

RECEIVING CHAMPIONS (Yards)

1970	Gene Washington	1,100
1986	Jerry Rice	1,570
1989	Jerry Rice	1,483
1990	Jerry Rice	1,502
1993	Jerry Rice	1,503
1994	Jerry Rice	1,499
1995	Jerry Rice	1,848
2018	**George Kittle (TE)**	**1,377**

PUNTING CHAMPIONS (Average)

1962	Tommy Davis	45.6
2011	Andy Lee	50.9

SCORING

1952	Gordie Soltau	94
1953	Gordie Soltau	114
1984	Ray Wersching	131
1987	Jerry Rice	138
1989	Mike Cofer	136
2011	David Akers	166*

KICKOFF RETURNS (Average)

1953	Joe Arenas	34.4
1959	Abe Woodson	29.4
1962	Abe Woodson	31.3
1963	Abe Woodson	32.2

FIELD GOALS MADE

1960	Tommy Davis	19
2011	David Akers	44*
2017	**Robbie Gould**	**39**

PUNT RETURNS (Yards)

1960	Abe Woodson	174
1988	John Taylor	556

INTERCEPTIONS

1960	Dave Baker	10
1986	Ronnie Lott	10
2003	Tony Parrish	9#

*NFL Record #Shared NFL Lead

ROOKIE SEASON RECORDS

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

No	Att	Player	Year
1.	**207**	**Elijah Mitchell**	**2021**
2.	191	Vic Washington	1971
3.	189	Ken Willard	1965
4.	176	Roger Craig	1983
5.	174	Wilbur Jackson	1974
6.	171	Earl Cooper	1980
7.	129	John H. Johnson	1954
8.	127	Frank Gore	2005
9.	125	Kevan Barlow	2001
10.	109	Don Lisbon	1963

RUSHING YARDS

No	Yds	Player	Year
1.	**963**	**Elijah Mitchell**	**2021**
2.	811	Vic Washington	1971
3.	778	Ken Willard	1965
4.	725	Roger Craig	1983
5.	720	Earl Cooper	1980
6.	705	Wilbur Jackson	1974
7.	684	Hugh McElhenny	1952
8.	681	John H. Johnson	1954
9.	608	Frank Gore	2005
10.	512	Kevan Barlow	2001

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

No	TD	Player	Year
1.	10	Billy Kilmer	1961
2.	9	John H. Johnson	1954
3.	8	Roger Craig	1983
4.	6	Hugh McElhenny	1952
	6	William Floyd	1994
6.	**5**	**Elijah Mitchell**	**2021**
	5	Ken Willard	1965
	5	Dicky Moegle	1955
9.	4	Carlos Hyde	2014
	4	Kevan Barlow	2001
11.	**3**	**Deebo Samuel (WR)**	**2019**
	3	C.J. Beathard (QB)	2017
	3	Frank Gore	2005
	3	Earl Cooper	1980
	3	Delvin Williams	1974
	3	Vic Washington	1971
	3	J.D. Smith	1958

RECEPTIONS

No	Rec	Player	Year
1.	83	Earl Cooper (RB)	1980
2.	**60**	**Brandon Aiyuk**	**2020**
3.	**57**	**Deebo Samuel**	**2019**
4.	51	Gene Washington	1969
5.	49	Jerry Rice	1985
6.	48	Michael Crabtree	2009
	48	Roger Craig (RB)	1983
8.	**43**	**George Kittle (TE)**	**2017**
	43	Trent Taylor	2017
10.	40	Eric Johnson (TE)	2001

RECEIVING YARDS

No	Yds	Player	Year
1.	927	Jerry Rice	1985
2.	**802**	**Deebo Samuel**	**2019**
3.	**748**	**Brandon Aiyuk**	**2020**
4.	711	Gene Washington	1969
5.	703	Dave Parks	1964
6.	625	Michael Crabtree	2009
7.	567	Earl Cooper (RB)	1980
8.	520	Terrell Owens	1996
9.	517	J.J. Stokes	1995
10.	**515**	**George Kittle (TE)**	**2017**

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

No	TD	Player	Year
1.	8	Dave Parks	1964
2.	**5**	**Brandon Aiyuk**	**2020**
	5	Dante Pettis	2018
	5	Jimmy Thomas	1969
	5	R.C. Owens	1957
5.	4	Terrell Owens	1996
	4	J.J. Stokes	1995
	4	Roger Craig	1983
	4	Earl Cooper	1980
	4	Vic Washington	1971
	4	Ken Willard	1965
	4	Carroll Hardy	1955

PASSES ATTEMPTED

No	Att	Player	Year
1.	224	C.J. Beathard	2017
2.	184	Tom Owen	1974
3.	165	Alex Smith	2005
4.	78	Earl Morrall	1956
5.	**71**	**Trey Lance**	**2021**
6.	53	George Mira	1964
7.	52	Jim Druckenmiller	1997
8.	51	Dennis Morrison	1974
9.	50	Steve Spurrier	1967
10.	48	Scott Bull	1976

PASSES COMPLETED

No	Comp	Player	Year
1.	123	C.J. Beathard	2017
2.	88	Tom Owen	1974
3.	84	Alex Smith	2005
4.	**41**	**Trey Lance**	**2021**
5.	38	Earl Morrall	1956
6.	23	Steve Spurrier	1967
	23	George Mira	1964
8.	21	Jim Druckenmiller	1997
	21	Scott Bull	1976
	21	Dennis Morrison	1975

PASSING YARDS

No	Yds	Players	Year
1.	1,430	C.J. Beathard	2017
2.	1,327	Tom Owen	1974
3.	875	Alex Smith	2005
4.	621	Earl Morrall	1956
5.	**603**	**Trey Lance**	**2021**
6.	331	George Mira	1964
7.	286	Billy Kilmer	1961
8.	252	Scott Bull	1976
9.	239	Jim Druckenmiller	1997
10.	227	Dennis Morrison	1974

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

No	TD	Player	Year
1.	10	Tom Owen	1974
2.	**5**	**Trey Lance**	**2021**
3.	4	C.J. Beathard	2017
4.	2	Scott Bull	1976
	2	George Mira	1964
	2	John Brodie	1957
7.	1	Alex Smith	2005
	1	Jim Druckenmiller	1997
	1	Bill Musgrave	1991
	1	Joe Montana	1979
	1	Dennis Morrison	1974
	1	Bob Waters	1960
	1	Earl Morrall	1956

PASSES INTERCEPTED

No	INT	Player	YEAR
1.	15	Tom Owen	1974
2.	11	Alex Smith	2005
3.	7	Steve Spurrier	1967
4.	6	C.J. Beathard	2017
	6	Earl Morrall	1956
6.	5	Dennis Morrison	1974
	5	George Mira	1964
8.	4	Jim Druckenmiller	1997
	4	Scott Bull	1976
	4	Billy Kilmer	1961

PUNT RETURNS

No	Ret	Player	Year
1.	47	R.W. McQuarters	1998
2.	38	Don Griffin	1986
3.	35	Anthony Leonard	1976
4.	30	Trent Taylor	2017
5.	23	Bruce Ellington	2014
6.	22	Brandon Williams	2006
	22	Ralph McGill	1972
8.	21	Vinny Sutherland	2001
	21	Joe Arenas	1951

PUNT RETURN YARDS

No	Yds	Player	Year
1.	406	R.W. McQuarters	1998
2.	377	Don Griffin	1986
3.	293	Anthony Leonard	1976
4.	284	Hugh McElhenny	1952
5.	281	Trent Taylor	2017
6.	272	Joe Arenas	1951
7.	219	Ralph McGill	1972

PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

No	TD	Player	Year
1.	1	Otis Amey	2005
	1	R.W. McQuarters	1998
	1	Don Griffin	1986
	1	Dana McLemore	1982
	1	Anthony Leonard	1976
	1	Manfred Moore	1974
	1	Hugh McElhenny	1952

PUNTING ATTEMPTS

No	Att	Player	Year
1.	96	Andy Lee	2004
2.	91	Bradley Pinion	2015
3.	79	Tom Wittum	1973
4.	78	Barry Helton	1988
5.	77	Jim Miller	1980

PUNTING YARDS

No	Yds	Player	Year
1.	3,990	Andy Lee	2004
2.	3,969	Bradley Pinion	2015
3.	3,455	Tom Wittum	1973
4.	3,152	Jim Miller	1980
5.	3,069	Barry Helton	1988

PUNTING AVERAGE*

No	Avg	Player	Year
1.	45.7	Tommy Davis	1959
2.	**44.9**	**Mitch Wishnowsky**	**2019**
3.	43.7	Tom Wittum	1973
4.	43.6	Bradley Pinion	2015
5.	41.6	Andy Lee	2004

**minimum of 20 punts*

ROOKIE SEASON RECORDS (CONT.)

KICKOFF RETURNS

No	Ret	Player	Year
1.	50	Vinny Sutherland	2001
2.	41	James Owens	1979
3.	41	Dexter Carter	1971
4.	33	Vic Washington	1990
5.	26	Rasheed Marshall	2005
	26	Anthony Leonard	1976
7.	24	Bruce Ellington	2014

KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

No	Yds	Player	Year
1.	1,140	Vinny Sutherland	2001
2.	1,002	James Owens	1979
3.	858	Vic Washington	1971
4.	783	Dexter Carter	1990
5.	614	Bruce Ellington	2014
6.	580	Richie James	2018

KICKOFF RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

No	TD	Player	Year
1.	1	Richie James	2018
	1	Amos Lawrence	1981
	1	James Owens	1979
	1	Dave Williams	1977

INTERCEPTIONS

No	INT	Player	Year
1.	7	Ronnie Lott	1981
2.	6	Tim McKyer	1986
	6	Dicky Moegle	1955
4.	5	Kermit Alexander	1963
	5	Jimmy Johnson	1961
	5	Dave Baker	1959
	5	Fred Bruney	1953
	5	Jim Powers	1950

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS

No	Yds	Player	Year
1.	138	Alvin Randolph	1967
2.	117	Ronnie Lott	1981
3.	116	Jimmy Johnson	1961
4.	81	Todd Shell	1984
5.	77	Rex Berry	1951

INTERCEPTION RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

No	TD	Player	Year
1.	3	Ronnie Lott	1981
2.	**1**	**Javon Kinlaw**	**2020**
	1	Dontae Johnson	2014
	1	Tim McKyer	1986
	1	Bill Belk	1968
	1	Alvin Randolph	1966

TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS

No	TD	Player	Year
1.	12	Roger Craig	1983
2.	10	Billy Kilmer	1961
	10	Hugh McElhenny	1952
4.	9	Earl Cooper	1980
	9	Ken Willard	1965
	9	John H. Johnson	1954

TOTAL POINTS

No	Pts	Player	Year
1.	105	Doug Brien	1994
2.	103	Wade Richey	1997
3.	72	Roger Craig	1983

SACKS

No	Sacks	Player	Year
1.	14.0	LB Aldon Smith	2011
2.	12.0	LB Charles Haley	1986
3.	10.5	DT Dana Stubblefield	1993
4.	**9.0**	**DL Nick Bosa**	**2019**
5.	6.5	DE Andre Carter	2001
6.	6.0	DT DeForest Buckner	2016
	6.0	LB Aaron Lynch	2014

ROOKIE SINGLE GAME RECORDS

RUSHING YARDS

No	Yds	Player	Date	Opp.
1.	170	Hugh McElhenny	10/5/52	Dal.
2.	142	Joe Perry**	10/29/50	Bal.
3.	**137**	**Elijah Mitchell**	**10/31/21**	**Chi.**
4.	135	Joe Perry**	12/10/50	GB
5.	134	Amp Lee	12/13/92	Min.
6.	**133**	**Elijah Mitchell**	**11/28/21**	**Min.**
7.	131	Billy Kilmer	10/8/61	LA Rams
8.	125	Vic Washington	11/28/71	NYJ
9.	124	Dexter Carter	12/17/90	LA Rams
	124	John Henry Johnson	11/20/54	Pit.

***Player who was in his 1st NFL season, but had previous pro experience.*

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

No	TD	Player	Date	Opp.
1.	4	Billy Kilmer	10/15/61	Min.
2.	3	Ricky Watters	10/18/92	Atl.
	3	Roger Craig	12/4/83	TB

RECEPTIONS

No	REC	Player	Date	Opp.
1.	**10**	**Brandon Aiyuk**	**12/13/20**	**Was.**
	10	Jerry Rice	12/9/85	LA Rams
	10	Earl Cooper	9/7/80	NO
3.	9	Earl Cooper	9/14/80	StL
4.	8	Eight times, most recently		
		Brandon Aiyuk	**11/1/20**	**Sea.**

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

No	TD	Player	Date	Opp.
1.	2	11x (last: Dante Pettis)	12/9/18	Den.

RECEIVING YARDS

No	Yds	Player	Date	Opp.
1.	241	Jerry Rice	12/9/85	LA Rams
2.	146	Dave Parks	10/25/64	Min.
3.	**134**	**Deebo Samuel**	**11/17/19**	**Arz.**
4.	131	Aaron Thomas	11/19/61	Chi.
5.	129	Dante Pettis	12/2/18	Sea.

TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS

No	TD	Player	Date	Opp.
1.	4	Billy Kilmer	10/15/61	Min.
2.	3	Roger Craig	12/4/83	TB

PUNT RETURN YARDS

No	Yds	Player	Date	Opp.
1.	141	Anthony Leonard	10/17/76	NO
2.	133	Bruce Taylor	11/15/70	Houston
3.	125	Dana McLemore	1/2/83	LA Rams
4.	122	Hugh McElhenny	10/19/52	Chi.
5.	109	Ralph McGill	10/29/72	Atl.

KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

No	Yds	Player	Date	Opp.
1.	179	Vic Washington	11/14/71	NO
2.	172	LaMichael James	12/23/12	Sea.
3.	163	Jamal Willis	10/15/95	Ind.
4.	159	D.J. Reed Jr.	9/16/18	Det.
	159	Doug Cunningham	10/22/67	NO
6.	147	Dana McLemore	12/2/82	LA Rams
	147	Vinny Sutherland	11/18/01	Car.

INTERCEPTIONS

No	INT	Player	Date	Opp.
1.	2	Chris Borland	11/16/14	NYG
	2	Tim McKyer	12/19/86	LA Rams
	2	Ronnie Lott	10/11/81	Det.
	2	Carlton Williamson	11/29/81	NYG
	2	Ricky Churchman	11/30/80	NE
	2	Jimmy Johnson	11/5/61	Det.
	2	Dicky Moegle	10/23/55	Chi.
	2	Rex Berry	10/21/51	Chi.
	2	Jimmy Powers	10/22/50	Det.

ROOKIE HIGHLIGHTS

LONG RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE

No	Yds	Player	Opp.	Date
1.	89t	Hugh McElhenny	at Dal.	10/5/52
2.	82t	Hugh McElhenny	vs. Dal.	10/26/52
3.	75t	Jimmy Thomas	vs. Chi.	12/6/69
4.	74t	Dexter Carter	at Atl.	10/14/90
5.	72t	Frank Gore	at Was.	10/23/05

LONG RECEPTIONS

No	Yds	Player	Opp.	Date
1.	83t	Dave Parks	at LA Rams	10/18/64
2.	80t	Dave Parks	vs. Min.	10/25/64
3.	79t	Dave Parks	at Min.	11/8/64
4.	78	Keith Henderson	vs. Atl.	11/12/89
	78t	Carroll Hardy	vs. Det.	10/30/55

LONG PUNTS

No	Yds	Player	Opp.	Date
1.	86	Larry Barnes	vs. Chi.	9/29/57
2.	81	Andy Lee	at TB	11/21/04
3.	71	Tommy Davis	vs. Chi.	10/25/59
4.	70	Chad Stanley	at Jac.	9/12/99
5.	**65**	**Mitch Wishnowsky**	**vs. Sea.**	**11/11/19**
	65	Jim Miller	at NYJ	9/21/80

LONG PUNT RETURNS

No	Yds	Player	Opp.	Date
1.	94t	Hugh McElhenny	vs. Chi.	10/16/52
2.	93t	Dana McLemore	vs. LA Rams	1/2/83
3.	88t	Manfred Moore	vs. Atl.	11/24/74
4.	76t	Don Griffin	vs. Atl.	11/23/86
	76	Bruce Taylor	at Chi.	11/8/70

LONG KICKOFF RETURNS

No	Yds	Player	Opp.	Date
1.	97t	Richie James	vs. Sea.	12/16/18
2.	94	Doug Cunningham	vs. NO	11/22/67
3.	92t	Amos Lawrence	vs. LA Rams	11/22/81
4.	90	D.J. Reed Jr.	vs. Det.	9/16/18
5.	85t	James Owens	vs. Den.	11/18/79

100–YARD RUSHING GAMES

	Player	Game	Yards (Att–Lg–TD)
1.	Hugh McElhenny	at Dal. Texans (10/5/52)	170 (7–89t–1)
2.	Joe Perry**	vs. Bal. (10/29/50)	142 (16–49–0)
3.	**Elijah Mitchell**	**at Chi. (10/31/21)**	**137 (18–39–1)**
4.	Joe Perry**	vs. GB (12/10/50)	135 (9–78t–1)
5.	Amp Lee	at Min. (12/13/92)	134 (23–43–1)
6.	**Elijah Mitchell**	**vs. Min. (11/28/21)**	**133 (27–15–1)**
6.	Billy Kilmer	vs. LA Rams (10/8/61)	131 (19–26–2)
7.	Vic Washington	at NYJ (11/28/71)	125 (27–20–1)
8.	Dexter Carter	at LA Rams (12/17/90)	124 (13–74t–1)
	John Henry Johnson	at Pit. (11/20/54)	124 (17–24t–1)
10.	**Elijah Mitchell**	**vs. Hou. (1/2/22)**	**119 (21–37–0)**
11.	Jimmy Thomas	vs. Chi. (12/6/69)	118 (6–75t–1)
12.	Billy Kilmer	at Min. (10/15/61)	115 (20–21–4)
13.	Ken Willard	at Min. (11/28/65)	113 (18–21–0)
14.	Frank Gore	vs. Hou. (1/1/06)	108 (25–28–0)
	Joe Arenas	vs. GB (12/9/51)	108 (12–14–2)
16.	**Elijah Mitchell**	**vs. Ind. (10/24/21)**	**107 (18–20–1)**
17.	**Elijah Mitchell**	**at Det. (9/12/21)**	**104 (19–38–1)**
18.	Billy Kilmer	at Det. (10/1/61)	103 (16–31–2)
	Hugh McElhenny	at Chi. (10/19/52)	103 (12–25t–2)

***Player who was in his 1st NFL season, but had previous pro experience.*

LONG RETUNS OF FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

No	Yds	Player	Opp.	Date
1.	92t	Bruce Taylor	at NO	12/13/70
2.	62t	Johnny Jackson	at Dal.	10/15/89

LONG COMPLETIONS

No	Yds	Player	Opp.	Date
1.	83t	C.J. Beathard	vs. NYG	11/12/17
2.	79t	George Mira	at Min.	11/8/64
3.	**76t**	**Trey Lance**	**vs. Sea.**	**10/3/21**
4.	68t	Tom Owen	at Chi.	11/17/74
5.	53t	Tom Owen	vs. Atl.	11/24/74

LONG INTERCEPTION RETURNS

No	Yds	Player	Opp.	Date
1.	94t	Alvin Randolph	vs. Chi.	12/11/66
2.	70t	Jason Webster	vs. Atl.	11/19/00
	70	Bruce Taylor	vs. GB	11/1/70
4.	63	Jimmy Johnson	vs. GB	12/10/61
5.	53t	Todd Shell	at NO	11/25/84

LONG FIELD GOALS

No	Yds	Player	Opp.	Date
1.	54	Steve Mike–Mayer	at LA Rams	11/9/75
2.	52	Jose Cortez	vs. StL	9/23/01
3.	49	Jose Cortez	at NYJ	10/1/01
4.	48	Chase McLaughlin	vs. GB	11/24/19
	48	Doug Brien	at NO	11/28/94
6.	47	Chase McLaughlin	vs. Sea.	11/11/19
	47	Doug Brien	at LA Rams	9/18/94

LONG FUMBLE RETURNS

No	Yds	Player	Opp.	Date
1.	75t	Derrick Johnson	at Arz.	10/2/05
2.	34	Eric Davis	at LA Rams	12/17/90
3.	18	Ed Pine	at Min.	12/2/62
4.	17	Jamie Winborn	at NO	1/6/02
5.	16	Jack Capple	vs. Min.	10/24/65

100–YARD RECEIVING GAMES

	Player	Game	Yards (Rec–TD)
1.	Jerry Rice	vs. LA Rams (12/9/85)	241 (10–1)
2.	Dave Parks	vs. Min. (10/25/64)	146 (5–1)
3.	**Deebo Samuel**	**vs. Arz. (11/17/10)**	**134 (8–0)**
4.	Aaron Thomas	vs. Chi. (11/19/61)	131 (3–2)
5.	Dante Pettis	at Sea. (12/2/18)	129 (5–2)
6.	Clyde Conner	vs. GB (12/8/56)	125 (7–1)
7.	Monty Stickles	vs. NYG (9/25/60)	123 (8–0)
8.	Carroll Hardy	at GB (11/20/55)	122 (4–2)
9.	**Brandon Aiyuk**	**vs. Was. (12/13/20)**	**119 (10–0)**
10.	Bernie Casey	vs. GB (12/10/61)	118 (5–1)
	Hugh McElhenny	at NYG (11/9/52)	118 (4–0)
12.	**Brandon Aiyuk**	**at NE (10/25/20)**	**115 (6–0)**
13.	**Deebo Samuel**	**vs. Sea. (11/11/19)**	**112 (8–0)**
	Dave Parks	at LA Rams (10/18/64)	112 (3–1)
15.	Jerry Rice	vs. Dal. (12/22/85)	111 (7–0)
16.	Terrell Owens	vs. Car. (12/8/96)	110 (5–1)
17.	J.J. Stokes	at Atl. (12/24/95)	106 (5–1)
	Alyn Beals**	vs. LA Rams (10/1/50)	106 (7–0)
19.	**Deebo Samuel**	**at Sea. (12/29/19)**	**102 (5–0)**
	Don Lisbon	vs. Dal. (11/10/63)	102 (5–2)
	Alex Loyd	at Cle. (11/12/50)	102 (5–0)
22.	**George Kittle**	**at LAR (12/31/17)**	**100 (4–0)**

***Player who was in his 1st NFL season, but had previous pro experience.*

CAREER 100/300 YARD GAMES

CAREER 100–YARD RUSHING GAMES

No	Player	W–L–T
39	Frank Gore	31–8–0
20	Joe Perry	16–4–0
16	Garrison Hearst	15–1–0
14	Roger Craig	11–3–0
12	Hugh McElhenny	8–4–0
12	J.D. Smith	7–5–0
10	Wendell Tyler	8–2–0
10	Delvin Williams	5–5–0
9	Ricky Watters	8–1–0
9	Ken Willard	5–3–1
6	Charlie Garner	3–3–0
5	**Elijah Mitchell**	**4–1–0**
5	Matt Breida	3–2–0
5	Kevan Barlow	2–3–0
4	Billy Kilmer	4–0–0
4	Carlos Hyde	1–3–0
3	**Jeff Wilson Jr.**	**3–0–0**
3	Wilbur Jackson	2–1–0
3	Paul Hofer	0–3–0
2	Joe Cribbs	2–0–0
2	Larry Schreiber	2–0–0
2	Maurice Hicks	2–0–0
2	C.R. Roberts	2–0–0
2	Colin Kaepernick	0–2–0
1	Joe Arenas	1–0–0
1	Dexter Carter	1–0–0
1	Tevin Coleman	1–0–0
1	Lenvil Elliott	1–0–0
1	Keith Henderson	1–0–0
1	John Henry Johnson	1–0–0
1	Terry Kirby	1–0–0
1	Amp Lee	1–0–0
1	Gary Lewis	1–0–0
1	Verl Lillywhite	1–0–0
1	Lawrence Phillips	1–0–0
1	Jimmy Thomas	1–0–0
1	Vic Washington	1–0–0
1	Brian Westbrook	1–0–0
1	Alfred Morris	0–1–0
1	Raheem Mostert	0–1–0
1	O.J. Simpson	0–1–0
1	Steve Young	0–1–0
217		**158–58–1**

CAREER 300–YARD PASSING GAMES

No	Player	W–L–T
35	Joe Montana	26–9–0
28	Steve Young	21–7–0
14	Jeff Garcia	5–9–0
10	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**8–2–0**
6	John Brodie	4–1–1
6	Colin Kaepernick	4–2–0
5	Y.A. Tittle	4–1–0
5	Steve DeBerg	0–5–0
4	Nick Mullens	2–2–0
3	Elvis Grbac	2–1–0
3	Alex Smith	1–2–0
2	Steve Bono	2–0–0
2	Blaine Gabbert	1–1–0
2	Jeff Kemp	1–1–0
2	Brian Hoyer	0–2–0
2	Steve Spurrier	0–2–0
1	Troy Smith	1–0–0
1	Tim Rattay	1–0–0
1	George Mira	1–0–0
1	Tom Owen	1–0–0
1	J.T. O'Sullivan	1–0–0
1	C. J. Beathard	0–1–0
1	Shaun Hill	0–1–0
1	Mike Moroski	0–1–0
137		**86–50–1**

CAREER 100–YARD RECEIVING GAMES

No	Player	W–L–T
66	Jerry Rice	46–20–0
25	Terrell Owens	15–10–0
17	Gene Washington	11–5–1
16	Dwight Clark	11–5–0
13	**George Kittle**	**7–6–0**
12	John Taylor	10–2–0
11	Freddie Solomon	5–6–0
11	Dave Parks	2–8–1
10	Gordie Soltau	5–5–0
10	Billy Wilson	4–4–2
10	Bernie Casey	3–5–2
9	**Deebo Samuel**	**5–4–0**
9	Vernon Davis	4–5–0
8	R.C. Owens	5–2–1
8	Michael Crabtree	5–3–0
5	Anquan Boldin	4–1–0
5	Monty Stickles	3–2–0
4	Marquise Goodwin	2–2–0
4	Paul Hofer	2–2–0
4	J.J. Stokes	2–2–0
3	**Brandon Aiyuk**	**2–1–0**
3	Garrison Hearst	2–1–0
3	Dick Witcher	2–1–0
3	Clifton McNeil	1–2–0
3	Ted Kwalick	0–2–1
3	Brandon Lloyd	0–3–0
2	Clyde Conner	2–0–0
2	Roger Craig	2–0–0
2	Emmanuel Sanders	2–0–0
2	J.R. Boone	1–1–0
2	Isaac Bruce	1–1–0
2	Antonio Bryant	1–1–0
2	John David Crow	1–1–0
2	Eric Johnson	1–1–0
2	Hugh McElhenny	1–1–0
1	Danny Abramowicz	1–0–0
1	Jimmy Johnson	1–0–0
1	Brent Jones	1–0–0
1	Don Lisbon	1–0–0
1	Willie McGee	1–0–0
1	Jeff Moore	1–0–0
1	Renaldo Nehemiah	1–0–0
1	Ted Popson	1–0–0
1	Tom Rathman	1–0–0
1	J.D. Smith	1–0–0
1	Aaron Thomas	1–0–0
1	Ricky Watters	1–0–0
1	Mike Wilson	1–0–0
1	Arnaz Battle	0–1–0
1	Alyn Beals	0–1–0
1	Jimmy Cason	0–1–0
1	Curtis Conway	0–1–0
1	Pierre Garçon	0–1–0
1	Charlie Garner	0–1–0
1	Frank Gore	0–1–0
1	Carroll Hardy	0–1–0
1	Richie James	0–1–0
1	Jeremy Kerley	0–1–0
1	Alex Loyd	0–1–0
1	Joshua Morgan	0–1–0
1	Quinton Patton	0–1–0
1	Dante Pettis	0–1–0
1	Joe Perry	0–1–0
1	Mike Sherrard	0–1–0
1	Torrey Smith	0–1–0
1	Jimmy Thomas	0–1–0
1	Cedrick Wilson	0–1–0
325		**183–134–8**

49ERS 300-YARD PASSERS

316 – Jimmy Garoppolo at LAR	**1/9/22 (23 of 32)**
322 – Jimmy Garoppolo at Ten.	**12/23/21 (26 of 35)**
326 – Jimmy Garopoolo vs. Arz.	**11/7/21 (28 of 40)**
322 – Jimmy Garoppolo at Chi.	**10/31/21 (17 of 28)**
314 – Jimmy Garoppolo at Det.	**9/12/21 (17 of 25)**
316 – Nick Mullens vs. Buf.	12/7/20 (26 of 39)
343 – Nick Mullens at NYG	9/27/20 (25 of 36)
349 – Jimmy Garoppolo at NO	**12/8/19 (26 of 35)**
424 – Jimmy Garoppolo vs. Arz.	**11/17/19 (34 of 45)**
317 – Jimmy Garoppolo at Arz.	**10/31/19 (28 of 37)**
332 – Nick Mullens vs. Den.	12/9/18 (20 of 33)
414 – Nick Mullens at Sea.	12/2/18 (30 of 48)
349 – C.J. Beathard vs. Arz.	10/7/18 (34 of 54)
381 – Jimmy Garoppolo vs. Ten.	**12/17/17 (31 0f 43)**
334 – Jimmy Garoppolo at Hou.	**12/10/17 (20 0f 33)**
353 – Brian Hoyer at Ind.	10/8/17 (29 of 46)
332 – Brian Hoyer vs. LAR	9/21/17 (23 of 37)
398 – Colin Kaepernick vs. NO	11/6/16 (24 of 39)
354 – Blaine Gabbert vs. StL	1/3/16 (28 of 44)
318 – Blaine Gabbert vs. Arz.	11/29/15 (25 of 36)
340 – Colin Kaepernick vs. Bal.	10/18/15 (16 of 27)
335 – Colin Kaepernick at Pit.	9/20/15 (33 of 46)
343 – Colin Kaepernick at StL	10/13/14 (22 of 36)
310 – Colin Kaepernick at Arz.	12/29/13 (21 of 34)
412 – Colin Kaepernick vs. GB	9/8/13 (27 of 39)
303 – Alex Smith vs. Buf.	10/7/12 (18 of 24)
356 – Troy Smith vs. StL	11/14/10 (17 of 28)
309 – Alex Smith vs. Phi.	10/10/10 (25 of 39)
310 – Alex Smith at Sea.	12/6/09 (27 of 45)
303 – Shaun Hill at Dal.	11/23/08 (21 of 33)
321 – J.T. O'Sullivan at Sea.	9/14/08 (20 of 32)
417 – Tim Rattay vs. Arz.	10/10/04 (38 of 57)
344 – Jeff Garcia at Cin.	12/14/03 (26 of 33)
337 – Jeff Garcia at SD	11/17/02 (25 of 43)
305 – Jeff Garcia at Car.	11/18/01 (34 of 54)
332 – Jeff Garcia at Atl.	10/14/01 (27 of 41)
335 – Jeff Garcia vs. Atl.	9/9/01 (26 of 40)
402 – Jeff Garcia vs. Chi.	12/17/00 (36 of 44)
305 – Jeff Garcia vs. NO	12/10/00 (25 of 38)
323 – Jeff Garcia at SD	12/3/00 (18 of 32)
307 – Jeff Garcia at Car.	10/22/00 (25 of 39)
336 – Jeff Garcia at GB	10/15/00 (27 of 42)
336 – Jeff Garcia vs. Oak.	10/8/00 (28 of 41)
373 – Jeff Garcia at Atl.	1/3/00 (26 of 34)
303 – Jeff Garcia at Car.	12/18/99 (29 of 46)
437 – Jeff Garcia at Cin.	12/5/99 (33 of 49)
342 – Steve Young at Atl.	11/15/98 (21 of 40)
331 – Steve Young vs. Ind.	10/18/98 (33 of 51)
309 – Steve Young at NO	10/11/98 (21 of 40)
329 – Steve Young at Buf.	10/4/98 (23 of 38)
387 – Steve Young vs. Atl.	9/27/98 (28 of 39)
303 – Steve Young at Was.	9/14/98 (21 of 32)
363 – Steve Young vs. NYJ	9/6/98 (26 of 46)
336 – Steve Young vs. Atl.	9/21/97 (17 of 24)
393 – Steve Young vs. Car.	12/8/96 (27 of 41)
316 – Steve Young at Atl.	12/24/95 (31 of 44)
425 – Steve Young vs. Min.	12/18/95 (30 of 49)
336 – Steve Young at Car.	12/10/95 (31 of 45)
382 – Elvis Grbac at Mia.	11/20/95 (31 of 41)
305 – Elvis Grbac at Dal.	11/12/95 (20 of 30)
327 – Elvis Grbac at Car.	11/5/95 (26 of 37)
348 – Steve Young at Det.	9/25/95 (27 of 44)
331 – Steve Young vs. Atl.	9/10/95 (27 of 40)
350 – Steve Young vs. Den.	12/17/94 (20 of 29)
304 – Steve Young at SD	12/11/94 (25 of 32)
325 – Steve Young vs. LA Rams	11/20/94 (30 of 44)
355 – Steve Young at LA Rams	9/18/94 (31 of 39)
308 – Steve Young vs. LA Raiders	å/5/94 (19 of 32)
354 – Steve Young at Det.	12/19/93 (17 of 23)
462 – Steve Young at LA Rams	11/28/93 (26 of 32)
311 – Steve Young at TB	11/14/93 (23 of 29)
342 – Steve Young vs. Phi.	11/29/92 (24 of 35)
399 – Steve Young vs. Atl.	10/18/92 (18 of 28)
449 – Steve Young vs. Buf.	9/13/92 (26 of 37)
338 – Steve Young vs. Chi.	12/23/91 (21 of 32)
347 – Steve Bono vs. NO	12/1/91 (27 of 41)
306 – Steve Bono at LA Rams	11/25/91 (18 of 33)
348 – Steve Young vs. Atl.	10/13/91 (22 of 38)
348 – Steve Young vs. SD	9/8/91 (26 of 36)
411 – Joe Montana at GB	11/4/90 (25 of 40)
476 – Joe Montana at Atl.	10/14/90 (32 of 49)
318 – Joe Montana at Hou.	10/7/90 (20 of 28)
398 – Joe Montana vs. Atl.	9/23/90 (24 of 36)
390 – Joe Montana vs. Was.	9/16/90 (29 of 44)
458 – Joe Montana at LA Rams	12/11/89 (30 of 42)
325 – Joe Montana vs. GB	11/19/89 (30 of 42)
302 – Joe Montana vs. NO	11/6/89 (22 of 31)
428 – Joe Montana at Phi.	9/24/89 (25 of 34)
302 – Joe Montana at Sea.	9/25/88 (20 of 29)
343 – Joe Montana vs. Atl.	9/18/88 (32 of 48)
308 – Joe Montana at GB	12/6/87 (26 of 35)
342 – Joe Montana vs. Cle.	11/29/87 (23 of 31)
304 – Joe Montana at TB	11/22/87 (29 of 45)
334 – Joe Montana vs. StL Cardinals	10/18/87 (31 of 39)
316 – Joe Montana at Pit.	9/13/87 (34 of 49)
441 – Joe Montana at Was.	11/17/86 (33 of 60)
332 – Mike Moroski at NO	11/2/86 (23 of 40)
359 – Jeff Kemp vs. Min.	10/12/86 (23 of 42)
332 – Jeff Kemp vs NO	9/21/86 (29 of 44)
356 – Joe Montana at TB	9/7/86 (32 of 46)
322 – Joe Montana vs. Dal.	12/22/85 (24 of 34)
354 – Joe Montana at NO	12/15/85 (25 of 38)
328 – Joe Montana vs. LA Rams	12/9/85 (26 of 36)
306 – Joe Montana at LA Rams	10/27/85 (22 of 30)
429 – Joe Montana at Atl.	10/6/85 (37 of 57)
301 – Joe Montana vs. Cin.	11/4/84 (27 of 42)
365 – Joe Montana at LA Rams	10/28/84 (21 of 31)
353 – Joe Montana at Hou.	10/21/84 (25 of 35)
381 – Joe Montana vs. Was.	9/10/84 (24 of 40)
358 – Joe Montana at LA Rams	10/23/83 (25 of 39)
316 – Joe Montana vs. LA Rams	10/9/83 (28 of 42)
341 – Joe Montana at StL Cardinals	9/18/83 (20 of 32)
356 – Joe Montana vs. SD	12/11/82 (31 of 46)
305 – Joe Montana vs. LA Rams	12/2/82 (26 of 37)
334 – Joe Montana vs. NO	11/28/82 (27 of 42)
408 – Joe Montana at StL Cardinals	11/21/82 (26 of 39)
336 – Joe Montana at Den.	9/19/82 (26 of 37)
345 – Steve DeBerg at Atl.	9/28/80 (32 of 51)
345 – Steve DeBerg vs. Atl.	12/16/79 (29 of 54)
348 – Steve DeBerg vs. Chi. Bears	10/28/79 (26 of 41)
306 – Steve DeBerg vs. Sea.	10/7/79 (31 of 40)
321 – Steve DeBerg at Hou.	9/17/78 (20 to 32)
316 – Tom Owen at Chi.	11/17/74 (15 of 26)
320 – Steve Spurrier vs. Min.	10/14/73 (31 of 48)
315 – Steve Spurrier at GB	11/5/72 (19 of 37)
317 – John Brodie at Chi.	11/8/70 (21 of 28)
356 – John Brodie at LAN	11/9/69 (25 of 42)
301 – John Brodie vs. GB	12/1/68 (24 of 39)
324 – George Mira at Atl.	12/10/67 (20 of 34)
327 – John Brodie at Chi.	11/13/66 (28 of 54)
328 – John Brodie vs. GB	12/10/61 (19 of 29)
322 – John Brodie vs. Chi.	11/19/61 (11 of 19)
316 – Y.A. Tittle at Det.	10/16/55 (15 of 31)
371 – Y.A. Tittle vs. Bal.	12/13/53 (29 of 44)
301 – Y.A. Tittle at LA Rams	11/8/53 (18 of 32)
304 – Y.A. Tittle vs. Chi.	11/1/53 (25 of 43)
341 – Y.A. Tittle at NYG	11/9/52 (16 of 29)

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119 – Elijah Mitchell vs. Hou.	**1/2/22 (21 carries)**
110 – Jeff Wilson Jr. vs. Atl.	**12/19/21 (21 carries)**
133 – Elijah Mitchell vs. Min.	**11/28/21 (27 carries)**
137 – Elijah Mitchell at Chi.	**10/31/21 (18 carries)**
107 – Elijah Mitchell vs. Ind.	**10/24/21 (18 carries)**
104 – Elijah Mitchell at Det.	**9/12/21 (19 carries)**
183 – Jeff Wilson Jr. at Arz.	**12/26/20 (22 carries)**
112 – Jeff Wilson Jr. at NE	**10/25/20 (17 carries)**
146 – Raheem Mostert at Bal.	12/1/19 (19 carries)
105 – Tevin Coleman vs. Car.	10/27/19 (11 carries)
114 – Matt Breida vs. Cle.	10/7/19 (11 carries)
121 – Matt Breida at Cin.	9/15/19 (12 carries)
111 – Alfred Morris at LAR	12/30/18 (16 carries)
106 – Matt Breida at TB	11/25/18 (14 carries)
101 – Matt Breida vs. NYG	11/12/18 (17 carries)
138 – Matt Breida vs. Det.	9/16/18 (11 carries)
124 – Carlos Hyde at Sea.	9/17/17 (15 carries)
193 – Carlos Hyde vs. NYJ	12/11/16 (17 carries)
113 – Colin Kaepernick at Mia.	11/27/16 (10 carries)
102 – Carlos Hyde at Sea.	9/25/16 (21 carries)
168 – Carlos Hyde vs. Min.	9/14/15 (26 carries)
144 – Frank Gore vs. Arz.	12/28/14 (25 carries)
158 – Frank Gore vs. SD	12/20/14 (26 carries)
151 – Colin Kaepernick vs. SD	12/20/14 (7 carries)
107 – Frank Gore vs. KC	10/5/14 (18 carries)
119 – Frank Gore vs. Phi.	9/28/14 (24 carries)
110 – Frank Gore vs. Sea.	12/8/13 (17 carries)
101 – Frank Gore vs. Arz.	10/13/13 (25 carries)
153 – Frank Gore at StL	9/26/13 (20 carries)
131 – Frank Gore vs. Sea.	10/18/12 (16 carries)
106 – Frank Gore vs. Buf.	10/7/12 (14 carries)
112 – Frank Gore at GB	9/9/12 (16 carries)
107 – Frank Gore at Was.	11/6/11 (19 carries)
134 – Frank Gore vs. Cle.	10/30/11 (31 carries)
141 – Frank Gore at Det.	10/16/11 (15 carries)
125 – Frank Gore vs. TB	10/9/11 (20 carries)
127 – Frank Gore at Phi.	10/2/11 (15 carries)
136 – Brian Westbrook at Arz.	11/29/10 (23 carries)
118 – Frank Gore vs. Den. (London)	10/31/10 (29 carries)
102 – Frank Gore at Car.	10/24/10 (19 carries)
149 – Frank Gore vs. Oak.	10/17/10 (25 carries)
112 – Frank Gore vs. NO	9/20/10 (20 carries)
107 – Frank Gore at StL	1/3/10 (23 carries)
107 – Frank Gore at Phi.	12/20/09 (16 carries)
167 – Frank Gore vs. Arz.	12/14/09 (25 carries)
104 – Frank Gore vs. Chi.	11/12/09 (25 carries)
207 – Frank Gore vs. Sea.	9/20/09 (16 carries)
106 – Frank Gore vs. StL	11/16/08 (18 carries)
101 – Frank Gore vs. Phi.	10/12/08 (19 carries)
130 – Frank Gore vs. Det.	9/21/08 (27 carries)
138 – Frank Gore vs. Cin.	12/15/07 (29 carries)
116 – Frank Gore at Arz.	11/25/07 (21 carries)
153 – Frank Gore at Den.	12/31/06 (31 carries)
144 – Frank Gore at Sea.	12/14/06 (29 carries)
130 – Frank Gore vs. GB	12/10/06 (18 carries)
134 – Frank Gore at StL	11/26/06 (21 carries)
212 – Frank Gore vs. Sea.	11/19/06 (24 carries)
159 – Frank Gore at Det.	11/12/06 (22 carries)
111 – Frank Gore at Chi.	10/29/06 (12 carries)
134 – Frank Gore vs. Oak.	10/8/06 (27 carries)
127 – Frank Gore vs. StL	9/17/06 (29 carries)
108 – Frank Gore vs. Hou	1/1/06 (25 carries)
109 – Maurice Hicks at StL	12/24/05 (10 carries)
101 – Kevan Barlow vs. TB	10/30/05 (26 carries)
103 – Kevan Barlow at NE	1/2/05 (25 carries)
139 – Maurice Hicks at Arz.	12/12/04 (34 carries)
114 – Kevan Barlow at NO	9/19/04 (20 carries)
154 – Kevan Barlow at Phi.	12/21/03 (30 carries)
154 – Kevan Barlow vs. Arz.	12/7/03 (18 carries)
117 – Garrison Hearst vs. TB	10/19/03 (20 carries)
124 – Garrison Hearst vs. Sea.	12/1/02 (31 carries)
116 – Garrison Hearst vs. StL	10/6/02 (13 carries)
103 – Garrison Hearst vs. Mia.	12/16/01 (26 carries)
124 – Garrison Hearst vs. Buf	12/2/01 (25 carries)
106 – Garrison Hearst at Ind.	11/25/01 (12 carries)
145 – Garrison Hearst vs. NO	11/11/01 (17 carries)
102 – Charlie Garner vs. KC	11/12/00 (25 carries)
109 – Charlie Garner vs. Oak.	10/8/00 (24 carries)
201 – Charlie Garner at Dal.	9/24/00 (36 carries)
129 – Charlie Garner vs. Was	12/26/99 (16 carries)
107 – Charlie Garner vs. Atl.	12/12/99 (26 carries)
166 – Charlie Garner vs. Pit	11/7/99 (20 carries)
102 – Lawrence Phillips at Arz.	9/27/99 (9 carries)
107 – Garrison Hearst at NE	12/20/98 (27 carries)
198 – Garrison Hearst vs. Det.	12/14/98 (24 carries)
139 – Garrison Hearst at Car.	12/6/98 (20 carries)
166 – Garrison Hearst vs. NYG	11/30/98 (20 carries)
138 – Garrison Hearst at Was	9/14/98 (22 carries)
187 – Garrison Hearst vs. NYJ	9/6/98 (20 carries)
104 – Garrison Hearst vs. Dal.	11/2/97 (22 carries)
105 – Garrison Hearst at Atl.	10/19/97 (18 carries)
141 – Garrison Hearst at Car.	9/29/97 (28 carries)
105 – Terry Kirby at Atl.	12/2/96 (12 carries)
105 – Ricky Watters at NO	11/28/94 (26 carries)
103 – Ricky Watters vs. TB	10/23/94 (14 carries)
116 – Ricky Watters vs. NO	11/22/93 (16 carries)
135 – Ricky Watters at NO	9/26/93 (25 carries)
112 – Ricky Watters vs. Atl.	9/19/93 (19 carries)
134 – Amp Lee at Min.	12/13/92 (23 carries)
163 – Ricky Watters at LA Rams	11/22/92 (26 carries)
115 – Ricky Watters vs. NO	11/15/92 (21 carries)
104 – Ricky Watters at NE	10/11/92 (19 carries)
100 – Ricky Watters at NYG	9/6/92 (13 carries)
104 – Keith Henderson vs. Det.	10/20/91 (20 carries)
102 – Steve Young vs. NO	12/23/90 (8 carries)
124 – Dexter Carter at LA Rams	12/17/90 (13 carries)
105 – Roger Craig vs. Buf.	12/17/89 (25 carries)
109 – Roger Craig vs. Atl.	11/12/89 (17 carries)
131 – Roger Craig at Ind.	9/10/89 (24 carries)
115 – Roger Craig vs. NO	12/11/88 (22 carries)

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103 – Roger Craig at Atl.	12/4/88 (23 carries)
162 – Roger Craig at Phx.	11/6/88 (26 carries)
190 – Roger Craig at LA Rams	10/16/88 (22 carries)
143 – Roger Craig vs. Den.	10/9/88 (26 carries)
107 – Roger Craig at Sea.	9/25/88 (21 carries)
110 – Roger Craig at NYG	9/11/88 (18 carries)
104 – Roger Craig at LA Rams	11/1/87 (23 carries)
107 – Joe Cribbs at NE	12/14/86 (23 carries)
101 – Roger Craig vs. Atl.	11/23/86 (17 carries)
105 – Joe Cribbs vs. StL	11/9/86 (21 carries)
111 – Wendell Tyler vs. KC	11/17/85 (16 carries)
117 – Roger Craig at Den.	11/11/85 (22 carries)
107 – Wendell Tyler at Det.	10/20/85 (16 carries)
107 – Roger Craig vs. Atl.	9/15/85 (11 carries)
125 – Wendell Tyler at Min.	9/8/85 (21 carries)
117 – Wendell Tyler at NO	11/25/84 (15 carries)
108 – Wendell Tyler at Hou.	10/21/84 (23 carries)
101 – Wendell Tyler at NYG	10/8/84 (14 carries)
113 – Wendell Tyler at Phi.	9/23/84 (21 carries)
102 – Wendell Tyler vs. TB	12/4/83 (16 carries)
108 – Wendell Tyler at StL	9/18/83 (18 carries)
107 – Wendell Tyler at Min.	9/8/83 (19 carries)
125 – Lenvil Elliot vs. NO	12/7/80 (20 carries)
147 – Paul Hofer at NO	11/11/79 (17 carries)
106 – Paul Hofer at Oak.	11/4/79 (13 carries)
104 – Paul Hofer vs. LA Rams	11/19/78 (20 carries)
108 – O.J. Simpson vs. Chi.	9/10/78 (27 carries)
107 – Delvin Williams at Min.	12/4/77 (27 carries)
190 – Wilbur Jackson vs. NO	11/27/77 (16 carries)
123 – Wilbur Jackson at NO	11/13/77 (22 carries)
110 – Delvin Williams at NO	11/13/77 (25 carries)
106 – Delvin Williams vs. Det.	10/23/77 (27 carries)
104 – Delvin Williams at SD	12/5/76 (26 carries)
156 – Wilbur Jackson vs. Min.	11/29/76 (30 carries)
153 – Delvin Williams vs. Min.	11/29/76 (20 carries)
180 – Delvin Williams vs. Was.	11/7/76 (23 carries)
194 – Delvin Williams at StL Cardinals	10/31/76 (34 carries)
121 – Delvin Williams at GB	9/12/76 (25 carries)
104 – Delvin Williams at Atl.	12/14/75 (10 carries)
106 – Delvin Williams vs. Chi.	11/16/75 (12 carries)
106 – Larry Schreiber vs. Atl.	11/24/74 (20 carries)
117 – Ken Willard vs. Phi.	12/2/73 (15 carries)
104 – Larry Schreiber vs. Bal.	11/12/72 (17 carries)
125 – Vic Washington at NYJ	11/28/71 (27 carries)
129 – Ken Willard at NYJ	11/28/71 (15 carries)
105 – Ken Willard vs. Cle.	9/27/70 (22 carries)

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107 – Brandon Aiyuk at LAR	**1/9/22 (6 catches)**
159 – Deebo Samuel at Ten.	**12/23/21 (9 catches)**
151 – George Kittle at Cin.	**12/12/21 (13 catches)**
181 – George Kittle at Sea.	**12/5/21 (9 catches)**
101 – George Kittle vs. Arz.	**11/7/21 (6 catches)**
171 – Deebo Samuel at Chi.	**10/31/21 (6 catches)**
100 – Deebo Samuel vs. Ind.	**10/24/21 (7 catches)**
156 – Deebo Samuel vs. Sea.	**10/3/21 (8 catches)**
189 – Deebo Samuel at Det.	**9/12/21 (9 catches)**
119 – Brandon Aiyuk vs. Was.	**12/13/20 (10 catches)**
133 – Deebo Samuel at LAR	**11/29/20 (11 catches)**
184 – Richie James vs. GB	11/5/20 (9 catches)
115 – Brandon Aiyuk at NE	**10/25/20 (6 catches)**
109 – George Kittle vs. LAR	**10/18/20 (7 catches)**
183 – George Kittle vs. Phi.	**10/4/20 (15 catches)**
102 – Deebo Samuel at Sea.	**12/29/19 (5 catches)**
134 – George Kittle vs. Atl.	**12/15/19 (13 catches)**
157 – Emmanuel Sanders at NO	12/8/19 (7 catches)
129 – George Kittle vs. GB	**11/24/19 (6 catches)**
134 – Deebo Samuel vs. Arz.	**11/17/19 (8 catches)**
112 – Deebo Samuel vs. Sea.	**11/11/19 (8 catches)**
112 – Emmanuel Sanders at Arz.	10/31/19 (7 catches)
103 – George Kittle at LAR	**10/13/19 (8 catches)**
149 – George Kittle at LAR	**12/30/18 (9 catches)**
210 – George Kittle vs. Den.	**12/9/18 (7 catches)**
129 – Dante Pettis at Sea.	12/2/18 (5 catches)
108 – George Kittle vs. Oak.	**11/1/18 (4 catches)**
126 – Marquise Goodwin at GB	10/15/18 (4 catches)
125 – George Kittle at LA Chargers	**9/30/18 (6 catches)**
100 – George Kittle at LA Rams	**12/31/17 (4 catches)**
114 – Marquise Goodwin vs. Ten.	12/17/17 (10 catches)
106 – Marquise Goodwin at Hou.	12/10/17 (6 catches)
116 – Marquise Goodwin at Ind.	10/8/17 (5 catches)
142 – Pierre Garçon vs. LAR	9/21/17 (7 catches)
106 – Quinton Patton vs. NO	11/6/16 (6 catches)
102 – Jeremy Kerley vs. Arz.	10/6/16 (8 catches)
102 – Anquan Boldin vs. Bal.	10/18/15 (5 catches)
107 – Anquan Boldin at NYG	10/11/15 (8 catches)
120 – Torrey Smith at Pit.	9/20/15 (6 catches)
137 – Anquan Boldin vs. Was.	11/23/14 (9 catches)
103 – Stevie Johnson at Arz.	9/21/14 (9 catches)
149 – Anquan Boldin at Arz.	12/29/13 (9 catches)
102 – Michael Crabtree vs. Atl.	12/23/13 (5 catches)
180 – Vernon Davis vs. Arz.	10/13/13 (8 catches)
208 – Anquan Boldin vs. GB	9/8/13 (13 catches)
172 – Michael Crabtree vs. Arz.	12/30/12 (8 catches)
107 – Michael Crabtree at NE	12/16/12 (7 catches)
101 – Michael Crabtree at StL	12/2/12 (7 catches)
113 – Michael Crabtree vs. Buf.	10/7/12 (6 catches)
106 – Vernon Davis vs. Buf.	10/7/12 (5 catches)
118 – Vernon Davis at StL	1/1/12 (8 catches)
120 – Michael Crabtree vs. Arz.	11/20/11 (7 catches)
114 – Vernon Davis at Cin.	9/25/11 (8 catches)
122 – Michael Crabtree at StL	12/26/10 (6 catches)
106 – Joshua Morgan at SD	12/16/10 (7 catches)
126 – Vernon Davis at GB	12/5/10 (4 catches)
105 – Michael Crabtree vs. Phi.	10/10/10 (9 catches)
104 – Vernon Davis vs. Phi.	10/10/10 (5 catches)
102 – Frank Gore at KC	9/26/10 (9 catches)
111 – Vernon Davis at Sea.	12/6/09 (6 catches)
108 – Vernon Davis at GB	11/22/09 (6 catches)
102 – Vernon Davis vs. Ten.	11/8/09 (10 catches)
125 – Isaac Bruce at Dal.	11/23/08 (8 catches)
120 – Arnaz Battle at NO	9/28/08 (7 catches)
153 – Isaac Bruce at Sea.	9/14/08 (4 catches)
131 – Antonio Bryant vs. StL	9/17/06 (4 catches)
114 – Antonio Bryant at Arz.	9/10/06 (4 catches)
119 – Brandon Lloyd vs. Sea.	11/20/05 (7 catches)
102 – Brandon Lloyd at Arz.	10/2/05 (7 catches)
142 – Brandon Lloyd vs. Dal.	9/25/05 (4 catches)
101 – Cedrick Wilson vs. Car.	11/14/04 (5 catches)
162 – Eric Johnson vs. Arz.	10/10/04 (13 catches)
113 – Eric Johnson vs. StL	10/3/04 (10 catches)
112 – Curtis Conway at NO	9/19/04 (8 catches)
127 – Terrell Owens at Cin.	12/14/03 (8 catches)
155 – Terrell Owens vs. Pit.	11/17/03 (8 catches)
152 – Terrell Owens vs. TB	10/19/03 (6 catches)
112 – Terrell Owens vs. Chi.	9/7/03 (7 catches)
123 – Terrell Owens at Dal.	12/8/02 (12 catches)
166 – Terrell Owens vs. Phi.	11/25/02 (13 catches)
171 – Terrell Owens at SD	11/17/02 (7 catches)
191 – Terrell Owens at Oak.	11/3/02 (12 catches)
132 – Terrell Owens vs. Arz.	10/27/02 (8 catches)
116 – Terrell Owens at NO	1/6/02 (2 catches)
103 – Terrell Owens at Ind.	11/25/01 (6 catches)
100 – Terrell Owens vs. NO	11/11/01 (8 catches)
125 – Terrell Owens vs. Det.	11/4/01 (9 catches)
105 – Garrison Hearst at Chi.	10/28/01 (4 catches)
183 – Terrell Owens at Atl.	10/14/01 (9 catches)
118 – Terrell Owens vs. Car.	10/7/01 (8 catches)
283 – Terrell Owens vs. Chi.	12/17/00 (20 catches)
129 – Terrell Owens vs. NO	12/10/00 (6 catches)
115 – Terrell Owens vs. StL	10/29/00 (8 catches)
112 – Charlie Garner at Car.	10/22/00 (7 catches)
176 – Terrell Owens vs. Oak.	10/8/00 (12 catches)
108 – Terrell Owens at StL	9/17/00 (6 catches)
143 – Jerry Rice at Atl.	1/3/00 (6 catches)
130 – J.J. Stokes at Atl.	1/3/00 (5 catches)
157 – Jerry Rice at Cin.	12/5/99 (9 catches)
145 – Terrell Owens at Cin.	12/5/99 (9 catches)
120 – Terrell Owens vs. StL	11/21/99 (6 catches)
115 – Jerry Rice at NE	12/20/98 (5 catches)
140 – Terrell Owens vs. NYG	11/30/98 (5 catches)
103 – Garrison Hearst vs. NO	11/22/98 (4 catches)
169 – Jerry Rice at Atl.	11/15/98 (10 catches)
120 – Terrell Owens at StL.	10/25/98 (5 catches)
110 – J.J. Stokes vs. Ind.	10/18/98 (9 catches)
162 – Jerry Rice vs. Atl.	9/27/98 (8 catches)
105 – Garrison Hearst vs. Atl.	9/27/98 (4 catches)
111 – J.J. Stokes vs. NYJ	9/6/98 (7 catches)
129 – Jerry Rice vs. Car.	12/8/96 (10 catches)
110 – Terrell Owens vs. Car.	12/8/96 (5 catches)
116 – Ted Popson vs. Cin.	10/20/96 (8 catches)
108 – Jerry Rice at StL	10/6/96 (7 catches)
127 – Jerry Rice at Car.	9/22/96 (10 catches)
153 – Jerry Rice at Atl.	12/24/95 (12 catches)
106 – J.J. Stokes at Atl.	12/24/95 (5 catches)
289 – Jerry Rice vs. Min.	12/18/95 (14 catches)
121 – Jerry Rice at Car.	12/10/95 (6 catches)
149 – Jerry Rice at Mia.	11/20/95 (8 catches)
161 – Jerry Rice at Dal.	11/12/95 (5 catches)
111 – Jerry Rice vs. Car.	11/5/95 (8 catches)
108 – Jerry Rice vs. NO	10/29/95 (8 catches)
181 – Jerry Rice at Det.	9/25/95 (11 catches)

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167 – Jerry Rice vs. Atl.	9/10/95 (11 catches)
121 – Jerry Rice vs. Den.	12/17/94 (9 catches)
106 – Ricky Watters vs. Den.	12/17/94 (4 catches)
144 – Jerry Rice at SD	12/11/94 (12 catches)
165 – Jerry Rice vs. LA Rams	11/20/94 (16 catches)
147 – Jerry Rice at LA Rams	9/18/94 (11 catches)
103 – John Taylor at LA Rams	9/18/94 (7 catches)
169 – Jerry Rice vs. LA Raiders	9/5/94 (7 catches)
132 – Jerry Rice at Det.	12/19/93 (4 catches)
115 – John Taylor at Det.	12/19/93 (4 catches)
105 – Jerry Rice at Atl.	12/11/93 (6 catches)
166 – Jerry Rice at LA Rams	11/28/93 (8 catches)
150 – John Taylor at LA Rams	11/28/93 (6 catches)
172 – Jerry Rice at TB	11/14/93 (8 catches)
155 – Jerry Rice vs. Phx.	10/24/93 (9 catches)
118 – Jerry Rice vs. TB	12/19/92 (7 catches)
133 – Jerry Rice vs. Phi.	11/29/92 (8 catches)
183 – Jerry Rice vs. Atl.	10/18/92 (7 catches)
159 – Mike Sherrard vs. Buf.	9/13/92 (6 catches)
112 – John Taylor vs. Buf.	9/13/92 (5 catches)
125 – Jerry Rice vs. Chi.	12/23/91 (5 catches)
113 – John Taylor at Sea.	12/8/91 (7 catches)
154 – Jerry Rice vs. NO	12/1/91 (9 catches)
121 – John Taylor at LA Rams	11/25/91 (6 catches)
127 – John Taylor at Atl.	11/3/91 (2 catches)
138 – Jerry Rice vs. Atl.	10/13/91 (7 catches)
150 – Jerry Rice vs. SD	9/8/91 (9 catches)
118 – Jerry Rice at Min.	12/30/90 (9 catches)
104 – Jerry Rice at LA Rams	12/17/90 (5 catches)
101 – Jerry Rice at Cin.	12/9/90 (8 catches)
147 – Jerry Rice at Dal.	11/11/90 (12 catches)
187 – Jerry Rice at GB	11/4/90 (6 catches)
225 – Jerry Rice at Atl.	10/14/90 (13 catches)
132 – John Taylor at Hou.	10/7/90 (4 catches)
171 – Jerry Rice vs. Atl.	9/23/90 (8 catches)
125 – Brent Jones vs. Atl.	9/23/90 (5 catches)
160 – John Taylor vs. Was.	9/16/90 (8 catches)
101 – Jerry Rice vs. Chi.	12/24/89 (4 catches)
286 – John Taylor at LA Rams	12/11/89 (11 catches)
162 – John Taylor at Atl.	12/3/89 (5 catches)
117 – Jerry Rice vs. NYG	11/27/89 (7 catches)
106 – Jerry Rice vs. GB	11/19/89 (9 catches)
112 – Jerry Rice vs. NE	10/22/89 (6 catches)
103 – Tom Rathman vs. NE	10/22/89 (11 catches)
149 – Jerry Rice at NO	10/8/89 (7 catches)
136 – John Taylor at Phi.	9/24/89 (6 catches)
164 – Jerry Rice at Phi.	9/24/89 (6 catches)
122 – Jerry Rice at TB	9/17/89 (8 catches)
163 – Jerry Rice at Ind.	9/10/89 (6 catches)
171 – Jerry Rice at SD	11/27/88 (6 catches)
105 – Jerry Rice vs. Was.	11/21/88 (3 catches)
163 – Jerry Rice at Sea.	9/25/88 (6 catches)
163 – Jerry Rice vs. Atl.	9/18/88 (8 catches)
109 – Jerry Rice at NYG	9/11/88 (4 catches)
126 – Jerry Rice vs. Cle.	11/29/87 (7 catches)
103 – Jerry Rice at TB	11/22/87 7 catches)
108 – Jerry Rice vs. NO	11/15/87 (4 catches)
104 – Mike Wilson at Cin.	9/20/87 (7 catches)
106 – Jerry Rice at Pit.	9/13/87 (8 catches)
204 – Jerry Rice at Was.	11/17/86 (12 catches)
156 – Jerry Rice vs. StL	11/9/86 (4 catches)
144 – Jerry Rice vs. Min.	10/12/86 (7 catches)
172 – Jerry Rice vs. Ind.	10/5/86 (6 catches)
120 – Jerry Rice vs. NO	9/21/86 (7 catches)
100 – Dwight Clark vs. NO	9/21/86 (7 catches)
157 – Jerry Rice at LA Rams	9/14/86 (6 catches)
100 – Dwight Clark at TB	9/7/86 (7 catches)
111 – Jerry Rice vs. Dal.	12/22/85 (7 catches)
241 – Jerry Rice vs. LA Rams	12/9/85 (10 catches)
132 – Roger Craig at LA Rams	10/27/85 (6 catches)
167 – Roger Craig at Atl.	10/6/85 (12 catches)
125 – Renaldo Nehemiah vs. Min.	12/8/84 (6 catches)
105 – Freddie Solomon at Cle.	11/11/84 (5 catches)
124 – Dwight Clark vs. Cin.	11/4/84 (7 catches)
127 – Dwight Clark at Hou.	10/21/84 (5 catches)
105 – Dwight Clark vs. Was.	9/10/84 (5 catches)
103 – Freddie Solomon vs. Atl.	9/25/83 (6 catches)
121 – Freddie Solomon at StL	9/18/83 (3 catches)
104 – Dwight Clark at KC	12/26/82 (4 catches)
101 – Dwight Clark vs. Atl.	12/19/82 (8 catches)
135 – Dwight Clark vs. SD	12/11/82 (12 catches)
102 – Jeff Moore at LA Rams	12/2/82 (8 catches)
103 – Dwight Clark at StL	11/21/82 (6 catches)
127 – Dwight Clark at Den.	9/19/82 (9 catches)
109 – Freddie Solomon at Den.	9/19/82 (4 catches)
106 – Dwight Clark vs. LA Raiders	9/12/82 (6 catches)
124 – Freddie Solomon at LA Rams	11/22/81 (5 catches)
128 – Dwight Clark vs. Atl.	11/8/81 (7 catches)
109 – Dwight Clark vs. LA Rams	10/25/81 (8 catches)
135 – Dwight Clark vs. Dal.	10/11/81 (4 catches)
113 – Freddie Solomon vs. Chi.	9/13/81 (5 catches)
155 – Dwight Clark vs. NO	12/7/80 (6 catches)
104 – Freddie Solomon at GB	11/9/80 (5 catches)
148 – Dwight Clark at Dal.	10/12/80 (8 catches)
132 – Freddie Solomon vs. Atl.	9/28/80 (5 catches)
135 – Paul Hofer vs. StL	9/14/80 (9 catches)
114 – Paul Hofer at NO	9/7/80 (7 catches)
130 – Paul Hofer at Atl.	12/16/79 (9 catches)
104 – Paul Hofer at NYG	10/14/79 (9 catches)
144 – Freddie Solomon vs. NO	9/23/79 (8 catches)
107 – Freddie Solomon at Min.	9/2/79 (4 catches)
110 – Freddie Solomon at Hou.	9/17/78 (3 catches)
130 – Gene Washington vs. Dal.	12/12/77 (5 catches)
112 – Gene Washington vs. Det.	10/23/77 (4 catches)
104 – Willie McGee at Sea.	9/26/76 (5 catches)
101 – Gene Washington at Phi.	11/30/75 (6 catches)
144 – Gene Washington at LA Rams	11/9/75 (5 catches)
121 – Gene Washington at Dal.	11/10/74 (7 catches)
133 – Ted Kwalick at Det.	11/4/73 (8 catches)
101 – Dan Abramowicz vs. NO	10/21/73 (4 catches)
118 – Gene Washington vs. Min.	10/14/73 (8 catches)
119 – Gene Washington vs. Min.	12/16/72 (4 catches)
114 – Gene Washington at Chi.	11/19/72 (4 catches)
164 – Gene Washington at GB	11/5/72 (6 catches)
102 – Ted Kwalick vs. NO	10/22/72 (2 catches)
126 – Ted Kwalick vs. NYG	10/15/72 (6 catches)
140 – Gene Washington vs. SD	9/17/72 (8 catches)
160 – Gene Washington vs. NE	10/31/71 (5 catches)
112 – Gene Washington at Phi.	10/3/71 (3 catches)
131 – Gene Washington at NO	12/13/70 (5 catches)
115 – Gene Washington vs. Atl.	12/6/70 (3 catches)
119 – Gene Washington at Chi.	11/8/70 (5 catches)
126 – Gene Washington vs. NO	10/18/70 (4 catches)
145 – Gene Washington at LA Rams	10/11/70 (7 catches)

ALL-TIME RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWNS

ALL–TIME INTERCEPTION RETURNS FOR TDs

Date	Player	Yds	Opp.
11/15/21	**Ward, Jimmie**	**27**	**vs. LAR**
9/12/21	**Greenlaw, Dre**	**39**	**at Det.**
11/29/20	**Kinlaw, Javon**	**27**	**at LAR**
12/21/19	**Warner, Fred**	**46**	**vs. LAR**
9/8/19	Witherspoon, Ahkello	25	at TB
9/8/19	Sherman, Richard	31	at TB
9/30/18	Exum Jr., Antone	32	at LAC
12/24/17	Johnnson, Dontae	50	vs. Jax.
12/6/15	**Ward, Jimmie**	**29**	**at Chi.**
12/20/14	Bethea, Antoine	49	vs. SD
10/13/14	Johnson, Dontae	20	at StL
12/23/13	Bowman, NaVorro	89	vs. Atl.
10/6/13	Brock, Tramaine	18	vs. Hou.
11/25/12	Whitner, Donte	42	at NO
11/25/12	Brooks, Ahmad	50	at NO
10/9/11	Rogers, Carlos	31	vs. TB
1/2/11	Brown, Tarell	62	vs. Arz.
12/12/10	Goldson, Dashon	39	vs. Sea.
10/24/10	McDonald, Ray	31	at Car.
10/4/09	Willis, Patrick	23	vs. StL
9/14/08	Willis, Patrick	86	at Sea.
12/31/06	Harris, Walt	28	at Den.
1/1/06	Adams, Mike	40	vs. Hou.
11/27/05	Spencer, Shawntae	61	at Ten.
9/25/05	Parrish, Tony	34	vs. Dal.
9/7/03	Plummer, Ahmed	68	vs. Chi.
10/6/02	Webster, Jason	37	vs. StL
11/25/01	Bronson, Zack	48	at Ind.
10/28/01	Bronson, Zack	97	at Chi.
12/3/00	Montgomery, Monty	46	at SD
11/19/00	Webster, Jason	70	vs. Atl.
10/17/99	Walker, Darnell	27	vs. Car.
9/19/99	Shulters, Lance	64	at NO
1/3/98	Norton, Ken Jr.	23	vs. Min.*
12/15/97	Hanks, Merton	55	vs. Den.
9/29/96	Pope, Marquez	55	vs. Atl.
11/26/95	Davis, Eric	86	vs. StL
10/22/95	Norton, Ken Jr.	35	at StL
10/22/95	Norton, Ken Jr.	21	at StL
9/10/95	McDonald, Tim	13	vs. Atl.
9/3/95	McDonald, Tim	52	at NO
1/15/95	Davis, Eric	44	vs. Dal.*
12/11/94	Sanders, Deion	90	at SD
11/6/94	McDonald, Tim	73	at Was.
10/16/94	Sanders, Deion	93	at Atl.
9/25/94	Sanders, Deion	74	vs. NO
11/22/93	Hanks, Merton	67	vs. NO
10/31/93	McGruder, Michael	31	vs. LA Rams
10/3/93	Davis, Eric	41	vs. Min.
9/6/92	Johnson, John	56	at NYG
1/12/91	Carter, Michael	61	vs. Was.*
1/6/90	Lott, Ronnie	58	vs. Min.*
1/9/88	Fuller, Jeff	48	vs. Min.*
11/9/86	Holmoe, Tom	78	vs. StL Cardinals
10/26/86	Nixon, Tory	88	at GB
10/26/86	Lott, Ronnie	55	at GB
10/5/86	McKyer, Tim	21	vs. Ind.
9/28/86	Holmoe, Tom	66	at Mia.
10/13/85	Williamson, Carlton	43	vs. Chi.
12/2/84	McLemore, Dana	54	at Atl.
11/25/84	Shell, Todd	53	at NO
12/19/83	Wright, Eric	48	vs. Dal.
10/16/83	Hicks, Dwight	62	at NO
9/18/83	Collier, Tim	32	at StL Cardinals
9/18/83	Hicks, Dwight	40	at StL Cardinals
9/8/83	Wright, Eric	60	at Min.
12/26/82	Lott, Ronnie	83	at KC
1/3/82	Lott, Ronnie	20	vs. NYG*
11/22/81	Lott, Ronnie	25	at LA Rams
10/11/81	Lott, Ronnie	41	vs. Dal.
10/4/81	Hicks, Dwight	32	at Was.
9/27/81	Lott, Ronnie	26	vs. NO
10/1/78	Leonard, Anthony	30	vs. Cin.
10/19/75	Allen, Nate	37	vs. NO
12/15/74	Wilcox, Dave	21	vs. NO
11/23/72	Vanderbundt, Skip	21	at Dal.
10/29/72	Vanderbundt, Skip	37	at Atl.
10/1/72	Simpson, Mike	32	at NO
12/20/70	Johnson, Jimmy	36	at Oak.
9/27/70	Phillips, Mel	35	vs. Cle.
10/26/69	Woitt, Johnny	57	at Bal.
11/24/68	Belk, Bill	6	at Pit.
11/24/68	Alexander, Kermit	66	at Pit.
9/15/68	Hindman, Stan	25	at Bal. Colts
12/11/66	Randolph, Alvin	94	vs. Chi.
11/24/66	Dowdle, Mike	27	at Det.
10/16/66	Johnson, Jimmy	35	at Atl.
11/22/59	Mertens, Jerry	30	at Bal. Colts
11/30/58	Hazeltine, Matt	13	at Bal. Colts
10/27/57	Herchman, Bill	54	vs. Chi.
12/8/56	Moegle, Dick	32	vs. GB
10/16/55	Berry, Rex	44	at Det.
10/17/54	Brown, Hardy	41	at Chi.
9/26/54	Berry, Rex	34	vs. Was.
12/6/53	Berry, Rex	29	vs. GB
10/12/52	Burke, Don	35	at Det.
10/14/51	Cason, Jim	65	at Pit.
11/5/50	Livingston, Howie	35	at LA Rams

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ALL–TIME FUMBLE RETURNS FOR TDs

Date	Player	Yds	Opp.
11/17/19	Reed Jr., D.J.	4	vs. Arz.
11/11/19	Buckner, DeForest	12	vs. Sea.
9/7/14	Culliver, Chris	35	at Dal.
12/15/13	Hunter, Kendall	2	at TB
10/27/13	Skuta, Dan	47	at Jax.
10/20/13	Osgood, Kassim	end zone	at Ten.
12/16/12	Gore, Frank	9	at NE
9/30/12	Rogers, Carlos	51	at NYJ
10/4/09	McDonald, Ray	11	vs. StL
10/4/09	McKillop, Scott	end zone	vs. StL
12/7/08	Staley, Joe	end zone	vs. NYJ
11/25/07	Banta–Cain, Tully	end zone	at Arz.
10/8/06	Oliver, Melvin	12	vs. Oak.
10/2/05	Johnson, Derrick	78	at Arz. (Mex. City)
10/2/05	Smith, Derek	end zone	at Arz. (Mex. City)
11/28/04	Smith, Derek	46	vs. Mia.
10/31/04	Carpenter, Dwaine	80	at Chi.
10/26/03	Harris, Kwame	1	at Arz.
10/28/01	Peterson, Julian	26	at Chi.
10/24/99	Walker, Darnell	71	at Min.
10/17/99	McMillan, Mark	41	vs. Car.
10/10/99	Bryant, Junior	end zone	at StL
12/15/97	Greene, Kevin	40	vs. Den.
11/10/97	Hanks, Merton	38	at Phi.
11/17/96	Doleman, Chris	end zone	vs. Bal.
12/24/95	Rice, Jerry	end zone	at Atl.
12/3/95	Woodall, Lee	96	vs. Buffalo
11/12/95	Hanks, Merton	38	at Dal.
10/16/94	McDonald, Tim	49	at Atl.
11/14/93	Tamm, Ralph	1	at TB
10/17/93	Davis, Eric	47	at Dal.
11/1/92	Sherrard, Mike	38	at Phx. Cardinals
12/23/91	Griffin, Don	99	vs. Chi.
11/12/89	Haley, Charles	3	vs. Atl.
12/27/87	Taylor, John	26	vs. LA Rams
12/1/85	Turner, Keena	65	at Was.
10/20/85	McIntyre, Guy	end zone	at Det.
9/22/85	McColl, Milt	28	at LA Raiders
12/2/84	Johnson, Gary	33	at Atl.
10/23/83	Board, Dwaine	end zone	at LA Rams
10/4/81	Hicks, Dwight	80	at Was.
10/3/76	Elam, Cleveland	31	vs. NYJ
11/16/75	Hart, Tommy	10	vs. Chi.
10/26/75	McGill, Ralph	14	at NE
12/15/74	Belk, Bill	19	vs. NO
12/2/73	Hall, Windlan	66	vs. Phi.
11/23/72	Vanderbundt, Skip	73	at Dal.
12/26/71	Hoskins, Bob	end zone	vs. Was.*
10/31/71	Blue, Forrest	25	vs. NE
10/24/71	Hart, Tommy	63	at StL Cardinals
10/19/69	Lakes, Roland	2	vs. Atl.
10/27/68	Witcher, Dick	12	at Det.
10/15/67	Windsor, Bob	2	at Phi.
12/11/66	Alexander, Kermit	14	vs. Chi.
10/9/66	Hazeltine, Matt	22	vs. GB
11/28/65	Kopay, Dave	end zone	at Min.
11/14/65	Miller, Clark	75	at Det.
11/14/65	Wilcox, Dave	8	at Det.
10/24/65	Chapple, Jack	8	vs. Min.
9/19/65	Krueger, Charlie	6	vs. Chi.
10/14/62	Woodson, Abe	37	at Chi.
10/18/59	Hazeltine, Matt	40	at Det.

ALL–TIME BLOCKED FGs RETURNED FOR TDs
(1970–Present)

Date	Player	Yds	Opp.
9/27/09	Clements, Nate	59	at Min.
10/19/08	Clements, Nate	74	at NYG
10/12/08	Strickland, Donald	41	vs. Phi.
10/15/89	Jackson, Johnnie	62	at Dal.
9/26/71	Taylor, Bruce	58	at NO
12/13/70	Taylor, Bruce	92	at NO

ALL–TIME PUNT RETURNS FOR TDs

Date	Player	Yds	Opp.
9/11/11	Ginn Jr., Ted	55	vs. Sea.
12/26/10	Ginn Jr., Ted	78	at StL
9/11/05	Amey, Otis	75	vs. StL
10/10/04	Battle, Arnaz	71	vs. Arz.
12/1/02	Williams, Jimmy	89	vs. Sea.
12/27/98	McQuarters, R.W.	72	vs. StL
11/10/97	Levy, Chuck	73	at Phi.
12/18/95	Carter, Dexter	78	vs. Min.
10/3/93	Carter, Dexter	72	vs. Min.
11/9/92	Hanks, Merton	48	at Atl.
11/21/88	Taylor, John	95	vs. Was.
10/2/88	Taylor, John	77	vs. Det.
12/14/87	McLemore, Dana	83	vs. Chi.
11/23/86	Griffin, Don	76	vs. Atl.
10/8/84	McLemore, Dana	79	at NYG
12/19/83	McLemore, Dana	56	vs. Dal.
1/2/83	McLemore, Dana	93	vs. LA Rams
12/7/80	Solomon, Freddie	57	vs. NO
10/26/80	Solomon, Freddie	53	vs. TB
10/17/76	Leonard, Anthony	60	vs. NO
9/26/76	McGill, Ralph	50	at Sea.
11/24/74	Moore, Manfred	88	vs. Atl.
12/11/66	Alexander, Kermit	44	vs. Chi.
11/15/64	Alexander, Kermit	70	vs. GB
10/21/62	Woodson, Abe	85	at GB
11/5/61	Woodson, Abe	80	vs. Det.
12/16/56	Arenas, Joe	67	at Bal. Colts
10/19/52	McElhenny, Hugh	94	at Chi.
19.26/52	O'Donahue, Pat	23	vs. Dal.
10/28/51	Nomellini, Leo	20	vs. LA Rams

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ALL–TIME KICKOFF RETURNS FOR TDs

Date	Player	Yds	Opp.
12/16/18	James, Richie	97	vs. Sea.
9/11/11	Ginn Jr., Ted	102	vs. Sea.
11/10/08	Rossum, Allen	104	at Arz.
11/2/03	Wilson, Cedrick	95	vs. StL
1/11/98	Levy, Chuck	95	vs. GB*
11/16/97	Kirby, Terry	101	vs. Car.
11/6/94	Carter, Dexter	96	at Was.
12/1/91	Carter, Dexter	98	vs. NO
12/20/87	Cribbs, Joe	92	vs. Atl.
12/1/85	Monroe, Carl	95	at Was.
11/22/81	Lawrence, Amos	92	at LA Rams
11/2/80	Owens, James	101	at Det.
11/18/79	Owens, James	85	vs. Den.
11/19/78	Williams, Dave	89	vs. LA Rams
12/4/77	Williams, Dave	80	at Min.
12/23/72	Washington, Vic	97	vs. Dal.*
10/29/72	Washington, Vic	98	at Atl.
11/17/63	Woodson, Abe	99	at NYG
9/29/63	Woodson, Abe	95	at Min.
9/15/63	Woodson, Abe	103	vs. Min.
10/1/61	Woodson, Abe	98	at Det.
12/18/60	Lyles, Lenny	97	vs. Bal. Colts
11/22/59	Woodson, Abe	105	at LA Rams
11/4/56	Arenas, Joe	90	vs. Det.

ALL–TIME BLOCKED PUNTS RETURNED FOR TDs
(1970–Present)

Date	Player	Yds	Opp.
10/3/10	Taylor Mays	0	at Atl.
9/25/77	Mike Baldassin	0	vs. Mia.
9/21/75	Dave Washington	15	at Min.
12/15/73	Windlan Hall	0	vs. Pit.

ALL-TIME 1,000/3,000 YARD SEASONS

RUSHING

Yds	Player	Year
1,695	Frank Gore	2006
1,570	Garrison Hearst	1998
1,502	Roger Craig	1988
1,262	Wendell Tyler	1984
1,229	Charlie Garner	1999
1,214	Frank Gore	2012
1,211	Frank Gore	2011
1,206	Garrison Hearst	2001
1,203	Delvin Williams	1976
1,142	Charlie Garner	2000
1,128	Frank Gore	2013
1,120	Frank Gore	2009
1,106	Frank Gore	2014
1,102	Frank Gore	2007
1,054	Roger Craig	1989
1,050	Roger Craig	1985
1,049	Joe Perry	1954
1,036	Frank Gore	2008
1,036	J.D. Smith	1959
1,024	Kevan Barlow	2003
1,019	Garrison Hearst	1997
1,018	Joe Perry	1953
1,013	Ricky Watters	1992

RECEIVING

Yds	Player	Year
1,848	Jerry Rice	1995
1,570	Jerry Rice	1986
1,503	Jerry Rice	1993
1,502	Jerry Rice	1990
1,499	Jerry Rice	1994
1,483	Jerry Rice	1989
1,451	Terrell Owens	2000
1,412	Terrell Owens	2001
1,405	**Deebo Samuel**	**2021**
1,377	**George Kittle**	**2018**
1,344	Dave Parks	1965
1,306	Jerry Rice	1988
1,300	Terrell Owens	2002
1,254	Jerry Rice	1996
1,206	Jerry Rice	1991
1,201	Jerry Rice	1992
1,179	Anquan Boldin	2013
1,157	Jerry Rice	1998
1,105	Michael Crabtree	2012
1,105	Dwight Clark	1981
1,102	Terrell Owens	2003
1,100	Gene Washington	1970
1,097	Terrell Owens	1998
1,078	Jerry Rice	1987
1,077	John Taylor	1989
1,062	Anquan Boldin	2014
1,053	**George Kittle**	**2019**
1,032	R.C. Owens	1961
1,016	Roger Craig	1985
1,011	John Taylor	1991

PASSING

Yds	Player	Year
4,278	Jeff Garcia	2000
4,170	Steve Young	1998
4,023	Steve Young	1993
3,978	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**2019**
3,969	Steve Young	1994
3,944	Joe Montana	1990
3,910	Joe Montana	1983
3,810	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**2021**
3,653	Joe Montana	1985
3,652	Steve DeBerg	1979
3,630	Joe Montana	1984
3,565	Joe Montana	1981
3,538	Jeff Garcia	2001
3,521	Joe Montana	1989
3,465	Steve Young	1992
3,369	Colin Kaepernick	2014
3,344	Jeff Garcia	2002
3,200	Steve Young	1995
3,197	Colin Kaepernick	2013
3,144	Alex Smith	2011
3,112	John Brodie	1965
3,054	Joe Montana	1987
3,029	Steve Young	1997
3,020	John Brodie	1968

49ERS YEARLY STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING (BASED ON YARDS)

Year	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rank
1946	Standlee, Norm	134	683	5.1	—	2	—
1947	Strzykalski, John	143	906	6.3	50	5	—
1948	Strzykalski, John	141	915	6.5	—	4	—
1949	Perry, Joe	115	783	6.8	59	8	—
1950	Perry, Joe	124	647	5.2	78t	5	5
1951	Perry, Joe	136	677	5.0	58t	3	5
1952	Perry, Joe	158	725	4.6	78t	8	3
1953	Perry, Joe	192	1,018	5.3	51t	10	1
1954	Perry, Joe	173	1,049	6.1	58	8	1
1955	Perry, Joe	156	701	4.5	42	2	5
1956	McElhenny, Hugh	185	916	5.0	86t	8	3
1957	McElhenny, Hugh	102	478	4.7	61	1	15
1958	Perry, Joe	125	758	6.1	73t	4	3
1959	Smith, J.D.	207	1,036	5.0	73t	10	2
1960	Smith, J.D.	174	780	4.5	41	5	5
1961	Smith, J.D.	167	823	4.9	33	8	5
1962	Smith, J.D.	258	907	3.5	28	6	6
1963	Smith, J.D.	162	560	3.5	52t	5	13
1964	Kopay, Dave	75	271	3.6	18	0	32
1965	Willard, Ken	189	778	4.1	32	5	4
1966	Willard, Ken	191	763	4.0	49	5	5
1967	Willard, Ken	169	510	3.0	20	5	17
1968	Willard, Ken	227	967	4.3	69t	7	2
1969	Willard, Ken	171	557	3.3	18	7	13
1970	Willard, Ken	236	789	3.3	20	7	9/6
1971	Willard, Ken	216	855	4.0	49	4	15/9
1972	Washington, Vic	141	468	3.3	33	3	42/20
1973	Washington, Vic	151	534	3.5	25	8	32/15
1974	Jackson, Wilbur	174	705	4.1	64	0	17/8
1975	Williams, Delvin	117	631	5.4	52	3	21/13
1976	Williams, Delvin	248	1,203	4.9	80t	7	3/2
1977	Williams, Delvin	268	931	3.5	40	7	10/5
1978	Simpson, O.J.	161	593	3.7	34	1	39/19
1979	Hofer, Paul	123	615	5.0	47	7	33/17
1980	Cooper, Earl	171	720	4.2	47	5	23/12
1981	Patton, Ricky	152	543	3.6	28	4	35/16
1982	Moore, Jeff	85	281	3.3	19	4	37/16
1983	Tyler, Wendell	176	856	4.9	39	4	19/10
1984	Tyler, Wendell	246	1,262	5.1	40	7	5/5
1985	Craig, Roger	214	1,050	4.9	62t	9	13/8
1986	Craig, Roger	204	830	4.1	25	7	13/8
1987	Craig, Roger	215	815	3.8	25	3	8/5
1988	Craig, Roger	310	1,502	4.8	46t	9	3/2
1989	Craig, Roger	271	1,054	3.9	27	6	10/5
1990	Carter, Dexter	114	460	4.0	74t	1	39/19
1991	Henderson, Keith	137	561	4.1	25	2	30/11
1992	Watters, Ricky	206	1,013	4.9	43	9	13/8
1993	Watters, Ricky	208	950	4.6	39	10	12/8
1994	Watters, Ricky	239	877	3.7	23	6	15/8
1995	Loville, Derek	218	723	3.3	27	10	24/13
1996	Kirby, Terry	134	559	4.2	31	3	33/15
1997	Hearst, Garrison	234	1,019	4.4	51	4	15/7
1998	Hearst, Garrison	310	1,570	5.1	96t	7	3/2
1999	Garner, Charlie	241	1,229	5.1	53	4	8/5
2000	Garner, Charlie	258	1,142	4.4	42	7	16/7
2001	Hearst, Garrison	252	1,206	4.8	43t	4	10/5

PASSING (BASED ON YARDS)

Year	Player	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	INT	Rtg	Rank
1946	Albert, Frank	197	104	52.9	1,404	14	14	—	—
1947	Albert, Frank	242	128	52.9	1,692	18	15	—	—
1948	Albert, Frank	264	154	58.3	1,990	29	10	—	—
1949	Albert, Frank	260	129	49.6	1,862	27	16	—	—
1950	Albert, Frank	306	155	50.7	1,767	14	23	52.6	8
1951	Albert, Frank	166	90	50.7	1,116	5	10	60.2	8
1952	Tittle, Y.A.	208	106	51.0	1,407	11	12	66.4	5
1953	Tittle, Y.A.	259	149	57.5	2,121	20	16	84.0	3
1954	Tittle, Y.A.	295	170	57.6	2,205	9	9	78.7	7
1955	Tittle, Y.A.	287	147	51.2	2,185	17	28	56.6	4
1956	Tittle, Y.A.	218	124	56.9	1,641	7	12	68.6	7
1957	Tittle, Y.A.	279	176	63.1	2,157	13	15	80.6	6
1958	Tittle, Y.A.	208	120	57.7	1,467	9	15	63.9	3
1959	Tittle, Y.A.	199	102	51.3	1,331	10	15	58.0	4
1960	Brodie, John	207	103	49.8	1,111	6	9	57.5	5
1961	Brodie, John	283	155	54.8	2,588	14	12	84.7	4
1962	Brodie, John	304	175	57.6	2,272	18	16	79.0	6
1963	McHan, Lamar	195	83	42.3	1,243	8	11	54.3	15
1964	Brodie, John	392	193	49.2	2,498	14	16	64.6	12
1965	Brodie, John	391	242	61.9	3,112	30	16	95.3	3
1966	Brodie, John	427	232	54.3	2,810	16	22	65.8	8
1967	Brodie, John	349	168	48.1	2,013	11	16	57.6	11
1968	Brodie, John	404	234	57.9	3,020	22	21	78.0	3
1969	Brodie, John	347	194	55.9	2,405	16	15	74.9	7
1970	Brodie, John	378	223	59.0	2,941	24	10	93.8	1/1
1971	Brodie, John	387	208	53.7	2,642	18	24	65.0	12/6
1972	Spurrier, Steve	269	147	54.6	1,983	18	16	75.9	8/5
1973	Brodie, John	194	98	50.5	1,126	3	12	43.0	N/A
1974	Owen, Tom	184	88	47.8	1,327	10	15	56.1	25/11
1975	Snead, Norm	189	108	57.1	1,337	9	10	73.0	11/5
1976	Plunkett, Jim	243	126	51.9	1,592	13	16	63.0	17/8
1977	Plunkett, Jim	248	128	51.6	1,693	9	14	62.1	17/8
1978	DeBerg, Steve	302	137	45.4	1,570	8	22	40.0	28/17
1979	DeBerg, Steve	578	347	60.0	3,652	17	21	73.1	13/5
1980	Deberg, Steve	321	186	57.9	1,998	12	17	66.7	25/13
1981	Montana, Joe	488	311	63.7	3,565	19	12	88.4	4/1
1982	Montana, Joe	346	213	61.6	2,613	17	11	88.0	5/3
1983	Montana, Joe	515	332	64.5	3,910	26	12	94.6	5/3
1984	Montana, Joe	432	279	64.6	3,630	28	10	102.9	2/1
1985	Montana, Joe	494	303	61.3	3,653	27	13	91.3	3/1
1986	Montana, Joe	307	191	62.2	2,236	8	9	80.7	9/2
1987	Montana, Joe	398	266	66.8	3,054	31	13	102.1	1/1
1988	Montana, Joe	397	238	59.9	2,981	18	10	87.9	6/3
1989	Montana, Joe	386	271	70.2	3,521	26	8	112.4	1/1
1990	Montana, Joe	520	321	61.7	3,944	26	16	89.0	7/3
1991	Young, Steve	279	180	64.5	2,517	17	8	101.8	1/1
1992	Young, Steve	402	268	66.7	3,465	25	7	107.0	1/1
1993	Young, Steve	462	314	68.0	4,023	29	16	101.5	1/1
1994	Young, Steve	461	324	70.3	3,969	35	10	112.8	1/1
1995	Young, Steve	447	299	66.9	3,200	20	11	92.3	5/4
1996	Young, Steve	316	214	67.7	2,410	14	6	97.2	1/1
1997	Young, Steve	356	241	67.7	3,029	19	6	104.7	1/1
1998	Young, Steve	517	322	62.3	4,170	36	12	101.1	3/2
1999	Garcia, Jeff	375	225	60.0	2,544	11	11	77.9	17/10
2000	Garcia, Jeff	561	355	63.3	4,287	31	10	97.6	5/4
2001	Garcia, Jeff	504	316	62.7	3,538	32	12	94.8	3/2

49ERS YEARLY STATISTICAL LEADERS (CONT.)

RUSHING (BASED ON YARDS)

Year	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rank
2002	Hearst, Garrison	215	972	4.5	40	8	21/9
2003	Barlow, Kevan	201	1,024	5.1	78t	6	17t/6t
2004	Barlow, Kevan	244	822	3.4	60	7	26/12
2005	Gore, Frank	127	608	4.8	72t	3	32/14
2006	Gore, Frank	312	1,695	5.4	72	8	3/1
2007	Gore, Frank	260	1,102	4.2	43t	5	13/5
2008	Gore, Frank	240	1,036	4.3	41t	6	13t/9
2009	Gore, Frank	229	1,120	4.9	80t	10	11t/5
2010	Gore, Frank	203	853	4.2	64	3	21/8
2011	Gore, Frank	282	1,211	4.3	55	8	6/3
2012	Gore, Frank	258	1,214	4.7	37	8	10/5
2013	Gore, Frank	276	1,128	4.1	51	9	9/7
2014	Gore, Frank	255	1,106	4.3	52t	4	9/5
2015	Hyde, Carlos	115	470	4.1	22	3	47/24
2016	Hyde, Carlos	217	988	4.6	47	6	14/6
2017	Hyde, Carlos	240	938	3.9	61	8	13/5
2018	Breida, Matt	153	814	5.3	66t	3	21/11
2019	Mostert, Raheem	137	772	5.6	41t	8	26/12
2020	**Wilson Jr., Jeff**	**126**	**600**	**4.8**	**34**	**7**	**35/19**
2021	**Mitchell, Elijah**	**207**	**963**	**4.7**	**39**	**5**	**8/4**
2022	**Wilson Jr., Jeff**	**39**	**181**	**4.6**	**37**	**0**	**17/10**

PASSING (BASED ON YARDS)

Year	Player	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	INT	Rtg	Rank
2002	Garcia, Jeff	528	328	62.1	3,344	21	10	85.6	11t/4
2003	Garcia, Jeff	392	225	57.4	2,704	18	13	80.1	15/8
2004	Rattay, Tim	325	198	60.9	2,169	10	10	78.1	20/10
2005	Smith, Alex	165	84	50.9	875	1	11	40.8	DNQ
2006	Smith, Alex	442	257	58.1	2,890	16	16	74.8	22/11
2007	Dilfer, Trent	219	113	51.6	1,166	7	12	55.1	N/A
2008	Hill, Shaun	288	181	62.8	2,046	13	8	87.5	12/7
2009	Smith, Alex	372	225	60.5	2,350	18	12	81.5	19/9
2010	Smith, Alex	342	204	59.6	2,370	14	10	82.1	21/9
2011	Smith, Alex	445	273	61.3	3,144	17	5	90.7	9/7
2012	Kaepernick, C.	218	136	62.4	1,814	10	3	98.3	DNQ
2013	Kaepernick, C.	416	243	58.4	3,197	21	8	91.6	20/10
2014	Kaepernick, C.	452	274	60.6	3,165	17	10	85.1	17/9
2015	Gabbert, Blaine	282	178	63.1	2,031	10	7	86.2	30/15
2016	Kaepernick, C.	331	196	57.7	2,241	16	4	90.7	29/14
2017	Beathard, C.J.	224	123	54.9	1,430	4	6	69.2	34/18
2018	Mullens, Nick	274	176	64.2	2,277	13	10	90.8	30/16
2019	**Garoppolo, J.**	**476**	**329**	**69.1**	**3,978**	**27**	**13**	**102.0**	**12/8**
2020	Mullens, Nick	326	211	64.7	2,437	12	12	84.1	26/13
2021	**Garoppolo, J.**	**441**	**301**	**68.3**	**3,810**	**20**	**12**	**98.7**	**12/7**
2022	**Lance, Trey**	**50**	**31**	**62.0**	**365**	**2**	**1**	**89.2**	**29/13**

49ERS YEARLY STATISTICAL LEADERS

RECEIVING (BASED ON CATCHES)

Year	Player	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rank
1946	Beals, Alyn	40	586	14.7	—	10	—
1947	Beals, Alyn	47	655	13.9	54	10	—
1948	Beals, Alyn	46	591	12.8	—	14	—
1949	Beals, Alyn	44	678	15.4	—	12	—
1950	Loyd, Alex	32	402	12.6	38	0	18
1951	Soltau, Gordy	59	826	14.0	48t	7	2
1952	Soltau, Gordy	55	774	14.1	49t	7	4
1953	Wilson, Billy	51	840	16.5	61t	10	6
1954	Wilson, Billy	60	830	13.8	43	5	1
1955	Wilson, Billy	53	831	15.7	72t	7	2
1956	Wilson, Billy	60	889	14.8	77t	5	1
1957	Wilson, Billy	52	757	14.6	40	6	1
1958	Conner, Clyde	49	512	10.4	26	5	5
1959	Wilson, Billy	44	540	12.3	57t	4	6
1960	Conner, Clyde	38	531	14.0	65t	2	1
1961	Owens, R.C.	55	1,032	18.8	54	5	7
1962	Casey, Bernie	53	819	15.5	48t	6	11
1963	Casey, Bernie	47	762	16.2	68t	7	14
1964	Casey, Bernie	58	808	13.9	63t	4	6
1965	Parks, Dave	80	1,344	16.8	53t	12	1
1966	Parks, Dave	66	974	14.8	65t	5	3
1967	Witcher, Dick	46	705	15.3	63t	3	17
1968	McNeil, Clifton	71	994	14.0	65t	7	1
1969	Washington, Gene	51	711	13.9	52	3	10
	Cunningham, Doug, RB	51	484	9.5	58	0	11
1970	Washington, Gene	53	1,100	20.8	79t	12	4/3
1971	Kwalick, Ted	52	664	12.8	42t	5	4/2
1972	Washington, Gene	46	918	20.0	62t	12	13/7
1973	Kwalick, Ted	47	729	15.5	48	5	10/6
1974	Schreiber, Larry, RB	30	217	7.2	16	1	60/36
1975	Washington, Gene	44	735	16.7	68t	9	31/10
1976	Washington, Gene	33	457	13.8	55t	6	52/25
	Jackson, Wilbur, RB	33	324	9.8	32	1	53/27
1977	Washington, Gene	32	638	19.9	47t	5	52/22
1978	Solomon, Freddie	31	458	14.8	58t	2	83/42
1979	Hofer, Paul, RB	58	662	11.4	44	2	17/7
1980	Cooper, Earl, RB	83	567	6.8	66t	4	2/1
1981	Clark, Dwight	85	1,105	13.0	78t	4	2/1
1982	Clark, Dwight	60	913	15.2	51	5	1/1
1983	Clark, Dwight	70	840	12.0	46t	8	11/5
1984	Craig, Roger, RB	71	675	9.5	64t	3	11/6
1985	Craig, Roger, RB	92	1,016	11.0	73	6	1/1
1986	Rice, Jerry	86	1,570	18.3	66t	15	2/1
1987	Craig, Roger, RB	66	492	7.5	35t	1	3/2
1988	Craig, Roger, RB	76	534	7.0	22	1	7/5
1989	Rice, Jerry	82	1,483	18.1	68t	17	5/4
1990	Rice, Jerry	100	1,502	15.0	64t	13	1/1
1991	Rice, Jerry	80	1,206	15.1	73t	14	5/3
1992	Rice, Jerry	84	1,201	14.3	80t	10	5/3
1993	Rice, Jerry	98	1,503	15.3	80t	15	2/2
1994	Rice, Jerry	112	1,499	13.4	69t	13	2/1
1995	Rice, Jerry	+122	1,848	15.1	81t	15	2/2
1996	Rice, Jerry	108	1,254	11.6	39	8	1/1
1997	Owens, Terrell	60	936	15.6	56t	8	32t/13t
1998	Rice, Jerry	82	1,157	14.1	75t	9	7t/3t
1999	Rice, Jerry	67	830	12.4	62	5	31t/19
2000	Owens, Terrell	97	1,451	15.0	69t	13	5/2
2001	Owens, Terrell	93	1,412	15.2	60t	16	9/4
2002	Owens, Terrell	100	1,300	13.0	76t	13	4t/2
2003	Owens, Terrell	80	1,102	13.8	75t	9	12/7

PUNTING (BASED ON GROSS AVG.) (MIN. 25 PUNTS)

Year	Player	No	Avg	Lg	Blck	Rank
1946	Albert, Frank	54	41.0	73	0	—
1947	Albert, Frank	40	44.0	69	1	—
1948	Albert, Frank	35	44.8	82	0	—
1949	Albert, Frank	31	48.2	72	0	—
1950	Lillywhite, Verl	26	39.1	57	0	11
1951	Albert, Frank	34	44.3	66	0	2
1952	Albert, Frank	68	42.6	70	0	5
1953	Powers, Jim	42	40.6	55	1	8
1954	Brown, Pete	49	37.5	51	0	11
1955	Luna, Bob	63	40.6	63	3	8
1956	Morrall, Earl	45	37.9	57	0	16
1957	Jessup, Bill	38	43.6	62	0	13
1958	Atkins, Bill	25	39.3	51	0	11
1959	Davis, Tommy	59	45.7	71	0	3
1960	Davis, Tommy	62	44.1	74	0	3
1961	Davis, Tommy	50	45.4	67	0	3
1962	Davis, Tommy	48	45.6	82	0	1
1963	Davis, Tommy	73	45.4	64	2	4
1964	Davis, Tommy	79	45.6	68	0	4
1965	Davis, Tommy	54	45.8	65	0	2
1966	Davis, Tommy	63	41.4	60	0	6
1967	Spurrier, Steve	73	37.6	61	1	12
1968	Spurrier, Steve	68	39.0	54	0	12
1969	Kilgore, Jon	36	40.3	72	0	9
1970	Spurrier, Steve	75	38.4	58	0	14/11
1971	McCann, Jim	49	38.7	54	1	25/12
1972	McCann, Jim	64	39.7	63	1	21/10
1973	Wittum, Tom	79	43.7	62	0	4/1
1974	Wittum, Tom	68	41.2	67	1	4/2
1975	Wittum, Tom	67	41.9	64	3	3/2
1976	Wittum, Tom	89	40.8	68	2	3/2
1977	Wittum, Tom	77	36.4	54	3	26/13
1978	Connell, Mike	96	37.3	59	1	21/10
1979	Melville, Dan	71	37.0	53	1	25/14
1980	Miller, Jim	77	40.9	65	0	10/5
1981	Miller, Jim	93	41.5	65	0	15/6
1982	Miller, Jim	44	38.1	80	1	25/13
1983	Orosz, Tom	65	39.3	61	1	25/11
1984	Runager, Max	56	41.8	59	1	17/17
1985	Runager, Max	86	39.8	57	1	26/13
1986	Runager, Max	83	41.6	62	2	10/6
1987	Runager, Max	55	39.2	56	1	22/11
1988	Helton, Barry	78	39.3	53	1	21/11
1989	Helton, Barry	55	40.5	56	1	12/8
1990	Helton, Barry	69	36.8	56	1	28/1
1991	Prokop, Joe	40	38.5	58	0	27/13
1992	Wilmsmeyer, Klaus	49	39.1	58	0	26/14
1993	Wilmsmeyer, Klaus	42	40.9	61	0	23/11
1994	Wilmsmeyer, Klaus	54	41.4	60	0	14t/7t
1995	Thompson, Tommy	57	40.6	65	0	25/13t
1996	Thompson, Tommy	73	44.1	65	2	10/4
1997	Thompson, Tommy	78	40.8	55	1	30/15
1998	Roby, Reggie	60	41.9	66	0	22/9
1999	Stanley, Chad	69	39.7	70	2	26/11
2000	Stanley, Chad	69	39.5	56	1	27/12
2001	Baker, Jason	69	40.8	64	0	23/13
2002	Baker, Jason	42	40.2	51	0	25t/13
2003	LaFleur, Bill	68	38.7	56	1	29t/16
2004	Lee, Andy	96	41.6	81	0	20/10
2005	Lee, Andy	107	41.6	58	1	25/12

49ERS YEARLY STATISTICAL LEADERS (CONT.)

RECEIVING (BASED ON CATCHES)

Year	Player	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rank
2004	Johnson, Eric, TE	82	825	10.1	25	2	35/14
2005	Lloyd, Brandon	48	733	15.3	89t	5	44/20
2006	Gore, Frank, RB	61	485	8.0	39	1	40t/21t
2007	Gore, Frank, RB	53	436	8.2	23t	1	54t/27t
2008	Bruce, Isaac	61	835	13.7	63	7	37/19
2009	Davis, Vernon, TE	78	965	12.4	73t	13	19t/10
2010	Davis, Vernon, TE	56	914	16.3	66t	7	51/23
2011	Crabtree, Michael	72	874	12.1	52t	4	24t/15t
2012	Crabtree, Michael	85	1,105	13.0	49t	9	14/9
2013	Boldin, Anquan	85	1,179	13.9	63	7	16/10
2014	Boldin, Anquan	83	1,062	12.8	76t	5	18/11
2015	Boldin, Anquan	69	789	11.4	51	4	37t/19t
2016	Kerley, Jeremy	64	667	10.4	33t	3	64/35
2017	Hyde, Carlos	59	350	5.9	18	0	43t/25
2018	**Kittle, George, TE**	**88**	**1,377**	**15.6**	**85t**	**5**	**14/9**
2019	**Kittle, George, TE**	**85**	**1,053**	**12.4**	**61t**	**5**	**17/10**
2020	**Aiyuk, Brandon**	**60**	**748**	**12.5**	**49**	**5**	**48t/30**
2021	**Samuel, Deebo**	**77**	**1,405**	**18.2**	**83**	**6**	**24t/10t**
2022	**Samuel, Deebo**	**12**	**131**	**10.9**	**32**	**0**	**51t/21t**

+ Team Record

PUNTING (BASED ON GROSS AVG.) (MIN. 25 PUNTS)

Year	Player	No	Avg	Lg	Blck	Rank
2006	Lee, Andy	81	44.8	66	0	7/6
2007	Lee, Andy	105	47.3	74	0	2/1
2008	Lee, Andy	66	47.8	82	1	4/3
2009	Lee, Andy	99	47.6	64	0	2/2
2010	Lee, Andy	91	46.2	64	0	4/2
2011	Lee, Andy	78	50.9	68	1	1/1
2012	Lee, Andy	67	48.1	66	0	4/2
2013	Lee, Andy	79	48.2	62	0	3/1
2014	Lee, Andy	72	46.8	71	1	6/2
2015	Pinion, Bradley	86	43.9	62	0	27/13
2016	Pinion, Bradley	100	44.0	65	0	29/15
2017	Pinion, Bradley	75	43.4	59	0	28/14
2018	Pinion, Bradley	68	43.7	64	1	28t/16
2019	**Wishnowsky, Mitch**	**52**	**44.9**	**65**	**0**	**22/11**
2020	**Wishnowsky, Mitch**	**66**	**46.9**	**60**	**1**	**9/5**
2021	**Wishnowsky, Mitch**	**57**	**45.0**	**67**	**0**	**18/10**
2022	**Wishnowsky, Mitch**	**14**	**46.8**	**74**	**0**	**17/11**

49ERS YEARLY STATISTICAL LEADERS

SCORING (BASED ON POINTS)

Year	Player	TD	PAT	FG	Pts	Rank
1946	Beals, Alyn	10	1	0	61	—
1947	Beals, Alyn	10	0	0	60	—
1948	Beals, Alyn	14	0	0	84	—
1949	Beals, Alyn	12	1	0	73	—
1950	Soltau, Gordie	1	26	4	44	22
1951	Soltau, Gordie	7	30	6	90	5
1952	Soltau, Gordie	7	34	6	94	—
1953	Soltau, Gordie	6	48	10	114	1
1954	Soltau, Gordie	2	31	11	76	4
1955	Soltau, Gordie	1	27	3	42	24
	Wilson, Billy	7	0	0	42	24
1956	Soltau, Gordie	1	26	13	71	6
1957	Soltau, Gordie	0	33	9	60	9
1958	Soltau, Gordie	0	29	8	53	20
1959	Davis, Tommy	0	31	12	67	9
1960	Davis, Tommy	0	21	19	78	9
1961	Davis, Tommy	0	44	12	80	8
1962	Davis, Tommy	0	36	10	66	16
1963	Davis, Tommy	0	24	10	54	21
1964	Davis, Tommy	0	30	8	54	24
1965	Davis, Tommy	0	52	17	103	4
1966	Davis, Tommy	0	38	16	86	12
1967	Davis, Tommy	0	33	14	75	10
1968	Davis, Tommy	0	26	9	53	19
1969	Willard, Ken	10	0	0	60	21
1970	Gossett, Bruce	0	39	21	102	6/4
1971	Gossett, Bruce	0	32	23	101	5/3
1972	Gossett, Bruce	0	41	18	95	13/7
1973	Gossett, Bruce	0	26	26	104	7/4
1974	Gossett, Bruce	0	25	11	58	25/8
1975	Mike–Mayer, Steve	0	27	14	69	22/9
1976	Mike–Mayer, Steve	0	26	16	74	25/9
1977	Williams, Delvin	9	0	0	54	14/10
1978	Wersching, Ray	0	24	15	69	22/9
1979	Wersching, Ray	0	32	20	92	12/5
1980	Wersching, Ray	0	33	15	78	18/10
1981	Wersching, Ray	0	30	17	81	22/13
1982	Wersching, Ray	0	23	12	59	9/4
1983	Wersching, Ray	0	51	25	126	3/3
1984	Wersching, Ray	0	56	25	131	1/1
1985	Wersching, Ray	0	52	13	91	21/11
1986	Wersching, Ray	0	41	25	116	3/3
1987	Rice, Jerry	23	0	0	138	1/1
1988	Cofer, Mike	0	40	27	121	2/1
1989	Cofer, Mike	0	49	29	136	1/1
1990	Cofer, Mike	0	39	24	111	4/3
1991	Cofer, Mike	0	49	14	91	17/8
1992	Cofer, Mike	0	53	18	107	8/4
1993	Cofer, Mike	0	59	16	107	11t/6
1994	Brien, Doug	0	60	15	105	11t/4
1995	Rice, Jerry	17	1(2PT)	0	104	19/10
1996	Wilkins, Jeff	0	40	30	130	4/2
1997	Anderson, Gary	0	38	29	125	3/2
1998	Richey, Wade	0	49	18	103	14/6
1999	Richey, Wade	0	30	21	93	21/8
2000	Richey, Wade	0	43	15	88	28/13
2001	Cortez, Jose	0	47	18	101	16/8
2002	Owens, Terrell	14	0	0	84	8t/3*
2003	Peterson, Todd	0	22	12	58	30/14
2004	Peterson, Todd	0	23	18	77	42/18

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Year	Player	Att	Made	Pct	Lg	Rank
1946	Vetrano, Joe	7	4	.571	26	—
1947	Vetrano, Joe	8	4	.500	30	—
1948	Vetrano, Joe	8	5	.625	47	—
1949	Vetrano, Joe	4	3	.750	28	—
1950	Soltau, Gordie	8	4	.500	26	DNQ
1951	Soltau, Gordie	18	6	.333	42	9
1952	Soltau, Gordie	12	6	.500	31	5
1953	Soltau, Gordie	15	10	.667	39	2
1954	Soltau, Gordie	18	11	.611	37	3
1955	Soltau, Gordie	12	3	.250	28	11
1956	Soltau, Gordie	20	13	.650	40	3
1957	Soltau, Gordie	15	9	.600	37	5
1958	Soltau, Gordie	21	8	.381	39	9
1959	Davis, Tommy	26	12	.462	43	5
1960	Davis, Tommy	32	19	.594	40	7
1961	Davis, Tommy	22	12	.545	46	6
1962	Davis, Tommy	23	10	.435	42	15
1963	Davis, Tommy	31	10	.323	46	22
1964	Davis, Tommy	25	8	.320	*53	19
1965	Davis, Tommy	27	17	.630	*53	5t
1966	Davis, Tommy	31	16	.516	46	15t
1967	Davis, Tommy	33	14	.424	50	23
1968	Davis, Tommy	16	9	.563	38	14
1969	Davis, Tommy	10	3	.300	48	DNQ
1970	Gossett, Bruce	31	21	.677	48	5/3
1971	Gossett, Bruce	36	23	.639	48	9/5
1972	Gossett, Bruce	29	18	.621	50	15/6
1973	Gossett, Bruce	33	26	.788	54	1**/1
1974	Gossett, Bruce	24	11	.458	46	22/11
1975	Mike–Mayer, Steve	28	14	.500	54	22t/11
1976	Mike–Mayer, Steve	28	16	.571	45	16t/9
1977	Wersching, Ray	17	10	.588	50	15/5
1978	Wersching, Ray	23	15	.652	45	12/6
1979	Wersching, Ray	24	20	.833	47	2/1
1980	Wersching, Ray	19	15	.789	47	2/1
1981	Wersching, Ray	23	17	.739	48	5/4
1982	Wersching, Ray	17	12	.706	45	15/8
1983	Wersching, Ray	30	25	.833	52	5t/1t
1984	Wersching, Ray	35	25	.714	53	17/11
1985	Wersching, Ray	21	13	.619	45	22/11
1986	Wersching, Ray	35	25	.714	50	11t/5t
1987	Wersching, Ray	17	13	.765	45	12/6
1988	Cofer, Mike	38	27	.711	52	17/10
1989	Cofer, Mike	36	29	.806	47	4/2
1990	Cofer, Mike	36	24	.667	*56	26t/11t
1991	Cofer, Mike	28	14	.500	50	28/14
1992	Cofer, Mike	27	18	.667	46	21/11
1993	Cofer, Mike	26	16	.615	46	26/12
1994	Brien, Doug	20	15	.750	48	20/7
1995	Wilkins, Jeff	13	12	.923	40	DNQ
1996	Wilkins, Jeff	34	30	.882	49	4/3
1997	Anderson, Gary	36	29	.806	51	11/7
1998	Richey, Wade	27	18	.667	46	27t/13t
1999	Richey, Wade	23	21	.913	52	1**/1
2000	Richey, Wade	22	15	.682	47	28/14
2001	Cortez, Jose	25	18	.720	52	21/12
2002	Cortez, Jose	24	18	.750	45	26/13t
2003	Peterson, Todd	15	12	.800	48	DNQ
2004	Peterson, Todd	22	18	.818	51	15t/6t
2005	Nedney, Joe	28	26	.929	56	3/2

49ERS YEARLY STATISTICAL LEADERS (CONT.)

SCORING (BASED ON POINTS)

Year	Player	TD	PAT	FG	Pts	Rank
2005	Nedney, Joe	0	19	26	97	22t/8t
2006	Nedney, Joe	0	29	29	116	7t/4t
2007	Nedney, Joe	0	22	17	73	35/17
2008	Nedney, Joe	0	34	29	121	15/9
2009	Nedney, Joe	0	33	17	84	28t/14
2010	Nedney, Joe	0	17	11	50	65t/31t
2011	Akers, David	0	34	44	166	1/1
2012	Akers, David	0	44	29	131	9/5
2013	Dawson, Phil	0	44	32	140	6t/3
2014	Dawson, Phil	0	33	25	108	19/9
2015	Dawson, Phil	0	20	24	92	24/12
2016	Dawson, Phil	0	33	18	87	30/14
2017	**Gould, Robbie**	**0**	**28**	**39**	**145**	**3/2**
2018	**Gould, Robbie**	**0**	**27**	**33**	**126**	**9/4**
2019	**Gould, Robbie**	**0**	**41**	**23**	**110**	**14/9**
2020	**Gould, Robbie**	**0**	**36**	**19**	**93**	**29/15**
2021	**Gould, Robbie**	**0**	**39**	**20**	**99**	**25/12**
2022	**Gould, Robbie**	**0**	**5**	**4**	**17**	**17t/7t**

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Year	Player	Att	Made	Pct	Lg	Rank
2006	Nedney, Joe	35	29	.829	51	16/9
2007	Nedney, Joe	19	17	.895	50	5/1
2008	Nedney, Joe	33	29	.878	53	12/7
2009	Nedney, Joe	21	17	.810	51	21/9
2010	Reed, Jeff	10	9	.900	47	NA
2011	Akers, David	52	44	.846	55	14/7
2012	Akers, David	42	29	.690	63*	30/14
2013	Dawson, Phil	36	32	.889	56	14t/6t
2014	Dawson, Phil	31	25	.806	55	25/13
2015	Dawson, Phil	27	24	.889	54	10/7
2016	Dawson, Phil	21	18	.857	53	11/6
2017	**Gould, Robbie**	**41**	**39**	**.951**	**52**	**2/2**
2018	**Gould, Robbie**	**34**	**33**	**.971****	**53**	**1/1**
2019	**Gould, Robbie**	**31**	**23**	**.742**	**47**	**25/13**
2020	**Gould, Robbie**	**23**	**19**	**.826**	**52**	**17/8**
2021	**Gould, Robbie**	**20**	**23**	**.870**	**52**	**16/8**
2022	**Gould, Robbie**	**5**	**4**	**.800**	**51**	**15t/9**

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49ERS YEARLY STATISTICAL LEADERS

KICKOFF RETURNS (BASED ON AVG.) (MIN. 20 RETURNS)

YEAR	Player	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rank
1946	Eshmont, Len	10	264	26.4	—	0	DNQ
1947	Eshmont, Len	9	177	19.7	—	0	DNQ
1948	Hall, Forrest	13	369	28.4	—	0	3
1949	Perry, Joe	14	337	24.1	—	0	5
1950	Cathcart, Sam	14	329	23.9	62	0	20
1951	Arenas, Joe	21	542	25.8	49	0	8
1952	McElhenny, Hugh	18	396	22.0	40	0	16
1953	Arenas, Joe	16	551	34.4	82	0	1
1954	Arenas, Joe	16	362	22.6	41	0	11
1955	Arenas, Joe	24	594	24.8	42	0	7
1956	Arenas, Joe	27	801	29.7	96t	1	2
1957	Arenas, Joe	24	657	27.4	64	0	2
1958	Smith, J.D.	15	356	23.7	39	0	8
1959	Lyles, Lenny	25	565	22.6	46	0	10
1960	Lyles, Lenny	17	526	30.9	97t	1	2
1961	Woodson, Abe	27	782	29.0	98t	1	3
1962	Woodson, Abe	37	1,157	31.3	79	0	1
1963	Woodson, Abe	29	935	32.2	103t	3	1
1964	Woodson, Abe	32	880	27.5	70	0	4
1965	Alexander, Kermit	32	741	23.2	46	0	20
1966	Alexander, Kermit	37	984	26.6	56	0	7
1967	Cunningham, Doug	31	826	26.6	94	0	5
1968	Alexander, Kermit	20	360	18.0	35	0	24
1969	Smith, Noland	14	310	22.1	60	0	DNQ
1970	Tucker, Bill	25	577	23.1	43	0	16/9
1971	Washington, Vic	33	858	26.0	74	0	12/8
1972	Washington, Vic	27	771	28.6	98t	1	4/3
1973	Washington, Vic	24	549	22.9	38	0	26/10
1974	Holmes, Mike	25	612	24.5	57	0	15/6
1975	Moore, Manfred	26	650	25.0	52	0	10/5
1976	Leonard, Anthony	26	553	21.3	39	0	29/13
1977	Hofer, Paul	36	871	24.2	48	0	12/7
1978	Williams, Dave	34	745	21.9	89t	1	23/8
1979	Owens, James	41	1,002	24.4	85t	1	5/3
1980	Owens, James	31	726	23.4	101t	1	4/3
1981	Lawrence, Amos	17	437	25.7	92t	1	3/2
1982	McLemore, Dana	16	353	22.1	45	0	18/9
1983	McLemore, Dana	30	576	19.2	39	0	30/14
1984	Monroe, Carl	27	561	20.8	44	0	19/9
1985	Monroe, Carl	28	717	25.6	95t	1	4/3
1986	Crawford, Derrick	15	280	18.7	34	0	DNQ
1987	Rodgers, Del	17	358	21.1	50	0	DNQ
1988	DuBose, Doug	32	608	19.0	44	0	27/11
1989	Flagler, Terrence	32	643	20.1	41	0	18/11
1990	Carter, Dexter	41	783	19.1	35	0	21/11
1991	Carter, Dexter	37	839	22.7	98t	1	5/3
1992	Logan, Marc	22	478	21.7	82	0	9/6
1993	Carter, Dexter	25	494	19.8	60	0	18/11
1994	Carter, Dexter	48	1,105	23.0	96t	1	15/11
1995	Carter, Dexter	23	522	22.7	46	0	DNQ
1996	Carter, Dexter	41	909	22.2	71	0	21/10
1997	Levy, Chuck	36	793	22.0	59	0	22/12
1998	Levy, Chuck	22	383	17.4	30	0	DNQ
1999	McQuarters, R.W.	26	568	21.8	37	0	DNQ
2000	Williams, Kevin	30	536	17.9	33	0	DNQ
2001	Sutherland, Vinny	50	1,140	22.8	65	0	19/11
2002	Williams, Jimmy	35	765	21.9	50	0	29/18
2003	Wilson, Cedrick	37	836	22.6	95t	1	16/10
2004	Robertson, Jamal	25	560	22.4	37	0	11/5
2005	Hicks, Maurice	34	689	20.3	40	0	36/18

PUNT RETURNS (BASED ON AVERAGE) (MIN. 10 RETURNS)

Year	Player	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rank
1946	Casanega, Ken	18	248	13.8	—	0	DNQ
1947	Vetrano, Joe	12	137	11.4	—	0	DNQ
1948	Cason, Jim	22	309	14.0	—	0	DNQ
1949	Cason, Jim	21	351	16.7	—	0	DNQ
1950	Cathcart, Sam	16	185	11.6	29	0	10
1951	Arenas, Joe	21	272	13.0	51	0	6
1952	McElhenny, Hugh	20	284	14.2	94t	1	5
1953	McElhenny, Hugh	15	104	6.9	25	0	7
1954	Arenas, Joe	23	117	5.1	23	0	6
1955	Arenas, Joe	21	55	2.6	7	0	17
1956	Arenas, Joe	19	117	6.2	67t	1	8
1957	Arenas, Joe	25	80	3.2	26	0	13
1958	McElhenny, Hugh	24	93	3.9	18	0	16
1959	Woodson, Abe	15	143	9.5	65	0	6
1960	Woodson, Abe	13	174	13.4	48	0	1
1961	Woodson, Abe	16	172	10.8	80t	1	4
1962	Woodson, Abe	19	179	9.4	85t	1	4
1963	Woodson, Abe	13	95	7.3	13	0	13
1964	Alexander, Kermit	21	189	9.0	70t	1	8
1965	Alexander, Kermit	35	262	7.5	40	0	7
1966	Alexander, Kermit	30	198	6.6	44t	4	6
1967	Cunningham, Doug	27	249	9.2	57	0	3
1968	Alexander, Kermit	24	87	3.6	26	0	16
1969	Smith, Noland	10	46	4.6	18	0	19
1970	Taylor, Bruce	43	516	12.0	76	0	2/1
1971	Taylor, Bruce	34	235	6.9	38	0	15/6
1972	McGill, Ralph	22	219	10.0	33	0	4/3
1973	Taylor, Bruce	15	207	13.8	61	0	1/1
1974	McGill, Ralph	20	161	8.3	47	0	20/13
1975	McGill, Ralph	31	290	9.4	34	0	18/9
1976	Leonard, Anthony	35	293	8.4	60t	1	20/9
1977	Leonard, Anthony	22	154	7.0	19	0	30/13
1978	Steptoe, Jack	11	129	11.7	28	0	DNQ
1979	Solomon, Freddie	23	142	6.2	14	0	23/9
1980	Solomon, Freddie	27	298	11.0	57t	2	3/2
1981	Hicks, Dwight	19	171	9.0	39	0	DNQ
1982	McLemore, Dana	7	156	22.3	93t	1	DNQ
1983	McLemore, Dana	31	331	10.7	56t	1	6/2
1984	McLemore, Dana	45	521	11.6	79t	1	4/2
1985	McLemore, Dana	38	258	6.8	22	0	21/9
1986	Griffin, Don	38	377	9.9	76t	1	5/2
1987	McLemore, Dana	21	265	12.6	83t	1	2/2
1988	Taylor, John	44	556	12.6	95t	2	1/1
1989	Taylor, John	36	417	11.6	37	0	5/4
1990	Taylor, John	26	212	8.2	30	0	13/8
1991	Taylor, John	31	267	8.6	24	0	9/5
1992	Grant, Alan	29	249	8.6	46	0	12/6
1993	Carter, Dexter	34	411	12.1	72t	1	5/2
1994	Carter, Dexter	38	321	8.4	26	0	14/11
1995	Taylor, John	11	56	5.1	11	0	DNQ
1996	Carter, Dexter	36	317	8.8	52	0	18/9
1997	Uwaezuoke, Iheanyi	34	373	11.0	36	0	11/6
1998	McQuarters, R.W.	47	406	8.6	72t	1	19/10
1999	McQuarters, R.W.	18	90	5.0	32	0	DNQ
2000	Williams, Kevin	26	220	8.5	25	0	DNQ
2001	Sutherland, Vinny	21	147	7.0	19	0	DNQ
2002	Williams, Jimmy	20	336	16.8	89t	1	1/1
2003	Williams, Jimmy	35	240	6.9	20	0	26/11
2004	Battle, Arnaz	31	266	8.6	71t	1	15/6
2005	Amey, Fred	11	125	11.4	75t	1	DNQ

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KICKOFF RETURNS (BASED ON AVG.) (MIN. 20 RETURNS)

YEAR	Player	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rank
2006	Hicks, Maurice	57	1,428	25.1	64	0	12/4
2007	Hicks, Maurice	63	1,502	23.8	55	0	20/9
2008	Rossum, Allen	47	1,259	26.8	104t	1	6/3
2009	Robinson, Michael	18	414	23.0	40	0	DNQ
2010	Ginn Jr., Ted	47	992	21.1	61	0	33/17
2011	Ginn Jr., Ted	29	800	27.6	102t	1	3/2
2012	James, LaMichael	14	417	29.8	62	0	DNQ
2013	James, LaMichael	12	321	26.8	41	0	DNQ
2014	Ellington, Bruce	24	614	25.6	38	0	7/3
2015	Ellington, Bruce	26	665	25.6	40	0	9/7
2016	Shepherd, JaCorey	21	456	21.7	41	0	9/7
2017	Bolden Jr., Victor	19	396	20.8	34	0	DNQ
2018	James, Richie	23	580	25.2	97t	1	7/2
2019	James, Richie	20	428	21.4	81	0	10/5
2020	McKinnon, Jerick	12	239	19.9	30	0	DNQ
2021	Cannon, Trenton	16	328	20.5	68	0	DNQ

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PUNT RETURNS (BASED ON AVERAGE) (MIN. 20 RETURNS)

Year	Player	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rank
2006	Williams, Brandon	22	147	6.7	25	0	28/15
2007	Lewis, Michael	44	336	7.6	51	0	18/9
2008	Rossum, Allen	15	223	14.9	45	0	DNQ
2009	Battle, Arnaz	21	61	2.9	18	0	28/13
2010	Ginn Jr., Ted	24	321	13.4	78t	1	3/2
2011	Ginn Jr., Ted	38	466	12.3	55t	1	4/3
2012	Ginn Jr., Ted	32	326	10.2	38	0	11/3
2013	James, LaMichael	23	251	10.9	40	0	10t/6t
2014	Ellington, Bruce	23	188	8.2	23	0	13/7
2015	Ellington, Bruce	19	137	7.2	36	0	DNQ
2016	Kerley, Jeremy	21	158	7.5	26	0	16/9
2017	Taylor, Trent	30	281	9.4	39	0	10/6
2018	Taylor, Trent	10	78	7.8	18	0	DNQ
2019	James, Richie	33	264	8.0	32	0	7t/3
2020	Taylor, Trent	9	112	12.4	20	0	DNQ
2021	**Aiyuk, Brandon**	**29**	**208**	**7.2**	**27**	**0**	**13/5**

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INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Player	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rank
1946	Casanega, Ken	8	146	18.3	68	0	—
1947	Eshmont, Len	6	72	12.0	—	0	—
1948	Carr, Eddie	7	144	20.6	56	1	—
1949	Cason, Jim	9	152	19.9	—	0	—
1950	Powers, Jim	5	42	8.4	26	0	18t
1951	Wagner, Lowell	9	115	12.8	40	0	3t
1952	Wagner, Lowell	6	69	11.5	30	0	10t
1953	Berry, Rex	7	142	20.3	29	1	8t
1954	Berry, Rex	3	69	23.0	34t	1	29t
	Brown, Hardy	3	42	14.0	41t	1	29t
	Williams, Johnny	3	28	9.3	15	0	29t
	Arenas, Joe	3	26	8.7	26	0	29t
1955	Moegle, Dick	6	50	8.3	37	0	7t
1956	Moegle, Dick	6	75	12.5	31t	1	9t
1957	Moegle, Dick	8	107	13.4	40	0	6
1958	Ridlon, Jim	4	10	2.5	3	0	14t
1959	Baker, Dave	5	75	15.0	29	0	6t
1960	Baker, Dave	10	96	9.6	28	0	2t
1961	Baker, Dave	6	123	20.5	10	0	17t
1962	Woodson, Abe	2	31	15.5	31	0	92t
	Hazeltine, Matt	2	24	12.0	12	0	92t
	Pine, Ed	2	16	8.0	13	0	92t
	Mertens, Jerry	2	0	0	0	0	92t
1963	Alexander, Kermit	5	72	17.4	38	0	25t
1964	Alexander, Kermit	5	65	13.0	24	0	22t
1965	Johnson, Jimmy	6	47	7.8	26	0	8t
1966	Alexander, Kermit	4	73	18.3	55	0	32t
	Johnson, Jimmy	4	57	14.3	35t	1	32t
1967	Alexander, Kermit	5	72	14.4	48	0	21t
1968	Alexander, Kermit	9	155	17.2	66t	1	3
1969	Alexander, Kermit	5	39	7.8	22	0	15t
	Johnson, Jimmy	5	18	3.6	18	0	15t
1970	Taylor, Bruce	3	70	23.3	70	0	46t/23t
	Phillips, Mel	3	49	16.3	35t	1	46t/23t
	Nunley, Frank	3	42	14.0	24	0	46t/23t
	Taylor, Roosevelt	3	27	9.0	19	0	46t/23t
1971	Taylor, Bruce	3	68	22.7	49	0	58t/29t
	Johnson, Jimmy	3	16	5.3	10	0	58t/29t
	Taylor, Roosevelt	3	13	4.3	13	0	58t/29t
1972	Johnson, Jimmy	4	18	4.5	15	0	20t/7t
1973	Taylor, Bruce	6	30	5.0	22	0	4t/2t
1974	McGill, Ralph	5	71	14.2	45	0	13t/6t
1975	Taylor, Bruce	3	29	9.7	15	0	54t/26t
1976	Rhodes, Bruce	3	42	14.0	30	0	43t/24t
1977	Washington, Dave	2	68	34.0	50	0	91t/37t
	Phillips, Mel	2	23	11.5	23	0	91t/37t
1978	Crist, Chuck	6	59	26.5	32	0	10t/9t
1979	Hicks, Dwight	5	57	11.4	29	0	17t/8t
1980	Hicks, Dwight	4	73	18.3	44	0	39t/17t
	Churchman, Ricky	4	7	1.8	7	0	39t/17t
1981	Hicks, Dwight	9	239	26.6	72	1	3t/2t
1982	Hicks, Dwight	3	5	1.7	3	0	21t/8t
1983	Wright, Eric	7	164	23.4	60t	2	6t/4t
1984	Turner, Keena	4	51	12.8	21	0	33t/17t
	Lott, Ronnie	4	26	6.5	15	0	33t/17t
1985	Lott, Ronnie	6	68	11.3	25	0	10t/3t
1986	Lott, Ronnie	10	134	13.4	57t	1	1/1
1987	Lott, Ronnie	5	62	12.4	34	0	7t/4t
	Griffin, Don	5	1	0.2	1	0	7t/4t
1988	McKyer, Tim	7	11	1.6	7	0	6t/5
1989	Lott, Ronnie	5	34	6.8	28	0	17t/9t
1990	Waymer, Dave	7	64	9.1	24	0	3t/2t
1991	Waymer, Dave	4	77	19.3	42	0	23t/13t
1992	Griffin, Don	5	4	0.8	2	0	15t/5t
1993	McGruder, Michael	5	89	17.8	37	1	14t/6t
1994	Hanks, Merton	7	93	13.3	38	0	4t/4t
1995	Drakeford, Tyronne	5	54	10.8	37	0	15t/10t
	Hanks, Merton	5	31	6.2	23	0	15t/10t
1996	Pope, Marquez	6	98	16.3	55t	1	4t/2t
1997	Hanks, Merton	6	103	17.2	55t	1	5t/3t
1998	Walker, Darnell	4	78	19.5	36	0	24t/11t
	Hanks, Merton	4	37	9.3	37	0	24t/11t
	Bronson, Zack	4	34	8.5	28	0	24t/11t
	McDonald, Tim	4	22	5.5	18	0	24t/11t
1999	Schulters, Lance	6	127	21.2	64t	1	6t/3t
2000	Bronson, Zack	3	75	25.0	43	0	46t/21t
	Montgomery, Monty	3	68	22.7	46t	1	46t/21t
2001	Bronson, Zack	7	165	23.6	97t	2	7t/4t
	Plummer, Ahmed	7	45	6.4	24	0	7t/4t
2002	Parrish, Tony	7	204	29.1	60	0	3t/2t
2003	Parrish, Tony	9	202	22.4	49	0	1t/1t
2004	Parrish, Tony	4	64	16.0	26	0	21t/10t
2005	Spencer, Shawntae	4	85	21.3	61t	1	19t/9t
	Adams, Mike	4	36	9.0	40t	1	19t/9t
2006	Harris, Walt	8	84	10.5	42	1	3t/1t
2007	Clements, Nate	4	74	18.5	62	0	23t/11t
	Harris, Walt	4	42	10.5	23	0	23t/11t
2008	Harris, Walt	3	25	8.3	24	0	30t/13t
	Spikes, Takeo	3	14	4.7	13	0	30t/13t
2009	Goldson, Dashon	4	39	9.8	34	0	23t/14t
2010	Clements, Nate	3	46	15.3	39	0	31t/21t
	Spikes, Takeo	3	9	3.0	6	0	31t/21t
	Spencer, Shawntae	3	0	0.0	0	0	31t/21t
2011	Goldson, Dashon	6	53	8.8	21	0	4t/2t
	Rogers, Carlos	6	106	17.7	31t	1	4t/2t
2012	Goldson, Dashon	3	21	7.0	20	0	29t/17t
2013	Brock, Tramaine	5	82	16.4	41	1	5t/5t
2014	Cox, Perrish	5	12	2.4	10	0	3t/2t
2015	Acker, Kenneth	3	45	15.0	45	0	24t/10t
	Brock, Tramaine	3	26	8.7	26	0	24t/10t
2016	Hodges, Gerald	2	27	13.5	21	0	47t/23t
2017	Armstrong, Ray–Ray	2	29	14.5	29	0	53t/28t
	Reid, Eric	2	0	0.0	0	0	53t/28t
	Witherspoon, A.	2	42	21.0	23	0	53t/28t
2018	Exum Jr., Antone	1	32	32.0	32	1	99t/46t
	Tartt, Jaquiski	1	23	23.0	23	0	99t/46t
2019	Sherman, Richard	3	65	21.7	31t	1	20t/7t
2020	Taylor, Jamar	2	8	4.0	8	0	41t/22t
	Verrett, Jason	**2**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**41t/22t**
	Warner, Fred	**2**	**3**	**1.5**	**3**	**0**	**41t/22t**
2021	**Ward, Jimmie**	**2**	**27**	**13.5**	**27**	**1**	**47t/26t**
2022	**Gipson Sr., Tashaun**	**1**	**14**	**14.0**	**14**	**0**	**9t/4t**
	Hufanga, Talanoa	**1**	**1**	**1.0**	**1**	**0**	**9t/4t**
	Ward, Charvarius	**1**	**9**	**9.0**	**9**	**0**	**9t/4t**

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ALL–PURPOSE YARDS (SINCE 1950)

		Rush		Rec		Off	Punt Ret		Kick Ret		Ret	Def	Tot
Year	Player	No	Yds	No	Yds	Yds	No	Yds	No	Yds	Yds	Yds	Yds
1950	Perry, Joe	124	647	13	69	716	0	0	12	223	0	0	939
1951	Perry, Joe	136	677	18	167	844	0	0	1	32	0	0	876
1952	McElhenny, Hugh	98	684	26	367	1,051	20	284	20	284	680	0	1,731
1953	McElhenny, Hugh	112	503	30	474	977	15	104	15	368	472	0	1,449
1954	Perry, Joe	173	1,049	26	203	1,252	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,252
1955	Wilson, Billy	0	0	53	831	831	0	0	0	0	0	0	831
1956	McElHenny, Hugh	185	916	16	193	1,109	15	38	13	300	338	0	1,447
1957	McElhenny, Hugh	102	478	37	458	936	0	0	0	0	0	0	936
1958	Perry, Joe	125	758	23	218	976	0	0	0	0	0	0	976
1959	Smith, J.D.	207	1,036	13	133	1,169	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,169
1960	Smith, J.D.	174	780	36	181	961	0	0	0	0	0	0	961
1961	Smith, J.D.	167	823	28	343	1,166	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,166
1962	Woodson, Abe	0	0	0	0	0	19	179	37	1,157	1,336	0	1,336
1963	Woodson, Abe	0	0	0	0	0	13	95	29	935	1,030	0	1,030
1964	Woodson, Abe	0	0	0	0	0	22	133	32	880	1,013	0	1,013
1965	Parks, Dave	0	0	80	1,344	1,344	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,344
1966	Alexander, Kermit	0	0	0	0	0	30	198	37	984	1,182	0	1,182
1967	Cunningham, Doug	0	0	0	0	0	27	249	31	826	1,075	0	1,075
1968	Willard, Ken	227	967	36	232	1,199	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,199
1969	Cunningham, Doug	147	541	51	484	1,025	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,025
1970	Washington, Gene	0	0	53	1,100	1,100	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,100
1971	Washington, Vic	191	811	36	317	1,128	0	0	33	858	858	0	1,986
1972	Washington, Vic	141	468	43	393	861	0	0	27	771	771	0	1,632
1973	McGill, Ralph	0	0	0	0	0	22	186	17	374	560	0	560
1974	Jackson, Wilbur	174	705	23	190	895	0	0	0	0	0	0	895
1975	Williams, Delvin	117	631	34	370	1,001	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,001
1976	Williams, Delvin	248	1,203	27	283	1,486	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,486
1977	Williams, Delvin	268	931	20	179	1,110	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,110
1978	Williams, Dave	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	745	745	0	745
1979	Hofer, Paul	123	615	58	662	1,277	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,277
1980	Cooper, Earl	171	720	83	567	1,287	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,287
1981	Clark, Dwight	3	32	85	1,105	1,137	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,137
1982	Clark, Dwight	0	0	60	913	913	0	0	0	0	0	0	913
1983	Craig, Roger	176	725	48	427	1,152	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,152
1984	Tyler, Wendell	246	1,262	28	230	1,492	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,492
1985	Craig, Roger	214	1,050	92	1,016	2,066	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,066
1986	Rice, Jerry	10	72	86	1,570	1,642	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,642
1987	Craig, Roger	215	815	66	492	1,307	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,307
1988	Craig, Roger	310	1,502	76	534	2,036	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,036
1989	Taylor, John	1	6	60	1,077	1,083	36	417	2	51	468	0	1,551
1990	Rice, Jerry	2	0	100	1,502	1,502	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,502
1991	Rice, Jerry	1	2	80	1,206	1,208	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,208
1992	Watters, Ricky	206	1,013	43	405	1,418	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,418
1993	Rice, Jerry	3	69	98	1,503	1,572	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,572
1994	Watters, Ricky	239	877	66	719	1,596	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,596
1995	Rice, Jerry	5	36	122	1,848	1,884	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,884
1996	Rice, Jerry	11	77	108	1,254	1,331	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,331
1997	Hearst, Garrison	234	1,019	21	194	1,213	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,213
1998	Hearst, Garrison	310	1,570	39	535	2,105	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,105
1999	Garner, Charlie	241	1,229	56	535	1,764	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,764
2000	Garner, Charlie	258	1,142	68	647	1,789	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,789
2001	Hearst, Garrison	252	1,206	41	347	1,553	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,553
2002	Owens, Terrell	7	79	100	1,300	1,379	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,379
2003	Barlow, Kevan	201	1,024	35	307	1,331	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,331
2004	Barlow, Kevan	244	822	35	212	1,034	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,034
2005	Hicks, Maurice	59	308	3	12	320	0	0	34	689	689	0	1,009
2006	Gore, Frank	312	1,695	61	485	2,180	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,180
2007	Gore, Frank	260	1,102	53	436	1,538	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,538
2008	Rossum, Allen	1	1	1	4	5	15	223	47	1,259	1,482	0	1,487
2009	Gore, Frank	229	1,120	52	406	1,526	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,526
2010	Ginn Jr., Ted	2	11	12	163	174	24	321	47	992	1,313	0	1,487
2011	Gore, Frank	282	1,211	17	114	1,325	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,325
2012	Gore, Frank	258	1,214	28	234	1,448	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,448
2013	Gore, Frank	292	1,128	16	141	1,269	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,269
2014	Gore, Frank	255	1,106	11	111	1,217	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,217
2015	Boldin, Anquan	0	0	69	789	789	0	0	0	0	0	0	789
2016	Hyde, Carlos	217	988	27	163	1,151	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,151
2017	Hyde, Carlos	240	938	59	350	1,288	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,288
2018	**Kittle, George**	**1**	**10**	**88**	**1,377**	**1,387**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,387**
2019	**Kittle, George**	**5**	**22**	**85**	**1,053**	**1,075**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,075**
2020	**Aiyuk, Brandon**	**6**	**77**	**60**	**748**	**825**	**2**	**26**	**0**	**0**	**26**	**0**	**856**
2021	**Samuel, Deebo**	**59**	**365**	**77**	**1,405**	**1,770**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**75**	**75**	**0**	**1,845**
2022	**Samuel, Deebo**	**17**	**111**	**12**	**131**	**242**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**242**

BEST PERFORMANCES VS. 49ERS

SCORING

Points
36 Gale Sayers, at Chi. (12/12/65)

Touchdowns
6 Gale Sayers, at Chi. (12/12/65)

PATs
8 Rafael Septien, at Dal. (10/12/80)
8 Paige Cothren, vs. LA Rams (10/5/58)

PAT Attempts
8 Rafael Septien, at Dal. (10/12/80)
8 Paige Cothren, vs. LA Rams (10/5/58)

Field Goals
6 Neil Rackers, at Arz. in Mexico City (10/2/05)
5 Jason Sanders, vs. Mia. (10/11/20)
5 Morten Andersen, at Atl. (9/3/00)
5 Chris Jacke, at GB (10/14/96)
5 Morten Andersen, at NO (10/25/87)
5 Lou Michaels, at Bal. (9/25/66)

Field Goal Attempts
7 Morten Andersen, at NO (10/25/87)

Long Field Goal
59 Graham Gano, at Was. (11/6/11)
59 Morten Andersen, at Atl. (12/24/95)
56 Al Del Greco, at Hou. (10/27/96)
55 Brandon McManus, at Den. (9/25/22)
55 John Kasay, at Car. (10/24/10)
54 Josh Brown, at StL (1/3/10)
54 Jan Stenerud, vs. KC (12/6/71)

RUSHING

Attempts
35 Clinton Portis, vs. Was. (12/18/04)
Marcel Shipp, at Arz. (10/26/03)
32 Calvin Hill, at Dal. (11/10/74)
Steven Jackson, at StL Rams (12/21/08)

Yards
209 Thomas Rawls, at Sea. (11/22/15), 30 att.
192 Erric Pegram, vs. Atl. (9/19/93), 27 att.
181 Willie Galimore, vs. Chi. (9/16/62), 22 att.
175 Barry Sanders, vs. Det. (12/23/96), 28 att.
174 Rudi Johnson, at Cin. (12/14/03), 21 att.
174 Leroy Kelly, vs. Cle. (11/3/68), 27 att.

Touchdowns
4 LaDainian Tomlinson, vs. SD (10/15/06)
Gale Sayers, at Chi. (12/12/65)
Rick Casares, vs. Chi. (10/28/56)

Long
84t Chester Taylor, vs. Min. (12/9/07)

PASSING

Attempts
65 Tom Brady, at NE (12/16/12)
61 Brett Favre, at GB (10/14/96)
60 Richard Todd, at NYJ (9/21/80)
58 Glenn Foley, vs. NYJ (9/6/98)
58 Jay Schroeder, at Was. (12/1/85)

Completions
42 Richard Todd, at NYJ (9/21/80)
41 Eli Manning, at NYG (10/11/15)
38 Jared Goff, at Det. (9/12/21)
37 Matt Ryan, vs. Atl. (12/23/13)
36 Tom Brady, at NE (12/16/12)

Yards
484 Kurt Warner, at Arz. (11/25/07)
471 Brad Johnson, vs. Was. (12/26/99)
460 Don Meredith, vs. Dal. (11/10/63)
447 Richard Todd, at NYJ (9/21/80)
444 Dan Fouts vs. SD (12/11/82)

Touchdowns
5 Drew Brees, at NO (12/8/19)
5 Donovan McNabb, at Phi. (9/18/05)
5 Kurt Warner, at StL (10/10/99)
5 Vince Ferragamo, at LA Rams (10/23/83)
5 Dan Fouts, vs. SD (12/11/82)

Interceptions
7 Steve DeBerg, at TB (9/7/86)
6 Steve Grogan, vs. NE (11/30/80)

Long
96t Tobin Rote to Billy Grimes, vs. GB (12/10/50)

Times Sacked
10 Phil Simms, vs. NYG (11/23/80)
10 James Harris, at LA Rams (10/11/76)
10 Bill Munson, vs. LA Rams (12/6/64)

RECEIVING

Receptions
17 Clark Gaines, at NYJ (9/21/80)
14 DeAndre Hopkins vs. Arz. (9/13/20)
14 Roy Helu Jr. at Was. (11/6/11)
13 Julio Jones, vs. Atl. (12/15/19)
12 Davante Adams vs. GB (9/26/21)
12 DK Metcalf at Sea. (11/1/20)
12 Roddy White, vs. Atl. (12/23/13)
12 Reggie Wayne, at Ind. (11/1/09)
12 Tim Hightower, at Ari. (9/13/09)
12 Cris Carter, vs. Min. (12/18/95)
12 Michael Irvin, at Dal. (10/17/93)

Yards
220 Don Beebe, at GB (10/14/96)
214 Harlon Hill, vs. Chi. (10/31/54)
213 Terrell Owens, at Dal. (11/23/08)
210 Roddy White, vs. Atl. (10/11/09)
202 Paul Flatley, vs. Min. (10/24/65)

Touchdowns
4 Isaac Bruce, at StL (10/10/99)
4 Ahmad Rashad, at Min. (9/2/79)
4 Harlon Hill, vs. Chi. (10/31/54)

Long
96t Billy Grimes, vs. GB (12/10/50)

INTERCEPTIONS

Interceptions
3 Bill Simpson, vs. LA Rams (11/20/77)
3 Gene Howard, at LA Rams (11/21/71)
3 Roy Winston, vs. Min. (10/25/64)
3 Jerry Richardson, at LAN (10/18/64)
3 Donald Doll, at Det. (10/8/50)

Yards
107 Aaron Martin, at LA Rams (10/18/64)
101 Tom Pridemore, at Atl. (9/20/81)

Long
101t Tom Pridemore, at Atl. (9/20/81)

SACKS

Sacks
4.5 Kevin Greene, vs. LA Rams (12/18/88)
4.0 Aaron Donald, vs. LA Rams (10/21/18)
3.5 Michael Bennett, at Sea. (11/22/15)

PUNTING

Punts
12 Wilbur Summers, vs. Det. (10/23/77)
12 Rusty Jackson, vs. LA Rams (11/21/76)

Average
58.5 Reggie Roby, at Mia. (9/28/86) (min. 4 pts)

Long
90 Don Chandler, at GB (10/10/65)

PUNT RETURNS

Returns
8 Rolland Lawrence, vs. Atl. (10/9/77)
7 Nate Burleson, at Sea. (12/6/09)
7 Alvin Pearman, at Jac. (12/18/05)
7 J.T. Smith, at Phx. (11/6/88)
7 Robbie Martin, vs. Ind. (10/5/86)
7 LeRoy Irvin, vs. LA Rams (10/25/81)
7 Roland Lawrence, vs. Atl. (10/23/76)

Yards
184 Tom Watkins, at Det. (10/6/63)

Long
90t Tom Watkins, at Det. (10/6/63)

KICKOFF RETURNS

Returns
9 Ahmad Merritt, vs. Chi. (9/7/03)
9 Eric Metcalf, vs. Atl. (9/29/96)

Yards
222 Leon Washington, vs. Sea. (12/12/10)
208 Ron Smith, at Chi. (11/19/72)

Long
101 Percy Harvin, at Min. (9/27/09)
101 Mel Gray, vs. NO (9/21/86)

49ERS SINGLE-SEASON TEAM RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points Scored
505 (1994, 16 games)
479 (2019, 16 games)
479 (1998, 16 games)

Highest Average
31.6 (1994, 16 games)
31.0 (1953, 12 games)
30.6 (1987, 15 games)

Fewest Points Scored
198 (1963, 14 games)
208 (1960, 12 games)
209 (1982, 9 games)
213 (1950, 12 games)

Lowest Average
13.7 (2007, 16 games)
13.7 (1978, 16 games)
14.1 (1963, 14 games)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Scored
66 (1994, 16 games)
61 (1998, 16 games)
(1993, 16 games)
59 (1987, 16 games)

Fewest Scored
21 (1960, 12 games)
23 (2005, 16 games)

Most Allowed
56 (2016, 16 games)
54 (2004, 16 games)
(1979, 16 games)
53 (1999, 16 games)

Fewest Allowed
23 (2011, 16 games)
23 (1971, 14 games)
24 (1984, 16 games)
24 (1982, 9 games)
24 (1951, 12 games)

Most by Rushing Allowed
25 (2016, 16 games)
24 (1979, 16 games)
(1955, 12 games)
23 (1956, 12 games)

Most by Passing Allowed
36 (1999, 16 games)
35 (2018, 16 games)
30 (2016, 16 games)
29 (1980, 16 games)

KICKING

Most Field Goals Made
44 (2011, 16 games)
39 (2017, 16 games)
33 (2018, 16 games)
32 (2013, 16 games)
30 (2019, 16 games)
30 (1996, 16 games)

Most PATs Made
60 (1994, 16 games)
59 (1993, 16 games)
56 (1984, 16 games)

RUSHING

Most Attempts
585 (1978, 16 games)
576 (1976, 14 games)
564 (1977, 14 games)

Most Yards Gained
2,544 (1998, 16 games)
2,523 (1988, 16 games)
2,498 (1954, 12 games)

Highest Average
5.7 (1954, 12 games)
5.2 (1998, 16 games)
5.1 (2012, 16 games)

Most Touchdowns
28 (1954, 12 games)
27 (1961, 14 games)
26 (1993, 16 games)
26 (1953, 12 games)

PASSING

Most Attempts
644 (1995, 16 games)
607 (2017, 16 games)
602 (1979, 16 games)
597 (1980, 16 games)
583 (2000, 16 games)
583 (1990, 16 games)

Most Completions
432 (1995, 16 games)
371 (2020, 16 games)
366 (2000, 16 games)
363 (1980, 16 games)
362 (2017, 16 games)

Highest Completion Pct.
70.3 (1994, 16 games)
70.2 (1989, 16 games)
69.2 (2019, 16 games)
67.6 (1993, 16 games)
67.1 (1995, 16 games)

Most Yds Gained (Gross)
4,779 (1995, 16 games)
4,584 (1989, 16 games)
4,510 (1998, 16 games)
4,480 (1993, 16 games)
4,437 (2021, 17 games)

Most Touchdowns
44 (1987, 15 games)
41 (1998, 16 games)
37 (1994, 16 games)
35 (1965, 14 games)
35 (1989, 16 games)

Highest Avg. Gain Per Att.
9.49 (1989, 16 games)
8.84 (1961, 14 games)
8.63 (2021, 17 games)

TOTAL NET YARDS

Most Yards Gained
6,800 (1998, 16 games)
6,435 (1993, 16 games)
6,387 (2021, 17 games)
6,366 (1984, 16 games)
6,268 (1989, 16 games)

FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs
381 (1998, 16 games)
372 (1993, 16 games)
362 (1994, 16 games)
361 (2021, 17 games)
357 (1987, 15 games)

Most by Rushing
141 (2002, 16 games)
141 (1988, 16 games)
138 (1984, 16 games)

Most by Passing
231 (1995, 16 games)
223 (1998, 16 games)
217 (2020, 16 games)

Most by Penalty
45 (2018, 16 games)
34 (2014, 16 games)
34 (1978, 16 games)
32 (2020, 16 games)
31 (2021, 17 games)
31 (2019, 16 games)
31 (2011, 16 games)

FUMBLES

Most Opp. Fumbles Recovered
27 (1978, 16 games)
22 (1959, 12 games)
21 (1981, 16 games)
21 (1950, 12 games)

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Thrown
36 (1978, 16 games)
29 (1958, 12 games)
28 (1974, 14 games)
28 (1955, 12 games)

Most Intercepted
39 (1986, 16 games)
33 (1951, 12 games)
27 (1981, 16 games)

PENALTIES

Most Penalties
134 (2000, 16 games)
133 (1998, 16 games)
123 (2017, 16 games)

Most Yards Penalized
1,156 (1998, 16 games)
1,135 (2000, 16 games)
1,066 (2021, 17 games)

QUARTERBACK SACKS*

Most Sacks Recorded
60 (1985, 16 games)
57 (1983, 16 games)
54 (1997, 16 games)

Most Sacks Allowed
55 (2008, 16 games)
55 (2007, 16 games)
53 (1998, 16 games)

Fewest Sacks Allowed
20 (1982, 9 games)
22 (2002, 16 games)
24 (1991, 16 games)

**Since 1982*

Best Season, Win Percentage
.938 – 1984

Best Season, Win Total
Won 15, Lost 1 – 1984

Worst Season, Win Percentage
.125 – 1978, 1979, 2004, 2016

Longest Winning Streak
15 – 11/27/89 to 11/18/90

Longest Winning Streak at Home
19 – 12/23/96 to 10/3/99

Longest Losing Streak at Home
11 – 10/2/16 to 11/5/17

Longest Winning Streak on Road
18 – 11/27/88 to 12/30/90

Longest Losing Streak on Road
18 – 12/4/77 to 12/16/79

Longest Losing Streak
13 – 9/18/16 to 12/18/16

Most Consecutive Wins to Start Season
10 – 1990

Most Consecutive Wins to End Season
9 – 1984

Most Consecutive Losses to Start Season
9 – 2017

Most Consecutive Losses to End Season
5 – 1963

Total Shutouts by 49ers
31 – Last at Was. (10/20/19)

Most Shutouts in a Season
3 – 2001

Most Consecutive Games Scored Points
420 – 10/16/77 to 9/19/04

Largest Comeback Victory
38–35 (OT) victory vs. New Orleans at Candlestick Park, December 7, 1980 (came back from 35–7 deficit in 2nd qtr.)

49ERS SINGLE-GAME TEAM RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points Scored
56 vs. Atl. (10/18/92)
55 at Det. (12/19/93)
52 vs. Chi. (12/23/91)
52 vs. Chi. (12/19/65)
51 vs. Min. (12/8/84)
51 vs. Car. (10/27/19)

Most Points Allowed
61 at Chi. (12/12/65)
59 at Dal. (10/12/80)
56 vs. LAN (11/9/58)

Most Points by Both Teams
94 49ers 48, Saints 46 (at NO), 12/8/19
83 49ers 41, Vikings 42 (at SF), 10/24/65
81 49ers 20, Bears 61 (at Chi.), 12/12/65

Most Points Scored in 1st Quarter
27 vs. GB (12/7/58)
21 (Several times) Last: vs. Min. (12/18/95)

Most Points Allowed in 1st Quarter
24 at Chi. (10/29/06)

Most Points Scored in 2nd Quarter
28 at Min. (9/8/83)
28 vs. LA Rams (10/28/51)
24 (Several times) Last: at Det. (9/12/21)

Most Points Allowed in 2nd Quarter
28 at Min. (9/29/63)
27 at NYG (10/14/79)

Most Points Scored in 1st Half
42 vs. Atl. (10/18/92)
41 at Min. (9/8/83)
38 vs. LA Rams (10/28/51)

Most Points Allowed in 1st Half
41 at Chi. (10/29/06)
38 at Dal. (10/12/80)

Most Points Scored in 3rd Quarter
21 vs. Arz. (1/2/11)
21 at NO (9/4/88)
21 at StL (9/18/83)
21 vs. Hou. (12/13/81)
21 vs. NO (10/21/73)

Most Points Allowed in 3rd Quarter
24 vs. StL (10/6/74)
21 (Several times) Last: at Den. (10/19/14)

Most Points Scored in 4th Quarter
28 vs. Chi. (12/22/91)
28 at Phi. (9/24/89)
28 at LA Rams (10/23/83)

Most Points Allowed in 4th Quarter
28 at StL (12/30/02)
24 at NE (12/16/12)
23 vs. Phi. (10/12/08)

Most Points Scored in 2nd Half
35 vs. Atl. (9/15/85)
31 at LA Rams (10/23/83)
30 vs. NO (10/21/73)

Most Points Allowed in 2nd Half
36 at NO (11/23/69)
35 at Jac. (9/12/99)

Most Decisive Victory
49 49ers 49 at Lions 0, 10/1/61

Most Decisive Loss
45 Cowboys 59 vs. 49ers 14, 10/12/80

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Scored
8 vs. Atl. (10/18/92)
7 vs. Car. (10/27/19)
7 vs. Arz. (12/7/03)
7 at Det. (12/19/93)
7 vs. Chi. (12/23/91)
7 vs. LA Rams (12/27/87)
7 at Atl. (10/29/72)
7 vs. Chi. (9/19/65))
7 at Det. (10/1/61)
7 vs. GB (12/7/58)
7 vs. Dal. Texans (10/26/52)

Most Allowed
9 at Chi. (12/12/65)
8 at Dal. (10/12/80)
8 at LA Rams (11/9/58)

Most Scored by Rushing
6 at Det. (10/1/61)

Most Allowed by Rushing
5 at Chi. (12/12/65)
5 vs. Chi. (10/28/56)
5 vs. Cle. (10/2/55)

Most Scored by Passing
6 at Atl. (10/14/90)

Most Allowed by Passing
5 (7 times) Last: at NO (12/8/19)

KICKING

Most Field Goals Made
6 vs. Ten. (12/17/17)
6 vs. Atl. (9/29/96)
6 at NO (10/16/83)

Most Field Goals Allowed
6 vs. Arz. (10/2/05), Mex. City

NET YARDS

Most Yards Gained
621 vs. Buf. (10/7/12) (311 rush, 310 pass)
598 vs. Buf. (9/13/92) (159 rush, 439 pass)
597 vs. Bal. (12/13/53) (252 rush, 345 pass)
590 vs. Atl. (10/18/92) (191 rush, 399 pass)

Most Yards Allowed
584 at Chi. (12/12/65) (183 rush, 401 pass)
583 at Phi. (9/18/05) (140 rush, 443 pass)
577 vs. LA Rams (11/9/58) (324 rush, 253 pass)

Fewest Yards Gained
61 at Det. (10/6/63) (71 rush, –10 pass)
81 vs. GB (12/10/60) (71 rush, 10 pass)
88 vs. LA Rams (11/21/76) (70 rush, 18 pass)

Fewest Yards Allowed
44 vs. Atl. (10/23/76) (83 rush, –39 pass)
65 at Det. (10/12/52) (40 rush, 25 pass)
82 vs. NO (10/21/73) (97 rush, –15 pass)

FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs
36 vs. Ind. (10/18/98)
33 vs. Hou. (11/8/87)
32 vs. LA Rams (11/20/94)

Most First Downs Allowed
32 at NE (12/16/12)
32 at StL (9/17/00)

Fewest First Downs
3 vs. Bal. (11/22/59)
5 at Bal. (10/13/63)

Fewest First Downs Allowed
2 vs. NO (10/21/73)
4 at Det. (10/12/52)

Most by Rushing
21 vs. Det. (12/14/98)
20 at Min. (10/15/61)

Fewest by Rushing
0 at Min. (12/14/69)
0 at Bal. (10/13/63)

Most Allowed by Rushing
19 at GB (10/11/59)

Fewest Allowed by Rushing
0 (8 times) Last: at StL (9/26/13)

Most by Passing
24 at Cin. (12/5/99)
24 at Atl. (10/14/90)

Most Allowed by Passing
25 at NYJ (9/21/80)
23 vs. Dal. (11/10/63)

Fewest by Passing
1 (6 times) Last: vs. TB (10/30/05)

Fewest Allowed by Passing
0 vs. NO (10/21/73)
0 vs. LA Rams (10/10/71)

Most by Penalty
8 at NO (10/11/98)

Most Allowed by Penalty
8 vs. Oak. (10/8/00)

RUSHING

Most Attempts
59 at Min. (12/4/77)
56 vs. Det. (10/25/63)
56 at GB (Milw.) (10/10/54)
56 vs. Bal. (10/29/50)

Most Attempts Allowed
62 at Chi. (11/19/50)
59 at Dal. (10/12/80)

Fewest Attempts
10 at GB (11/22/09)

Most Yards Gained
355 vs. SD (12/20/14)
328 vs. Det. (12/14/98)
324 at Min. (10/15/61)

Most Yards Allowed
324 at LA Rams (11/9/58)

Fewest Yards Gained
5 vs. Hou. (12/7/75)
12 at Min. (12/14/69)

Fewest Yards Allowed
7 at Arz. (10/29/12)
7 at NO (10/1/72)

49ERS SINGLE-GAME TEAM RECORDS

PASSING

Most Attempts
63 vs. Phi. (11/25/02)
60 at Was. (12/17/86)
57 vs. Arz. (10/10/04)
57 at Atl. (10/6/85)

Most Attempts Allowed
65 at NE (12/16/12)
61 at GB (10/14/96)
60 at NYJ (9/21/80)
58 vs. NYJ (9/6/98)
58 at Mia. (9/28/86)
58 at Was. (12/1/85)

Fewest Attempts
8 vs. NO (11/27/77)
8 vs. Min. (11/29/76)
12 at Atl. (11/6/77)
12 at GB (9/12/76)
12 vs. LAN (10//28/51)

Fewest Attempts Allowed
4 vs. NO (10/15/78)
6 at NYG (10/16/77)
7 at NO (11/13/77)

Most Completions
38 vs. Arz. (10/10/04)
37 at Atl. (10/6/85)
36 at Dal. (12/8/02)
36 vs. Phi. (11/25/02)
36 vs. Chi. (12/17/00)

Most Completions Allowed
42 at NYJ (11/21/80)
41 at NYG (10/11/15)
38 at Det. (9/12/21)
37 vs. Atl. (12/23/13)
36 at NE (12/16/12)
35 at Arz. (11/25/07)
35 at LA Rams (10/27/85)
35 at Mia. (9/28/86)

Fewest Completions
1 at Chi. (11/13/05)
3 vs. Min. (11/29/76)
4 vs. Pit. (9/19/77)

Fewest Completions Allowed
2 vs. NO (10/15/78)
2 at NYG (10/16/77)
2 vs. LA Rams (10/10/71)

Most Yards Gained (gross)
488 at LA Rams (11/29/93)
476 at Atl. (10/14/90)
458 at LA Rams (12/11/89)

Most Yards Allowed (gross)
486 at Arz. (11/25/07)
471 vs. Was. (12/26/99)
460 vs. Dal. (11/10/63)

Fewest Yards Gained (gross)
28 at Chi. (11/13/05)
32 vs. Min. (11/29/76)
33 at LAN (11/4/51)
34 vs. GB (12/10/60)

Fewest Yards Allowed (gross)
13 vs. Chi. (9/16/62)
13 vs. LA Rams (10/10/71)
17 vs. NO (10/21/73)
31 vs. NO (10/15/78)

PENALTIES

Most Penalties
22 at Buf. (10/4/98)
16 at Atl. (1/3/00)
15 at Det. (10/16/11)
15 vs. Car. (12/8/96)
15 at Was. (11/17/86)

Most Penalties by Opponent
17 at Atl. (11/5/78)

Fewest Penalties
0 (3 times) Last: at NO (1/6/02)

Fewest Penalties by Opponent
0 (5 times) Last: at Bal. (10/26/69)

Most Yards Penalized
178 at Buf. (10/4/98)
177 at LA Rams (9/18/94)
168 at StL (10/24/71)

Most Yards Opponent Penalized
165 at Min. (10/13/66)
136 at LA Rams (10/8/78)
135 vs. StL (11/14/10)
133 vs. Cin. (10/1/78)

Fewest Yards Penalized
0 (3 times) Last: at NO (1/6/02)

Fewest Yards Opponent Penalized
0 (5 times) Last: at Bal. (10/26/69)

FUMBLES

Most Committed
10 at Det. (12/17/78)

Most Lost
6 at Min. (10/15/61)
6 at Cle. (11/12/50)

Most Committed by Opponent
8 vs. Min. (10/24/65)
8 at NYG (12/1/57)

Most Lost by Opponent
6 at NYG (12/1/57)

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Intercepted
7 at TB (9/7/86)
6 vs. NO (9/14/97)
6 vs. NE (11/30/80)
6 at Chi. (10/17/54)
6 vs. LA Rams (10/28/51)

Most Thrown
7 at LA Rams (10/18/64)
6 vs. Bal. (12/5/59)
6 at Det. (11/4/73)

Most Interception Yards
171 vs. StL (11/26/95)
163 at GB (10/26/86)

Most Interception Yards By Opponent
314 at LA Rams (10/18/64)
147 vs. Was. (12/18/04)

TURNOVERS

Most Forced by Defense
9 at Oak. (12/20/70), 4 FRs, 5 INTs
8 vs. NO (9/14/97), 2 FRs, 6 INTs
8 vs. Cin. (10/1/78), 3 FRs, 5 INTs
8 at Chi. (10/17/54), 2 FRs, 6 INTs

Most Committed
10 at Dal. (10/12/80), 5 FRs, 5 INTs
9 at Cle. (11/12/50), 6 FRs, 3 INTs

PUNTS

Most Punts
11 vs. LA Rams (11/21/76)
11 at Chi. (10/17/54)

Most Punts by Opponent
12 vs. Det. (10/23/77)
12 vs. LA Rams (11/21/76)

Fewest Punts
0 (8 times) Last at NYG (9/27/20)

Fewest Punts by Opponent
0 (2 times) Last: at NO (10/20/02)

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns
9 vs. NO (10/17/76)
9 at Atl. (10/29/72)
8 (6 times) Last: vs. StL (11/21/82)

Most Punt Returns by Opponent
9 at Det. (10/6/63)
9 vs. Atl. (10/9/77)

Most Punt Return Yards
146 vs. Phi. (9/27/59)
141 vs. NO (10/17/76)
137 vs. LAN (1/2/83)

Most Punt Return Yards by Opponent
231 at Det. (10/6/63)
166 vs. LA Rams (10/25/81)

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns
10 vs. SD (10/15/06)
9 (6 times): Last vs. Phi. (10/12/08)

Most Kickoff Returns by Opponent
10 vs. Atl. (9/29/96)
9 (6 times) Last vs. Chi. (9/7/03)

Most Kickoff Return Yards
256 at Det. (11/14/54)
248 at Det. (9/23/62)

Most Kickoff Return Yards by Opponent
260 at Dal. (11/11/65)
233 vs. NO (9/21/86)

SACKS

Most Sacks Made
10 vs. NYG (11/23/80)
10 at LA Rams (10/11/76)
10 vs. LA Rams (12/6/64)

Most Sacks Allowed
9 at Cle. (12/13/15)
9 at Bal. (11/24/11)
9 at GB (11/1/98)
9 vs. LA Rams (12/18/88)

ALL-TIME TEAM HIGHS AND LOWS

49ERS HIGHS			CATEGORY	49ERS LOWS		
56	vs. Atl.	10/18/92	POINTS	0	(13 times) last vs. TB	11/21/10
8	vs. Atl.	10/18/92	TOUCHDOWNS	0	last at Was.	10/20/19
6	at Det.	10/1/61	RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS	0	last at Den.	9/25/22
6	at Atl.	10/14/90	PASSING TOUCHDOWNS	0	last at Chi.	9/11/22
6	last vs. Ten.	12/17/17	FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED	0	last vs. GB	9/26/21
6	last vs. Ten.	12/17/17	FIELD GOALS MADE	0	last vs. Sea.	10/3/21
36	vs. Ind.	10/18/98	TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	3	vs. Bal.	11/22/59
21	vs. Det.	12/14/98	RUSHING FIRST DOWNS	0	last at Min.	12/14/69
24	(2 times) last at Cin.	12/5/99	PASSING FIRST DOWNS	1	(6 times) last vs. TB	10/30/05
621	vs. Buf.	10/7/12	TOTAL NET YARDS	61	at Det.	10/6/63
59	at Min.	12/4/77	RUSHING ATTEMPTS	10	at GB	11/22/09
355	vs. SD	12/20/14	NET RUSHING YARDS	5	vs. Hou.	12/7/75
475	at LA Rams	11/29/93	NET YARDS PASSING	–10	at Det.	10/6/63
9	(4 times) last at Cle.	12/13/15	QB SACKS ALLOWED	0	last vs. Atl.	12/19/21
488	at LA Rams	11/29/93	GROSS YARDS PASSING	28	at Chi.	11/13/05
63	vs. Phi.	11/25/02	PASS ATTEMPTS	8	(2 times) last vs. NO	11/27/77
38	vs. Arz.	10/10/04	PASS COMPLETIONS	1	at Chi.	11/13/05
7	at LA Rams	10/18/64	INTERCEPTIONS THROWN	0	last vs. Sea.	9/18/22
9	at Oak.	12/20/70	TOTAL TAKEAWAYS	0	last at Den.	9/25/22
10	at Det.	12/17/78	FUMBLES BY	0	last vs. Min.	11/28/21
6	at Min.	10/15/61	FUMBLES LOST	0	last vs. Sea.	9/18/22
11	(2 times) last vs. LAN	11/21/76	PUNTS	0	(9 times) last at Chi.	10/31/21
61.0	at Cle.	9/13/93	PUNTING AVERAGE	0	(9 times) last at Chi.	10/31/21
22	at Buf.	10/4/98	PENALTIES	0	(3 times) last at NO	1/6/02
178	at Buf.	10/4/98	YARDS PENALIZED	0	(3 times) last at NO	1/6/02

OPPONENT'S HIGHS			CATEGORY	OPPONENT'S LOWS		
61	at Chi.	12/12/65	POINTS	0	(31 times) last at Was.	10/20/19
9	at Chi.	12/12/65	TOUCHDOWNS	0	(97 times) last at NE	10/25/20
5	(3 times) last at Chi.	12/12/65	RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS	0	last at Den.	9/25/22
5	(7 times) last at NO	12/8/19	PASSING TOUCHDOWNS	0	last at Jax.	11/21/21
7	vs. NO	10/25/87	FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED	0	last vs. Sea.	9/18/22
6	at Arz.	10/2/05	FIELD GOALS MADE	0	last vs. Sea.	9/18/22
32	at StL	9/17/00	TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	2	vs. NO	10/21/73
19	at GB	10/11/59	RUSHING FIRST DOWNS	0	(8 times) last at StL	9/26/13
25	at NYJ	9/21/80	PASSING FIRST DOWNS	0	(2 times) last vs. NO	10/21/73
584	at Chi.	12/12/65	TOTAL NET YARDS	44	vs. Atl.	10/23/76
62	vs. Chi.	9/24/50	RUSHING ATTEMPTS	8	vs. StL	11/2/03
324	at LA Rams	11/9/58	NET RUSHING YARDS	7	(2 times) last at Arz.	10/29/12
456	at Arz.	11/25/07	NET YARDS PASSING	–39	vs. Atl.	10/23/76
10	(3 times) last vs. NYG	11/23/80	QB SACKS ALLOWED	0	last vs. LAR	10/18/20
486	at Arz.	11/25/07	GROSS YARDS PASSING	13	(2 times) last vs. LAN	10/10/71
65	at NE	12/16/12	PASS ATTEMPTS	4	vs. NO	10/15/78
42	vs. NYJ	9/21/80	PASS COMPLETIONS	2	(3x) vs. NO	10/15/78
7	at TB	9/7/86	INTERCEPTIONS THROWN	0	last at Ten.	12/23/21
10	at Dal.	10/12/80	TOTAL TAKEAWAYS	0	last vs. Sea.	9/18/22
8	(2 times) last vs. Min.	10/24/65	FUMBLES BY	0	last vs. LAR	1/9/22
6	at NYG	12/1/57	FUMBLES LOST	0	last vs. Sea.	9/25/22
12	(2 times) last vs. Det.	10/23/77	PUNTS	0	(2 times) last at NO	10/20/02
62.0	at GB	10/21/62	PUNTING AVERAGE	0	(2 times) last at NO	10/20/02
17	at Atl.	11/5/78	PENALTIES	0	(5 times) last at Bal.	10/26/69
165	at Min.	10/13/66	YARDS PENALIZED	0	(5 times) last at Bal.	10/26/69

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John Lynch

49ers: How John Lynch's tough-love 'teddy bear' dad propelled him to Canton

By Eric Branch
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John Lynch was on his back, gasping for air, looking up at a group of concerned teammates and coaches.

But then the scenery changed for the Pop Warner quarterback of the Torrey Pines Falcons who'd had the wind knocked out of him. The only person the middle-schooler could see was his dad, John Sr., also known as Big John, a hulking 6-foot-5 former linebacker with size-15 feet who was a 13th-round pick of the Steelers in 1969.

"My dad said, 'You know, guys, I think he just needs some space,'" Lynch said. "So everybody backs up and he said, 'Johnny,' — he called me Johnny back then — 'if you ever lay on the field again for anything other than your neck, it's going to hurt a lot worse when you get home.'"

The message stuck. Lynch, a hellacious-hitting safety, would spend the rest of his football career stubbornly trying to get to his feet when told otherwise by trainers or doctors, as if his father was, again, about to enter the picture. Yes, Big John had a huge impact on his son, the 49ers' general manager who will be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, on Sunday in recognition of a 15-year career that included nine Pro Bowl berths with the Buccaneers and Broncos.

Lynch, 49, was a high school QB who was recruited by powers such as USC and Notre Dame. And he was a Stanford pitcher who was a second-round pick in the 1992 Major League Baseball Draft. He owes much of his ability to his mom, Cathy, a runner and golfer known as the family's best athlete. But the man who once knocked out his brother-in-law, Bears tight end John Allred, and was placed among the 10 most feared hitters in league history by NFL Films, is known more for his on-field intensity than athleticism. And that defining quality was transferred from Big John.

His dad was his Little League manager … who was ejected from multiple games (John Sr. didn't dispute the charge: "I'm still chagrined. What was I thinking? But at the time it was damn important to us.") And his dad once chartered a jet to Pullman, Wash., hours after his son verbally committed to Washington State on a recruiting trip and had pointed words for Cougars coach Dennis Erickson (His reaction when this was mentioned: "Oh my Lord.")

And his dad was livid with Stanford quarterbacks coach Ron Turner after his son, a backup QB who was never given a start, was moved to safety. (Explained John Sr.: "I used to get really pissed off at Ron Turner for not playing him and I'd give him the evil eye.") And his dad had a supporting role in what Lynch terms the best performance of his football career. That was in Stanford's upset win over Notre Dame in 1992 in which Lynch's helmet was taken away after he suffered a concussion.

Recalled Lynch of his dad's message from his seat near Stanford's sideline in an era where concussion protocols were nonexistent: "It was something like, 'Get your helmet and get back in the you-know-what game.'"

Lynch laughs as he relays such stories, but he also has reflected deeply on his influences while preparing for induction weekend. And he wants to place his dad in proper context.

Yes, Big John began taking his three children to 5:30 a.m. workouts at a San Diego gym when John was 8, Kara was 10 and Ryan was 5. But then he'd take them to Mass at St. James in Solana Beach, followed by a trip to Solana Donuts because he also was passionate about faith and fun. And, yes, he'd occasionally lose his cool with teenage Little League umpires. But the businessman who built a radio empire, selling Noble Broadcast Group for $152 million in 1996, never missed his children's sporting

events despite his grueling travel schedule: He'd regularly arrive just before those Little League games after an East Coast flight — and then take the team to a Mexican restaurant or pizza joint afterward.

"My dad was tough, but tough in a good way," Lynch said. "Tough in that he had expectations. He was also incredibly loving, as was my mom. They both taught that you have to dream big. And you have to set your goals high. And everything you did, you did your best. And they were such great examples because they always taught us that it was not just a nice thing, but it was responsibility to give back to your community. …

"But, yeah, I'd go 4-for-5 in a Little League game and he'd say, 'What happened on the fifth one?' He did it in such a way that he pulled it off. And my mom was always there to pick me up when he was a little ticked off and I had to walk home because I was 3-for-5."

Kara, 51, who runs a health and wellness company, says her dad "expected greatness" from his children but is a "teddy bear." And Ryan, 46, a former minor-league pitcher who is the co-CEO of a real-estate investment company, terms his dad — who regularly woke him for 5 a.m. backyard batting-cage sessions — a "softy." And John Sr. was warm, self-deprecating and funny during a recent 30-minute phone interview. Asked about his anticipated emotions during his son's induction speech, he cracked: "First of all, we're Irish, so we cry when they mow the lawn."

Lynch notes his dad never even spanked his children. And Big John, asked about his reaction when John was laying down on the field with the wind knocked out him, said some of his rhetoric was for effect.

"I never would have put John in harm's way," he said. "But, yeah, basically it was, 'You get your ass back in there.'"

There's no question Big John forcefully directed some of his son's steps on his path to Canton.

In eighth grade, Lynch began regularly surfing with a new group of friends. His dad noticed a change in his attitude, which included an occasionally disrespectful tone with his mom. One morning, Lynch couldn't locate the surfboard he was certain he left in the garage. He called his dad at work.

"He said, 'I've got your surfboard,'" Lynch said. "'You can have it back after high school. And you'll thank me later.'"

As a senior at Torrey Pines High School, Lynch took his recruiting visit to Washington State, a trip that preceded his visit to Stanford. During his trip, he excitedly called his parents and told them he'd verbally committed. His mom mentioned he'd yet to see Stanford. His dad was mostly silent. The next morning, his dad arrived unannounced at a brunch for recruits at Erickson's house.

"My dad walks in and asks coach Erickson and me to come into a room for a moment," Lynch said, laughing. "I mean, it's not his house. I'm like, 'Dad what are you doing here?'"

Big John explained to the coach that his son would not sign until he'd visited Stanford. Erickson ended up leaving WSU for Miami a few weeks later.

At Stanford, Lynch couldn't crack the starting lineup at QB and strongly considered turning his full attention to baseball. But head coach Dennis Green convinced him to transition to safety as a junior. This time, Lynch, who knew his dad would be irate, called his parents and explained that he'd made the decision and it was final. In other words: Dad, don't intervene.

"That was kind of symbolic of me becoming a man," Lynch said. "I was like, 'I appreciate everything you've done for me, but I've got this now.'"

If not for the position switch, Lynch wouldn't have been stunned by a knock at his house in Rancho Santa Fe in January. Hall of Fame president David Baker delivered the news that Lynch, an eight-time finalist,

had finally been voted into the Hall of Fame. In the emotional ensuing celebration, Big John raised a toast to the son he'd loved deeply, pushed hard and, finally, let go — while clinging to a long-held belief.

He said, 'Cathy and I are so proud of Johnny,'" Lynch recalled, "'although I still think he would have made it as a quarterback.' I'm like, 'Dad, give it up!'"

For safety John Lynch, call to Pro Football Hall of Fame was worth waiting for

By Greg Auman
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John Lynch has had a few years to work on his acceptance speech for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. It will be carefully balanced between his 11 years with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and four with the Denver Broncos, as he made a big enough impact to make the Ring of Honor with both teams.

He also has almost a decade as a broadcaster and four-plus years as the 49ers' general manager, including a Super Bowl appearance. But to appreciate the hard-hitting safety for who he was, don't forget Aug. 28, 2008, and the easily forgotten final act of his three-week stint with the New England Patriots.

Then 36, Lynch was trying to play one more season but knew it wasn't going to happen, so he asked Bill Belichick if he could play the entire fourth preseason game, an exhibition where starters (and future Hall of Famers) typically get the night off. He did, piling up eight tackles, down to the last few minutes of an otherwise meaningless game.

"I will tell you, I'm not sure I ever had more fun playing than in that game," Lynch said by phone Monday. "There was something liberating: I don't care. I was blitzing when zone was called, I was acting like my old buddy Junior Seau acted in a normal game. I was such a rule follower, and Bill kept looking at me. I was just lining up where I thought the ball went. Just balling out. I knew I'm not getting coached up because I'm going home."

Third quarter, the Patriots are down 13-0 to the Giants, and Lynch makes a tackle at the 1-yard line, then another at the 1 on third down, forcing a field goal. On the last drive, with three minutes left, Lynch is still making tackles.

"I think I made three of the four tackles on a goal-line stand, and I came off the field and he was cracking up," Lynch said. "He knew what I was doing. Hopefully, to people who watched me play, they knew when they watched me: That guy loved playing football."

Of course, Lynch also made plays when it meant much more. In Tampa and Denver, he was a hard-hitting leader, making a combined nine Pro Bowls, along with two first-team All-Pro selections, both in his Bucs days. Tampa Bay's defense was a huge part of the team's rise in the late 1990s under Tony Dungy and with two other Hall of Famers in defensive tackle Warren Sapp and linebacker Derrick Brooks — culminating in a Super Bowl XXXVII win in Lynch's hometown of San Diego in January 2003.

Where Sapp and Brooks were first-ballot Hall of Famers, Lynch decidedly wasn't. He had come painfully close before, as this was his eighth year as a finalist, consistently making it into the room for debate only to see others, even at his position, chosen instead.

"I knew full well it was an uphill battle, just because that position hadn't been recognized in the Hall, as much as I felt like it should have," Lynch said. "A lot of people felt that way and started recognizing it, but nothing was getting done."

Canton is just coming to appreciate the safety position — Lynch will be joined by two contemporaries in Steve Atwater and Troy Polamalu, both part of last year's class but included in the same enshrinement ceremonies. Their arrival comes after Brian Dawkins in 2018 and Ed Reed in 2019, making five modern-era safeties in four years.

"I don't know what was the first domino. Maybe Dawkins," Lynch said. "I was just happy, truly was, that a safety went in because I felt like that would start the dominoes, and here it's gone, with Kenny Easley (2017) and myself and Troy Polamalu and Steve Atwater. When you look at the playoffs every year, there's a safety who's playing well and really taking over games. I think it's the nature of the position.

You're asked to do a little of everything, and it takes a very versatile and talented player. The impact on the game is real."

Atwater, who went to eight Pro Bowls for the Broncos, remembers waiting to hear the results of the Hall selection committee, hoping that if he couldn't get in that a fellow safety like Lynch would.

"It's pretty cool that we're going to end up going in the same year," Atwater said. "We've talked about this time and time again. We were in Atlanta (in 2019), were both finalists, and I got the call from David Baker that I wasn't going to be inducted that year. I was like 'Dag-gone it,' but I was happy for the other guys who got in. I got on the bus to go over to the stadium. I didn't see John on the bus, so I assumed he got in. I was like, 'Yes, finally, John got in,' and, obviously, I found out he didn't. It's going to be special that we go in together."

Lynch, who turns 50 in September, is remembered as a feared hitter. While he has been retired only 14 years, the game has changed, with more rules now to protect players and reduce the risk of concussions. Lynch takes exception, even offense, to any question of how he would have fared in today's NFL, recalling that there was more to his game than just an outdated physicality.

"Yeah, I got fined, and I had the ire of the league a little bit," Lynch said. "But really, if you polled players, I was known as a clean player. I played within the rules, but that's how the game was taught back then. I learned from guys like Ronnie Lott. They let you know: This is your area. You let people know: They come in there, they pay a price. That was my instinct, anyhow. We weren't cheating. That was the rules then."

Lynch's future was uncertain due to neck surgeries when the Bucs unceremoniously let him go in 2004, but he made the most of four years in Denver, a second chapter much like fellow enshrinee Peyton Manning or former teammate Champ Bailey. The Broncos made the playoffs in each of the first two years, and Lynch made the Pro Bowl all four seasons, a rare player beloved in two cities.

He has stayed in football and shown his versatility, joining the broadcast booth the same year he was with the Patriots and staying there for nine seasons. He went straight to a GM job in San Francisco, guiding the 49ers to the Super Bowl in 2019, and will now work with coach Kyle Shanahan to get them back in playoff contention this season.

First, he can enjoy next week's long-awaited recognition, so he now can join Sapp, Brooks and Dungy forever in Canton. He's grateful for his old teammates, not only for how they helped him on the field in winning the Bucs' first championship, but for their lobbying efforts on his behalf to help him get a bust of his own.

"Those guys never stopped having my back and letting people know," Lynch said. "Each in their own way. Warren not as often, but when he did, he went big. And Brooks constantly, behind the scenes, calling voters. Derrick wouldn't even tell me, but I'd hear from people: 'Your guy Brooks.' I think more than anything, the fact that those guys believed in me, that I belonged, that they always stuck by me, that's the bond that we created. This is special, and it's important to me."

That will come up in his speech in Canton, and he'll put in a good word for another Bucs defender, Ronde Barber, a Hall of Fame finalist this past season.

"I think there's room for more, and a guy like Ronde Barber, he belongs. He did everything he needed to be in there, and I'll be beating that drum now, hopefully not for years to come, hopefully not long. I know he belongs."

49ers' GM John Lynch will be the one to watch in 2019

By Eric Branch
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Last year, after he was hired despite having zero executive experience, 49ers general manager John Lynch was asked about his nontraditional path from a Fox broadcast booth to a front office.

In response, Lynch noted his entire football career had been unique.

At Stanford, where he finished as an All-America safety, he spent his first two seasons as a never-used quarterback. In the NFL, where he finished with nine Pro Bowl selections, he didn't become a full-time starter until his fourth season.

"So," Lynch said, "there's a lot of things in my life that haven't been conventional."

Two seasons into his latest football job, Lynch's history should be comforting for restless 49ers fans: The Stanford graduate, Pro Football Hall of Fame finalist and well-respected broadcaster has enjoyed gobs of success, but it hasn't come overnight.

Now, after an early GM tenure featuring mixed results, this coming offseason would be an opportune time for Lynch to kick-start his career in the same way he did at Stanford and Tampa Bay.

The 49ers will enter year three of their down-to-the-studs rebuild with two straight seasons of at least 10 losses and significant roster holes remaining at edge rusher, cornerback, wide receiver and inside linebacker. They have just five draft picks, having traded a 2019 fifth-round selection and a seventh-rounder, but have the NFL's third-highest amount of salary-cap space.

To be clear, this pivotal offseason isn't all on Lynch: He has a joint partnership with head coach Kyle Shanahan on personnel decisions, but it's the GM who is most closely associated with their roster moves. This season, it's been Lynch's Twitter handle to which fans have directed complaints about the regime's 2017 draft.

That 10-man group began with five picks that range from disastrous to shaky: defensive tackle Solomon Thomas (first round), inside linebacker Reuben Foster (first), cornerback Ahkello Witherspoon (third), quarterback C.J. Beathard (third) and running back Joe Williams (fourth).

Foster, who slipped in the draft because of character concerns, was released in November after his third arrest and Williams was released in August without playing a regular-season snap. Meanwhile, Thomas, a No. 3 pick, has four career sacks, Witherspoon was benched twice this season and Beathard, who took over for the injured Jimmy Garoppolo, lost his job to third-stringer Nick Mullens.

Making those five selections uglier: The 49ers gave up fourth-, fifth- and seventh-round picks to trade up for Foster, Williams and Beathard, respectively.

Despite that start, however, no one is linking Lynch to Matt Millen, another successful player and broadcaster who flopped after becoming the Lions' GM with no front-office experience.

And that's because there have been finds mixed in with the flops. Most notable among those is Pro Bowl tight end George Kittle, a 2017 fifth-round pick who turned out to be one of the best selections in his draft. In addition, the 2018 haul, headlined by right tackle Mike McGlinchey (first round), wide receiver Dante Pettis (second) and inside linebacker Fred Warner (third), is encouraging.

And his second draft suggests Lynch has done a better job of trusting his instincts in his new job.
Last year, Lynch, among the hardest-hitting safeties in NFL history, initially had strong misgivings about Witherspoon, who often shied away from contact at Colorado. He became convinced Witherspoon would

change in the NFL based partly on a conversation with his college coach, but Witherspoon's finesse tackling has been an issue in his second season.

Similarly, Lynch didn't have Williams on the 49ers' draft board because he questioned his love for football after the running back "retired" before returning to Utah during his final season. However, Shanahan thought Williams was an ideal fit for his offense. And Lynch reversed course after a phone conversation with Williams hours before the 49ers drafted him.

After his first season, Shanahan said Williams needed to have more "urgency." The player hasn't resurfaced in the NFL since he was released Aug. 31.

The back-and-forth between Lynch and Shanahan regarding Williams is known because Lynch shared the story with reporters during last year's draft.

It's an example of Lynch's transparency. And it's in stark contrast to his tight-lipped predecessor, Trent Baalke, who once said of the 49ers: "When are we ever transparent?"

Lynch has generally hit the right notes when speaking publicly, but there have been exceptions. In November, for example, Lynch said in a radio interview he thought the 49ers had enjoyed "two good drafts" since he'd been hired.

Perhaps it was a momentary slip. After all, Lynch knows about genuine achievement. And in 2019, and beyond, he'll have a chance to replicate the type of success he, eventually, enjoyed in his playing career.

Why is John Lynch doing this? Inside new 49ers GM's crash course

By Eric Branch
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Former NFL safety John Lynch recently detonated his idyllic life as though it was a wide receiver crossing the middle. The impact sent him to Santa Clara while his wife and four children stayed in San Diego.

The separation is temporary. His family will join the new 49ers general manager at the end of the school year. But the months apart will be arduous.

That became clear earlier this month. Lynch, 45, in a suit and tie after his introductory news conference, was asked, as he leaned against a counter in the media room at Levi's Stadium, why he'd swapped serenity for stress. All GM jobs are demanding, but Lynch's could be particularly grueling, at least initially: He has no executive experience and is in the midst of a front-office crash course.

Before joining the 49ers, the 15-year NFL veteran spent eight years as a well-respected Fox broadcaster, and his work-half-the-year gig let him stay close to family as well as football. So why accept an all-consuming job he didn't need? The GM suggested Linda Lynch had posed the same question.

"My wife keeps on saying, 'Are you sure?'" Lynch said. "I said, 'Well, this has already started. We're in.'"

His response inspired laughter. Lynch was smiling, too, but then the grin faded and his eyes pooled with tears.

"I tell you, I've never been apart from my family," said Lynch, his voice cracking with emotion he didn't anticipate. "So it's been gut-wrenching already."

His tears, of course, make his recent decision even more perplexing.

Why is John Lynch doing this?

The answer involves the craving for competition that fuels countless athletes and often can't be satisfied after the final whistle.

As a Fox analyst, Lynch quickly ascended to the No. 2 broadcast team, but he found success without a scoreboard unsatisfying. At the end of a telecast, the nine-time Pro Bowl player and four-time Hall of Fame finalist often fist-bumped his play-by-play partner and then … nothing. No anguish or elation.

"He really missed someone winning and losing at the end of a game," 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan said. "He enjoyed doing the announcing and being a part of the NFL. But the fight to go through something with a group of guys and what we go through together — it's not easy, and it's a grind for everybody, but it's worth it."

Indeed, the grind-loving competitor that lurks within the charismatic and composed Lynch has re-emerged after spending the past decade in post-playing limbo.

It's fitting that Lynch rejoined the NFL by signing his contract with the 49ers on a Sunday. During his playing career, that was typically when he transformed from mild-mannered to maniacal.

For his first five NFL seasons, cornerback Champ Bailey knew Lynch only from afar as a bone-rattling enforcer who punctuated hits with screams. In 2004, however, they became teammates with the Broncos and Bailey saw there was far more to the madman than met the eye.

Lynch is the Stanford-educated, San-Diego-bred son of a successful businessman. His father, John Lynch Sr., is the president and CEO of the Broadcast Company of the Americas, which owns three radio stations, and was the CEO of the San Diego Union-Tribune. In 2006, Lynch won the Bart Starr Award, which is given to the NFL player who best exemplifies outstanding leadership and character.

Bailey was shocked: He didn't expect the thumper to be so thoughtful.

"Man, that's what fools you about him," Bailey said. "If you meet him before you see him play, you'd never think he'd play the way he does. But, for me, I saw him play before I met him and immediately it was like, 'Dang, this is not what I expected.' I expected some nut case wanting to run through every brick wall he sees. But he wasn't. Calm, collected, he had great values, focused."

Bailey gives Lynch, who is seven years older, much of the credit for his longevity. The 12-time Pro Bowl pick also played 15 seasons — partly because he noticed how Lynch cared for his body and how his obsessive film study compensated for declining late-career skills.

"I don't really know anyone personally that would be better suited to run a team than John Lynch," Bailey said. "I believe he could be the general manager and the head coach. That's how competitive he is and how much he prepares before he does anything."

Before becoming a GM, Lynch prepared for the job by learning from his close friend, Broncos general manager John Elway. With the Hall of Fame quarterback, Lynch discussed front-office intricacies and the emptiness that was prompting him to consider an executive role.

The ultra-competitive Elway returned to the NFL in 2011 when he joined Denver's front office. During Elway's tenure, he has asked Lynch to evaluate college prospects, asked him to attend draft meetings and asked him this: Why stay in TV if you can get back in the trenches?

"I think one thing that was a common denominator (between us) was what fills up your balloon?" Elway said. "Obviously, John did a tremendous job with TV. But I think — that's what I told him — I don't know how much TV fills up your balloon, but being in this position to where you're putting a football team together, a football staff together, is very satisfying. And, obviously, it's a great challenge. The next thing to playing is being in that position."

Lynch's challenge is daunting: He's a novice who has inherited a 2-14 team with serious quarterback issues.

However, the man ranked the 10th-hardest hitter in league history by NFL Network specialized in obliterating obstacles during his football career.

At Stanford, he spent his first two seasons as a never-used quarterback, transitioned to a hybrid linebacker role as a junior and didn't start until he moved to safety his final season. The result: He left Palo Alto as a second-team All-American.

"What it really comes down to is he's extraordinarily competitive," said Tom Holmoe, a former 49ers safety who was Lynch's position coach during his senior season. "It was real early in his transition to free safety that you said, 'Oh boy, he's going to take it to the limit.'"

In the NFL, Lynch was a third-round pick of the Buccaneers whose inexperience at safety partly explained why he didn't start more than six games in any of his first three seasons.

Tampa Bay head coach Sam Wyche had been encouraged to draft Lynch by Stanford's Bill Walsh, under whom Wyche had served as an assistant with the 49ers. Lynch was a project, but Wyche was wowed by the rookie's off-the-chart intangibles, which forecast future success.

"There are players that come in and you notice their competitive spirit right away," Wyche said. "Well, with John, it just oozed out of him. He couldn't hide it. The really great players only know one speed."

Lynch earned his first Pro Bowl berth in 1997, his fifth season, and was a captain of the 2002 Buccaneers, who won a Super Bowl on the strength of one of the best defenses in NFL history. However, Tampa Bay released Lynch in a salary-cap move after the 2003 season, and the then-32-year-old underwent surgery to remove bone spurs in his neck.

It was his last significant challenge. And Lynch responded by morphing from injured and unemployed to seemingly indomitable. He signed with the Broncos and immediately had an I'm-back hit on Chiefs wide receiver Dante Hall, who was impaled by Lynch in the 2004 season opener. It set the tone for a career-ending, four-year run with Denver that featured four Pro Bowl berths.

"He absolutely came in (in 2004) with something to prove," Bailey said. "He didn't talk about it a lot, but you could see the fire in his eyes. … The guy was a presence. He knew it. He just had to prove it over again that he could play."

Now, Lynch hopes to conquer perhaps his greatest challenge.

With the 49ers, he'll attempt to resurrect a franchise while maintaining a normal life with a family that includes a 17-year-old son and daughters Lindsay, 16, Lilly, 14, and Leah, 9.

Lynch said his children and Linda, his wife of 23 years, eventually reached the point where they shared his excitement over his new job. But it will take some adjustment.

His son, Jake, might stay in San Diego and live with Lynch's parents in the fall to play his senior season of high school football. In addition, the complications of their temporary separation were clear when plane-grounding fog in San Diego prevented his family from surprising him at his introductory news conference.

Lynch, who said he's been getting little sleep, joked that he's still trying to locate his new work-life balance when asked about contacting quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

"I got chewed out for not calling my daughter before she went to bed last night," he said. "So I'm trying to get a lot of things in."

Moments later, the former NFL tough guy was fighting back tears and the moment illustrated the anguish involved in his latest task.

So, again, why is John Lynch doing this? He clearly agrees with Shanahan: It won't be easy, but it will be worth it.

The Unconventional Career Path of 49ers GM John Lynch

By Albert Breer
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Behind John Lynch's desk in Santa Clara, there are a number of bottles of wine, each one wishing him luck in his new venture as the 49ers general manager. That he got them from agents is one surprise from his first three weeks on the job.

"I'm telling you, I didn't think agents were this nice," he said over the phone on Wednesday afternoon, laughing before conceding, "They're buttering me up."

The haul of reds hasn't been the only things to catch Lynch a little off guard with this move that set the football world back on its heels at the outset of Super Bowl week. There's the breadth of the work, which goes well beyond scouting. And related to that, there's how a GM gets pulled in so many different directions during a given day.

But there's good news here, too. With a couple weeks to spare before the Niners staff packs up for Indianapolis and the scouting combine, this very much feels to Lynch—the former player and broadcaster—like what he's supposed to being doing.

"It does," he said. "I'd caution you, one thing Monte Kiffin always said to us was that the worst three words any football player can say are, 'I got it.' I'm right at the beginning stages. We're right at the beginning stages. We're taking on challenges every day. But I can tell you, I'm not overwhelmed, each day I come in and there's a routine.

"A priest once said to me, 'Think about eating a huge steak, you can't eat it all in one bite. You gotta take one bite at a time.' And that's the way we're going through it. You can get overwhelmed in this job, particularly coming in late. I got all this to do, how do I do it? Instead, we're just going about our business each day and taking things as they come. It does feel very natural."

In this week's Game Plan, we'll look at how the 2018 quarterback crop could affect the Mitch Trubiskys and Deshaun Watsons of this year, the Redskins' Kirk Cousins quandary, how the use of the franchise tag has changed dramatically over the past five years and a lot more.

But we start with the Niners' new GM, his first few weeks on the job, and why he hardly feels like a fish out of water—despite the fact that he landed in his new role without taking the traditional path to it.

Lynch's precursor to one of 32 jobs running the personnel side of an NFL franchise is comprised of 16 years as a player and some eight-and-a-half seasons working his way up in the world of football broadcasting. He, in fact, never left pro football, having been involved for the past 24 years running. And this is where, in these stories about him, you point out where he was never a scout.

That's where we'll take our left-hand turn. Let's explain why, through his words, his start has proven Lynch to be more prepared than most of the skeptics expected, and how he already has a pretty evolved vision.

His playing experience. That's beyond just having played for Denny Green, Bill Walsh, Sam Wyche, Tony Dungy, Jon Gruden, Mike Shanahan and, briefly, Bill Belichick. It also goes past figuring, between the lines and through endless film study, what makes a great NFL player. And it goes to his first experience in the pros, and being part of the 1990s Bucs' transition from doormat to dominant force.

"There's a lot of parallels," he says, comparing those Bucs with these 49ers. "There'd been constant change, so the thought process as a rookie was 'don't get close to the guy next to you, because he may not be here in a couple weeks. Don't let your wives make friends, because they're not gonna be here.' That was the culture. Everybody talks about Tony [Dungy], and Tony was certainly integral.

"But before that, Rich McKay came in and brought some stability—we're gonna draft good winning players that have certain traits, and football character. Then Tony came in and gave it more stability—these are the schemes we're gonna play. We're not deviating in Week 1 or Week 2 if it's not working. We're sticking to them."

His TV experience. Lynch settled in Denver after his playing career and grew close to John Elway. So when Elway took the Broncos' job in 2011, he'd get after Lynch about leaving broadcasting to work for a team. To that end, in 2012, Elway had him write reports on safeties in the draft. In 2013, Lynch sat in Denver's draft meetings for a month.

Now, Lynch maintains that he followed advice he got from Mike Tomlin in Tampa: Be where you're at. He was focused on his job with Fox, and was moving up in the ranks there. Still, he knew, as he puts it, "What was missing was a scoreboard." And so Elway's poking, plus working to be prepared as a broadcaster, opened the door to Lynch subconsciously developing team-building beliefs in the course of his work.

"I wasn't out there soaking up information from organizations as I went in their buildings, I was trying to be the best broadcaster I could be," he explains. "But you're meeting with the quarterback, you're meeting with the head coach, the GM usually comes and finds you, you're meeting with coordinators on both sides, you're meeting with finest players in the league. … So it challenges your mind."

His Broncos experience. At one point, Elway discussed hiring Lynch before deciding he didn't have the right role for him. In the end, the Broncos GM may have given him something more valuable than a job—an open-door to his own experiences growing into the role without the traditional career path behind him. Two pieces of advice stuck with Lynch. First, Elway said "hire some good people around you," which Lynch now jokes was to Elway's detriment, since Lynch's first hire was one of Elway's best people—new 49ers VP of player personnel Adam Peters. Second, Elway told Lynch that he had to learn to close his door, which seems simple, but relates to time management as a boss.

"Day 1, all I wanted to do was turn on the tape of the San Francisco 49ers to see what we have," Lynch says. "And it wasn't until 4:30 that I finally turned the tape on, because I was meeting people, meeting the trainer, going through the office. But that was very important too. That's how it is. … You also have to learn to close your door. You need your quiet time to yourself where you can just get stuff done."

His life experience. Lynch says that, at the end of his playing career, "You're always saying, 'I haven't come close to knowing it all, there's always something I can improve on.'" He took that thirst to learn into broadcasting, and he plans to take that humility into his new job, too. "I think that'll be the case 15 years from now," he says.

Early on, it's been small stuff. At the Super Bowl, both college and NFL players would approach him, and he'd wonder, Is this tampering? He's leaned on Peters and fellow new hire, and former Lions GM Martin Mayhew, for help in those areas. And he knows he has a lot to learn elsewhere. So yes, he'll delegate some. But what's as important is that he maintains that quest for knowledge in all areas.

"Part of the interview process was, 10 characteristics of a GM, go 1-10 on what you'd be strongest at," he says. "And I just followed my heart. Setting the tone and vision for a building, that was 1. Negotiating salary cap and contracts, right off the bat, I had that as 10, because I haven't done it. So listen, I'm gonna have to rely on some people. But I will learn that, because I think to be good at it, you can't just say, 'that's my guy over there.' You gotta learn it and be a part of it."

So why will this work? I don't know if it will, because these are hard things to forecast. But I do think that Lynch and head coach Kyle Shanahan have a chance, and not just because both are competitive, smart and driven football junkies. My feeling is it's more because Shanahan has a very defined vision for a football team, and Lynch has a clear-headed idea of how to build that, and they share a lot of ideals.

Getting that alignment was a stated goal of CEO Jed York's during the GM/coach search, and it looks like San Francisco has that at this early juncture. On Tuesday, Shanahan gave a lengthy, detailed presentation for the scouts on what his staff would be looking for at each position. And that adds detail to the character traits Lynch has talked to his scouts about seeking.

One that Lynch calls "critical" is football character. "You gotta live it and breathe it," he says.

The 49ers GM certainly does, and he's gotten to work in surrounding himself with others that do, too. Which is probably why none of this feels unnatural to him at all.

Paraag Marathe

The fall and rise of Paraag Marathe: How the maligned 'numbers guy' endures as 49ers front-office force

By Dan Brown
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He's still here. Paraag Marathe, the whiz kid hired nearly 20 years ago to lead the 49ers' analytics revolution, is sitting in a gorgeous executive office overlooking the 49ers practice field on a recent autumn afternoon.

He's still here, having outlasted both of the executives who hired him, the coaches he helped hire and the pitchforks that tried to run him out of town.

Marathe, and he alone among the 49ers' top decision-makers, proved impervious to the free-swinging axe of the tumultuous early 2000s, thriving even as three general managers (Terry Donahue, Scot McCloughan and Trent Baalke) and six head coaches were cut down.
The GMs and coaches all fell. Marathe rose.

He's still here, in his 19th season, having endured the outrageous slings and arrows of sports-talk radio. For a spell a few years ago, criticism turned so vicious that one of his most famous supporters considering going incognito to defend him on the radio dial.
Go ahead, Billy from Oakland, you're on the air …

"I've never called a sports-talk radio show, but I remember hearing it and I wanted to disguise my voice and call in,'' A's executive vice president Billy Beane said in a recent phone interview. "I knew Paraag personally and I knew him professionally. He's an infectious personality and a high-energy guy."

Beane, the foremost expert when it comes to resistance to data-driven roster-making, said he's met four young intellects in his life whose smarts, personality and creativity wowed him from their very first meeting: current A's GM David Forst, former Dodgers GM and current Cleveland Browns executive Paul DePodesta, Giants president Farhad Zaidi … and Paraag Marathe.

"My first impression? I wanted to hire him,'' Beane said. "And then as time when on, I realized the more likely scenario was that he would hire me."

Not everyone was on board from the start of Marathe's 49ers career in 2000, however, especially not within 49ers headquarters. Former staffers from that era recall a near mutiny among coaches when they got a load of the newly hired Marathe and his data-harvesting staff evaluating game tape. As one former assistant coach said by phone recently: "These guys didn't even know the plays. They didn't know what a shovel pass was. They didn't know what a screen pass was. They didn't know any of that."

In those days? Critics saw Marathe as a numbers nerd whose lack of football acumen played a damaging role in plunging a proud NFL franchise into a prolonged abyss. Multiple sources interviewed earlier this month still recall, with more than a trace of bitterness, what they describe as a reckless naiveté that infuriated coaches, insulted veteran players and had NFL agents threatening to no longer do business with the 49ers. Detractors rankled at the idea that the young Stanford MBA held sway in the coaching booth, where he weighed in on replay challenges while actual NFL coaches sat idly by.

Particularly galling to several sources was the way Donahue and Marathe orchestrated a purge of high-priced veterans that essentially severed the lineage of a Super Bowl dynasty. The ensuing leadership void in the 49ers locker room left the franchise adrift for years. "That falls on the Terry Donahue and Paraag Marathe,'' one former executive said. "They destroyed the 49ers way."

And now? Marathe is the chief contract negotiator and salary-cap architect for an undefeated franchise that is stable, healthy and trending straight-arrow up. Additional sources interviewed this month described Marathe as an affable and respected NFL mind with a reputation for both diplomacy and financial creativity.

John Lynch, now in his third season as general manager, said Marathe has been instrumental in helping the front office transform the 49ers into a 7-0 juggernaut.

“I really wasn’t privy to a lot of the preconceived notions. So when people talk about ‘perceptions,’ I don’t know that,” Lynch said Tuesday. “All I know is what I know from working with him: And I would say he’s been great. He’s been invaluable to me.”
Marathe has fans outside the building, too.

“He’s one of the most talented front-office executives I’ve dealt with in my 32 years as a certified agent in the National Football League,’’ super-agent Drew Rosenhaus said by phone.

Said another high-profile agent, David Mulugheta, who represents superstar players such as Aaron Rodgers and Deshaun Watson: “From a professional standpoint, it’s refreshing. He’s super intelligent and straight forward. He does his homework. He’s someone you can trust.”

Marathe, after months of requests from The Athletic, recently sat down for an extended conversation about his evolution from mysterious numbers cruncher to franchise power broker to enduring figure in the front office. Initially hired as a draft consultant, his exalted job title these days barely squeezes onto a single business card: He is the President of 49ers Enterprises and Executive Vice President of Football Operations.

He’s not only still here, and he’s kinda everywhere. There is a football in his office, but also a soccer ball (Marathe guided an effort by 49ers Enterprises to purchase a minority ownership in the Leeds United Football Club). There’s also a cricket bat (Marathe was unanimously elected as the Chair of the USA Cricket Board last October).

Still youthful looking at 42, he’s one of a handful of people inside 49ers headquarters whose front-office career spans from Bill Walsh to Lynch.

Marathe spoke unflinchingly of his tumultuous early days and also explained why the new guard, Lynch and Kyle Shanahan, have him “probably the most excited I’ve ever been about this team.”

Mostly, Marathe helped answer the question of how, against all odds, he’s still here.

He was hired, quite literally, to figure out if a computer could do the same thing as Walsh’s brain. The 49ers wanted a data expert to analyze the value of specific draft spots and create a handy value chart. The chart would serve as a quick reference guide for potential draft-day trades for teams looking to move up or down the board — is it worth it to trade the 27th overall pick for the 48th and 61st?

Such charts had been around forever, but the 49ers figured they could get an edge with a modern deep dive from a prestigious market analyst. The team reached out to the Bain & Co. consulting company — Marathe says Walsh himself made the call — and asked for help. Internally, Bain tapped Marathe for the task because the third-year man already had a few sports-related projects on his résumé.

Marathe jumped at the chance. He’d been a 49ers fan since he was 6, back when his parents owned and operated a Round Table Pizza in Saratoga. In a way, he’d been waiting for the call. Whenever he filled out business school applications, he always answered the question about his career aspirations with: “I want a chance to run a sports team.”

Cracking the code to draft day was an ideal place to start. His analysis proved so incisive that Donahue hired him shortly after they met.

"Bill always did it on instinct, so my job was to figure out, 'How did they arrive at this chart, this curve from pick No. 1 to pick 250?' Then I had to figure out: What was a better way to do it?" Marathe said.

After he finished devising what he calls the "exchange rate" for draft slots, he went back and applied them to Walsh's old draft trades to see how the system paired up. And old school and new school matched up essentially to a "T".

"The 'aha!' moment was that we were trying to replicate the genius of his mind,'' Marathe said.

Repeating the art behind Walsh's actual draft-day triumphs, however, proved to be a challenge. And it was a bumpy changing of the guard. By the early 2000s, Walsh's influence was fading. He'd come back as kind of a quick-fix GM in 1999, then remained in the fold in lesser roles, including as a team consultant through 2004. It appeared as if ownership was nudging him toward the door, intent on starting a fresh legacy.

Donahue, who worked under Walsh as the director of player personnel, took over as full-fledged GM in 2001. But it got awkward as early as the first round of his first draft, according to an assistant coach who was in the room that day.

The 49ers wanted Andre Carter, a ferocious defensive end from Cal, with the No. 9 pick. The problem, the assistant coach said, is that Donahue had dropped too many hints in the media about the 49ers' interest in Carter. That piqued the Chicago Bears' interest, and they started making noise about swiping Carter at No. 8. According to the former assistant coach, Donahue began to panic that the 49ers would miss their guy by one pick.

The room sensed his fear.

"And then Bill Walsh stood up and said — and these were his exact words — 'Shut the fuck up. I'm taking over,'" the assistant recalled by phone.
The witness said that Walsh immediately dialed his old friend, Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren, and swung a trade that allowed the 49ers to leapfrog the Bears to No. 7, where they could safely get their man.

"And then Walsh turned around and said: 'That's the way you run a draft. You don't open your fucking mouth at all about anything that we want to do,'" the former assistant said.

Marathe also got a glimpse of Walsh's draft-day edginess, according to another former staffer who witnessed the scene. The exact details of the deal are lost to memory, but the staffer recalls Walsh reaching agreement on the parameters of a trade involving multiple draft picks. But before Walsh pulled the trigger, Marathe approached the Hall of Fame coach and handed him a printout of his data. Marathe's numbers on the sheet argued that the 49ers weren't getting proper value.

"Bill kind of glanced down at the sheet, pretending like he was really paying attention to it. Then he kind of spun the page away, pointed at (John) McVay and said, 'Make the move,'" the witness said. "It was pretty alarming. He basically scoffed in Paraag's face. … Walsh did not follow the same path that Donahue was trying to follow."

Marathe smiled wide upon hearing the story. He said he doesn't remember a thing about that exchange with Walsh, per se, but said it's typical of any NFL draft room — where pressure-packed decisions are made quickly and where sensitivity is an afterthought. It's worth noting that there's a framed photo of Walsh in his office.

"I hope that happened, and I can tell you it still happens today,'' Marathe said. "It's not, 'Let's just refer to the chart. Does it say yes or no?' It's just one more piece of information.

"If you really value a player or think this player is going to be better than his draft slot, by all means you disregard (the chart) and do what you think is right. I hope it will continue to happen that way."

Marathe repeated a similar sentiment several times over in the conversation, eager to dispel the myth that the 49ers ever planned to rely on statistics to the exclusion of all else.

“Maybe in other sports it works, but there’s so much human element to (football) that it’s never been that,’’ he said. “It’s more like, ‘Let’s add one more piece of fuel to the fire and see if it helps us.’’’

As the draft-day dustup with Walsh showed, Donahue had reason for unease. He was taking over the GM reins from someone with a pair of the most distinguished eyes in football. The stories remain legendary. Walsh discovered Jerry Rice while flipping channels in a hotel room and stumbling across a game from Mississippi Valley State. He fixated on Dwight Clark after traveling to work out a Clemson quarterback named Steve Fuller and instead got a load of the magnetic roommate who’d tagged along to catch passes. And, of course, Walsh looked at a skinny kid with a so-so arm from Notre Dame and saw the magic of Joe Montana within.

That’s a tough act to follow for anyone, and Donahue was realistic about his challenge. As a former 49ers staffer recalled: “Donahue was obviously out of his depth and obviously didn’t have the confidence that Bill did in terms of selecting players. … And so he was visualizing: ‘How can I develop an edge?’’’

Donahue, in the vein of his friend Beane, embraced the idea of a “Moneyball”-style approach to football, especially since salary-cap problems left the team with little wiggle room. By using analytics to spot undervalued assets in the draft and on the free-agent market, the 49ers could get a Silicon Valley-style edge while the rest of the NFL was still sleeping.

Donahue turned more and more to Marathe, a plan that had the full backing of the York family. This was when John York, not his son, was still in charge and the licensed pathologist loved the concept of making decisions based on proofs and statistical models. In those early days, according to sources, York often referred to Marathe as “our secret weapon.”

But “Moneyball’’ proved to be a tough sequel for football. In baseball, you can isolate performance — batter vs. pitcher. But a football play like, say, an interception might depend on the defensive line getting pressure, a free safety sticking to his assignment and a tipped pass by a linebacker.

The 49ers’ early forays into creating useful metrics were so divisive within the organization that they have taken on an air of mythology. A Marathe-led system called “ticking” still gets a rise out of those who remember the unusual method for evaluating college prospects.

“Oh, what a labor-intensive effort that was,’’ said Terry Tumey, who started as a 49ers player personnel assistant in 2001 before becoming the team’s director of football administration.

Tumey, now the athletic director at Fresno State, remains a Marathe fan and credits him for helping push the 49ers into a more sophisticated way of decision making. But he chuckles at a mention of “ticking.” The system called for analysts to watch film and make notations for every player on every play. “You’re trying to capture data that went beyond traditional,’’ Tumey said. “He was trying to get to the point where he had enough data to really evaluate a player.”

The problem? Tumey said ticking led to dubious choices like receiver Rashaun Woods, a first-round pick in 2004 who showed up with all the competitive fire of a wet rag. Looking back, a former general manager from another team still can’t believe it: “By their analytics, he was the No. 1 receiver. Throw that stuff away because he’s not even close. He was gone! … I said, ‘What in the world are you guys doing taking him in the first round?’”

But another former 49ers employee, otherwise critical of Marathe, defended the ticking system in this case. He said old-school scouting was the culprit, recalling that Bill Rees, the 49ers director of player personnel at the time, pushed hard for Woods.

Regardless, Tumey doesn’t recall hearing about ticking anymore after that Woods pick.

"The tracking system could tell you nothing about the intrinsic nature of the players. It couldn't tell you about his resilience,'' Tumey said. "It couldn't tell you about how he handled adversity. It couldn't tell you about his heart. It couldn't tell you about any of that stuff. At the end of the day, it didn't capture the true essence of the player."

Beyond that, critics said, Marathe's army of young interns lacked the football expertise to make a proper evaluation even with the on-field stuff, much to the exasperation of Dennis Erickson's mostly old-school staff. Genial offensive coordinator Ted Tollner, who had been a head coach at USC, stumbled upon a "ticking" session one day and blew a gasket.

"Ted Tollner was one of the most mild-mannered and kind coaches that I've seen. He blew up one time. I mean cussin' down the hallway,'' a former staffer said. "You just never saw Ted respond that way, but he got so animated … I think Ted walked in and said, 'What are you guys doing?' They explained, and he lost his mind because he thought, 'We're relying on these motherfuckers to save our jobs?'"

Such was the conflict during that era. Multiple sources said Marathe wasn't respectful enough of what football lifers brought to the table.

"He was definitely a smart guy. But his flaw is that he's a smart guy, too," one said. "Because he believes that he's the smartest guy."

Such resistance, though, has been a familiar phenomenon over the sports landscape as the new generation takes hold. As the influence of Beane and other statistically-minded people grows, traditionalists often grumble or push back. But there's no question as to who is winning that war. Just check out baseball's reliance on shifts and spin rates and launch angles or the NBA's evolution to positional fluidity, corner 3s and discouraging the mid-range jumper.

To Beane, the resistance to Marathe's vanguard approach seems familiar.

"Totally. Absolutely,'' Beane said. "He was one of the early adopters, especially in that sport, and those early guys face a lot more headwinds. They get beat up. … So it's been great to see his success. He blazed a trail for a lot of the guys behind him. It's a credit to his intelligence."

Marathe now oversees an entire 49ers analytics department. And in the NFL, the "ticking" system no longer looks so wild, even in retrospect.

"It was like what Pro Football Focus is doing now,'' Marathe said. "Back then, no one was really doing much with offensive line players, giving out run-blocking, pass-blocking grades.

"(Ticking) was us hiring a bunch of interns to do what PFF does today, which is go down the whole decision tree of all the things an O-lineman does — on a pass, did he successfully block his guy or did he allow pressure or a hit or a sack? On a run block, did he block at the first level or the second level? Was he successful? Did he keep his guy away from the ball?

"There are a thousand snaps per offensive lineman across the league, so it's a lot of intern work to start quantifying it and use it as another tool. There's a lot of nuance to it, so the thought was that over a thousand plays over time across all teams, it sort of averages out. It's not the answer, it's just one piece to add to it."

Marathe also dismisses the suggestion that "ticking" duped the 49ers into picking Woods, who amassed a mere seven career catches in his lone season. For one thing, Marathe said his staff never ranked receivers from top to bottom as part of an evaluation. They just compiled raw numbers. Passing their data from ticking was akin to providing a list of a player's vertical leap from the scouting combine.

"I've always looked for wherever I can add empirical evidence to help the case, that's what I want to do,'' he said. "The landscape has changed, probably because there's easier and better access to data and

information. Doing the tick thing sort of sounds like such an esoteric, surreptitious way. But now when I say, 'It's like a PFF,' you go, OK, I get it."

The current 49ers regime certainly seems to be a more receptive audience. Lynch, who also went to Stanford, has embraced analytics as part of the 49ers' overall evaluation process, and so has his head coach.

"The previous regime wasn't really using them. I figure as long as they're here, we'll see what they can bring," Lynch told ESPN Radio in March 2018. "And we found that it's been incredibly valuable. And we've tried to kind of intertwine them in our scouting process. Kyle's bought into that."

The 49ers fired Donahue and Erickson after the 2004 season, but Marathe remained unscathed by the 2-14 record that year. In fact, his responsibilities kept growing: Marathe, York and Tumey helped lead the committee that hired the next coach — Mike Nolan.

It helped that Marathe had shown himself to be smart, ambitious and forward-thinking; he was finding his footing as an NFL executive. And it also didn't hurt that he'd become personally close to Jed York, who would soon be handed the keys to the kingdom. About the same age, the two hung out socially, played poker together and found a kinship as they shared a vision for the 49ers franchise. As one former high-ranking 49ers official put it: "Paraag was best friends with Jed York — everybody knew it. So he could do no wrong."

Tumey continues to see the friendship as a positive for the organization.

"Both Jed and Paraag wanted to take this industry that was basically being run by old coaches and they wanted to be vanguards and the new renegades. 'Let us show you some new tools that can teach some old dogs some new tricks,'" he said.

"It kind of brought them together. They were the two young bucks. …. It basically made (Marathe) part of the family."

Marathe dabbled in lots of areas over the years, and to some extent it was trial and error as he learned to focus on his strengths. He spent some time in the coaching booth helping Nolan figure out when to throw the challenge flag for a replay review. This, perhaps above all else, served as a hot-button issue among fans. As the talk-show airwaves made clear during that time, it was an awkward look having an egghead making crucial football decisions while surrounded by a handful of coaches. Never mind that Nolan once said: "He's always right on it. He's probably the best I've ever been around."

To be clear, Marathe was never in charge of challenging calls. It was his job to offer recommendations to Nolan, who held the red flag. Marathe had read the NFL playing rules five times and impressed Nolan with his understanding of even the most arcane details. Nolan had gone only 2 for 5 in his challenges as a rookie coach. So he started kicking around other options.

"He talked to the coaches. Then talked to Paraag about it," a former front-office staffer during that time recalled. "And Paraag was cool with it — he was right there. Because some people don't want to do it, but Paraag was cool with it."

In the two full seasons with Marathe in the booth under Nolan, the 49ers went 10 for 20 (.500) on replay challenges. Comparing that with some notable names, Bill Belichick is 48 for 120 in his career on challenge flags (.400), Andy Reid is 57 for 122 (.467) and Pete Carroll is 39 for 85 (.458).

Marathe also tried to use analytics to teach Nolan the best time to call a timeout, with mixed success. ("Paraag loved that stuff,'' a source said. "And it was good because Mike Nolan was all over the place with timeouts. Holy smokes.")

But Marathe really found his groove as a salary-cap specialist, not only in helping the 49ers carve out a path for responsible long-term planning but for personally negotiating deals that left the 49ers plenty of

wiggle room. Gone are the days when Donahue would work the phrase “salary cap hell” into every sentence. As of Monday, the 49ers had $8.74 million in salary-cap room.

They have several of their big names signed to extensions (Jimmy Garoppolo through 2022, Joe Staley through 2021) and appear armed with the financial flexibility to work out extensions for other cornerstone pieces, such as tight end George Kittle and defensive lineman DeForest Buckner.

Above all, the 49ers seem to have a responsible vision for team-building, showing a knack for avoiding the burdensome contracts that can haunt a franchise for years. Lynch, who essentially went from television analyst to the GM job, said he told Marathe upon his hiring that he was going to need some lessons from the cap professor.

“That was one thing I was committed to when I took this job,” Lynch said Tuesday. “I said, ‘Look, Paraag, I can’t do this job and just say you’ve got got the cap. If we did that, then we couldn’t make decisions. You have to teach me this.’

“He said, ‘absolutely,’ and he’s been tremendous with that.”
Lynch said that Marathe’s mastery of the cap includes knowing the back channels that allow for creative contracts. In that regard, he reminds Lynch of Leigh Steinberg, his agent during his playing days.
“I always thought he was incredibly invaluable to have as an agent because I felt like he understood it better than anybody — the loopholes and all those things,” Lynch said. “I kind of feel the same way with Paraag. It’s a great asset.”

For all the intricacies, however, Marathe said the fundamental shift was a fairly simple concept.

“We went from looking at the cap ‘this year’ to always looking at the cap on a three-year basis. That was the big change,’’ Marathe said. “’Salary cap hell’ might have happened because we were looking just at today — You have $20 million in room now, but you don’t realize that you’re $20 million over in each of the next two years. The big fundamental change now is with every decision we make, we’re always trying to look at it on that three-year window.”

The other part of the equation is still being able to lure top talent while staying under budget. One former 49ers employee said Marathe initially alienated agents with a ferocious approach to negotiations. He said because of his youth and outsider status, Marathe tried to “win” every deal. “It was an everybody-doubts me-type of attitude. It’s like short-man’s syndrome,” the source said. The thinking goes that it’s OK to “lose” a deal every once in a while, because the give and take often pays off over the long run. An agent who feels like he got a good deal for his client is going to want to do business with that team again.

But no agent reached for this story recalls any such dynamic, not even from Marathe’s early days. And Marathe said it would have been nuts to do anything but work collaboratively with the agents, especially when 20 percent of the top negotiators represent 80 percent of the players.

Rosenhaus has made numerous deals with the 49ers over the years, including contract extensions for running back Frank Gore and linebacker NaVorro Bowman, two of the most notable players of Marathe’s tenure. He’s also worked with Marathe on a first-round pick (Anthony Davis) and a recent unrestricted free agent (Kwon Alexander).

“My first impressions were always very positive. He’s been very consistent,’’ Rosenhaus said. “He’s not trying to embarrass the player or the agent, because he has an inherent sense of fairness and equity. He has integrity: If he tells you something, you can put your trust in what he’s telling you.”

Joel Segal, one of the NFL’s most powerful agents and Buckner’s representative, said in a phone interview that he really likes Marathe and has from the start. “Even initially, Paraag was a likable guy who commanded respect,’’ Segal said. “His way is not to bully you; he’s affable but tough.”

Mulugheta, meanwhile, remains grateful for Marathe’s kindness when he was an unknown agent first starting out. Other NFL executives sometimes ignored Mulugheta in those early days, but Marathe was a

notable exception. Mulugheta also found it inspiring to be working with another minority in the NFL power structure.

“When I first got into the business, he always treated me the same. Even when I didn’t have a lot of clients, here was a guy who was responsive and returned my calls,’’ he said. “In my business, my clients are relying on me to give them the right information. And if I tell them something wrong, they’re not going to blame the executive — they’re going to blame me. Paraag is one of those people I can count on to always shoot straight. He’s someone I can trust.”

Marathe’s job title changed in 2015, a reassignment widely seen as a demotion. In 2015, after he was their team president for two years, the 49ers moved him out of that role to make room for chief operating officer Al Guido. Marathe never lost his role as the lead contract negotiator, but the change in his job description meant an increased focus on the team’s outside business interests.

As the president of 49ers Enterprises, the work essentially falls into four buckets: sports consulting (such as for Sacramento Republic FC), investments in other teams or leagues (such as Leeds United), launching new businesses (WellStrong, VenueNext) and small strategic venture capital investments.

“We have the people, we have the know-how, we have the ability to do other things,” Marathe said. “It’s a way for the York family to grow their brand, not dissimilarly from the Yankees, Cowboys and Manchester United. We have, without a doubt, one of the most powerful sports brands in the world. We’re looking at ways to extend that brand.”

He’s still with the 49ers having survived yet another round of snark during the last regime change. As the 49ers looked to replace coach Chip Kelly and GM Trent Baalke, questions arose anew about Marathe’s meddling. A Yahoo Sports column reflected upon Kelly’s firing by writing that he never stood a chance against to turn around the 49ers, arguing that doing so would mean overcoming “a jagged union of personalities and agendas. It meant working for an impetuous and involved owner in York; sitting in football meetings with head of football operations Paraag Marathe, a numbers guy whose influence over ownership was unparalleled.”

ProFootballTalk went so far as to write in 2017 that Marathe’s presence was scaring away potential GM and coaching candidates. According to the report, multiple candidates for the GM job either declined an invitation to interview or withdrew after interviewing, including Chiefs director of player personnel Chris Ballard and Patriots director of player personnel Nick Caserio.

“The impediment to attracting their preferred candidates isn’t owner Jed York; apparently,” PFT wrote, “it’s Chief Strategy Officer and EVP of Football Operations Paraag Marathe. … Put simply, Marathe has influence, along with the ear of ownership. He’s been there for 16 years, and he has transcended the bubble of accountability in which coaches and General Managers reside. And that’s precisely the kind of dynamic coaches and General Managers try to avoid.”

Lynch certainly did not avoid it. Instead, he embraced it.

“Particularly coming from a different background. I was going to need a support system,” Lynch said. “I was very confident in my ability to do it (the GM job), provided I had that. And he’s been a tremendous asset to both Kyle and I and our entire team as we’ve tried to instill our vision for this team and how we’re going to be successful. That’s been the best compliment I can pay to him.”

Paraag Marathe with wife, Jennifer, and daughters Juniper and Maren. Courtesy of San Francisco 49ers.

There’s no sign of that criticism now. Marathe is no longer talk-show fodder. He’s no longer “Senior Associate Lightning Rod,’’ as the San Jose Mercury News once called him. The 49ers are rolling, and suddenly the analytics guy is no longer the source of mystery or distrust. He can laugh a bit about the days when his Stanford Business School education was viewed as a negative.

“Back then, MBA were like the scarlet letters I wore across my chest.”

The team is robust and fun to watch, and Marathe has happily avoided the spotlight as Shanahan and Lynch get their proper due for the 49ers' renaissance.

But Marathe hasn't forgotten the criticism, either.

"Externally, I can't say it didn't hurt,'' he said. "You pay attention to stuff like that. If you try to ignore it, your mom or dad or good friend says, 'Oh, my gosh, I was driving home and Ralph Barbieri said this about you.' I didn't even know who he was, but you obviously internalize that.

"At first, it was frustrating. There was this perception that because I was this mysterious figure, that I must be in a dark, windowless office wearing a pocket protector and couldn't have any conversations with people. Any of my friends would tell you that is the opposite of who I am. … Internally, as long as I have earned the trust and respect and I'm valuable to the people I work with, then I'm good. The moment I don't, all good, I'll do something else."

It helps that there's nothing to complain about. The 49ers are 7-0 and in terms of yardage per game, they rank sixth in offense and first in defense. They have outscored opponents 207-77 this season.

It's unlikely that fans will start calling KNBR soon to praise Marathe for his long-term vision. But that's fine with him. He defers credit, too.

"It's almost exclusively about what John and Kyle have built," Marathe said. "It's the culture here. They make it a fun place to work but also have everyone held to such a high standard and accountability. Everyone looks to them for it. I've never seen anything like it. It's really awesome. It's inspiring, and I think a lot of people feel it here.

"Kyle is as smart as anyone I've ever been around and so is John, and the way they get everyone believing is a different feeling."

Beane, meanwhile, is happy that he no longer has to ponder calling into a radio show with a fake voice. He talks to Marathe often, and the conversation would actually be a killer sports-talk show: They jump from football, to baseball, to soccer, to cricket (really) and kick around trends in the sports business industry. "Whenever I talk to Paraag," Beane said, "we're both just looking for the next big thing."

"First off, he's brilliant. There are a lot of bright people, but what's incredibly rare are the people who have the quantitative mind and the creative mind. A lot of people are just one of those. To have both is rare," he continued. "But the other thing is, you genuinely like him from the moment you meet him. He's like Farhan in that regard.

"I stayed on him for a while. I figured I could hire him if the 49ers thing didn't work out."

Forget it, Billy.

Paraag Marathe is still here. It's the 49ers who are going places.

Paraag Marathe and his back story are a slice of 49ers intrigue

By Mark Purdy
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Do you know Paraag Marathe? You don't know Paraag Marathe.

"Hey, it's the same oven!" he exclaimed.

We had just entered the front door of Mountain Mike's pizza parlor. Marathe grew up blocks away. But this was far more than Marathe's old stomping ground. This was much more.
"I don't know how long it's been since I was here," Marathe said, gazing around. "I helped my dad set up this place. I hired the first employees, I picked out this furniture. I picked this color scheme."

Yes, it turns out there is a lot that all of us don't know about Paraag Marathe. I used to think that was exactly how he and the 49ers wanted it. But as we sat down for a nearly two-hour lunch at the restaurant that this family once owned, a lot of insightful doors opened up into the team's mystery man.

Marathe's official title with the 49ers is "Chief Strategy Officer And Executive Vice-President of Football Operations." His unofficial title is "Senior Associate Lightning Rod." As basically the right-hand man of owner Jed York, Marathe has been given credit for helping the Levi's Stadium project come together and blamed for . . . well, just about everything else. Fans and various media voices have accused him of meddling in the college draft, lurking in the coaching booth on Sundays, spying on behalf of York and/or undermining the operation in just about any conspiracy theory you want to offer.

Do you know Paraag Marathe? You don't know Paraag Marathe. Through all the lightning bolts, the man himself has been polite whenever encountered but mostly silent, very rarely granting interviews. But he agreed to sit down with me when I suggested that we do the interview at one of the pizza places that his immigrant father and mother operated on Saratoga Sunnyvale Road throughout his childhood. We talked about his family's back story, one that may go against the image many 49ers fans have of him as a privileged intellectual with degrees from Cal and Stanford.

Marathe does indeed own those degrees. But his upbringing was hardly one of privilege. His parents immigrated from India and pursued the American dream from the ground up. They endured disappointment and tragedy as their two children pitched in to help the family succeed. It provides good insight into what makes Marathe tick and propelled him to the second most powerful executive on the business side of the 49ers organization–though he might argue that point, as we'll see in a few paragraphs.

Actually, Mountain Mike's was the second restaurant owned by Vijay and Seema Marathe. The first was a Round Table Pizza just up the street, in a building that's now a savings and loan. At the Round Table, Paraag would often stand behind the counter and work the cash register. Nothing unusual about that — except that he was only 12 years old at the time and slightly under five feet tall.

"I could barely see above the register," Marathe said. "It was almost like a gimmick for customers at first because I looked really young back then. It was a like a little kid was running the restaurant. But we would churn out 200 or 250 pizzas on a Friday evening and there were times I really would run the whole operation. It's crazy now when I think about it."

Marathe worked long hours at the pizza businesses while attending Lynbrook High School. That way, his father could keep his other job as an electronics engineer–a job that Vijay ultimately had to quit, anyway, because the pizza business was so labor intensive and many of the teenagers they employed didn't always show up. Marathe's dad needed to be there just in case.
"Which is why all my guilt came in," Marathe said. "It was like, why would I be with my buddies in the evening when I should be working to give my dad a break?"

It's the story of hundreds of immigrant Silicon Valley families. But this one had a new twist. After Vijay and Seema pushed themselves so hard to send their children through college, they wondered why in the heck Paraag wanted to pursue a career with a NFL team. It was a dream he'd had since he was ringing up those pepperoni specials while the 49ers games played on the projection big screen TV.

"In Indian American culture," Marathe said, "everyone's got to be a doctor or engineer . . . or maybe a lawyer. Like, working in sports, my whole family, the ones who are in India and everywhere else, they just thought this was a hobby."

Reading between the lines, you can see that Marathe was out to prove a point–both to those folks who chuckled at the kid behind the register and to the family members who were mystified why such a bright young man was so obsessed with . . . a football salary cap?

Do you know Paraag Marathe? You don't know Paraag Marathe. He's a competitive guy who, while pitching for his high school baseball team, sparked a brawl in a game when he followed his coach's orders to throw at an opposing batter. But it was Marathe's obsession with front office NFL matters that fueled his rapid rise in the 49ers organization after he joined it 17 years ago as a jack-of-all-trades numbers guy who knew finances and statistics and how the NFL dealt with both. He became expert in negotiating contract terms. Marathe eventually became Chief Operating Officer and finally team president. He and.York were considered hotshot young wizards when the 49ers went to the Super Bowl following the 2012 season.

Then came 2014. A clumsy offload of coach Jim Harbaugh led to the 49ers losing 25 of their next 32 games. And the two young wizards conjured up only loathing among the fan base. Marathe lost his president's title–but is still a major front office presence.

So what does Marathe do, exactly? If you ask around the league, the people who deal with him tend to respect him and his intelligence. Yet some of those people ask the same question. So could he please enlighten us? He could.

"The lion's share of my job," Marathe said, "is what it's been for a long period of time — chief negotiator, monitoring the salary cap and figuring out our Collective Bargaining Agreement compliance with the league. The other part of my job has evolved over time. In the beginning, I was a troubleshooter looking at things where we could make things more efficient and better. And then I was finding a location for a new stadium and doing the stuff for the Levi's project."

With Levi's complete, Marathe dipped into other branches of the 49ers multi-tentacled operation, including a stadium-technology startup and a piece of Sacramento's pro soccer team. So why do 49ers fans think he's to blame for so much of the team's recent misery? Probably because he has participated in the coaching searches that resulted in Jim Tomsula and Chip Kelly's miserable seasons — and remains involved in day to day elements of the operation under new general manager John Lynch and new head coach Kyle Shanahan.

"I'd say 75 of my job is football related," Marathe said, "because the cap goes up and up and up and now we're at $165 million and accounting for every dollar and penny takes a lot of time."

Is criticism of him fair when the team does a faceplant?

"Yes, absolutely," Marathe said. "We're measured by wins and losses . . .We haven't won and we have to get that straightened out . . . (but) I'm not the spokesperson for football. That's John and Kyle's job and they're really good at it. And that's not my job. My job is to do my job and do it so I can be useful and a utility player for them."

Which is where things get foggy. How, exactly, does Marathe define the term "utility player?" He says it means that he takes orders from Lynch and Shanahan if they need him to research a potential player's expected compensation and whether it fits into the 49ers template–or anything else they might ask.

"I support those guys in everything football," Marathe said. "I'm our chief contract negotiator and manage our salary cap and help them in all our player personnel decisions. And you'd better have your 'A' game because they're going to challenge you. It's their show and I'm here to support them . . . The only time I do something with football is because someone wants me to do it. There are certain things within game management that I've done, but only at the request of the head coach."

Out of respect for the York family and coaches, Marathe also keeps his mouth shut in public. The practical effect, however, is that Marathe becomes an empty vessel for fans and media to fill up with castigation for things that he might or might not have actually done. At some point, he surely must want to speak up and clarify whether that's true.

"Is it frustrating?" Marathe said. "That's one of the things I learned from Round Table when I was 12 years old. People were counting me out because they thought I couldn't do that job. I learned how to just focus on doing the best I can. I can't sit here and tell you that it doesn't hurt. My wife and my daughter, my in-laws and my parents do live a stone's throw away from where we are right now. They hear and read things. That hurts. I'm still human. But all I can do is know that the sun rises and sun sets– and focus on doing the best job I can."

Do you know Paraag Marathe? You don't know Paraag Marathe. He gained the best perspective, sadly, when his sister died in 2005 after years in the grip of anorexia. That was the Marathe family tragedy. As the condition of Shilpa Marathe progressed, Paraag had difficulty dealing with her situation. He considered it grim irony that his family was in the food service business while at home, Shilpa had an eating disorder that made her so thin and weak, Vijay had to carry her upstairs to bed every night.

"Because I was really into my job at the time," Paraag said, "I became good at blocking it out of my mind, compartmentalizing. I probably didn't get at peace with it until 2012, 2013, 2014 . . . and then I kind of had that moment where I felt like I had this voice because I'm in this industry where . . . no one talks about mental illness that often. And being in an immigrant family, there's no such thing as mental anxiety or mental issues. You should just do or not do. There's nothing else. And being a male, to be able to talk about anorexia . . .I felt I had a really good platform to be heard. So I started to get involved and there's a couple of boards that I joined."

The two organizations, Andrea's Voice and Project Heal, have websites to consult for those dealing with anorexia in their own families. But Marathe says the first step is "to talk about it because I kept it inside for many years."

By now, the lunch was almost over. Marathe kibitzed a bit with the restaurant's current owner, Eil Abbasi, who bought the Mountain Mike's outlet place from Marathe's parents a while ago. Looking back on it, Marathe said, his pizza experience was exhausting but invaluable.

"I honestly felt like my third parent was Round Table Pizza," Marathe said. "It was more influential in my life than anything I can think of, including school and graduate school . . . You know, I was interviewing prospective employees when I was 13 or 14 years old, hiring delivery drivers . . . Knowing I was being counted out but knowing if you keep your head down and focused on what's doing right and not listen to the noise, that's what you need."

As we wrapped up our interview, he asked: "How'd you like the pizza?"

Marathe then told one final story. Both his family's pizza places were not far from Saratoga High School, so the football team often showed up for postgame meals. One of the Saratoga High players that Marathe served was a frosh-soph wide receiver named Kyle Shanahan.

Shanahan is the new 49ers' head coach. Does he know Paraag Marathe? Shanahan didn't then. He does now. After lunch at Mountain Mike's, maybe we all do.

Kyle Shanahan

Is 49ers' Kyle Shanahan the coolest coach ever?

By Ron Kroichick
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On the eve of the NFC Championship Game, at the team hotel in Santa Clara, head coach Kyle Shanahan delivered a memorable speech.

The 49ers were preparing to play Green Bay, an opponent they had steamrolled 37-8 in November. Shanahan, known among his players as a smooth and confident public speaker with anecdotes at the ready, did not disappoint.

He told the story of a UFC fighter who, faced with a rematch against a foe he previously had beaten, decisively won again. Shanahan also explained how he had talked to a Navy Seal about not letting the enemy reach the water's surface.

Shanahan's essential message, through these colorful yarns: Don't take the Packers lightly and don't let them come up for air. The next day, the 49ers jumped ahead early and won 37-20.

"They were some crazy analogies, but he made the point," wide receiver Kendrick Bourne said.

The larger point: Shanahan, a onetime 49ers ball boy who returned as an Xs-and-Os wizard with unproven leadership ability, quickly figured out how to connect with his players. And this, maybe even more than his much-lauded play-calling acumen, helps explain why San Francisco will play Kansas City in Sunday's Super Bowl.

Shanahan's people skills were an open question when the 49ers hired him in February 2017. Even general manager John Lynch has since acknowledged that he wondered how Shanahan would turn out as a leader and communicator.

But nobody really knew three years ago, when Shanahan and Lynch took over the team. Shanahan, after nine seasons as offensive coordinator for four teams (Houston, Washington, Cleveland and Atlanta), had a reputation as a creative, borderline-brilliant play caller … with a smug, know-it-all personality.

One not-exactly-objective person disputed this reputation. Mike Shanahan, a two-time Super Bowl-winning head coach and Kyle's father, insisted he knew his son could handle the human demands of being a head coach.

"I could see as a kid that he connected right away with everybody," Mike Shanahan said in a phone interview this week. "So I was surprised he had that reputation. Those opinions that he didn't relate well (to players), I kind of laughed. I thought he was just the opposite. That's the way he's been his whole life.

"But when you're in a situation and you're young, sometimes those are the perceptions. … He's a lot better than I was at relating to almost everybody in the room. He always had a natural ability to relate to everybody, whether they were white or black, anyone."

Kyle Shanahan's career arc, in a way, began in Santa Clara. Twenty-five years ago, as the 49ers of Steve Young and Jerry Rice rolled to the franchise's fifth Super Bowl championship, he was an eager, curious 14-year-old ball boy prone to wearing a Deion Sanders T-shirt all day and night.

Shanahan roamed the practice field, did laundry, ran errands. Sometimes, he hung out with Sanders or tackle Harris Barton. During training camp, Shanahan shared a room with his dad, then the team's offensive coordinator, and offensive line coach Bobb McKittrick.

A quarter-century later, Shanahan roams the field in a decidedly different role. If the 49ers win Sunday, this would be their first Super Bowl title since that 1994 season, when Mike Shanahan called the plays and Kyle fetched footballs.

The younger Shanahan's duties now stretch a bit deeper. And they include a forthright and direct manner with his players, many of whom pointed out how this distinguishes Shanahan from some peers in a cold, cutthroat business.

"He's the most honest coach I've been around," said wide receiver Jordan Matthews, who also has played for the Eagles, Bills and Patriots. "That's one of the things I appreciate about Kyle. It's not like my situation here has been roses and rainbows."

The 49ers signed Matthews on Oct. 4, cut him Oct. 26 and signed him again Dec. 11.

"But, every single time," Matthews said, "he never hesitated to tell me, 'Here's the deal, here's what's going on. Here's why we're having to let you go. Here's why we're bringing you back.' And I appreciate that about someone."

Matthews made another salient point on Shanahan's uncommon candor with the media about player injuries. That resonates loudly in the locker room, where players often feel pressure to return even if they're not physically ready.

"If a coach comes out (publicly) and says, 'Hey, it's going to take some time,' then it's like, 'OK, now I have the space to breathe and get healthy,'" Matthews said. "So if this injury takes longer to come back from than we expect, it's not like I've got the fans and media down my throat about getting back out there."

Shanahan's honesty is a thread running through his three years with the 49ers. In his initial interview with chief executive officer Jed York, he bluntly told York the roster needed an overhaul. Shanahan then did exactly that — and guided his team to the Super Bowl in his third season.

York, in an interview last week with Bay Area reporters, described Shanahan as being "very, very direct." And, yes, York meant it as a compliment.

This all traces to Shanahan's teenage years, in many ways, when he routinely joined his dad at work. That meant playing catch with Young or Rice, and learning from some of the best players ever. Shanahan later was a wide receiver at Duke and Texas before pursuing coaching.

His simmering intensity as a player, and earlier in his coaching career, has since morphed into a more balanced approach.

"I truly believe the locker room reflects the personality of your head coach," said guard Mike Person, who also played for Shanahan in Atlanta. "When we're on football, Kyle is always focused on talking ball. But he's such a laid-back personality, I think it rubs off on us in a good way. Everyone enjoys being around each other. We're not constantly looking over our shoulder."

Matthews suggested Shanahan's coaching style has persuaded some players to consider coaching as a career option after their playing days. That's unusual, because most NFL players see the long hours of coaching and want no part of it.

Shanahan, contrary to his pre-49ers reputation, is changing perceptions.

"I think he's the coolest coach ever," guard Laken Tomlinson said.

Now that's high praise.

Kyle Shanahan at 40: The 49ers coach reflects on the forces that shaped him, including that damn wrought-iron fence

By Matt Barrows
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Nothing changes your career path quite like being impaled by a sharp, unforgiving, wrought-iron fence. Today, Kyle Shanahan looks like the smartest guy in the NFL, one whose beautiful mind was on full display Sunday while directing the 49ers to beat Saints coach Sean Payton at his own game and on Payton's own turf. But 18 years ago, on a warm summer night in Denver, the thought that kept running through that mind was this: I am such an idiot.

Shanahan, 21 years old at the time, had gone to retrieve a ball for his black lab, Magic. He went to hop the fence that surrounded his parents' home, something he'd done hundreds of times and something a 6-foot-3, 185-pound University of Texas athlete could do with a bit of momentum and a casual swing of the legs.

Not this time. Shanahan's hand slipped and his left thigh plunged down on the decorative tip of the fence. He braced for his fall, expecting his head to strike the ground. But he never got there; the spear point snagged him and left him suspended in mid-air.

The metal, like a hook, was in so deep that Shanahan had trouble extracting himself. His parents, Mike and Peggy, were in Greeley, Colo., because Mike's Denver Broncos were spending training camp there. So Kyle called out to the only person inside the house, his friend, Zach Zucker.

"Kyle was literally hanging from the top of the fence. He was hanging by his leg," Zucker recalled in a phone interview. "So I'm in a complete panic. I ran out to him as he's trying to get himself off the fence. I pick him up, put him in the car and drive as fast as I possibly can to the nearest hospital. And yeah, man, that was that was one of the scariest moments of my life. I didn't know what the heck to do."

Doctors soon were plucking chips of black metal from deep in Shanahan's thigh. The gash was so extensive it required a two-hour surgery, three layers of stitches and left a nine-inch scar.

Until then, Shanahan had put all his efforts on becoming an NFL wide receiver. He had transferred from Duke to Texas the previous year and was slated to be the No. 3 receiver in a high-profile offense that featured Chris Simms at quarterback, Roy Williams at receiver and Cedric Benson at tailback.

Would he have been drafted? Maybe, maybe not. He had had a strong spring practice, was in line to get plenty of snaps and was intriguing enough to at least be invited to a training camp if not make an NFL roster. The fence incident changed all that. It forced him to take everything he had used to become a receiver — his singular focus, his hyper-competitive nature, all of his energy — and shift it to Plan B.

He joined the UCLA coaching staff a year and a half later and five years after that became the NFL's youngest offensive coordinator with the Houston Texans. Now he has the 49ers on the verge of sealing a playoff berth for the first time since 2013.

There's a perception around the NFL that Shanahan is a savant when it comes to calling plays. His players don't disagree and they rave that the adjustments he makes at halftime are football-genius level. But they also recognize that the 49ers' success this season begins with how hard their head coach grinds.

Tackle Joe Staley, who is nearing the end of his 13th season with the 49ers, says he's been on teams in which the playbook doesn't vary from Week 1 through Week 17.

"We might have run a couple of different plays, but we weren't adding anything," he said. "We weren't attacking anything differently. And it's completely the opposite here. Every week is a brand-new game

plan. So there's no way to get a bead on what we're doing. He's doing so many different things all the time."

Those game plans seem to be growing more expansive as the season grows in importance.

The plan Shanahan used against the Saints began with endless cups of coffee and an 18-hour cram session with his top offensive lieutenants, Mike McDaniel and Mike LaFleur, in Bradenton, Fla., during the 49ers' stay between the Ravens and Saints road games. When they arrived home from New Orleans, the trio immediately were back in the lab, and they have an even bigger plan in store for the Falcons, the team they all were a part of before joining the 49ers in 2017.

"The amount of plays we had installed today was insane," fullback Kyle Juszczyk said on Wednesday, his eyes widening for emphasis. "It might have been a season high. Those guys just absolutely grind. And they don't back off even though we're 14 weeks into the season. If anything, it seems like they've been working harder recently."

One of the NFL's sharpest minds and most diligent workers wasn't exactly a star student. Asked the subjects at which young Kyle Shanahan excelled, his mother laughs. None? Her son was one of those kids who never studied until the night before a big exam.

He lost his homework. He routinely misplaced his wallet. He couldn't find his keys. The Ph.D. play caller was more absent-minded professor away from the football field.

"He was a moron," said Zucker, his high school friend. "It's funny because at work he's so prepared and there are certain things he's great about. But other things? I mean, the kid lost his cell phone, his keys every two seconds."

When Kyle was still in grade school, Peggy warned him he'd never get into college if he didn't take his schoolwork more seriously. He looked up and explained that he wasn't worried. He was planning to get a football scholarship. They regularly had so many similar exchanges in the years that followed that it became a running joke, a smile spreading across the son's face as he spoke, a mix of adoration and exasperation in the mom as she heard the familiar rationale.

He may have been a B- student, but he was an A+ arguer.

"He ended up being right," Peggy Shanahan said. "He got a scholarship — to Duke, no less — without studying at all. Of course, it was because of football. Yup, it just kind of worked out for him."

When Kyle was young, he cared about two things. One was clothing. Peggy said she never had to lay an outfit on his bed for school. He wouldn't let her. In fact, Kyle knew precisely what he was going to wear two weeks before his first day of kindergarten.

"I mean, he was so picky," Peggy said. "I couldn't even dry his shirts. Because they had to just fit in a certain way and if I dried them, then they might fit a little bit different. I had to hang them up. I mean, it was just weird. And he's still that way."

His other obsession was football.

You might think someone who moved from town to town as a kid, who enrolled at a different school every few years, who barely saw his father some weeks, might end up resenting his dad's profession. For Kyle, it was the opposite. He gobbled up X's and O's and talked for hours about how he wanted to be part of the sport.

Was he good?
Maybe not immediately. His friend when the Shanahans lived in Los Angeles, KC Freer, remembers 10-year-old Kyle being their team's "mayday" quarterback.

"That means if we were up by enough, we would put the backup, backup quarterback in," Freer said. "To be fair, he did play some other positions. But that was the one I remember."

Freer didn't recall the story to be mean — they've been close friends for three decades — but to illustrate a point: Kyle wanted so badly to be an NFL player that by the time he was finished with high school the one-time "mayday" quarterback had colleges asking him to attend for free.

"It's a pretty good combination when you're smart at something and then you also outwork everyone," Freer said. "It's tough to beat."

In 1995, a new kid enrolled at sprawling Cherry Creek High outside of Denver. Zucker, a linebacker on the football team, remembers the first time he saw Kyle Shanahan, whose dad had just been hired as the Broncos head coach. He looked like a California skater.

"Kyle came in and we were doing speed camp for football and just getting started on the offseason," he said. "And funny enough, he had a red hat on with the 'S' on it for Saratoga. He came from Saratoga High. It looked just like the one he wears today. And you could hardly see his face. He had it pulled down so low. That's the first memory I had of Kyle."

The years in Denver ended up being the most formative for Kyle's career, although he didn't know it at the time. He spent his Sundays literally a step or two from his father; he was the guy who made sure the head coach's communication cords — there were no WiFi connections then — didn't get tangled up on the sideline. During the spring and summer, he would work out with Terrell Davis, Ed McCaffrey, Rod Smith and the other Broncos players. And Mike Shanahan allowed his son to invite his friends along, too. No one took it easy on the boys.

Pickup games were treated with the gravity of overtime at the Super Bowl. While Davis, a future Hall of Fame running back, was serving as quarterback in one of the games, he fired a pass that Zucker thought was intended for someone else.

"So I ducked and I didn't catch the ball and we didn't win," Zucker recalled. "I'm telling you, I got more shit that day than I did my whole life."

Another one of Kyle's high school teammates got a black eye after taking a Brian Griese pass to the face. The coach's son didn't escape the rough stuff, either. During a 1-on-1 drill, a defensive back struck Kyle in the face so hard it drew blood.

"I tried to hold it together out there, then I went inside and didn't want to show my face," Kyle recalled. "It was so embarrassing. My dad wouldn't have it. He made me go out there and I had to walk around with a busted up face."

At the time, Kyle was intent on sharpening his skills and becoming an NFL receiver. He wanted to be the next McCaffrey. It turned out to be the ideal lesson for what turned out to be his actual career. He learned the practice-field patter, what a championship team looked like, who were the winners and who were the loafers.

Mostly, he realized that an NFL player would be able to sniff out a fraud from a mile away. His last name might allow him to step into the NFL coaching ranks. But he'd still have to work harder than everyone else to accelerate through them.

"I knew what I was getting into before I got into it," Shanahan said. "That's why I worked so hard and stuff — I wanted to make sure I did know what I was talking about. If you ever get around a group of NFL guys and you don't know what you're talking about, I can't imagine how insecure you'd be. Because it's at a very high level, it's very intense and that's why I never wanted to get into coaching until I absolutely knew that I put in the work, I put in the hours. I never wanted a player to ask me something I couldn't help them with. Knowing what their expectations were before I got into it was what helped me be so ready."

After the surgeons cleaned out his wound and stitched up his thigh, Shanahan was told it would take a full season to recover from the fence gouging. That was unacceptable, and he pushed himself to be back on the field in 18 days.

But it was still too late. He had missed Texas' version of training camp, never fully regained his speed that year and slipped down the depth chart. He finished the season with just seven catches. He got an invitation to attend the NFL scouting combine when he left Texas but didn't go. By that point, he had already changed course, already was speeding ahead.

Shanahan, known in NFL circles for his youth and precociousness, for his energy and swagger, turns 40 on Saturday.

"I guess I have to change everything," he said.

Don't worry. He's only joking. He's not going to retire the red, wide-brimmed hat that's become his signature, turn the music he blasts at practice to a more reasonable volume or start wearing a sensible pair of brown loafers. After all, what other gig would allow him to marry his two lifelong passions?

"I love that I come to work and I'm almost in my pajamas every day," he said. "I don't have to come in dressed in a suit. I sit in a chair every morning, get a cup of coffee and turn out the lights and watch film, then I walk out onto the field and coach guys. I think it's pretty cool that I'm in a line of work where you can be yourself."

Sometimes, the grass really is greener on the other side of the fence.

Of Will Ferrell, Jerry Rice and Drake: How Kyle Shanahan is rebuilding 49ers culture

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To find the ultimate answer for creating a successful culture on a NFL team, why not go to a guy with an economics degree from the Ivy League?

Luckily, the San Francisco 49ers have fullback Kyle Juszczyk (Harvard, '13).

"You didn't know that Will Ferrell is the key to building a football franchise?" Juszczyk said with a grin creeping across his face. "I thought everyone knew that."

Juszczyk, of course, was joking. Well, sort of. The real answer to building a culture that can lead to sustained success in a league full of parity is far more complicated. It's an answer the 49ers are currently seeking under first-time head coach Kyle Shanahan and general manager John Lynch.

Believe it or not, Ferrell is part of the equation, and so are Jerry Rice and Drake. In San Francisco, it requires striking a balance between pulling from a rich tradition and finding ways to evolve.

For Shanahan, it also means mixing in various things he picked up during his years around his father, Mike, when Mike was the head coach of the Denver Broncos. Those are things Kyle carried through a collegiate playing career at Texas and through 13 seasons as an NFL assistant.

"I think the most important thing is getting the right people," Shanahan said. "Everyone can talk about the culture and what you're trying to build, but you have to get the right people who are capable of being a part of the culture that you want because it's got to be natural. It's got to be real. It can't be fake, so what we try so hard to do is get people in here where football means everything to them. It means just as much to them as it does to me and it does to everyone in this building, to where our No. 1 priority in everything we do is to win on Sunday."

Majoring in football

Sitting in his spacious office at the SAP training facility on a recent afternoon, Shanahan has his shoes off and feet up on the desk as he ponders the origins of his culture-building philosophy. It's clearly something he has thought about a lot.

When Shanahan says he wants people who care as much as he does, he offers examples. For instance, when he was playing at Cherry Creek (Colorado) High, anytime he suffered an injury, he ditched class so he could go to the Broncos training facility for treatment so he could play in the next game.

"I obviously grew up in a football house, and it's not like my dad told me to be that way," Shanahan said. "It's just playing high school football was the most important thing in my life, and when I got to college, playing college was, and then when I got into coaching the pros, being successful as a coach was the most important thing. Every decision I made was that way."

Take when Shanahan sat out his redshirt season at Texas after transferring from Duke. In December 2000, the Longhorns held a scrimmage for the redshirt players in the midst of bowl practices. In one of Shanahan's classes, the final was scheduled for the day of the scrimmage.

A seemingly meaningless practice or an important final? The decision for the seven teammates Shanahan had in the class was easy: take the final.

"I was the only guy who showed up to the scrimmage," Shanahan said. "They were like, 'Don't you have a

final?' I was like, 'Yeah, I'll just take an F. I'm here for football, and there's no way I'm missing a

scrimmage to go to this class.' I had a B in the class, and I ended up getting a D-minus because I skipped a final. They thought I was crazy. I wasn't doing it to show off to the coaches. I was doing it because I came to Texas to play football. I'll be all right with my grades, but I came here because that was how my mindset was. That's how it is in coaching, and that's how I expect players to be."

Shanahan and Lynch have driven that message home from the day they arrived in the Bay Area in January. When the Niners approached free agency armed with nearly $100 million in salary-cap space, they didn't intend to spend money for the sake of spending. Shanahan wanted players who wouldn't be changed by big paydays. He wanted players who would set examples for younger players about what is required of them if they want to get a big payday.

Much of that money was spent on players such as Pierre Garcon, who Shanahan already knew would be the same guy, regardless of the extra zeros on his check. Lynch dug deep to make sure players he had never coached had his same ethos, which they found in Juszczyk.

Niners CEO Jed York immediately was on the same page in that regard.

"I go back to something that Bill Parcells told me a long time ago. He said, 'Jed, this is kind of a cheat sheet for owners. If your coach can't explain how they're going to use a player, don't sign the check,'" York said. "I think that's so true. You look at some of the guys we brought in, and either they have a connection directly or indirectly in the past, and Kyle knows how he wants to use people. He knows what they do well. And when you have that mentality, it helps set that tone from the beginning. Right now we're trying to build a foundation, and that doesn't mean we're not trying to win, but you can't consistently win unless you have a strong foundation. If we can get that done, the sky is the limit. Whether it's this year or in the future, we want to make sure that we have that foundation built, and I think Kyle and John have done an unbelievable job of identifying, 'This is what we want 49ers football to be about, and we're going to find people to fit that mold.'"

'There's not a bear in the building'

Early in the Niners' first preseason game against Kansas City, Shanahan's first game as a head coach, cornerback Rashard Robinson was on the wrong end of a long completion to Chiefs receiver Tyreek Hill. Soon after, he missed a tackle that would have forced Kansas City to kick a field goal. Robinson was upset as he returned to the sideline, until he heard a familiar bit of 49ers' jargon.

"There's not a bear in the building," Juszczyk said. "It's an obscure reference, but it makes sense when it comes to football. Just summing it up, there's no need to panic out there. There's not a bear in the building. Jump offsides, you have a bad play, whatever happens out there, there's no need to panic. Nothing is worse than a bear actually being in the building. That's not what we're dealing with."

Even for the most fervent fans of Will Ferrell movies, the bear in the building might not immediately jump to mind. It's a reference to the 2008 movie "Semi-Pro," in which Ferrell plays an ABA basketball owner/coach/player named Jackie Moon. During one scene, Moon is forced to wrestle a bear, which eventually escapes into an arena full of people. Once the bear breaks free, Moon shouts into a microphone, "EVERYBODY PANIC!"

Early in his tenure as coach, Shanahan showed the clip to his team. It's one he picked up from Atlanta coach Dan Quinn when he was the Falcons' offensive coordinator. Quinn, whom Shanahan notes is a big proponent of culture, likes to find ways to keep it light while offering an important message.

Shanahan has also been known to make frequent references to the Catalina Wine Mixer, a fictional helicopter leasing event in the movie "Stepbrothers," again with a lesson for his players to not let a moment get the better of them.

"Some things you have to realize it's just not that big of a deal," defensive tackle Earl Mitchell said. "It's

not the Catalina Wine Mixer. Those are the two big messages: There's not a bear in the building, and it's not like we're at the Catalina Wine Mixer."

When the Niners turned the ball over five times in a preseason loss to Denver, both of those phrases were tossed around liberally on the Niners' sideline.

"You start fumbling, and guys are coming to the sideline, and everyone is freaking out," Shanahan said. "Everyone wants to freak out after the game, and like, 'We suck. We can't do anything,' and it's like, guys, there's not a f---ing bear in the building. We had five turnovers. They had zero. Go look at the stats. It's probably 0 percent win percentage. Let's not reinvent the wheel. Let's not panic. Let's learn how to not have five turnovers, and then we'll talk about how to play football after that. It kind of brings perspective to everybody."

'If Jerry Rice wants to practice, go ahead and practice'

For four straight years, Shanahan has made it a point to find a young running back and ask him if he knows who Marcus Allen is. He has yet to get a positive ID. As a lifelong student of the game, it drives Shanahan crazy.

So when Shanahan and Lynch took over the Niners, one of their top priorities was to make sure that every player on the roster knows about the franchise's storied past.

"I think of San Francisco like people think of the Yankees," Shanahan said. "Just me growing up, that's what the Niners were just throughout the '80s and early '90s. They were the team, and I know my generation saw them that way. I don't know how all the players now feel. Half these guys don't know a lot of players that would surprise the hell out of you if you ask them. You want people to understand the expectations of something like that and the standard that they set.

"You want players to understand that and respect it and grow from it. But that's about where it ends. You have to do everything else on your own. You just want people to understand the importance of where you're at."

Lest any of the Niners forget, Shanahan and Lynch have made sure that there are visual cues almost everywhere you look. Levi's Stadium now has banners of current and former stars, with other pieces recognizing great moments in team history. On the walk into the locker room, the wall to the right is adorned with a mural featuring Joe Montana, Ronnie Lott, Patrick Willis, Roger Craig and Steve Young, with the words "It won't be easy, but it will be worth it" underneath it. Shanahan also changed how the lockers are arranged, eschewing the usual position group formation and mixing players from all facets of the team.

Along with that, any time there's an opportunity to bring one of the franchise's legends into the building, the Niners haven't hesitated. Before one training camp practice, Young and Rice spoke to the team. During that day's workout, the 54-year-old Rice appeared in shorts, a T-shirt, cleats and receiver gloves and went through individual drills with the receivers. When team drills started, Rice lined up about 5 yards behind the play and ran through every rep, offering an example of what went into making him the most prolific receiver in league history.

"It's almost like a cheat sheet," Lynch said. "This is the way it should be. And these guys know when we walk by those Super Bowl trophies that they don't come free. You've got to go earn them, but why not take advantage of guys like that, and why not invite them? And if Jerry Rice wants to practice, go ahead and practice. That's good for us. And Steve Young up here, I've always respected Steve. The stories they told, I think, better than we ever could, they told them what the 49er way is, and it was awesome."

To be sure, Shanahan and Lynch are well-aware that they can't use the past as a crutch.

"Our past is something that we want to celebrate, but we can't rest on what people did in the past," York said. "We have to build our own present and make our own future, and I think that's what Kyle and John

understand. I think it's really important that those guys know this is what Bill Walsh was about, this is what the great 49er teams were about, and that's part of their fabric, but they've also made it their own. I think that's the thing that's important. You can't be Bill Walsh. You can't be George Seifert, you can't be somebody else, but that's a part of their fabric, and I think it makes it a lot easier for me to communicate with those guys because the 49ers run in their blood."

Age as an advantage

In addition to his duties as Shanahan's administrative assistant, Nick Kray is known as DJ Kray Kray, the man responsible for the practice music. Kray has his own pop-up tent near the practice field where he spins a variety of cuts -- mostly hip hop -- during every workout. Behind closed doors, Kray handles plenty of other daily tasks, including putting together the aforementioned video clips.

Kray's musical stylings aren't limited to the practice field, either. Before every team meeting, music is playing. The artist most often heard? Drake. More often than not, that comes at the request of Shanahan, not because he's actively trying to relate to his players but because he genuinely likes it.

"I play Drake because I like Drake," Shanahan said. "That's still what I listen to. I'm still close with the music. Now it's starting to be different, but I still know the main guys. I don't know some of the weird stuff. But Drake is what I would be playing because that's what I like."

At 37, Shanahan is older than every player on the Niners' roster, but he's close enough in age that it's not that difficult for him to relate to his team. Veterans such as Mitchell and center Daniel Kilgore emphasize that Shanahan sets a standard of what is expected of each player, and so long as those players meet that standard, there is time for fun.

But Shanahan has long viewed his relative youth as an advantage when it comes to connecting with players of all backgrounds. He is quick to point out that none of that matters unless he can first earn every player's respect as the coach. That's why he emphasized being able to provide answers to any and all questions. If not, players will pick up on it right away.

"I think that's been one of the first things that kind of jumped out to me is just, like, he understands the younger culture and the lingo," Juszczyk said. "I think he can use it to his advantage to be able to get the point across. It's not just the same old banter that you have earned from older coaches your whole career. He kind of puts it into our perspective and understands it a little bit better."

Plenty to prove

The idea of measuring culture is nearly impossible. For now, Shanahan will only allow that he is happy with his team's work ethic. The real tests will come after the Niners go through a losing streak. Shanahan knows that such tests are on the way.

For a team that was 2-14 a year ago, fixing everything in one offseason is almost impossible. These Niners still have plenty of holes, but there seems to be a genuine belief that things are headed in the right direction, especially once they get the right people in place.

"We want 53 guys who realize this is what I do to support my family, this is what I do for a living, and this will come over everything -- except, obviously, your family and life-and-death decisions," Shanahan said. "But [otherwise] this is the No. 1 important thing in my life."

In other words, 53 players who are willing to skip the final.

'I could feel the pole coming out of my leg': Freak injury sped up Shanahan's career

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Kyle Shanahan's dog needed to go to the bathroom. It altered the trajectory of his career.

It was about 5 p.m. on a summer day in 2001. Shanahan was a 21-year-old receiver at the time, one day from joining his University of Texas teammates for the upcoming season. He was at his parents' house in Denver when he took his dog out in the backyard and went to jump over a four-foot-high fence with decorative, iron prongs at the top.

Shanahan, 6-3 and 185 pounds, had been training furiously all year and was in prime physical condition. He'd leaped the fence hundreds of times. But this time, his hand slipped as he went to propel himself and he came crashing down.

"I thought I was going to hit my head on the ground and I just stopped," Shanahan recalled.
He found himself dangling upside down, his left thigh impaled on one of the fence's spear points. His father, Mike, was the Denver Broncos' head coach at the time and already was at the team's training camp in Greeley, Colo. His mother wasn't home.

"No one was out there," he said. "So I had to reach to the ground and push myself off it. It was nasty. I could feel the pole coming out of my leg. And I was so upset because I knew right then, 'Man, I've just messed this up for myself.' Because I was going to training camp the next day."

In 2008, Shanahan became the youngest coordinator in the NFL at age 28 when he was picked to run the Houston Texans' offense. In February, at age 37, the 49ers made him the NFL's second-youngest head coach behind the Los Angeles Rams' Sean McVay. Everything about him and San Francisco's new regime smacks of energy and youth.

But he never would have gotten such a quick start at coaching if his hand hadn't slipped that summer afternoon.

Shanahan's dream at the time was to play in the NFL and it was realistic. A strong spring earned Shanahan the role of No. 3 receiver on a loaded Texas squad that featured Roy Williams and B.J. Johnson at receiver, Major Applewhite and Chris Simms at quarterback and Cedric Benson at tailback.

"I've never seen a guy work as hard as he did to prepare himself," said Darryl Drake, Texas' wide receivers coach at the time who now has the same job with the Arizona Cardinals.

"He wasn't the fastest guy in the world, he wasn't the most gifted guy, but he understood the game," Drake said. "He had a great feel for the position. He was a guy that I was counting on – and we were counting on – to have a big-time role."

Shanahan said when he removed himself from the fence he found he couldn't walk. So he crawled to the back door.

"And I promise, it didn't hurt that bad," he said. "It was like the worst deep thigh bruise you could ever have. There wasn't a lot of blood, but I could see my muscle. And I could see it twitch."

He got a friend to drive him to the hospital. His initial instinct was to have it stitched up and to play through any pain. But it quickly became clear that the wound was too deep, too ripe for an infection – there were paint chips from the fence inside – and that he needed to have surgery.

He called the Broncos' team doctors and soon underwent a two-hour procedure that required three layers of 21 staples to close. Shanahan has a white, nine-inch scar to remind him of the event.

Today he freely talks about the incident and even offers to reenact how it happened using a chair in a Levi's Stadium office as a prop. When it's suggested to him that he has the same proud wound an ancient Greek warrior might have picked up in battle, he frowns.

"It's not really bad-ass," he said. "I was walking my dog. But it was gruesome."

At the time, he was crushed.

Doctors told Shanahan he wouldn't play that season. They were wrong. He missed only one game and was back on the field in 18 days. But he lost his prime spot in the rotation, never regained his former speed or quickness and finished the year with seven catches.

Drake says he doesn't know where Shanahan ultimately would have been drafted but that he had the ability to play in the NFL.

"It was devastating," he said. "Not only for him but for me personally because he's a guy that I loved dearly and wanted to see him go out and show what I knew he was capable he was doing."

Shanahan had an invitation to the scouting combine after his senior season but didn't go. He stopped lifting weights. His NFL aspirations slipped away.

"I went through depression for a while over it," he admits. "My whole life, my whole world was playing (football). It was tough on me. It took me a long time to get over it."

A few months into 2003, he got a job on UCLA's coaching staff. Six months later, he was hired by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He's been in the NFL since.

"I always knew I would eventually coach," he said. "But the work I put into the scholarship to Texas – I lived and died for playing at the time. I had aspirations to try to play in the NFL. I knew when it was all done and I'd made my run – whenever that was – that I would coach. But I always joke with players; I say it sarcastically: 'If I never had this injury I'd probably taking one of your guys' job.' Then they all laugh at me. Because obviously I wouldn't have."

DeMeco Ryans

49ers DC DeMeco Ryans a 'father figure' to players, future 'phenomenal' HC to rival coach

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Let's start with his love of the game.
DeMeco Ryans should be winding down with the clock creeping past 10 p.m., but he can't turn off his mind. There is always another play to devise, another matchup to exploit, so the first-time defensive coordinator is up late putting pen to paper.

That's not surprising considering he will make his play-calling debut on Sunday in Detroit, where the 49ers open the 2021 NFL season against the Lions. But the anecdote is actually from a decade ago, when, as a sixth-year linebacker for the Texans, he spent part of the NFL lockout coaching wide-eyed kids at his alma mater in Bessemer, Alabama, just outside of Birmingham.

He would stay up late figuring out ways to put the players in the best position to succeed, filling his notebook as quickly as he used to fill running lanes. I need a blitz for this guy. I need a blitz for that guy, too. You know what? I want a blitz for everybody.

It was the first time he had ever thought about coaching. He had been too focused on his playing career, receiving unanimous first-team All-America honors at Alabama, where he earned a starting spot by the end of his freshman season, then being voted Defensive Rookie of the Year after Houston selected him in the second round of the 2006 draft.

Then his phone rang during the lockout. Dennis Alexander, a former teammate at Alabama, was on the other end of the line and in need of help. He had unexpectedly been named head coach at Bessemer City High School and needed to put together a staff ASAP. He knew Ryans was in town during the work stoppage -- which prohibited players from working out at team facilities -- and cast an invitation in his direction.

"You're here anyway; we don't know when the lockout is going to end; I know you love being around ball and the kids, who relate to you because you're from here -- so how about it?" Alexander said. "I didn't think he was going to say yeah, but he was like, 'I'd love to do it.' "

For two months that offseason, his Mondays to Fridays were like clockwork: personal workouts in the morning followed by afternoons at Bessemer, where he oversaw weight-training sessions before joining the players on the field. The hours began to add up, but the compensation did not. Final paycheck: $0.00.

He wasn't there to make money; he was there to make a difference. Initially he worked with the junior varsity, but quickly graduated to the varsity squad. He wanted to keep it simple, maybe teach them some broad, generic concepts, then move on. But Ryans has never been about doing the minimum. He excelled as a player in part because of his willingness to go beyond what was expected, in the meeting room and on the practice field. So, it came as no shock when he expanded his teachings.

"I found myself up at 10 and 11 at night, drawing up plays, thinking about ways to help these guys," Ryans said. "I probably got a notebook full of stuff; I was drawing up all kinds of things."

He stopped and laughed.

"I got drawn in," he continued. "I thought it was going to be so easy -- let the kids run a little Cover 2, you know? But I got so into it that I was like, no! I started giving the kids little tests to take home. I went all in."

What about his ability to connect with others?

Ryans played 10 NFL seasons, six with the Texans and four with the Eagles. During his time in Philadelphia, assistant strength and conditioning coach Keith Gray once told him: "Players don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

Ryans has never forgotten the words. They are as valuable to him as any play design, which comes through when his players speak about him.

Growing up, linebacker Dre Greenlaw bounced between foster homes and boys' homes as a ward of the state in Arkansas. At 14 he was taken in by a family that formally adopted him in 2018 after seven years together. Suffice it to say he has experienced the joys and pain of life, and knows the importance of having people who care about you on a deeper level.

He first met Ryans in 2019 as a Reese's Senior Bowl participant. The 49ers and Raiders staffs were working the annual college all-star game, so they had greater access to the players than other clubs. Greenlaw immediately felt "the craziest connection" with Ryans, who saw potential in him that Greenlaw did not see in himself. Their bond has only grown deeper since San Francisco selected Greenlaw in the fifth round of that year's draft.

"He knows my background -- not always having family there, not having somebody that I can talk to," Greenlaw explained. "Every week, every day, he's asking me how my family is, how my son is, how things are going with me other than football. When I've got problems or things aren't going right at the house, that's the guy I go to because I know he's going to give me the best feedback. ... With my mom and dad not being there all the time, he's definitely like that father figure, that role model, somebody I look up to for anything, not just football."

This past offseason, 49ers inside linebacker Fred Warner experienced the stress of a mega-contract negotiation. Players always want the deal done sooner than later, but top-tier deals take time. The sides ultimately reached an agreement on a five-year, $95 million extension that included $40.5 million in guarantees, and afterward Warner credited Ryans for helping to keep him steady.

"It was extremely important (to have backing) from a guy who has my best interest at heart, who has been there and played at a high level and been in the same situation," Warner said. "I lean on him for a lot of things, but especially in a situation like that, which was new to me. He knew I was the best at what I do and he was telling me I've got to enjoy the process even though it is kind of a stressful situation. He knew I wanted to get that out of the way so I could play ball. I will forever be grateful for him being there during that time."

Kansas City Chiefs center Darryl Williams was on the Bessemer team that Ryans worked with in 2011. He was familiar with Ryans at the time because Ryans held an annual football camp in town during the offseason, and like many of his teammates, he was in awe of having an active pro player on staff during spring ball. But when he reflects on those moments, football brings up the rear in the conversation.

"I was getting a lot of letters from colleges and he actually sat and talked to me," Williams said. "He told me 'pick a school that you feel comfortable with, that's going to get you the right education and teach you to not only be a great football player but a great man.' He would always come home and give his time with his football camp, but nobody actually got to sit and talk to him and get to know him as a person outside of football."

At Alabama, some teammates nicknamed him "Coach" because he demanded accountability from them for seemingly trivial things. One such moment occurred after several players left the tape they cut from their ankles and wrists on the locker-room floor. To Ryans, this was a sign of disrespect to both the locker room and those responsible for its upkeep. He challenged the players to do better. They took the words to heart, but not before joking that he was acting like a coach.

Thing is, the respect that others had for Ryans was due to the fact that he never asked something of them that he did not ask of himself. Like being a good teammate in difficult times. For instance, during his final season in Philadelphia in 2015, the Eagles drafted inside linebacker Jordan Hicks in the third round. It

was implicitly understood that Hicks was being brought in to replace Ryans -- sooner if not later. Such transitions can be awkward, with the veteran refusing to train someone to take his job, but Ryans immediately began teaching Hicks everything he knew, to the point that there was no significant drop-off when Hicks filled in for an injured Ryans in the middle of the season before the rookie suffered an injury of his own.
Fast-forward to this offseason and the Cardinals drafting inside linebacker Zaven Collins in the first round, presumably to replace Hicks, who is now in his third season with Arizona. Bill Davis, who was the Eagles' defensive coordinator when Hicks was drafted, currently is the linebackers coach with the Cardinals. He knew it could be an uneasy conversation with Hicks about what Collins' addition could mean, but things could not have gone more smoothly.

"He told me, 'Even though I was there to take DeMeco's job he helped me every day and I'm going to do the same thing with Zaven,' " Davis said. "Imagine that. DeMeco is influencing my room today and I haven't been with him for five years."

Will the moment be too big for him?

Ryans was relaxing on the couch with his wife last January when their TV time was interrupted by a phone call from 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan. It's not uncommon to receive random calls from Shanahan, but this was different for several reasons: it came at 10 p.m.; the coaches had been given time off after a difficult season; Shanahan was attempting to FaceTime him.

"Hey, dude," Shanahan said. "You ready to do this?"

No explanation was necessary. With Robert Saleh taking the head job with the New York Jets, Shanahan was in need of a new defensive coordinator. He had never guaranteed to Ryans that he would be next in line, but it seemed the logical progression considering he had met with Ryans throughout the 2020 season to discuss defense and personnel and was known to favor promoting from within.

"Am I ready?" said Ryans, who had spent the previous three seasons as the inside linebackers coach, following one year as a quality control assistant. "For sure. Let's rock it out!"

His excitement was matched only by his humility. It was surreal to him that just five years after retiring as a player and only four years after the official start of his coaching career he would be running an entire unit. But dive into the deep end of his journey and it's clear his arrival at this moment was predestined.

Go back to his time as a player. During the three seasons Davis was with Ryans as defensive coordinator of the Eagles, he regularly had two game plans each week: one with Ryans on the field, and one without him. For Davis, Ryans was his defensive equivalent of quarterbacks Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Aaron Rodgers, someone who could grasp the entire playbook and fit everyone into it.

"I felt like I always had too much in the game plan for the other players," Davis said. "However, because I was dealing with a DeMeco -- who was a coach on the field -- the whole playbook was available to me."

Richard Smith was the Texans' defensive coordinator during Ryans' first three seasons with the team. He was accustomed to rookies coming in and painting by numbers. In other words, they would attempt to do exactly what they had been taught to do but struggle if something went off script. It wasn't until they went through those moments of uncertainty, until they built up enough scar tissue, that they were able to adjust on the fly. Not so with Ryans. He was wise beyond his years.

"The thing I loved about him is that he thought like a coach," Smith said. "I was shocked that he could adjust so quickly as a rookie. He'd come off the field and say what he saw and suggest something we could do. And I'd say, 'You know what? That's a hell of an idea.' "

During the break between the unofficial end of the lockout and the start of training camp, teams could not have contact with players, so it was left to players to coach themselves. Ryans and quarterback Matt

Schaub took the lead with the Texans, gathering the players and assuming the roles of defensive and offensive coordinators, respectively.

Ryans' responsibilities were particularly important because the Texans were preparing to install a new defense after hiring Wade Phillips as coordinator. Ryans' ability to learn the playbook and translate it for teammates during workouts gave them a head start once formal practices began. Playing the role of translator was nothing new for him. Coaches sometimes speak in a language that coaches understand, but Ryans understood how to break it down into a language that players could decipher
.
"That was always my approach, even with the rookies I played with," he said. "I took it upon myself to always help those guys out. Let me try to explain it a better way. Let me see if I can break it down to layman's terms so they can get it and go play fast."

How will Ryans be different from his predecessor?

It was one of the most discussed questions of the 49ers' offseason, and for understandable reasons. Saleh oversaw a unit that was among the league's best when healthy, and his presence was magnified by television cameras that repeatedly broadcast his intensity and emotional displays on the sideline.

Ryans has been asked to the point of fatigue whether he will be as demonstrative as Saleh, and the response is always the same. He will be himself; those who know him contend that he will be a steady, even-keeled guy with no qualms about showing his emotions when the moment commands.

He is a young man with an old soul. His mother worked multiple jobs for a cleaning service at local plastic and steel plants, and his father made a living as a mechanic. There was nothing fancy or conspicuous about them. Ryans calls them "hard-working people kind of grinding through to make sure we had what we needed."

The description is appropriate for Ryans as well. The defense will be the same yet different under his direction. He has reduced some of the verbiage so the players can play even faster, and he's likely to utilize more pressure packages.

"He's taken ahold of this defense and put his own culture, his own taste, to it," Warner said. "When you turn on the tape in practices right now you see that we are a direct reflection of him, wanting to play a fast, physical, violent style of football. He knows exactly what he wants. I feel like as he has done throughout his career here, and I've been a player and kind of watched him go through it, he just becomes more and more confident. He's real black and white with what he wants. That's what I really appreciate about him: He eliminates all gray area, which allows us to just go out and play fast."
Ryans has an ego, like anyone talented in a given field, but he's not a prisoner to it. He knows the game is bigger than him and approaches each situation with a set of core beliefs but an open mind.

"He's got a natural quality about him that he's a good listener and he's a good decision-maker," Davis said. "He treats people with respect, therefore everybody respects him. I don't know how long he'll be a coordinator. DeMeco's so talented he will go to the next level and be a phenomenal head coach in this league because of the way he handles himself on a day-to-day basis."

Ryans is not thinking that far ahead. He is locked in on the moment, though guided by a principle that was cured during his brief coaching tenure at Bessemer.

"It's easy for guys to forget the fun side of it," Ryans said. "Oh, I get it -- it's a business. But the business takes care of itself. When we're out there on the field, don't make it bigger than what it is. Have fun. As I continue to coach, that's the one thing I want guys to understand and never lose sight of, that it's a football game. So have fun doing it."

Here's why expectations are sky-high for the 49ers' 'Mufasa,' king of the defense

By Chris Biderman
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Good luck finding someone with a bad word to say about new 49ers defensive coordinator DeMeco Ryans.

"He's been successful in everything he's done," head coach Kyle Shanahan said.

"He is built for this juncture," added offensive coordinator Mike McDaniel, who, alongside Shanahan, was on the Houston Texans' coaching staff when Ryans was drafted with the 33rd overall pick in 2006. The middle linebacker was named the league's defensive rookie of the year.

Being built for his new role is what made hiring Ryans to replace Robert Saleh, now the head coach with the New York Jets, an easy call for Shanahan. There wasn't an exhaustive search outside the building for Saleh's replacement. There wasn't much of a search at all. Shanahan was comfortable with promoting Ryans from the outset when it was clear Saleh would land a head coaching job elsewhere last winter.

Shanahan over the last three seasons has seen how Ryans handled his job as inside linebackers coach on the practice field and in meeting rooms (there are cameras set up in each position room for Shanahan to stay privy). He's seen how Ryans helped developed All-Pro linebacker Fred Warner move from a hybrid slot defender at BYU to signal-caller of the defense as a rookie. That was in 2018, Ryans' first season as a position coach after spending just one season as a quality control assistant.

Shanahan even has Ryans address the team with important speeches, like earlier this month, when he talked about staying on task during the dead time between the offseason team activities the start of training camp in late July. Ryans is a relatable figure as a 10-year veteran who is six years removed from a successful playing career.

"It's been fun for me to watch him in it and just for him to continue to flourish and get better each day," Shanahan said. "I'm pumped about DeMeco and I think he's going to show everyone how good he is."

Said Warner: "The passion, the enthusiasm, such a smart mind and he's able to really teach guys. That's the biggest thing is that teaching aspect. I know we're going to be firing this season. I love his demeanor and what he expects of us."

Being built for the defensive coordinator job started as far back as Ryans' college years, at Alabama in 2004 and 2005. Then-defensive coordinator Joe Kines used to call on Ryans to give out play calls while going over film.

"He really got me interested in coaching," Ryans said in a phone interview with The Bee. "He'd go, 'Okay, DeMeco, give us the call.'

"All those little things kind of added up and as I was going through my career. It was just always in my nature to help those guys (teammates) to be a coach on the field. And also, as I study, I need to know what the defensive line is doing, what the secondary is doing.

"For me, it was a puzzle and how do I put that puzzle together and try to teach young guys that as well, to help them."

Ryans would also get after his teammates for not picking up after themselves in the locker room. Former Crimson Tide running back Kenneth Darby began calling Ryans "Coach" when Ryans told Darby to clean up his trash. It was "out of respect for the janitors," Ryans said.

Ryans was later given the nickname “Mufasa,” after the character from the movie “Lion King” who was known for his wisdom and calming influence. That one came from Chip Kelly when he coached Ryans with the Philadelphia Eagles (before Kelly would eventually become head coach of the 49ers in 2016).

A FUTURE HEAD COACH?

Kelly in a questionnaire during his time in Philadelphia was asked which one of his players would mostly likely serve as a coach. His answer, of course, was Ryans, who has since received similar praise from Shanahan and Saleh. Both have said they expect Ryans to become a head coaching candidate soon.

Becoming a head coach is one of Ryans’ stated goals, though he didn’t put the cart in front of the horse during his interview for this story. “All that stuff, if it comes, it’ll come. But I’m just focused on being on being the best defensive coordinator I can be right now,” he said.

Earning his stripes to garner head-coaching consideration won’t be easy.

Ryans inherits a defense that will look considerably different than the second-ranked unit that helped the 49ers reach the Super Bowl after the 2019 season.

Gone is defensive tackle DeForest Buckner who was traded to the Indianapolis Colts before last season. Star pass rusher Nick Bosa, who won defensive rookie of the year, is coming off an ACL tear last September, though he’s expected to be cleared during training camp.

Fellow defensive end Dee Ford’s status is unclear after missing 15 games in 2020 with a back injury. Future Hall of Fame cornerback Richard Sherman remains a free agent after anchoring a secondary that allowed the fewest passing yards per game since 2009 while earning second-team All-Pro recognition in 2019.

The good news for Ryans: He inherits a defense that ranked fifth in the NFL in yardage last season despite constant injuries and turnover. And with experienced players like defensive lineman Arik Armstead, safeties Jimmie Ward and Jaquiski Tartt, and resurgent cornerback Jason Verrett surrounding Warner, the defense isn’t due for a major overhaul. The thought inside the building is the return of Bosa and the improvement of second-year player Javon Kinlaw, the 2020 first-round pick replacing Buckner, could lead to a return to contention.

The Cover-3 scheme modernized by Seahawks coach Pete Carroll will largely remain in place. But under Ryans there’s expected to different looks from Saleh’s approach. The 49ers in 2019 ranked fourth in the NFL in blitz rate, 20.9 percent, according to Pro Football Reference, relying heavily on the four-man pass rush to pester quarterbacks into throwing into the maximum of seven defenders in coverage.

“You will see some wrinkles, you will see my brand of football on it,” Ryans said. “Our D-Line is going to attack. ... We’re going to let our D-Line just get off the ball and attack, and we’re going to clean up things behind them, but we will be a more, I feel like aggressive, attacking defense.”

A CLEAR LEADER

Ryans retired from playing in 2015 after tearing both Achilles tendons (left in 2010, right in 2014). He spent a year working as a radio analyst covering Texans games but missed the competitive aspect of being part of a team.

“I really had that yearning and desire to get back with a team,” he said. “No matter if it was NFL or high school coaching, just wanted to be in involved with a team and be able to assist in any way I could.”

It led to a reunion as a quality control coach under Shanahan during his first 49ers season in 2017. Shanahan was a wide receivers coach with Houston on the same staff with Saleh, who was a quality control intern, when Ryans was drafted. McDaniel had the title of offensive assistant. It was clear to all three that Ryans would be a leader as soon as he was walked in the building.

“At every stage,” said McDaniel, “he was an extension of the coaching staff from the jump, which was super impressive. ... I think he has an unbelievable rapport with the players and really through this whole process, we saw him his first year as a position coach and just continue to grow and grow. So, I know the whole team was excited to have him as the coordinator for the defense.”

Ryans credits Saleh for his development as a coach. The two bonded both inside Texans headquarters and away from the football field. Ryans was a guest of Saleh’s for Thanksgiving dinner and the two would strengthen their relationship on the golf course, which continued when they both joined San Francisco.

But there was also a roadblock that nearly thwarted Ryans’ quick ascent up the coaching ranks. The 49ers early in the 2018 offseason tapped former linebacker Ken Norton Jr. to coach inside linebackers. Norton had the job for a week that winter before taking an offer to become the defensive coordinator for the rival Seattle Seahawks, leaving the opening that Ryans would fill and hold for three seasons before replacing Saleh as defensive coordinator.

Who knows what would have happened if Norton stayed, possibly preventing Ryans from his promotion that led to the coordinator job. But Ryans, a man of Christian faith, believes Norton leaving was part of the path laid out for him.

And if Ryans eventually becomes a head coach like many expect, Norton leaving for Seattle will become an even more notable pivot point in Ryans’ coaching career.

“I’m strong in my faith and I just truly believe that God has a way of working things out the way he wants them,” Ryans said. “For me, it’s not like I was kicking down a door to get a job or anything like that. I was just grinding, trying to figure out this coaching thing and be the best at it, and it happened that way. Kyle came to me, like, ‘Hey, you’re going to be the inside linebackers coach.’ I said, ‘Great, thank you for the opportunity. I’m grateful for it.’”

DeMeco Ryans takes over 49ers defense promising less gray, more gas

By Matt Barrows
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Robert Saleh knew how to play to the crowd.

His initial press events as 49ers defensive coordinator in 2017 were peppered with slogans and catchphrases — "extreme violence" and "all gas, no brake," for example — that caught the ear. Saleh, who is now the Jets head coach, always was the first coach or player to emerge from the locker room on game days, his freshly shaved head prominent as he ran up and down the stadium steps. He became even more conspicuous when games began with fiery fist pumps and cheerful chest bumps that became irresistible to television cameras.

His successor will coach from the sideline, too. But DeMeco Ryans promises to be more low-key. His greatest asset — from his high school days in Bessemer, Ala., through his playing career with the Houston Texans — always has been his incredible calm.

"He was not a rah-rah guy," said the Houston Chronicle's John McClain, who's been covering Houston football since Bum Phillips coached the Oilers and who says Ryans was one of his favorite players to cover.

"When he said something, people paid attention because he didn't say a lot," McClain said in a phone interview. "But he was always there for the young guys and the younger players praised him. Older players did, too, so when he became a coach it didn't surprise me at all."

On Wednesday, Ryans held his first news conference as 49ers defensive coordinator. At 36, he's the NFC's youngest coach in that position and just started coaching in 2017. Only 34-year-old Titans defensive coordinator Shane Bowen — who works under defense-minded Mike Vrabel — is younger.

Still, Ryans came off in the 16-minute video news conference as if he'd been running defenses for decades. For one, he played at the University of Alabama and was an NFL linebacker — and the unofficial spokesman for the defense — for 10 seasons. That is, he's not going to suddenly start sweating in the spotlight.

More than that, he has natural presence and command. He's had that all his life.
McClain noted Ryans — always patient and always available — was the go-to guy for media who covered the Texans. After games, there'd be a cluster of reporters around his locker so thick it would spill across the lockers adjacent to his.

"And sometimes players will ask you to get out of the way or tell you to get out of the way," McClain recalled. "But I used to notice the guys around him would kind of just slide out of the way and listen to him talk while they dried off and put on their pants. And if we were in the way, they'd wait until he was through. And to me, I thought that was kind of an ultimate sign of respect."

Asked about their new defensive coordinator this week, 49ers players cited Ryans' recent playing career as an advantage.

"It's been fun so far being out there with a guy that's obviously played in the league and knows a lot about the ins and the outs of football," cornerback Jason Verrett said. "It's relatable for us."

Ryans will coach in a player-friendly manner as well.

During his Wednesday news conference, he struck all the usual coordinator notes about wanting to play physically and aggressively.

"You will see some wrinkles, you will see my brand of football on it," Ryans insisted. "Our D-line is going to attack. Our linebackers and secondary, they're going to play with base fundamentals. We're going to play off our defensive line. We're going to let our D-line just get off the ball and attack, and we're going to clean up things behind them."

Of course, that also was Saleh's mantra. He constantly spoke about removing what he called "gray areas" in his players' minds so they can operate faster, more instinctively. This season, Ryans is shooting for even less gray, even more gas.

"He's trying to make it way more simple for us with some of the calls, and I feel like it's working," said safety Jimmie Ward, the longest-tenured 49er. "It's like we're able to play fast, even faster than last year if it can get any faster."

The 49ers made some moves in the offseason to bolster that effort.

They signed defensive end Samson Ebukam, who's known for his burst off the line of scrimmage but who noted on Wednesday that his previous team, the Rams, required him to think before he reacted.

"And over here, it's just attack, don't read," he said.

The team also hired Darryl Tapp as an assistant defensive line coach. The longtime pass rusher played under defensive line coach Kris Kocurek for two seasons in Detroit and was teammates with Ryans in Philadelphia in 2012. Kocurek is well-known for his practice-field demeanor — exhorting his players fly off the snap with the exuberance of a Marine Corps drill sergeant — and Tapp has a similar energy (See below). So if Ryans isn't quite as animated on the sideline as Saleh was, there are plenty of options to fill that vacuum.

That Ryans is now a defensive coordinator doesn't surprise McClain or those who covered him when he played for the Texans. Even as far back as his high school days, anyone who's been close to Ryans has predicted he'd become a fine coach.

That includes Kyle Shanahan.

Ryans played in Houston during a very good period. The Texans, still a young franchise at the time, finally started to win. And they had a talented coaching staff under Gary Kubiak, a former quarterback and assistant coach under Mike Shanahan in Denver.

The list of names on that Texans staff ought to be familiar to 49ers fans. It included offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan, offensive assistants Mike McDaniel and Matt LaFleur, offensive line coach John Benton, linebackers coach Johnny Holland (who is now working under Ryans as the 49ers linebackers coach), defensive assistant Saleh and assistant special teams coach Richard Hightower.

McClain describes it as a loose, open and friendly atmosphere. Which is what the 49ers want in Santa Clara.

"That's the thing about DeMeco — he was here at a really good time for media and coaches," he said. "And we got to know him pretty well. And you couldn't find anybody that would say anything bad about him. He wasn't one of these guys who did (the media session) once a week. If one person wanted to talk to him on a Friday, he was happy to do it. If it was 30 (people) on a Monday, he would do it. And that's one reason he got great publicity here."

Brandon Aiyuk

Jerry Rice expects 'big things' from 49ers rookie Brandon Aiyuk

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A little more than halfway through his rookie season, San Francisco 49ers receiver Brandon Aiyuk has flashed plenty of potential even if it hasn't always showed up in the numbers.

With the Niners ravaged by injuries, especially at the skill positions, there's plenty of reason to believe Aiyuk will be one of the top reasons to watch the 49erss over the final seven games. Don't believe it? Take it from legendary wide receiver Jerry Rice.

"He's going to get much better," Rice told ESPN. "I think, as he gets older, he's going to continue to develop, and I'm expecting big things from him, to be honest with you. Because I think he has everything where he's got the route running, where he's got the hands, that awareness on the football field, and he's one of those guys that he knows he's a playmaker and that he could put points on the board at any time."

That's high praise from perhaps the greatest to ever do it. Thus far, Aiyuk has appeared in seven of nine games, missing one with a lingering hamstring injury and one because of close contact with wideout Kendrick Bourne, who had tested positive for COVID-19.

Aiyuk has 28 receptions for 371 yards and two touchdowns in addition to four carries for 69 yards and two more scores. With Deebo Samuel working his way back from a hamstring injury and tight end George Kittle out for about eight weeks with a fractured foot, all eyes turn to Aiyuk to pick up the slack.

In his two most recent games, he was up to the task, ringing up 14 catches for 206 yards and a score. That left coach Kyle Shanahan impressed and ready to put more on Aiyuk's plate. In fact, before Aiyuk was added to the reserve/COVID-19 list last week, he was in line to be prominently featured in the offense against Green Bay.

Those opportunities eventually went to Richie James, who finished with career highs in catches (nine) and receiving yards (184) to go with a touchdown. It's not hard to envision Aiyuk having numbers every bit as good or better had he been able to play.

"I've been very proud of Brandon these last few weeks," Shanahan said. "Just like we did to Deebo his rookie year, we're putting a little bit more pressure on him earlier than I would like to. You don't like to put all that on a guy coming in and especially a guy who missed most of training camp and didn't have an offseason. What I've loved about him is the pressure that he's had, you don't get to learn, you think you do good from, the standard of your whole life and then you get into a meeting with us on Monday and you have no idea how we see it. A lot of guys don't react totally the right way. Just us challenging Brandon and putting that pressure on him, I see a guy who's responded in the right way."

Despite not having a full offseason program and training camp to get acclimated because of the COVID-19 pandemic and then a hamstring injury, Aiyuk has taken to Shanahan's playbook quicker than expected. He has also endeared himself to veteran teammates through his attention to detail and willingness to learn.

Recounting a recent chat with Aiyuk, quarterback Nick Mullens said the rookie wideout has grown and adapted as the season has gone along. Mullens said Aiyuk has begun to understand what it means to be a pro.

"It's a funny conversation," Mullens said. "He was telling me about how in college you kind of know what opponent you're going to get that week so you might not have to practice as hard because you already know that you're better than them. But, once you get to the NFL, you realize any team can beat any team

at any week. And so, he's starting to figure that out, figuring out that the way you practice is the way that you play each and every single week. And so, he's balling out in the games, but he's balling out in practice too. And that just comes with rookie maturation, and it's really cool to watch."

For Aiyuk, that maturation includes a better understanding of how to take care of his body, especially when things like treatment aren't on the team's schedule. In the classroom, Aiyuk has also taken to the lessons of receivers coach Wes Welker, who hammers home the idea of going into every game with a plan.

Early in the season, Aiyuk said he would go into a game and get caught up in what the route or his job was on certain plays. He didn't pay much attention to what the defense was doing and didn't understand how to attack it.

Now, Aiyuk said things have slowed down.

"When I'm lined up where I'm supposed to be and in the right spots, I think it just plays out a lot better that way," Aiyuk said.

With so many injuries around him, it's reasonable to expect Aiyuk's role will continue to grow. Which means more opportunities to get involved in the offense in unique ways and set himself up to be an offensive centerpiece for years to come.

"You can tell he's really starting to come in into his own," Rice said. "I'm expecting big things from him -- he's going to continue to grow and get better."

49ers believe they have another Emmanuel Sanders in Brandon Aiyuk

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Seek out a scouting report on San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Brandon Aiyuk and you're likely to get a lot of similar descriptions.

Aiyuk's ability to gain yards after the catch is a staple, as are his wingspan and route running. But the biggest common denominator has to do with what he could become.

"I still feel like I haven't even scratched the surface of what I can do as a football player and at the receiver position," Aiyuk said. "I just think that for me, the ceiling is limitless. I don't think there's a ceiling to my game."

The 49ers fell in love with Aiyuk during the pre-draft process after a senior season at Arizona State in which he posted 1,192 receiving yards, averaged 31.8 yards per kickoff return and averaged a whopping 10.5 yards per reception after the catch.

That home run ability caused Niners coach Kyle Shanahan to view Aiyuk as one of the two best receivers in the draft, along with Oklahoma's CeeDee Lamb. In fact, San Francisco liked Aiyuk so much it considered taking him with the No. 13 overall pick. That choice was eventually traded for No. 14 and became defensive tackle Javon Kinlaw.

But as Aiyuk continued to slip closer to the Niners' second first-round pick at No. 31, they decided to get aggressive. They moved up in a trade with the Minnesota Vikings and selected Aiyuk at No. 25, the highest pick they've used on a wideout since Michael Crabtree in 2009. The idea is to pair Aiyuk with emerging star wideout Deebo Samuel, who, like Aiyuk, is known for his ability to evade and run through tacklers.

In Aiyuk, Shanahan sees a player who can help fill the void left by Emmanuel Sanders, the veteran wideout acquired in the middle of last season who departed for the New Orleans Saints in free agency. Although Aiyuk specializes in taking short passes and turning them into long gains, Shanahan said he believes Aiyuk can play any of the team's receiver positions and, like Sanders, has the ability to be a threat at all levels of the field.

"It didn't matter where you put him and it didn't matter what the play was, and that's what we got a little bit with Emmanuel when we traded for him, and that's what I think we're getting with Brandon," Shanahan said.

"This guy wants to be great. I want someone like that. And I think he has the tools to be great. I think he has the mindset to be great, and I promise you schematically we're going to give him every chance to do that."

Aiyuk's journey to the 49ers as a first-round pick was far from traditional. Coming out of McQueen High School in Reno, Nevada, Aiyuk had played all over the field, including running back, but most of his film was of him playing cornerback. In 2016, Aiyuk landed at Sierra College in Rocklin, California, the former home of the 49ers' training camp.

There, Sierra coach Ben Noonan recognized Aiyuk's potential as a wide receiver, even though he was mostly recruited as a defensive back. Noonan said it seemed like every time Aiyuk got his hands on the football, whether that was as a returner or on defense, he managed to turn it into a touchdown.

"It's like the dude always ended up in the end zone," Noonan said. "It's just like we have got to get the ball in this guy's hands a lot."

It wasn't until the fourth game of his freshman year that Aiyuk broke into the starting lineup, but by the final game of the season, he had emerged as a star. In that last game, Aiyuk started at wide receiver and cornerback -- assigned to cover the opponent's top receiver. Aiyuk finished with six catches for 121 yards and two touchdowns and, according to Noonan, held his man to one catch for 20 yards.

That performance jump-started an offseason in which Noonan saw Aiyuk devote himself to football. Noonan found Aiyuk in the weight room constantly, improving his squat from 275 pounds coming out of high school to 500 pounds by May 2017. That work ethic carried over to the practice field, where Aiyuk routinely stayed for 30 minutes after every practice working on routes in the Rocklin heat.

"It gets up to a good 110 degrees, and then he's out there until the daylight is gone with the quarterbacks after a four-hour day," Noonan said. "And demanding that the quarterbacks stay, you know, whether their arm was falling off or not. And then the other thing that gives you perspective on his personality and work-ethic type of kid he was: He insisted on being on special teams."

In a game against Santa Rosa College during his sophomore season, Aiyuk showed off his special-teams abilities with a 76-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and four punt returns for 110 yards (with a pair of touchdowns called back for penalties) to go with six catches for 82 yards and two more touchdowns.

"It was the most dominant junior college game I'd ever seen by anybody," Noonan said.

By that point, Aiyuk began drawing attention from top programs, including Arizona State. Herm Edwards had just taken over as the Sun Devils coach and needed a wideout with some experience. Aiyuk spent his first year in Tempe biding his time behind N'Keal Harry, whom the New England Patriots selected with the 32nd pick of the 2019 NFL draft.

While Aiyuk's production was limited to 33 catches for 474 yards and three touchdowns as a junior, Edwards saw his NFL potential and physical gifts. Aiyuk has almost 10-inch hands and an 81-inch wingspan, which is almost unheard of for a player who's 6 feet tall. For the sake of comparison, former Detroit Lions wideout Calvin Johnson had an 82-inch wingspan and was 6-foot-5.

"All those things were, you check the boxes, and then I just think his competitive attitude," Edwards said. "He loves to compete, you know. I mean, everything is about trying to compete and win. I mean he's about that. That's his DNA."

Replacing Sanders from a production and leadership standpoint is probably too big of an ask for Aiyuk as a rookie, but Edwards believes he can be a difference-maker as a returner or a wideout with a limited route tree. The lack of a full offseason to get acclimated won't help Aiyuk's cause, but Edwards has faith.

"He never stops learning, and that's the one thing that good football players understand," Edwards said. "No coach in the history of coaches has ever given a player talent. They give them information. He's an information gatherer. He's not naive, by any stretch of the imagination.

"You have to be very disciplined and very focused, and he understands those things."

Azeez Al-Shaair

For the 49ers' Azeez Al-Shaair, the smile means something bigger than usual

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The question before Azeez Al-Shaair, leaning on a wall outside the 49ers locker room with the hood of his red sweatshirt pulled over his head, was why the trauma of his life didn't harden him inside. His eyes began to widen as a smile broke across his face. Like a student who knew he had the answer.
"My grandfather," Al-Shaair began to reply, "he said something to me as a kid."

The words he was fixing to share were like seeds planted in an impressionable mind. They would germinate and produce fruit. They were the motivation underneath his decision, as a 12-year-old, to pass on the stability of living with his grandmother because his younger brothers needed him. They were the energy that propelled him to give his last $50, a Thanksgiving stipend from the NCAA, to a fellow college student he deemed more in need. They're why when you bring up his name anywhere in the 49ers' organization, it produces a response of warmth.

These words of his grandfather rolled off his tongue with the fluidity of familiarity.

"Regard all men, but none too much and always keep a common touch," Al-Shaair recited. "He always talked about smiling. And he was always like, 'You never know what somebody else is going through.' Even though I was going through things I thought was a struggle, and it was, it's still about just having compassion for other people and realizing that, man, you ain't the only one. I promise you, you're not." See, his grandfather, James Tokley Sr., a central figure in his life, is a poet. And a really good one.

Good enough to be named poet laureate of Tampa, Fla., and also Hillsborough County. Good enough to gain the respect and friendship of legendary poet Maya Angelou. Good enough to be tapped for his pen at Hillary Clinton's inauguration had she won the 2016 Presidential election.

So it makes sense that indigence couldn't deprive Al-Shaair of perspective. Pondering deeper meanings is in his genes. While his story is often told through the lens of what he lost, and what he didn't have, he never forgot what he indeed possessed.

He had a grandfather who gave him wisdom and confidence.

He had a father who gave him the very faith guiding him, and his name to remember who he is. When James Tokley Jr. became Muslim, he changed his last name and his children's names to Al-Shaair. It means "Son of a Poet" in Arabic.

He had a mother, Naadhirah Lennon, whose life is a quilt of sacrifice proving he is loved unconditionally. He had siblings who brought camaraderie, responsibility and fullness to his life.

Al-Shaair's story is often told through his hardships. Indeed, most of his life was marred with poverty, which intensified when his home burned down in 2012. He was the one who grabbed his siblings to save them, and they were forced to sit and watch their remaining semblance of stability turn to ashes. He spent the next few years with severe housing insecurity and food shortage. He took custody of his younger brothers so they could join him at Florida Atlantic and get them off the troubling direction they were headed.

No doubt, the toughness and resilience from cutting one's teeth on poverty is evident in his game. He's got an edge to him.

"Azeez always has great energy," 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan said, always seems like one of the nicest guys on our team. But he's also the quickest to fight out there, too."

But Al-Shaair's story is as much about the power of joy. Even Malcolm X said it is only after the deepest darkness the greatest light can come, and only after extreme grief the greatest joy can come. It's not just that Al-Shaair has gotten to this point, a critical part of the 49ers defense who was highly productive while filling in for All-Pro linebacker Fred Warner. It's that he held onto himself on the way. No matter how great the hunger pangs. Or how embarrassing it was for others to discover his plight. Or how far better days seemed to drift. Al-Shaair never lost his ability to smile.

Stepping into the place of the injured Fred Warner on Sunday, Al-Shaair made it count against the Seahawks. He had 11 tackles and forced a fourth-quarter fumble that gave the 49ers a chance.

He flashed it on the sidelines in Sunday's loss to the Seahawks when what he thought was an interception was ruled incomplete. He fell playfully onto the bench as replay revealed his highlight wasn't so. Not long after, he made the play to keep the 49ers alive, forcing a fumble on a fourth-quarter goal-line stand to get the offense the ball back for a potential game-winning drive.

You might see his smile now and think it's there because his life has taken such a dramatic turn. Because he's a starting quality NFL linebacker proving vital to the 49ers' defense, one who is over $2 million in career earnings with prospects for millions more as a free agent this offseason. No doubt, his dreams came true.

That smile, though, has been there. It survived the departure of his father after his parents divorced. It survived watching his house burn to the ground and the humiliation of being houseless. It even survived tearing his ACL in his senior season at Florida Atlantic, after opting to return instead of entering the draft after his junior year, and watching his stock plummet some 24 weeks before the NFL draft — an experience he described as "like somebody spitting in my face."

Al-Shaair is further proof of how joy doesn't grow from bank accounts. No, it takes root in hearts, ones soft enough for it to land and strong enough to hold it close. It settles deep within, becoming an anchoring force in trying circumstances and a reminder of what is good when all can seem bad.

"As I went to high school and I went to college, you see all these kids coming from all these different places," he said. "And you hear other people's stories. Even getting into the league and meeting somebody like Dre Greenlaw, who is one of my best friends on the team, and hearing his story. He was a foster kid. We had rough upbringings. They might be similar in certain ways but just completely different dynamics. It just gives you a different perspective. What I look like walking around sad all day? That's just the mentality for me."

Al-Shaair had an obsession as a kid. He wanted to be a dancer. He wanted to be Michael Jackson. So badly.

He didn't have the processed hair. Or the glittery socks. Or the vocal range. But what he did have was imagination and energy. What he did have was a mother who made him believe he was just as good as the King of Pop. She'd put on "Thriller" or "Billie Jean" and he'd grab one of the dishwashing gloves from the kitchen and dance his little heart out for her.

That smile was back as he remembered his moonwalking days.

"My mom used to sit down and hype me up," he said.

He got into football as a pup because his grandfather went to the Pop Warner coach and told him his grandson was fast and had hands like Jerry Rice. Never mind Al-Shaair had never played football before, his grandfather's confidence became his own.

When he was 13, he went out for this new football team in Tampa. He had a few years under his belt and was ready to become a football star. But on the first day, "I suuuuuucked," he said. He remembered lining up for the Oklahoma drill and getting destroyed by the older, bigger kid he faced.

That was a long trip home that day. In his heart, he'd quit football. He wasn't going back.

By the time he got home, the tears were flowing. He went straight to his mother and confessed the devastation. He thought football was going to be their way out. But after that practice, Al-Shaair knew to his core he wasn't good enough. Which meant football wasn't his way out, and this newly minted teenager was lost about what he'd do now. What they'd do now.

Momma, what if I work so hard and it just doesn't work out?

Imagine the look on his face adolescent face as he laid such a heavy question on his mom, the tears revealing his broken heart and contrite spirit. But that's also why her answer stuck with him. She addressed his doubt. She talked to the part inside of him that was afraid to go all out for his dreams for fear it might not pan out. His mother implored him to have faith.

"She told me all I can do is trust in God and do everything I can," he said. "She said a lot of times people don't get what they want because they never really tried hard enough. And then she said, 'That which is for you won't pass you by, and that which passes you by wasn't for you.' So she gave me the confidence to fail. It was OK to fail as long as you put everything into it. That's what matters."

Grandpa ain't the only poet.
She didn't have much to give him by way of financial resources, though she worked numerous jobs. But look at how far he's gotten with the confidence she gave him. He might've been under-resourced, but he wasn't underprivileged.

One of the privileges he had was hardship. "Sabr" is a concept in Islam that means endurance or perseverance. The 13th-century Persian poet and Islamic scholar Rumi said, "Suffering is a gift. In it his hidden mercy." Those who patiently endure, the Qu'ran teaches, will be given their reward twice.

Undrafted in 2019 after suffering an injury, Al-Shaair caught on with the 49ers after then-assistant Chris Kiffin raved about him to head coach Kyle Shanahan. He's appeared in 42 games since.

Tangibly, an NFL career seems like a reward worth endurance. But for Al-Shaair, the appreciation comes two-fold. The perspective is twice as sharp. The belief is doubly resilient.

"It gives you hope," he said. "And not only hope but, like, true belief. I just know. My whole life, I could tell you what happened. But somebody in the same situation as me, I couldn't tell you, 'This is what you're supposed to do.' Half the time, I used to do stupid stuff. By the grace of God, I didn't get caught doing the things I was doing. It's having that understanding that you're not better than nobody. In Islam, we talk about all of us being the same. A big part of my faith is not judging people."

But the operative component is to endure. And Al-Shaair needed a mountain of perseverance. It took time. It took development. It took more things he had, such as coaches who believed in him and were willing to work on his rough edges.

His life may not have hardened him to his core, but his exterior was for sure steeled. He didn't trust people. Let only a few in. And anger was perennially in reach.

"He was hard, and he had a hard outer shell," Roc Bellantoni, who recruited Al-Shaair to FAU, said in a phone interview. "And you had to try to get through that. It was one day at a time. You're just trying to earn a little bit more trust, a little bit more respect with him. He was angry at times. I remember one fight in practice, he was just really, really homesick at the time and someone set him off and we had to really cool him down. He had a hard edge and he had some anger built up inside of him."

Bellantoni said Al-Shaair is the best player he's ever coached. He said Al-Shaair is also a prime example of why he's spent three decades coaching, a career that's taken him from Philadelphia to Florida to Buffalo to Washington State to Utah and now to Auburn, where he is a defensive analyst. He remembers

where Al-Shaair began: barely hanging on, so worried about his family and so on edge that he was considering going home. And he sees where Al-Shaair is now: on the television on Sunday against Seattle, getting his teammates in the right place, making plays. It's the kind of tale that makes the thankless work of an assistant coach worthwhile.

Bellantoni even remembers the turning point. Al-Shaair was in his office so upset after barely playing in his college debut at Tulsa in 2015. But an injury led to more snaps the next week and he played well at home against Miami, totaling four tackles. The next week, against visiting Buffalo, 11 tackles, one for a loss.

Talk about reasons to smile. Five years earlier, he was crying to his mother after getting blasted in the Oklahoma drill. Three games into his college career, he had the kind of game that proved his mother right about having faith.

As a junior, Al-Shaair led Conference USA with 147 tackles and was named first-team all-conference. The defensive coordinator for FAU that year was Chris Kiffin, who would later work on the 49ers' staff in 2018 and 2019. Al-Shaair entered his senior year on the Butkus Award watchlist before tearing his ACL. In 2019, when his injury knocked him out of the draft, someone remembered the character of Al-Shaair and used it to make a case for him.

"I got an idea of Azeez because when Chris Kiffin was here, he had coached him in college," Shanahan said. "And I remember I was watching him in the college evaluations and we all liked him, but he had just torn his ACL, so he wasn't going to be ready right away. And that's why we were able to get him undrafted. And I just remember us all evaluating him and talking about his chances of making the team with a torn ACL and everything. And I remember Chris speaking up at the end saying that he promised that kid would make it wherever he goes. Just the type of guy he is. … He acted like a man at a very young age, even before he got here, and he was as advertised. I've seen it all myself, on and off the field."
After Al-Shaair committed to Florida Atlantic, he was often unreachable by the coaches who recruited him. He wasn't answering texts or calls. On top of that, he was taking recruiting visits to other schools, including Georgia Southern and Toledo.

"He wouldn't return calls at times, or texts," Bellantoni said. "And we'd get mad like, 'What is he doing? Is he thinking about going somewhere else?' Because he was committed to us for a while."

Finally, FAU did its home visit with Al-Shaair. They were going to learn the truth. Bellantoni, who at the time was the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for FAU, joined Owls head coach Charlie Partridge and defensive backs coach Nick Caley (now tight ends coach for the New England Patriots) on the visit. But it wasn't at Al-Shaair's home. He didn't have one. So they did the meet at a rec center run by James McQuay, Al-Shaair's mentor and former youth football coach.

After their grandmother's house burned down in 2012, the family hopped around before settling at an extended stay motel. Already a tough life on the brink, their situation became dire. His mother could barely afford the weekly rent and had to stretch her allotment of food stamps. Al-Shaair was hiding all of this from most people, but he came clean with FAU during his visit.

He was still committed to FAU.

He didn't answer his phone because the power was off and he didn't always have a place to charge it. He was taking visits with other colleges because they included a meal. Schools were closed on weekends and so were the free meals. So he brought his whole family on those visits so they could eat.

The four men — Al-Shaair, Bellantoni, Partridge, Caley — left with a bond that still exists to this day, one based on transparency and respect. Because who can't get with a 16-year-old being man enough to do what he had to for his people?

“It just rips your heart open,” Bellantoni said. “And here you are thinking, ‘Well, you know, he’s thinking about going somewhere else.’ And no, that wasn’t it at all. He was trying to feed his family.’

“Even though I was going through things I thought was a struggle, and it was, it’s still about just having compassion for other people,” Al-Shaair says. “You ain’t the only one. I promise you, you’re not.”

Hold up. This revelation, sad as it may be, isn’t about pity. It’s another reason Al-Shaair’s smile remained, those special moments between the cracks of struggle that are cherished because of their rarity.

Imagine, as a teenager, how it felt to quench their appetite. The joy he must have felt to have a meal as a family, even in a college cafeteria. The satisfaction of watching his mother, his siblings smile while hovering over full plates. That’s the kind of warmth that sustains when life is cold.

With their father out of the picture, and their mother working retail jobs all day, Al-Shaair became the man of the house. He became a father figure to his brothers, Abdur-Rhaaman and Lateef. He’d make them whatever food they had, help them with their homework, make sure they went to bed. It took him two hours to get to school on the bus, and he was often late to homeroom because he made sure to take his brothers to school first. He was extra protective of his younger brothers. Their neighborhood was tough. The easy way out was to get wrapped up in crime or escape to drugs. He wanted them far away from all of that. He didn’t want them stealing food and clothes like he would do when times got most desperate. He was hard on them. That’s how he thought he had to be as a father figure. That’s what the fear of their demise brought out of them.

But he smiles because the anxiety he felt for them, that intense desire for them to succeed, made their good moments so much better. He’d play catch with them in the backyard. Once they got into football, they started training with him. He’d even have some innocent fun and play doorbell ditch with them. When he was a junior in college, and his brothers had become a handful for their mom, Al-Shaair moved them in with him in Boca Raton, Fla. He even became their guardian and helped them get back on track scholastically. They kept him grounded and focused, his why right in his face every day.

“For a long period of time,” he said. “I grinded them so hard that it was like, ‘What if they don’t like football?’ That’s OK. I think once I got to college is when I realized that there’s more than one way to make it out of the situation you were in. At the time, I made it out through football, and that’s what I thought we could do. But, realistically, you can be anything you want to be.”

Al-Shaair became what he wanted to be — the saving grace for his family. He worked hard and it did work out.

His brothers are now doing well, one is in school and the other working. His mother doesn’t have to work to the bone anymore just to survive. The man who has been dedicated to his family, who was sending his pell grant money home and going hungry in college, has the means to provide stability they never had. Hopefully, it all happened in time for his grandfather to see it. James Tokley Sr., who was already losing his vision, is suffering from dementia. Al-Shaair noticed in 2019 when he went to visit him as a rookie. He chalked his wordsmith grandfather’s repetitiveness to old age. But his grandmother informed him it was worse.

For his “My Cause, My Cleats” choice, Al-Shaair represented the Alzheimer’s Association. In honor of his grandfather.

“He’s such a big influence on my life and meant a lot to me just growing up,” Al-Shaair said. “Him and my mother are the two biggest inspirations I had to even be here. So it’s something obviously that’s near and dear to my heart.”

Son of a poet, indeed.

49ers' Al-Shaair blends patience with well-earned aggression in breakout year

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Azeez Al-Shaair has learned to slow down and play fast at the same time.

The third-year linebacker's eagerness to range sideline to sideline and hit anything in his sights helped him make the 49ers as an undrafted free agent and play in all 16 games with five starts a year ago.

Almost as conspicuous as the physicality was a penchant for over-running plays and missing the occasional tackle. The problem cropped up again as recently as the 49ers' Week 9 loss to Arizona, a game in which Al-Shaair conceded he was embarrassed about what he'd put on film for all his teammates to see.

But Al-Shaair has been a standout in the three-game win streak that has the 49ers at 6-5 heading into Sunday's road game against the Seattle Seahawks, and he has made game-changing plays against the Rams and Vikings in particular.

The Seattle game represents another step in the evolution of Al-Shaair, who will step into the role of defensive signal-caller in place of All-Pro middle linebacker Fred Warner. Warner is listed as doubtful with a hamstring strain and not expected to play. All defensive play calls will be relayed by Al-Shaair to his teammates through a radio in his helmet.

"He's more than ready for it," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said.

Al-Shaair, 24, is soft-spoken and mature in interview settings. He's seen and experienced more hardship than most his age. Living with his grandmother in 2012, a fire destroyed their home. Al-Shaair grew up in Tampa, Fla. with seven siblings, three of whom went with him to Boca Raton in college to keep them out of trouble.

As a senior, Al-Shaair tore an ACL, which torpedoed his hopes to be drafted. His defensive coordinator at Florida Atlantic was Chris Kiffin, brother of head coach Lane Kiffin. When Chris Kiffin took a job as the 49ers defensive line assistant, he pushed Al-Shaair hard as an undrafted free agent.

"I remember Chris speaking up and saying he'd promise that kid would make it wherever he goes, just because of the type of guy he is," Shanahan said. "I know he helped raise his siblings, got custody of some of them and acted like a man at a very young age."

The paradox is that Al-Shaair occasionally played with more passion than common sense. He said he's learned to compete using his own strengths and weaknesses, rather than be a copycat of his teammates.

"I've just really trusted myself, being more comfortable with who I am as a player and not always trying to be like somebody else," Al-Shaair said. "Fred is one of the best linebackers in the game, if not the best. We had Kwon Alexander here, and Malcolm Smith was the Super Bowl MVP. I think when you're a rookie, you're like, 'oh, man, be like this guy, be like that guy.' But I'm not them. I can only be myself."

Shanahan has observed a bit of a split personality when it comes to Al-Shaair, whose calm and sense of self takes a back seat to something else entirely on game day.

"Azeez always has great energy, always seems like one of the nicest guys on our team, but he's also the quickest to fight out there too," Shanahan said. "It's pretty cool how he can play with that anger and that physicality and still be the kind of guy he is."

Al-Shaair has started in 10 games, missing one with a concussion, as Greenlaw went out in Week 1 with a core injury, returned briefly against Minnesota and now is sidelined again. He is second on the 49ers to Warner in tackles with 70.

Taking a split-second to recognize indicators preached by defensive coordinator DeMeco Ryans during the week before going on a search-and-destroy mission on each snap has taken some time.

“I think it’s just trusting your keys,” Al-Shaair said. “Once you see it, then go. There are times when you start to anticipate things, and anticipating is great. But if it’s wrong, it’s like, ‘Ugh.’ It’s trusting what your eyes see, playing true to that and letting your instincts and your body take over You trust those keys, and everything is going to take care of itself.”

Al-Shaair fell into coverage as part of a halftime adjustment early in the third quarter and intercepted Kirk Cousins intended for Adam Theilen and returned it 24 yards to the 2-yard line to set up the score that put the 49ers up 28-24. Then in the fourth quarter, he jumped on a fumble by Dalvin Cook off a big hit by Kevin Givens to set up a Robbie Gould field goal that gave the 49ers their final margin of victory at 34-26. He led the 49ers with eight tackles.

Two weeks earlier against the Rams, Al-Shaair made back-to-back plays to thwart a potential scoring drive with the 49ers leading 21-7. On the first, Al-Shaair dropped Tyler Higbee for a 2-yard loss with a one-on-one tackle on a pass from Matthew Stafford. On the next play, on third down, he stopped Darrell Henderson well short of the first down. The Rams then attempted a fake field goal, which was unsuccessful, and didn’t score.

Ryans was Al-Shaair’s position coach before being elevated to defensive coordinator, replacing Robert Saleh. He likes what he sees in terms of Al-Shaair’s blending of patience and aggression. He believes Al-Shaair elevates the play of others when playing with abandon.

“When you turn on the tape, you’re going to see (No.) 51 flying around sideline to sideline making plays,” Ryans said. “And that’s what I want from him. He’s been doing a great job, having the best year of his career. When you fly around like that, sometimes you may miss, but it’s about those other guys coming as well and they are flying around as quick as him.”

How did an undrafted rookie with an autumn ACL tear make the 49ers roster? Meet linebacker Azeez Al-Shaair

By Matt Barrows
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When Azeez Al-Shaair arrived for Florida Atlantic's pro day on March 26, some of the NFL scouts on hand tried to talk him out of participating.

The linebacker, after all, had surgery Nov. 6 to repair a torn ACL and damaged meniscus. Unless your name is Adrian Peterson, going full bore in a workout four and a half months after such a serious procedure wasn't just risky, it was considered close to impossible.

Al-Shaair, however, had been running for weeks, had clearance from the Birmingham, Ala. doctor who performed the surgery and decided he would not — could not — deny himself a chance to impress NFL teams.

"I think people were nervous because, to my knowledge, there was only one other person in football who was able to do stuff like that that early," Al-Shaair recalled this week. "To me, it was like, 'OK, Adrian Peterson is Adrian Peterson. He's a freak and everything like that.' But at the end of the day, it came from his mind, from his work ethic. So I just believed, 'Why can't I do that, too? Why can't it be me?'"

"Teams were trying to steer me away from doing it, saying, 'You don't have anything to prove,'" he continued. "To me, I had everything to prove."

Al-Shaair didn't run the 40-yard dash or take part in the broad jump, but he performed linebacker drills, and to the surprise of the scouts, looked fluid and comfortable.

Some of the teams that had scratched Al-Shaair from their draft list — they were certain he'd have to sit out his rookie season — began to reassess. The most optimistic thought he might be a candidate for an injury designation that would allow him to begin playing at midseason.

It turns out even those teams were underestimating Al-Shaair.

Five months after the workout, the Tampa native made the 49ers' 53-man roster, and on Sunday he'll suit up for a game being played just four miles from his alma mater, Hillsborough High School.
How does an undrafted rookie, one who played for a lightly regarded football program and who was coming off an autumn ACL tear, make it into an NFL Week 1 lineup?

For one, he had a dedicated advocate inside 49ers headquarters.

Chris Kiffin, the team's pass-rush coach, worked closely with Al-Shaair at Florida Atlantic in 2017, the linebacker's best season. Kiffin had been an assistant at Ole Miss for five years before becoming the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Florida Atlantic where his brother, Lane, was the head coach and their father, Monte, was an advisor.

One of the first things he noted at his new job was that his inside linebacker clearly was superior to the ones he had watched at Ole Miss, an SEC school.

"He had all the physical traits, obviously," Kiffin said of Al-Shaair. "At that level he was night-and-day better than everybody else. But what really stuck out — not just to me but my brother, my dad — was the leadership."

Kiffin recalled the first game of the season, a loss to Navy. A lightning storm in South Florida caused a delay so long that the fourth quarter lasted more than three hours. The contest didn't end until 1:47 a.m.

When it was over, the crowd, the band — even the cheerleaders — had gone home. The only people in the stands were the cleaning crew.

“And we take the bus back to the office and we walk upstairs to get our laptops, and he’s already sitting up there watching film,” Kiffin said. “For him at that age to have the leadership and the want-to and drive that he did — it was just remarkable.”

Al-Shaair has exceptional maturity because he was forced to grow up faster than his peers.

His parents divorced when he was in second grade. When he was 15 and living at his grandmother’s home, a kitchen fire started when an older sister, running late for work, forgot to turn off the stove. Al-Shaair smelled the burning grease, gathered up his two younger brothers and a two-year-old niece, then watched from outside as black smoke rose to the heavens and the home burned to the ground.

After that, Al-Shaair and his seven siblings began a nomadic lifestyle, at one point sharing a $370-a-week extended-stay hotel room on the outskirts of Tampa. Al-Shaair took a city bus to Hillsborough High, a trip that would take up to two hours because he had to drop off his little brothers at their school first.

Al-Shaair strikes a unique balance between supreme confidence and humility. Many rookies treat themselves to new rides upon reaching the NFL. Al-Shaair’s only ride: A silver bicycle he pedals from the Santa Clara Marriott to the 49ers facility each morning at 6 a.m. He’s always ridden a bike, he says, so why stop now?

On the field, he’s anything but quiet. Al-Shaair is the type of player you notice almost immediately. He’s fast and aggressive, and he delivered such a big hit in the 49ers’ preseason opener — cutting down Cowboys running back Mike Weber for a 5-yard loss — that the starters on the 49ers sideline sprang to their feet in appreciation during what had been a dull and meaningless game.

That’s what Al-Shaair did weekly at Florida Atlantic. He plays and practices with a passion and a ferocity so great that it initially turned off his college teammates because they thought he was too serious, too intense. The reason he worked so hard, the reason he watched game film at 3 a.m., the reason he took things so seriously — and so personally — was that he was working for his family. His younger brothers lived with him in his apartment during college.

By the time Kiffin arrived on campus for the start of Al-Shaair’s junior season, the linebacker had won over teammates. It was clear he was the defense’s central figure. Everyone gravitated around him.
“People can see that it’s all real. It’s not for show. That’s who he is,” Kiffin said. “He’s the alpha male of his family. Raising his brothers and things like that — it’s all he knows. He’s the one in charge. His role now, to be the fifth linebacker — it’s probably hard for him not to be the alpha male of the entire team, but I think that’s what helps him make it.”

Al-Shaair led his team with 14 tackles in that 2017 opening loss to Navy and he had 10 more against Wisconsin the second week. A torn ligament in his elbow in the third game forced him to sit out the fourth and he played the rest of the season with a bulky brace on his left arm.

Still, he ranked third in the nation in tackles that season and by the end of his junior year had become Florida Atlantic’s all-time leading tackler. He was considered a third- or fourth-round pick going into his final season. Then he tore his ACL during a bye-week practice in mid October.

Despite the injury, Kiffin was pushing for the 49ers to draft Al-Shaair in April. When they took another linebacker, Dre Greenlaw, in the fifth round, Kiffin knew that wasn’t going to happen, and he spent the final two rounds worrying that another team would snatch his former pupil away.

None of the other teams did, which has become Al-Shaair’s new, great motivation.

When players return to their hometowns, they invariably say they are on a business trip, that they are wary of being distracted by family and the trappings of home. For Al-Shaair, the trip to Tampa is

extremely personal. After all, the Buccaneers passed on him in the draft. So did the Bengals in Week 2, the Steelers in Week 3, etc.

“Every game is like that,” he said. “When I get up in the morning it’s something I have attached to me. I’ll have it for the rest of my career. ‘Undrafted free agent’ will be before anything I do. That’s something I hate seeing. I hate hearing that name, that word, that phrase. Because I know who I am. I know my worth. I know the player I am and the player I want to be.”

49ers' undrafted rookie Azeez Al-Shaair has plenty of motivation

By Eric Branch
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Azeez Al-Shaair has an imaginary backpack.

At least the 49ers rookie linebacker did Thursday while sharing his life story: It includes extreme poverty, a devastating fire, a crushing knee injury, and the day in May when he realized he'd have to barge through the NFL's back door to realize his dream of supporting his mom and seven siblings.

How did he feel when, less than two years removed from ranking third in the nation in tackles at Florida Atlantic, he wasn't one of the 254 players selected in the NFL draft?

Al-Shaair offered a half-smile, picked an invisible object from the air with his right index finger and thumb and placed his hand over his right shoulder.

"It's like, you know, another thing to add to my bag of things that I've been through in my life," he said.

It's stressful work trying to beat the odds as an undrafted rookie, but Al-Shaair was stress-tested by a childhood in Tampa, Fla., in which he was often unsure where his family would be sleeping the next night.

His parents divorced when he was in second grade. But even before that, a journey had commenced that included Section 8 housing, extended-stay motels and the homes of friends and relatives. His mom worked multiple jobs, but stability was beyond their grasp.

"It was living on people's couches, being on the floor," said Al-Shaair, the fifth of eight children. "We've pretty much been everywhere. Thank God we've never actually had to sleep on the street. But it was like any day, you never knew."

It's not known if Al-Shaair will make the 49ers' 53-man roster given their crowded linebacker corps. But it appears he will stick in the NFL, somewhere.

He was a sure-fire draft pick, but his stock plunged when he tore his ACL and MCL in practice in October. This summer, he's offered compelling evidence that injury won't be the end of him. He's had nine tackles, a fumble recovery, a pass breakup and a tackle for loss that registered on the Richter scale while playing 84 snaps in two preseason games.

In the exhibition opener, Al-Shaair had a textbook read-and-react stop on a screen pass that was a reminder that he was a USA Today Freshman All-American before ranking 24th and third in the nation, respectively, in tackles as a sophomore and junior. Al-Shaair, 6-foot-1 and 227 pounds, sprinted from the middle of the field to de-cleat running back Mike Weber for a 5-yard loss, a shot that sent the 49ers sideline into hysterics.

Charlie Partridge, his head coach for two seasons at FAU, isn't shocked Al-Shaair is making a strong case nine months after his surgery. Last year, Al-Shaair was one of five NCAA athletes honored with the Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Achievement Award. It recognizes those who have overcome significant hardship to achieve academic success.

"You knew if anyone was going to make it after being undrafted, after a knee injury, all those things — Azeez is going to be one of those guys," said Partridge, the assistant head coach at Pittsburgh.

Partridge met Al-Shaair on a recruiting trip to Tampa during the linebacker's senior year. He spoke with Al-Shaair and his mom, Naadhirah Lennon, at the local Boys & Girls club because they didn't have a home to host him and were going through a particularly difficult time.

A year earlier, they had been living at Al-Shaair's grandmother's house when it burned to its foundation. The fire started when one Al-Shaair's sisters, running late for work, left a pot on the stove. Al-Shaair, his two younger brothers and a niece were sleeping on the floor in a back room of the unfurnished home when he smelled smoke and rushed the others to safety.

"We just stood there," Al-Shaair said, "and had to watch the house burn down."

Despite Al-Shaair's circumstances, Partridge was struck by his gratitude during their first meeting. Al-Shaair told him about the cafeteria worker at Hillsborough High who would slip him sandwiches for his younger brothers. And Al-Shaair spoke so passionately about his family and his desire to help them that Partridge quickly sensed he needed to explain something: He couldn't send all his scholarship money, some earmarked for food and rent, to his family.

Al-Shaair, then a rail-thin 180 pounds, wasn't going to reach the NFL if he didn't take care of himself.

"I told him 'You can't develop the way you need to develop to accomplish the big goal if you send all of that money home,'" Partridge said. "He looked at me like I just put a knife through his heart. It struck me that he was going to send every single dime home. The motivation to take care of his family has always been number one."

Al-Shaair, who is married, was asked if the typical pressure undrafted rookies feel to make it in the NFL is particularly intense for him given his background.

"I came from nothing," he said, "and I've got nothing to lose."

This may not be quite true because Al-Shaair does have plenty at stake.

But he is making a point that he is unafraid.

He wants to have a long prosperous career that will change his family's fortunes. But he knows about poverty and pain. And he understands he might not be done attacking adversity.

His bag might become heavier. But he's confident it can't drag him down.

"I've still got space in there," he said, looking over his shoulder. "God knows there's another thing that's going to pop up."

Arik Armstead

Arik Armstead, fueled by family, has silenced critics as the 49ers enter another NFC title game

By David Lombardi
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It was all on the line, and it was the defensive line's time.

Green Bay, leading the 49ers by a touchdown, faced third-and-8 with just over five minutes to play. Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers was gunning to convert a first down that could begin salting the snowy game away.

Arik Armstead had other ideas. So did 49ers defensive coordinator DeMeco Ryans, who dialed up a safety blitz with the hopes of briefly discombobulating Green Bay's offensive line.

Confusion only lasted for a second, but Armstead has the burst to exploit even the smallest of openings. All 290 pounds of the defensive lineman ripped through the front. His 6-foot-7 strides corralled Rodgers, whose attempt to shuffle away was futile, a mere 2.6 seconds after the snap.

The sack was an excellent example of proactive coaching on Ryans' part and an awesome display of athleticism from Armstead — all rolled into one destructive burst. It set up The Block, which came on the next play as the 49ers preyed on the Packers' punt and scored the game-tying touchdown.

The 49ers' furious endgame sequence was suddenly in full swing, and Armstead's family went wild up above frigid Lambeau Field.

"We were in a heated suite, with Green Bay people," Guss Armstead, Arik's father, said in a phone interview this week. "That's Arik, always thinking about others, he made sure we were taken care of. So we were with all these Packer people, going crazy."

It was Armstead's second sack of the game and third of this postseason, which the 49ers hope is only at its halfway point. Just like Armstead's sack dance, which comes with a roar and a hearty rub of the belly, their team — and especially its D-line — seems hungry for more.

The next chance to eat comes in Sunday's NFC Championship Game against the Rams, a team that the 49ers defeated just over two weeks ago on the fuel of five sacks and 14 QB hits. Armstead also delivered a huge chunk of that production in that one, racking up 2 1/2 sacks and hitting L.A. quarterback Matthew Stafford three times.

With six sacks this month, the 28-year-old lineman is on perhaps the most productive tear of his career. It's extended into this string of elimination games, and that seems to be generating a newfound sense of outside appreciation for Armstead's play.

The lineman has long been a popular target for detractors, so his family has certainly appreciated the recent upturn in positive recognition.

"Sometimes, people don't understand and see what's going on in football," said Guss, who works training professional basketball players (Arik played both football and basketball in college at Oregon).

"Everybody gets caught up in sacks. In basketball, everybody is into 3-pointers, everybody is into scoring. But the guys that are doing all the work don't get the credit.

"Arik has a basketball background, and he's always been like that. It's just something he has to deal with. He gets doubled by 350-pound guys and then someone makes a play, but no one gave him credit for that."

Until now, since those sacks are rolling in just when the 49ers need them most.

To fully appreciate what Armstead is doing now, it's necessary to understand the trajectory of his seven-year career. It certainly hasn't been linear.

Previous 49ers general manager Trent Baalke took Armstead with the 17th pick in the 2015 draft. Armstead spent his first two seasons as a third-down pass-rushing specialist on a bad team, but a torn labrum ended his 2016 campaign. Then, in 2017, the current 49ers regime helmed by coach Kyle Shanahan and GM John Lynch implemented a 4-3 defensive scheme under new defensive coordinator Robert Saleh and asked Armstead to cut weight for a move to the speed-rushing LEO position — but his season again ended prematurely, this time with a broken hand.

In 2018, the 49ers took a beefed-up Armstead and experimented with him at several spots. He posted a good year, but an earnest breakout didn't come for the first-rounder until D-line coach Kris Kocurek came aboard in 2019.

"I think Arik was penalized because he is so versatile," Guss Armstead said. "So they weren't able to figure out what to do with him. That's why I really value the guys that came in, Saleh and Kris. They were able to get a read on the two things that Arik really does well."

Kocurek was quick to declare Armstead's two strong suits: anchoring the strong-side defensive end position with stout run defense on base downs and working from an interior tackle alignment to pass rush against guards in nickel spots.

"I remember meeting with him on Day 1," Armstead said of Kocurek during his breakout, 10-sack season in 2019. "He said, 'I believe in you. You're a dominant player. This year is going to be your best year yet. I truly believe that.'

"Everything he said has been consistent. He's been pushing me to be better. Working hard in practice, cutting it loose and playing free. You play like that when you have a coach that believes in you and believes in your abilities."

Armstead signed a lucrative five-year, $85 million contract extension shortly thereafter. The 49ers clearly valued him, and it appeared that his early-career struggles to earn a strong foothold in the court of public opinion had faded to the past.

But just two days after Armstead signed that deal, the 49ers traded defensive tackle DeForest Buckner to the Colts. This was jarring, perception-shattering news. Though the move was part of a complex salary-cap shuffle that the team deemed necessary for longer-term financial stability, critics characterized it differently.

They claimed the 49ers chose Armstead over Buckner. Those assertions, regardless of their accuracy, pressurized the subsequent 2020 season for Armstead.

The fact that Buckner logged 9 1/2 sacks and earned first-team All-Pro honors for playoff qualifier Indianapolis while Armstead managed only three sacks for the 6-10 49ers in 2020 made for poor optics. Matters further devolved early this season, hitting a nadir when Buckner delivered a sack on the final play of the Colts' Week 7 win over the 49ers.

Armstead, meanwhile, had only one sack on the season at that point. The 49ers were 2-4. Detractors lambasted the front office. Many of them re-solidified their pre-2019 takes on Armstead, with "overpaid" replacing "draft bust" as the chief pejorative.

For Armstead's family, the onslaught was a callback to earlier days, when Armstead so often found himself in the crosshairs of criticism.

"I think that there were times that just because of his stature, people have always taken shots at him, and this goes back a long way," Guss Armstead said. "Arik was 6-8, 300 pounds — he was literally that big in high school. People would say, 'oh, he's not that good, he's just big.'

"And then moving to the NFL, that's the kind of stuff that's always been a part of it. Professional athletes, it's very frustrating, so you have to try to separate yourself from it and remind yourself that the people who really make the decisions — John and Jed (York) and those people — I think they value Arik.
"We live in a negative world where everybody is always taking shots."

Armstead has spoken of how he deals with some of the toxicity. He hasn't been shy about occasionally firing back at critics on social media or even reposting denigrating talk about him that didn't age well.
But Armstead has often repeated that, above all else, he's intrinsically motivated. Family drives him.

Armstead and his wife, Mindy, welcomed a baby girl last year. His first child is his central anchor point.
According to Guss, his son's sense of ingrained drive stretches to childhood. He remembers Arik, even at a young age, waking up and insisting on joining dad's early-morning training sessions for NBA players in Sacramento.

"I thought he'd want to sleep in," Guss said. "But he wanted to go. So he saw Matt Barnes, Bobby Jackson and Mike Wilks, all these guys that I trained. He saw them every day as they trained."
Wilks even lived at the Armstead's house while he was training with Guss.

"So Arik actually got to see a pro guy in his house that was dialed into working hard and being humble," Guss said. "So Mike was like Arik's bonus brother. He got to see all of that. It makes it easier when you have that blueprint. You can see that this is possible."

Arik's actual brother is Armond Armstead, who played defensive line at USC before playing one year for the CFL's Toronto Argonauts. Armond is three years older than Arik, was roughly the same size during his playing career (6-5, 305 pounds) and played a similar mix of D-line positions as his younger sibling does now.

"Armond showed Arik that he could do it," Guss said. "And he took it and ran with it."

As Armstead rose through the ranks, first at the Sacramento area's Pleasant Grove High School and then in college at Oregon, Guss reminded him to stay grounded — especially in the event that he ever run into criticism that he deemed unfair.

"For us, it was always — that's always going to happen to you," Guss said. "Consider the critic, first of all. Because a lot of people have a lot of stuff to say, but they may not necessarily know what they're talking about.

"You take the good with the bad. You get a lot of praise, you stay at one level, and you get a lot of the negativity, and you've gotta still stay at that level. And when you're compensated well, people start taking shots at you for that — that's all part of it."

It's certainly been a backdrop this season, but Armstead did manage to keep an even keel through 2021's low point, and that made him a central point of the 49ers' turnaround.

Following that Week 7 loss to Buckner and the Colts, during which Indianapolis rushed for 148 yards on 4.5 yards per carry, Ryans and Kocurek made a big adjustment. They moved Armstead to defensive tackle on more than just a situational rushing basis. He played inside for the majority of the game.

That shift to tackle paired Armstead with 49ers nose tackle D.J. Jones, and the two have since developed into perhaps the best interior run-stopping tandem in the league. Jones and Armstead finished the regular season ranked Nos. 1 and 3, respectively, of all defensive tackles in ESPN's run-stop win rate.

"He's the most important piece on this team to me," Jones said after the 49ers' wild-card round win over Dallas. "Arik Armstead is a force. He can play outside, inside, 3-technique, 2i. He's a Swiss Army knife, and I love it when he's inside with me."

Collectively, per EPA and DVOA numbers, the 49ers' run defense has been the league's best since Armstead's move. The 49ers have allowed only 3.1 yards per carry over the past three games against potent Rams, Cowboys and Packers offenses, and that's been the defense's key ingredient toward earning pass-rushing opportunities.

In that way, Armstead has benefited through sack opportunities from the run-stopping that he's helped provide.

"I think our run defense improved drastically because of the unselfish play by Arik Armstead," Ryans said last week. "I think people forget we lost our starter in (Javon) Kinlaw early in the year, and we were trying to figure that out inside. When you want to play good run defense, you have to have two really good interior defensive linemen. And Arik unselfishly moving inside helped, and D.J. Jones has been outstanding all year."

Armstead and Jones, teammates since the 49ers drafted the latter player in 2017, have become even closer friends this season after assuming the role of run-stopping pillars in the defense's middle.

Jones, along with linebacker Fred Warner and Armstead's family, was on hand to surprise Armstead and inform him that he was the 49ers' Walter Payton Man of the Year nominee for the second straight season in December.

That honor came as a result of Armstead's continually diligent community work in both his native Sacramento and the Bay Area. It shined a light on another aspect of Armstead's unselfish nature, which the 49ers value greatly.

"That's just my parents, growing up in my family," Armond Armstead said in a phone interview this week. "There's four of us. My mom and my dad made it work for us, being sacrificial. Arik just loves serving. It's a big motivator for him. Our family cultivated a culture of unselfishness."

Armond has been particularly excited about the pairing of Arik's 6-7 frame with Jones, who's 6 feet and 305 pounds, since it reminds him of his own college playing days. At USC, he was paired with future NFL Pro Bowler Jurrell Casey — a 6-1, 305-pounder — on the inside.

"It creates a unique matchup ability," Armond said. "And that's what you want. When I played with Jurrell, we'd ask each other, 'how'd you do that?' Because he's 6-foot. 'How'd you get that leverage? I'm 6-5. How you doing that?'

"So when the 49ers have a combination of someone like D.J., with his acceleration and strength, and Arik, it's tough. Everyone has their strengths and weaknesses. Some guy who matches up with Arik might match up better with D.J. But when you've gotta go against both of them, then you switch 'em out, one time it's D.J., one time it's Nick (Bosa), one time it's Arden (Key), it's tough, man. It gives them unique matchup abilities."

Those advantages, so many of them unlocked by Armstead's athletic versatility, have been on increasingly clear display lately. While Armstead's second sack at Green Bay was impressive due to his raw explosiveness, his first one — which also came on a critical third down and held the Packers to a field goal — showcased pure power.

Armstead drove straight through Green Bay right guard Lucas Patrick into Rodgers. That sight of such a tall D-lineman overpowering such a relatively compact guard made Armond smile, because he remembers how Arik developed the unique skill set that he's now consistently showcasing.

“Arik has a natural gift of people-moving, and a lot of the movement skills go back to training basketball,” Armond said. “If you’re playing on the post, you can’t back a guy down standing straight up. You can’t box out for a rebound standing straight up. Long levers make strong levers, but if you’re not taking the right levers, you’re not using your length to your advantage and you’re not going to be able to create that push.”

That, of course, hasn’t been a problem for Arik Armstead. He’s unleashed the full potential of his physical gifts. Opposing run games are hitting brick walls as a result. Sacks are pouring in.

And all that criticism that seemed to pervade the first several years of Armstead’s career, even if it might not have been fair? It seems far back in the rearview mirror now, both for Armstead and for his 49ers’ D-line, which enters this NFC Championship Game again surging as one of the league’s best fronts.

“(Kocurek’s) getting it out of them boys,” Armond said. “It felt like a lot of the year, they were still jelling. Guys would run into each other, but by the time they got to the end of the year, they were really jelling. Teammates were learning how to work together. Now, things are firing on all cylinders. They’re executing.”

And Armstead’s family, of course, is cheering.

“What can you say?” Armond said. “For Arik: keep going.”

Community work of San Francisco 49ers' Arik Armstead an 'inspiration'

By Nick Wagoner
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On a recent fall day, San Francisco 49ers defensive lineman Arik Armstead was penciled in for a quick visit to Sunnydale, one of San Francisco's largest housing projects.

Ashlei Hurst, the director of resident services at Mercy Housing and a longtime friend of the Armstead family, invited Armstead to tour Sunnydale, which was built in 1940.

What he saw was what he now calls a "lack thereof," a place full of people in buildings that weren't suitable for living. He saw police cars driving past with four officers inside armed with shotguns hanging out the window as they cruised the neighborhood.

Armstead was only supposed to stay for about 30 minutes, but he couldn't just make a cameo appearance. For two and a half hours, Armstead walked around the neighborhood, speaking to residents, business owners and local leaders about what they need and asked how he could help. Quietly, Armstead listened and absorbed his surroundings. He could see the struggle and hear the desperation.

"I saw a community that just has been kind of thrown off by the wayside and kind of a place that's been forgotten and hasn't been nourished," Armstead said. "It was real eye-opening for me. ... I don't know if a lot of people really know about Sunnydale and what's going on up there. Just seeing the conditions that people are living in and just the lack of a lot. That always inspires me and keeps me going knowing that there's a lot of work."

Indeed, for Armstead the work that needs to be done never truly ends. In fact, it's only beginning. That applies to what he's doing on the field as one of the Niners' starting defensive tackles, but there are plenty of significant projects to do off the field as well.

He has the means to help. Armstead is in the second year of a five-year, $85 million contract, and as a former first-round pick (No. 17 overall in 2015), he’s earned a little more than $46 million in his career so far.

For Armstead, making the world a better place starts in his home community of Sacramento and extends to the Bay Area.

What started as the inaugural (and free) Arik Armstead Football Camp for kids back in 2015 has grown into the establishment of the Arik Armstead Academy in September, which came with his $250,000 donation to Mercy Housing California. The Armstead Academy serves more than 400 students in the Sacramento City Unified School District, offering academic support, after-school programming and career exploration opportunities.

At 6-foot-7, 290 pounds, Armstead cuts an imposing figure that belies his soft-spoken nature. His passion for helping others has led him to a second consecutive Walter Payton Man of the Year Award nomination and, more importantly, left a lasting impact on those who have witnessed his evolution as a philanthropist and how that has mirrored his growth as a man.

"In terms of what he does off the field, for his community, for our community, it's insane," 49ers linebacker Fred Warner said. "It's an inspiration to not only me but the entire team. All of us see it. It makes me only want to work harder at being better for the community and doing stuff for other people."

'He didn't forget'

Armstead's own inspiration comes from a combination of conversations, life experiences, reading and studying the world around him.

Over the past few years, those factors have led Armstead to make childhood education and social justice his primary focus. That wasn't necessarily how he always planned it, but the more he read and heard and reflected on his own experiences, the more it made sense.

Armstead remembers being in second or third grade and struggling with his reading, specifically when reading aloud. He still remembers arriving at school an hour early to work on it.

Armstead eventually got the hang of it thanks in part to teachers and family who were willing to help. Christa Armstead, Arik's mother, would even take him to pick out something from Dollar Tree in exchange for doing well in class that week.

Nearly two decades later, it's not lost on Armstead that many kids don't have that same support system to keep them from falling behind.

"I'm sure he can relate, and when you can relate, it makes you relatable, and I think that's why he's so great at what he does -- the work he's doing today with kids because he can relate," Christa Armstead said. "He didn't forget that he was a kid once upon a time and he had some struggles and he had a lot of support to help him overcome any obstacle he would have in life. And he realizes not every kid has that. So, his work today is to somehow try to level that out."

Given that, it's no surprise that one of Armstead's primary initiatives is called "Storytime with Arik Armstead," a project that allows Armstead to visit schools in person and via Zoom and read to classrooms of various ages.

Armstead has distributed books emphasizing the importance of diversity and inclusion to more than 2,000 students in the San Francisco Unified School District and another 2,000 plus members of the Boys & Girls Club. Since May 2020, Armstead has reached kids from first to fifth grade via 25 virtual classrooms in 21 school districts from his hometown of Sacramento all the way to Qatar. Each book has a message, covering topics such as equality, Black history and sustainability.

"I think back like 'Another kid in that situation might lose his confidence and be like I'm not reading; I'm not even going to try it,'" Arik Armstead said. "And then they're behind and they continue to fall behind. Because if you can't read, how are you going to read your math problem? Or your history lesson? It's just a spiral effect."

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020 and virtual learning became the norm, Hurst received a call from Armstead asking what was needed to bridge the digital divide for kids who didn't have the devices or internet access to learn remotely.

Armstead donated $50,000, the beginning of the growing partnership between Armstead and Mercy Housing, which develops and operates low-income housing all over California and offers resources that range from basic needs like food and clothing to academic support. Armstead himself delivered Chromebooks and paid Wi-Fi hotspots to the Upper Land Park neighborhood of Sacramento.

"Often people who want to give come with a directive of like, 'I want to do this, I'm going to give money to you to do this,'" Hurst said. "He came to me saying 'What do you need?' And he was able to be open and say, 'This is the need, I'll get to that need.' Versus coming in with his agenda. He said 'Oh, kids need laptops, Chromebooks, that makes sense, I got it.'"

A 'fabric woven' throughout his life

For Armstead and his three siblings, the idea of helping others was never far from their minds. Christa and Guss Armstead ran a tight but encouraging household, reminding their children that even though they weren't the wealthiest family around, they were more fortunate than many kids.

Guss Armstead, a former college basketball player and well-known trainer for athletes in the Sacramento area, helped spur Arik's sports career. Christa pushed education, often reminding her children that all things were possible through school. It's something she learned from her own mother, who used to take her grandchildren to visit the USC campus and remind them that maybe one day they, too, could go to school at a place like that.

Armstead's siblings set a similar example. His older brother Armond was an accomplished football player whom Arik badly wanted to emulate. And his sister Alexis has been instrumental in having deep, meaningful conversations with her brother about the importance of childhood education and how it ties directly into the justice system.

"We tried to teach them, 'Don't take this for granted,'" Christa Armstead said. "And it's something I think you instill in kids when they're young but when they become adults, when they go to college, their eyes kind of come open. ... So, education and [helping others] have been kind of the fabric woven throughout their lives."

Through it all, Armstead has never lost sight of where he came from. He remembers all the people who helped him get to where he is, including Hurst, who first met the Armstead family 14 years ago at Midtown Church in Sacramento. She now counts Christa Armstead as a mentor and Arik Armstead as a valued partner in helping to make change in the Sacramento area.

That Armstead was drafted by the 49ers -- the team closest on a map to Sacramento -- almost feels preordained, as though he was put here in part so he could pay back the place that raised him through his own philanthropy.

It's why Armstead still makes his offseason home in Sacramento and why it's not unusual for him to pop back into town for meetings with Mayor Darrell Steinberg to lobby for more support for his various projects or pitch new ideas.

"God always works in mysterious ways and has a plan and a purpose for everything," Armstead said. "I think in a lot of ways I was meant to be here and meant to create change where I'm from."

'Prayers answered'

Arik Armstead has made reading to children a priority, whether that's reading books in a virtual classroom as far away as Qatar or in person to kids just minutes from the 49ers' facility. San Francisco 49ers
Much like chasing down a quarterback on his 25.5 career sacks, Armstead has no intention of slowing down his charitable pursuits. He and Hurst have a shared dream of opening a 10,000 square foot community center in Sacramento. They already have a building in mind complete with floor plans.

Armstead wants to turn it into a place for students to have tutoring and academic advisors as well as a STEM lab and a teaching kitchen for kids with an interest in culinary studies.

Armstead's future plans also involve his growing family. He married his wife Mindy in June 2020 and the couple welcomed daughter Amiri in February. Becoming a dad to a daughter has added even more layers to Armstead's ever-growing list of off-field pursuits.

To that end, Armstead has taken advantage of his proximity to Silicon Valley. He's working with humanly.io, which creates software to bring equity to the job hiring process, and Syndio, which creates software for companies to evaluate whether they're paying their employees equitably and not based on gender, race or age.

"I'm living for my child now and it gives me a new sense of purpose, a new sense of drive to create change for her," Armstead said. "She's going to be living in this world much longer than me hopefully, and how can I have impact and make her life better, not only through being her dad, but how can I create change to make the community better for her and create more opportunities for her?"

On Dec. 6, Armstead hosted a "Read for Justice" for third- through fifth-graders from the Boys & Girls Club of Silicon Valley. Sitting comfortably in front of about 50 kids, Armstead read the book "The Day You Begin," by Jacqueline Woodson. It's a story about children from different backgrounds finding the courage to connect by sharing their own stories.

As Armstead read the book aloud and led a discussion on diversity and inclusion, his mother looked on with the unmistakable feeling that her son, all grown up, was exactly where he was supposed to be, doing the exact thing he was supposed to be doing.

"I just think, 'Wow. Arik you're doing it. You're doing what I dreamed or prayed or hoped you'd do,'" Christa Armstead said. "But I'm actually seeing my prayers answered."

Elk Grove's 49er goes from a giant on the field to a giant in the Sacramento community

By Chris Biderman
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Arik Armstead is one of the more unassuming giants. The 49ers defensive lineman doesn't have the audacious energy of his teammate George Kittle, the bellowing voice of Fred Warner, the movie-star looks of Jimmy Garoppolo or the mountainous biceps of Nick Bosa.

The Elk Grove native — who stands out at 6-foot-7 and nearly 300 pounds — is carefully quiet and observant. He's one of the longest-tenured players on the 49ers, yet his personality is mysterious to those who don't interact with him daily. He didn't reveal much in the often-awkward news conference settings with the media who would pry into matchups with Sunday opponents. The 2015 first-round draft pick — No. 17 overall — has never been considered a go-to for reporters looking for quotes that would define a game or stoke controversy.

That just wasn't his style as a young player. He wasn't after attention. He'd keep opinions largely to himself. But there's something that's become apparent about Armstead as he's grown into a man, an NFL veteran and a father. He lets his actions speak. With that comes a beneficiary: the Sacramento community he grew up in that he's working to help — continuously. "It's just always just a mindset of always striving to do more," Armstead said.

Doing more started by Armstead volunteering with members of his church when he was in high school at Pleasant Grove, then creating a free football camp for kids when he first broke into the NFL, to using social media to encourage people in Sacramento to keep restaurants afloat when COVID-19 hit, to creating a reading program for students, to donating $50,000 to help kids buy computers for distance learning, leading to over $200,000 raised by Bayside Church, where his mother, Christa, has been a worship leader.

Always striving for more is the genesis of Armstead's celebration every time he sacks a quarterback. He'll lean back and rub his stomach telling the world he's hungry for more. "It's kind of where 'stay hungry' comes from," Armstead said. "Just striving to be better and not being satisfied."

ARMSTEAD'S CHARITY WORK

The latest example coincides with big steps in Armstead's life. In the spring of 2020 he signed a five-year contract with the 49ers that could pay up to $85 million. He got married that summer and welcomed his daughter, Amiri, earlier this year. On Tuesday, Armstead announced a $250,000 pledge in conjunction with the Mercy Housing Project in Sacramento to bolster the Armstead Academy, created to help under served youth in the area with after school enrichment programs, tutoring and leadership coaching. That effort was applauded last week by the NFL Players' Association, which named him the community MVP of the week.

During the pandemic, when social justice issues were pushed back to the forefront following the police killing of George Floyd in 2020, Armstead used his virtual news conferences with reporters to address issues outside of football. He began by speaking out against hate crimes. Next he highlighted education inequality, noting schools with predominately Black and Latino students often received less funding than those that are predominately white. Education is a sticking point and focus of Armstead's philanthropy.

Roughly 37% of children raised in poverty in the United States don't finish high school, according to Child Fund, making them seven times more likely to remain poor as adults. And according to the National Center for Education Statistics in a 2019 study, 30% and 23% of Black and Hispanic families with children 18 or younger, respectively, live in poverty, compared to just 10% of white families. The San Francisco 49ers' Arik Armstead fist bumps Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021, after Armstead announced the launch of the Armstead Academy Project, his new partnership initiative with Mercy Housing California. Armstead presented a $250,000 donation and unveiled plans for a wide range

of academic programming for K-12 students in his hometown of Sacramento as well as college trips and enrichment activities for youth in San Francisco.

“I feel education, in the way society is today, is a big determining factor for life trajectory,” says Armstead, who played football at the University of Oregon. “Things are moving towards tech and services. Obviously, to get a good job, the standard is having a good education. So it really starts there for the masses of people. “Looking at that, I feel like a lot of people don’t have opportunities and don’t have really a chance to be as successful. That starts when they’re young. A lot of things get decided for their life before they even know it. So that’s why I wanted to have an impact in making sure that if society today, if that’s how it operates, try to put young people in the best position to be successful in the future.”

CHARITY FROM THE HEART

Armstead made the two-plus hour drive from his South Bay home last week to announce his quarter-million dollar investment in conjunction with Mercy Housing in Land Park, just south of downtown Sacramento. The event included a speech from Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg. “It makes me very proud and I don’t take it for granted that this man who is a star and has a bit of celebrity is investing in the kids of Sacramento. That means everything,” Steinberg told The Bee.

“There’s some who do it out of some obligation because it looks good. Arik is the exact opposite of that. He does it from the right place, from the heart. And he’s just starting, too, which is what’s really exciting.” Steinberg indicated the city plans to partner with Armstead on future philanthropic efforts. “I think the sky’s the limit,” Steinberg said. “We’ve been talking about bigger and broader things. ... I think he wants a long-term presence in the city.”

What that is remains to be seen. Armstead said one of his biggest influences is NBA megastar LeBron James, who helped create the I Promise School, which opened in Akron, Ohio in 2018 to help at-risk children. Armstead’s other influences: late rapper Nispey Hussle and former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who became a pillar in philanthropy and the social justice movement for his protest of police brutality and racial injustice in 2016.

“They inspire me to continue do more and more,” Armstead says. “Beyond that, my family and how I was raised (inspire me) and I owe a lot to my parents and my family instilling those characteristics in me.” Eventually Armstead will pass along those characteristics to his daughter, who dramatically changed his worldview, his father Guss said. “I think it gave him a different perspective,” Guss Armstead said. “I think he’s seeing a whole other side of it, and I think he’s embracing it. I see him smile a lot now. He’s always smiling, but he was really smiling a lot with his daughter.” Added Arik: “Everything I do, I work with kids, I support and help kids. There’s going to be those things that I want for my daughter, I want for these kids as well.”

ADDING TO THE CAUSES

Since Amiri was born, Armstead has added gender equity to his causes. He’s become a board member for a startup, Syndio, that creates software for companies to evaluate their own employment practices and identify discrepancies in pay surrounding gender and race. “Having a daughter and thinking of working in a company that helps with women’s rights and women’s equity, is really cool for me too,” he said. “I wasn’t even necessarily thinking like that before having my daughter.” Armstead was the 49ers’ Walter Payton Man of the Year nominee for last season which recognizes players for their excellence in community service and play on the field. He should be the favorite to repeat as the nominee for 2021. Many of his teammates this week posted about his $250,000 donation on their social media feeds.

“He for sure inspires me,” Warner, the All-Pro linebacker, said. “He’s just so consistent and diligent about wanting to give back and help in the community. He leads by action. ... That’s why he is one of our captains and why we all look up to him so highly.” Indeed, the once-unassuming Armstead has become a giant in the Sacramento community. And not because he stands 6-foot-7.

49ers' Arik Armstead seizing media platform in 2020 to spread word on social injustices

By Cam Inman
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Arik Armstead took a seat in front of a microphone after 49ers practice, advised reporters to hold tight and insisted on having the first word.

So Armstead launched into what he said will be a routine before his media sessions this season. He's reserving that time to speak out against social injustices and hopefully create unity through dialogue.

"We have to think about why this is happening and what biases and stereotypes are we continuing to allow to be a part of society," Armstead, a sixth-year defensive lineman said. "How can we stop spreading hate and start spreading love in a society were everything is divided black and white, rich and poor, gay/straight, immigrant/citizen?

"How can we knock down those walls instead of dividing our people and bring people closer together?"

Friday's opening pitch was about America's rise in hate crimes, and Armstead cited the New York Times and FBI in stating that hate crimes were at its highest point in 16 years, such as those against Asians in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and against Latinos because of immigration strife.

"I challenge all of us to continue to spread love and understanding to people who don't look like us and maybe have a different language than us," Armstead said. "That's what I wanted to shed light on today. Let's talk football."

Armstead's ensuing media session did just stick to football, and the most relevant aspect of that end is his back feels fine and not so tight after missing the first four sessions of training camp.

"My plan throughout the season is to continue this and bring up different topics, new things each time, things I've been reading and educating myself on and try to create dialogue and educate people with this platform and opportunity."

Armstead was the 49ers' 2015 first-round draft pick, and, in the ensuing years, the Elk Grove native supported Colin Kaepernick and other teammates during protests against social inequality and police misconduct.

"I'm trying to find ways to push the needle and educate people with my platform," Armstead said. "That's my responsibility and my duty as a citizen, to be a better part of society, add value to society and the people around me.

"Playing in the NFL gives me a platform. People look up to me and care about what I say, so I decided to use that voice for good and positive things, and to continue to push that needle and try to educate people with my voice."

San Francisco 49ers defensive end Arik Armstead during the second half of an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Rams Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/John Locher)
Richard Sherman, perhaps the most outspoken of all 49ers on myriad topics, is all in favor of Armstead's approach.

"It's one of the most important things in the world, especially during this time," Sherman said. "It's past due time to arrest Breonna Taylor's killers but that hasn't happened. It's time for everybody to speak up and put pressure on things they see is wrong. It's been too long of everyone casting a blind eye. "These are wild times," Sherman added, "and the more we can speak up and shed light on it, the better the world will be for our kids."

Armstead capped off his media session with advice on how to eliminate stereotypes and create a more harmonious society:

“It’s simple encounters you can have with people walking down a street, in a store, saying hi, going out your way to be polite and nice, knocking down that invisible wall that may be there when someone doesn’t know you,” Armstead said. “People can be pleasantly surprised. ‘That’s a nice person.’ Showing genuine care or want to learn about other people instead of being so self-absorbed. Try to show interest in other things you don’t have experience on.

“Those are simple ways you can knock down walls and create unity.”

49ers' Arik Armstead raises over $100K for equal opportunity education

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Over the weekend 49ers defensive lineman Arik Armstead raised over $100,000 at his Charity Gala to provide the underserved youth of his hometown with equal opportunity education programs.

Proceeds from the weekend will fund the Armstead Academic Project which provides multiple resources for young students in the Sacramento area where Armstead grew up. Not only does the organization fund supplies for students and schools in need, but they also provide interactive programs for students to work in smaller groups.

Armstead is not just a talking head. He has done his research and cited several statistics that he is trying to change: Two-thirds of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare. 85 percent of all juveniles who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate.

One of Armstead's programs is a creative writing workshop to help build the confidence of the participants. Armstead not only funds these programs, but he is also actively involved as a positive voice and role model. Last year some of the stories written at Armstead's workshop were even published as a collection.

Armstead's cause was supported by several of his teammates, including Richard Sherman, DeForest Buckner, Ahkello Witherspoon, Ronald Blair, Jaquiski Tartt and Sheldon Day. Former teammate and current Raiders tackle Trent Brown, as well as Panthers linebacker and Sacramento native Shaq Thompson also attended.

Several pieces of autographed sports memorabilia from Bay Area players were up for silent auction including signed jerseys from Steph Curry, Jimmy Garoppolo, Jerry Rice and Roger Craig. It was during the live auction where things got a little heated.

Sherman donated a painting of his likeness which he autographed on site. He drove the price up by bidding for the item himself which got the crowd motivated and riled up.

Another painting that featured Buckner and Armstead together as both Oregon Ducks and 49ers was an item that also had a flurry of bidding. Both players got up on the stage to help inspire bidders to open their wallets.

The following day Armstead hosted nearly 200 children in his youth football camp held at Pleasant Grove High School where he was a member of the football team. The campers went through both offensive and defensive drills while Armstead went from group to group giving one-on-one coaching.

At the conclusion of the camp, Armstead spoke to the group and gave awards to campers who stood out both as teammates and with their work ethic.

Armstead hopes to continue to raise awareness of how literacy affects the population in a positive way while providing opportunities for those with little or no resources.

Aaron Banks

Basketball feet, football power: 49ers rookie Aaron Banks began his athletic rise on the El Cerrito hardwood

By David Lombardi
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East Bay native and Notre Dame product Aaron Banks picked up the phone on the second day of April's NFL Draft.

"Hey, this is John Lynch from the 49ers," the voice on the other end of the line said. "Are you ready to come back to the Bay Area, buddy?"

Celebratory yells and screams followed. For several seconds, Banks didn't have a chance to give Lynch an audible answer. That's how wildly the offensive lineman's extended network of family and friends, huddled around him at a house in Sonoma rented for the occasion, reacted the second Lynch's words crackled through the phone.

Kenny Kahn, Banks' football coach at El Cerrito High School for three years, was among the elated throng that was making all that noise.

"Aaron playing for the San Francisco 49ers is a dream come true," Kahn said in a phone interview last week. "I'm an '80s baby, so it's hard not to love Bay Area teams and what they did then, the A's, the 49ers. So to see Aaron, a Bay Area kid, wear the red and gold is something special.

"You have a kid who has a good head on his shoulders, great support. And people want to see him do well. Him coming home is one of the greatest things."

For Kahn, it's even better than the summer 2013 moment when he met Banks, who was an incoming freshman at El Cerrito playing on the school's summer basketball team.

And that was a good memory.

"Whenever a freshman kid first comes up to talk to me, it's always, 'Coach Kahn, I want to play football for the Gauchos,'" Kahn said. "And I see this 6-5, 330-pound specimen and I just can't make words come out of my mouth.

"I'm just giving him the eye test. I'm grabbing his arm. I kind of start grunting, and my assistant head coach Donny Davis was next to me and I literally started doing the Ric Flair 'wooo!'"

Banks' father, Lamont, is a former football player, and his mother, Teresa, is a former bodybuilder. Even as a teenager who hadn't yet hit the gridiron, Banks looked the part.

Given his size, it didn't take Banks long to start dominating much smaller competition on the football field. But it was Banks' ability to move his massive frame that truly differentiated him. He fielded 30 college scholarship offers, eventually choosing a Notre Dame program that valued his spatial-blocking capabilities.

The 49ers, also enamored of Banks' dexterity, were willing to select him with a premium second-round pick — even though coach Kyle Shanahan's regime hadn't selected an offensive guard in four-plus drafts up until that point.

Banks' agility is rooted in his AAU background on the hardwood.

“A lot of people don’t realize this, but when Aaron came to El Cerrito, he didn’t play football,” Michael Booker, Banks’ high school basketball coach, said in a recent phone interview. “He was a basketball player. He was a big kid as a freshman, but his footwork was incredible. His skill on the basketball court — he was cerebral, he knew where to be, he knew how to use his body, knew how to position it to be the scorer, to play defense.

“He wasn’t a dump truck. He had really quick feet. He was really agile, and he could really move. That was really surprising for a kid that big.”

Banks consistently scored in the double digits for El Cerrito. His top performances came against his best competition. Booker said Banks was one of the best big men at the Torrey Pines Holiday Classic basketball tournament in late 2015. El Cerrito knocked off host Torrey Pines, Lynch’s alma mater, in that tournament. The Gauchos advanced to the 2016 Northern California Division II championship game, where they lost narrowly to San Mateo’s Serra High.

In that contest, Banks more than held his own against Serra 7-footer Jack Wilson, who later played at Oregon State and Idaho.

“Aaron was just abusing him and going to work on him,” Booker said. “He was really intuitive in terms of playing the game. He knew where the other people should be. He knew all the positions, from the point guard to the five-spot. In fact, he would tell people where they should be. And defensively, he anchored us. So we could do a lot of things defensively that a lot of high school teams couldn’t do, because he could quarterback that.”

Banks’ mastery of nuances carried over to the football field, where the intricacies of timing and footwork are vital to the success of trench play — especially in the type of outside-zone system the 49ers run.

“Once he learned how to play offensive guard and tackle, he wanted to be a long snapper, he wanted to play defensive tackle and defensive end, he wanted to learn everything and play everything,” Kahn said.

“He always had a knack for learning and getting better. He’s a savant in that sense.”

When Banks first joined El Cerrito’s football team in 2013, the program was coming off an illustrious 2012 season that finished with a 13-1 record. The Gauchos’ only loss had come in their final game, a 31-28 defeat at the hands of Marin Catholic — led by future Cal and NFL quarterback Jared Goff — in the North Coast Section Division III title game.

A number of future college Division I players from that El Cerrito team, including defensive back Adarius Pickett (who’d play for UCLA and is now in the CFL), linebacker DJ Calhoun (who’d play for Arizona State) and receiver Marquis Pippins (who’d play for Weber State), remained with the Gauchos when Banks enrolled as a freshman.

“He got to come into that,” Kahn said. “I think with the basketball background and being able to step right in and play in football, he was learning with that baptism-by-fire mentality. He’s always shown he’s an incredible competitor. He looks at it as: The opponent helps facilitate your growth.”

Banks’ football highlight reel at El Cerrito showcases an early look at the skill set that would sell the 49ers several years later.

“We thought that this is a guy that was quick enough to attach to defenders on the second level,” 49ers offensive coordinator Mike McDaniel said earlier this month. “He had a lot of skills. And yeah, we like that he’s big. He’s just gonna have to run fast while being big and we felt like he was a candidate to do that.” Long before Shanahan’s staff nabbed him, Banks’ play in high school drew the hot pursuit of a former 49ers head coach.

Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh, two years after he finished his four-season stint with the 49ers, returned to the Bay Area to pursue two high-profile recruits in fall 2016. One was Antioch High running back Najee Harris, who went on to star at Alabama before the Steelers picked him in the first round of the 2021 draft. The other was Banks. Harbaugh made headlines by announcing Antioch's homecoming queen at one of Harris' games and by volunteering on the sidelines for one of Banks' games.

"Those were two of your top Bay Area recruits," Kahn said. "Harbaugh was working the chain gang at an El Cerrito football contest followed by him announcing homecoming royalty at Antioch football. I thought it was hilarious. It showed both humility and a great way to show I'm willing to do everything and anything so you'll play for the Michigan Wolverines. And Michigan was a big option for Aaron at that point in time."

Along with Oregon and Notre Dame, the Wolverines were one of three finalists in Banks' recruitment. But the lineman ultimately opted to join the Irish. Banks entered as a freshman when 49ers right tackle Mike McGlinchey, his new teammate and likely neighbor on the right side of the 49ers' front (Banks projects as the starter at right guard), was a senior at Notre Dame.

"The family, the faith and (former Irish offensive line) coach Harry Hiestand had a big impact on him at the time," Kahn said.

Banks' four seasons at Notre Dame set the table for this past April's Bay Area homecoming — the joyous scene on the other end of the line of that draft-day phone call with Lynch.

The mass of family members and friends gathered at the draft house in Sonoma and bubbled with excitement, ready to explode whenever Banks was picked. They were eager to celebrate one of their own, who'd earned respect with the helpfulness and modesty he'd shown on his rise through the football ranks.

"If there was a freshman kid having a hard time, it was hard not to take Aaron's help or listen to him," Kahn said. "A lot of times in high school, you see kids who have that level of success start to big league people, but he was always humble, appreciative and supportive of other people. He was accessible.

"So to witness that, it couldn't have happened to a better person. El Cerrito is like a small town with a big-city feel. That's the beauty of the Bay Area, right?"

Of course, the fact the 49ers picked Banks only added to the electricity of the moment. With the ties between franchise fandom and the coaches who developed Banks — Booker's family has even had 49ers season tickets since 1979, Bill Walsh's first year as coach — this process culminated in fitting fashion.

Kahn couldn't help but note the 49ers will wear jersey patches honoring their 75th anniversary this season, which he deems an apt coincidence. Kahn wore No. 75 when he played at El Cerrito High, as did the late George Austin, a longtime fixture around the school who coached Banks in his 2016 senior season before dying in summer 2017.

"You see Aaron's phone light up, you start to see Roger Goodell do his slow walk to the podium, you hear Aaron talking to Lynch and Shanahan," Kahn said. "It was that starstruck 'my dreams are coming true' moment. Just to see him wrapped around his family, close friends, high school football coaches.
"It was a special moment. I've been joking that it was my Woodstock because you don't see that happen every day. And I'll never see it again, right?"

Meet Aaron Banks, the 49ers' hometown protector here to 'bully bullies'

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Sometimes your trip home lasts longer than you expect. That was the case for Aaron Banks.

Banks became the man after the man on April 30. Selected 48th overall, he followed the 49ers' slightly more high-profile pick, Trey Lance. He was brought in as one of the men who will be tasked with protecting that franchise-altering investment for the long haul.

The call

The whole Banks clan was on hand that Friday night in Napa, not too far from where Aaron had grown up, in El Cerrito. They'd rented a house to watch the draft, and Banks invited those closest to him and those who'd helped him get to that point; his immediate family, girlfriend, high school football coaches and close friends.

While the celebration wasn't expected to be abbreviated, there was an expectation that it would have to be cut short at some point. Banks had his bags packed in the garage for whichever team picked him and sent him flying to some new part of the country. He'd have to report to wherever that was within three days.

There were a couple of times when he thought he got the call, which instead turned out to be people figuring out how to get to the house. His heart raced, then dropped, and he got back to waiting.

"Please don't call," he texted back.

But eventually the call did come in. Suffice it to say, it wasn't welcomed with golf claps.

General manager John Lynch and head coach Kyle Shanahan both got a kick out of their struggle to hear Banks through the roar that came from a room full of overjoyed friends and family.

It's hard to ask people to contain themselves at a time like that; especially when most of the room, including the majority of Banks' old coaches, were 49ers fans.

"We tried our best to not just mess that up for him," Aaron's father, Lamont, told KNBR. "But once we were shut off… man."

Aaron being drafted by the 49ers meant those bags could stay packed. He popped a bottle of champagne in the backyard and had time to breathe with those who mattered most to him. A surprise bonus came from the owner of the home, who was watching the draft with his son — both 49ers fans — who realized that the Aaron Banks they just watched get drafted was the same Aaron Banks who was renting their house.

The owner called Lamont to ask if he could stop by and congratulate them. The homeowner and his son got some autographs and he gave the Banks family a wine tasting, donated some pork from his pork farm next door, and extended their stay for another three days to allow them to soak in the moment.

"It was like a once in a lifetime moment," Lamont said. "To see my family, and see my son just, in a pick, move to another level, to another high. His life is gonna change, and what a dude that deserves it."

Lamont was not a 49ers fan. He's trying to come around to it, though. When the pick came in, the lifelong Raiders fan said he said reached into his pocket for his Raiders mask and had a moment with it, briefly lamenting that his team, which had traded up five spots with the 49ers from 48 to 43, had wasted its chance to draft his son.

“Raiders, it was your pick, but I think I gotta put you back in my pocket,” he said.

Lamont says he’s softening his stance though, and always respected the success of the 49ers. He’s already bought a 49ers hat, and that’s a real step.

At a family birthday when Banks’ kids were younger, his older brother, Ronnie, brought a haul of 49ers gear to his house for a birthday party. Ronnie could stay, but Lamont said he told him, “the gear has to go.” That gear’s no longer off limits.

Homecoming

That return home can be tricky to navigate. Players who get drafted where they grew up have to face a layer of pressure that’s impossible to prepare for. It’s a burden of your newly-earned wealth being very public, and the inevitable ask for favors.

Aaron’s former and now current teammate Mike McGlinchey warned him.

“There’s a little pressure that comes with that and there’s a lot of people that you know that are still close to you and you gotta learn how to be a pro and manage all that,” McGlinchey said on KNBR on May 4. “I know for me, if it was me in Philadelphia, it’d be a whole different story. So it’s definitely something that’s a really cool blessing for him but it’s also something that’s going to present a challenge, and he’s gonna have to learn to be a pro and be a grown man pretty quick.”

Aaron, though, has said he’s not concerned about those potential distractions.

“I haven’t thought twice about it,” he said. “When I can help some of my family, I will, but if I can’t, I’m gonna say no. I don’t think that has been on my mind at all.”

Aaron is one of four kids: his older sister, Dalisia, 28, his older brother, Lamont Jr., 25, himself, 23, and his younger brother, Franklin, 20.

He has myriad people to thank for getting to this point; his parents, Lamont and Teresa, his high school football coach Kenny Kahn, his offensive line partners and offensive line coach at Notre Dame, Harry Hiestand — but in talking to Banks, his father and Kahn, it’s clear much of it comes back to his sister.

Anyone with sisters knows how tough they can be, and Dalisia reigned supreme over her younger three brothers. With both parents often busy, she was in charge. And she could hold her own.

“She was the alpha,” Aaron said. “Huge shout out to her. My parents were often pretty busy. Coming up, she did a great job of stepping in, taking care of us when she had to.”

“[She] ruled in my house until she was maybe 13, 14,” said Lamont. “It took three of them to take her down. She ruled, which was the best thing in the world for them because they were the boys that didn’t actually get into a whole lot of stuff because she was always on their butts. Plus, she’s heavy-handed.”

“She kind of instilled in them boys that they’re not going to be any punks. They were tough on each other, but being tough on each other made them stronger. And they felt that and they always had confidence because of it.”

Aaron was humbled early. His father, a former football player, and mother, a former bodybuilder, made sure their kids, who were extremely competitive with one another, were active. That meant literally 1,000-2,000 jump ropes and/or a couple hundred free throws every night before bed.

Get in trouble? You’d be jumping rope “for a while.”

Part of that routine came from the fact that the Banks children were so large for their age growing up that they weren't allowed to play in football until they got older. That's where basketball and jump rope came in, laying the groundwork for Aaron to be agile and crafty with his footwork.

Lamont described his kids as a goofy bunch. When he had to bring them with him to work on his contracting jobs, he'd leave them with masking paper and tape to come back to now-mummified children, wrapped up and sometimes sliding around the room in rolling chairs.

That dynamic set the foundation for Aaron. It was a competitive, but goofy family that prioritized work ethic.

Lamont said he rarely had to worry about his son. In high school, Aaron was proactively helping other students who found themselves in trouble. He was part of a program at El Cerrito called the Culture Keepers, which sought to provide help to students who were struggling, via mindfulness practices.

That allowed students to feel like they could get help and reach out to their peers without the fear or uncomfortability of talking to a school administrator. As his high school football coach Kahn — who will start as principal at Redwood High School next year in Castro Valley — put it, it was difficult not to accept help from Aaron.

"It's really hard [to say no] when the biggest, most physical athlete on campus is giving you that olive branch and saying, 'Hey, let's take a walk, let's talk about it, tell me what's going on. How are you feeling?'" Kahn said. "He's such a supportive person in so many capacities."

That continued at Notre Dame, where Lamont said his son quietly built a bond with a young, neuroatypical fan, spending time with him on the sidelines, giving him autographs, gloves and other memorabilia.

Kahn's bond with Banks continued while he was at college. His son, Theo, was the first baby Aaron — a bit hesitantly, asking Kahn, "you're trusting me with this?" — ever held. Whenever he got home from school, Kahn said Aaron always checked in with his family.

He said Aaron has a relationship with him and his wife, and that Theo, bless his heart, brags that Aaron is his best friend.

"He'd show up, grab some sandwiches, watch a movie or two," Kahn said. "I remember watching the women's NCAA tournament when Notre Dame went off a couple years back. It was just fun to have him at the house hanging out. He always wants to stay connected to the people who put on for him."

And as a protector, well, Kahn does not recommend poking the "Dancing Bear" — the nickname his college offensive coordinator Chip Long gave him. He took a page out of the Zach Randolph book.

"I wouldn't mess with his quarterback or his backfield," Kahn said. "Because, when I talk about him not being a bully, he'll bully bullies."

Room full of alphas

It was at Notre Dame where Lamont says his son became the man he is. He enters the NFL with a draft class of four other Notre Dame senior offensive linemen in Liam Eichenberg (Round 2, Pick 42 – Miami), Robert Hainsey (Round 3, Pick 95 – Tampa Bay) and Tommy Kraemer (undrafted free agent – signed with Detroit).

That group learned from McGlinchey's class as freshmen, and will be challenged to match what that group has already accomplished in the NFL. Banks came into Notre Dame under a group of seniors that were, as Long called them, "a group of alphas."

There was McGlinchey, Quenton Nelson (arguably the best interior offensive lineman in the NFL), Alex Bars (starting right guard for the Bears), Sam Mustipher (starting center for the Bears) and Hainsey, who was starting as a freshman.

All Aaron had to do was take over for Nelson, who, again, might be the best interior offensive lineman in the NFL. But he'd spent that first year being able to learn from Nelson and Bars, so, when Bars got injured against Stanford in Week 5 and his opportunity came, he wasn't harrowed by the pressure of slotting into a starting spot as a redshirt freshman on an undefeated team.

After a game during their freshman year, Lamont said he met Nelson and asked a favor of the now three-time All-Pro guard.

"I said man, would you please look out for my son?'" Lamont said. "He says, 'Man, I'm gonna take him, and I'm going to show him as much as I can. And you can best believe' — and he put his arm around Aaron's shoulder — 'I got him.' And you know what? I knew that kid was telling me the truth. And he never failed him."

It's that part of Banks' experience that he, and everyone around him, could feel shaping him. Those offensive line rooms were especially close-knit, in part due to the culture of Notre Dame and the way Hiestand hand-picked his offensive linemen, but also because they all came in at the same time and grew together.

"Them dudes were down for each other and that's what makes the difference," said Lamont. "To me, that's why my son became the man that he is."

That's not a gimmick. As the 49ers went through the draft process, McGlinchey, who was one of the few 49ers players still around the team facility at that time, was stumping for his Notre Dame teammates.

Kyle Shanahan said McGlinchey begged the 49ers to grab another golden domer, and was understandably ecstatic to see that come to fruition. Asked if he was really campaigning for his teammates to the extent Shanahan said he was, McGlinchey told KNBR: "Absolutely."

"It wasn't just Banks, it was the rest of the Notre Dame haul, too," McGlinchey said. "I was excited about all four of those guys with Liam Eichenberg, Tommy Kramer and Rob Hainsey. The four of those guys, I played with, I knew them, I know what is coached at that school, I know what they look like, I know who they are as workers, I know who they are as teammates. And I think the sky's the limit for all of them and especially for Aaron. And so I made sure that we were going to get one of them."

Not the right fit? 'That criticism is crazy to me'

That's all well and good. Aaron Banks, the local kid, comes home and gets to play with his former Notre Dame teammate on a team that's ready to compete now and for the future. Everything looks bright.

But it's all got to happen on the field, and there has already been some criticism of Banks, or at the least, his fit with the 49ers. That criticism seems only slightly insane given that he hasn't even had a day of training camp under his belt, but hey, if you don't get your takes in early, you can't claim you were right later.

The criticism of Banks is that he isn't a good zone blocking fit, and would fit better in a power or gap system. Again, he's yet to start training camp, let alone play a preseason snap, let alone play in a regular season game.

Those critiques seem tethered more to the fact that the 49ers have had Mike Person and Daniel Brunskill at right guard, who weren't as massive as Banks, and had solid short-area quickness in zone runs. Basically, the criticism goes, Banks, at 6'6″ and a listed 325 pounds, is very large, and very large guys tend to not move as well as smaller guys.

Some of that, too, is based on scheme. Notre Dame started to run more zone blocking runs under under offensive coordinator Tommy Rees in 2020 than under Long. Long said he thinks some of the criticism may stem simply from the fact that Banks was asked to gap block often in his offense.

But you don't get the nickname "Dancing Bear" for being heavy on you feet. Long gave him the nickname in practice one day as a compliment to his agility for his size and flexibility. At that time, Banks was playing tackle, too, and proficiently.

It is patently impossible to watch Banks' tape and come to the conclusion that he doesn't move well, or is incapable of fitting into a zone system.

If you have questions about Banks' athleticism, let's amend that. He was a back-to-back North Coast Section champion at El Cerrito in basketball, and helped El Cerrito to its first-ever NCS football championship in 2013, too. You see him in the clips below working in the post, showing off baby hooks with either hand, up-and-unders, spinning out of the low block, facilitating off the dribble, and blocking a couple of shots.

When you see his high school football tape, you feel simultaneously awed and bad for the kids he was facing. He played both offensive and defensive tackle, and it's on the defensive side where you really see that explosiveness and short area quickness.

But there are a couple plays on this reel at offensive tackle that are pure bulldozer material. In the first clip, he sends a kid to his back with ease, and that kid stays there for… a while.

The second play is etched in Lamont Banks' mind. As he remembered it, his son drove another player for about 25 yards, but it was a fuzzier memory for Aaron.

When draft day rolled around and media were looking for tape of Aaron in high school, Kahn obliged. And there it was, just as Lamont remembered it; Aaron Banks literally driving another player straight back from his own 38-yard-line to the other team's 42. Only a mere 20 yards (0:48 mark in the video below).

Still, there's that criticism out there, and even if Banks is perfect from the moment he sets foot on the field, there will be new critics with new criticism. It's the name of the game when you're playing professional sports.

McGlinchey was criticized as harshly as anyone last season, and acknowledged his role in that, in what was an immensely difficult season for the 49ers behind the scenes.

But criticizing a player who has yet to take the field? McGlinchey said he can't understand that especially for a guy he described as a "nasty player," who has obvious, above average athleticism.

"Just because someone's size is what it is, doesn't mean he isn't a scheme fit," McGlinchey said. "Kyle Shanahan is as good — and so is John — at identifying talent and things that fit within our ballclub. If people truly believe that about Aaron Banks, they're obviously not watching film, they're obviously not watching football and they obviously don't really know what they're looking for because no matter how big he is, no matter how he looks, Aaron can move. Aaron is an exceptional athlete. You watch him in space, you watch him coming off the ball, he's a perfect fit for what we do and the more he's coached here and the better that he gets to unleash his athletic ability and fine tune that technique, he's going to be a force for us.

"To critique a guy and question an offensive coach who has proven time and time again that he's always right, is pretty astounding to me. I don't know how people could do that… That criticism is crazy to me."

One area that Aaron excelled at Notre Dame was as a blocker in the screen game. Long told KNBR that he would actively look for Banks in practices and games and try to run screens to his side.

“He’s one of the best screen offensive linemen I’ve ever seen, being able to get out in space and stay on defenders and he’s just so massive and so talented, with his athleticism,” Long said. “Every time I’d try to run a screen I’d always go, ‘Where’s Banks? Run it to him,’ because he’d always be able to get it going.”

To some extent, Aaron said he understands the criticism. People who haven’t seen him play will see his size and assume, as a bigger player, that he won’t move as well.

He shot back at that criticism, but made clear he’s not concerned with those opinions.

“Obviously coach Shanahan had a vision and saw something he liked and I hate to say it like this, but sometimes people who write these articles haven’t played the game, and aren’t in and out of the facility every day to see what these coaches see,” Banks said. “I don’t give a damn what these people say, if they’re talking bad or talking good. If it’s not going to make me better, or help me be a better player, or do whatever I need to do on the field, then it doesn’t matter.”

We’re still about three months away from the start of the NFL season and Banks’ debut, but Kahn said his growth as a person and player, and homecoming is already meaningful to other kids growing up in the Bay.

“It’s awesome to see in the Bay Area so many Black and brown men continuing to grow,” Kahn said. “Because I think that’s a hard narrative sometimes that we have to push and so to see Aaron on the platform that he is now, I think, is a message to so many young Black and brown kids that hard work, potential, taking in advice, coaching and mentorship, actualizing potential, anyone can do it… it’s different for every person, but he’s such a beacon of light.”

Nick Bosa

49ers star Nick Bosa has a burst fueled by sweat, sacrifice and a personal chef

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Once upon a time, Nick Bosa ate like a college guy.

He subsisted on Chipotle during the day. When the bars closed in the wee hours, he and his crew hit McDonald's. His go-to order: a McGriddle, 550 calories of sausage, egg, American cheese and gooey goodness.

When he went home to South Florida, Sunday dinners consisted of penne, gravy, short ribs and meatballs. Absolutely scrumptious, but …

"If there was one place where there was a weakness, it was my diet," the 49ers star said.

Not anymore.

Chipotle is out and ceviche is in. Short ribs have been replaced by tuna poke. And early morning McGriddles have been washed away by freshly squeezed fruit juices — lots and lots of fruit juices.

"You should see my kitchen on juice(-making) days," Bosa said. "It's like the produce section of a grocery store."

The results are written all over his face. His cheeks are leaner than when he entered the league in 2019. And his abs? You could do a few baskets of laundry on his washboard, which was on full display during summer practices. Bosa said he's dropped to around 9 percent body fat, one of the lowest on the team.

Most significant, he's shaved fractions of seconds from the time it takes him to fire out of a three-point stance and crash into the pocket.

"I make my money in 10-yard bursts, for sure," the 49ers defensive end said.

Those 10-yard bursts are interesting. Before he was drafted, Bosa's 10-yard split was 1.55 seconds, a strong time for a 266-pounder like him. This offseason, his splits were routinely below 1.5 seconds, which is squarely in the oh crap range if you're an NFL quarterback.

Just how absurd are those times for someone of Bosa's size? According to The Athletic's Dane Brugler, only eight cornerbacks had sub-1.5-second splits prior to the most recent draft and just one pass rusher, 249-pound Amare Barno, was under that mark with a 1.49-second split.

And Bosa's have been faster than that.

"My starts — if I'm not under a 1.50 on my 10-yard starts, then my nervous system probably isn't on it that day," Bosa said. "I'm in the 1.4 range every time."

Tackle Mike McGlinchey can give a first-person account of Bosa's annual progress. He recalled his initial pass-protection snap of the summer when No. 97 zipped by like a blur.

"It was like, 'Oh, he got even faster,'" McGlinchey said. "I don't know what's in the water down in South Florida with him and his brother. But the two of them, they're so meticulous, they're so professional. They understand training and nutrition and all that kind of stuff better than just about anybody I've ever been around."

When players skip OTAs and other non-mandatory workouts, NFL teams often react like they've gone AWOL. When Bosa's not around in the spring, the 49ers merely shrug and know what he's doing off-site is extremely valuable.

"You see it in his work, in how he looks, in how he plays," McGlinchey said. "He maximizes everything about himself. And it's the reason he gets better every single year he goes home."

The two major changes in Bosa's training methods have been born of big injuries. The first occurred in 2018 after a core muscle tear ended his final season at Ohio State. He went to live in Southern California with his older brother, Chargers pass rusher Joey Bosa, who got Nick working with his personal trainer, Todd Rice.

Two years earlier, Rice had been part of the Chargers strength and conditioning staff and had given a presentation to the team's rookies on the importance of flexibility. Rice had studied Olympic weightlifters in Sweden, Poland and Bulgaria and had marveled at their scientific approach to training.

"It was, what makes Olympic lifters stay healthy even though they're lifting, minimally, 2 1/2 times their body weight in a clean and jerk?" Rice said in a phone interview. "And yet they don't have the injuries that a lot of college and NFL athletes have."

The difference was their pliability, which was what Rice explained to the Chargers rookies following a hot practice in Southern California. He wasn't sure if any had paid attention until Joey approached him afterward and said he'd been having pain in his knees, back and hamstrings. He thought Rice's half-hour stretching routine might help.

"And Joey came in and did it later that day," Rice recalled. "And it was not easy. We evaluated his flexibility, which was not good. And definitely not where it needed to be."

Rice said most football players would rather concentrate on the bodybuilding aspect of training, the one in which you pump yourself up and then preen in front of the mirror. Flexibility? It's boring. It takes time and concentration. Many players come in for an initial session and never come back.

Joey, however, didn't just stick with the routine. When the season ended, he hired Rice to be his year-round private trainer. After all, his knee and back pain had gone away and suddenly the stiff-legged edge rusher was bending like a ballerina. Joey can lie on his back and bring his legs as far back as his head. Little brother Nick has quadriceps like oak stumps, but he can reach 10 inches past his toes with his legs locked in a sitting position.

Today, Nick is just as big a convert as his brother. He likes to torment Rice by sending video clips of college weight room scenes where a player squeezes out a personal best in, say, the squat and then is mobbed by frenzied teammates. The joke, of course, is that the lifts aren't technically correct, that the flexibility needed to do them safely and productively is missing. The college guys are lifting like meatheads when they should be doing it like eggheads.

"I have a library of all the videos Nick and Joey have sent me knowing that it makes my stomach turn," Rice said with a laugh. "Nicky sends 'em to me all the time. Then again, it kind of makes me smile because it tells me they know what's not right."

It's easy to see why the Bosas speak about Rice's routine with near-religious zeal. The brothers are the type of people who want to know the science behind what they're doing, and Rice gives them plenty of material. Everything they do in South Florida from February to July is timed or measured, even the warmups. That's allowed Nick to keep track of his progress. He's gotten quicker every offseason — even last year when he was recovering from an ACL tear. The most recent offseason has been the best yet, which makes you wonder how high his sack total might soar in 2022.

"I've upped my maxes in squats and benches this past year pretty substantially," he said. "My sprinting numbers are better than they've ever been. My agility drill numbers are better than they've ever been."

The 2022 offseason also included a twist to the routine in the form of a 4,000-square-foot warehouse that Joey bought and converted into a private gym. How private? There are two members: him and Nick.

Training got tricky in recent years because of COVID-19. The new gym essentially makes their sessions pandemic-proof and was custom built with a full kitchen, hot and cold therapy sections and a basketball court-like suspended floor that's easier on the joints.

Nick said the one-time warehouse is in a nondescript commercial area and there's a mechanics shop next door.

"They're definitely confused, I think, when they see us pull up in our Teslas and walk out," he said. "And they're all working on cars. There's no signs or anything. We just keep it low-key."

The final piece of Bosa's training regimen also followed an injury, a 2020 ACL reconstruction that included a torn MCL and torn lateral meniscus.

During his rehabilitation, he reasoned that he already had a workout routine that was rigid and science-based and that his diet ought to match. So he hired a chef, Ana Machado, who's been executive chef at restaurants and taught culinary arts at local universities and who immediately began drawing up a menu for a defensive end who devours quarterbacks.

Bosa grew up in an Italian American household, loved pasta — the richer, the better — and equated carbohydrates with energy. Suddenly those were out, largely replaced by fish that Machado finds at a market near his Fort Lauderdale house.

"It's a ton of raw fish," he said. "Raw salmon and tuna. She does a ceviche with grouper and sea bass, which is unreal. And then a chef's salad. She makes a ton of variety. It never really gets boring. It's tasty. It's not a chore."

Bosa said he starts the day with a green juice. Machado will come in one day with bags full of fruits and vegetables, which she chops, slices, squeezes and turns into six big containers that go into his refrigerator. He'll wake up, drink one of those and go for a run.

For breakfast, it's egg-white frittatas with ground bison — "Bison is leaner," he says — with turkey bacon, chorizo and a pile of spinach, peppers and onions.

Then it's another meal every three hours or so, perhaps a ceviche at 1 p.m. followed by a salmon crudo at 4 p.m. and tuna poke for the last big meal of the day.

"I think there was kind of an adaptation period for my body," he said. "But now my body operates better and I don't really need as much. I'm never feeling overly full. And I feel plenty of energy during my workouts."

The 49ers defensive end wants everyone to know he's not completely monastic.

He'll have a glass of wine on Saturday nights during the offseason. Everyone celebrated Joey's 27th birthday in July at a fancy restaurant and Nick admits he indulged in a dessert. His cheat meal no longer is a McGriddle, but it's not exactly health food, either.

"It's a steak, like a fatty steak," he said. "On the weekends I'll have a ribeye. Because when I do fatty things, it doesn't affect me nearly as bad as eating a pizza."

But sodas and sugars are either out or are extreme rarities. His beloved pastas are, too. And now he feels quicker, stronger — better — than he's ever felt.

"I've had a few injuries," he says, letting that statement sink in. "I know that football is what I want to do for a long time. So I felt like I have to maximize everything."

Nick Bosa Q&A: 28 questions with SF 49ers' defensive star

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Fresh out of the cold tub after a training camp practice, Nick Bosa took a seat on a couch and settled in for a rare, one-on-one interview.

Bosa's fourth season on the 49ers is upon him. He is, undeniably, one of the NFL's best defensive ends. Yet he's still somewhat of a mystery.

He is not a brash loudmouth or a clever-dancing sack artist. His dry sense of humor can catch you by surprise, as can an occasional postgame soundbite reflecting unabashed confidence in himself, his defense and his team.

In the following question-and-answer session with the Bay Area News Group's 49ers reporter Cam Inman, Bosa did not hesitate to say this season's team could win the Super Bowl, thus ending the franchise's 27-year quest for a sixth Lombardi Trophy:

Before we dive into 2022, let's reflect real quick on last season. The Green Bay playoff game, you get a couple of sacks on Aaron Rodgers and win in the snow. Most gratifying win or performance you've had?

I didn't love how I played in the second half. But after the game is one of the most excited times I've been, for sure, after a win.

What did you do on Super Bowl Sunday?

Oh, I was there. I was in L.A. for some events, just left Vegas. I had a couple easy money events where I had to show up and whatever. Then I was in L.A. and my doctor (Neal) ElAttrache had an extra ticket. I went and sat in the box with my agent. I didn't like it at all. (Rams lineman Andrew) Whitworth's family was right next to me, and I was just … they were all super nice. If I did it all over again, I would have stayed at home or went somewhere else to watch it.

Was it painful and awkward?

It was weird, because I didn't want to like cheer for anybody, but obviously I'm watching Sam (Hubbard) and Joe (Burrow). That's the biggest reason I decided to go. (Bosa played at Ohio State with Hubbard and Burrow.)

What are your expectations for this season?

Obviously there's a lot of uncertainty with a new quarterback. You never know how good they're going to be, because you haven't seen them play. But I like what I saw from him last year and I know that our team is good enough to win the Super Bowl.

The first few games will say a lot about how our offense is going to operate. But as a team, we're in the best position we've been in, including '19. Our secondary is going to allow the D-line to really become the top unit in the league, which I'm super excited about.

We have tons of weapons. Obviously we have Deebo, and I think the O-line will come together. But we've got to see what Trey can do, for sure.

You bring up 2019, and you came into a team with contender abilities, and now Trey does, too. A lot of players drafted that high don't get to do that.
Yeah, I know. I definitely got lucky. I could have been elsewhere. I'm just happy because this organization is so great. They give you all the resources you need. They listen to my input. Obviously you have to get

some respect in the building before you can give input, but I have a great relationship with Kyle and John, so it's all good.

Did last season surprise you how much you got out of your body coming off the knee (reconstruction)?

If you told me when I showed up here (in 2021) that I was going to have that year, it would a little bit surprise me, because there were still some things with my knee that were annoying me. I was managing it but standing out at walk-through at practice, I was always thinking about it, and I had a sleeve on it all the time. It was annoying. But once I got going, I felt fine. When I'm in the routine of being here and taking care of my body as good as I do when I'm here, it feels the best.

Did you have to cut back on your leg workouts last week with different workouts?

Not different workouts, but I had to manage because I had a fat-pad thing, which is two little fat things when you squeeze your quad, and it was getting irritated so much because there's so many nerves in there. Because there's so much new hardware in there, it takes so many reps and squats for it to start moving like it did before. I didn't get my max (weight lifting) up to where it was the year before, and now this year I'm 35 pounds (on a maximum squat) over where I was two years ago.

Your quads obviously get a lot of attention. How do they help you?

It's a lot of genetics, for sure, from my dad. It's not like I go and do body-building stuff in the offseason. I'm not sitting there doing high reps and leg extensions. I squat full range and do a couple single leg things, some step ups and RDLs. Everything is to perform well.

Are Joey's quads as big? (His older brother, Joey, plays for the Los Angeles Chargers)

No.

Does anybody in the NFL have bigger quads?

I think so. Maybe Javon (Kinlaw), maybe per proportion, maybe not. (Kinlaw is 6-foot-5, 319 pounds and plays defensive tackle next to Bosa, who is listed at 6-4, 266).

How is the rapport with left tackle Trent Williams during practice?

Today I asked him about something, and the fact he gave me a straight answer, I was like, 'Wow.' I feel if he was a younger player and might have another contract somewhere else – which maybe he will but – maybe he wouldn't do that type of thing. So I do appreciate that. You're always competing, even with guys on your team. And I'll tell him whatever because he's on my team.

How would you describe the ideal pass rush?

Really good get-off, and finish with a sack. Knocking the ball out would be ideal.

In today's NFL, is finesse more important than a power rush?

I think power is more important, to be honest. Guys are so athletic and so good with their hands that if you don't have power …. Like, you could get away with just being a power rusher and being productive in the NFL. But you can't get away with just being a finesse rusher, unless you're crazy. Even Von Miller, who's thought of a fast rusher, he's also one of the better power rushers.

Do you have a signature move?

I think the swipe. Inside swipe or outside swipe. I'm more of a power rusher, honestly, when it comes down to it.

That's different from Joey?

I'd say so. As his career's gone on, he's become more finesse, but he's got the power, too.

Did your dad instill some of this in you growing up? (John Bosa was the Miami Dolphins' 1987 first-round pick who played three seasons as a defensive end before knee injuries cut short his career.)

Not really.

With his background, do you guys feel you're carrying on his legacy and raising it to new heights?

Yeah, you think about that sometimes. But he'd be the first to tell you he hopes for our careers to make his not even a thought. He had a rough NFL career. He had an amazing college career. But he was as a first-round pick. As a kid from Keene, New Hampshire, that's pretty cool.

He had knee injuries. You had a bad knee injury, too, but with medical advancements, it's a different game, huh?

Yeah, completely. He's great now and is still exercising a ton. His knees feel good and I'm glad.

You spend your offseasons in Fort Lauderdale. You got a boat? How big is it?

Thirty feet.

Have a protein-shake blender on the boat?

No. There's a fridge on there, though.

You don't go fishing, do you?

A little, not much. I like to go to the sandbar and hang out. I keep my boat behind my dad's house, but on the weekends, I bring it to Joey's because he's in the main area of Fort Lauderdale and where we like to hang out. But the boat ride are literally three minutes from his place to the sandbar, so sometimes we don't go very far.

What else do you do out there?

Just a lot of work. Weekdays, I'm not doing much. I'll hang out at Joey's.

Out here in California, you came here three years ago, but essentially have only lived here about a year – six months in 2019, six months last year. Favorite spots?

I don't do anything here. I live right down the street. Once I move somewhere – which I might do sometime — I'll start checking more spots out. But I don't have a girlfriend so I don't really go out to eat with anybody. I might go over to George's place or occasionally have a D-line hangout.

Do you live by yourself?

Yeah.

Will you eventually buy a home?

Yeah, if I'm staying here for a while, probably.

When you see a guy like Deebo get signed, George and Fred, what does that tell you how this franchise takes care of homegrown guys and your faith in that.

I have a lot of faith that when the time comes, it will be smooth. I know it's one of the hardest negotiation units up there with Paraag (Marathe, the 49ers' chief capologist) and all those guys. But I think when they know your value …

It doesn't seem you're concerned, that as long as you do your job, things will work out?

Exactly. I try to take it one day at a time.

I've heard that about athletes.

Yeah, it's a good thing for life in general.

49ers' Nick Bosa, after emerging from 'dark places,' aiming for Week 1 return

By Eric Branch
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Nick Bosa noted Thursday he has felt “on the top of the world” and his mind also has traveled to “some dark places” in his brief NFL career.

The question that’s crucial to the 49ers’ season: How is the Pro Bowl defensive end currently feeling?

“Right now,” Bosa said, “I’m feeling pretty close.”

Bosa, speaking publicly for the first time since he suffered a torn ACL in his left knee in September that included cartilage damage — a “big injury,” he acknowledged — struck mostly positive notes as he discussed his current rehab and his ability to play in the season opener Sept. 12 at Detroit.

“Everything right now is trending toward that,” Bosa said. “So I’m hoping to ramp it up as I go and be ready to give it all I’ve got Week 1.”

However, Bosa, 23, also provided details that help explain why the 49ers are bringing him along slowly this summer. Bosa will participate only in individual drills for at least the first week of training camp. After suffering his injury more than 10 months ago, Bosa said he was still experiencing knee soreness after workouts before camp, but he has emerged from his first two practices feeling better than expected. Bosa has appeared explosive during drills and the only noticeable sign of his injury is a black sleeve that has covered his left knee.

“Since I’ve been out here, it’s responded amazing,” Bosa said. “We’re going to take it slow. But I’m very encouraged.”

The anticipated quarterback competition between Jimmy Garoppolo and rookie Trey Lance is the biggest story of the season. But Bosa’s ability to return from his injury ranks second. In 2019, the rookie No. 2 pick resembled a generational talent as he was named the NFL’s Defensive Rookie of the Year and became the 49ers’ first rookie since Patrick Willis to be voted to a Pro Bowl. Bosa was a two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Week and his four postseason sacks rank second among rookies in NFL history.

His dominant start, however, was followed by his devastating injury in the first quarter of a Week 2 win against the Jets on Sept. 20.

“You come off 2019 and you’re on top of the world and then start off well in your next season and it’s all taken away really quick,” Bosa said. “And it was tough. Mentally, it’s really rough. When your body feels terrible, your mind kind of goes to that place.”

But “as my body started to feel better, my mind followed. And then once you’re walking around, working out — I mean, all I really know how to do is work hard. So once you get (through) the initial pain of it, then there’s really no other option than to come back better.”

Instead of living in relative isolation in Santa Clara during the middle of the pandemic, Bosa spent the rest of the 2020 season in Southern California with his older brother and best friend, Joey, the Chargers’ Pro Bowl pass rusher. Nick Bosa also cited the support he received from his mom, Cheryl, as he dealt with the biggest physical setback of his football career. Bosa tore his ACL as a senior in high school and had surgery for a core-muscle injury in his final year at Ohio State.

“My mind did go to some dark places — especially when football’s a really big part of your life,” Bosa said. “And now it just makes you appreciate your family more. I have a girlfriend now. So she definitely occupies my mind a lot, which kind of helped me through this year.”

The next step for Bosa will come when he joins team drills and lines up against Pro Bowl left tackle Trent Williams. Their head-to-head tussles last year were the highlight of training camp.

“You won’t really know how it responds until you take a real rep and have a big offensive lineman pushing on you and all of that stuff,” Bosa said. “We’re trying to simulate it as much as possible right now. My body’s responding really well, so once I get out there and go against Trent a few times, I think it’ll be a pretty quick confidence boost.”

Nick Bosa will begin 49ers camp quicker than he was before his knee injury

By Matt Barrows
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Nick Bosa didn't just pass his physical on Tuesday, the 49ers defensive end is quicker than he's ever been.

That bears repeating: Bosa, who had nine sacks and 45 quarterback pressures in 2019 and was subsequently named the NFL's defensive rookie of the year, is firing out of his stance faster than he did that season.

That's due to both his intensive rehabilitation from the Sept. 20 ACL tear that scuttled his 2020 season and a strict new diet that trimmed his body fat to around 9 percent. The 49ers defensive end is still approximately 265 pounds, his weight when the 49ers drafted him No. 2 overall two years ago, but there's more lean muscle — perhaps an additional five pounds worth — and less fat, which is evident in his appearance.

Nearly everything Bosa and his older brother, Chargers defensive end Joey, do in the offseason — 10-yard bursts, shuttle runs, etc. — is timed. And in the last few weeks Nick Bosa's times have been faster than they've been in the past, Bosa confirmed through a team spokesman.

And that, of course, is excellent news for a defense that goes from solid to elite when it has quick-twitched defensive ends firing off the edges. A repaired and improved Bosa could give the team three players with top get-offs: Bosa; newcomer Samson Ebukam, who once recorded a 1.53-second 10-yard split, which is exceptional for a pass rusher; and Dee Ford, who also passed his physical on Tuesday.

Ford has been dealing with a back injury since the start of last season, one that has migrated to different points in his back and neck and that general manager John Lynch referred to as a "moving target." With that in mind, Lynch clearly tried to manage expectations about Ford's availability.

"We feel like we have a good handle on (the back injury) now — he does — but now I think it's a cautiously optimistic approach, wait and see," Lynch said during a Tuesday news conference to kick off training camp. "You always have to advance him along and see how he does. We're hopeful but cautious. Those things are touchy."

Ford's teammates have provided a far rosier assessment.

Fred Warner, for example, has been working out alongside Ford recently.

"Dee, he's great," the linebacker said on KNBR last week. "He looks great — he's back. I've seen him plenty and he's been working his tail off."

Safety Jimmie Ward said Tuesday his secondary would benefit from the return of the missing defensive ends.

"I've got Dee Ford and Nick Bosa back, and we didn't have them last year," said Ward, who said the defensive line, including a restocked interior unit, was giving him "vibes of 2019" when the 49ers had the top defensive front in the league.

Of course, it might be a while before Bosa and Ford are testing themselves against offensive tackles Trent Williams and Mike McGlinchey in a practice.

Kyle Shanahan said they, along with receiver Jalen Hurd, who also tore his ACL last year, would be eased back into the mix. They could take part in some individual drills early in training camp but probably wouldn't be put in team situations for a week or longer.

Still, Shanahan and others clearly are optimistic about Bosa.

“Saw him yesterday,” Shanahan said. “Got to talk to him for about a half an hour and catch up. He feels good. Obviously we are going to ease him in. We are going to see him move a little bit for the first time in person tomorrow. But he looked great and felt a lot better having him back in the building.”

Bosa has shown he doesn’t need an extensive warm-up.

He missed most of his final season at Ohio State with an abdominal injury, pulled a hamstring early in the spring of his rookie season with the 49ers, then suffered a bad ankle sprain a little more than a week into training camp. Nearly all of his initial offseason was a washout, but he was still able to tally two sacks in the opener against the Buccaneers.

Bosa’s ACL tear came 18 snaps into Week 2 last season. The injury was the first big boulder to dislodge in what became an avalanche of misfortune for the team in 2020. A closer examination of Bosa’s knee that week brought more bad news: Not only was his ACL torn, he’d damaged the meniscus in the knee, which would lengthen his recovery time and threaten to spill into the 2021 season.

Then better news began to trickle in.

Dr. Neal ElAttrache, the Los Angeles-based surgeon who has worked on everyone from Kobe Bryant to Tom Brady to Jimmy Garoppolo, emerged from the operating room in late September saying the procedure went exceedingly well. That seemed to be confirmed when, immediately after surgery, Bosa was able to flex the quadriceps of the injured knee.

He seemed to be ahead of schedule from the jump, something that was confirmed as the weeks and months passed. The big issue with Bosa was making sure he didn’t push the reconstructed joint too far. The 49ers have been monitoring him every step of the way, and perhaps his early and steady progress is why the team didn’t make any big moves at defensive end beyond signing Ebukam in free agency.

“He’s pretty good about documenting his workouts and sending them our way,” Lynch said. “So even though he hasn’t been here the entire time — he’s been here sporadically; he’s come out for a week or so — you never have to question his work ethic. He has a special routine that he’s developed.”

Friend and teammate George Kittle agreed with Shanahan that Bosa looks good, and he told the defensive end to be ready for some wicked blocks the first day he’s back in an offense vs. defense situation.

“Kyle didn’t like that joke,” the mischievous tight end said.

“I have zero worries about Nick Bosa,” Kittle continued. “He’s an incredible football player that trains at a very, very high level. He works out with Joey Bosa every single day who I’m pretty sure is also a pretty decent football player.”

49ers rookie Nick Bosa benefiting from developing bond with Joe Staley

By Matt Maiocco
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When 49ers rookie defensive end Nick Bosa took the practice field Monday, it dawned on him just how long it had been since he strapped on his football pads.

“Every day you get the butterflies. It’s that kind of sport,” Bosa said. “You’re going full speed against another grown man, so it’s nerve-wracking. But once you get that first hit, the first play, those all go away and it starts to be fun.”

Bosa’s final season at Ohio State ended on Sept. 15 with a core muscle injury. After the 49ers selected Bosa with the No. 2 overall pick in the 2019 NFL Draft, he sat out the bulk of the 49ers’ offseason program due to a mild hamstring strain.

Bosa comes to the NFL with a greater knowledge of his craft than most rookies. His father, John, was a first-round pick of the Miami Dolphins in 1987, and his older brother, Joey, was the No. 3 overall selection of the Chargers in 2016.

The first three days of practices have been highlighted by Bosa’s interactions with 49ers’ six-time Pro Bowl left tackle Joe Staley.

Bosa beat Staley badly on three occasions in the first practice. Staley got the better part of Bosa on Day 2.

“He would tell you (Saturday) was his first day back, so he’s just getting his feet under him, getting his hands right, getting his feet right,” Bosa said. “I definitely got him a couple of times and he’s definitely going to come back strong on me, I’m sure.”

And on Day 3, with Staley taking a veteran day off, those two still managed to spend time together during a special-teams period on Monday to go through run-game technique.

“We’ve built a really good relationship. He’s a super nice guy,” Bosa said of Staley. “I don’t usually be nice to offensive linemen, but it’s hard not to be nice to him. He’s such a good dude and he’s been a really good influence on me. It’s good to go against one of the best who ever did it. Any reps I can get against him are good reps for me.”

Bosa’s most notable play in practice Monday was his final play on 11-on-11 when swing tackle Shon Coleman, filling in for Staley, was seen pancaking him at the end of a run play to that side. Bosa pointed out that before that occurred, he got the would-be tackle.

“I actually tagged up the running back and Shon wanted to keep pushing me back,” Bosa said.

How Nick Bosa went from 'one of the darkest moments' of his life to a top NFL prospect

By Chris Biderman
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Nick Bosa's junior season with Ohio State was off to a promising start.

The talented defensive end logged four sacks in his first three games of 2018 as he hoped to solidify himself as the best defensive player in the country. Doing that, of course, would also help cement his future in the NFL, when he was widely expected to be the first prospect drafted in 2019 even before the season began.

But then on the third play of the second half against TCU in September, Bosa felt a sharp pain in his abdomen and hit the deck, requiring attention from the medical staff. It didn't take long for him to realize his college career might be over sooner than expected.

"I knew my season was in jeopardy and I had a doctor confirm that. It was tough, but it had to be done," Bosa told reporters at the NFL scouting combine Saturday in Indianapolis.

He required months of rehab in order to rejoin his teammates and complete a bid for the College Football Playoff. But Bosa roughly a month later elected to sit the remainder of the season out in order to focus on preparing for the NFL draft when his professional future, and millions of dollars, would be on the line.

"When it happened, when I got home from that TCU game I was lying in bed, I could barely get it. It was one of the darkest moments of my life so far," Bosa said. "For me to talk to my family and let them bring me up and let me know that my life is still good and I still have amazing blessings and a bright future, that's what helped me get through it."

The story of the combine from the 49ers' perspective has been the rise of Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray, whose height was questioned heading into the week despite having supreme athleticism that help him win the Heisman Trophy last season.

Murray was measured at 5-foot-10 1/8, 207 pounds and 9 1/2-inch hands. Those marks are widely considered strong enough to clear the thresholds for quarterbacks, and the buzz has been increasing that Murray will be the first player taken in the draft April 25 either by the Arizona Cardinals or a team they trade the top pick to.

Of course, that scenario means the best defensive player could fall to the second pick owned by San Francisco. And it's widely believed that Bosa would be the selection to help solve the team's longstanding issues at defensive end.

Bosa – who measured at nearly 6-foot-4, 266 pounds and had 29 reps on the bench press – is headlining a talented group of defensive-line prospects which could allow the 49ers to trade down to acquire a different pass rusher while accumulating more draft picks.

"I would tell you that it's a great year to be looking for D-linemen in general," general manager John Lynch said this week. "This is as strong of a class as the last eight years at the defensive line."

Bosa is planning to be a full participant in combine workouts Sunday despite only recently getting back to top capacity. He told reporters he had scheduled meetings with the teams holding the top eight picks of the first round, including Arizona.

"I've been training at full speed for a couple months, but actually feeling like myself, not feeling soreness after, probably a few weeks," he said. "The toughest part is the beginning. It's such a unique injury in that it's literally the muscle used to breathe, to cough, to go to the bathroom. It's your core muscle, it's

something different than I've dealt with before. It's really gradual, small steps. Once you get through it, I'm feeling better than I've ever felt right now."

Bosa logged 17 1/2 sacks and 29 tackles for loss over three seasons at Ohio State. He's a stout, powerful prospect and a mirror image of his brother, Joey, who has 28.5 sacks in 33 games since being taken with the No. 3 pick by the Chargers in 2016.

Nick Bosa was widely expected to be a top NFL prospect dating to his high school days. But the groin injury, on top of a partially torn ACL that ended his high school career early, might cause concerns about his durability.

Injuries have been such a pressing issue for 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan and Lynch over the past two seasons that the club fired its head athletic trainer Jeff Ferguson and strength coach Ray Wright. The 49ers recently hired Ben Peterson run the club's medical and training staffs under one title in order to create more continuity than the previous staffers. Peterson's evaluation of Bosa could wind up deciding if Bosa wears a 49ers helmet next fall.

Injuries aside, Shanahan said this week he's had trouble in the past identifying defensive linemen in the past (which includes 2017 first-round pick Solomon Thomas, who hasn't become a difference-making player with San Francisco during his two seasons).

"I've asked some of the best D-line coaches that I could ever imagine, and they say he's a slam dunk, and he doesn't make it," Shanahan said. "And then it's got another direction, too. Every story can contradict anything you say is the right answer … That's why we over talk it, over think it, over do everything because you have to because there are so many variables."

Other pass rushers – such as Josh Allen (Kentucky), Brian Burns (Florida State), Montez Sweat (Mississippi State) and Clelin Ferrell (Clemson) – could fill San Francisco's needs.

Allen is widely considered a top-five prospect and is expected to test extremely well Sunday. He measured 6-foot-4 7/8 and 262 pounds with 33 1/2-inch arms, half an inch longer than Bosa's. Allen logged 17 1/2 sacks last season for the Wildcats despite spending more time in coverage as a linebacker.

Still, most evaluators believe there's a sizable talent gap between Bosa and Allen – and perhaps Bosa will tap into his disappointment from last fall to motivate him to make his mark early on in the pros.

"(My season) just got torn away from me," he said. "It's something that I'll always think back to."

OL Jake Brendel

After six-year wait, 49ers center Jake Brendel finally gets the call to start

By Eric Branch
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San Francisco 49ers center Jake Brendel was certain he would be selected during the final two days of the 2016 NFL draft.

Several teams told his agent, Ryan Downey, they had interest in taking his client in the middle rounds. In fact, the Colts mentioned using a third-round pick on Brendel, who was a four-year starter and three-time co-captain at UCLA.

However, Indianapolis instead used its first-round pick on Alabama center Ryan Kelly. And then six other centers were drafted in the final two days, while Brendel kept waiting for a call that never came.

“Draft weekend,” Brendel said, “was a little bit of a surprise for me.”

It was also a little bit of foreshadowing. Brendel has spent most of the six years since that draft weekend waiting for an opportunity that would not materialize. Until now.

In a career that has included five teams, three starts and 250 offensive snaps, Brendel, who will turn 30 on Saturday, will serve as the 49ers’ starting center when they open the season Sunday in Chicago. The 49ers’ first play will mark Brendel’s seventh offensive snap since Dec. 2, 2018, when he made the last of three fill-in starts with the Dolphins.

Brendel has learned patience, which wasn’t required in college: He owns UCLA’s record with 52 career starts.

“I’ve appreciated every single year in this league as just a steppingstone towards my goal, which is to sign a multi-year contract,” Brendel said. “Going in here as an undrafted guy, you kind of do have to fight for everything you get, which is fine. I’ve been doing it forever. So it’s really, just make the best of the opportunity that you have.”

Brendel’s opportunity finally arrived when Pro Bowl center Alex Mack retired in the offseason and the 49ers ultimately decided the best candidate to replace him was in-house.

Their bet on Brendel isn’t unique. He will likely be flanked by rookie right guard Spencer Burford and left guard Aaron Banks (zero starts). The unproven threesome makes the interior line the 49ers’ biggest question mark, just ahead of Trey Lance, the 22-year-old quarterback they are charged with protecting.

Offensive line coach Chris Foerster expects Brendel to reward the faith placed in him. And that’s not surprising: Foerster has advocated for Brendel since they connected with the Dolphins in 2016, their first of two seasons together.

Foerster was quickly struck by Brendel’s smarts. Brendel had a 4.0 GPA at Plano East (Texas) High School and was an economics major who graduated with a 3.49 GPA at UCLA. And his facility with numbers translated to Xs-and-Os as he easily picked up Miami’s system.

Brendel wasn’t a starting option with the Dolphins, who had Pro Bowl center Mike Pouncey. But Foerster was intrigued by Brendel’s potential. Foerster is the reason the 49ers signed Brendel in 2020, a year in which he opted out due to the pandemic, and why Brendel returned to the team as Mack’s backup last season.

Brendel, 6-foot-4 and 299 pounds, doesn't overwhelm defensive linemen with size or power, which helps explain his journeyman resume. But his acumen and athleticism are must-have qualities in head coach Kyle Shanahan's zone-based schemes, which require linemen with strong movement skills.

Foerster noted Brendel's testing numbers from the 2016 combine are comparable to those of Chiefs center Creed Humphrey, a second-round pick last year who had an impressive rookie season.

"The measurables with Jake aren't that different," Foerster said. "… And I'm not putting him in that category today. But I'm just saying that you can see the measurables and say, 'Wow, this guy has these traits.'"

Added Foerster: "Everything translates to him being able to do it. But you've got to do it … The skill set and the person (he is) say this guy should be able to play."

Brendel is confident he's ready to play, partly because of the players he learned from throughout his career. Before he spent a season with Mack and two seasons with Pouncey, he began his career in 2016 with the Cowboys, who had Pro Bowl center Travis Frederick.

"So year after year after year after year I'm kind of looking at the difference between the starter that I'm backing up and me," Brendel aid. "How big of a difference is that?"

The 49ers hope the drop-off from Mack is negligible or nonexistent. That's a high bar for Brendel, but the 49ers are encouraged after he had a strong training camp. And that came after his 2021 performance in the shadows: Brendel, the scout-team center, battled in practice against players from one of the NFL's best defensive lines.

In late April, after the final round of the NFL draft, general manager John Lynch offered the first public sign that the undrafted, unproven Brendel was a legitimate starting candidate.

He's "not a household name," Lynch said. "But we have a lot of confidence in his ability."

For his part, Brendel is ready to answer the call, six years after waiting for a call that never came.

"It means a lot for the front office, for coach Shanahan and Foerster to have the confidence in me to give me that shot and not look outside the building for a replacement for Alex," Brendel said. "It's a great opportunity to do what I was doing all last season. And now do it Sundays this season."

How Brendel defied odds to earn expected starting center job

By Matt Maiocco
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The preseason had unceremoniously come to a conclusion on Thursday night in Houston.

Jake Brendel stood in front of his locker, fully clothed, roller bag at his side, and ready to get on the bus to the airport. He was stopped for what might have been his first media interview since his arrival with the 49ers in February 2020.

He did not hesitate when asked if he is expecting to line up Sept. 11 as the 49ers' starting center for the regular-season opener against the Chicago Bears.

"Yes, I am. For sure," Brendel answered. "We'll see how that goes and make the best of it."

Brendel turns 30 years old on Sept. 10. The next day, he could very well establish himself as a full-time starter for the first time in his NFL career.

He has been given an opportunity this summer after the retirement of veteran center Alex Mack. And, thus far, Brendel has made the best of it.

It has been quite a journey for Brendel. He entered the NFL as an undrafted rookie with the Dallas Cowboys in 2016. He appeared in 37 games, mostly on special teams, over the past six years with the Miami Dolphins and 49ers. He also had opportunities with the Denver Broncos and Baltimore Ravens but failed to catch on.

"Anyone in my inner circle probably three years ago never would've thought I'd be here," Brendel said. "So it's honestly a blessing. I take every single day as that and try to make the best of it."

In early August 2020, Brendel decided to opt out of the season due to concerns — and uncertainty — related to COVID-19. For a player struggling to find some semblance of stability in the NFL, it easily could have ended his career.

"After the COVID opt-out, I think a lot of people thought I'd be done," Brendel said. "But I didn't take a day off. I stayed in the weight room and stayed out on the field, and I made sure I was in the best shape of my life coming off that year.

"Really, I think a lot of people wrote me off at that point, but I didn't allow it to happen."

Brendel said his sister was one of the first individuals in the United States to get COVID-19. Back when tests were not precise, she tested positive for three months, he said. When teams reported to training camp in 2020, the NFL presented players with the option of sitting out the season.

Brendel had to make a quick decision. Then, he said he did not look back.

He returned to the 49ers last season, and won the backup job.

Now, he appears to be in line for the first NFL starting role of his career.

Brendel has been reunited with offensive line coach Chris Foerster. They were together with the Dolphins in 2016. Foerster remembers being immediately impressed with Brendel after seeing him on the field.

"This guy has some quickness and balance and strength, and he started a ton games at UCLA," Foerster said. "Then, I met the kid, and really liked him. He's very serious-minded, hard-working, played with good strength. He's a player."

He lacked in height (6-foot-3, weight (286 pounds) coming out of college, which were the reasons he went undrafted after starting a school-record 52 games.

But he makes up for it with his athleticism and smarts. He earned the nickname “Coach Jake” at UCLA, and he rated highly among all offensive linemen at the NFL Scouting Combine in the 40-yard dash (5.01 seconds), 20-yard shuttle (4.27) and three-cone drill (7.31).

Brendel is a good fit for the 49ers’ system, which counts on its offensive linemen to explode out of their stances and create running lanes with their outside zone concepts.

The 49ers open the season with uncertainty at their interior offensive line positions in front of first-year starting quarterback Trey Lance.

Second-year left guard Aaron Banks and rookie right guard Spencer Burford are going through the ups and downs of learning on the job.

Brendel has three starts in his career.

Daniel Brunskill started every game for the 49ers over the past two seasons. He has the versatility to play any of those three positions. Brunskill has been out since Aug. 12 with a hamstring injury.

Right now, Brendel appears to be the most steady option among that group.

“This offense really needs three athletic offensive linemen,” Brendel said. “A lot of people would think I’m a little bit undersized for center. Really, that’s my strong suit. I can get to the second level pretty quickly and use my athleticism to my advantage. So that’s really why I fit this offense.”

Tyrion Davis-Price

In Tyrion Davis-Price, 49ers found a RB hungry for carries: 'You can feed him'

By Matt Barrows
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The video was recorded nearly a decade ago. At the six-minute mark you see 12-year-old Tyrion Davis-Price stepping off the school bus into … well, there's a look in his vibrant, hazel eyes that says he's not sure what he's stepping into. All of the boys seem apprehensive.

And for good reason. An hour earlier, they said goodbye to their moms in Baton Rouge, La., handed over their cell phones and took a ride east to the tiny town of Amite City, La. For the next three days, they were put through the paces by their coach, Aaron Sutton, a former Marine who brought a distinct boot-camp flavor to the outing.

"We've got a long day ahead of us, fellas," he barks as the boys struggle to hold down-dog poses, the first of a series of sweaty drills that includes burpees, sand workouts, pushing ancient, creaky blocking sleds and running up the side of levees.

By the end of the three-day camp, one of the boys falls asleep while eating dinner. The excursion was stern, grueling, relentless and, as it turned out, good preparation for the type of camps Davis-Price and several others would experience through college.

"When he got to LSU, he was laughing at the type of stuff they did there," Sutton said of the 49ers' third-round draft pick. "It was, 'Man, I've been doing this since I was a little bitty kid.'"

The experience provides a peek at the seriousness of youth football in Baton Rouge. Parents don't chit-chat from lawn chairs scattered along the sideline. No, not there. Davis-Price's youth team, the South Baton Rouge Jaguars, filled their stadium and made it shake.

The squad had four different uniforms and three different helmets. Each year, they set aside their most special combination for their rivalry game against the South Baton Rouge Rams — yes, Davis-Price has been battling the Rams since he was in second grade — a matchup that would begin with hours of tailgating and end with a heartstopper that usually was decided by a touchdown or less.

"Have you ever been to a 7-year-old's football game and you see well over a thousand people in attendance?" Sutton asked. "This is what you would see on any given Saturday."

The crowd knew there was talent on the field.

One of Davis-Price's Jaguars teammates, linebacker Damone Clark, was drafted by the Cowboys in the fifth round two months ago. A South Baton Rouge Rams rival, linebacker Christian Harris, was taken 75th by the Texans. Another who played in their youth league, Derek Stingley Jr., went No. 3 to the Texans. Another, linebacker Chris Allen, was signed by the Broncos after the draft.

Then there was Davis-Price, who was running with a ball in his hands almost as soon as he could stand.

"His favorite words were ball and juice," his father, Tyquincy, said in a phone interview.

His mother, Stacie, said her sister-in-law started calling the boy "Tiger" when he was 18 months.

"He was just so much bigger than the other kids at that time," she said. "And he would be aggressive. A lot of people thought he was older than he was."

It turned out to be an appropriate nickname for someone who grew up less than a mile from Tiger Stadium.

Tyquincy said he never liked LSU game days. The streets would fill up, the traffic would be unbearable and there'd be noise all day long. His son, however, heard the marching band in the distance, saw his neighborhood lit up by the massive stadium and at age 6 announced that he was going to play there one day.

He was right, although there were some bumps initially.

Davis-Price always been a running back. As a little boy, he had no issue with the other boys trying to catch him and bring him to the ground. But lowering his shoulder and knocking his friends down? That just didn't seem right.

Tyquincy: "He felt like if he hit 'em, he would hurt 'em."

Stacie: "Because he was so strong."

Tyquincy: "And that's when we really started his training. I said, 'Look, Ty, this is football. This is what you have to do.' And once I got out there with him and showed him and then showed him again, he fell in love with it."

Then there was the time Davis-Price, who doubled as a linebacker on his youth team, scooped up a fumble and took off toward the end zone. The problem: It was the wrong end zone.

"Everyone in the stands was standing up screaming, 'Go the other way!'" Tyquincy said. "He was so excited to have that ball."

Said Sutton: "He ran the opposite way with the ball. Everybody was like, 'Noooooooo!'"

Yes, Davis-Price ended up scoring two points for the opponent. But the larger takeaway was that no one could catch him, a theme throughout his youth. Davis-Price also served as his team's kicker back then. On kickoffs, he'd boot the ball, then invariably outrace his teammates to make the tackle.

At the same time, he took up football he started running track. He never lost his speed even after a ninth-grade growth spurt sent him zooming past the 200-pound mark. Wasp-waisted sprinters might have watched the brawny, big-boned kid settle into the blocks beside them and figure they'd have an easy heat. A few seconds later, the gun would go off and they'd be staring at his backside as he motored away for the win.

Davis-Price said his personal best in the 100 meters was 10.6 seconds and that he ran it when he was more than 230 pounds.

"If you ever watch him run, his knees are naturally very high," said Sutton, who said Davis-Price reminds him of one-time 49ers runners Roger Craig and Ricky Watters. "There's not a lot of juking. He's never been trained to do that. He just accelerates. It's, 'I'm not going to hesitate, I'll outrun you.' He has no trouble trusting his speed."

The 49ers saw that zip on film, particularly during LSU's game against Alabama on Nov. 6. On the 63rd play, Davis-Price broke across the line of scrimmage and within 15 yards hit his highest speed of the season, which according to the 49ers, was among the top five speeds of any of the runners in the draft.

The burst caught their attention.

"A lot of times, guys reach higher speeds because they have the opportunity," assistant general manager Adam Peters said. "They maybe aren't as fast as other guys, but because they have the opportunity to

run 60 yards in a straight line they reach a high speed. (Davis-Price) reaching his top speed in a short amount of space is more impressive."

The 49ers also liked that the play occurred midway through the fourth quarter. Since Kyle Shanahan arrived in 2017, the 49ers' running back rooms has had plenty of speed and it's had stretches of brilliance. But it's lacked staying power. Injuries have bitten deeply into the group in each of those five seasons and the hope is that a bigger-bodied runner like Davis-Price will bring some old-fashioned thud and resilience to the mix.

That's what he showed in his most famous game to date, a 49-42 win over then-No. 20 Florida on Oct. 16. By game's end, LSU literally had handed the offense to Davis-Price and the offensive line, running the ball on 23 of the final 25 offensive snaps. He responded with touchdown runs of 18, 40 and 25 yards and set a school record with 287 yards on 36 carries.

Sutton and Davis-Price's parents said the running back was made for exactly that type of feast.

Said Sutton: "It was: feed the beast, feed the beast. It was the Tyrion Davis show that day."

Said Tyquincy: "He's the type of player who needs snaps. I'll be honest with you, the more he plays the better he's going to be."

Said Stacie: "You can feed him. He's a running back."

Davis-Price, meanwhile, said that the linebackers and defensive backs who seemed eager to take on a big back like him in the first quarter never seemed quite as excited by the fourth.

"I love bringing the contact to them so that they don't want to tackle you," he said. "In the first, second quarter they might take it a little bit, but eventually they don't want anymore of it. That's always my mindset: to go and attack the defender and wear them out, make them quit."

Jimmy Garoppolo

Bill Belichick still roots for Jimmy Garoppolo — just not this week

By Cam Inman
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Three Octobers ago, Bill Belichick traded Jimmy Garoppolo to the 49ers.

Rather than express any seller's remorse, Belichick spoke Monday about how "happy" he is for Garoppolo, who returns to face New England on Sunday for the first time since that 2017 Halloween deal.

"I'm glad that it's worked out for him in San Francisco. I hope it doesn't work out on Sunday," Belichick said Monday on a conference call with Bay Area media. "But otherwise, I'm happy he's had an opportunity to play for a great coach and a great organization and play on a great team.

"He deserves that. He's certainly worked hard and earned it. I'm happy for him and his family."

Belichick and his Patriots coaching staff have yet to study how Garoppolo and the 49ers (3-3) bounced back Sunday night in a 24-16 win over the Los Angeles Rams.

But Belichick knows what a "quality player" Garoppolo is. He believes that last year's run to the Super Bowl reflects that, as does the 49ers' confidence in the quarterback by way of the five-year, $137.5 million contract Garoppolo signed in 2018.

Belichick refrained from rehashing the 2017 trade that netted the Patriots a second-round draft pick, which they parlayed into multiple ensuing trades that netted them a handful of players, including Jarrett Stidham, New England's current backup to Cam Newton.

Belichick was expansive, however, when explaining what attracted them to Garoppolo, selected with a 2014 second-round pick out of Eastern Illinois.

"We liked his personal characteristics, his intelligence, his toughness, his work ethic, his playing skill," Belichick recalled.

"He came from a situation where we thought he'd need some development, and I think he did. But he worked very hard to improve, particularly playing under center, dropping back under center, his mechanics, and turning his back on a defense. Things like that you don't do all the time when you're in shotgun all the time, like he was in college. Reading coverages and seeing things at this level that are a lot different from college."

Garoppolo started only two games with the Patriots in his 3 1/2 seasons as Tom Brady's backup, both coming at the beginning of the 2016 season while Brady served his "Deflategate" suspension. Garoppolo did not finish his Week 2 start after sustaining a shoulder sprain.

"He handled that well. He showed a lot of toughness and leadership in the opportunities he got to play for us or practice," Belichick added. "When Tom wasn't able to practice sometimes during the week, he'd step in there and did things at a very high level.

"Everybody here had a lot of confidence in him. It's one of those situations where you're just not able to keep all the players based on how the system is set up. It's understandable."

Even after the trade, Belichick has kept in contact "every now and again" with Garoppolo via text.

"Just congratulations, things like that. 'Keep things going,' " Garoppolo recalled on Super Bowl Opening Night in Miami in late January. "Coach and I, we had a great relationship. Great guy. Very honest. Very straightforward. I always appreciated him for that."

Garoppolo called it "an honor" to exchange texts with the six-time champion Belichick.

Sunday's win over the Rams gave Garoppolo a needed momentum boost for his upcoming return to New England.

"It'll be cool to get back to the old stomping grounds and see some familiar faces," Garoppolo said after the win. "We'll enjoy this one (Sunday night) and get on film for the Patriots (Monday). This will give us a little momentum, but next week will be another dogfight."

Of Garoppolo's 268 passing yards Sunday, 226 came after the catch, according to NextGen Stats. The short-passing game worked to perfection from a production standpoint as well as a safety measure to keep the Rams and NFL sack leader Aaron Donald from hitting Garoppolo, who lasted only the first half of the previous game in his return from a Sept. 20 ankle sprain.

As he approaches his trade's third anniversary, Garoppolo is still learning to mesh with coach Kyle Shanahan, having joined a winless club in 2017 and missing most of 2018 with a knee injury.

"It almost felt like last year felt like our first year together," Shanahan said. "Coming off his injury, he had a heck of a year getting us all the way to the Super Bowl. Now we're here. It's like we've been with each other for four seasons but it just feels like one full one.

"You always want more time with that. You get closer and learn more about each other through all the experiences you go through. This year is a different year. He played a heck of a game last night. I know he's pumped to go to New England. I haven't been there for a while, either. I'm looking forward to watching him there."

Garoppolo's deep-ball accuracy remains his biggest wart. Panned for overthrowing Emmanuel Sanders with the Super Bowl on the line, Garoppolo has a 16.4 passer rating this season on attempts of at least 15 yards, completing 4-of-15 for 104 yards with no touchdowns and two interceptions, according to The Associated Press.

Garoppolo's counterpart on Sunday will be Cam Newton, New England's surprise successor to Tom Brady. Newton struggled in Sunday's loss to the Denver Broncos (157 yards, two interceptions), and his timing was understandably off after missing the previous loss at Kansas City while on the NFL's COVID-19 reserve list.

Belichick said of Newton: "It's all good. He's been impressive. Glad we have him. He's earned everybody's respect and trust here. That's not easy to do over a short period of time. He's done a good job of it."

‘Jimmy was kind of like Ferris Bueller’: Inside 49ers QB Jimmy Garoppolo’s early football career

By Jon Greenberg and David Lombardi
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Jimmy Garoppolo showcased nerves of steel during the 49ers’ dramatic December stretch to close the regular season.

“Now,” the 49ers quarterback said after beating the Seahawks to the win the NFC West, “the real tournament starts.”

We’ve learned plenty about Garoppolo throughout the course of this season. No longer a relatively unknown commodity, Garoppolo has 16 consecutive professional starts under his belt for the first time. He threw for nearly 4,000 yards, averaging 8.4 yards per attempt, the highest average in the NFL of any quarterback who started 16 games, leading the 49ers to the No. 1 seed in the NFC.
Now a critical new test awaits.

How will Garoppolo handle the NFL playoffs? This is where legacies are made or broken, especially for starting quarterbacks. Over three playoff runs, Garoppolo won two Super Bowl rings while working under Tom Brady. But now it’s his show. What can we expect?

Just 10 years ago, he finished a two-year run as a starting high school quarterback in suburban Chicago with a first-round loss in the playoffs. He wasn’t All-State. He didn’t put up big numbers. But he had a presence about him. The people close to him saw the potential for him to do big things in college.

So how did he get to this place, as one of the highest-paid quarterbacks in football, starting for a 49ers team with Super Bowl dreams? You’d have to go back to a freshman special teams practice in 2006.
Never highly touted: Under-the-radar through high school

Garoppolo’s journey as a quarterback started at Rolling Meadows High School in Rolling Meadows, Ill.
Colin Buscarini, Rolling Meadows offensive lineman: In eighth grade, he was a running back.

Tony Taibi, Rolling Meadows wide receiver: Jimmy was an unbelievable baseball player too, so growing up he was able to pitch and he always had a gunslinger mentality. Throwing came natural to him. Jimmy was an all-around athlete — basketball, baseball, obviously football, he ran track. Seeing the type of athlete he was and how well-balanced he was, you knew he could succeed at football.

Buscarini: We were 15, 16 and he looked like he was 25. Just far more developed.

Dan Urban, Rolling Meadows freshman team offensive coordinator: When Jimmy showed up to freshman football, it was like, “Holy cow, we’ve got a nice athlete here.” Already 6 feet tall, already had the voice of a man. He clearly stood out. We had already heard there was going to be a younger Garoppolo, because one of his older brothers was already on varsity. We started off thinking he’d be an athlete playing everywhere — running back, tight end, receiver, different spots.

We were having a punting tryout, seeing what kids could kick. Jimmy was fielding punts, just shagging them. When he was doing that, he started throwing them back. And he started making some throws back to where the punters were. And Anthony Bradburn, the other freshman coach, looked at me and said, “Did you see Jimmy throw that? I think he should be our quarterback.” That’s when he and I started talking about Jimmy being our quarterback.

In the second half of the season opener that season, Urban and Bradburn put Garoppolo in at quarterback for the first time in an organized football game.

Urban: I remember the first pass play I called, Jimmy rolls out. He scrambles around on the play and throws this 30-yard, line-drive pass on a backside post route, on a rope. And it bounces off the kid’s

chest. He doesn't even catch it. And I look at (Bradburn), and I go: "Holy crap, Jimmy is going to be our quarterback the rest of the year now. That throw was ridiculous." It was his first pass. From that point on, quarterback was a long-term option for Jimmy. He had the tools.

That Monday, I made it a point to meet with Jimmy. "Jimmy, we're gonna move you to QB. This is not just for the freshman team. I want you to be a quarterback because this is long-term. If you commit to this, you have the tools to make good things happen in the future. You have more tools than I did at your age."
Charlie Henry, Rolling Meadows offensive coordinator: He played defense his sophomore year because he was too good of athlete not to play on varsity, and we had a senior quarterback. In hindsight, we may have been better off (his junior year) had we started Jimmy as a sophomore.

Marty Maciaszek, sportswriter, Daily Herald: His junior year, you would probably classify it as average. Nothing out of the ordinary. There were some good moments, some bad moments. His senior year, he really started to break out.

Henry: When Jimmy took over as the quarterback his junior year, we were a pretty average football team. Between that junior and senior year, Jimmy really set out to improve his game. He spent time with Jeff Christensen outside of school.

When Garoppolo started as a junior, he had an elongated pitcher's release — much different from the compact one that his future college coach, Dino Babers, would call "the fastest release of any guy I've ever seen" outside of Dan Marino. Garoppolo began putting in extra work with Christensen, a Chicago-area quarterback specialist.

Christensen: It was 102 degrees outside. (Jimmy) just wanted to get his reps in for a full hour-and-a-half. I recently found that film and watched it, and it looked like Jimmy was 12 years old. But even then, watching the ball come out of his hand, it was really impressive.

He's kind of a good-looking guy, so he could've been at the pool. He could've been doing all that stuff in the summer. Instead, he wanted to get his work in, and he's been the same type of kid ever since. Jimmy has zero entitlement in his body. His two older brothers beat on him like a rag doll for 10 years growing up, so he's just a worker. And that's what college coaches want: A guy who shows up and knows how to get to work. Who gets knocked down and can get up.

Garoppolo's skills as a pitcher augured an ability to throw a football. As a Little Leaguer, he was feared on the mound.

Buscarini: As a fellow overgrown Italian child, it was definitely men against boys. This is just house league baseball, so we're in T-shirt jerseys, and Jimmy is on the mound, 6-1, throwing heat. It's like what are we doing? Get this kid on a travel team. There were kids up there swinging the bat and the ball is already in the mitt.

But with a late start, Garoppolo was never even the most touted QB in his high school conference, the Mid-Suburban League in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. That was Miles Osei, who started as a sophomore at nearby rival Prospect, and wound up playing at the University of Illinois.

Brent Pearlman, Prospect High School coach: Those two were kind of battling back and forth to be the two premier players in the conference.

Miles Osei, Prospect quarterback: Our conference was very strong then and still is now. We obviously knew each other. It was fun to compete and try to outdo one another.

Buscarini: My roommate Peter Bonahoom, he went to Prospect and he played at Illinois with Miles, even to this day we argue who was the better quarterback: "Miles was better at high school. No, Jimmy was better in high school." It's the back-and-forth banter of the old days. Let me throw on my letterman's jacket and chest him up.

Henry: In that game against Prospect, against Miles Osei, we were five wide receiver for most of the game, and Jimmy led us in carries. He led us in rushing. We won 46-38 or something like that.

Garoppolo passed for 323 yards and a touchdown while running for 103 yards and two more scores in a 46-38 win. Osei combined for 375 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns.

Osei: I remember there were a lot of points scored. It was kind of a battle of who had the ball last. It was fun. It was frustrating at times to see him run around and do his thing.

Pearlman: He made a couple of those plays where I was thinking he should not have made that play, but he did. He would scramble around and find a guy. You just wouldn't expect most high school quarterbacks to do that.

Buscarini: He and Tony Taibi were on the same wavelength, doing what could work under (Rolling Meadows coach) Doug Millsaps. There were so many third downs where people were running around back and forth and Jimmy hits one for 17 yards on third-and-16, and it's like, "We're still alive, boys."
Henry: Jimmy hit two big throws against Barrington to his best friend, Tony Taibi. And we're like man, this kid. We can throw the ball around. He did scramble a lot, run around a lot, but in the long run, it was his arm.

Taibi: I'll never forget, there was one play, it was the Barrington play. (Jimmy) said if they're giving me five yards of cushion or less, he's like, "Tony, just run right past them." As I did, boom, Jimmy threw me a 50-yard bomb. We scored a touchdown. Jimmy, he's just a smart guy. He plays off his feet and he can make those plays.

Henry: Part of the reason he was undervalued is that we played in rain every Friday night for the last six weeks. We played his playoff game on Halloween night. The field was standing water from hash to hash. Mud, it was awful. And we played a team that didn't really throw the ball, so we were at a disadvantage.

Taibi: I think we had two dry games. Every other game was muddy and disgusting. Nowadays every field is turf. Ours was still grass. A lot of the fields we played on were grass. It was a disaster. The fact that Jimmy still threw up those numbers he did was unbelievable because we were playing with soaked balls pretty much 75 percent of the season. It's tough making cuts in those conditions and I can only imagine Jimmy throwing the ball with a wet, heavy ball.

Rolling Meadows felt like it had a team to make a run in the 2009 state playoffs, but it came to an abrupt ending with a 16-6 home loss to nearby Lake Zurich in the opener. Garoppolo threw four interceptions and went 9-for-25 for 154 yards.

Maciaszek: Looking back, in his last game of his senior year, a playoff game where he threw four interceptions, I don't know if that turned people off. His coach said people were coming in. I remember him saying Purdue and some other Big 10 schools, other D-I schools in the area, had started to show more interest. Then it just kind of went away.

Garoppolo completed 56 percent of his passes and threw for 1,888 yards and 16 touchdowns his senior year. He added 563 rushing yards and another seven touchdowns. That was good enough to put him on the Daily Herald's All-Area team, but he was only special mention in the Chicago Tribune's All-State team. He went 0-2 in the playoffs as a high school quarterback.

Struggle and the turning point: Humble, blue-collar roots

Garoppolo, short on scholarship offers, ended up attending Eastern Illinois, located in the small town of Charleston, population 20,000. Notable Eastern Illinois football alumni include former coach Mike Shanahan (father of Garoppolo's 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan), Saints coach Sean Payton and former Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo.

Maciaszek: I will say one thing I do remember when I went over to the school on the day he committed to Eastern, I remember his mom was there, he was there and I think the biggest thing is some people would've taken it the wrong way, "Why am I being disrespected? Why am I not being looked at like I should be?" They were the exact opposite. They were looking at it as a great opportunity, a chance to really make something there. I certainly couldn't have told you this is what it would've led to. I think the attitude he took from it trickled down from his parents and it had a lot to do with him taking the right path.
Garoppolo took over the Eastern Illinois starting job as a true freshman in 2010. Over his first two years there, Garoppolo was sacked over 50 times. He threw 27 interceptions as a freshman and sophomore. The Panthers went a combined 4-18.

Mike Bradd, Eastern Illinois play-by-play announcer: At first, we were learning how to spell his name. The coach at the time, Bob Spoo, decided to take Jimmy's redshirt off and start him after the third or fourth game.

John Wurm, former Eastern Illinois safety and Garoppolo's housemate: One of his first times playing, we had so many injuries a third-string tight end was playing right tackle. I just remember Jimmy running for his life and he was loving it. It was the biggest fire I'd ever seen in my life, and he was having fun. He was taking hits out there, and he was playing better.

It's a different kind of mindset. You don't see a quarterback who loves getting hit, not worrying about having a fourth-string right tackle in. He was like: "Oh, it looks like I'm gonna have some hits today. Can't wait!'"

Bradd: It was a pretty rough start at first. First of all, the team wasn't very good. They had a game against Tennessee Tech, and Bob pulled Jimmy. He may have had five interceptions. I remember there being a lot of debate about whether they should go with Jimmy or go back to the older quarterback.

Wurm on Garoppolo's benching: The thing I remember is him being on one, but in a quiet way, where you knew something was going on with him. You could tell he was pissed off and upset, but he wouldn't show it. He was keeping it in. It's a struggle. There's nothing worse in college football than when you're having a two-win season. They threw him into the fire. But, we all knew the future was bright.

Bradd: And I remember Bob came out the very first thing the next week and said "Jimmy's gonna be the starter, we have faith in him." And I always thought of that as the turning point.

The house on 7th St.: From FCS anonymity to NFL stardom

Wurm: The cool thing about Jimmy: Most quarterbacks don't live in an all-defensive house. Normally, the quarterback lives with the O-line and receivers. But Jimmy lived in a house with five of us, and we were all defensive guys. So every day it was competition. We'd come home and we'd be talking shit about practice. I think it was special he never wanted to live with anyone else.

Adam Gristick, former Eastern Illinois linebacker: We competed so much at practice. All the defensive guys in the house, we'd come home and give it to him all the time. We could kick their ass the whole practice, no questions asked, it didn't matter what would happen, Jimmy would never admit that we had a better day than him. We always used to bust his balls. It was good banter, everyone ganging up on Jimmy.

Four of the housemates lived upstairs, but Garoppolo and Wurm lived in the house's decaying basement. That's where they played Xbox and critiqued each other's game. Wurm said that Garoppolo spent three-to-four hours a day "stretching his hips" there, eliminating one of his key weaknesses early in college. That allowed him to better evade pressure in the pocket as an upperclassman.

Garoppolo would also frequently cook his signature dish of chicken, rice and spinach leaves in the basement's tiny kitchen.

Wurm: Oh my God, we'd call it the VIP down there. Our house got so trashed. There were four or five steps to get down there, and those damn steps kept breaking. It was almost like you were going down to a crawl space. There were times when you had to jump downstairs. We had the smallest little bathroom ever. It just felt like you weren't going to where someone would live. It was like, "are people supposed to go down there?"

To paint you a picture just walking into our college house, our main bathroom was straight to the back. At one point we had no wall or door. We just had a big bedsheet over the main bathroom to the house.

Gristick: I don't think there was a window in his room. There might've been a 12-by-6 window. It was a damn dungeon. Jimmy lived in some rough spots in Charleston. Our house the first summer, a different place, Jimmy was upstairs, in the damn sauna. This hot-box cupboard, no air conditioning. It sucked.

Wurm: That's because it was first come, first serve, and Jimmy had last pick. He didn't even go up there half of the time, it was so hot. Just think about it: Jimmy slept on the couch in his first house in college. He didn't even get to sleep in his room. That's where he came from: His first house with the boys he got last pick. Tough love.

Gristick: But Jimmy and Wurm lived in the basement of the main house together. It was their own world down there sometime.

Wurm: It was a shit show. But it was the best four years of my life, I'll tell you that.

That house was a staple for us, us going through back-to-back 2-9 seasons and then turning the campus around. Getting people excited about football again, and then dominating on the field. We wouldn't even have to throw parties. People would just come over to our house. I think it was special. Half of the campus would know to come to the football house.

Eastern Illinois hired Babers as its new coach ahead of the 2012 season. The Panthers surged behind Babers, who unlocked Garoppolo's potential over his junior and senior seasons with an aggressive pass-to-set-up-the-run offensive system that he brought from Baylor.

In 2013, the Panthers finished 12-2. Garoppolo threw for 5,050 yards and 53 touchdowns during his record-breaking 2013 season. One of Eastern Illinois' losses came to Northern Illinois (defensive back Jimmie Ward, now Garoppolo's teammate with the 49ers, intercepted the QB) and the season-ender came against Towson in the snow during the FCS quarterfinals.

Gristick: You couldn't see any turf. There were six inches of snow all over the field. We're still pissed to this day: There's not a team in the country that could have beaten us in a dome. In good conditions, Jimmy was unstoppable. He's untouchable in domes.

Roy Wittke, Eastern Illinois assistant coach: (The season) was like watching a video game. Instead of measuring yards after contact for running backs, you had to measure yards before contact. Because defenses were so adamant to try to stop Jimmy's passing, our backs were always in the secondary before they even got touched.
Bradd: It was so easy to score. You were almost disappointed when they didn't get a touchdown. Even with Tony Romo, this team didn't have that easy of a time on offense. Jimmy did whatever he wanted. Third-and-25? No problem. It was so easy for him. There were times I think he knew before he snapped the ball if it was going to be a big gain or a touchdown.

Clint Bays, Eastern Illinois equipment manager: You'd go from the locker room joking around with him, and he'd put on the helmet and just turn into Superman.

Urban Meyer, Ohio State coach who saw Garoppolo's film of Eastern Illinois smashing San Diego State 40-19, speaking in 2013: I think I just saw one of the best quarterbacks I've ever seen, and nobody knows what his name is.

Gristick: Being a part of that was the moment where us as a team, and everybody that was close to him said, “Shit just got real.” Urban Meyer just said he was one of the best quarterbacks he’s ever seen. That changed the game. To get validation from one of the best coaches of all time was insane. That’s when everyone was like, “Oh my God, I think we’re underestimating this dude a little bit. He’s the real deal.”

To this day, I’ll say he was the best QB in the country that year: If you talk about his draft class, it was (Johnny) Manziel, Blake Bortles, (Teddy) Bridgewater, Derek Carr. I’d put him above all those guys. We literally had the best quarterback in the country at an FCS school.

Garoppolo invited all five of his housemates to that 2014 NFL Draft in New York, where the Patriots drafted him in the second round. Everyone, including Garoppolo’s brothers, crammed into a single hotel room. Many slept on the floor. Because only immediate family is allowed with potential draftees into the green room, Garoppolo also listed his housemates as siblings, all sharing his last name.

Jimmy Garoppolo poses with his “brothers,” his college roommates at Eastern Illinois, at the 2014 NFL Draft. From left to right: Jerone “Juice” Williams, Pete Houlihan, Garoppolo, Gristick, Wurm and Niko Foltys.

Wurm: It blew (NFL commissioner) Roger Goodell’s mind. “Jimmy has eight brothers? Because he has three and he brought five more. What? He’s one of nine brothers? What’s going on here?”

One of us was Juice Williams. He’s like a 6-6, 330 black dude. Obviously not Jimmy’s brother. But he was “Juice Garoppolo.” It was so funny. Roger Goodell came up, introduced himself and he was so stunned by that. We kept rotating name tags, because they only allowed a certain number of us in at once.

Once Jimmy explained to him, “these guys are my roommates and brothers, they’re just as excited as me to be here and I want them to be part of it,” Goodell thought it was the most incredible thing ever. He was like, “have ’em all be back here, I don’t want them to keep switching name tags.”

Goodell said, “I’m gonna hang around until you get picked.” And he was a man of his word. He actually hung around our table most of the day because he was so intrigued by that. He said, “you’re the only guy to ever bring your roommates as family.”

Now, nearly six years later, Garoppolo makes it a point to keep a physical tie to Eastern Illinois.
Gristick: He still wears that damn Eastern Illinois book bag from 2013. $130 million and he’s still wearing a book bag that’s six years old.

Bays: His old Nike backpack, the one he had, blew out. So his dad called me. I didn’t have any more because we don’t buy extras at Eastern. We don’t have the money that the 49ers have. I just said, “Well, mine’s sitting in the closet, I’ll just ship it out to Jimmy.” I think that’s a great story that he wants to remember EIU and his old backpack. I’m glad he still does that to keep himself humble and remember where he came from. Because we are a blue-collar university and Jimmy fit right in with that.

Garoppolo ultimately had the original 2013 backpack patched up, so now he’s back to carrying around his original, slightly tattered Eastern Illinois backpack to all 49ers’ football functions.

‘Feels Great, Baby’: Quiet confidence as a teammate

Taibi, on the dynamic in high school: The summer before our senior year, we did a lot together. A lot of hills, a lot of throwing. I was his receiver in high school, so a lot of route running, a lot of communication, pinpoint accuracy drills. A lot of just time spent together, where I’m going to be when I’m coming out of my route, how we’re going to do things, studying the playbook.

Wurm, on the dynamic in college: Even during practice, Jimmy would sneak over and say “Wurm, when you sit up in your stance or take two steps this way, I know you’re about to do this. … Wurm, when you’re two or three feet off the hash in this direction, I know what coverage you’re in.” He would think of the craziest stuff. He’s involved in both sides of the ball. Why is the quarterback helping the safety out?

Then there was the incident before Eastern Illinois crushed San Diego State. Babers wanted to surprise his team, many of whom had never seen the ocean before, with a trip to the beach. So the coach told Garoppolo ahead of time, but warned his quarterback to not spill the beans.

Babers: We go to the beach, we get there, the bus stops. All of a sudden, the offensive linemen start pulling off their clothes, and they've all got Speedos on. And I'm like, "What the hell — what are they doing wearing Speedos underneath their clothes? I'm like, Garoppolo — what the heck?"And Jimmy goes: "Coach, I had to tell the offensive line, they're my guys. I had to tell them we were going to the beach!"

Gristick: I remember I was pissed off at the O-line. "Guys, we're about to play an FBS opponent in two days, we've gotta save some energy here!" And they did not give a hell. They were out there wrestling in the ocean. And we went out there and kicked (San Diego State's) ass, so it kind of worked out. But initially, it was like, guys, relax, we've got a game in two days!

Bays: Jimmy was kind of like Ferris Bueller. Everybody just loved Jimmy. Whatever group or clique on a roster, or position group, everybody loved Jimmy.

Garoppolo's agents recently filed trademarks for "Feels Great, Baby." Those were the quarterback's famous words to Erin Andrews in a postgame interview after a Week 9 win over Arizona this season.

Wurm: "Feels great, baby." That was like our language. We'd walk in and be like "hey baby!" That's how we would talk to each other in the house. We'd call each other "baby." It was like a natural thing. I don't know how the hell it started, but it did.

Erik Lora, Garoppolo's leading receiver at Eastern Illinois: People are just recognizing who he is. He's a funny guy. He knows what to say and when to say it. He's a funny character. "Feels great, baby" sounds exactly like something he would say: short, sweet and to the point.

Taibi: When he comes home in the offseason, he's always hanging out with us. He hasn't changed a bit. I'll tell you that, straight up. He's the same guy.

Buscarini: You know the classic good-looking quarterback who slicks back his hair, drives a convertible, takes a girl and drives off? That's not Jim. Jim was very humble, very nice. Great-looking dude, very nice, very popular, all that jazz. But you could talk to him. He wasn't above anyone. I know his family. I know his brothers. They're just a very humble family.

Gristick: He made an Instagram post about quiet confidence a few weeks ago ("Beware the quiet man," it read). In Jimmy's mind, he truly believes he's the best quarterback in the country and I think he's believed that for a long time.

When he got to school his freshman year, Jimmy wrote down every single passing record at the school in a notebook. He didn't tell anybody about that. He wrote those down freshman year and he broke every single one. That quiet confidence about him is a pretty cool dynamic to study.

I just want to know what's in his brain sometimes. How does he do what he does? When he wrote that, it struck me like damn, I think he's just extremely confident in his mind. He doesn't let it get out because he doesn't want to be labeled as arrogant or cocky. But I think that's his superpower.
Garoppolo to the NFL playoffs: A full-circle journey

Maciaszek: Jimmy is a great example, in my opinion, of you don't know how kids are going to develop from high school to college, what's going to happen physically and mentally. Will they get in the right situation? Going to Eastern was a great situation for him. Maybe if he would've, say, gone to play D-I, he could've sat around on the bench and maybe none of this happens. He made the most of it and a lot of kids don't and that's the difference.

Buscarini: This guy started as a sophomore outside linebacker, and now he's going to throw the rock. "Yeah, we're going to play quarterback, we'll see how the dice rolls." And it looks like he hit Yahtzee.
Taibi: Being one of his best friends, I'm just so proud. I hope he keeps going and wins 10 more championships.

Henry: Sometimes you hear those guys get interviewed after games, it's like lip service. But Jimmy, he means it. He appreciates everything that is going on around him. I hear it when I hear Richard Sherman and George Kittle talking about him. "He's our leader and we'll go to bat for him and he doesn't get as much credit as he deserves." He is the same kid. I think that's how he's always been. I absolutely do think that he is that same kid that we saw 10 years ago in high school.

Bradd: The more I think about it, thinking about what we saw in the first couple of games Jimmy played to where he was by the time he left. Man, it's just amazing how far he came.

Wurm: He's seen the fire. He's been through it. He loved it, loved every second of it.

Lora: It's his presence that allows that team to be as competitive as they are and win. People forget that the underlying purpose of football is to win. You can say he's a game manager, you can say he's a gunslinger. It doesn't matter how you categorize him. That's an opinion. What is a fact is he's a winner.

And no matter what you want to categorize him, stop trying to make a reason or excuse why he's not a top 10, top 5, and just enjoy what he's doing. He's winning. He's brought back a franchise with history and tradition and given them excitement. He's given them an opportunity to be themselves again. That's why he's a max player. That's why he's making all that money. And that's why he's worth it.

Robbie Gould

How 49ers' Robbie Gould is navigating offseason workouts, home schooling children

By Chris Biderman
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49ers kicker Robbie Gould is one of many NFL players trying to navigate an uncertain offseason that includes being stuck at home, home schooling children and preparing physically for the upcoming campaign.

It's all a bit hectic, particularly because there's no light at the end of the tunnel.

"Right now, the biggest problem for us is, when's everything going to start back up?" Gould, 37, said in a phone interview from his home northwest of Chicago this week. "You're normally training with a certain perspective to have yourself ready at certain stages of the spring and the summer — mini camps, training camp — and you just don't know when that's going to happen."

The league this week announced it was delaying the start of the offseason conditioning program because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic that's forced people to stay home. This week would have marked the normal start of conditioning programs for teams that hired new coaches like Carolina, Dallas, Cleveland, Washington and the New York Giants with all other teams, including the 49ers, starting next week.

Instead, the league and the NFLPA are working out ways to handle the offseason proceedings as all team facilities have been closed until further notice. It includes doing the three-day NFL Draft starting April 23 virtually with executives and decision-makers operating from their home offices.

The quarantine orders from state governments haven't dramatically impacted offseason life for all players. Tight end George Kittle has been regularly working out in Nashville with his wife, Claire, which they've documented on social media. As has receiver Deebo Samuel, who's been working out in his home state, South Carolina.

Gould has three children ranging from 1 to 6 years old, which has forced the veteran kicker to get creative when it comes to daily scheduling and his workouts.

Once Illinois announced its statewide lockdown last month, Gould built out a home gym in a storage area in his basement to complement his kicking work. He purchased a squat rack, free weights and free-motion cable machine. He does his morning workouts with a trainer virtually through video conference on an iPad, which has gone well given the unusual circumstances.

"The nice part is, I've been able to train the way that I need to," he said. "It's just a matter of finding the places to kick. But the nice part is, before I left (the Bay Area) ... I've had the ability to kind of pick up where I left off and what I wanted to do based on being in the backyard, having fun with my kids kicking out there, or having them shag for me."

Gould doesn't have goal posts at his house to kick through. Instead, he targets landmarks like trees. His backyard has some 60 yards to work with.

Perhaps the harder part is being a parent and dealing with home schooling. Fortunately for Gould, his wife is a former elementary school teacher who's helped with much of the work with Gould's oldest son, Griffin, 6, who will likely miss the last couple months of his kindergarten school year. Gould's other son, Gavin, 4, is in preschool while Grayson will turn 2 later this year.

Gould said Griffin and Gavin partake in his morning workouts as their gym class. The rest of the day is typically a combination of home schooling, reading books, doing math, using the ABC Mouse app, and

trying to find activities to keep the kids interested while having to follow directions, like baking. There's usually a family walk in the afternoons, weather permitting, followed by dinner and Disney movies.

The good news is Gould has been given time with his family after spending much of the last three seasons away. He's lived in a hotel near team headquarters since signing with San Francisco in 2017 while his family has stayed in their home outside Chicago.

"I've spent three of the last four years away from my family," he said. "And for me that's the most important thing. Whether it's kicking, whether it's going to a grocery store, whether it's working out in the basement, those are things that I find to be able to spend time with them. And I think they enjoy it too."

Another challenge for Gould has been trying to put what's happening in perspective, including keeping the kids away from their friends.

"I think it was probably 10 days ago, they were like, 'When's spring break over?' They don't understand this whole COVID pandemic conversation," Gould said.

"It's trying to teach your kids what it's about, why they can't go to school probably for the entire year. Coming up with conversations to tell them what a pandemic is and why they can't be getting out of their house and going to school and going to karate — these are all things that they have to get adjusted to too and it's just about finding a routine."

It remains unclear when the 49ers will be able to get all their players back at team headquarters. The most likely scenario would be training camp that starts at the end of July. Though it would take wide-ranging coronavirus testing before teams could safely reconvene. Testing has been hard to come by during the early stages of the pandemic and has been reserved only for those experience significant symptoms.

Whenever Gould and his teammates hit the field again, it will be without star defensive lineman DeForest Buckner, who was traded last month to the Indianapolis Colts for the No. 13 pick in the draft.

Buckner, a team captain and winner of the team MVP Bill Walsh Award in 2019, received a four-year extension worth up to $84 million with the Colts. San Francisco elected to trade Buckner rather than pay him while fellow defensive lineman Arik Armstead received a five-year, $85 million deal on the eve of his free agency.

Gould, who stayed away from the team last offseason before inking a four-year contract worth up to $19 million, understands Buckner's situation is part of the business.

"I'm happy for DeForest. He got a long-term deal, he earned that, he deserved that," he said. "And when you have success as a team, if you look across the National Football League, you can't keep everybody. The more success you have, there will always be difficult decisions. Every year they have difficult decisions. And as guys make more plays, as guys have more success as the team has more success, that's what just truly happens."

Special team: 49ers kicker Robbie Gould and his brother, Chris, sharing the NFL experience

By Eric Branch
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Robbie Gould ended practice with a boot Saturday.

The 49ers kicker drilled a 55-yard field goal in a two-minute situation to cap the last of two joint practices with the Broncos.

Gould's teammates greeted the faux game winner by celebrating on the field, but one person wasn't so happy about Gould's success: his younger brother, Chris.

Don't misunderstand. The brothers, separated by three years, aren't at odds, but they don't share allegiances.

Chris Gould, 33, is the Broncos' assistant special teams coach and he will be on the opposite sideline from Robbie, 36, when the 49ers meet the Broncos on Monday night in their second preseason game.

The outcome of the game is meaningless — to most. However, Robbie has a different scoreboard in mind: He's 1-2 in NFL games against his brother, who also has an edge in another category.

"His first year (in Denver), he won a Super Bowl. So he's got one more ring than me," Robbie said. "I'm just hoping we can win Monday so I can get it to (2-2)."

Yes, the brothers are competitive. There are memories of Chris, after backyard losses, furiously chasing Robbie around in Lock Haven, Pa., when they were growing up.

But the siblings, who also have a younger sister, Lindsay, have always been close. And their bond is a reason they are sharing an NFL experience.

Chris was also a kicker, but not at the level of Robbie, who ranks second in NFL history in field-goal percentage and just signed a four-year, $19 million contract that made him the league's second-highest player at his position.

Chris kicked at the University of Virginia and played in the Arena Football League with the Chicago Rush (2010-11) and Arizona Rattlers (2012). However, Chris never realized his NFL dream as a player. And Robbie helped Chris, the little brother he terms a football junkie, enter the league as a coach.

Robbie connected Chris with Joe DeCamillis, the Bears special teams coach from 2013-14 when Robbie was with Chicago. Chris would visit his brother at training camp and they would study video with DeCamillis, who was impressed by Chris' knowledge and passion.

The relationship fast-tracked Chris' coaching career. He'd served as a volunteer coach at Elmhurst College, a Division III school in suburban Chicago, when he was in the Arena League. And Chris was in his third season as a special teams quality control coach at Syracuse in 2015 when DeCamillis, then with the Broncos, brought him on staff as a low-level assistant.

From there, Chris has done the rest. He was promoted to Denver's assistant special teams coach in 2017. And it's notable that he's been retained by two new head coaches in his five seasons with the Broncos, a time during which the majority of their coaching staff has been overhauled.

Of course, Chris would have preferred to kick in the NFL. But when asked if he ever felt pressure to follow in his brother's footsteps, he focuses on the support he's received from Robbie. During his stint in the Arena League in Chicago, Robbie insisted Chris live with him and his wife to help make ends meet so he could keep kicking.

“I’ve always wanted the best for him and he’s always tried to help me as much as he could,” Chris said. “He’s been a really good brother. He let me live with him and his wife — he took care of me because you don’t always make the most money in the Arena League. So I didn’t feel any pressure. I just wanted to become the best football player I could be at the time and I’ve always had his support.”

Robbie is as adept at talking up his brother as he is at kicking field goals.

He terms him one of the NFL’s top “up-and-coming assistants,” and notes Chris’ expertise has helped in the latter stages of his career. When he was handling kickoff duties, for example, Chris would detail kick-return schemes and that information informed the placement of Robbie’s kicks.

They talk football as equals, although Robbie has a habit of terming Chris a “kid” when discussing him: “The kid eats, sleeps and drinks football,” he said at one point.

Robbie explained. He knows his brother is all grown up — and he’s aware he trails him in titles.

“I think he’ll always be my kid brother,” he said. “He’ll be my kid brother with one extra ring than I have.”

Danny Gray

49ers' Danny Gray received a boost when his father figures sprang into action

By Matt Barrows
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Scott Nady, the director of recruiting at SMU, is eager to explain just how immensely popular youth football is in Southeast Dallas. He gives an example.

Every Thursday before SMU home games, he walks around and hands out tickets. He hits barber shops and barbecue joints, street corners and Boys & Girls Clubs. One day he was at the opening of a boxing gym on South Second Avenue and started telling one of the trainers about an exciting new recruit SMU had on the line, a guy who'd played youth football in that part of town.

"I said, 'Hey, I think Danny Gray's going to come to our place,'" Nady recalled.

As soon as the name left his lips the rattle and hum inside the gym came to a halt.

"This old guy was probably 5, 6 feet away sitting at a table talking to a bunch of other old guys," Nady said. "And he turned his chair all the way around and his eyes were as big as saucers: 'You guys are about to get Danny Gray?' I said, 'Yeah, I think so.' And he said, 'Man, y'all gonna win some games.'"

It turned out the old-timer had been watching Gray, whom the 49ers drafted in the third round in April, for the past decade. The receiver, after all, is a favorite son. Nobody in Southeast Dallas was faster. He's been challenged to races since he was 7 years old and hasn't lost one yet. His nickname back then was "missile."

"He was a really quiet kid," one of Gray's youth coaches, Keldrick Barron, said. "Really quiet — until he got on the field. And then he was like a bomb just going off."

What set him apart from the other speedsters who've come from that part of the city, Barron and others said, is that he wasn't afraid to mix it up in the trenches, either. They'd put him at running back, linebacker, safety, cornerback. It didn't matter. Wherever he lined up, Gray made an impression.

"I've been in this city for a long, long time," Nady said. "If your name comes out of that part of town, then you're legit. Danny is kind of a Southeast Dallas legend."

What makes Gray's legend more compelling is that it went silent for a stretch.

When what should have been Gray's freshman year of high school began, he wasn't in school and he wasn't on the field. Track season came around and he wasn't there, either. No one knew what had happened. It was as if he'd vanished.

The mystery was solved one August day when another youth coach, Willie Lawrence, got a phone call. It was Gray, and he began to share where he'd been. His mother was a nurse working 16-hour shifts. There were seven others in the house, including two young siblings. Gray's father wasn't around and, well, Danny had been home taking care of the kids. He was a 14-year-old stay-at-home brother.

"He had to grow up a little bit faster than everyone else," Lawrence said.

Gray essentially told his former coach he felt his future was slipping away. He wanted to get back into school and back on the field. He had dreams of playing in college. He needed help.

The first thing Lawrence did was call the other youth coach, Barron. The two discussed the situation, spoke with the boy's mother and picked him up the next day. Lawrence bought him clothes, shoes, supplies — everything else he needed for school. Barron opened the door to his home.

"Me and my wife, we had him enrolled the next day," Barron said.

Neither Barron, 42, nor Lawrence, 47, is related to Gray. Both have large families of their own. In fact, the Barrons had five other kids ranging from 2 to 13 years old when Gray moved in. Gray, however, refers to both men as uncle — Barron is "Uncle Kel" and Lawrence is "Big Unc" — and you'd never be able to convince him they aren't family.

"I've got a lot of love for them," Gray said this week. "I'd do anything for them."

Both men brush off what they did. Lawrence notes that Gray wasn't the first or the last child they took in in that way. He sees it as part of his duty as a youth coach.

"We help kids," he said. "That's what we do."

Barron agreed the decision to take in Gray was easy. He noted that when Gray first joined the youth league he and some of the other boys would stay over at the Barrons' house on Friday nights.

"That way we could make sure that we could get 'em to the game on Saturday," he said with a laugh. "So when he moved in in the ninth grade it was just a continuation of the relationship. Only now it was every day."

Others are quick to point out just how critical their save was.

"You don't know what Danny's life would look like if those guys hadn't gotten involved," SMU head coach Sonny Dykes said. "It would look a lot different than it does now. Kel came in and gave him a stable home life and gave him some resources and just gave him a place to lay his head every night. I think that relationship really gave Danny a chance to become what he is."

Of course, adjustments had to be made as Gray got ready for his freshman year. To that point he had been, at best, an indifferent student. The first thing Barron told him was that there were rules he'd have to follow, the biggest of which was making the B honor roll.

"Because my wife doesn't care about football as much as she does grades," Barron said. "And if you don't make the B honor roll, then we'll take football away from you. And it was a challenge, man."

In recent years one of the inside jokes between Gray and Barron has become the phrase "Have I lied to you yet?" When he first moved in, it was a way of building trust. If you study like we want you to, you will graduate high school. Trust me on this. Have I lied to you yet?

Barron also told Gray that playing football collegiately ought to be a bare-minimum goal. If he added hard work — staying after practice, studying film, etc. — to his considerable physical gifts, he could make it to the NFL.

When Gray heard his name called at the end of the third round, he immediately turned to Uncle Kel. The older man's response: tears, a big smile, a shoulder shrug and, "Have I lied to you yet?"

The house rules on academics had a similar conclusion. Gray's delayed start to high school meant he couldn't take part in sports as a senior. He'd been the fastest high schooler in Texas as a junior, running the 100 meters in 10.7 seconds. He'd been eager to defend his title and, of course, badly wanted to play football. When he couldn't, he was devastated.

Barron's response? He told Gray that if he diverted his energy to academics he could make the A honor roll. He did. In fact, he came in with the highest GPA in the house that year, right around 3.9.

“He just needed something else to compete in,” Barron said.

Nobody thinks Gray is a finished product, not even close.

Dykes noted that the same delayed start to high school that affected his senior season also scuttled Gray’s initial acceptance to Missouri and forced him to spend the 2018-19 seasons at Blinn Community College.

“We only had him for two years at SMU and he’s just scratching the surface,” he said. “He can become a much better player than he was for us.”

Nady estimates that Gray is 55 percent of what he’ll become.

“The instruction he’ll get — it’s like you’re pouring water on a seed in very fertile soil,” he said. “It’s going to be crazy to see.”

He and the others envision not just ultimate success, but also brilliance, from the receiver from Southeast Dallas. His combination of speed and toughness is unique. His grit and perseverance are what will set him apart.

“Typically those speed guys have a different route,” Dykes said. “They’re very coveted at a very young age. And the result of that (is) sometimes they become a little bit — a little soft, I think. And Danny is exactly the opposite. He’s had to fight for everything. He’s one of those kids who realizes that no one’s going to get you anything in life. You’ve got to go earn it and take it. He’s got that mentality.”

Barron, meanwhile, isn’t content that the boy he took in at age 14 has made it into the NFL. He’s still delivering the same messages — get into your playbook, catch 100 balls after practice, be available — he’s doled out since he coached Gray in the youth league. He saw greatness on the field back then. He sees more in the future.

“I’ve always told him, ‘You’re going to be a much better pro receiver than you were a college receiver,’” Barron said.

He hasn’t lied to him yet.

Drake Jackson

Drake Jackson's 49ers journey began with the tutelage of his father, Dennis

By David Lombardi
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The year was 2001. Dennis Jackson filled out his newborn son's birth certificate. Without hesitation, he made the name a loaded one.

"Drake Jackson, University of Southern California, outside linebacker, 260 pounds," the document read.

Dennis, an avid USC fan, handed the birth certificate to nurses at the hospital in Los Angeles. In a phone interview last week, he remembered their reaction to the name.

"They said it was too long," Jackson said.

So Dennis settled on a shortened version for his son's name. Now, over two decades later, the original version of that birth certificate is merely a story of the past — but a notably prophetic one. Drake Jackson, after all, would indeed go on to play outside linebacker for USC at around 260 pounds.

What's happened after might've strayed from Dennis Jackson's script, though.

The 49ers drafted Jackson — whom they see as an edge-rushing complement to star defensive end Nick Bosa — with their top 2022 pick, No. 61, last month.

But unlike USC football, the 49ers aren't dad's team.

"Dennis is a diehard Raider fan," Matt Logan, Drake's former coach at Centennial High (Corona, Calif.), said in a phone interview last week. "We were teasing him before the draft: 'What happens if Drake doesn't go to the Raiders? Will you get a jersey?' He goes, 'Nope, I'm gonna wear the Raider jersey.'

"I think there's no way. So, we'll see if he gets a 49er jersey."

Drake Jackson's NFL journey began this past weekend at the 49ers' rookie minicamp. He and undrafted signee Kevin Atkins were the only two defensive linemen partaking in practice. That meant especially focused attention from fiery 49ers D-line coach Kris Kocurek, who's now tasked with helping Jackson realize his potential.

There seems to be an immense amount of it, and the 49ers — when considering Jackson's modest total of 12 1/2 sacks through his three seasons at USC — believe that it's relatively untapped.

"I'd say he's incredibly disruptive," general manager John Lynch said after the draft. "He played in a bunch of different schemes and they moved him around a lot, so we think his best football is in front of him. But things such as quick disruption — something we study a lot — he was tops in the country. We liked the film."

The 49ers were enamored with Jackson's springy bend. He can land a standing backflip at 275 pounds, and his broad jump (127 inches) and vertical leap (92 inches) both rank well above the 90th percentile for defensive linemen.

The 49ers also believe that Jackson will fit well into their locker room.

"He can be a senator or a congressman," Logan said. "He's such an outgoing personality, always has a smile on his face. Everybody in the building likes him. That's just the way he is."

Kocurek should have moldable clay to work with as he takes over the job of developing Drake Jackson, the project that Dennis Jackson started so many years ago.

“He’s the best in the league,” the elder Jackson said of Kocurek. “I’m a D-line coach, too, so I follow a lot of these D-line coaches. I’ve always taught Drake to be like a sponge and be able to absorb everybody. I think he’ll be a sponge and soak up what they have to offer.”

Dennis Jackson played defensive end for Missouri Western State University and even got a tryout with — you may have guessed it — the Raiders.

So Dennis isn’t a small man, and that’s why a 10-year-old Drake astounded him with precocious strength.

“I remember to this day, we were in my room and we were going over some D-line drills,” Dennis said. “And I was just showing him how you flip your hips, and he pushed me in the chest and he pushed me into the back of the bed. And I was like, ‘Oh my gosh, if you push anybody like that, you’ll never have a problem in football, ever.’

“And from there on, he was a monster.”

Drake had been training under Dennis’ guidance from a young age. He’d been lifting weights since age 4 and doing agility drills since age 7.

“Dennis has been a huge influence,” Logan said. “He’s offered that not only to Drake but to a lot of kids. A lot of kids will go lift over there and train with Dennis. All out of the goodness of his heart. He’s not the guy who’s out there trying to seek money and telling kids a bunch of BS. He’s training kids to help them with their future because a junior college coach saw him on campus one day and said, ‘Hey, why aren’t you playing football?’ Brought him to the weight room and it totally changed his life.

“I think that’s what he feels like is his way of giving back.”

Drake started his first game at Centennial as a sophomore against IMG Academy, the preparatory boarding school based in Florida that churns out Division I football talent. The 2016 IMG offensive line featured tackles Evan Neal, who’d go on to Alabama and be drafted No. 7 by the Giants this year, and Daniel Faalele, who played college ball for Minnesota and was a fourth-round pick to the Ravens.

“Everybody on their O-line is 6-3 and above and 300-something pounds,” Dennis said. “In the first half, Drake’s getting dominated. I think it was a mentality thing. I told him, ‘I’m telling the coaches to take you off.’ He said, ‘No, Dad — I can do this, just give me a chance.’ He wanted to impress me.

“And in the second half, he really took it to another level. Once I saw that, I knew he could play with the best. I knew at that point he could play at SC.”

No opponent came within single digits of undefeated IMG that season except for Centennial, which nearly overcame a two-touchdown halftime deficit that night in a wild 50-49 loss.

It proved to be a turbocharger for Jackson’s football career.

“Drake really started to turn it on his sophomore year,” Logan said. “At first, he was a little unsure of himself in situations. Then he really started to light it up.”

Jackson’s blossoming athleticism commanded attention. He lit up a summer passing league session when Logan, indulging the D-lineman’s wishes, allowed him to line up at wide receiver for a snap.

That’s around when Jackson’s backflipping hobby began taking full flight. As he progressed through high school, what had started as a fun stunt on trampolines moved to the beach, where the sand’s incline from the water gave Jackson extra landing space.

Eventually, Jackson overcame the final mental barrier and began backflipping without fear on the practice field.

“I think his freakiness started to come around eighth grade,” Dennis said. “Then, in high school, he started doing freakier stuff. He would do these flips, about 10 in a row and he was 270 at the time. Somebody was like, ‘Who taught him that?’ I was like, ‘I didn’t.'”

Jackson splashed onto the scene as a freshman at USC in 2019, leading the Trojans with 11 1/2 tackles for loss and earning freshman All-America honors. He played a standard defensive end position at around 275 pounds.

But USC fired defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast after that season, and his replacement Todd Orlando had different plans for Jackson, especially after a pair of injuries had thinned USC’s defense on the second level. Orlando wanted Jackson to play a hybrid outside linebacker role that featured pass coverage responsibilities. That called for a significantly lighter playing weight of only about 250 pounds.

Dennis says that USC’s staff did give Jackson the choice to stay at defensive end, but his son made the position switch anyway. He cut the 20 or so pounds that the move required in 2020. So after playing stout football at over 270 pounds as a freshman, Jackson was noticeably weaker at the point of attack in the subsequent two seasons.

“I said, ‘Son, you need to stay at defensive end instead of linebacker. Defensive ends make a lot more money than linebackers. If you go from (Nos.) 1 to 10 (in the draft), you’ll make $20-40 million,'” Dennis said. “He goes, ‘Dad, I don’t need that much money. … I want to help my team out.'”

Said Lynch: “Once you kind of get his story, he was only doing what the coaches at that time were asking of him.”

Said Drake Jackson: “Everything was for the team when I did that. We had gotten a new coaching staff as well. They told me to lose weight so I could run around a little more, so I said, ‘All right coach, let’s get it.’ I’ll do anything for the team. As long as we win, that’s all that matters.”

The Trojans did initially win. They went 5-1 in 2020’s abbreviated season, but fell to 4-8 in 2021. USC fired head coach Clay Helton after Week 2. Jackson, meanwhile, continued playing at that lighter weight (he’d also dropped a few more pounds due to a preseason illness) and through a lower leg injury.

Jackson still managed to lead USC with eight tackles for loss in 2021, but all the turmoil undoubtedly hurt his draft stock. In fact, The Athletic’s Dane Brugler had actually projected Jackson would be the No. 7 pick in his early mock draft immediately following the 2021 draft. But once this year rolled around, it was clear that Jackson stood very little chance of being drafted that high.

Jackson’s tumble was costly. For reference, the No. 7 pick is slotted for a fully-guaranteed contract worth more than $28 million with a $17.7 million signing bonus. But since he was taken at No. 61, Jackson’s rookie deal is set to be worth just $6.2 million over four years — and only a $1.7 million signing bonus is guaranteed.

Jackson will truly have to earn his keep at the NFL level. But a story that Dennis shared from Drake’s teenage years suggests that the 49ers rookie has the mentality to embrace his current situation.

“He said, ‘Dad, can you give me some money to go to the movies?'” Dennis said. “So I give him $30 and he goes to the movies and comes back and hands me $30. And I go, ‘I thought you went to the movies.’ He said, ‘I did, but one of my friends paid for it.’ And I said, ‘Well, keep the money.’ And he said, ‘Aw, no Dad, you got it.’

“He’s just that type of kid.”

Jackson's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, called Drake and Dennis around 6 a.m. on the morning of the draft. Rosenhaus told the family that the 49ers were hoping to pick Jackson. The caveat, of course, was that the 49ers didn't own a pick until No. 61, which was late in the second round — and Rosenhaus also predicted that Jackson would be a surprise first-round pick.

The first round came and went without a selection of Jackson, so anxious times carried over into the second day of the draft.

"The whole time, it was really nerve-wracking," Dennis said. "The Texans said they were gonna pick him, the Minnesota Vikings said they were gonna pick him. (Both Houston and Minnesota ended up making two second-round picks each). So when it got to the 49ers, all these other teams have passed."

When Jackson fell to them, the 49ers kept their word and nabbed him.

"Didn't think he'd be there at 61," Lynch said. "And he came there, so we were happy to grab him and make him a part of the Niners."

Dennis remembers the minutes before his son was drafted.

"My daughter made a bet, she said, 'Dad, you're gonna cry,'" Dennis said. "I said, 'I'm not gonna cry, I promise you.' Drake gets the call and my daughter goes, 'Dad, let me see your eyes.' And she looks at my eyes and she goes, 'OK.'

"As soon as Arik Armstead comes up and says, 'With the 61st pick, the 49ers select Drake Jackson,' I couldn't control it. Emotions just spilled. Me and him crying like babies. We got the hug, got the embrace. We hugged for a minute. It was an amazing, unbelievable feeling. I've never felt this way before."

The waterworks continued in grand fashion minutes later, when Drake planted one of his signature backflips into the pool. Dennis was the first of many partygoers to also hop into the water, as evidenced by the video below.

After he dried off, Drake was still beaming as he spoke to the Bay Area media for the first time via Zoom. Jackson wore a chain that featured a replica of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum — his home stadium at USC — as he answered questions. Jackson was so excited that he even expressed audible disappointment when the 49ers' PR staff wrapped up the interview session.

"Ah, man," Jackson said.

Over the next several hours, Jackson would field phone calls from several of his new 49ers teammates. Bosa, Armstead and Trey Lance were among the players who reached out.

"Watching the whole D-line, I cannot wait to get out there with those guys and just turn up with them," Jackson said. "I wanted to text (Bosa) that night and pretty much figure out the answers to the test."

Less than two weeks later, Jackson's turn to be a sponge at the NFL level began in earnest. As he soaked up that first visit to the 49ers' facility during rookie minicamp, he reached out to Dennis.

"I was just walking through the halls and I had to call my dad," Jackson said. "It's crazy to just be standing here in this spot. I can't explain, it's just a blessed feeling."

There's just the final issue of Dennis' allegiance to the Raiders, but the entire Jackson family is laughing about it now.

"We've all been saying 'Bang Bang Niner Gang,'" Drake said, smiling. "It's the song by E-40, 'Bang Bang Niner Gang.' That's (my dad's) favorite song. He probably won't switch over fully, but we got him."

There is an inflection point to force a firm decision from Dennis now on the calendar. The 49ers are scheduled to play the Raiders in Las Vegas on New Year's Day. Dennis has yet to miss a single game at any level of Drake's football career, and he'll certainly be in attendance for that one.

So, what about the 49ers jersey that Dennis insisted that he'd never purchase?

It turns out that there's been a reversal on that front. Dennis has indeed purchased a 49ers jersey, with the realization of his son's NFL dream being the impetus.

"I have one coming," Dennis said. "Jan. 1 will be very hard for me. I guess I'll have two teams until that day."

What skill makes 49ers top pick Drake 'The Freak' Jackson so unique?

By Eric Branch
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Like many of the top pass rushers in last week's NFL draft, Drake Jackson can burst off the line and bend around the edge en route to blasting quarterbacks.

But how many of those defensive ends can perform backflips? Standing backflips. For perspective: Jackson stands 6-foot-3 and weighs 270 pounds.

"That was always one of the coolest things to me when I was a kid: flipping," Jackson said. "I was always interested in gymnastics-type of things and that was probably as close as I got to it. I've always been able to do it."

Jackson, dubbed "The Freak" by his USC teammates, celebrated being drafted in the second round by the San Francisco 49ers on Friday with the same move he often used to punctuate the Trojans' wins. With his back to the water, he flipped and landed feet-first in the backyard pool at the house he rented with friends and family in Las Vegas, the site of the draft.

Tariq Ahmad, the 49ers' director of college scouting, didn't spend a second studying Jackson's ability to channel Simone Biles before the 49ers selected him with the No. 61 pick. But the skill speaks to the lower-body burst Jackson possesses that belies his size.

"That's just a cool way he can show everyone how explosive he is," Ahmad said. "But we see that on his get-off (from the line). He's a highly talented mover with special length for someone who is 6-3, and he can do all this at 270-plus pounds. So it's all very exciting."

The 49ers are thrilled about pairing Jackson, 21, blessed with raw ability, with defensive line coach Kris Kocurek, who has worked wonders with lesser talents in his three-year tenure.

But perhaps no one is more enthused than Jackson. During a phone interview Wednesday, he laughed about comparing notes with his college teammate, cornerback Chris Steele, who signed with the Steelers as an undrafted free agent.

Steele was giddy about defensive end T.J. Watt, the NFL's reigning Defensive Player of the Year, being his teammate. Jackson was equally excited that another Pro Bowl pass rusher, Nick Bosa, was now on his side.

Jackson noted he was interested last month when he heard about 49ers wide receiver Deebo Samuel's trade request. Now? He's invested.

"I'm telling (Steele), 'Man, we need Deebo back,'" Jackson said. "A couple (of weeks) ago, I would have been like, 'Dang, Deebo wants to leave the 49ers.' That's crazy. Now, it's like, 'That my teammate.' So it's like, 'C'mon, Deebo. C'mon back.' … It's just crazy how life changes."

Jackson's physical ability is part of package that includes 34-inch arms and a wingspan of 82 ⅝ inches. Jackson has a larger wingspan than all but one of the 10 pass rushers drafted ahead of him, falling short of Georgia's Travon Walker (84¼), the No. 1 overall pick. Only Walker (35½) and Penn State's Arnold Ebiketie (34 ⅛), selected 38th overall, have longer arms.

Jackson's college production was relatively puny: He had 12.5 sacks and 25 tackles behind the line of scrimmage in his three-season, 28-game career.

Part of that was tied to his fluctuating weight and positions. In his first season, when he weighed 275 pounds, he played defensive end, had career highs in sacks (5.5) and tackles for losses (11.5) and was

named a Freshman All-American. In his second season, under a new defensive coordinator, he also played outside linebacker and weighed around 265 pounds.

Then, before his final season, Jackson's weight plummeted to 218 pounds after a series of medical issues: He tested positive for the coronavirus, had a tonsillectomy and also underwent turbinate reduction surgery, a procedure in which nose cartilage is removed to improve breathing.

After playing at 245 pounds last year, he's now around his freshman weight. And he's poised to play his freshman position, defensive end in a 4-3 defense, with the 49ers.

Jackson will arrive at next week's rookie minicamp unpolished, but his high-end draft status makes him unlike most of the edge rushers Kocurek has coached since he was hired in 2019. Bosa, the No. 2 pick in 2019, is the only other edge rusher the 49ers have selected among their 30 picks in the past four drafts.

"We have the best D-line coach in the NFL," Ahmad said. "So if you give him someone who has that type of explosiveness, movement and lower-body looseness, it's going to be fun to watch."

Jackson admits he didn't have fun watching the start of the draft, when his hopes of being selected in Thursday's first round were extinguished. And his mood didn't improve when he wasn't among the first 28 picks of Friday's second round.

But then the 49ers ended his wait, setting off a celebration that included his flip and series of congratulatory texts that included a message from one of his new teammates, Bosa.

"That was wild right there," Jackson said. "I almost jumped back in the pool after that one."

Kyle Juszczyk

Why fullback Kyle Juszczyk says 'there's no better fit' for him than the 49ers

By Chris Biderman
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Many NFL players dream of hitting free agency. It's a chance to test the open market and have multiple teams bid for your services. It can often drive up a player's price, which is welcome news to the player and his bank account. Just ask left tackle Trent Williams, who early Wednesday morning landed a six-year, $138 million deal with the 49ers as multiple teams coveted him.

But San Francisco's fullback Kyle Juszczyk didn't need to hit the open market. The unrestricted free agent knew where he wanted to land from the outset. So he agreed to a new five-year deal with San Francisco on Sunday evening, hours before the league's negotiating window opened Monday morning. It would have allowed Juszczyk to field offers from other teams like the New York Jets, who hired San Francisco's former passing game specialist Mike LaFleur as offensive coordinator, and potentially drive up his asking price from the 49ers.

"Honestly, there's no better fit in the league for me than San Francisco, just to be completely honest," Juszczyk said on a Zoom call Wednesday. "Kyle (Shanahan) ... he puts together the perfect system for me to play in. And for me to go anywhere else, have to uproot my life, really, sell my house in California, find a new spot, have all new teammates, (and) begin the whole process over again ... this late in my career, there was a certain part of me that didn't want to do that. And so if I could get that number I was happy with in San Francisco, I was just going to roll with it and just continue in a place that I'm so happy to be in."

The number was a five-year contract worth up to $27 million with $10 million in guarantees. It made Juszczyk, who turns 30 in April, the highest paid fullback in history for the second time since 2017. If he plays out the life of his deal, the five-time Pro Bowler will have made $50.5 million over his 13-year career.

Paying a fullback that kind of money is a complicated decision that not many agree with. A number of teams have axed the position altogether, and some would prefer only to have fullbacks signing minimal contracts and not getting eight figures guaranteed.

Shanahan, of course, is an exception. He made adding Juszczyk a priority when he first got hired in 2017 by making him a key member of the team's first free agent class weeks after he was hired. Four years later, that belief hasn't changed.

Juszczyk's versatility makes him emblematic of Shanahan's offense. He can line up outside, catch deep passes downfield, play in the slot, rove as an H-back and line up in the backfield as a traditional fullback. For a team that wants to run the ball effectively as the foundation of its scheme, to set up play action and make things easier on the quarterback, Shanahan has come to view Juszczyk as an essential piece.

"I don't think it's a secret. I think we use the fullback more than anyone in the league," Shanahan said at the 2019 owners meetings in Phoenix. "I'm always going to use the fullback. I believe in it strongly."

Shanahan is considered one of the game's premier offensive minds. But he has zagged against the trend of a league becoming more pass happy. He had no problem calling just eight pass attempts, and 42 runs, during the 37-20 thumping of the Green Bay Packers in the NFC Championship Game after the 2019 season. The 49ers went to the Super Bowl that year running the ball at the second-highest clip in the league, only behind the Baltimore Ravens, who ran quarterback Lamar Jackson 176 times.

For Shanahan, using a fullback is all about dictating things to the defense.

"If you put three receivers out there, then (the defense) can run certain blitzes and stunts where you cannot run the ball," Shanahan said. "And they can force you to pass and they can force you to do things. When you have a fullback out there, it doesn't matter how many guys they have in the box, which is nice because if they put a lot of guys in the box it makes it easier to throw."

The agreement of Juszczyk's new contract was finalized Sunday, but the parameters came together Saturday, when 49ers CEO Jed York was celebrating his 40th birthday with a party attended by general manager John Lynch and Shanahan, which led to a series of Tweets indicating alcohol might have been flowing.

FaceTime calls were made, of which Juszczyk wasn't willing to share too many details from out of respect for his bosses. But he said the celebratory mood was emblematic of the reasons he wanted to stay with the 49ers.

"They were very stoked, I was stoked," Juszczyk said. "They were at Jed York's 40th birthday party, so the phone got passed around, a lot of congratulations, a lot of cheers, and all those sort of things.

"Honestly, it's so cool to be a part of that, to get FaceTimes from your owner and your GM and your head coach, and speak with their families and be comfortable. It's like I'm speaking to my own family, you know? It's not one of those awkward conversations that's just, 'Yes, sir. Yes, sir. We're going to do great.' It's just real conversations and real genuine joy. That's why I feel so connected to this program."

49ers fullback Kyle Juszczyk runs on 'drive from within'

By Matt Kawahara
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When 49ers fullback Kyle Juszczyk was a sophomore at Cloverleaf High in northeast Ohio, former teacher and coach Dave Ward said his player would arrive for football film sessions, quietly reach into his gym bag and take out a stack of notecards.

“He was taking notes on every player that would affect his play the next night,” Ward said. “He was making notes about steps they’d take, tendencies they had, tells they had.”

When Juszczyk was a senior, the team held a banquet. And Juszczyk, former Cloverleaf coach Kevin Gault recalled, showed up carrying a full filing cabinet drawer.

“He’d taken notes on every player he’d played against,” Gault said, “and he passed them down to the underclassmen. They were better than the scouting reports we had.”

Now in the NFL, Juszczyk’s cerebral approach is a gift that keeps giving — allowing the 49ers to use the versatile so-called “offensive weapon” in a variety of alignments and formations as a linchpin of the running game that has helped carry them to the Super Bowl on Sunday.

How extensive are Juszczyk’s responsibilities in the offense from week to week? Before the NFC Championship Game against the Packers, 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan said coaches need to be mindful at times of not overloading Juszczyk in the game plan.

“We put a lot on him — and we haven’t put too much on him yet,” Shanahan said. “He’s been able to handle it each time. I’ll say that’s because of his Harvard education. But he’s a hell of a football player who doesn’t get nervous about anything. And he works very hard throughout the week to understand everything.”

Juszczyk’s contributions aren’t exactly unsung — he was voted to the Pro Bowl for the fourth time this season — but they can go unquantified. Juszczyk does not have a rushing attempt or a catch in these playoffs. This season, he totaled three carries for 7 yards and 20 receptions for 239 yards.

Given the 49ers’ affinity for two-back sets, though, Juszczyk has been on the field for 90 of 126 offensive snaps in the postseason. And he has often been lead blocker for a rushing attack that gained 471 yards in wins over the Vikings and Packers.

Last week, Juszczyk, a former high school wildcat quarterback who had 22 touchdown catches at Harvard, was asked if he ever feels unfulfilled playing 50 snaps in a game without touching the ball.

“No,” Juszczyk said. “Because usually we’ve won that game.”

Those who knew a younger Juszczyk might recognize the resolve.

Gault met Juszczyk long before coaching him. As a third-grader, Juszczyk began showing up to Cloverleaf practices “every day” to watch his older brother. So Gault made him a manager.

“He wasn’t like a normal third-grader,” Gault said. “He was just such a mature kid.”

When Juszczyk reached high school, Gault said, Cloverleaf football would hold training sessions at 6 a.m., five days a week, in the offseason. Juszczyk also played basketball and was a thrower in track and field. But he didn’t skip the early morning workouts.

Basketball “game day or not, he was there at 6 o’clock in the morning,” Gault said.

Ward taught Juszczyk at age 12 and describes him as having “a sense of determined purpose.” A few years later, Ward said, Juszczyk visited his classroom carrying several early college recruiting letters.

“He said, ‘Hey Coach, you got a minute? I got some stuff in the mail and I’m not sure exactly how we should go with this.’”

Ward, an influential figure for Juszczyk who officiated the fullback’s wedding last summer, said that began a custom of weekly visits while Juszczyk was at Cloverleaf that expanded into “just talking about life stuff.”

“He was already there so this has nothing to do with me, but we’d talk about integrity, what it means to be a man as far as being a husband and a father, what your word means, those kinds of things,” Ward said.

By his senior year, Juszczyk had grown from a 135-pound freshman to nearer his current listed size (6-foot-1, 235 pounds) and was playing multiple positions on offense as well as linebacker. Going into that year, Cloverleaf had never made the playoffs. In its regular-season finale, Cloverleaf faced undefeated Highland High with a playoff spot on the line.

In double overtime, with Cloverleaf in position to try a game-winning field goal, Gault called a direct snap to Juszczyk to place the ball in the middle of the field.

“He says, ‘I’m going to score, coach,’” Gault said. “We said, ‘No you’re not.’”

Juszczyk took the snap and ran for the winning 16-yard touchdown.

“I shook my head and said, ‘I’ll be damned, he’s going to succeed no matter what,’” Gault said.

In a bit of foreshadowing, Juszczyk’s versatility caught the eye of Harvard head football coach Tim Murphy, who works with the program’s tight ends and H-backs.

“You could see his physicality, you could see his athleticism,” Murphy said. “You could envision he would make a sort of perfect H-back for us.”

Juszczyk received few Division I offers and said other schools wanted him to play linebacker. At Harvard, Juszczyk moved around the offense, lining up as an in-line tight end, a fullback, in the slot and out wide. Murphy said players who fill that role at Harvard often don’t grasp the full skill set until their junior season.

“He took to it right away,” Murphy said. “He was such a perfectionist — a tough, physical kid, but also a perfectionist — that he mastered all of those positions for us at a very young age.”

While Juszczyk spent his first four NFL seasons with Baltimore, the lineage to the 49ers is clear. According to Sharp Football Stats, the 49ers this season used a fullback on 26 percent of their offensive snaps, most in the NFL. But Juszczyk played nearly 37 percent of the offensive snaps and said he views his hybrid capacity with the 49ers as “the same thing I really did in college.”

Juszczyk said Shanahan’s game plans “count on me to make a lot of adjustments,” and acknowledged “there are tougher weeks than others.”

“But after a day or two of getting to absorb it, usually I don’t have a problem with it,” he said.

In attending Harvard, where he majored in economics, and adopting a fullback position that has phased out of many NFL offenses, Juszczyk said he “actually did” see a route to an NFL career.

“I wasn’t going to tell people that early on,” Juszczyk said. “I just wanted to get my foot in the door in any way possible. … I (thought), as long as I can get eyes on me, I know that I can show something that someone in the NFL is going to say, ‘This guy can be valuable for us.’”

Those words would likely resonate with Ward, who will be on hand in Miami on Sunday to see Juszczyk play in his first Super Bowl.

“Kyle’s drive from within was what set him apart from a lot of people,” Ward said.

“I always thought he had a vision in his head that maybe only he could see at that point. And he was always working toward that, quietly.”

Could 49ers fullback Kyle Juszczyk lead a renaissance for the position?

By Rusty Simmons
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Midway through the third quarter of the 49ers' NFC West-clinching victory over Seattle last month, Kyle Juszczyk lined up in the slot, raced toward the right sideline and caught a 49-yard pass.

Four snaps later, he lined up in the backfield of an offset I-formation, darted to his right and wiped out a linebacker with a lead block that sprung Raheem Mostert's 2-yard touchdown.

The sequence showcasing Juszczyk's versatility is a good example of why the 49ers fullback may have sparked a surge of teams employing a fullback, and it could lead a renaissance for the position that once verged on extinction in the NFL.

"It's a cyclical league, but I think there actually has been an uptick in fullback play this season," Juszczyk said days after being selected to his fourth straight Pro Bowl — despite missing four games with a knee injury. "Some of the top offenses in the league feature a fullback regularly, and I think as teams see the success you can have with that position, I think you're going to start seeing that come back — especially as defenses get lighter and smaller inside."

The league was trending the other way when Juszczyk arrived. When Baltimore nabbed him in the fourth round in 2013 out of Harvard, he was the first of only three fullbacks selected in the entire draft.

By 2016, the NFL had gotten so close to eliminating the fullback, with a drift toward spread offenses with four- and five-receiver sets, that the Associated Press stopped including fullbacks on the All-Pro ballot.

Even though he had established himself as the game's best fullback when he entered free agency in 2017, Juszczyk was courted by only Buffalo, Cleveland, Philadelphia and San Francisco. Seeing how he could be featured in Kyle Shanahan's offense, Juszczyk signed a four-year, $21 million deal with the 49ers — the largest contract for a fullback in NFL history.

Still, only five teams used a fullback on at least 15% of snaps this season, according to Sharp Football Stats. The 49ers led the way with 26%, but Juszczyk is right that the position is enjoying a resurgence.

Fourteen of the league's 32 teams list a fullback on the depth chart. The teams with fullbacks represented eight of the league's top 10 in total yards, points, rushing yards and third-down conversions.

Baltimore and San Francisco finished the regular season among the top five in all four of those important offensive categories. Partly because of Juszczyk, their "offensive weapon," the 49ers finished second in points and rushing yards, fourth in total yards and fifth in third-down conversions.

"'Juice' means a great deal to us and is a huge part of our offense," said running back Matt Breida, one of three 49ers who followed Juszczyk's blocks for at least 500 rushing yards this season. "He's the best fullback in the league, and he's more than a fullback. He can do it all: play tight end, fullback, quarterback.

"He does a lot of things out of the backfield and causes a lot of confusion to the defense. As teams see that, they're going to try to copy it more often."

Trying to mimic the 49ers' offense might be easy enough. Finding someone with such a versatile skill set as Juszczyk isn't so simple.

In Harvard's up-tempo, no-huddle spread offense, Juszczyk was listed on the roster as a tight end, but he did more than inline block. He caught passes out of the slot and split out wide, lined up in the backfield in short-yardage situations and even quarterbacked some wildcat plays.

"That's my favorite part of playing football: being able to do so many different things," Juszczyk said. "Really, since Pee-Wees that's been my theme. That's what I've always done: excelled in a lot of different areas."

At 6-feet-1 and 240 pounds, Juszczyk knew he didn't fit the towering NFL tight end mold. He saw fullback as his avenue to get noticed by professional decision-makers and accepted an invite to the Senior Bowl at the position.

By his second season, Juszczyk was a starter in Baltimore. In his third season, he began a five-year streak of catching at least 20 passes. In his fourth season, he garnered his first of four straight Pro Bowl selections.

On the 49ers' first touchdown against Seattle in Week 17, Juszczyk was the lead blocker on Deebo Samuel's 30-yard end-around, clearing out two Seahawks defenders on the same block as Samuel turned the corner and spun his way into the end zone. When Juszczyk caught the 46-yarder in the third quarter, NBC analyst Cris Collinsworth shouted: "Who in their right mind runs these kinds of routes with their fullbacks?"

In a Week 3 victory over Pittsburgh, Juszczyk made a diving 27-yard catch and turned a short dump-off pass into a 22-yarder by stiff-arming Minkah Fitzpatrick completely out of the camera frame.

"That's what everyone's going to notice, definitely, because the plays he made in the pass game were very impressive," Shanahan said. "The diving catch, I thought there was no way he was getting to that, and somehow he did. Then, the one he made down the seam, throwing the safety out of the way and stuff — those were two extremely impressive plays, and he played even better in the run game.

"He was one of our best players in the run game. He does that a lot, but when he makes some plays like that in the pass game, I think he gets a little more credit and it's deserved."

Why Kyle Juszczyk is More of a Unicorn Than the Last of a Dying Breed

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Fullbacks are going extinct. You know it. I know it. Kyle Juszczyk knows it.

It's no secret that the NFL has been steadily devaluing fullbacks for years now. But is that because the position has become obsolete in today's pass-first, high-scoring game? Or is it because there's a deficiency of fullbacks who possess an invaluable skill set for a modern offense?

According to Pro Football Focus, only five fullbacks have played at least 100 snaps this season and only two have reached the 200 mark. Juszczyk is far and away the leader at 379 while playing a career high 64 percent of snaps for the San Francisco 49ers in 2018. He's posted 21 receptions for 255 yards and a touchdown and has more receiving yards than Kenyan Drake, LeSean McCoy and Ezekiel Elliott. That's big time usage, even in an offense like Kyle Shanahan's that is predicated on the presence of a fullback.

"Every game, if the other team has a fullback, he'll come up to me, and it's usually the exact same conversation," Juszczyk said. "It's, 'Damn, man, they've got you doing everything. You've got it good.' Literally every single time. There's not much I can say. I just grin."

But Shanahan isn't a conservationist striving to protect football's equivalent to the Bengal tiger. Juszczyk provides a legitimate mismatch, and Shanahan utilizes him as such. That's why Juszczyk is far more of a unicorn than the last of a dying breed.

"Kyle is a great player," Shanahan said. "He's as good of a fullback as there is or probably has been."

Juszczyk's aptitude at the position stems from a robust résumé as a high school football player. He earned all-state honors in Ohio at linebacker. He also played tight end while dabbling at wide receiver, quarterback and running back for good measure. Most colleges recruited Juszczyk as a linebacker, but he preferred to play offense. Harvard gave him that opportunity, and he signed with the Crimson to play tight end.

He went on to be a two-time All-American and three-time All-Ivy League selection. Juszczyk's 125 career receptions rank sixth in program history, and his 22 receiving touchdowns are the third-most of any Harvard player. And yet, despite all of the production and accolades, he had no future in the NFL as a tight end.

"Rarely does anyone want to be a fullback," Juszczyk said. "You become a fullback by necessity. I was a tight end who was too short. That's what my agent told me during the pre-draft process."

Juszczyk made the position switch prior to the Senior Bowl. A week in Mobile, Ala., was a baptism by fire. His physicality as a former high school linebacker served him well at fullback.

"I'd never pass blocked from the backfield in my entire life," Juszczyk said.

But he held his own and even earned strong praise from acclaimed NFL Network draft analyst Mike Mayock after one standout rep. Juszczyk stood up the linebacker who came barreling down on him and ultimately planted him on his back.

"In reality, I got kind of lucky because the guy kind of tripped. But it looked great," Juszczyk said laughing about the play, clearly not arguing with the outcome or the subsequent attention it earned him.

He still faced an uphill battle, though, even after a strong week at the Senior Bowl. A 6-foot-1 tight end had no chance at making an NFL roster. A 6-foot-1 fullback's odds weren't much better. Fullbacks were already becoming a niche in 2013. That's part of the reason why he was snubbed an invite to the NFL

Scouting Combine. But Juszczyk kept the proper mindset, and his confidence never wavered. He didn't need all 32 teams to fall in love with him. All he needed was one.

"I figured I'd be able to find my spot somewhere," Juszczyk said. "My goal was that once I got my foot in the door, at some point I'd be able to showcase my receiving skills."

His transition to fullback mirrored his move to full-time tight end in college. Juszczyk was accustomed to the "fun stuff" in high school – being the star player, constantly having the football in his hands and making regular visits to the end zone.

Harvard head coach Tim Murphy provided him with a bit of a wake-up call upon his arrival in Boston.

"You can't play unless you block," Murphy told Juszczyk. "You need to become a better blocker, otherwise I'm not going to leave you in for the pass plays."

Juszczyk wasn't thrilled about that reality, but he embraced it all the same in order to get to the carrot that dangled in front of him. The NFL posed a similar challenge. The Baltimore Ravens wouldn't have used a fourth-round pick on him if they weren't intrigued by his proficiencies as a pass catcher. But those abilities were immaterial if Juszczyk couldn't excel in the grunt work mandated of a fullback.

"I wasn't going to make the team if I couldn't block," he said. "Once you're able to block, then you're on the field more. And when you're on the field more, then you get more opportunities to catch passes."

It was really that simple in Juszczyk's mind. Survival had always been objective No. 1. The goal was that everything else would ideally fall into place thereafter.

He continued to evolve his game during four seasons with the Ravens, emphasizing different aspects of his skill set each season. Juszczyk started for Baltimore in 2014 in offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak's scheme. His role shifted drastically in 2015 under Marc Trestman – a coach whose system was void of a fullback all together. In order to retain his roster spot, Juszczyk had to prove capable of being the team's third-down back. He did so admirably and racked up a career high 41 receptions and four touchdowns that season. Another successful campaign in 2016 resulted in his first trip to the Pro Bowl.

Juszczyk entered free agency the following offseason and signed a lucrative four-year deal with the 49ers – the richest in league history for a fullback. General manager John Lynch justified that price tag by noting that the 49ers envisioned Juszczyk as an "OW" (offensive weapon). Comprehensive inconsistencies for the 49ers offense in 2017 limited Juszczyk to just 21 receptions on the year. He still managed his share of big plays and earned a second straight Pro Bowl nod. Juszczyk's leaping 28-yard reception despite double coverage against the Houston Texans was the type of highlight-reel play seldom seen from a fullback.

His knack for explosive plays has continued in 2018. Juszczyk hauled in a career long 56-yard catch-and-run against the Minnesota Vikings in Week 1. Two weeks later he was on the receiving end of a 35-yard touchdown pass from Jimmy Garoppolo. What's most impressive is that Juszczyk wasn't lined up at fullback on either play which illustrates his deployment as the 49ers "OW." He was lined up in the slot right against the Vikings and at tight end on the left side of the formation against the Chiefs.

Jerick McKinnon's season-ending ACL tear and various nagging injuries to Matt Breida have only increased Juszczyk's snap count. The fullback has spent most of this season as the 49ers primary third-down back.

"The more injuries you have, the more you keep him out there because you don't have the option to mix up personnel groups as much," Shanahan said. "But even without that, you want him out there because

he does a lot of good things in the run game and pass game. Any time you have a fullback on the field, it limits what the defense does."

Juszczyk will tell you that he's grown fond of all the responsibilities encompassed in his job description. He still prefers catching passes and scoring touchdowns, but he's also found genuine enjoyment in the dirty work. Juszczyk works weekly with 49ers run game coordinator Mike McDaniel on the minutia of the position – improving his technique and hitting his blocks at the perfect angle. There's a certain satisfaction in springing Breida for big runs, and Juszczyk deserves ample credit for the running back's breakout sophomore campaign.

The trivial cliché of "the more you can do," while admittedly overused, is literally Juszczyk's calling card. It's what earned him a college scholarship, a spot in the NFL and a big-money second contract.

"We're looking to improve at every position except quarterback and fullback," Shanahan told reporters last winter when detailing the team's offseason plans.

That kind of job security contradicts the notion that fullbacks are going extinct. Or maybe it means that the 49ers have found a player who supersedes the outdated threshold of his traditional blue-collar position. You be the judge.

With Kyle Juszczyk and Kyle Shanahan, the fullback is alive and well in San Francisco

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Widely regarded as one of the NFL's brightest offensive minds, San Francisco 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan's concepts and schemes are considered among the most detailed and creative in the league. So it was only fitting that one of his first orders of business upon taking the Niners job in January 2017 was identifying and signing … a fullback?

Yes, one of the league's foremost offensive play callers prioritized adding a player at the one position that many believe is headed toward extinction. That perception didn't prevent Shanahan and general manager John Lynch from signing fullback Kyle Juszczyk to an eye-opening $21 million deal over four years with $10.5 million guaranteed.

At the time, Juszczyk's contract was worth more than double the next highest-paid fullback on the list and made him one of the 10 highest-paid running backs in the league.

But Shanahan’s love for fullbacks isn’t universal. He has an affinity for fullbacks like Juszczyk, who are capable of doing more than slamming into would-be tacklers down after down in hopes of creating a running lane for the tailback.

“The negative can be you can have a fullback in all the time and they know you’re in two-back all the time there’s only a couple of eligible [receivers] they have to worry about so it’s a lot easier to cover people,” Shanahan said. “But, that’s the advantage with someone like ours that just because our fullback is in, you don’t know whether we’re in two-back or one-back, which I think puts pressure on defenses.”

In other words, it’s about options. With Juszczyk in the game, Shanahan can call just about anything in his playbook without allowing the defense to make substitutions. If the defense stays in base, it can create mismatches in the passing game. If the defense goes smaller with an extra defensive back, the Niners can power up and run it.

Having those options at his disposal last season, Shanahan used more two-back formations than any team in the league. The Niners played 391 snaps with two running backs on the field. The league average was 138.7. Of those 391 snaps, Juszczyk was on the field for 385 of them, most among fullbacks and 62 more than New England's James Develin, who had the second-most.

As you might expect given those numbers, the Niners finished with the most yards in the league (2,146) with two backs on the field, narrowly edging New England's 2,144. Jacksonville was next and well behind at 1,282.

Juszczyk finished with 33 catches for 315 yards on the season but it wasn't until late in the year, especially when Jimmy Garoppolo took over at quarterback, when things began to click. In Garoppolo's five starts, Juszczyk had 17 catches for 195 yards, twice setting game highs in receiving yards in a three-game span.

“He’s not your average fullback," Garoppolo said. "He’s more agile, he can run routes from the backfield, he can run routes split out. That’s a rare thing to find in a fullback. … And he has good hands on top of all of that. It’s just a unique position that he’s in and he takes advantage of it.”

Indeed, Shanahan doesn't hesitate to alter the way in which traditional fullbacks are used. Juszczyk lined up all over in 2017, even spending 26 snaps as the slot receiver. He was targeted 42 times in the passing game, most among fullbacks with 25 of those targets coming outside the numbers and 12 between the

numbers and hash marks. His 152 routes run were also most among fullbacks. Juszczyk caught 79 percent of those passes.

And, if the preseason and training camp were any indication, Shanahan and Juszczyk were just scratching the surface of what they can do together. Now in Year 2 with Shanahan, Juszczyk says he feels "unbelievably more comfortable," relating it to his days at Harvard where it took some time to adjust to his new surroundings and scheme.

"From X's and O's, Kyle throws a lot at you," Juszczyk said. "Everybody knows it's a complex offense. … There's a lot of layers to it and that first year, you've got to start at ground zero. Where this year, as soon as we came back from OTAs, we weren't really starting from day one. We were able to pick up from where we left off and I feel like we're already ahead of the curve compared to where we were at the end of last season."

Juszczyk already figured to have an even bigger role in the Niners' offense in 2018 before running back Jerick McKinnon suffered a season-ending ACL injury. With McKinnon lost for the year and backups Alfred Morris and Matt Breida having little track record as productive pass catchers, Juszczyk could be in for even more work.

That would come in addition to his many other jobs, which include operating as the lead blocker in the running game -- a fullback is imperative in Shanahan's outside zone scheme to help wipe out strong safety blitzes and pick up other would-be run pressure so receivers can stay wide and block corners -- and could mean more work as a pass protector on third down.

In other words, Juszczyk's value won't necessarily show up in numbers.

Finding players wearing as many hats as Juszczyk around the league has become increasingly difficult. In fact, some teams don't even bother carrying a fullback, as nine teams didn't have one after Saturday's roster cuts to 53-man rosters.

Niners defensive coordinator Robert Saleh has noticed the shift in fullback usage, pointing out that the teams that have players capable of doing a lot make it particularly tough on defenses because the game has changed and many defensive players rarely even see two-back sets on a regular basis.

"The art of defending a two-back run game is becoming harder to teach," Saleh said.

Those that still do have a fullback generally aren't looking for the traditional type who might only serve as a means to help the running game. Like everything else in the NFL, the position has evolved.

"It's well documented that there's not as many fullbacks in the league as there used to be, so I think in order to stick around you have to be able to do those things, you have to be able to do multiple things," Juszczyk said. "And I think the age of the stiff, muscled up, road grader. I think there are times for that in the game, but I don't think a lot of teams are going to use a roster spot on that so you have to be able to show you can do some other things. You've got to find a way to stick around."

Javon Kinlaw

49ers' Kinlaw, big man with small ego, good-naturedly explains growing pains

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Ask the 49ers for their initial impressions of rookie defensive tackle Javon Kinlaw and a theme emerges.

Let's see if you can pick up on it.

"Oh, man, he's just a specimen," guard Laken Tomlinson said.

Pass rusher Nick Bosa: "He's one of the biggest humans I've ever seen in person."

And running back Jerick McKinnon: "He has a big upper body. Big lower body. Big quads. Everything on him is just big."

Kinlaw, the No. 14 overall pick, is listed at 6-foot-5 and 319 pounds on the 49ers' roster, but maybe they are using his measurements from middle school?

Kinlaw should be measured in square feet. He weighed 10 pounds, 8 ounces at birth and noted Tuesday that's he always been bigger than his peers. However, the man with gas-hose arms (34 ⅞ inches) and oil-drum thighs figured he'd finally blend in when he met his NFL teammates at training camp last month.

"Honestly, coming in, I thought I was going to be like another guy," Kinlaw said. "But I'm coming in and I'm looking like, 'OK, dang, I'm the biggest guy.' But just because I'm big that doesn't always mean (much) because everyone is strong. Everybody is big. It's all about technique."

As Kinlaw hinted, he has yet to have an outsized performance during the first four practices of training camp. He hasn't consistently flashed while working with the second team, although there have been moments when it's clear why the 49ers coveted him.

On Tuesday, for example, he twice faced Tomlinson, the 315-pounder who's one of the 49ers' strongest players, in a one-on-one pass-rushing drill. The result, which probably registered on the Richter scale, had Tomlinson giving up significant ground against Kinlaw's bull-rush.

Right guard Daniel Brunskill has likened blocking Kinlaw to "hitting a wall." However, Kinlaw also has hit a wall during steamy practices against an offense that stretches out defenses with outside-zone runs.

"Like every rookie, it's just a different feel when you get on the practice field, especially when you go against an offense like ours who moves at such a fast pace, who make you run as a defensive line," defensive coordinator Robert Saleh said. "It's not a power game that you've got to play. It's more of a speed game. For him, he's like every rookie. It's the fourth day of camp. Legs are probably getting a little bit heavier. But we're excited to have him."

Kinlaw's assessment of his performance?

"I'd be lying if I thought it was good," he said. "But I'm making improvements. That's the main thing."

Say this: Kinlaw has made great strides as an interview subject.

On Tuesday, his first meeting with the media since his buttoned-up Q&A session on his draft night in April, Kinlaw was funny, engaging and displayed a humility not often displayed by college All-Americans and first-round picks.

His thoughts on facing Tomlinson?

“I’ll tell you what, the other day he wore me out,” Kinlaw said. “I’m used to playing bully ball in college, but it’s like everyone here is strong. And then they’re playing with good pad level. … (I’m going after Tomlinson) and his head is below my sternum.”

When asked if defensive line coach Kris Kocurek has eased him in by limiting him in individual drills, Kinlaw laughed: “Coach put me in the fire off the rip. He threw me in the fire since Day 1. … It isn’t a limiting thing.”

And his impressions of the profane and high-decibel Kocurek? “He’s a mad man,” Kinlaw said, smiling.

George Kittle

Me and my robot: George Kittle and his unique offseason training partner

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George Kittle has a sweet, new, 75-acre spread outside of Nashville that will have a little bit of everything: A weight room, an indoor field, an outdoor field and a recovery room.
Oh, and a football-throwing robot.

He's actually been working with that last item for a while. The 49ers tight end first came across the device, called the Seeker and produced by Monarc Sport, when he was a junior at Iowa and the machine was in its infant stages. Back then, there were wires and motors hanging off of it, and the interface was through a laptop computer.

Today, it's portable and sleek, there's a touchscreen and GPS-like tracking, and it can throw — including some wicked fastballs — to all corners of a football field. Kittle liked it so much, he became an investor. Perhaps it's no coincidence that a handful of NFL tight ends, including the Chargers' Hunter Henry, the Steelers' Eric Ebron and the Lions' T.J. Hockenson are among the early adopters. Hockenson, who also played at Iowa, will be training with Kittle in Nashville this offseason.

"I don't have to drive somewhere," Kittle said during a call from his new offseason home. "I don't have to wait on a quarterback to show up and get warmed up. I can get out of bed and go downstairs and just turn it on. And I can catch 150 footballs before breakfast."

Kittle initially got a Seeker to augment his training. But it became essential when the pandemic hit last year. Gyms closed, local fields were off limits, social distancing was encouraged. Kittle was living in a neighborhood home in Nashville at the time with his wife, Claire, his parents and his sister. He lifted weights in a makeshift gym in the garage and caught passes in the backyard.

Kittle made the throwing sessions a family affair. Unlike a traditional JUGS machine, which is fed footballs one at a time, the Seeker can fire six in one clip and discharge them in 10 seconds. But the balls still must be loaded into the magazine, which is where Kittle's family came in. It was as if the Kittles were manning the cannons on the side of the frigate during the Napoleonic Wars.

"We got pretty efficient at it," he said. "We got 150 footballs in under 30 minutes a couple of times. We were flying. And that was really fun."

Kittle said his favorite program is called the gauntlet, one in which he's standing still and the Seeker fires passes to various points on his body.

"It's randomized," he said. "I'm in a stationary spot, but I can get a ball that's three feet above my head and a ball that's on my toes, a ball that's on the right side of my knee, a ball that's in my stomach, that's at my face. It's just an entire array."

His new home will give him the space to experiment with other features, including a route-running mode. If the 49ers tight end wants to work on breaking to the outside and catching passes just before the sideline, the Seeker can handle that, too.

During the 2011 scouting combine, soon-to-be 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick edged out Cam Newton by throwing a football 59 mph. Now and then, strong-armed NFL passers like Patrick Mahomes and Aaron Rodgers might launch passes that exceed 60 mph.

The Seeker is capable of producing 100 mph passes, although Monarc Sport co-founder Igor Karlicic said the company has dialed back the maximum speed to 75 mph for safety's sake.

"We were actually training with Danny Amendola one day in Austin and he was asking to receive passes at 61 (mph)," Karlicic said. "And 61 is terrifying. If you're standing right in front of it 30 yards away and you're anticipating a 61 mph, it's sensational. And Danny wanted it in stride, in a route at 61 mph and it was really next level. We're in awe of what these athletes are doing and we're trying to enable what their unique minds come up with."

Kittle said his Seeker is usually throwing passes at 50 to 55 mph, but he'll crank it up past 60 mph before he calls it quits for the day.

"And that's for hand strength right at the end," he said. "The 60-plus (mph) is very seldom. But it's fun sometimes just to see who can do it."

Both Karlicic and Kittle said the goal isn't to replace the quarterback. Kittle, after all, is best friends with fellow Nashville area resident C.J. Beathard, and the ultra-gregarious tight end always prefers to train with others. Beathard, in fact, also was an early investor in the device.

But Kittle also noted that human quarterbacks aren't always available on a whim and that their arms will get tired over time. If Kittle is working out on his new outdoor field with buddies like Hockenson, 49ers tight end Charlie Woerner and Packers tight end Robert Tonyan, it might be tough for any flesh-and-blood quarterback to deliver the 150 passes that Kittle tries to get in a day.

The Seeker also enables a second person to determine the placement of the throws, a function that allows Kittle to engage the prankster side of his personality.

"It's fun," he said. "If I want to mess with my boy Rob Tonyan, I can throw at his feet four times in a row, then two at his face and just have a good time with it."

The Saints recently became the first NFL team to get a Seeker and the company last week delivered one to Northwestern, the alma mater of Karlicic and co-founder Bhargav Maganti. Iowa, SMU, Oklahoma, LSU and Virginia are among the other programs that have one. Some of these teams have agreements with Monarc. Otherwise, the device costs $62,500.

Karlicic noted that the Seeker can produce left- and right-handed passes, can launch a ball end over end and, with the velocity up to 75 mph, can mimic punts and kickoffs. There's a video of receiver Mohamed Sanu, who was briefly with the 49ers in 2020, setting up his Seeker in his front yard so he can catch punts in his backyard.

What it can't do is feather passes between linebackers and defensive backs, put nuance into the spiral or perfectly mimic the characteristics of specific quarterbacks. Well, it can't do those things yet. Developing a robotic Tom Brady or Russell Wilson is the ultimate goal, Karlicic said.

"That's the dream, right?" he said. "If you're somewhere down the roster on the Seahawks, how valuable would it be to immediately be able to emulate that chemistry with Russell Wilson, your starting quarterback? To be able to get those reps when Russell himself isn't going to be wanting to throw them? Absolutely. That's really what we're trying to do."

How George Kittle transformed from 200-pound Iowa tweener to All-Pro tight end

By Scott Dochterman
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Once a year, usually when the leaves turn colors and the temperatures fall, the Krieger family gathers at a log cabin in southeast Iowa and its number of attendees approach the population of many nearby communities.

Bub and Lucky Krieger had 10 daughters — no sons — and almost all of them and their children return to a site called “Kamp Krieger” every year for a day of fellowship. For Bub and Lucky’s grandchildren, Kamp Krieger often was filled with day-long battles of whiffle ball that included some of the region’s best athletes.

Among the cousins smacking the plastic ball include San Francisco 49ers tight end George Kittle and former Los Angeles Rams tight end Henry Krieger-Coble. They were Iowa football teammates for four seasons. There’s Brad Carlson, who is the University of Iowa’s career leader in home runs and former all-state baseball brothers Jesse and Levi Ney. Older than all of them is Jess Settles, the Big Ten freshman of the year in 1994, who scored 1,611 points in his Iowa men’s basketball career.

“They just love it, and they play it every time they get together,” said Settles, now a basketball analyst with Big Ten Network. “And they talk a lot of trash. They just smash the ball around.

“At the last one, they got the H-O-R-S-E game going and the shooting competitions, and I had to humble all of them in that. The old gray mare isn’t what she used to be, but she’s still got it.”

Settles brought that up on Twitter in the spring, and immediately Kittle, his younger cousin by 20 years, responded.

“Jess I’m pretty sure you won the first game and lost the next four,” Kittle wrote. He ended his tweet with a pair of laughing emojis.

It’s a tight-knit extended family despite its size held together by the patriarch and matriarch. Bub Krieger, who died in 2011, gave up a pro football career with the Chicago Cardinals in 1940s to run his 160-acre family farm near Mount Union, Iowa. Lucky Krieger, now 97, still lives on the farm. They empowered their daughters to succeed in all facets and definitely in sports.

Kittle’s mother, Jan, was an All-American basketball player at Drake, where she also played softball. Krieger-Coble’s mother, Amy, played softball at Iowa. Every sporting event became a family reunion of sorts when the grandchildren had games. Settles coached Krieger-Coble’s high school basketball team in Mount Pleasant. The family traveled to watch Kittle’s older sister, Emma, play volleyball in high school and college at Iowa and Oklahoma.

It was the same way for a while with Kittle, the San Francisco 49ers’ charismatic All-Pro tight end. As an eighth-grader, his middle school football team played at Mount Pleasant. And the Krieger caravan came to watch him.

“He was just lanky and not a lot of muscle on him,” Settles said. “But he had good hands, he had good quickness. It was just kind of fun to sitting there in the bleachers with Henry and the family, because we basically show up to any event in the area if one of 150 family members is playing in it. It’s kind of a family tradition.”

Family matters to the Krieger family, of which Kittle is a product. So does Iowa, a place where Kittle partially grew up as a youth and then as a man in college. His path to NFL fame wasn’t easy. He was a low-level recruit who wasn’t offered a Division I scholarship until Iowa’s Kirk Ferentz offered him on signing day in 2012.

It took a lifestyle change to elevate Kittle from a mid-level college player three years into his Iowa career to set him on an NFL course. Yet he remained true to himself and those around him to become the star he is today.

“One of my greatest joys as a coach is seeing George be himself and having fun living life and having fun playing football,” said Iowa assistant LeVar Woods, who served as tight ends coach for Kittle’s final two seasons.

Family, football and fun

One constant in Kittle’s five years at Iowa, was his devotion to his family. Before every home game, Kittle would leave one of the Iowa team buses and immediately search for his parents. Once he found them, he gave Jan and Bruce a hug and kiss before tapping the 12-foot bronze Nile Kinnick statue on the way into the stadium.

Also apparent was Kittle’s attraction to fun. One summer day, he was eating in downtown Iowa City when he noticed a wedding party taking pictures.

“Someone screamed at me, ‘Hey Kittle, come take a photo with us for our wedding,’” Kittle said. “So I was in between a bunch of bridesmaids. I enjoyed it. I had no idea who any of them were, but it was fun.”

Kittle was into traditional golf and frisbee golf, often shot pool in the colder months and tried to bowl but was terrible at it. During his junior year, former teammate and current pro wrestler Steve Manders (aka “The Cornbelt Cowboy”) turned Kittle into a WWE fan. Just hours after the Hawkeyes’ Outback Bowl appearance on Jan. 1, 2017, Kittle attended a WWE event in Tampa, Fla., that night.

No matter the environment, Kittle was friendly and outgoing. Settles — and others — have called Kittle “the life of the party.” It didn’t matter if it was a family reunion or an upscale greeting, Kittle was comfortable in any environment. That included dinner with his coaches.

“One of the first times I had the tight ends over when I became tight ends coach, my wife left saying, ‘Who is that skinny kid? He’s a really nice kid. He kept talking to me the whole time. Who is that guy?’” Woods said. “‘That’s George Kittle.’ And the rest is history.

“Now I think everyone sees how he’s able to connect with people and talk with people and leave people with a great impression. Whereas other guys are a little bit more quiet when they’d come over to the coach’s house, a little bit more reserved. George was not that way.”

Kittle’s outgoing personality also was on display his first fall at Iowa. As he approached Hillcrest dormitory where the majority of freshman athletes reside, he saw women’s basketball player Claire Till climb on her moped. She was tall, wore long, black hair and flashed a smile that stopped Kittle at the moped rack.

“She had a helmet and a pink Hawkeye on the front of her moped,” said Claire’s mother, Shelley Till, who is a women’s basketball analyst with Big Ten Network. “And he was giving her crap and said, ‘Oh, hey, nice helmet.’ And she just kind of looked back at him and said, ‘Thanks,’ and made a smirk and drove away.

“According to him, he was really interested in her the moment he saw her, and she wanted nothing to do with him. He will laugh and say that he was in the friend zone for a good eight months.”

They became friends and Kittle regularly asked her out. Claire always shot him down. Finally, on Feb. 3, 2013, a few hours after the women’s basketball team lost a two-point home heartbreaker, they reached a crossroads moment.
“She knew he liked her,” Shelley said. “It’s Super Bowl Sunday and the 49ers are in the Super Bowl, not that he was a 49ers fan at the time, but it’s just the irony of the story. So he’s texting her and so she’s like, ‘Fine, I’m hungry. If you want to take me out for sushi.

"So, he left from watching the Super Bowl and took her out downtown in Iowa City to dinner on Super Bowl Sunday. That was kind of their first official going out together/doing something together where she finally said, 'Yeah, OK. I'll let you take me out to dinner.' It just happened to be she pulled him away from the Super Bowl. So that must mean he really liked her."

Throughout Kittle's Iowa tenure, the university ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 in Princeton Review's annual party school rankings. Kittle helped enhance those rankings. He was active in the Iowa City party scene and it impacted his football trajectory. He wasn't completely immersed in Iowa's rigorous offseason training, and it prevented him from seeing the field.

"I think this is well-documented, and George would say all these things to your face, that he struggled early on just adapting to college and college life," Woods said. "The aspect of being a Big Ten football player he struggled with early on and the kind of the commitment it takes off the field to do that.

"There's a turning point. He documents it as a conversation he had with (former Iowa linebacker) Pat Angerer as a time when he made a decision, and I think it's kind of a perfect storm for him."

Angerer and Kittle are two of Iowa's biggest personalities over Ferentz's tenure. Both are engaging and personable. Their college career paths followed a similar wavelength. Angerer was a well-known partier and barely saw the field in his first three seasons at Iowa. In his final two seasons, Angerer developed into an on-field ass-kicker and second-team All-American in 2009, a year when Iowa finished 11-2.

Kittle, a lifelong Iowa fan, knew of Angerer's exploits and also was aware the linebacker considered quitting midway through his career. Angerer told him the difference was he cut down on the partying and threw his life into football. At the time, Kittle saw his career circling the drain and heeded Angerer's advice.

"After my freshman year, I got up to about 225 pounds and I got stuck there," Kittle said. "Leading up to the TaxSlayer Bowl, the HawkSlayer Bowl (a 45-28 loss to Tennessee on Jan. 2, 2015), I got stuck about 225. That was the offseason where I just figured some stuff out."

Wheel routes

In a family filled with well-known and successful athletes, Kittle had one trait none of his cousins did.
"We were all fortunate to have good hands," Settles said. "We had a passion. Good work ethic. We had that motor that you can't really teach. But we always came up short for probably one main reason and George finally got it, which is world-class speed. That blows my mind because we don't have the speed gene in our family."

When Kittle arrived at Iowa, he weighed 200 pounds and looked like a wide receiver. Ferentz wasn't sure exactly which position Kittle would play. Defense was a possibility, but the plan was set for him to grow as a tight end.

"George was incredibly fast," said Woods, who coached linebackers when Kittle arrived before shifting to tight ends coach in 2015. "I remember telling staff on defense, and I kind of got laughed at a little bit by one of the coaches when I said that George Kittle might be one of the top five fastest guys on this football team. Because he would run down on scout kickoff to service that kick return team, and we couldn't block the guy. He was certainly skinny and wiry like everyone talks about but he was incredibly fast, incredibly athletic and explosive."

Kittle was fifth on the depth chart as a redshirt freshman in 2013, yet his speed allowed him to reach the field for a few offensive plays per game. He grabbed five passes for 108 yards running one primary pattern, and the defense quickly caught up.
"It's, '46 is in. He's running a wheel route,'" Kittle said. "And I ran a wheel route every time."
"It was always funny," Iowa tight end Jake Duzey said. "They probably knew what was coming but George was faster than the guy anyway."

Through the end of 2014, Kittle played sparingly but brought a new dedication to the field for 2015 spring practice. Krieger-Coble, his cousin, was ahead of him, as was Duzey, both of whom had pro potential. Woods' shift to tight ends allowed Kittle to hear a fresh perspective and a new voice. But the challenge remained the same. It started with run blocking, which former strength coach Chris Doyle impressed upon him on his first day at Iowa.

"I'll never forget it," Kittle said. "It just kind of changed my mindset on the whole thing. I was not a physical player coming into college at all. It's hard to be a good run blocker if you're not physical. When he said that, it kind of changed my whole mindset."

Still, he had to prove it.

"From a run-blocking standpoint, I don't know if a lot of guys really respected George coming off the ball at the time," Woods said. "Whether we're talking about defensive ends or linebackers, I think everyone kind of viewed George as not dominant. Some of that had to do with (the fact) he's a little bit light and then also some of it had to do with maybe not finishing his blocks as much. But I think that changed that spring going into his junior season."

Kittle's fundamentals, along with his growing size and strength, led to dramatic improvement. His explosiveness off the ball coupled with his ability to bring his elbows and knees to drive defenders became apparent. And he put it on full display against stalwart defensive end Drew Ott.

"That spring, going into his junior year, there were a couple of pictures I have burned in my brain of George Kittle," Woods said. "As an offensive staff, we were watching and we were rewinding it. And no one could quite believe it. He was going up against Drew Ott in a 9-on-7 inside run drill, and George comes rolling off the ball and basically — he didn't put Drew on his back — but put Drew off the field. And then he came back and did another one in the same practice. I think that sort of let everyone know this is real, what we're seeing out of George Kittle."

It wasn't an aberration. In his first game against Illinois State, Kittle earned his first pancake block when he drove a defender more than 10 yards off the ball. He did that consistently over his next two seasons, including to his teammates, too.

"I was on scout team and I had to go against George," said current Iowa defensive end Chauncey Golston. "I would try to go as hard as I possibly could and I would just see my cleats. I could just feel my cleats like just sliding in the ground going back."

In 2015, Iowa won its first 12 games, and Kittle caught a team-high six touchdown passes. Krieger-Coble and Kittle combined for 55 catches that year. On Krieger-Coble's senior day, each scored a touchdown. Kittle said playing alongside his first cousin "is still the most fun I've had in football."

"Henry Krieger-Coble has some of the best hands I've ever seen in my life at any level," Woods said. "George is a little bit different in the fact that he could frickin' fly, and he's a matchup nightmare. Some of the things that George has learned and refined, I think more so came with improving his hands, and his hand-eye coordination. He had the physical tools to run and separate from defenders, but just refining some of those things."

Entering his senior season, Pro Football Focus named Kittle, standing 6-foot-4, as college football's best tight end. He maintained his speed and he carried his weight well. In the seventh game that year, a midfoot sprain cost Kittle two games and rendered him ineffective for most of the rest. He struggled to walk but he refused to sit out of the regular-season finale against Nebraska. Kittle caught two touchdown passes that day.
Kittle finished with 47 catches for 737 yards and 10 touchdowns at Iowa. He started 18 games and played in 49.

'He made Claire laugh'

From their Super Bowl sushi dinner onward, Kittle and Claire began to date. They endured one big breakup that coincided with Kittle's major party phase. They reconciled when Kittle became more serious with football and in life. He may have changed his lifestyle but not his personality.

Kittle and a few football friends traveled to Claire's home in Dubuque, Iowa and ate the family completely out of food during one Independence Day weekend. During Claire's final three years of college, she traveled with Kittle to his parents' condo on South Padre Island every May.

"I saw right away that he just he made Claire laugh," Shelley said. "To me, the greatest thing that I noticed right away is they did start out as friends first. And quite frankly, that's why she didn't want to date him because they were such good friends. She didn't want to mess that up.

"I definitely knew she was smitten. But she tried to fight it for a while. But that's good. You've got to make him earn it."

Claire graduated three months after her basketball career concluded prematurely because of knee surgery. She opted to remain in Iowa City for fall 2016 as Kittle finished his final season with the football program. They grew closer.

For the 2017 NFL Draft, Claire's parents joined Kittle's parents and several family members at the Kittles' Coralville home. The 49ers selected Kittle in the fifth round, and Claire moved to California a few months later.

On an off day during training camp in 2018, Kittle and Claire walked down the Twin Lakes State Beach outside of Santa Cruz, Calif. He knelt on the beach. She gasped. Kittle proposed. They married on April 10, 2019, in a small family ceremony.

"If I would put it in a sentence, they make each other better," Shelley said.

Finishing strong

Just 25 miles from Settles' hometown in the mid-1990s, requests often would flood sporting goods stores for his No. 4 Iowa basketball jersey. Settles was a Big Ten star before a back injury derailed two of his seasons and ended his NBA hopes. At the time, Settles' fans would ask for any Iowa basketball artifact just so they could tie themselves to the affable local hero.

Fast forward 25 years. At a mall in Coralville, Iowa, Settles walked in one of the state's largest sporting goods stores and saw a rack full of Kittle jerseys and T-shirts.

"I thought, I've got a couple of my nephews. I've got my daughter," Settles said. "They might not have them back in (stock). I don't want to bother Jan with it. I bought the whole rack.

"I take, let's say, 15 of them up to the cash register. And the lady goes, 'Oh, you're getting some gifts for some people?' I typically don't do this, but I said, 'Yeah, George is my cousin, I want to take care of the family with these.' And man, her face lit up like you wouldn't believe.

"Then the kid next door came over and said George is the starting tight end on his fantasy team. We have this 10-minute conversation about George. So that's kind of what it's become with this celebrity that he has now."

Kittle remains the toast of Iowa City. He has returned on bye weeks to watch games from the sidelines. He recorded a football hype video that resembled a WWE promotion. He watched Claire's younger brother, Riley Till, play basketball at Iowa and received standing ovations from the crowd.

When the 49ers played at Seattle in last year's regular-season finale, Kittle invited Woods and his son, Mason, to join him on the sidelines just two days after Iowa's Holiday Bowl victory in San Diego. Kittle still

sends texts to Iowa City-based reporters and treats his extended family members as he did during their whiffle ball tournaments.

“Nothing has changed,” Settles said. “You’re just one of the crew.”

Amid his status as one of the nation’s most interesting and energetic pro athletes, Kittle provides plenty of lessons from his Iowa days. He grew as a player and a person. His persistence was rewarded. He didn’t let adversity hold him back. All of those intangibles resonate.

“George Kittle loves life, and George Kittle loves football,” Woods said. “Those are the things that I think you take away from George. It’s not how you start; it’s how you finish. And it doesn’t necessarily matter where you come from, but it’s what you end up doing with it.”

Free beer, wrestling and Super Bowl memories: Inside George Kittle's garage

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Inside the bright sunlit garage of George Kittle's offseason Nashville home is a makeshift gym comprising the usual suspects: a bench in the center, plates, bands and mirrors strung up against the walls.

The interior of his garage -- Kittle's personal air-conditioned bubble, perfect for pandemic social distancing -- is adorned with flags from the University of Iowa, the 2019 Pro Bowl and the United States of America. They're an expression of who the San Francisco 49ers tight end is.

Then, there's the unmistakable crown jewel:

"I've got a StairMaster if you wanna work out," Kittle says, not kidding.

Mixed in with dozens of bottles of Gatorade in the corner of the garage is the occasional Bud Light or Bud Light Seltzer box. And there are plenty more throughout the house.

"You guys want a beer to take home or anything?" Kittle asks the masked and gloved members of the camera crew who have arrived to film the interview. "You guys like seltzer? I get it for free."

That's George Kittle. He is incredibly authentic while simultaneously generous with his time, and with his stuff. Like everyone else, he's just trying to stay safe and keep busy during the pandemic while also, in his case, maintaining his mantra on the field: cero miedo.

Wrestling and the Super Bowl

Underneath the rack station in the corner of the garage are folding chairs from WrestleMania 35 -- literally, Kittle's actual seats from the event -- which he attended in New York last year. On the cushions are collages of the faces of some of its stars, like Ronda Rousey and Dave Bautista.

It's a nod to Kittle's love of WWE, one he professes regularly on Twitter. But one wrestler is missing, the one who inspired Kittle's mantra and his first-down celebration: Mexican superstar luchador, Pentagon.

The gesture is simple, and Kittle encourages everyone in the room to try it: Extend your arm and put three fingers in the air -- your middle finger, ring finger and pinkie -- form an "O" with a closed circle of your thumb and pointer finger. Then swing it down.

If it seems familiar, that's because, of Kittle's 85 catches last season, 53 of them went for first downs. Sitting in the garage and shaking out his first haircut of the pandemic, Kittle recalls exchanging gifts and mutual respect with Pentagon at WrestleMania 34 in New Orleans.

When asked about his gift from Pentagon, Kittle jumps out of his chair quickly to go get it. Two minutes later, he returns to the garage with a bright red and gold luchador mask.

"This is his mask, but he customized it," said Kittle, who gave Pentagon a jersey. "There's a dragon on the side. It's in the 49ers colors. He threw up the number 85 on there for me. It's definitely one of my favorite items that I own."

"Don't ask my wife, but I definitely walk around the house in this thing."

For Kittle, cero miedo -- "zero fear" in English -- isn't just a flashy gesture to annoy his opponents after a first down. It's his attitude. It's an audacious mindset that enables Kittle to see only the positive, especially in how his 2019 campaign ended: the 49ers 31-20 loss to the Chiefs in Super Bowl LIV. A loss, he says, that could be considered the "lowest of lows."

Still for Kittle, there's always an upside.

"The fact that I got to meet The Rock was pretty special," he says.

The pregame introductions for Super Bowl LIV had The Rock, former WWE superstar Dwayne Johnson, introducing players to the crowd and the TV audience with some swagger and some trash talk -- WWE style.

"Straight from the People's Champion himself," Johnson began, while gesturing for Kittle to join him on stage, "allow me to introduce you ... to the People's Tight End."

Kittle pauses to remove the hair tie from the man bun that's been sitting on top of his head, and shakes out his hair again.

"I felt like a little kid meeting a superhero," he says. "That was one of the coolest things about the whole Super Bowl. I took his one bottle of tequila that he had. It was delicious."

The season ahead

George Kittle demonstrates the "cero miedo" sign from his garage in Nashville. Justin Fredericks/ESPN
This offseason hasn't been the best of times for anyone, but Kittle's personal gym -- StairMaster included -- has been a haven during quarantine, his own bubble of safety and isolation where he immunized his body and his mind for the field.

It's a big year for Kittle, who, after back-to-back seasons of 1,000-plus receiving yards, is due for a new contract in the spring.

This week, as he finds himself more than 2,000 miles away in Santa Clara, contemplating what could be a complicated football future, he's already prepared to face whatever comes next.

"When you're playing football, you have to have that zero fear," Kittle says. "Because if you're scared, you're going to maybe not reach out for a ball, because there's a safety in the middle of the field. Or you might not want to make a play because you're going to be hit really hard.

"You have to have zero fear."

The Secret to George Kittle's Creative Destruction

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George Kittle decided to be a badass one day and never stopped. It happened in the summer of 2017 when his tight ends coach, Jon Embree, told him to stop getting tackled. Everyone agreed this was ludicrous, including 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan. "He'd say, 'You can't go out of bounds there, they can't tackle you.' And I'd say, 'OK, Jon, we get it, but this is kind of ridiculous. You're going to lose him if you keep saying that when it's impossible.'"

Embree did not relent. Kittle was, at best, skeptical. "One of the first things he said was never run out of bounds. 'Turn upfield. They will get out of your way. If they don't get out of your way, run them over,'" Kittle said. "So I said to him, 'Well"—he paused—"they are going to tackle me?" But Embree persisted. Again, everyone was quite confused.

"Jon never wavered, because he was doing it to the right guy," Shanahan said. "George, at some point, thought, 'You're right, they can't tackle me.'"

That "some point" has an exact date: August 19, 2017, in a preseason game against the Denver Broncos. "I turn upfield, and there's a guy standing there. I said, 'Screw it, I'm just gonna run,' and the guy just kind of fell over," Kittle said. "I ended up in the end zone, and I probably should have been pushed out of bounds. So I thought, 'Wow, I get it. If you just run at people they just kinda tend to get out of your way.'"

The NFL is one of the most competitive places in human history. Each of its teams is worth a billion dollars. Coaches spend hundreds of hours each week looking for an edge. No sport is as scrutinized or overanalyzed. And sometimes, the league changes when a fifth-round draft pick from Iowa says, "Screw it, I'm just gonna run."

The guy standing in Kittle's way in that Broncos game was cornerback Chris Lewis-Harris, whom Kittle trucked right before brushing off a shove from safety Orion Stewart. The names and numbers of the players keep changing, but the play is usually the same: Kittle charging straight ahead and a defender failing to reckon with this fact. I explain that this moment in August 2017 sounds a bit like a superhero origin story. "Learning how it all works," Kittle said. "Like Spider-Man jumping off a building."

"Yeah. It does," Kittle continues as he nods. "And it clicked even more my second year. They do get out of your way. It's pretty fun."

It's outrageous to think that Kittle decided to start breaking tackles and then became the best at it. It's as if Steph Curry had decided to start launching 3-pointers only a few years ago because a coach told him he might be good at it. Kittle is not only good at avoiding tackles—he is the absolute best in the NFL.

Kittle plays with a frantic energy that has made him the league's best tight end. Last season, he set an NFL record for receiving yards by a tight end. He blends athleticism and destruction so seamlessly that he's earned comparisons to Rob Gronkowski, including from the man himself. This year, Kittle is a major part of the offensive engine of the 11-3 Niners, one of the best teams in the league. It is a triumph of self-belief and also a triumph of being 250 pounds, 6-foot-4, and running over 20 mph.

"George, at some point, thought, 'You're right, they can't tackle me.'" —Kyle Shanahan

"I just had the sense that people were going to struggle to tackle him," Embree said. "There is something in him that makes people not want to tackle him." Well, he was right: According to Pro Football Focus, Kittle had more yards after the catch last season than any wide receiver or tight end the site has ever tracked. In the past two seasons, Kittle has averaged 8.8 yards after the catch per reception. This is not only the most—it's 1.6 yards per play more than anyone else. Since Kittle entered the league in 2017, no player has more yards after the catch above expectation, according to Next Gen Stats.

"His mind-set is not, 'I'm going to score,' or, 'I want to get as many yards as possible.' It is, 'I want to destroy whoever is in front of me,'" receiver Dante Pettis said. "That's why he stiff-arms and runs people over. He wants to destroy whoever is in the path."

Niners tackle Mike McGlinchey can speak for everyone: "I have never seen anything like it."

Kittle can make defenders look like they've never attempted a tackle before. When they miss, they sometimes react as if it is the most frustrating thing in the world—perhaps because it is. The last decade of football has featured smaller defensive players, adjusting to faster, spread offenses. Strict limits on tackling in practice, and practice time, has led to, at least anecdotally, worse tackling. Kittle has taken these trends and run them over. He said he wants to run in a way that forces defensive backs into "creative angles." This is code for an angle in which Kittle will destroy them.

Creative angles led Kittle to a 2018 game against the Broncos. "All of their DBs took creative angles. I don't think I really got hit at all, and I had like 200 yards," he explains. Kittle talks about owning defenders in a nonchalant tone, the way most people describe ordering something from Amazon. "You can tell if a guy is running full speed at you at a downhill angle. Yeah, he's going to bring it on me, and I'll lower my shoulder, and we'll see who wins," Kittle said. But the Broncos, despite being dunked on twice already in this story, are not Kittle's Washington Generals. He does this to everyone. This brings him to this season's Saints game in Week 14, which has become his most famous moment on the field. "In the Saints game, I caught the ball, turn upfield. I run at the guy, and he slowed down instead of coming at me. So I knew he was just going to try to push me out of bounds and not be very physical at it. So you run at him and then just kinda run past him. He's lucky he got my face mask."

McGlinchey said that Saints game was "Peak George." If Kittle's broken-tackle story started against Denver in 2017, it was perfected in New Orleans. On a fourth-and-2, with 39 seconds left and the Niners scrambling to get in position for a game-winning field goal attempt, Kittle not only converted the first down but gained 39 yards, most of which came after the catch. Kittle said he knew the Niners still had timeouts, so he could stay in bounds—that, of course, is all he needed to know. "[The safety] slowed down, and I knew I was going to bring some pain." He was such a force on the play that Saints safety Marcus Williams grabbed Kittle's face mask in a bid to bring him down, leading to a 15-yard penalty. The Niners calmly kicked a field goal to win 48-46 in one of the best games of the year.

"He got lucky he held on," Kittle said of Williams. "'Cause I was going to throw him to the ground."

Watching the play from the backfield was quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo. "Once I saw he had about 2 yards on the guy, it was over, so I just wanted to get him the ball as fast as possible," he said. "I literally saw him turn it up the field, and I know it sounds crazy, but in my head, I said, 'Oh, that's game.'"

On September 22, 2007, Iowa lost 17-13 at Wisconsin. Pat Angerer, a sophomore linebacker, didn't play despite a long list of Hawkeyes injuries. The coaches burned a freshman's redshirt instead of playing Angerer. He was devastated. "The next day, I looked in the mirror and said, 'It's not their fault, it's not his fault, it's your fucking fault.' I took ownership of where I was at in life and on the field," said Angerer, who eventually developed into an All–Big Ten selection and a second-round pick in 2010. This game—played by a forgettable Hawkeyes team five years before Kittle even stepped foot on campus—helped change the course of the NFL in 2019.

In 2015, Angerer was back at Iowa working out in the Hawkeyes weight room when Kittle, then a junior, approached him. Even though he played a different position, Kittle was in the same scenario that Angerer had been in. The Hawkeyes had played Tennessee in a bowl game a few months prior, and younger players got reps ahead of Kittle. He felt uncertain about his career and asked Angerer what changed for him. "I stopped being an asshole," Angerer told him. "I quit getting drunk and getting in fights downtown. I made Iowa football the most important thing in my life." Kittle said that was the moment when he started to focus on football. "Whether it was the partying stuff, or whatever, just chilled out on that," he said.

Embree said he likes players who have been on a "journey." If they've struggled or failed at some point in their careers, they can handle his coaching style. "And the pressure of trying to not get cut," Embree said,

which he finds crucial to motivating players. Kittle has been on a journey. I asked him what he considers to be the biggest moments in that journey, and he pointed to Angerer's advice, Embree's directive, and his first day on Iowa's campus, when strength coach Chris Doyle told him that if he couldn't run-block, he would never play at Iowa.

"I didn't see this as a seminal moment," Doyle told me. "It was just, 'Hey, George, you're going to have to be a better run blocker if you're going to be a tight end, like the guys who came before you. Dallas Clark, C.J. Fiedorowicz. I don't think he quite understood what it was going to take."

Doyle said he'll never forget Kittle's weigh-in as a freshman on June 8, 2012. "He was 200 pounds," Doyle said. "When he left, he was 6-4, 250." Doyle said Kittle was offered a scholarship to play at Iowa based on his potential—he was undersized, and his high school didn't feature him a lot in the passing game. Kittle's father, Bruce, is a former Iowa captain who taught George at an early age how to block and worked in pads with George as early as elementary school. But it wasn't until Iowa that it all came together. Once Kittle became an adept run blocker, and after the conversation with Angerer, he finally learned to love contact. "I used to be so soft in high school. I avoided contact. I played free safety in a Cover-1 and was back all the time. It was my decision to change that," Kittle said. "I realized if I kept playing soft, I was never going to see the field. I have choice words for my 18-year-old self."

In his first start in 2015, against Illinois State, he started hitting people. And he loved it. "I had a base block of a guy who was an [FCS] All-American the year before. I drove him 15 yards back and planted him on his back, and I said, 'Well, I'm just going to do that every single time now.'" He learned at that moment how much he enjoyed inflicting damage. He thought that very few players played physically for the entire game, and there was an inefficiency that he could exploit.

"I might get got once or twice. But you're going to get got the whole game," Kittle said.

Embree said Kittle loves wrestling, and Embree previously coached a wrestling fan in Browns tight end Gary Barnidge. "If you like wrestling, you like contact and physical things, and I wanted to play into that," Embree said. "If you're saying, 'Hey, this is cool, this [wrestler] flipping,' then it's about unleashing that. Unleashing the wrestler and bringing it out on the field. You have to give guys the latitude to be who they are. When you see George with the ball, he's being who he is."

Embree thinks three plays describe Kittle: Denver in 2017, the Saints catch from this season, and a 2018 Rams game in which Kittle briefly carried one Ram on his back and stiff-armed cornerback Marcus Peters. "Now, I think, 'Just run through them, and they'll avoid you.' It's OK. They don't have to tackle me," Kittle said. "I'm going to make them tackle me, and if they want to tackle me, I'm going to make it as hard as I possibly can on them to see if they want to keep tackling me." 49ers fullback Kyle Juszczyk said he marvels at how often Kittle approaches what appears to be a "nice collision" and keeps running without receiving much of a hit. And when there is contact, he's OK with that.

"There are times when a receiver flinches before he's about to be hit. George never does that," said tight end Garrett Celek. "He never flinches. He's never afraid to put himself in a vulnerable position to make a play. George is a savage."

Bruce Kittle, a former assistant at Oklahoma, told me he did not see his son progressing this quickly. "He's almost a completely different guy from OTAs in 2017 until now. No one saw this coming." I heard George's mom, Jan, through the phone, so Bruce corrected his previous statement that no one saw this coming. "Except his mom," Bruce said.

You'll often hear about Kittle's relentless positivity. It's mostly true, except I did see him get upset once in our limited time together, when a 49ers employee brought up Game of Thrones, a show he adores. "I completely ignore Season 8 ever happened—worst season in the history of television. That was awful," Kittle said. He said he was pissed off just talking about it.

Kittle has a lot of takes. "I'm a Lord of the Rings junkie. Sam and Frodo are the two best, their whole journey, everything they go through. Love Aragorn. I just like the mystical part of it—the huge battles,"

said Kittle, whose father read him the books at least three times. “I’m a diehard Harry Potter guy. Not really the movies. The books are the best.”

Kittle’s wife, Claire, loves Madam Secretary, but he doesn’t. After a back-and-forth about popular television shows, we get to Homeland. “Oh, Homeland,” Kittle said, exasperated. He brings up the show’s main character, a CIA agent named Carrie Mathison, played by Claire Danes. “Everytime I watch an episode I say, ‘OK, she should be fired. I can’t get through it.’”

Given Kittle’s strong opinions about television, it should not be much of a surprise that Garoppolo said Kittle often says things that have nothing to do with football on the sideline. “There are times I say, ‘What the hell?’” Garoppolo said with a smile. Fellow tight end Ross Dwelley said Kittle could not stop speaking in a faux-Canadian accent on the sideline for a time because of his love of a viral YouTube video from Pardon My Take. “He does it a lot. He really thinks he’s Canadian,” Dwelley said.

Kittle has a massive tattoo of Heath Ledger’s Joker on his arm. (He loved the most recent Joker starring Joaquin Phoenix. “Super dark and depressing. I don’t know if I can ever watch it again, but it was incredible.” He says he thinks Mark Hamill was a great Joker, and he stores the classic Batman cartoons on his phone for road trips.) He slaps the tattoo when he’s on the field to get focused. He plans to get an even bigger, Halo-themed tattoo on his back in 2020. He’s become fanatical, he said, about his routine in the past few years and has to spend his nights on Friday and Saturday flipping a switch to get focused for the game. “I headbutt a wall, I puke, and the Joker tattoo is kind of a switch for me. I slap it before plays. I’m big into the visual parts,” Kittle said.

At Iowa, he used to put a piece of red tape on his arm as a “reset” button that he’d hit after a mistake. He thinks that football is 90 percent mental and that everyone who makes the league is talented, so the difference between greatness and mediocrity is in a lot of small edges, most of them mental. He spends three hours by himself the night before games. He meditates, he takes a salt bath, and he visualizes—his father, Bruce, said George has been doing that since about fifth grade. Bruce said it’s easier to, say, go into New Orleans in front of a loud crowd and dominate if you’ve already been there in your head.

SomeSome marriages seem to be created in the football heavens. It seems impossible for anyone but Andy Reid to coach Patrick Mahomes and that perfectly designed Chiefs offense. It boggles the mind that Drew Brees was ever coached by someone other than Sean Payton, who masterfully maps out the Saints’ efficient offense. Kittle and Shanahan are in that category: No one creates space like Shanahan, and no one does more with space than Kittle. Shanahan uses play-action effectively, and Kittle is open on a surprisingly regular basis for such a dominant player.

“I always mess with him that he can improve so much more on his routes, and he can, but most of the time, it doesn’t matter with George,” Shanahan told me. “He’s proven me wrong on that. It’s like, ‘Yeah, I could run a better route here, but just give me the ball in my hands because I care what happens after the catch.’ A lot of times, that doesn’t work out, but with George, it does. He’s willed his way into a lot of situations. The harder it gets, the more clutch he ends up being.”

Shanahan was looking for a pass-catching tight end in 2017 when he saw Kittle on tape. “He didn’t do that a lot in college, but he looked good when he did,” Shanahan said. “We couldn’t believe how good of a run blocker he was. Then we realized that everyone was calling him a run blocker because he didn’t have the passing stats. We were impressed with how all-around he was.”

“He’s willed his way into a lot of situations. The harder it gets, the more clutch he ends up being.” —Kyle Shanahan

Kittle, Shanahan said, “allows us to do stuff in the run game we haven’t done before because of how much he can handle on his own, whether it’s gap schemes or outside zone schemes.”

Having a huge person running very fast on the field is not an accident for the Niners. They have exploited a trend: As the league has gotten smaller, they’ve emphasized size.

“Defenses are always trying to compensate for the offenses, which means smaller, faster linebackers. There are three-receiver sets; teams are spreading the ball out. We put two running backs out there a

ton, 22 personnel, two tight ends. Those linebackers have to match up with us in smaller spaces, and we feel like that gives us an advantage to push us around," the team's fullback, Juszczyk, said. "As the game progresses, I think it wears teams down. With George, it's basically pick your poison. Guys good at the run game and blocking like that usually can't run routes like that." The Niners proved their commitment to size when they signed Juszczyk to the biggest-ever deal for a fullback in March 2017.

This dovetails nicely with the Kittle family's size and offensive line background. Bruce said he was influenced, in part, by his former Hawkeyes coach Kirk Ferentz's mentor, longtime offensive line coach Joe Moore. Bruce cites Moore's famous quote: "There is no greater joy in life than moving a man from point A to point B against his will."

This, of course, has shown up in George. I asked him the best he's ever felt on a football field. "My senior year against Nebraska," Kittle said. (He tells me that he has "choice words" for Nebraska football in general, but did not expand.) "We were winning 33-10, all the seniors on the field. We ran eight plays, ran [two tight ends, two running backs] and we ran 23 breeze—which is an inside run zone—toward me eight plays in a row, down the field, at 8 yards a pop, through their face. And on play nine, we ran power load, and I pancaked two guys on the play. That was one of the most satisfying moments for me. We completely physically broke them the entire game. One of my favorite parts was that their defensive end had a big curly mustache, because he thought he was really cool, and I put him on his back like three times. So that was very fun for me.

"I enjoy football," he said. He talked a bit about the lessons his dad taught him about enjoying the game. Bruce, George said, taught him that "football is its own living, breathing organism. You don't cut corners and you don't cheat football, because it will always come and get you. Football is the ultimate truth."

We know that George does not cut corners to get where he is going. He runs directly through people."

49ers' George Kittle: Big numbers, big personality, soft spot for Dad's wisdom

By Ron Kroichick
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Peer past his outsized personality, obsession with professional wrestling, exhilaration rumbling downfield after catches, transcendent numbers in two-plus NFL seasons and fiendish tattoo on the inside of his left forearm.

There's another thing you should know about 49ers tight end George Kittle: He savors the long, weekly letters he receives from his dad.

They're e-mails, actually, and Bruce Kittle sends them every Saturday to a 49ers public-relations staffer, who prints the note, slides it into an envelope and leaves it for George. This typically serves as his pregame reading Sunday morning, on the bus ride to the stadium.

Bruce Kittle, a former Iowa offensive lineman, college football coach and criminal defense lawyer, covers a wide range of topics and tones. He offers strategic advice and real-life motivation, occasionally tied to movies the Kittles once watched together or books they read (Bruce read three "Lord of the Rings" books to George when he was 6).

"My dad is a terrific writer and incredible storyteller," George said in an interview this week with The Chronicle. "So whether he's trying to teach me a lesson in my life as a husband or future father, or something I can apply on the field, I pick up a couple things in every letter. …

"It means everything to me — it's my relationship with my dad. I'm not living at home with him like I did in high school, so it's fun to have that connection with him."

These ties to an uber-athletic family — Kittle also is close with his mom Jan (onetime college basketball and softball player) and sister Emma (former college volleyball player) — provide insight into the roots of his rise to prominence. He entered the league in 2017 with little hype, as a fifth-round draft choice who had only 48 catches in four years at Iowa, but now he counts as one of the NFL's top tight ends and a central character in the 49ers' 5-0 start.

Kittle, after making 88 catches last season and setting a league record for most receiving yards by a tight end (1,377), hasn't slowed this year. He already has 31 catches, putting him on pace for 99; his 162 catches since the start of '17 are tied for third-most among tight ends (with Atlanta's Austin Hooper), behind only Philadelphia's Zach Ertz and Kansas City's Travis Kelce.

Or, for historical context, consider this: Kittle reached 2,000 yards receiving in his 33rd career game, faster than all tight ends in NFL history except for Hall of Famers Mike Ditka and Kellen Winslow.

These numbers begin to convey Kittle's impact on the 49ers, but his gregarious demeanor carries similar clout. He's loud and upbeat, a source of perpetual energy during the grind of a long season.

Take his reaction to the Sept. 22 victory over Pittsburgh, for example. The 49ers posted a brief video on Twitter showing Kittle — with stringy, sweaty hair spilling onto his face — mimicking Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson in shouting/singing, "Can you smell … what the Niners are cooking?!"

Johnson, a Hayward native, retweeted the video, praised the 49ers for their strong start and included the hashtag #peoplestightend. Kittle, a huge WWE fan, retweeted Johnson's post and added, "Am I dreaming."

Just another day in George Kittle's wild and crazy life.

"I would say his personality is extremely fun," wide receiver Jordan Matthews said. "Most dudes who have George's kind of personality, they're unpredictable or inconsistent. They're up one moment, down the next.

"This dude is never down. When it's time to lock in, he's locked in. And when he kicks it with the guys, we have a good time. … I know he's a wrestling fan, but there ain't nothing fake about him."

Kittle, 26, does emit a good-natured, genuine vibe, as he did during a session with reporters this week. He talked about watching video of the 49ers' loss to Washington two years ago, when he was a rookie, and called his performance "awful." Asked why, Kittle jokingly blamed fellow tight end Garrett Celek's lack of leadership. Later in the conversation, Kittle made fun of his own sloppiness, pointing to the mess strewn around his locker.

This sense of humor disappears on Sundays, when he adopts what he called his "alter ego." That was the inspiration for the tattoo depicting The Joker, as played by Australian actor Heath Ledger in The Dark Knight.

"You have to kind of get in the mindset," Kittle said. "Football is a violent sport. While I might be a happy, goofy guy six days a week, I kind of flip the switch when Sunday comes around."

The alter ego surfaces most vividly in Kittle's zest for run blocking, or the way he sheds prospective tacklers after making a catch. He memorably broke tackles and dragged defenders on a 45-yard catch-and-run in the second quarter of last Sunday's 20-7 victory over the Rams in Los Angeles.

Then, afterward, Kittle — who stands 6-foot-4, weighs 250 pounds and obviously has some speed — quipped of gaining yards after the catch, "I like to YAC. It's my favorite thing to do out there."

That's clearly one of his strengths, in the grand tradition of Bill Walsh's West Coast offense. Kittle led the NFL last season with 870 yards after the catch, ahead of Carolina running back Christian McCaffrey (855). Kittle's total was the most by any player since ESPN started tracking the statistic in 2006.

Matthews pointed out that receivers intent on running after the catch usually aren't as sure-handed as Kittle, because they might prematurely think about running … and drop the football. But not Kittle.

"George is going to catch the ball and secure it, and then he turns into freaking Rambo," Matthews said. "It inspires everybody else: Let me get the pill and I'm going to run just like that."

Kittle compared his rampages to playing "backyard ball" as a kid, and the innocent joy of scampering on grass and trying to evade tackles. He wasn't especially good at gaining yards after the catch in college, but he's since adopted tight ends coach Jon Embree's reminder: You don't have to let the defense tackle you.

And, as Kittle pointed out, he did play running back in fifth, sixth and seventh grades. "My dad was the offensive coordinator, so I got the ball a lot," he said, smiling.

Another thing Bruce Kittle instilled in George was the importance of blocking. So it's no coincidence the younger Kittle is a reliable blocker, an important responsibility given head coach Kyle Shanahan's emphasis on the running game.

This lifts Kittle into a lofty conversation: Could he soon become the game's best all-around tight end? Ertz and Kelce are known more for their pass-catching skills, as illustrated by their gaudy numbers.

Kittle, who earned his first Pro Bowl appearance last season, might offer a more complete package, as quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo acknowledged. "He's willing to do whatever you ask of him," Garoppolo said, "and for a guy with his talent to do that, it's impressive."

49ers tight end George Kittle recalls his greatest catch, which came far away from the gridiron

By Daniel Brown
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He spotted her a few times around campus when they were freshmen, and soon George Kittle had a crush on Claire till before he'd even said hello.

Claire was a bruiser on the basketball team, so they had that in common. George aimed to be just as rugged in his role as a tight end for the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Fate, or maybe it was a similar class schedule, finally brought them together in the student parking lot. Kittle saw Claire wearing a pink helmet that day as she prepared to climb aboard her moped.

Recognizing his chance, George racked his brain for an opening line full of wit, wonder and sophistication.

"Hey, nice pink helmet,'' he said.

Claire turned, glanced at George and mumbled a half-hearted "thanks." Then she hit the throttle as her moped sped into the distance.

"And that was my first interaction with her,'' Kittle says now. "I was like, 'Damn, I blew that.'"

We are sitting in an office at the 49ers facility on Monday, just days away from Week 1 of what will be Kittle's first season as a full-fledged NFL star. He shocked the league a year ago with a Gronkian output of 1,377 receiving yards, a league-record for tight ends.

Claire is here in the office, too, albeit without her pink helmet. Looking back, she had underestimated George Kittle as badly as some college coaches and NFL talent evaluators would soon do. And in both cases, Kittle simply kept working until he proved he was worthy of a long-term deal.

This will be George and Claire's first season as a married couple. They were wed on April 10, a day so stormy in Iowa City that they scrapped plans for a rooftop ceremony. Instead, they got married inside the jewelry store where he'd bought her engagement ring.

The vows took place a few months after Kittle engineered a half-baked proposal that was all at once awkward, awesome, hilarious and hampered by injury.

"It was very George Kittle-ish,'' Claire said.

Claire is here because she is part of his story now in a way that goes beyond her new last name. She's been there from the start of his career. A native of Dubuque, Iowa, she understood the Midwestern work ethic that Kittle used to reach the big time. And she knows what it will take for him to stay.

Claire, who is 5-foot-11 and still scrappy strong, now plays the same role for Kittle that she once did for the Iowa women's basketball team.

She is his center.

"He's a very transparent guy. So you can tell when something is kind of wrong,'' Claire said. "But we grew up together, essentially. And if you just know someone so well, it becomes easy to pick up and see how he responds to certain things. Trial-and-error is how I have learned."

Or, as George Kittle and his sophisticated wit put it:

“She’s always very quick to call me on my BS, if I ever have any.’’

The moped debacle was the receiving equivalent of getting jammed at the line. Kittle tried to recover quickly, but he found himself matched up against the most dreaded zone defense of all.

“I was in the Friend Zone,’’ Kittle says now. “And I was there for six months.”

He paused.

“But I worked my way out of it. I was chipping away. She didn’t even know it. She just thought I was being really friendly. But I was working, working, working.”

Metaphor alert! This is also Kittle’s football journey, a slow start followed by a stealth road to stardom. As a freshman at Iowa, he had five catches (not including Claire). As a sophomore, he had one catch. As a junior, it was 20 and as a senior, it was 22.

And as with the 49ers last season he had [checks notes] 88. That’s a team record for tight ends.

Most receptions in a season by a 49ers tight end
• 88 – George Kittle, 2018
• 82 – Eric Johnson, 2004
• 78 – Vernon Davis, 2009
• 68 – Brent Jones, 1993
• 67 – Vernon Davis, 2011

This is what can happen when you keep chipping away. This also why Mrs. Kittle now hears from strangers around the country about how they own her husband, too.

“Oh, yeah, I hear from the fantasy football people all the time,’’ Clarie said with a laugh. “I just say, ‘It’s great. He should be on your team.’ I get random DMs from people that I don’t even know. I don’t understand fantasy people, so I’m like, ‘Heck, yeah. Go for it.’’’

Not everyone is so crazy about Kittle’s prolific numbers, however. Take Carolina Panthers running back Christian McCaffrey. Last season, Kittle led the NFL with 860 yards after the catch. No tight end had led the league in that category, according to statistics kept since 2010. YAC is generally the domain of running backs, which makes sense. If a running back catches the ball, it’s often in the flat with room to run.

McCaffrey finished second to Kittle last season with 855 yards after the catch, which led to some playful trash-talking when they crossed paths at the Pro Bowl. Hall of Fame receiver Art Monk once told Roger Craig, “stay out of my category” after the 49ers running back led the league in receptions.
Kittle got the same treatment.

“McCaffrey is upset that I beat him. He let me know that,’’ Kittle said, smiling wide. “He was upset. But I was very happy.”

Part of Kittle’s success when it comes to YAC is the way the 49ers offense is designed. The tight end pointed to his 85-yard touchdown catch against the Denver Broncos last season when he sprang wide open, caught the ball in space and needed just one cut to go the distance. As a general philosophy, the 49ers coaching staff urges receivers to catch the ball and get vertical as soon as they can — don’t try to get fancy.

Part of his success is a mindset, Kittle said. 49ers tight ends coach Jon Embree has instructed Kittle to just skip any notion of juking defenders, instructing him instead to barrel ahead with his 6-4, 250-pound frame. Embree told him: “Run a straight line and guys will get out of your way. You’ll be surprised.”

"Which is very true. It's really weird,'' Kittle said. "You just try to make guys tackle you. Don't let guys tackle you."
Most yards after catch in a single NFL season

(Since 2010)

1. 870 – George Kittle, 49ers, 2018
2. 855 – Christian McCaffrey, Panthers, 2018
3. 816 – LeVeon Bell, Steelers, 2014
4. 788 – Matt Forte, Bears, 2014
5. 768 – Saquon Barkley, Giants, 2018

The trouble is, Kittle did try some fancy moves when it came to his proposal. After six years of dating, he figured he had to do something spectacular. Kittle's elaborate plan required a team effort. He enlisted an entire 49ers photo/video crew for the ruse at a Santa Cruz beach. Kittle told Claire that they were both required to get all dressed up for part of a promotional photoshoot featuring 49ers and their significant others.

Plausible, right? But remember that part about Claire calling George on his BS? That made this bluff difficult. And she started asking questions. Nosy questions. Something drastic had to be done, so George simply asked his mother, Jan, to look into Claire's face and lie.

Claire: "And if you know his mom, she's like a saint to other mothers."

George: "She would never lie.''

Claire: "She would never tell a white lie, ever."

George: "So I was really impressed.''

What Mama Kittle did was poke her head into the bathroom where Claire was getting ready for the photoshoot. She softly told Claire that she should be prepared for a letdown.

"She's like, 'I know that you might think that it's going to happen today, that he might propose you, but I just need to let you know that the ring isn't even here yet. They tried so hard to get it here,'" Claire recalled. "So I fully believed her because she has never done anything like that before."

The other threat to the proposal plan was the injury report. Kittle got hurt in the 49ers exhibition opener on Aug. 9, 2018, one day before he planned to head for the beach with a diamond ring in his pocket. He dislocated his shoulder and sprained his MCL on the play, which was less than ideal. Who wants "doubtful" on the ledger when you're about to ask for someone's hand in marriage?

Kittle spent the early hours of Aug. 10 at the 49ers facility working diligently on his rehabilitation work. Forget about popping pads, this was about popping the question.

"Literally, I was in the hot tub practicing getting down on a knee,'' he said. "I was like, 'OK. This is going to be OK.'"

Once they made it to the beach, they orchestrated the fake photoshoot with Montana-esque precision.
Led by team photographer Terrell Lloyd, the crew picked just the right time to distract Claire on the beach. That bought time for Kittle to ease down onto his bended, aching knee.

"I was on my knee for probably 45 seconds before she realized that I was down there,'' Kittle said. "I still didn't know what I'm going to say. I was just thinking, 'Please turn around.'"

Claire laughs while sitting there as Kittle tells the story. She only needs to correct him every few seconds.

Claire: “Your whole thing was that you wanted to say more than four words and you literally ended up saying four words. So, it’s fine.”

George: “I think I said, ‘It’s been long enough’ —

Claire: “He said, ‘Claire Bear’ —

George: “’Claire Bear, I think it’s been long enough. Will you marry me?’ … That was more than four!”

Back when he was in the friend zone, George tried to win points by going to Iowa women’s basketball games. An arena security guard, well aware of why Kittle was such a fan, helped get him courtside seats with an ideal view of the Hawkeyes bench.

“Like, right across from our bench,’’ Claire said, rolling her eyes.

Kittle was initially attracted to Claire because she was willowy tall with a smile that could pop the cornfields. But he really fell for Claire after seeing that she approached basketball as if it were a combat sport. A McDonald’s All-American nominee in high school, Claire was a defensive role player for the Hawkeyes. She averaged a career-best 14 minutes per game as a sophomore, when she also totaled 2.9 rebounds and 2.7 points per game.

“If she didn’t foul out, then I was disappointed,’’ Kittle says now. “Because she’s 5-11, and she played the ‘5’ in the Big Ten. Those are some big girls down there scrapping. Claire definitely made a name for herself as a bruiser. And I love that.

“She was heart, effort. All that stuff. People don’t like it when you’re in their grill 24/7. That’s what she did really well. Like she’s in my grill all the time, too.”

Claire’s fight these days is to get her husband to broaden his horizons. She wants them to travel more. Kittle left the country for the first time in his life in January (he went to Toronto for a Super Bowl promotional gig) and then did it again for their honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas.

“I love to travel,’’ Claire said.

“I don’t like traveling much,’’ Kittle said. “She’s making me better.”

Kittle is still so travel-averse that he nearly called an early end to their week-long honeymoon. The problem? The hotel weight room, oddly enough, wasn’t up to NFL training standards.

“We were in Cabo for seven days. And I started freaking out after like three days. I’m like, ‘I gotta! … I gotta!,’” Kittle said. “I feel like I have to prepare. Being at Iowa for a long time kind of instilled in me: If you’re not getting better, you’re getting worse.”

Claire urged him to calm down — it’s a vacation! — but also worked out with him whenever he got antsy. Well, mostly worked out with him.

“When he was running in the sand up a hill,” she said, “I just watched.”

Most receptions by a TE since 2017

- 186 – Travis Kelce, Kansas City
- 190 – Zach Ertz, Philadelphia
- 131 – George Kittle, 49ers
- 122 – Jared Cook, Raiders
- 116 – Rob Gronkowski, Patriots

There are things Kittle needs to get better at, such as playing in the red zone. Of his 88 catches last season, only five went for touchdowns. The 49ers were a lousy red-zone team overall and much time was spent during training camp trying to make better uses of Kittle's talents near the goal line. If this guy once busted out of the friend zone, he can certainly find the end zone.

"I want it so that every time he's going against a guy that he's better than, that he beats (that guy),'' coach Kyle Shanahan said early in camp. "I want him to be more consistent in his route running, I want him to keep improving. … Just the consistency of beating man-to-man coverage, catching the ball, and trying to be the best."

A year ago, Kittle was the first 49ers player to record a 1,000-yard season since Anquan Boldin in 2014. Now, he goes into this season as a happily married man who, at some level, is still looking to impress that woman in the pink helmet.

He's enjoying a new stat — LAC (life after catch).

"She's been there with me from the start,'' Kittle said. "We've kind of built up together. She always does a fantastic job of making sure I'm keeping my head straight."

Does George Kittle ever have a bad day?

By Nick Wagoner
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It takes George Kittle a full 14 seconds to answer what seems like an easy question.

Two days before the 49ers would end their offseason program this spring, the tight end is lounging in a sleeveless hoodie and athletic shorts, his feet propped on the desk of a PR staffer. One of the breakout stars of the 2018 NFL season has been riffing about his whirlwind rise to fame, his love of professional wrestling, his recent wedding and an upcoming trip to the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach.

Then, a simple question brings him to a screeching halt: Have you ever had a bad day?

Kittle takes his feet off the desk, leans down and thinks about it longer than you'd expect. Finally, he looks up and says, simply: "No."

Sure, he acknowledges, there's been the occasional disappointment, a minor injury here or there, but nothing reaching the level of a full-fledged bad day. In the end? "I'm just grateful I get to play football every single day of my life," Kittle says. "So I'm never really in a bad mood."

Go ahead and groan. The notion of a Ripken-like streak of non-bad days -- that'd be 9,000 and counting for the 25-year-old -- seems impossible. But Kittle might be one of the few who can say it and mean it. Those closest to him struggle to answer the same question. His dad, Bruce, can't remember even one ... maybe that time a girl didn't like him back early in elementary school? Mom Jan says George was disappointed to miss Iowa's 2016 game against Michigan with an injury ... but stops short because the Hawkeyes won, leaving George feeling just fine. Kittle's wife, Claire, draws a blank. College coaches such as Iowa's Kirk Ferentz and Chris Doyle and high school coach Greg Nation? Stumped, stumped and more stumped.

Only close friend and former Iowa teammate Steve Manders manages anything close to a real answer. He points to a rough spring practice between Kittle's sophomore and junior years, when the Iowa coaching staff laid into Kittle for not being serious enough about football. Manders tried telling him later that anybody can have a bad practice, but Kittle jumped out of his chair and vowed to cut back on the partying and go all-in on football. "The lightbulb kind of hit on, and ever since then it just took off and he never looked back," Manders says. "He just kind of created his own destiny."

Now, entering his third season in professional football, Kittle has become one of the league's most unlikely rising stars. The 2017 fifth-round pick had 48 catches in four years at Iowa -- then last year exploded for 88 receptions and 1,377 yards, an NFL record for receiving yards by a tight end in a season. It also included 855 yards after the catch, the most of any player since ESPN started tracking the stat in 2006. Combine that game-breaking ability with a fun-loving, larger-than-life personality and it's little wonder Kittle is already drawing comparisons to another exuberant tight end: Rob Gronkowski.

Like Gronk, Kittle enjoyed every second of his breakout season, which included wearing a Deion Sanders Falcons jersey for a postgame interview with Prime Time himself, crushing the local Panda Express every Monday with receiver Trent Taylor and safety Adrian Colbert (he ordered the same thing every time: orange chicken, chow mein, fried rice and crab Rangoon, unless the honey walnut shrimp looked strong that day -- "when it's good, it's really good"), and the week he finally followed through on a promise to Claire to dress nicer on game days ... by switching from wrestling T-shirts to a Hawaiian shirt adorned with toucans.

49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo had a locker near Gronkowski in New England and now finds himself in the line of vision of the Stone Cold Steve Austin figure that sits atop Kittle's locker. He doesn't shy away from the idea that Kittle has some Gronk-like traits.

"It's one of those things that's contagious," he says. "Both of them are the guy in the room that is picking everyone up, getting everyone laughing and feeling good and everything. I'm glad we've got a guy like that."

EVERY SATURDAY DURING the season, a letter for George Kittle arrives at 49ers headquarters. The next day, Kittle makes reading it his top priority. The letters are from his father, usually three or four pages long with a mix of notes about the upcoming opponent, observations from the previous week's game, a photo or two and what Bruce calls "significant" (and often vulgar) trash-talk. The letters are themed-things like staying focused on the moment and savoring the opportunity to play football -- and usually feature a cameo from comic book heroes like Batman or Spider-Man.

"That dude is Ric Flair on the football field. When the lights come on and he comes out of the locker room, he flips that switch and he's in that same place until the end of the game. And then he goes back to being George Kittle."

On the team bus, George works his way through the week's letter, feeding off every word. Bruce, a big proponent of sports psychology, has taught George the importance of having an alter ego. There's George, and then there's Football George, agent of on-field chaos -- and the bus ride gets him where he needs to go in more ways than one. "That's kind of like the first step to my switch," Kittle says. "I read that and I know, 'Hey, it's game day, lock in.'"

George has kept every letter since his father began writing them eight years ago, storing them in his nightstand. His favorite came last season before a Thursday night game against the Raiders. That letter emphasized the importance of ending the Bay Area rivalry on a high note before the Raiders move to Las Vegas. Kittle finished with four catches for 108 yards and a TD, including a one-handed grab, in a blowout win.

Bruce's letters began as a somber remembrance of former Oklahoma linebacker Austin Box. In 2011, Bruce was Oklahoma's tight ends and tackles coach when Box died of a painkiller overdose. In the aftermath, Bruce found out that Box's dad had written his son a letter before every game since Austin was in seventh grade. He decided to do the same for George. George calls Bruce his best friend, and the letters remain integral in keeping them connected when distance gets in the way.

On the way to the field, Kittle puts his helmet on, delivers a head-butt to a wall -- no, really -- and the transformation is complete. George is a die-hard Batman fan but considers his game-day self to be more like the Dark Knight's archenemy. "I don't try to channel all the Joker, obviously, because he has some issues," Kittle says, unleashing a diabolical laugh of his own. "Creating a little bit of chaos is just kind of what I try to do. I'm just trying to be the most outgoing, craziest person on the field."

In an October loss to Green Bay, Kittle delivered a crushing block on a rushing play, planting a Packers defender on the ground. When he got back to the huddle, he was laughing so maniacally that center Weston Richburg turned to him and asked, "What the f--- is wrong with you, dude?"

Kittle says his favorite thing to do in football is move a man from point A to point B against his will. "That dude is Ric Flair on the football field," says Nation, his high school coach. "When the lights come on and he comes out of the locker room, he flips that switch and he's in that same place until the end of the game. And then he goes back to being George Kittle."

KITTLE'S STARDOM HAS always felt like a genetic fait accompli; sports are woven into the Kittle fabric. Bruce played at Iowa and was a co-captain of the 1981 squad that went to the Rose Bowl. Jan was a standout basketball player at Drake who was also on the softball team. Sister Emma played volleyball at Iowa and Oklahoma. Cousins Jess Settles, Henry Krieger-Coble and Brad Carlson are, respectively, one of the top 10 scorers in Hawkeyes basketball history; a standout tight end at Iowa who has spent time in the NFL; and Iowa's career home run king.

That tight family bond is also at the heart of Kittle's unrelenting loyalty to the many friends he considers family. Kittle's first move after he received his signing bonus in 2017 was to pay for the medical expenses

of a friend's mother in Oklahoma. More recently, Kittle sent a signed Pro Bowl jersey to his tight ends coach at Iowa, LeVar Woods, thanking him for his help.

In the offseason, Bruce, Jan and Emma all moved from Iowa to Nashville to be close to George and Claire's offseason home. The move was hard on Jan because it meant leaving their farm and many family members behind. "He called me and he goes, 'Mom, you have always told us that wherever we are together as a family, that's what home is, and we're all gonna be together, so it's going to be OK,'" Jan says. "He always sees the positive. Sometimes you want to say, 'Come on, George,' but he really does."

Before their departure, the Krieger family reunion took place with 113 of a possible 128 relatives attending. And after the extended Kittle family arrived in Nashville, George and Claire threw an impromptu housewarming party to celebrate the move. On short notice, 70 people from all over the country showed up, including current and former NFL players, as well as friends from as far back as George's ninth-grade basketball team in Iowa.

"We're all just hanging out, like very low-key in our backyard," Claire says. "And he's hopping around to everybody, talking to them, laughing. It's just everybody has a good time when he's around, honestly."

FOR A GUY who has never had a bad day, Kittle's offseason contained a bunch of very good ones. From his first Pro Bowl to the Super Bowl -- he was a pitchman for a credit card company -- to the U.S. Open to his honeymoon, Kittle lived the fantasy offseason of a 20-something NFL player, with a truly epic week sandwiched in the middle of it all.

It started with WrestleMania -- his second straight year attending; Kittle is a huge wrestling fan -- and ended with his wedding, which he calls the best day of his life.

Kittle and Claire met in 2012 as freshmen at Iowa. Claire was on the basketball team and one day was getting ready to hop on her moped to head across campus. She had just pulled on her bright pink helmet when Kittle walked up and said, "Nice helmet." A few months later, Kittle and Claire were inseparable; by last year, they were engaged and Claire was planning a 2020 wedding, before they made a very George Kittle decision: Why wait?

Just two days after George, Bruce and Manders got back from WrestleMania in New York City, the Kittle and Till families pulled together the type of intimate, family-only wedding Claire had often dreamed about. They reserved space at M.C. Ginsberg, a custom jewelry store in Iowa City owned by some of Claire's family friends. A local florist came through with a small bouquet; Bruce, an ordained minister, would marry the happy couple; and Jan, a photographer, would handle photos and videos. The day before the wedding, however, a little bit of Football George spilled into Everyday George.

Kittle had been wanting to get a tattoo of his alter ego -- the Heath Ledger version of the Joker -- and he wanted to do it at Neon Dragon Tattoo in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, his preferred purveyor of ink. With scheduling conflicts both ways, the day before the biggest day of his life was the only option.

While Claire's brother Riley and Bruce were in favor, Claire, Jan and Emma hated the idea. But Kittle was insistent, and he spent seven hours in the chair while the Joker, complete with bold, red lips, took over most of the inside of his left forearm.

The next morning, surrounded by their inner circle -- just seven other people attended -- Claire married George with his left forearm covered in saran wrap under his long-sleeved white shirt to prevent the tat from bleeding through.

"He's so goofy," Claire says. "At first, I thought he was joking -- he has a lot of ideas that are out there and he doesn't actually go through with them. So at first, I was like, 'Oh my gosh, that's the worst idea you've ever had. I hate that.'

"But then after he had explained to me all of the meaning behind it and then seeing it in person, it's actually really cool. So I do really like it now. That's just George."

Manbuns! The return of Jimmy G! It's been an exciting summer for 49ers tight end George Kittle

By Lindsay Jones
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If you want to talk to George Kittle, get ready to wait in line.

After a recent training camp practice in Santa Clara, Kittle was swarmed — by the children of 49ers staffers, by fans screaming for autographs and hoping to pose for selfies — while teammates holler across the field long after practice is finished.

With apologies to Travis Kelce, if there's anyone ready to assume the mantle of the NFL's most popular tight end in the wake of Rob Gronkowski's retirement, it just might be the 49ers' Kittle.

Consider Kittle's qualifications: In 2018, just his second year in the NFL, he led all tight ends with 1,377 receiving yards, and was third in catches, with 88, and plays in a tight end-friendly offense that should see him repeating, if not exceeding, those numbers in 2019. He's also just beginning to tap into his social media star potential, thanks to a post-college California glow-up and an Instagram-worthy life with his new wife Claire, whom he married in a surprise ceremony in April.

In our latest edition of the training camp Q+A series, we chat with Kittle about how he plans to build off his breakout season, his advice for the league's rookie tight ends, and just what is up with his new ponytail.
I have to imagine this training camp experience is a bit different for you, coming off a Pro Bowl season, than last year. How have you handled everything that's come with being a star player around here?
It's going great, it's always great when you get back into it, get to play football, see the guys. But it's fun too because we're taking a lot of big steps forward, offensively and defensively, got a lot of young guys that have been stepping up already, so that's been fun to see.

How do you build off of what you were able to do in 2018?

Growth, that's really the key word. My rookie year was a struggle. It's a very dense playbook, so just being able to get reps, get used to the speed of the NFL game – it's a lot different than college. It was kind of just getting thrown into the fire, that's how my rookie year was. So you take that and your second year try to learn from it, improve on that, and once you get comfortable, the playbook kind of takes off from there. This offense has been great for me, it's similar to what I had at Iowa, a lot of the techniques are the same thing, so I've been improving on those the last three years and really just trying to get better every day.

What are the steps you're hoping this offense can take in Year Three of this system and with this coaching staff, and with Jimmy back healthy?

Our biggest thing is we have to score when we're in the red zone. That's something we struggled with the last two years. I love Robbie Gould, but I'd rather him kick less field goals and more extra points. So that's one thing we've really got to focus on, staying on the field, finishing when we get down to the red zone.

You must be a big part of that. I saw you had a touchdown today in team drills. What's your chemistry been like so far in this camp with Garoppolo in the red zone? [Note: Kittle had five touchdowns in 2018, which tied for seventh among tight ends. The 49ers had the worst red zone offense in the NFL last year, scoring touchdowns on just 41% of drives inside the 20-yard line.]

Really good. One thing I love about Jimmy is he just gives guys a chance to make plays, whether that's me, Dante, Deebo, Marquis, he's giving us the opportunity, and if you take advantage of that opportunity, he keeps feeding you and keeps feeding you. That's all you can ask for.
How do you fit in this new generation of tight ends? With Rob Gronkowski retired now, is there an opportunity for someone else to become the next great tight end in this league?

Well, Gronk is never gone [laughs]. My big thing is, I just like watching tight ends succeed, that's just good for the position group. Now, whether that's Kelce, (Eagles TE Zach) Ertz, (Colts TE Eric) Ebron, (Bucs TE) OJ Howard, (Austin) Hooper in Atlanta. It doesn't matter who it is, as long as it's not against me.

I'm based in Denver, so I've been watching former Iowa Hawkeye and the Broncos' first-round draft pick Noah Fant a decent amount this preseason. How much are you watching him and fellow Hawkeye, Lions first-round pick TJ Hockenson, in their rookie camps? What sort of advice are you able to give them about what their rookies years are going to be like, especially for Noah, who is learning a very similar offense to the one you're playing in?

I try to check in with them at least once a week because your rookie year is tough. You go from a whole college season to bowl prep to combine to rookie minicamp and you really only get a month off. It's a long year. So I just try to keep up with them, if they have any questions. They're both very mature, and I'm sure they're going to be just fine.

OK now I have to ask about your hair, and this poll going on on social media between you and [49ers assistant coach] Katie Sowers about who has the better mini-ponytail. How did this start?

It's a little competition. We're kind of twins. I'm not really sure yet. I'm just letting mine go, and she thinks I'm copying her. I'll let mine get longer than hers and then I'll be winning.

Is this your first foray into the world of the manbun?

This is the longest my hair has ever been in my life. Hard-core experimenting. If my wife didn't like it, I would have cut it already. But she's on board.

How 49ers' George Kittle will benefit from offseason yoga sessions with sister

By Jennifer Lee Chan
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Along with speed and strength training, 49ers tight end George Kittle practiced yoga with his sister, Emma, as part of his offseason workout program in Nashville, Tenn.

"I actually hit about three straight weeks of yoga, which was really fun," Kittle said this week as 49ers training camp opened. "Slightly more flexible. Can't you tell I'm limber now?"

Kittle believes that increased flexibility could help as a preventative measure in regards to injuries during the season.

"[It's better] the more flexible you can get, because sometimes when you get tackled, you land in awkward positions and stuff like that," Kittle said. "I have learned that when you're more flexible, stuff like that doesn't happen sometimes, where you just kind of tweak something. Hopefully, that will help me to stay healthy."

While yoga was a new addition to Kittle's offseason program, he has practiced with his sister for a few years.

"It's just something that I've done in the past that I feel has worked for me," Kittle said. "My sister is a yoga teacher, so it makes it pretty easy for me. It's in house.

"I wanted to add something. I don't like to do the same thing over and over. If you stay the same, you're not getting better. So I just tried to add something in, and I think that helped me out a little bit."

"We've been doing yoga together since he was a senior at Iowa," Emma said. "At this point, it's pretty easy to see what's going on with his body. Based off how he is feeling in a particular day, we modify our sessions accordingly."

Emma worked alongside Josh Cuthbert, her brother's strength coach, and Jeremy Holt, who worked on his speed. With the combined regimen, Emma noticed that after a few weeks, her brother's flexibility had increased.

"I definitely saw a change in George's body over our time together in Nashville," Emma said. "Three weeks is kind of quick to notice a big change in flexibility, but he left for camp saying he felt better than he ever had before."

"George's strength and speed coaches were great about including me in their workouts. George's entire training process was coordinated between the three of us to make sure we maximized our time with him."

Emma teaches a sports performance variation of yoga, but the challenges for many of her clients are still about them taking their speed down several notches.

"George's biggest challenge in his yoga practice is probably the same as every other athlete I work with — making time to slow down and be in a relaxed environment," Emma said. "But one of his skills is being present in everything he does. He's a pro, so he is always locked in.

"There are so many benefits for any athlete who incorporates yoga to their training routine. Finding ease in stressful situations is what I focused on with George. We did a lot of breathwork and long prop supported holds. Slowing down movements is a great way to enhance mobility and also target core strength and stability."
It all sounds like serious work, but the two still enjoyed their time training together. "He's still my little brother, so we laugh a lot during our sessions," Emma said.

49ers' George Kittle enjoying spotlight but staying grounded

By Eric Branch
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When George Kittle was a blocking tight end at Iowa and an under-the-radar rookie with the 49ers, he told himself he'd never turn down an autograph request.

Then Kittle had more receiving yards than any tight end in NFL history in 2018.

And now those autograph requests are piling up like his statistics in his breakout season.

"It's really, really hard" to sign everything, Kittle said in a phone interview. "I'm not going to lie: It's a difficult thing because it doesn't run out. People keep showing up. And they keep showing up.

"I have a little bit of a timer in my head, but I usually don't notice (it's time to go) until my wrist gets a little tired. The Pro Bowl was wild. There were just so many fans."

Life obviously has changed for Kittle, whose early offseason has made it clear the 2017 fifth-round pick has moved from relative anonymity to NFL celebrity. A year ago, before his record-breaking 1,377-yard season, Kittle was a project who had collected 1,252 combined receiving yards in his four-year college career and first NFL season.

Now, that second season has led to a series of firsts.

In the past three-plus weeks, Kittle has played in his first Pro Bowl, appeared in his first commercial (an online-only spot for Visa), made his first trip outside the United States (he went to Canada on behalf of NFL International) and realized a quirky dream by inking his first deal with Skittles.

Kittle served as a brand ambassador for Visa and Skittles during Super Bowl week in Atlanta — meaning he signed short-term promotional contracts tied to the event. He then traveled to Toronto, where he met with fans and sponsors on Super Bowl Sunday as part of his 36-hour visit.

The two-week tour — from Orlando to Atlanta to Toronto — was filled with interviews, glad-handing and, naturally, autograph requests. And it provided Kittle, a 25-year-old with an engaging personality, a glimpse into a future that could include long-term endorsements and other off-the-field opportunities.

In his tongue-in-cheek, 15-second Visa commercial, Kittle has so much extra time after using the tap-to-pay credit card that he takes up painting and produces a brilliant self-portrait. (Said Kittle of his acting chops: "I took drama in eighth grade. So I'm ready.")

As part of his work hawking candy, Kittle sported a red shirt with the company logo and enthusiastically punctuated each of his many interviews on radio row in Atlanta with his go-to line: "You can't spell Skittles without Kittle."

"Watching George grow and come out — we're all getting to see his personality," said Kittle's agent, Jack Bechta. "It's very natural. He's very outgoing. He's very gregarious. He's a guy you always just want to throw in a room and you can trust that he's just going to be himself and have fun."

Bechta's agency, JB Sports, arranged for its client to finally connect with Skittles, which is among a list of Kittle's passions that include pro wrestling and Panda Express.

As a junior in high school, Kittle sported custom cleats that included the phrase "Taste the Rainbow," which is part of Skittle's long-running advertising campaign. More recently, he'd taken to hounding the company on social media.

"Well, I tweeted them pretty often: 'What's up? I'm wearing your T-shirt,'" Kittle said. "Like I said, I've been plugging it for a while."

Kittle also wants to send this message to 49ers fans: He's not ditching hard work and going Hollywood.

Last year, he was voted one of five team captains midway through his second season, which was partly a nod to his commitment and drive. He credited last year's offseason work in Tennessee for much of his 2018 success, and he returned to Nashville after the Super Bowl to begin preparing for the 2019 season.

Kittle noted he started training last year during Super Bowl week, meaning he's a week behind.

"The whole thing has just been fun," Kittle said. "But right now, I'm happy it's over and I can work out and do football things. That is one thing I am thankful for: It's a two-week thing, and it's back to the grind. And I love the grind."

Kittle's agency had another promotional opportunity lined up, but Kittle declined it to begin his six-day-a-week program that includes speed, agility, strength and route-running work with a group of NFL players that includes 49ers quarterback C.J. Beathard.

Kittle is living with Green Bay tight end Robert Tonyan until he returns to Santa Clara for the start of the 49ers' offseason program in April.
49ers' George Kittle slowed only by Kyle Shanahan's play...
"George and his family are aware of the fact that what butters his bread is being successful on the field," Bechta said. "He's also grounded to the fact that he's had one great year. And one great year doesn't make a great player. And now the challenge for him is can he do it again with popularity, noise and opportunity being thrown at him? That's the challenge."

Beyond proving 2018 wasn't a fluke, Kittle, who will earn a $645,000 base salary this season, won't lack for financial motivation: He is eligible to sign what could be a massive contract extension after the 2019 season. How much more might he earn? Kansas City's Travis Kelce — whose 1,336 yards last year would have been the NFL record for tight ends were it not for Kittle — will make $8.75 million next season.

As part of his offseason improvement plan, Kittle plans to connect with 2019 Hall of Fame inductee Tony Gonzalez, the Cal alum who is widely recognized as the best tight end in NFL history. Niners tight ends coach Jon Embree, who was Gonzalez's position coach for three seasons with Kansas City, is coordinating a meeting between the tight ends.

In the meantime, Kittle will work to stay ahead of less heralded players at his position.

When asked about guarding against an overinflated ego given the attention he's receiving, Kittle said he stays humbled by the prospect of losing his starting job.

He pointed to last year's midseason win over the Raiders, which he briefly left because of a cracked rib. In Kittle's absence, undrafted rookie Ross Dwelley had his first NFL reception. The lesson that was reinforced for the record-breaking tight end from humble beginnings: His job is never safe.

"That was awesome and I love Dwelley," Kittle said. "But it's like, 'Hey, I can't let those opportunities go away.' And I've learned that. I always think about it. So that keeps me pretty grounded."

49ers' George Kittle might have surprised observers, but not his family

By Eric Branch
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George Kittle's parents, Bruce and Jan, both two-sport Division I athletes, quickly realized their oldest child had athletic gifts.

Based on his memories of touch-football games, Bruce recalled the kid "had nice hands. Could run a pretty good route. Wasn't afraid to mix it up."

That scouting report isn't surprising, considering the youngster grew up to be the 49ers' Pro Bowl tight end, right? But here's the thing: Bruce was describing his daughter, Emma, George's older sister, his first opponent and one of an endless parade of accomplished athletes in their family.

"Back in the day, I was able to kind of dominate George," said Emma, a former volleyball player at Iowa and Oklahoma who is three years older than her only sibling. "I was taller, way faster and just reached above him. It was great."

George evidently learned from those beatdowns: In 2018, Emma's little brother often has treated linebackers and safeties in the same way his sister used to abuse him.

Kittle, 25, set the NFL record for most receiving yards by a tight end, finishing with 1,377. He needed 100 yards Sunday to break the league record set by New England's Rob Gronkowski in 2011 and finished with 149 to pass not only Gronkowski, but Kansas City's Travis Kelce who had 62 against the Raiders and finished with 1,336.

Few saw this coming.

Crowds arrive early on opening day of the Golden Gate International Exposition. Feb. 18, 1939.
Kittle was the seventh tight end on the depth chart early in his career at Iowa. He was a fifth-round pick in 2017 after he had just 48 catches in college. And he had a rookie season (43 catches, 515 yards) that didn't suggest second-year stardom.

But George's family is accustomed to seeing him rapidly ascend great heights. They have bonded over the years on summer trips from Iowa to Colorado, where they have scaled some of the more than 50 mountains in the state that are at least 14,000 feet.

One of those, Quandary Peak, was no problem for George.

"I've seen George do the craziest stuff with his body: I have this vivid memory of George running up a mountain and running down it," said Emma, who sprained both ankles trying to catch him. "When I think about those memories I'm like, 'Oh, my God, you're such a freak.' He's just built to perform.

"So, yes, some of (this season) has been surreal. But at the same time, we've been waiting for him to do it. We've been waiting for other people to see it."

The belief George would have huge success was rooted in the history of a family used to making history.

Bruce was a wrestler and offensive tackle at Iowa, where he was a co-captain on their 1981 team that reached the program's first Rose Bowl in 25 years. Jan is a member of the Iowa High School Sports Hall of Fame in basketball and softball. She played both sports at Drake, where the basketball team reached the Elite 8 of the NCAA Tournament in 1982.

Spotlight on: WR Kendrick Bourne. Who guessed that the 2017 undrafted free agent would lead 49ers receivers in catches this season? Correct answer: no one. Bourne's 37 catches are a nod to his

development, but also a reflection of injuries to Pierre Garcon, Dante Pettis and Marquise Goodwin, none of whom will play against the Rams. Bourne figures to have a role in 2019, but a strong performance in a leading role will further cement his status.

Injuries: 49ers — TE Garrett Celek (concussion) is out. Rams — RB Todd Gurley (knee) is out.

Things to watch

Rams DT Aaron Donald needs 3.5 sacks to break Michael Strahan's record set of 22.5 in 2001. Donald had four sacks in a 39-10 win over the 49ers on Oct. 21.

The 49ers have a league-low seven takeaways and are poised to break the record of 11 held by three teams. Their two interceptions are two fewer than the league record held by the 2009 Lions.

The 49ers promoted DL Ryan Delaire and WR Max McCaffrey from the practice squad to the 53-man roster Saturday. They placed Pettis (knee) and RB Matt Breida (ankle) on injured reserve.

Jan is one of 10 sisters, seven of whom played a college sport. One sister, Barbara, was a basketball player who was the first female to receive a full athletic scholarship at Indiana.

George's cousin, Jess Settles, was an Iowa Mr. Basketball who was the Big Ten Freshman of the Year at Iowa. Another cousin, Brad Carlson, is Iowa's career home run leader.

On Sunday, George will reunite with his cousin, Henry Krieger-Coble, a tight end on the Rams' practice squad.

There is more. Plenty more. In fact, the family has so many big-time athletes that George can't keep track of some details. He recently couldn't recall how he was related to Xavier Nady, a Cal alum who had a 12-year major-league career (Nady is a second cousin).

George played several sports growing up, but football was the passion he shared with his dad, who was also an assistant coach at Iowa (1982-1985) and Oklahoma (2010-2012). They packed a football for every family vacation.

"We'd be on the roadside for an hour playing football," Bruce said, "and would forget about the trip."

George didn't just get his dad's genetics. He got his time.

Bruce, a criminal defense lawyer, worked for a firm in Madison, Wis., when George was born. But he switched to careers that were less demanding — and less lucrative — to spend time with his children.

He earned a master's in divinity at Chicago Theological Seminary and worked as a pastor. He was an assistant law professor and later used his degree at several nonprofits: He provided legal services to inmates in state prisons and served as a mediator between criminals and the victims of their crimes.

"Sometimes he was making almost no money," George said. "But he said, I'd rather hang out with you guys than make a bunch of money. That's one of the biggest things I learned from him: Family is more important than really anything else."

Bruce's career change allowed him to coach his children in youth sports, with Jan also leading many of Emma's teams.

At Northwest Junior High in Iowa City, Bruce led an undefeated team that allowed six points during George's seventh- and eighth-grade years (Bruce terms these the "dynasty years").

George laughed when recalling his dad's video sessions and their middle linebacker, who wore a wristband covered with play calls. Bruce adds the Vikings also had playbooks, which, he notes, his wife thought was "a little over the top."

"We had four different (defensive) fronts," Bruce said. "We played three different coverages. We did go man-free if we needed to. We played a three-deep (zone) and a two-deep and had a pretty good blitz package, as well. (Opponents) didn't have any idea what was happening."

Years later, the same has appeared true of teams trying to cover Kittle. He's been wide open on the two longest touchdowns by a tight end in franchise history, 82- and 85-yard scores he finished by outracing the secondary.

His long catches have led to his glamour-guy numbers this season. But he's also hailed as a hard-nosed blocker, a reflection of the old-school education he received from his dad.

Bruce, who coached tackles and tight ends at Oklahoma, doesn't discuss catches or touchdowns when talking about his son's achievements. In college, Bruce was proudest of the fact that George never missed a workout, allowing him to add about 60 pounds of bulk. This season, he's proudest that his son was voted a captain by his teammates.

George has strayed in one area: Bruce jokes about his son recently purchasing a Gucci backpack. But that horror has been offset by the lunch-pail mentality George still packs despite his newfound fame.

49ers' Joe Staley in no hurry to leave — or retire
"In run blocking, when he climbs to the second level, that's hard," Bruce said. "People don't appreciate the level of athleticism it takes to keep your hips down and hit a Mike 'backer coming over."

Bruce's career change led to more family time — and plenty of moving vans. George has lived in three states, six towns in Iowa and he attended three high schools as a sophomore.

The myriad moves helped foster the Kittles' closeness. They banded together navigating new experiences, and their bond is symbolized on their bodies: They each have a tattoo of a bear paw.

"It's about our tribe," Bruce said.

It's also a nod to their outdoor activities, which include their regular treks up 14,000-foot mountains.

The rocky terrain is hard on feet and ankles. And that's why George, now a professional athlete, will join his family in Colorado this summer but won't sprint up Quandary Peak.

He'll rejoin them at the summits when his career is over, after he's done adding to the family legacy by reaching great heights.

Why 49ers' George Kittle is defined by more than just his WWE, Panda Express addiction

By Nick Eilerson
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It is too early to function. The sun isn't even up, not even close. Garrett Celek, the San Francisco 49ers' veteran tight end, barely wills himself into his car, his body aching from yet another loss two days earlier. Santa Clara lies completely still on this mid-November morning as Celek's white Lexus SUV begins to roll forward.

But then up ahead … movement. Tons of movement.

The SUV's headlights reveal a large man flailing next to the apartment complex's exit gate. His hips rock back and forth in an apparent attempt at rhythm. His arms swing wildly from side to side. All the while, his gaze remains fixed on Celek's face.

George Kittle is doing the Fortnite floss dance.

Beaming like he just won the Super Bowl, Kittle hops into the passenger seat and serenades his groggy teammate with some song or another. It doesn't matter which one. What matters is that Kittle will spend yet another day shining his inextinguishable light upon a 49ers season largely mired in darkness.

"When I was first getting to know him I probably thought it was fake at first how happy he was all the time," Celek said. "But then I realized, 'No, this is how this guy is 24/7.'"

Few NFL players have shot out of obscurity the way Kittle has over the past year. A fifth-round pick out of the University of Iowa, Kittle was the ninth tight end selected in the 2017 Draft. In his sophomore season, he ranks third among tight ends in catches (62) and receiving yards (893), trailing only the Chiefs' Travis Kelce and the Eagles' Zach Ertz.

Facing the Denver Broncos' 23rd-ranked pass defense on Sunday, Kittle has a chance to become the first 49ers tight end to reach 1,000 receiving yards in a season. The 25-year-old's Pro Bowl-caliber season remains one of the few bright spots for a 49ers squad tied with the Raiders for the league's worst record (2-10).

Kittle's sprint toward superstardom counts as a surefire boon for this San Francisco franchise, but that's not really what teammates and coaches value most about the guy. To understand why Kittle was voted a team captain after his rookie season, you have to go back to the maniac crushing Fortnite dance routines before the crack of dawn.

Meet 'Stone Cold Kittle'

Everybody around the 49ers organization understands Kittle's ultimate professional ambition. He talks about it incessantly; studies film whenever he can; obsesses over every not-so-subtle nuance of the sport.

Kittle wants to be a WWE wrestler.

"It's pretty much the coolest thing in the world," he said.

Like just about everything else in his life, Kittle does nothing to hide this obsession. A Stone Cold Steve Austin action figure lords over his locker. The 49ers' PA announcer belts out "Stone Cold Kittle" after third-down conversions and touchdowns from the team's exuberant tight end. His end zone celebration is a nod to Austin's habit of smashing two beers over his head, and his wristy third-down flourish comes

from Pentagón Jr., an independent wrestler who wears skull face paint underneath his elaborately fiendish mask.

This past April, Kittle attended one week of WrestleMania in New Orleans, where he spent eight hours a day watching independent wrestling shows before he practically had to be dragged away.

Last year Kittle lived out one of his fantasies when he climbed into the ring of a pro wrestling event in Iowa and executed a Stone Cold Stunner, a finishing maneuver made famous by his all-time favorite wrestler, Steve Austin. There were barely over 100 people in the gym, but it felt more like 100,000.

“When I hit it and I came up and the whole crowd erupted, I felt like I scored a touchdown,” Kittle said. “It was one of the best feelings ever.”

Not all of the man’s obsessions are so badass. Any mention of food prompts a spirited eulogy on the wonders of Panda Express. Kittle adopts the demeanor of a caffeinated chemist explaining the periodic table when asked about the proper order at this fast-casual Chinese eatery.

“You sample the honey walnut shrimp because when it’s good it’s fantastic but when it’s not good it’s okay,” Kittle explains at warp speed. “So if that’s good then you get three entrees and you get that on the side with the chow mein and fried rice split 50/50. And the two other entrees are orange chicken and SweetFire, or honey sesame if they have it because it’s seasonal.”

Lest you think he spends his free time alone, tucking into a heaping pile of sesame chicken with nothing but chopsticks to accompany him, understand that Kittle does not do well by himself. He loves going to early-week matinees at theaters in Santa Clara — they didn’t have the whole recliner seating thing back at Iowa — and he always makes sure to bring a crew.

“He’ll buy like 10 tickets to a movie before asking anybody, and it will be a movie that I hate,” said 49ers backup quarterback C.J. Beathard. “And people end up going.”

Starting quarterback Nick Mullens didn’t want to see Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald, and he really didn’t want to see the horror flick A Quiet Place. Yet somehow he wound up seeing both.

“He’s a hard guy to say ‘no’ to,” Mullens said.

Suddenly it’s not all that hard to perceive why players voted Kittle an offensive captain alongside 34-year-old tackle Joe Staley in October.

“I can never catch him where he’s like, ‘Man I don’t want to be bothered today,’” 49ers cornerback Richard Sherman said. “He’s always got a smile; he’s always kooky. You’re just like, ‘Bro, one of these days I’m gonna catch you when you don’t want to talk.’ But I haven’t found that day yet.”

Growing at Iowa

Watching George Kittle burst downfield, it’s easy to forget he’s a tight end. The way he jab steps linebackers out of their cleats, the way he wiggles past safeties and wheels toward the end zone — no wonder he ranks ahead of pass-catching tailbacks like Todd Gurley and James Conner in yards after catch.

It turns out Kittle is a wide receiver disguised in a newly acquired tight end’s body. He spent high school running go-routes as a fleet-footed wideout before heading to Iowa at about 6-foot-2, 180 pounds.

“He was skin and bones,” said Cole Croston, a teammate at Iowa who now plays tackle for the New England Patriots. “But he was doing things as a freshman that most people don’t do.”

Even as a baby-faced newcomer too twiggy to even think about suiting up for a game, Kittle wasn’t shy about flaunting his skill set.

In the gym, Kittle's athleticism manifested in several agility records. On the practice field, he and Beathard, another scrawny Iowa freshman, regularly lit up the Hawkeyes' formidable defense as members of the scout team.

Still, it took three years for Kittle to get in an actual game. Coaches pegged him as a tight end, but the kid simply wasn't big enough. And even after he grew two inches and added 50 pounds to his frame — thanks in part to a late growth spurt, eight Gatorade protein shakes a day and plenty of Budweiser — Kittle kept staying out late off the field and missing assignments on it.

"They couldn't count on me," Kittle said. "I just didn't understand the mental side of football and how important it is."

At some point in his redshirt junior season, something clicked. Kittle started treating college like a job rather than a party. He drew plays over and over on a whiteboard. He started to relish blocking drills. He prioritized sleep.

Instead of partying he poured his fun-loving energy into games, like the time he almost broke the ribs of tight end coach LeVar Woods while picking him up and celebrating a teammate's touchdown against Northwestern.

"They sort of broke the mold when they made George," Woods said.

Flipping a switch

About 15 minutes before kickoff every Sunday, George Kittle heads to the bathroom to puke his guts out. That's not something most athletes would be willing to admit, but Kittle hesitates only slightly before slapping the table and repeating himself. Who cares what people think about it?

"It just kind of happens," he said. "It's really weird."

Then, before he makes his way back onto the field, Kittle straps on his helmet, jogs into the tunnel and head-butts a wall. At that point San Francisco's ever-gregarious tight end flips into angry mode.

"That's my switch," Kittle said.

When he's not snaring catches in traffic and bouncing off would-be tacklers, he's using all that newfound bulk to bully defensive linemen in the trenches, often yelling indiscriminately but never trash talking.

It's a beautiful way to make a living, whether your team is 2-10 or 10-2.

"I literally wake up and I'm like, 'Okay well, I'm playing in the NFL and I'm living in California,'" Kittle said, "So there could be a lot worse than what I'm doing."
On Tuesday morning, Garrett Celek steers his SUV toward the gate again. As usual, there's Kittle, waiting and dancing. He hops aboard and launches into a falsetto Canadian accent while reliving his latest conquest playing Halo 3.

Celek shakes his head and laughs, then ponders what dance moves might lie ahead next fall, when a healthy Jimmy Garoppolo promises to lend more stability to the 49ers' offense. Kittle has proven he can produce with a rotating cast of serviceable quarterbacks, but imagine what could happen when two stars combine.

"Once he gets that relationship down," Celek said, "he's going to explode."

‘He acts like a WWE wrestler’: 49ers’ George Kittle has gone into second season as if sprung from the top rope

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George Kittle’s week of preparation at Iowa began with a trip to the local arts and crafts store.
As a redshirt freshman and a member of the scout team, his job was to mimic the upcoming opponent during practice. Kittle, however, took the role a step further by taking markers and colored tape from his shopping bag and altering his all-black practice helmet so that it looked like that of the next foe. Consider it the gridiron version of method acting.

“Nebraska was my favorite because I did my whole helmet in white duct tape,” Kittle said of his various masterpieces. “I was going to do my face mask in red duct tape but it was a little too much.”

The elaborate process speaks to the mundane life of a redshirt freshman. Kittle didn’t get to play in games or even travel with the team that year. There was plenty of toil but no glory.

“The week of practice was like my game,” he said. “I got — what? — three and a half practices a week where it was really high effort, high intensity. It was fun for me.”

It also says plenty about what’s percolating inside the 49ers’ tight end. Kittle was colorful as a rookie last year but his personality — gregarious, brash, mischievous and most of all BOLD — has come alive even more in Year 2.

“It’s a personality now where I say, ‘Oh, that’s just George,’” said long-time friend C.J. Beathard, who also was a member of that Iowa scout team. “It’s like he’s got his own category of personality. There’s ‘happy’ and then there’s ‘George.’ He’s like a kid in a grown man’s body.”

Said Kyle Shanahan: “He acts like a WWE wrestler and I don’t think that’s an act. I think that’s who he is 24-7, which is fun to watch. But you’ve always got to watch out for him. He’s pretty rowdy all the time.”
Kittle indeed has entered his second NFL season as if sprung from the top rope. He entered Monday’s Week 6 game against the Packers with the third-most receiving yards among the league’s tight ends and his 82-yard catch-and-run touchdown in Week 4 remains the longest offensive play in the NFL this season.

His blocking, a sacrosanct discipline at Iowa, has been just as conspicuous. In last week’s game against the Cardinals, for example, he engaged a defender at the Arizona 13-yard line and didn’t stop churning his legs until they were in the end zone, at which point Kittle drove him into the turf.

“My favorite quote ever was, ‘Moving a man from Point A to Point B against his will is the greatest feeling to ever feel,’” Kittle said last year. “And so I take that to heart. Just being able to do that and bury somebody is a pretty good feeling.”

It wasn’t always like that.

Kittle played wide receiver in high school in a system that didn’t even utilize a tight end. He arrived at Iowa in 2012 with the necessary height for his new position, but he weighed about 200 pounds. That put him at an 80-pound deficit against some of the senior defensive linemen he’d try to block in practice.

“He would jump in there and get his tail handed to him,” Greg Davis, the team’s offensive coordinator at the time, recalled in a recent phone interview.

No one seemed too worried about the mismatch.

“Over years of doing this, you always find yourself having to look around and ask players, ‘Hey, have you gotten your reps?’” Davis said. “That wasn’t George. He never hid. He was right back up (saying), ‘Give me another chance! Give me another go!’ He was that kind of guy.”

Kittle remembers the daily battles a little differently. Yes, there were plays that ended with him on the ground, he said. But the roughest moments came when he got the better of his older, established teammates.

“It was fun going against those guys every day,” Kittle said. “And whenever you put a good block on them they’d swing on you and try to fight you and tell you not to go so hard and stuff like that.”

Kittle may not have had the size and strength to be a dominant blocker at that age, but he already was well-versed in technique. After all, he and his sister grew up with blocking sleds in their backyard.

Their father, Bruce, is a former Iowa offensive lineman who was co-captain of Iowa’s 1982 Rose Bowl team and who also coached offensive linemen at Oklahoma.

He was George’s childhood coach and had him working on sleds and blocking dummies when he was 10 years old. Bruce Kittle wanted his son to be an offensive lineman the way mothers dream about their kids becoming doctors.

“On the first day of practice my dad convinced — true story — convinced the kids that offensive line was the best position on the football field,” George said of his fifth-grade team. “And so he had little kids fighting over the positions. All of them wanted to play offensive line.”

All except George.

He liked having the ball in his hands and always was faster than the boys on his team. He played running back that year.

Another roadblock to his dad’s dream: George’s physique looked nothing like an offensive lineman’s. At first he was small. Then in high school he grew tall and skinny. When he went off to college, no one would have guessed he’d be a future NFL draft pick.

“He was real long, kind of gangly,” Bruce said by phone of his son. “He had big hips but he didn’t have very much meat on him. He was pretty scrawny looking when you saw him.”

There also was the matter of George’s energy and enthusiasm.

He loved practice. He loved his teammates. He loved to stick it to the upperclassmen during the week. And he loved college life, perhaps a little too much.

“He really enjoyed his redshirt year to the point where, somewhere around the building, he was classified as a social butterfly. You know, life of the party,” Davis said. “To the point where I called him in and I said, ‘George, you really have a gift. You can really run, you’ll be a matchup nightmare and you are tough. But are you really serious about being a great football player?’”

There was nothing too troubling in the reports Davis heard. It was typical college-guy stuff. But there was a concern that so much of the young tight end’s energy — as abundant as it was — was being spent off the practice field. After their meeting, it never became an issue again.

“But I don’t know if he ever changed,” Davis said. “I think he just kept it off my desk.”

Later in the season, Kittle had another meeting with an Iowa coach about his energy. This time head coach Kirk Ferentz wanted to tap into it.

Iowa had lost four games in a row and hated rival Michigan was next on the schedule.

Ferentz wanted more intensity in practice that week and called on Kittle, Beathard and the rest of the scout-team players to provide it. He showed them film clips of previous squads that had doctored their helmets and asked if the current group could do the same.

Kittle and the others took the assignment and ran with it, not just re-creating Michigan's unique helmet with rolls of maize and blue duct tape but altering the jerseys and pants as well. To the Iowa starters, it was like waving a red cape in the face of a bull.

"It was really fun," Kittle recalled. "We definitely got in a lot more fights that week with the defense. We talked a lot of smack the whole time."

Did Iowa beat Michigan that week? No, they lost 42-17. But the practice was as rowdy and electric as Ferentz was hoping for and everyone has fond memories of that season's makeshift fashion shows. Well, maybe everyone but the Iowa equipment staff.

"They hated it," Kittle said. "Because the tape wouldn't come off. They were like, 'Hey, we're not doing this anymore. You have to take it off yourselves because we're not going to do it anymore.'"

The 49ers Star Tight End in the Making with a WWE-sized Persona

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George Kittle can find the humor in his rookie miscues. Self-deprecation has always been a strong suit of his. Still, those first-year mishaps and growing pains are easier to laugh about now that the San Francisco 49ers second-year tight end is in the midst of a Pro Bowl-caliber season.

But Kittle will be the first to tell you that nobody was laughing when he had six missed assignments (M.A.'s) in last year's road game against the Arizona Cardinals.

"Oh fudge," Kittle grimaced. "I got a few plays backwards. I almost got Brian Hoyer killed."

Think of M.A.'s like the demerits you used to accumulate back in grade school. Accruing too many blemishes on your record would result in a subsequent punishment – a trip to the principal's office, a shorter lunch, or *gasp* no recess. A seat on the bench is the football equivalent for too many M.A.'s. Kittle knows he was lucky to not get pulled from the lineup amid his egregious performance in Arizona. For some context, Kittle had been thrown into the deep end as a Day 1 starter. He was barely keeping his head above water in his efforts to master Kyle Shanahan's "dense" playbook. Never mind trying to grasp all of the nuances that Shanahan is famous for, Kittle's focus was consumed entirely by the basics of his job description.

"Coach Shanahan threw me into the ocean and expected me to swim," Kittle said.

Back to the Hoyer play. Kittle smiled and shook his head as he began to tell the story, already picturing the punch line. Shanahan called a running play to give Carlos Hyde the ball up the middle. However, Hoyer liked the look the defense was showing and checked to a pass at the line of scrimmage. Kittle missed that check. He was in the middle of asking Joe Staley a question about his alignment on that particular play call and never heard Hoyer.

The tight end took a step down on the snap, ready to pull up the middle and pave a running lane for Hyde. Simultaneously, he saw Staley set, indicating to Kittle that he'd missed the audible to a pass play. Panic washed over him like he'd overslept his alarm ahead of an early morning flight.

"I was supposed to set Chandler Jones who, you know, is a pretty good defensive end," Kittle said facetiously.

He tried to trip Jones to no avail as Arizona's star defender zoomed past him into the backfield.
"He just got a free shot at Hoyer," Kittle said, laughing guiltily. "I think Hoyer's head touched his feet. He got crushed."

The story has increased comedic value primarily because such mental lapses feel like a distant memory. Kittle, a 2017 fifth-round pick out of Iowa, shared that he's had just one M.A. so far in 2018. The tight end has been an undeniable bright spot in an otherwise frustrating season for San Francisco.

Kittle has posted 32 receptions for 527 yards and two touchdowns through seven games of his second NFL season – numbers that place him firmly in the mix among the league's upper echelon of tight ends. "That's huge production. That's something the 49ers can look at and say, 'OK we've got something here,'" said future Hall of Fame tight end and current "Monday Night Football" color analyst Jason Witten.

There are three primary contributing factors to Kittle's ascension in Year 2.

The first is his ongoing mastery of Shanahan's offense. Kittle spent the offseason in Nashville, Tenn., with Trent Taylor and C.J. Beathard. Taylor and Kittle worked out together on a daily basis and then ran routes

for Beathard three times a week. Beathard would come to each throwing session with a detailed game plan based on what he felt needed the most work.

Kittle's evolution continued during the team's offseason program and throughout training camp. He no longer has to stop and process his responsibilities after each play call. Instead, he's able to spend that time pre-snap observing the defense, diagnosing the coverage and formulating his plan of attack.

"Now I know all of the little details for any specific play – my motion points, when I need to bluff, how I show my hands and all of these other little details," Kittle said. "The game has slowed down for me, and that's helped out a lot."

The second is Kittle's improved health, which has been a welcomed change from his rookie year. He battled a nagging hamstring injury throughout the summer of 2017 followed by an ankle injury that lingered for most of his first season. Kittle earned plenty of tough guy points for gutting through and playing 15 games as a rookie despite never being 100 percent.

The tight end has still had his share of ailments this season – a dislocated shoulder during the preseason and a minor knee injury – but Kittle still says he's far healthier now than at any point last year.

"Being healthy is fun," Kittle laughed as he literally knocked on a wooden box nearby.

Added Shanahan: "I think he's taken better care of his body throughout this offseason – what he does day in and day out, how physical he plays throughout a game and what he does Monday through Saturday just to get his body back ready to play on Sunday. It's been a complete credit to him, just how well he's taken care of himself."

The third – and most compelling – factor in Kittle's emergence is his approach to the game. His persona is a bit of a juxtaposition: A hyper-competitive professional athlete who is also a gigantic kid who never seems overly concerned about anything. Kittle is the class clown of the 49ers locker room, and no amount of Tom Rinaldi tear-jerkers could kill his vibe. His baseline is goofy and escalates rapidly to eccentric. The 6-foot-4, 250-pound tight end isn't macho and has no insecurities in telling anyone who will listen about the latest Pokémon he caught on his Nintendo DS.

And yet, on the football field, Kittle's objective is to physically impose his will on an opponent. He'll mercilessly plant someone into the turf to finish a block and laugh about it on his way back into the huddle.

"I like to play angry, and I don't think there are a lot of guys who like to play angry," Kittle said of his mindset. "You have to have a switch that you can flip when you get on the field. I'm a goofy dude. I don't usually take things too seriously, but when I step on the field it's a whole different aspect to me."

Kittle is also a conversationalist during games. He'll chat with anyone during a break in the action. The tight end referenced a recent chat with Aaron Donald during the 49ers Week 7 home game against the Los Angeles Rams.

"You didn't get in?" Donald asked him while the tight end's 10-yard touchdown was being reviewed.
"I had to get in because my fantasy coaches need me to get more points," Kittle replied.

(Side note: When people tell you that nobody cares about your fantasy team, just remember that Kittle does.)

During the same game, Kittle kindly asked Ndamukong Suh "how he got so big."

"He just laughed at me," Kittle said.

But even when things get contentious, Kittle isn't one for trash talk save for an occasional passive aggressive comment. Like on this running play in the red zone where Kittle blocked Cardinals defensive

back Antoine Bethea for 15 yards all the way across the goal line. Bethea eventually threw Kittle down at the end of the play out of frustration. Kittle got up and casually inquired about “how his ride went.”

Kittle’s ability to seamlessly navigate between ruthless aggression and timely humor makes him a one-of-a-kind personality in the NFL. Shanahan compared the young tight end to a WWE wrestler.

“I don’t think it’s an act,” Shanahan joked. “I think that’s who he is 24/7 which is fun to watch. He’s pretty rowdy all the time.”

Kinder words have never been spoken as far as Kittle is concerned. He’s long been an avid fan of professional wrestling (and all other levels of wrestling for that matter) and has even done some training at the same gym as WWE Superstar Seth Rollins.

Kittle and Rollins have discussed their respective mindsets and found common ground despite participating in vastly different arenas. Extreme levels of concentration are required in both WWE and the NFL. Failure to do so can have painful consequences (just ask Hoyer). They each agreed, though, that the need for ultimate focus and attention to detail doesn’t have to come at the cost of showmanship and entertainment.

“I’m a high-energy guy,” Kittle said. “I try to be infectious with my energy. I’m all about the excitement. Football is easy when you’re having fun.”

Both of Kittle’s signature celebrations have ties to wrestling. His touchdown dance is an ode to “Stone Cold” Steve Austin’s affinity for smashing two beers above his head. This year, Kittle added a unique “first down” signal after each catch that moves the chains. The tight end puts his thumb and pointer finger together with his other three fingers extended like a basketball player would signal a three-pointer. Then he reaches his arm out and flops his wrist down. According to Kittle, he picked it up from Pentagón Jr., an independent wrestler who dons a luchador mask. The signal means “no fear.”

It can all sound a bit silly and gimmicky, but anyone who knows him will tell you that Kittle is as genuine as they come. That’s a quality that commands immediate respect. Players recently voted Kittle as one of two offensive captains along with 12-year veteran Joe Staley, which tells you everything you need to know about how his work ethic and overall trajectory are perceived by his teammates.

Kittle’s unique flair and increased production are starting to turn heads around the country as well. Esteemed national scribe Chris Wesseling recently tweeted that Kittle would be an All-Pro pick at tight end if it were up to him.

Witten has also taken notice and was eager to meet Kittle ahead of the 49ers Week 6 primetime game against the Green Bay Packers on “Monday Night Football.” Kittle sat down with Witten and the rest of ESPN’s broadcast team during production meetings at the 49ers team hotel.

“I really admire the way he’s playing,” Witten said. “He really jumps out at you when you’re watching the tape. He can be a game changer.

“He’s a mismatch, and Kyle is using him really well. He just needs to keep doing it because I think he’s on the verge of taking that next step and joining that top tier of tight ends.”

What’s wild is that the numbers indicate he might already be there. Here’s how Kittle stacks up against NFL tight ends: 32 receptions (fourth), 527 yards (third), 16.5 yards per catch (second; minimum 10 receptions), 368 yards after the catch (first), seven catches of at least 20 yards (tied for second), two catches of at least 40 yards (tied for first) and 22 first downs (tied for third).

Kittle is on pace for 1,205 receiving yards this season – a staggering number for a tight end. In fact, no

NFL tight end has reached the 1,200-yard plateau since Jimmy Graham in 2013 (1,215). It's a milestone that Witten, an 11-time Pro Bowler, two-time All-Pro and sure-fire Hall of Famer, never accomplished. The production coupled with Kittle's intangibles – work ethic, toughness, aggression, athleticism, etc. – make Witten believe the league's best up-and-coming tight end resides in San Francisco.

"He's not a guy who is reading his own press clippings," Witten said. "That mindset combined with his versatility allows him to have a really high ceiling."

Don't mistake Kittle's natural humility for a lack of self-belief. He understands that greatness is a realistic benchmark.

"Yeah, I one hundred percent do," Kittle said. "I feel like I have the assets and the mindset to get there." It's still too soon to mention Kittle's name in the same sentence as Rob Gronkowski, Zach Ertz, Travis Kelce and Graham. Those are all established Pro Bowlers who have exhibited the consistent production needed to be considered elite.

But Kittle is well on his way, and he's sure to savor the ride. He'll make sure the rest of us do, too.

Trey Lance

The Choice: Trey Lance's 'no-brainer' choice vs. racial inequality

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The memory of that May morning remains fresh and painful in Angie Lance's mind.

Their two sons -- Trey, attending North Dakota State and a future No. 3 overall draft pick of the 49ers, and Bryce, a senior at Marshall (Minn.) High School -- were home during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each member of the family learned separately of George Floyd's murder by police officer Derek Chauvin just 150 miles away in Minneapolis. The video showing Chauvin kneeling on Floyd's neck attracted immediate national attention.

"I've never watched the video," Angie said. "I can't bring myself to watch it, but everybody in the house had watched it. And it was very somber in our house and I was just waiting."

As Angie recounted the experience, her husband, Carlton, who is Black, removed his glasses and wiped tears from his eyes.

Angie, who is white, knew how she wanted to address the tragedy the first time she saw her sons after Floyd's murder. She wanted to emphasize to her biracial sons that the rules are different for them.

Whatever you do, always just do whatever you're told;

Remember, when you go somewhere, take your hood down;

Get a receipt;

If you're pulled over, keep your hands on the steering wheel and ask, "Can I get my wallet?"

Said Angie: "I just wanted to remind them again and again and again. But I couldn't say anything. I was kind of frozen."

That conversation eventually took place, Angie said. Carlton expressed faith that the system would provide justice. The Lances prayed for Floyd's family, everyone whose life has been impacted by racial inequality and for healing throughout the United States.

The Lance family was forced to confront many uncomfortable issues.

Trey and Bryce Lance were raised in the predominantly white rural farming town of Marshall.

"Obviously, I grew up differently than 90 percent of the people that I was around," Trey said. "Me and my brother just grew up differently. Our household was different, and I knew that obviously from an early age. I can see that my skin color is different than everyone else's."

"I think I thought about it, but it was just something that I got used to at such an early age that it wasn't ever anything that I didn't feel I can't handle."

Said Bryce: "At AAU basketball tournaments, we witnessed a lot more diversity, mixed people that looked like me and Trey. We knew we were different, but we didn't feel out of place at Marshall. Our dad did a great job reinforcing that culture into us. The people we surrounded ourselves with were in full support of us, so we didn't feel out of place."

Trey ended up back in Fargo, which is only marginally more diverse than Marshall.

He was coming off an incredible season in leading NDSU to the national championship with a 16-0 record. He threw 28 touchdown passes, rushed for 14 more and did not throw an interception. He became the first freshman to win the Walter Payton Award as the best offensive player in NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA).

It was supposed to be only the start.

But that's not how it turned out, as COVID-19 forced many plans to change.

During the pandemic, Lance took part in peaceful protests in Fargo after Floyd's murder. Lance's participation gained widespread attention.

Trey Lance participates in a peaceful Black Lives Matter protest in Fargo, North Dakota
“He is by far one of the top-three most recognizable people in the city — could put him No. 1, probably,” WDAY sports director Dom Izzo said.

The Bison scheduled one game for the fall of 2020 after the pandemic pushed the NDSU football season to the spring.

It amounted to a showcase for Lance against Central Arkansas. Lance already was considered a top pro prospect, and it was a foregone conclusion he would declare for the 2021 NFL Draft after the game.

In his final time suiting up for the Bison, Lance wanted to make a statement -- regardless of how unpopular it might be with the NDSU fan base. So, the night before the game, Lance tweeted a photo of the cleats he'd wear.

“BLM,” for Black Lives Matter, was written on the cleats, along with “204,” for the number of days at that point since Breonna Taylor had been fatally shot by police in Louisville, Ky. The names of other individuals who died during police incidents also were written on the cleats.

The next day, Lance took a knee during the playing of the national anthem at the FargoDome. Then-49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick began that form of protest against racial inequality and police brutality in 2016.

“That made some people mad,” Izzo said. “There's no doubt about it, and maybe some that still maybe will not root for him in the NFL because of what he did. I don't think he loses any sleep about that whatsoever. That's the man he is.”

Lance said he felt the support of his family, teammates and coaches. He wouldn't allow others to prevent him from doing what he believed was right.

“I don't really believe in athletes just sticking to sports,” Lance said. “I guess I don't really understand that. For me, I was standing up for what I believe in, and it really wasn't even a hard decision at all, to be honest. It was kind of a no-brainer for me.”

At that point, Lance already was virtually assured of being a first-round NFL pick. He was one of the most popular athletes in NDSU history despite his short career.

His father said watching his son use his platform to step outside the boundaries of sports filled him with a great sense of pride.

“I cried when he took that stance because I knew what it took,” Carlton Lance said. “People gave him some flack for it or whatever. They will never know what it took for him to do that, to take that stance for people he did not know.”

The Choice: Trey Lance's parents exemplify son's NFL dreams

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Carlton Lance chased his NFL dream as a defensive back from the Canadian Football League to 49ers training camp in Rocklin to the London Monarchs of the World League of American Football.

When his playing career came to an end, he returned to Marshall, Minn., where he attended Southwest Minnesota State and met Angie.

In 1988, Carlton moved to the remote part of the upper Midwest from Fort Myers, Fla., to run track and play college NAIA football.

He returned to settle down with Angie.

“While Carl left and traveled the world to play football, I was teaching,” Angie Lance said. “I was a teacher for 10 years. We kept in touch during that time and dated during most of that time.

“And, then, when he stopped playing football, he came back to this part of the country.”

This part of the country is located 150 miles southwest of Minneapolis. Marshall is surrounded by fields of corn and livestock. Schwan’s Company, one of the nation’s largest frozen-food companies, is headquartered in this town of 13,000.

It's also where Carlton and Angie raised two sons, Trey and Bryce, who are following their own football aspirations.

Instilling small-town values

The 49ers selected Trey, the team’s quarterback of the future, with the No. 3 overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft. Bryce is beginning his freshman season as a wide receiver at North Dakota State, where his brother was the starting quarterback for one memorable season.

“We were 30 when Trey was born,” Angie said, “so we probably hadn't put a lot of thought into what type of parents we wanted to be.”

Angie said their focus was on raising their children to be faithful, healthy, happy and kind.

“As long as everything we do is geared toward those four things, I think we’re going to be in a really good place,” she said.

Their personalities and parenting styles play well off each other. Angie supplies unconditional support. Carlton, who was inducted into the SMSU Athletics Hall of Honor, is brutally honest in his assessment of any situation. He says what needs to be said, and not much more.

“My mom was the type that was going to tell us that she loves us and we played great even if we didn’t,” Trey said. “My dad was realistic with us.”

The car rides home from youth games were all about the bottom line for Carlton. His biggest takeaways from watching his sons play sports centered on effort, the elimination of mental mistakes and never backing down from a challenge.

“The boys would get in the car,” Angie said, “and Carl would ask, ‘How do you think you did?’ And, first of all, I would say, ‘Oh, you did great! I thought you did great! It was fun. Did you have fun? Great.’

“And then Carl would say, ‘How do you think you did?’ And the boys would say, ‘I thought I did good.’ And Carl would wait, and he'd say, ‘Well, do you want to know what I think?’ ”

Carlton dealt from a position of tough love. He believes and preaches that no accomplishment comes without hard work.

It was something Trey heard from an early age.

“I coached him in middle school and volunteer-coached him in high school,” Carlton said. “So once he got to that age, that's when I started talking to him about competing and understanding what competing was."

Mom’s life-changing talk

After one particularly uninspired workout with his dad at the YMCA, Trey, who was entering the ninth grade, was more than a little discouraged when he got home and went to his room.

His mother entered and offered some straight talk of her own. She sat on the floor and provided a soft yet firm touch to help chart the path for her son’s future in what's remembered as a seminal moment along his athletic journey.

“The two of us had a talk,” Angie recalled. “I said, ’Is that really something that you were thinking, that you would like to do is play Division I sports?' ”

Trey answered, yes, he wanted to be an athlete at the top level of college. Angie pressed him.

“And, so, Trey, I just have to ask you: Is that a wish? Because wishes aren't going to get you anywhere,” Angie said. “Is that a dream? Because dreams are fun. You know, they really are. Dreams are a lot of fun.

“Or is it a goal? Because if it's a goal, Trey, there's going to definitely be a price to pay. There's going to be sacrifices to make, and he did flip a switch. He put his mind to it, and he was all-in.”

Dad's fateful decision

Carlton coached Trey in middle-school football. Trey was the team’s top running back, and his dad also called on him to serve as the backup quarterback to Trey’s best friend, Jake Hess.

Once Trey started throwing the ball, his natural ability to play quarterback was unmistakable.

When he entered Marshall High School, he asked to play quarterback. His career as a running back was over.

“After we saw him throw the football and we knew his work habits, we kept him at quarterback,” said Terry Bahlmann, Marshall’s football coach.

After excelling on the JV squad, Trey was called upon to play with the varsity late in his sophomore season. The senior quarterback had sustained an injury, so Trey entered the game.

He struggled in a season-ending loss.

“After the game, he was on the bench and a little depressed, and I put my arm around him, not knowing what’s going to happen in the future,” Bahlmann said. “I said, ‘Trey, your best days are coming. It’s going to be great.’ ”

One clue for how great became apparent with how the young quarterback dealt with adversity.

“He was right back to work the next day,” Bahlmann said. “Where a lot of kids will take a couple weeks off, he’s right back getting better.”

The drive to be great

Hess, once Trey's athletic equal, recognized that his buddy was separating himself through his maniacal work habits, focus and drive.

"Sophomore year after he got that first start, the next season, he was just grinding," Hess said. "After some summer games, I'd be dead and just laying around, wanting to take a break, and he would go in the weight room for three hours.

"I'm like, 'You do you, man. You have way more of a drive.' "

Trey went on to start his final two seasons of prep football and excelled as a point guard on the basketball team. He dominated as a dual-threat quarterback for the school of 800 students.

While many bigger universities projected Lance as a defensive player, North Dakota State envisioned him as its next quarterback capable of an NFL career.

The athletic skills were easy to detect. So, too, was Lance's commitment to invest the hours of work to get better and better.

Perfect contradiction

Carlton taught Trey the nuances of the game and the importance of being prepared through film study.

"His dad was a motivator in his life, and Trey's passion for football was there as long as I can remember," Hess said.

The sometimes-contradictory touches of his parents complemented each other and, ultimately, kept their eldest son on the path to realize his lofty athletic goal.

There were times, of course, when Carlton thought Angie was too protective of their boys. Conversely, when Angie thought Carlton was being too harsh, she would let him know in a private conversation.

Ultimately, their individual parenting styles were the right blend to drive their eldest son through hard work and discipline while keeping it fun and avoiding burnout along the way.

"I think we balanced each other out," Angie said. "We're not perfect. We worked really hard. We had lots of conversations about what was best, and how to best support them."

The Choice: Lance's flawless freshman season built his NDSU legend

By Matt Maiocco
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The greatest achievement of Trey Lance's only college season as a starter became a taboo subject for the people closest to him.

Even those on the periphery were unsure exactly how to handle the situation -- although their vocations called for them to continue to talk and write about it as long as the streak endured.

And nearly two years later, they're still talking and writing about it.

"I remember as the offense would come out, you'd say, 'Here comes Trey Lance, the redshirt freshman from Marshall, Minnesota, 18 touchdowns, no interceptions,' " said Jeff Culhane, the radio voice of the North Dakota State Bison.

"We talked about it all the time on the air because how can you not?" TV play-by-play man Brian Shawn said. "We kept waiting. Is he ever? And the thing is, he never really had a lot of balls that were in danger of getting intercepted."

Added Culhane: "Every week, it was like, 'Knock on wood, here's the broadcaster's no-hitter jinx.' How often do you talk about it, right?"

The number zero came to define Lance's historic 2019.

The Bison rolled through the season and became the first modern-era Division I program to finish with a 16-0 record, as they won a third consecutive national title in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA).

Lance pitched nothing but perfect games. He threw for 28 touchdowns, rushed for 14 more and did not toss an interception. He became the first freshman to win the Walter Payton Award as the top offensive player at his level of college football.

Mom knows best
Angie Lance loved all the chatter about her son's interception-less streak as much as anyone. It was at the front of her mind as the season progressed, and all but one of the numbers on his stat sheet were piling up — superstitions be damned!

"I thought it was so cool that he hadn't thrown an interception," Angie said. "I was like, 'Wow, he hasn't thrown an interception.' 'Don't talk about it.' I wasn't allowed to talk about it, and then it was like, 'Well, another game without an interception.' I thought it was so fun, and then they were like, 'Stop talking about it; you don't talk about it.'

"Trey would not even acknowledge it. Every time I said something like, 'Trey, you didn't have an interception in this game,' he would say, 'Oh my gosh, mom, stop talking about it.' So, I wasn't superstitious. I just thought it was really cool. But he didn't want to talk about it."

No losses. No interceptions. No jinx.

There's no question about Lance's legacy at NDSU and at the FCS level, period.

"It's the greatest season by any FCS player in the history of FCS," NDSU beat writer Jeff Kolpack said. "There's no way anybody in the FCS will ever equal that, and he did it when he was a freshman. He's a freshman, and he had the best season any FCS player will ever have. Think about that."

All from a player whom none of the bigger schools viewed as a quarterback.

Hometown diss

Just 150 miles to the east of Lance's hometown of Marshall is the University of Minnesota. The Golden Gophers, a middling Big Ten Conference program, haven't produced an NFL draft pick at quarterback since 1972.

Minnesota wasn't interested in keeping one of the state's top prospects at his desired position. And that's how Trey Lance ended up making history at North Dakota State.

“The fact that we wanted him as a quarterback from the get-go helped us,” Bison head coach Matt Entz said. “That's what we saw him as. That's what our vision was. We never really got off that thought or off that messaging to him and his family.

“I think other schools were ‘maybe quarterback,’ ‘maybe defensive player,’ tight end, safety, linebacker ... And I think that just wasn't what he wanted.”

Lance was passed over through most of the recruiting process. Although he received an invitation to a regional Elite 11 camp in Chicago, he barely got a second look upon showing up that day.

Once Lance made a verbal commitment to NDSU, he became invested in his future school's fate. An 11th-hour pitch from Boise State, though flattering, wasn't given serious consideration.

“I’d already fallen in love with North Dakota State and the coaching staff,” Lance said. “By that time, I probably had 25 guys in my class that I kind of helped to recruit out of that class of 2018 at North Dakota State.

“So, for me, it was a no-brainer. I wasn’t going to bail on those guys, regardless of what school came at that time.”

Lance signed on under former NDSU coach Chris Klieman to become the next in the line at QB U. He'd be working closely with a well-regarded quarterbacks coach, Randy Hedberg, and a bright first-year offensive coordinator, Tyler Roehl.

Carson Wentz was the Bison starting quarterback for two of the five national championships they won during his time in Fargo. He was the No. 2 overall pick, by the Philadelphia Eagles, in the 2016 NFL Draft.

Easton Stick spent one season as Wentz’s understudy, then was a three-year starter and led NDSU to two consecutive national titles. The Los Angeles Chargers selected him in the fifth round of the 2019 draft.

With that lineage, Carlton Lance knew his son would have a platform to take his game to the highest level. After all, NDSU’s recent track record of producing NFL quarterbacks is as good as what even the best of the Big Ten has to offer.

“Quarterbacks come from everywhere, so it's what you do when you get there,” Carlton said. “They're preparing you, and you're going to be in a good spot if you do what you need to do.”

QB1 competition

In football-crazy Fargo, there was pressure on Lance to keep things rolling when he stepped into the lineup in 2019 after redshirting for one season behind Stick.

In two appearances during his true freshman year, Lance showed what he could do with his legs. He tore off TD runs of 44 yards against North Alabama and 23 yards at South Dakota -- the latter after dropping the snap and improvising with a dash up the middle.

Lance still faced a challenge from Iowa State transfer Zeb Noland, who threw for 360 yards and two TDs the previous season against Oklahoma. A little more than a week before the 2019 season opener, though, Entz named Lance the starter.

His first start set the tone for the season.

Everyone already knew Lance could run. In the first quarter of his first start, he showcased his arm strength, touch and accuracy, too.

Fittingly, he teamed up with Phoenix Sproles, a wide receiver from Minneapolis whom he helped recruit to Fargo. Upon his commitment to NDSU, Lance texted Sproles, “Let’s do something special.”

Said Sproles: “So I committed a week or two after he did, and then it's been history from there.”

Lance’s last laugh

NDSU's season opener was played against Butler University in front of 34,544 fans at Target Field in downtown Minneapolis — just three miles from the University of Minnesota’s football stadium.

Lance displayed the quarterback skills the Golden Gophers, and a lot of bigger schools, were unable or unwilling to project when they watched him play in high school.

In his debut as the starter, Lance showed the dual-threat skills that would become so attractive 20 months later to 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan and general manager John Lynch as they prepared for the 2021 NFL Draft.

Lance had a 33-yard touchdown run on the first series of the game. Several minutes later, he dropped a high-arching 47-yard pass perfectly into Sproles' arms for a score.

“It was just the first quarter, so we were just getting started,” Sproles said. “I think that's when people woke up. They were just like, ‘Wow’ — like we have a baller.

“We have the next QB.”

The Choice: How Lance proved his championship mettle at NDSU

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The stat sheet from the most important game of Trey Lance's college career doesn't exactly provide evidence of his future as an NFL quarterback.

Lance completed six of 10 pass attempts for 72 yards against James Madison, as North Dakota State won its third consecutive NCAA Football Championship Subdivision title to cap an unbeaten 2019 season.

Carlton Lance initially had the vision of his son, then a middle-school running back, playing the quarterback position.

One of the biggest lessons he tried to teach his sons played out that day in Frisco, Texas.

"I told them that not everybody who plays is ... they're going to be talented, but they're not willing to do what it takes," Carlton said. "Everybody says they want to win a championship. Not everybody is going to do what it takes."

Trey Lance proved he'd do whatever it took to win a national championship that day: Jan. 11, 2020.

It was 30 degrees with a 16-mph wind at kickoff. The conditions weren't conducive for either team to sustain success in the passing game.

So the quarterback who entered the championship game with 28 touchdown passes and no interceptions would end the season with 28 touchdown passes and no interceptions.

"We're in the biggest game of the season," NDSU offensive coordinator Tyler Roehl said. "We're not really saving him for anything after this one, so he carried the ball 30 times."

Lance gained 166 rushing yards against a defense that had allowed just 61 per game entering the championship game.

Roehl estimates that 28 of Lance's rushing attempts were designed runs. One of his scrambles was the signature play of the Bison's 28-20 victory.

Lance saved his best for last -- the day after he was announced as the first freshman winner of the Walter Payton Award for the most outstanding offensive player at the FCS level.

NDSU, facing a third-and-23 situation at the JMU 44-yard line, was holding a precarious eight-point lead early in the fourth quarter.

Lance took the snap out of the shotgun formation and dropped back 9 yards behind the line of scrimmage. He sensed pressure coming off the right edge, stepped up and took off. He barely squeezed between two defenders to break into the second level, and angled toward the left sideline to outrun a defensive back for the first down. Then, he picked up two key downfield blocks and stepped through the last tackle attempt for the game-defining touchdown.

"He's the guy, in any situation, whether it be the fourth quarter of a national championship game, he wants the ball in his hands," Roehl said. "He's just that much of a competitor, and he has the composure to go out there and execute in whatever situation it is."

How Trey Lance's family prepared him for his NFL journey out of small-town America

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From the couch in his living room, Carlton Lance leaned forward, elbows dug into thighs, before he pointed to the spot a few feet away where he'd taught his oldest son how to deal with defensive players trying to tackle him around his legs.

Carlton, a still-fit former college and pro cornerback who grew up in Queens, N.Y., and went to high school in Fort Myers, Fla., radiated East Coast intensity while recalling how he instructed Trey to lower the boom by lowering his shoulder.

"I would always tell him, 'This guy is trying to hit you, so you've got to have some malice in your heart,'" Lance said. "'You are trying to end his function.'"

Sitting to his right, his wife, Angie, was more relaxed as their 5-year-old Maltipoo, Niner, snoozed in her lap. Angie was born and raised in Marshall, a charming, isolated prairie town of 13,651 dotted with 22 churches. Her consistent message to their son is a reminder that lowering the boom is not his higher calling.

"At the end of the day, when you lay your head on the pillow, if you walked around the facility, and didn't build relationships, and didn't get to know people and didn't use your platform in a way that makes a difference in the world, then you're just a football player," Angie said. "And I just don't think that is what God intended for any of us. I think we're here to do so much more than what our job is."

Trey Lance, the 49ers' rookie quarterback selected last month with the No. 3 pick in the NFL draft, is a blend of Midwest nice and New York tough. Carlton and Angie have helped mold him into a holy terror who could be the latest dynamic young NFL quarterback to give defenses migraines.

"My dad, from a competitive standpoint, put something in me that's different from what most people have," Lance said, adding: "My mom is much more — she's going to tell me she loves me at the end of the day, regardless of what happens."

Lance, who turned 21 Sunday, recently became both the 49ers' youngest player and the one facing the greatest expectations. Poised to sign a four-year contract worth more than $33 million guaranteed, he enters the big time less than four years after graduating from a small-town high school. His challenge will be to maintain the perspective that grounds him and the drive that has allowed him to soar.

This product of a remote hometown and slightly less remote college town told reporters after the draft that he wasn't put "on Earth to be a football player." He begins most mornings by reading a devotional and listening to a sermon, and his Twitter bio and the recently inked tattoo on his back feature the same words: "Child of God." At North Dakota State University in Fargo, he was known for treating student team managers the same as his fellow stars in a Football Championship Subdivision dynasty that has won eight of the past nine national titles.

At Marshall High School, Lance had a 3.9 GPA, was recruited by Ivy League colleges Cornell and Columbia and was a leader of his local Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter. Dan Westby, a longtime teacher and coach at Marshall, said it was bittersweet for him that Lance, who had played 215 miles away in Fargo, was drafted by a West Coast team.

"Selfishly, it's hard," Westby said, his eyes glistening. "The thought of maybe never seeing Trey again is not easy. He's just such a good kid."

But on the field, that good kid has some bad intentions. Lance is the rare NFL quarterback who was recruited as a linebacker by Big Ten programs (Iowa, Minnesota) and is known as much for huge hits as

his howitzer arm. At Marshall High, his coach, Terry Bahlmann, insists Lance, who also played strong safety, would have set the school's interception record if he'd been as interested in catching balls as crushing pass-catchers.

Asked about his older brother's aggressiveness, Bryce, a high school senior wide receiver who has committed to NDSU, began with this: "He hit a kid one game, I remember, and the ambulance had to come." His college roommate, wide receiver Phoenix Sproles, recalls how the 6-foot-4, 224-pound Lance once "demolished another man," which was Sproles' recollection of a UC Davis cornerback Lance clearly treated with malice.

Lance, though, punished every team he faced in 2019, his lone full season as a starter, after no elite college program had offered him a scholarship to play quarterback.

He led the Bison to the first 16-0 season in college football since the 1894 Yale Bulldogs. He became the first player to ever win FCS' Walter Payton Award (top offensive player) and Jerry Rice Award (top freshman) in the same season. And he set an NCAA record by throwing 287 passes without an interception. Now, after starting only 17 college games, he has left Fargo and become one of three FCS players selected in the top three of the NFL draft since 1978.

There is a belief that Lance won't be playing much while he develops as an NFL rookie. But the more one learns about him, the more one believes incumbent 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo should watch out: Lance, all good manners and maniacal work ethic, is quietly, purposefully targeting him next.

"There's definitely an edge to that guy," said NDSU cornerback Destin Talbert, a close friend and former roommate. "You'll see the baby face. You'll see he's such a nice guy and has a sweet personality. But don't let him fool you. … Someone doesn't go 16-0 and not throw any picks without having that edge. Yeah, you better take him seriously. You get in the middle of a game, when things get serious, and you just kind of see this blank-faced killer."

Lance was born and raised in Marshall, in sparsely populated southwestern Minnesota, a 155-mile drive from Minneapolis. It is close to nothing, really, but has pretty much everything you need. Well, almost. The Empire Mall is 95 miles away in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Marshall is reached from the northwest on Minnesota State Highway 68 past endless acres of farmland and through hamlets such as Porter (population 183), Taunton (139) and Ghent (370), the "Rolle Bolle Capital of the World." The nearest town with more than 4,000 residents is Redwood Falls, 38 miles away. Marshall High's closest football opponent, Worthington, is 64 miles south.

"We're a bubble," Bahlmann said.

Bubble maybe, but not backwoods. Marshall does have vast stretches of beans and corn growing around it. But it's also the headquarters of Schwan's, a national food service company, and the home of Southwest Minnesota State University, a Division II college with almost 2,000 undergraduates. It has a quaint downtown, local restaurants, a few big-box stores and Marshall High, a sprawling red-brick building that's home to 850 students.

Residents rolled their eyes at the depictions of Marshall as a cow town in the wave of pre-draft stories on Lance. Bahlmann was amused by a picture of Trey taken in front of three grain bins, wondering if Trey had ever stepped foot on a farm. The Lances live in a well-manicured neighborhood of ranch houses that wouldn't look out of place in a Bay Area suburb.

Carlton, 50, who co-owns a finance company with eight employees, and Angie, 51, a former first-grade teacher who is a senior recruiter for Schwan's, met at Southwest Minnesota State. Carlton, a football and track standout who played briefly in the Canadian Football League and the World League — he had NFL training-camp stints with the 49ers and Houston Oilers — is in the college's athletic hall of fame.

They put down roots in Marshall because they viewed it as a great place to raise a family. Trey and Bryce are honor students who grew up attending Holy Redeemer, a private K-8 school, before becoming multi-sport standouts, FCA leaders and earning college scholarships.

Angie, who is white, and Carlton, who is Black, acknowledge Marshall isn't a prairieland utopia. Last year's national conversation on racial justice inspired by the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis exposed racial divisions in a town in which 80% of residents are white and 6% are Black. Perhaps due to their star-athlete status, Trey and Bryce rarely confronted racism growing up.

"Our kids had a great life," Angie said. "When I hear Trey say you just don't know what other people are going through, it's not because he's gone through this hardship and tough experiences. They've had very wonderful childhoods without a worry in the world."

Perhaps too wonderful, in Carlton's opinion. What was missing? Cutthroat competition.

The sports-playing children of Marshall grow up mauling their surrounding opponents from even smaller towns, collecting wins, ribbons and trophies. Throw in Midwest manners and Carlton, who willed himself into pro football after playing at a small-college program, views it as the opposite of his early athletic experience.

"I would say early on Trey was a nice little Marshall kid playing out here," Carlton said. "'I'm playing. I'm hanging out.' We never pushed him, but I was like, 'Buddy, you're not competing. You're really not. You're kind of just out there circling around and having a good time. And you have to find a way to compete.' Marshall kids are very nice. And they feel like if they compete, 'Hey, I'm crossing a boundary there.' Where I grew up in New York and Fort Myers, if you're not competing, you're just going to get drubbed."

That message, though, wasn't fully absorbed until a Saturday morning when Trey and his dad were shooting hoops at the YMCA before Trey entered eighth grade. Trey was casually hoisting shots. Carlton wanted him to work more purposefully on his jumper. Trey resisted. Carlton angrily ended the session, took Trey home and was "pouting" upstairs as Angie dealt with the fallout downstairs in Trey's bedroom.

Trey had recently started talking about playing a Division I sport in college. Angie spoke to him about the ticking clock as it related to recruiting. She suggested that he write down his goals and the steps he would take to realize them.

"That was a big day at our house," Angie said. "It was, 'Trey, you can do this, but there's going to be a price to pay.'"

Trey responded by embracing his dad's many mantras on competition and athletic success. One was "extending your day" — working when others weren't willing to.

Trey began by waking Carlton, often on pitch-black, sub-zero Minnesota mornings, for 5 a.m. workouts at the YMCA. Those sessions were punctuated by a fist bump and a reinforcing message: "You outworked someone today. The other guy is sleeping."

Jake Hess, a high school teammate and Lance's best friend from Marshall, recalled Trey's single-minded routine after basketball games.

"Everyone would be tired and just wanted to go home and eat, but he would be in the weight room right after the game probably for like two or three hours," Hess said. "It was like a rolling-eyes moment, like, 'Really, Trey? C'mon.' But that's how bad he wanted it. He wanted it more than anybody I'd ever seen."

Lance also adopted his dad's passion for poring over game video, something Angie said Carlton does "relentlessly (and) incessantly." Often when she rolls over in the middle of the night, she sees her husband, a volunteer assistant football coach at Marshall High, illuminated by the glow of his iPad.

Carlton says his study habits allowed him to maximize his ability as a player; he could react without thinking: “The more you know, the more talent you can show,” he told Trey.

Trey began to study football video incessantly. Reece Winkelman, one of his former teammates, provided rare dirt on his friend by offering that Trey was often immersed in Xs and Os during high school classes.

“The fact that I was outworking people, that was something I enjoyed knowing,” Lance said. “In my mind, I felt like, ‘I know this is going to pay off one day.’ There were definitely tough days. Waking up that early as a 15-, 16-year-old kid, I did not want to do it. But in my head, I felt guilty if I didn’t. And once I started, I’ve never really stopped.”

Lance took Marshall’s program, which hadn’t reached the state playoffs since 1990, to new heights. He became the starting quarterback near the end of his sophomore year and led the Tigers to three straight state appearances. They went 8-0 and outscored opponents 459-66 in the regular season in his senior year. The Tigers were definitely not polite Marshall kids as they annihilated Albert Lea (70-0) and Belle Plaine (58-0).

“Trey just absolutely wanted to go kill the person and the team in front of him,” Hess said. “And that’s what kind of drove us as a team.”

But Lance’s exploits didn’t inspire Division I programs to drive to Marshall. Lance’s preferred school, Minnesota, didn’t offer him a scholarship to play quarterback, viewing him as a safety or linebacker. The only Division I colleges that did were Air Force, Boise State, Northern Illinois, South Dakota State and NDSU. Lance had modest career statistics (3,026 passing yards; 1,177 rushing yards) because he was pulled from so many blowout wins. But Bahlmann thinks colleges didn’t see his obvious talent because they were too focused on the map.

“They had trouble believing that a kid from Marshall, Minnesota would be that type of quarterback,” Bahlmann said.

With Carlton’s assistance, Lance had developed into a fierce competitor. But Angie has said her son’s true superpower is his ability to bring people together.

Growing up, Trey would often accompany his mom to the grocery store and would spend their trips greeting a parade of people, often friends she never knew existed.

“I mean, Marshall is small,” Angie said, “but it’s not that small.”

At NDSU, he retained that common touch during his brilliant 2019 season, bonding with members of the football support staff.

“The biggest thing from Trey, from when he redshirted to when he became the starter, was he never changed who he was,” NDSU head equipment manager Nathan Bjoralt said. “He just naturally has that way about him. He can get to know anyone. He can talk to anyone. He can be friends with anyone.”

Lance has an unerring sense of team dynamics, said NDSU associate head coach Randy Hedberg, a former NFL quarterback and 42-year coaching veteran. During practices, Lance spent breaks with the offensive linemen rather than his fellow skill-position players. In January 2020, he didn’t even briefly attend the ceremony to accept his Walter Payton Award, instead staying with his teammates the night before the FCS national title game.

“The thing about quarterbacks, people talk about he’s got ‘it,’” Hedberg said. “And when Trey walks in a room, he’s it.”

On Friday, Lance will make his 49ers practice debut when a three-day rookie minicamp opens, meeting new teammates in a new world his parents didn’t think he’d be entering so soon. Carlton and Angie expected to have a few more years with Trey playing football nearby.

"We understand the pressure," Angie said. "We understand it's not going to be easy. This comes with high expectations. But we also know Trey will give everything that he has to be successful, more than we even probably know that he's capable of. That's just who he is."

Trey briefly returned to Marshall after he was drafted. Before Carlton drove him to the airport in Sioux Falls, about 90 minutes away, for his flight back to California, he joked to Angie that he'd drive slowly enough to make it a two-hour trip, allowing him to cram in more advice.

Lance knows his parents are a bit anxious about his next step, but he said they "really have nothing to worry about." That's because Carlton and Angie have already spent 21 years equipping him for this journey.

Trey Lance knows he can have a career filled with honors and honor, if he holds tight to his fury and his faith.

Lance's history shows he's built to be 49ers' next franchise QB

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It was an overall meaningless snap in an October 2018 blowout win. But it told then-North Dakota State football coach Chris Klieman all he needed to know about a young quarterback whose meteoric rise later took him from under-recruited high schooler to the next face of one of the NFL's marquee franchises in less than three years' time.

With the Bison leading the host South Dakota Coyotes 45-14 and with starting quarterback Easton Stick's day done, Trey Lance was receiving his second career taste of college football. Facing a first-and-10 at the Coyotes' 23-yard line, the Bison were set up to run A-gap Power with their talented true freshman under center.

Lance took the snap but fumbled it. Where most true freshmen either would have elected to fall on the ball or go off-script, Lance, a tireless student of the game, stuck to the play. He scooped up the ball, followed his fullback through the hole and then showed off the rare athleticism that would become one of his pre-draft calling cards, gliding 23 yards to the end zone for what was, all-in-all, an effortless score.

It was then, on a garbage-time touchdown from an 18-year-old true freshman quarterback, that Klieman knew Lance was destined for greatness.

"I know the center and the guard who were snapping it, blocking back and pulling were like, 'How the heck did he end up with the football and scoring a touchdown?' " Klieman recently told NBC Sports Bay Area. "But he knew exactly where the play was supposed to hit. He hit it as fast as any running back I've ever seen, and he outran everyone to the end zone.

"I looked at one of our coaches and said, 'That is one special talented kid who is going to have a phenomenal career.' "

Two and a half years after he showed up in Fargo, North Dakota, as the heir apparent at an FCS powerhouse with a long lineage of championship quarterback play, Lance was tabbed as the answer to San Francisco's two-decades-long search for its next franchise signal-caller.

When Steve Young's career ended after the 1999 season because of repeated concussions, the 49ers set off to find the next quarterback to carry their banner. Eighteen years after Young's storied NFL career ended, the 49ers swung a trade for Jimmy Garoppolo, believing they'd acquired a true franchise quarterback for a second-round pick -- a relative coup as far as price is concerned.

Ten February minutes in Miami changed everything. Six hundred ticks of the clock stood between Garoppolo and Kyle Shanahan announcing themselves as the NFL's newest power couple after slaying Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LIV.

A defensive fourth-quarter collapse and a horrific Garoppolo overthrow, however, sent coach and quarterback into the bowels of Hard Rock Stadium on divergent paths. Sixteen months later, Shanahan sat at a podium alongside 49ers general manager John Lynch smiling from ear to ear after drafting Garoppolo's successor -- someone they believe can deliver multiple Super Bowl titles to the Bay.

"I love his natural ability to play the position," Shanahan said of Lance. "Then when you add in a type of running element, which I've always been intrigued with, but when you've got a guy with the skill sets as far as speed and size, to where you're not going to make him a runner, but if you can get in certain formations where the defense knows you will run him if they don't honor him, now everything is different. If you can ever get a guy like that and make 11-on-11 football, then I think you got a guy who can change some things for you.

“But it always comes down to, yeah, you can dabble in that, but you better be confident they can do everything else. He has played a year of football, it was at a smaller school, so that does take work. You're not going to see it all, so that's why it is a hard process, and that's why there is no guarantees for any of us.

"So, it's about believing.”

Belief is essential when making any franchise-altering decision, but it’s imperative when tying your future and reputation to a quarterback who has just 17 collegiate starts and only turned 21 on May 9.

Being drafted to be the face of one of the NFL’s most storied franchises can be a heavy burden. That weight can feel even heavier when the team is equipped to win now, as the 49ers are.

But a look back at Lance’s football career shows you he not only is well-equipped to handle a high-pressure environment — and do so with a level of control normally exhibited by a famous British Secret Service agent known his love of martinis — but he has thrived when the stakes are the highest at every level.

“The composure that he has is rare,” current North Dakota State coach Matt Entz, who won an FCS national championship with Lance in 2019, told NBC Sports Bay Area. “I think Trey has a great balance in his life. He is a young man who is rooted in his faith, which allows him to keep both feet on the ground. He is able to avoid the noise, and knows there are very few people who he has to go out there and get approval from, and he’s going to go out there and compete and do the best that he can.

“I think there is something about that, when an athlete goes out there and has clarity in the field of competition and he does and part of that is because he trusts his preparation. He believes he prepares better than anyone out there, and I think that is a unique advantage he has, especially in this world of hurry up, get the signals from the sideline.

"There are very few quarterbacks -- especially his age -- that are properly equipped like he is to watch film and be able to decipher what he likes offensively. Whereas you see a lot of quarterbacks nowadays are told what to run from the sideline. and they just execute plays. They don’t see coverages or understand rotations or fronts, or those things. He does.”

Growing up in Marshall, Minn., Lance didn’t start out as a quarterback prodigy like NFL draft classmates Trevor Lawrence and Justin Fields. He was a running back in his early years before asking to try out as a quarterback as a freshman at Marshall High School.

Marshall coach Terry Bahlmann always had assumed running back was the position Lance fancied. While Lance picked up the position quickly, he wasn’t part of Bahlmann’s plans early on, with Thomas Fischer having the job locked up.

Lance’s desire to prove people wrong is deeply ingrained in him. He worked tirelessly in the weight room and the film room and on the practice field to show growth at the sport’s most important position.

“Every day, Trey worked on improving, whether it was in the weight room or film study,“ Bahlmann told NBC Sports Bay Area. "He is the guy who has probably put more time in watching film than any person we have ever had. Just improving his techniques. He is just intrinsically motivated and just had a deep desire to be great."

Lance waited patiently at Marshall, and his time came during his sophomore season when Fischer broke his arm in Week 8 of the 2015 campaign.

From that point, there was no turning back for Lance. He went 16-0 in the regular season and 7-3 in the playoffs in his career, leading Marshall to its first Minnesota State Tournament appearance since 1991.

High school football in Small Town, USA is a pressure cooker you only can understand from lived experience. Leading your town to its first State Tournament appearance in a quarter-century can be a heavy burden, and the journey almost always ends in heartbreak.

Lance's sophomore season ended in a playoff loss in which he and his running back had three fumbled exchanges at the mesh point.

Bahlmann remembers Lance sitting on the bench long after the clock expired that night. He took the loss hard but used it as motivation to elevate his game. Lance's storied prep career ended with 3,026 passing yards, 33 passing touchdowns (a school record), 1,177 rushing yards and 18 rushing touchdowns.

While Lance's physical abilities and football IQ stood out, especially at the high school level, Lance's most impressive skill was something that also attracted the Bison and the 49ers down the road.

"The great thing is that he is not afraid to lead," Bahlmann said. "He is going to be calm. Maybe he gets nervous on the inside, but he carries it so well that his demeanor is going to be the same if things are going well or poorly. He is going to be the leader that everybody wants and the face that everyone is confident in."

As the Power Five schools recruited Lance to come and play defensive back, Klieman saw the next in a long line of Bison championship quarterbacks motivated to be great.

"He's so competitive. He was competitive in everything he did growing up," Klieman said. "That's the biggest thing is you want someone who wants to compete in everything he does, whether it's a weight workout, whether it's a board game, to 7-on-7 to 1-on-1 stuff in the weight room.

"It doesn't matter, he just loves to compete. That's not rare, but it's not typical. You love kids that refuse to lose. … The expectation is to win. Winners win. And that's what you are going to get with Trey. He's a winner."

By the mid-2010s, North Dakota State was the elite FCS program. From 2011 to 2019, the Bison won eight of nine national championships, and seamlessly transitioned from Carson Wentz to Easton Stick and finally to Lance, who went 16-0 in his lone full season as starting quarterback.

Lance arrived in Fargo in a similar situation to the one he now finds himself in with the 49ers. He was there to learn from Stick, absorb everything and be ready to take over in 2019.

For someone as talented as Lance, it would be easy to regard being a backup in a negative light. That's not how Lance is wired, though, and Klieman expects him to take the same approach in San Francisco behind Garoppolo as he did with Stick.

"He just wants to learn," Klieman said of how Lance approached his role as an understudy. "He's confident in his abilities, don't get me wrong. But he is humble enough to know that he is still learning. He is humble enough to know he still has to improve and he doesn't have all the answers, and he wants to take all the information in.

"I see it happening the same way in San Francisco. I know he's the No. 3 pick in the draft, but he is a very, very humble person, and he'll learn and will prepare himself for when the opportunity arises. He will be ready to capitalize and cash in on it."

Stick led the Bison to a 15-0 record and the FCS national championship. Klieman left that offseason for Kansas State, with Lance and Entz in proper position to keep the Bison train rolling.

They did just that during the 2019 season.

Sixteen wins, 2,786 passing yards, 1,100 rushing yards, 42 total touchdowns, zero interceptions and zero losses later, Lance had led the Bison to their eighth national title in nine seasons and rocketed up NFL

draft boards as a quarterback with rare athletic tools, unmatched football IQ and an outstanding work ethic.

“The thing that Trey has, especially as a 20- or 21-year-old, is everything from the shoulders above,” Entz said of what makes Lance special. “Extremely, extremely intelligent. Extremely composed. Seldom gets rattled but highly competitive at the same time. Has that inner drive to be the best at his job but also to make sure the people around him know they have to perform as well. His leadership skills are above and beyond what you would think a 20-year-old would have.”

The COVID-19 pandemic zapped Lance from playing a full 2020 season. North Dakota State played one game in the fall, beating Central Arkansas, but couldn't find any other takers for fall games with the FCS season pushed back until spring.

Lance finished his collegiate career with a 17-0 record as a starter, declaring for the 2021 NFL Draft and joining Lawrence, Fields, Mac Jones and Zach Wilson in an extremely talented quarterback class.

The draft process is long and arduous, and always ends with top prospects facing knocks that weren’t there when the journey began. For Lance, his limited tape and “small-school competition” led a number of scouts and draft experts to drop him below Jones, Fields and Wilson in their quarterback evaluation.

But Shanahan saw something different. He saw an intelligent football weapon with the ability and drive to take one of the NFL’s most potent offenses and elevate to a level Garoppolo could not. With Lance’s top-level arm talent, rushing ability and smarts, the possibilities were limitless, and the decision, in the end, was relatively easy for Shanahan and Lynch.

Shanahan and Lynch have built a Super Bowl-caliber roster, and hand-picked Lance as the final, most important piece of that championship puzzle.

The margins between afterthought and immortality are razor thin in the NFL. Just ask Garoppolo, who was 10 minutes away from being one half of the NFL’s next dynastic pairing, along with Shanahan.

Shanahan and Lynch elected to take their destiny into their own hands. They didn’t want to leave anything to chance. No what-ifs or could-have-beens.

They’ll forever be tied to Lance. His success will be a signal of their genius. All stumbles and failures will be an indictment of their judgment.

The pressure on a young kid from Marshall, Minn., to live up to the hype and deliver multiple titles will be intense, the noise deafening. NFL history is littered with talented quarterbacks who were drafted to deliver marquee franchises back to their former glory, only to be crushed by the pressure cooker they entered.

Klieman doesn’t expect that to affect Lance. He is built to cut through the pressure just as he carves up defenses.

For many, being drafted is the culmination of a journey to the top. But Lance won’t look at it that way. This isn’t the final step of the ladder, but the first.

“He’s not worried about what the outside world thinks of him,” Klieman said. “He’s not worried about what Twitter thinks. He just worried about how can he be getting himself better on a day-in, day-out basis. Getting himself better on the field, better in the weight room, and then mentally in the film room and going through walk-throughs.

"When you have somebody like that, who knows they haven’t already arrived and who is going to work to always improve and who isn’t going to think, ‘OK, I’ve got it now. I’ve made it.’ When you have one of those kids like that, he’s going to keep striving to be the best he can be every day. … I have no doubt that kid will be a star.”

Shanahan and Lynch are banking on it. Maybe not come September, but that when the time is right, Lance will be unleashed and the 49ers can bend the NFL to their will for the next decade.

That the 49ers' search finally will be over. That passing on Aaron Rodgers and saying no to Tom Brady finally will be relegated to footnote status in a storied franchise's long history.

Lance's arrival has brought an electricity to the Bay, an anticipation of the greatness he and Shanahan will author under the Santa Clara sky.

Doubts and questions will remain, and the what-ifs bandied about until Lance delivers a signature play that signals his NFL arrival and the impending doom the rest of the league faces -- just as he did on that October 2018 afternoon when Klieman told his staff they'd found something special.

"It's a unique position that is so rare to find that special of talent," Klieman said. "He believed his time was now, and I'm proud of him because that was not easy to do as a third-year guy to jump out from FCS [and go to the NFL].

"But, man, he'll prove people wrong. He'll be great."

‘We outworked someone today’: How Trey Lance’s father — and a man who doesn’t exist — made the 49ers QB

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The whispers entered the bedroom before any hint of sunlight.
“Dad?”

During the night, the temperature had dropped to a steal-your-breath kind of cold. Inside, the covers were nice and warm. It would feel so good to sleep one more hour. Two more would be glorious. But now the whispers had reached the edge of the bed.

“Dad? Are you ready to go?”

Carlton Lance’s eyes blinked open, and instantly he was on the move.

The whispers came from his oldest son, Trey, an invitation to a daily routine. Their destination: the local YMCA, which opened its doors at 5 a.m. A few minutes later, Carlton would step out of the chill with Trey right behind him.

“Every single time — every single time — that man hopped out of bed and said, ‘You bet!’” Angie Lance said of her husband. “In Minnesota the mornings are cold, and Carl has a very demanding job, and I know there had to be times when he wanted to sleep in. But there was not one time when that kid would have ever felt that. Carl jumped out of bed every time.”

Carlton, 50, was a standout cornerback at nearby Southwest Minnesota State University in the early 1990s and had a short professional career that included a training camp stint with the 49ers. Some at the YMCA on those winter days might have recognized him from his playing days — he was inducted into the school’s athletic hall of fame in 2011 — or because he was a defensive backs coach for the local high school team. Still others might have known him as the co-owner of a financial services company he started 13 years ago.

These days, of course, he’s mostly known around town as Trey’s dad.

In April, the 49ers drafted Trey No. 3 overall. His ceiling seems as high as any San Francisco quarterback since Steve Young, but anyone searching for where Lance’s ascent began probably ought to start at the YMCA on South A Street in Marshall, Minn., a town of 13,500 residents 35 miles from the South Dakota border.

The family’s been going there since Trey was little. In fact, Carlton saved a voicemail 3-year-old Trey left for him at work one day: Dad, me and Mom are going to go to the YMCA in a couple of seconds. Could you hurry?

Trey first started talking about playing Division I sports in seventh grade, and that’s when the 5 a.m. routine began. His brother, Bryce, two years Trey’s junior and heading off to play wide receiver at North Dakota State this year, later joined the outings.

Carlton had one rule: He’d never set an alarm or be in charge of rousing the boys. He was eager to work with them, to help polish away any weaknesses, to impart every bit of wisdom he’d picked up from Houston to Saskatchewan to London to Rocklin, Calif. But he was wary of pushing so hard he’d drive them away.

“‘I’m not going to wake you up,’” Carlton recalled telling them. “‘You wake me up and I’m not ever going to say no.’ So (Trey) started doing it. And that became our thing.”

The workouts initially occurred at night, but that was no good. There were high school games the boys wanted to watch, birthday parties to attend, spelling tests the next day. The predawn morning was empty and quiet. It was perfect. As Carlton would say, there wasn't anyone trying to steal their time.

As they left the gym every morning, the sun up and the morning crowd trickling in, Carlton would turn to his son and tell him the same thing he'd said the day before — and the same thing he'd repeat the next day, too.

"Hey, we outworked someone today. The other guy is still sleeping."

The other guy had a name: Aubrey.

It's Carlton's middle name and also the name of his nemesis. Aubrey's existence starts to explain how driven Carlton is.

Carlton grew up in Queens, N.Y., before his family relocated to Fort Myers, Fla., as he was entering high school. There he played for a football coach with connections to a couple of schools in Minnesota — Mankato State and Southwest Minnesota State, or Southwest State, as it was known at the time, an NAIA school with around 3,000 students.

"You could drive through the town and you wouldn't even know there was a school here," Carlton said. He was the first member of his family to graduate from college, earning a business degree with a minor in marketing. In addition to starring at cornerback and running track for the Mustangs, he met Angie, who grew up the daughter of a baseball coach in Marshall and wasn't into football — or football players — until meeting Carlton before their senior year.

After his final college football season, Carlton received an invitation to the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis. He remembers performing poorly in a couple of the drills, putting up 11 repetitions in the bench press — "I'm so much stronger than this!" he remembered telling himself — and running a 4.6-second 40-yard dash, too slow for any cornerback, much less a small-school prospect trying to make a splash.

He wasn't drafted, but he was offered a spot in the Houston Oilers' training camp later that year. He decided he had to push himself far harder for that audition than he had for the combine.
That's when Aubrey materialized.

Back then there were no high-tech training facilities. Southwest State didn't have any sort of offseason program or even a strength coach. So Carlton trained himself — and provided his own extra motivation. Using his middle name, he conjured up a competitor, a relentless rival gunning for the same spot on the Oilers roster.

"I had to self-motivate," he said. "So in my own mind I created a guy named Aubrey, and I would tell myself, 'Hey, he's working out right now. He's at the gym right now.' I got fanatical about it, honestly. I'd get up in the middle of the night and go for a jog."

Carlton didn't stick around with the Oilers, but he did play full seasons with the CFL's Saskatchewan Roughriders in 1993 and the London Monarchs of the World League in the spring of 1995.

In between, he got an opportunity of a lifetime: to join a Ray Rhodes-led 49ers defense that included defensive linemen Rickey Jackson and Bryant Young, linebacker Ken Norton Jr. and a loaded secondary with Eric Davis, Merton Hanks, Tim McDonald and, starting late that summer, Deion Sanders. The team's offensive coordinator was Mike Shanahan. The ball boy — and the guy who made sure the wires to Shanahan's headset didn't get tangled on the sidelines — was his 14-year-old son Kyle.

Carlton remembered Rhodes giving the defensive backs an expletive-laced warning about making sure Jerry Rice didn't get hurt during practice: "Don't fall down near him, don't touch him, don't slip next to him, don't make him fall. If you do, I'm gonna send your ass home on the bus."

Rhodes' words were etched in Carlton's brain while encountering Rice on a running play. He carefully avoided the star receiver on his way to the ball carrier, but Rice didn't return the favor.

"He comes up and pushes me over the pile," Carlton said with a laugh. "And I looked at him and said, 'Well, ain't this a bitch? Jerry Rice is gonna pancake block me out here on an open pile.'"

Carlton asked running back Dexter Carter when the team would hold its rookie show, then a staple of NFL training camps and something he'd already experienced in Houston. Carter shook his head and said the 49ers didn't do frivolous things like that anymore. The only time they partied, he said, was after the Super Bowl.

"I was like, 'Damn — that's what I'm talking about,'" Carlton said. "That moment stayed with me, that this organization is serious about winning. And that's the kind of culture that they have. I wanted to be part of that so bad."

After playing cornerback all his life, the 49ers asked Carlton to switch to safety, which turned out to be a nearly impossible request. He over-thought situations. Carlton remembered hesitating when the tight end went in motion ahead of one play.

"I just froze," he said. "I was like, 'I don't know if I should follow. I have zero ability to do anything.' And I knew right then I was going to get cut. … And I was like, 'They can't have me out here, honestly. I get it.'" Two weeks into camp, Carlton was released. He left disappointed, but with plenty of memories and lessons he'd later share with his kids. He called a friend from Rocklin and predicted the 49ers would win the Super Bowl that season. He was right: Six months later, they trounced the Chargers, 49-26.

A year after he was let go by the 49ers, Carlton Lance's professional career was over. He returned to Marshall, got a coaching job at his alma mater and married his college sweetheart, Angie.

Then his fan club started to expand.

"He learned pretty early — as every dad does — that they were watching his every move," Angie said of her boys. "Carl would mow the yard, and Trey would want a little mower to mow right behind him. Carl would go golfing, Trey would want a set of golf clubs to play with his dad. Carl would wash the car; Trey wanted to wash the car, too. Trey really was his little sidekick."

Carlton's professional playing career might be described as modest, but to Trey and Bryce it was epic. Carlton still winces at the recollection of his combine experience. Trey, meanwhile, said he wore the sweatsuit his dad was issued — Russell Athletic sweatshirt and sweatpants — every chance he'd get.

"When I was little I'd wear them around the house," Trey said. "I'd (wind) the drawstring around the sweatpants like eight times."

Carlton's college number, No. 9, was mythologized by the boys, and jersey-issue days brought breathless anticipation over whether they'd land it. (No. 5, which Carlton wore in high school and which Trey now has with the 49ers, was considered a strong consolation prize.) The family dog, Niner, isn't named after Trey's new team but Carlton's old number.

The trips to the YMCA also were about trying to be like dad. The name Aubrey came up routinely. "He talked about it a lot — that situation of picturing someone that's out there outworking you," Trey said. "And even if you don't really know or it's not a real person, just picture someone out there who's outworking you and not letting up."

Trey didn't have to invent his own Aubrey because he knew all about his actual rivals. They had real names and faces; he read about them on recruiting websites and watched their games on YouTube. "I could always find guys my age who were playing at bigger schools," Trey said. "My biggest thing was watching kids who were my age, in a similar situation. I was competing against those guys."

Carlton said it soon became evident there wasn't much he could do at the YMCA to improve Trey's game.

He knew from his cornerback days that a quarterback's toughest throw was to the sideline from the far hash marks and that subpar passers would toss "lollipops" to get the ball there. Trey's throws came on a rope. Carlton knew the swing passes a quarterback tossed to the tailback could be tricky depending on the placement, so Carlton lined up in the backfield and gave his son every scenario he could think of.

"And he put it right on me 10 out of 10 times," he said. "And I'm like, 'OK. There's not a lot of weakness here.' I was trying to figure out what I really needed to work on."

So, the father helped his son sharpen his skills in other ways.

A lot of mothers worry about their children's screen time. For Angie Lance, those concerns included her husband. Carlton was so avid about film study that she sometimes woke up in the middle of the night to find her husband illuminated by a device.

After games, Carlton would ask Trey how he thought he played. Early on, the answer invariably was: "Good. It was good."

Said Angie: "Then Carl would say, 'Well, do you want to know what I think? I believe that you think you played well. I believe that you think you played hard. But I think we should watch it on film.'"

There would be initial resistance, but curiosity eventually won out, and father and son would begin to methodically, sometimes painfully, go over every snap, every step.

"Those were the times that I thought it was too much," Angie said. "Because they would work out together. Then he'd go to school. Then they'd practice together. Then they'd come home and watch film together.

"And maybe there were times when I thought: 'This is just — maybe it was overboard.' But Carl would always say, 'As long as Trey is willing to work with me I'll do it. And I'll never give up on it until he tells me to stop.' And Trey just didn't."

By the time he was a high school sophomore, Trey didn't need to be coaxed to go over film. Like getting up for 5 a.m. workouts, it was part of his routine. It's what helped him get off to such a fast start at North Dakota State. His predecessor at quarterback, Easton Stick, remembered Lance coming in for a handful of snaps as a true freshman in 2018.

"Even for an 18-year-old kid, he was big, strong, powerful." said Stick, now with the Chargers. "The way he was able to interact with guys and get up to speed pretty quickly with what we were doing offensively — it was impressive. It was pretty easy to recognize and a sign of things to come for him."

The next year, he took over the Bisons' demanding, pro-style offense, barking audibles out of plays, calling out protections and going all season without throwing an interception. Behind Lance, they went 16-0 and won the FCS championship.

As Kyle Shanahan noted last week, the 49ers installed their entire offense during OTAs. The challenge for rookies like Lance isn't just how much they retain but whether they can start to make the playbook second nature when the true roster battles begin.

But if the past is indicative of the future, Trey should be well prepared by holding onto the lessons learned in those predawn YMCA sessions. After all, he's a No. 3 overall pick who was raised to think like a small-school, undrafted free agent and who sweats his hardest while the other guy is still sleeping.

"I've always told him: You've got to outwork people," Carlton said. "And you've got to take pride in it. I think he's probably coming into the 49ers with the mindset of, 'Hey, I've got to grind for this.' Well, I know that's his mindset. That's what he's doing.

Mike McGlinchey

How 49ers' Mike McGlinchey stopped doom scrolling, took control of mental health

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Late in the toughest season of his career, San Francisco 49ers offensive tackle Mike McGlinchey found himself attempting the most difficult block of his life: a constant stream of outside criticism.

It was mid-December 2020 and the Niners had relocated to Arizona because of Santa Clara County COVID-19 restrictions. The season was slipping away under a pile of devastating injuries and McGlinchey could do nothing about it.

Under normal circumstances, those struggles could be eased by a hug from a family member or a meal with teammates. In the middle of a pandemic, those outlets weren't an option.

After games, McGlinchey would grab food and retire to his room, trying to pass the time by FaceTiming his girlfriend and family and burning through a variety of Netflix offerings.

In the toughest of times, such as after a disappointing Dec. 13 loss to the Washington Football Team in which he was flagged for a costly holding penalty that negated a 22-yard pass play and effectively killed a potential game-tying drive, McGlinchey did the one thing he knew he shouldn't do: He read the comments.

Twitter and Instagram offered harsh critiques of his play, constant comments about his lighter 290-pound frame and occasional personal attacks.

Doom scrolling commenced.

"I had never really dealt with something like that before," McGlinchey said. "I had never dealt with people who had access to me who didn't necessarily know what they were talking about. Some right, some wrong. When you hear something enough and you see something enough, you start kind of believing it yourself."

More than eight months later, McGlinchey is standing on the 49ers practice field, a big smile on his face as he recounts what he would call the worst year of his life. Entering his fourth NFL season, McGlinchey is in the best shape of his life ... mentally. He has friends, family, former teammates and coaches and a mental conditioning coach to thank.

"Just talking to him, being around him, you can tell he's in a great space and a great place," coach Kyle Shanahan said. "And I think he's ready to go."

Reaching out for help

"I was focusing on results," Mike McGlinchey said. "I was focusing on the negative things that were happening to me rather than how can I get better?"

For most of his football-playing life, McGlinchey has known nothing but success. He was a highly-touted high school recruit and a three-year starter at Notre Dame. Although he'd had some ups and downs during his first two NFL seasons, the good outweighed the bad.

Which made last season's struggles unique. He ranked 44th of 62 qualified offensive tackles in pass block win rate and his four holding penalties were tied for the second-most among offensive linemen.

Among the people McGlinchey called on for help were Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly and Joe Staley, the former 49ers offensive tackle and one of McGlinchey's closest friends.

Kelly could tell that McGlinchey was holding things back.

"He's very prideful," Kelly said. "He keeps a lot of stuff inside. But he was at times feeling like he could elevate his play. And he'll take that into the season. He's harder on himself than any one individual fan could be."

Staley sensed something similar. In his first two seasons, McGlinchey leaned on Staley when he hit turbulent spots but Staley was no longer just a few lockers away.

McGlinchey and Staley talked often during the season. Staley reminded McGlinchey of his rookie season when Denver Broncos edge rusher Von Miller beat him on back-to-back plays and McGlinchey began to let his focus drift.

At the time, Staley told McGlinchey that Miller beats everybody sometimes, he just can't let it be all the time. Likewise, a short memory has to be kept in a job where perfection is unattainable and gifs of your miscues are abundant on social media.

"I didn't have to deal with that when I was a young player," Staley said. "I was given a chance to develop and earn my wings, I didn't have social media that was analyzing every single block that I had. And you have to deal with that now. You have an obligation to correct it, but also allow yourself to fail without worrying about other people's opinion about what you're doing."

Two weeks after the 2020 season finally, mercifully ended, McGlinchey stepped away from it all. His brother and sister visited and they joined McGlinchey and his girlfriend for some much-needed beach time.

McGlinchey reflected on what went wrong, making sure to also note the things he did well.

"The first thing that jumped out in the biggest way was how I handled my frustrations, how I handled the pressure, the way I wasn't able to focus on what gets me better," McGlinchey said. "I was focusing on results. I was focusing on the negative things that were happening to me rather than how can I get better? How can I help my team win? And how can I have fun with this?"

That epiphany led McGlinchey to seek someone who could help. Ben Peterson, the Niners head of player health and performance, pointed McGlinchey to Derin McMains, a mental conditioning coach and former pro baseball player. McGlinchey had crossed paths with McMains when he had worked as a coaching consultant at Notre Dame.

McGlinchey called McMains, who is based in Scottsdale, Arizona, and the pair hit it off immediately. That initial call turned into weekly meetings via Zoom or on the phone and have continued since with McGlinchey calling McMains a "life changer" for him.

According to McGlinchey, their conversations cover a lot of ground but center on where McGlinchey allows his mind to go at the moments that matter most.

It's third-and-12 with the game on the line, is McGlinchey thinking about what happens if he allows a sack? Or is he locked in on doing his job and executing his technique? The primary objective has been to remove the worry about negative outcomes and committing to what it takes to do his job effectively.

"The biggest thing, the thing that separates you at this level, it's your mind but it's really your focus," McGlinchey said. "So, where can you put yourself in the hardest of moments and where can you put yourself at the toughest time in the game?"

'Believe'

What McGlinchey is saying sounds a lot like some of the primary messages the hit TV show "Ted Lasso" has brought into the collective conversation for its viewers.

McGlinchey nods his head and chuckles when this is mentioned to him. Long before Lasso, offensive line coach Harry Hiestand had the word "Believe" on a sign made to resemble the famous "Play Like a Champion Today" sign at Notre Dame.

McGlinchey would see it almost daily during his time in South Bend. When he watched Lasso, he couldn't help but conclude sometimes the simplest messages carry the most weight.

Now, McGlinchey has his own "Believe" sign hanging in his house. If that's not enough, the word is written in white script on his black wrist guards for more a convenient reminder.

"Believe and commit, that's the cycle, it just continues for 65-70 snaps a game and the more you can do it, the more free you can play," McGlinchey said. "And that's why I've got it written here for me all the time now."

As the No. 9 overall pick in the 2018 draft, McGlinchey is entering the final year of his rookie contract. The 49ers already offered a vote of confidence by picking up his fifth-year option in May, guaranteeing him $10.88 million in 2022.

Still, this is a big season for McGlinchey's football future. Though he's aware of that, he's quick to point out such things are a distraction.

"It was something I worried about before and it's not something that I'll ever worry about again," McGlinchey said. "The two things that will take care of it are my job and my technique. If I do those things the right way 75 times a day, 75 times a game, the rest will take care of itself."

To that end, McGlinchey also took necessary steps to prepare himself physically. He spent the offseason working out six times a week and added to his frame by eating every two to three hours.

"I get to come in and hang out with my best friends every day and play football and compete at something I am really damn good at," McGlinchey said. "I have to remember that. I have to get the weight of the world off my shoulders because I'm one of like seven billion and at the end of the day, nobody cares. You've just got to do your job, do it to the best of your ability and have fun with it."

The result of the offseason work helped McGlinchey gain 25 pounds. And yet, he's lighter than ever.

Pork roll and mind work: The story of 49ers' Mike McGlinchey's improvement plan

By Eric Branch
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What is pork roll?

Posed that question Saturday, Mike McGlinchey, a native of suburban Philadelphia, was having trouble describing the East Coast creation to his audience of Bay Area reporters.

“It goes back and forth,” the 49ers right tackle began, “between being called pork roll and Taylor Ham.”

That wasn’t helpful. The follow-up question: Is it like a cheesesteak?

“No. No. It’s more of like — I want to say a tangy ham, but it’s hard to describe,” McGlinchey said. “It’s just a big processed — it’s like a 6-pound different-type-of-flavored hot dog.”

The question the reader might have at the moment: Why is this relevant? Well, the pork roll back-and-forth was part of a larger discussion about McGlinchey’s add-weight offseason program. And that program called for McGlinchey to eat something every two to three hours and provided leeway when it came to what he put in his body. In other words: multiple pork rolls in one sitting!

“Not having to worry about just eating one of those is definitely a good thing,” McGlinchey said.

McGlinchey, 26, gained 25 pounds in the offseason. He did so after an overall bad performance as a pass blocker last year, when he weighed around 290 pounds — light by NFL offensive-tackle standards. At 290, McGlinchey excelled as a run blocker in a zone-read scheme that requires athleticism from linemen, but he was too often bullied in pass protection, with some of his worst snaps coming in big moments.

To be clear: McGlinchey didn’t reach 315 pounds by strictly inhaling heart-attack-waiting-to-happen food. His program was heavy on weight-room work, with 49ers strength coach Dustin Perry and shakes and non-pork-roll meals that were part of a plan provided by team dietician Jordan Mazur. The hope is that more weight will mean fewer snaps in which McGlinchey will be pushed by around by pass rushers. McGlinchey, who is 6-foot-8, indicated his lack of heft impacted his approach in 2020: He was so conscious of bracing for an aggressive rush that it led to poor technique.

“Obviously, some things happened (last year) where I was guarding too much (against) a bull rush,” McGlinchey said. “Even if I wasn't getting bulled, I was stopping my feet too much in preparation for the bull. It’s just something that’s given me a little bit more mental confidence. … So on top of the body weight, it’s more technique than anything. That extra body weight just gives you an extra chance to recover.”

As he added weight, McGlinchey also worked to shed the mental baggage that he says compounded his problems last year, when he dealt with his first significant athletic failure.

The No. 9 pick in 2018, McGlinchey was an All-American and two-time team captain at Notre Dame who appeared poised to reach a Pro Bowl level in 2020. Instead, he spent much of his periodic Zoom interviews with reporters being asked variations of the same question: What’s wrong?

“I think the most frustrating part of my season last year was how I handled it mentally,” McGlinchey said. “I don’t think I did my job in that regard. I didn’t let myself overcome mistakes, I didn’t let myself overcome the trials and tribulations of what we were going through as a team. I was putting a lot of pressure on myself and it got in the way of me being able to do my job at a high level. … That was a big focal point this offseason. I had to get my head right.”

McGlinchey met once a week with Derin McMains, a mental conditioning coach who was a minor-league player and coach in the Giants organization. McMains has worked for the Giants and Mariners and consulted with the Diamondbacks. He was the director of mental conditioning at Notre Dame for a year when McGlinchey was in college.

“He’s done an unbelievable job helping me find perspective,” McGlinchey said. “Find focus. Find where things go. Everyone always tells you the thing that separates you is your mind when you get to this level. But you don’t believe them until things get hard.”

It was even harder for McGlinchey, he said, because he and his teammates spent the last month of the season in isolation in their hotel in Glendale, Ariz. It was also his first season without his mentor, Pro Bowl left tackle Joe Staley, who was his closest friend on the team. For Staley’s part, he excelled late in his career while weighing under 300 pounds, and he’s dropped about 50 pounds since leaving the NFL.

“One day, I hope to look like Joe Staley in retirement,” McGlinchey said. “But those days are hopefully a long way away.”

The ultimate big brother: 49ers tackle Mike McGlinchey has been a protector since he was a kid

By Matt Barrows
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Mike McGlinchey enters the mall shortly before 9 a.m. on Monday. It's only been 16 hours since the 49ers played the Falcons, but if he's grumpy about the loss or creaky after playing 64 snaps, he does an excellent job of hiding it.

For the next hour, he's like a 6-foot-8, 310-pound Santa Claus, making his way to every corner of the clothing store, greeting the young shoppers inside, taking photographs, spreading cheer and doling out hugs. Lots of hugs.

"Did you find something, Andrew?" he asks one of the boys who arrives at the counter with his mom.
"That's what I want for Christmas, too," he tells two others, bending low so he can hear them. "We'll get it done for you guys."

"I like what you're wearing — thank you," he tells another boy, who has on McGlinchey's red, No. 69 jersey.

The 49ers right tackle, dubbed the team's locker-room CEO by Kyle Shanahan, is deep in his element, both working a room and advocating for his younger brother, Jim, and others like him. Jim was diagnosed with autism when he was 18 months old and Mike, the oldest of his six siblings, took an active role in raising him.

He's gone several steps further since the 49ers chose him with their top draft pick last year. McGlinchey, 25, has made autism awareness his crusade, and on Monday he was in the Levi's store at the Westfield Valley Fair mall in Santa Clara hosting a shopping spree with groups from Autism Speaks and Football Camp for the Stars, which introduces kids with Down Syndrome to football.

"Spree" might not be the best word. These were young men after all, and most had to be prompted by their mothers to grab a pair of jeans off the shelf. McGlinchey also was there to provide encouragement and did so with a surprisingly delicate touch. The biggest guy in the room, the one who wears size-17 shoes and crashes into other massive human beings for a living, has a gentleness that belies his size.
His mother, Janet, said it was that way from the beginning.

"He always loved feeding the babies, helping with the babies," she said. "He was not intimidated. None of my kids were. Because I needed the help."

Mike was particularly invaluable with Jim, who was the fifth of six McGlinchey kids. When he was little, Jim didn't like loud noises. Something as innocuous as a church organ or an unexpected clatter inside the house would make him upset. And in the McGlinchey household, there was always something — or someone — crashing into a wall.

Mike and Jimmy were among a group of 22 cousins, most of them rambunctious boys who played sports as soon as they rose each morning. Last week, for example, Mike told the story of his driveway dunk on older cousin — and current Falcons quarterback — Matt Ryan, a scene that has reached mythological level in family lore. (Matt, of course, answered with a metaphorical two-handed slam on McGlinchey's squad at the end of Sunday's game.)

All of which is to say, life inside the McGlinchey's home in suburban Philadelphia rarely was peaceful and placid, and Mike had to learn how to soothe Jim, to draw him back into the family when he receded into himself. But there also was a different effect. With his big brother there to protect him, Jim, who is now 16, slowly learned to adapt to all the action around him.

“A doctor once said to us, ‘I don’t want you to take this the wrong way, but your big, crazy family is the best thing for Jim,’” Janet said. “Because he had to learn to share, he had to learn to be in other people’s space, he had to learn to have other noises in the house that he doesn’t really care for and stuff like that.” When Jim was diagnosed at 18 months, he wasn’t speaking. And the doctors said he might never speak. “Now he won’t shut up,” Janet said with a laugh.

He not only goes to weddings, he hits the dance floor afterward. Encouraged by his older brother, who enthusiastically sings karaoke alongside his bookend at tackle, Joe Staley, Jim now has a go-to song when he’s called on stage: “Beer in Mexico” by Kenny Chesney.

In fact, Chesney is coming to Philadelphia in June, and Janet said she’s considering bringing Jim. If it gets too loud, they can always take a break in one of the concourses.

“I want him to start to experience it,” Janet said. “Because most 16- or 17-year-olds want to go to a concert.”

There’s one more item on the never-thought-he’d-do list: Jim has started to enjoy football games. He used to join the family at Mike’s Notre Dame games but did so with an iPad and headphones that could deliver him from the din of the stadium. Now he’s the one making a racket from start to finish. On Sunday, he was as loud as anyone at Levi’s Stadium and was as frustrated as any diehard by the back-and-forth nature of the game. Like any true fan, Jim prefers blowouts. They’re easier on the nerves.

Mike, meanwhile, makes it very clear it’s not a one-way relationship. He’s constantly surprised and impressed by his little brother, who has become an honor student in school. Mike may be the oldest, biggest and most famous member of his immediate family. But Jim is their anchor, the one around whom everyone revolves.

And that’s what makes Mike grateful.

“Simple things make him so happy,” he said of Jim. “Just being around everybody makes him so happy. And to have people around him and have fun with him — he’s the rock. He’s the reason that’s all tied together for us. And I’m very, very thankful for that.”

In the car ride home after Sunday’s game, it was Mike who was upset. How could the 49ers lose to the Falcons? Why couldn’t they snuff out the visitors at the end? What could he have done differently?
This time it was the little brother who was there to calm things down.

“On the way home he was begging to put on Christmas music,” Mike said. “He loves the Christmas music. It’s his favorite time of year. So we sang along to that.”

Beers, bros and karaoke: Joe Staley, Mike McGlinchey are the heartbeat of the 49ers

By Nick Wagoner
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It's a Thursday night just two weeks before the start of San Francisco 49ers training camp, and karaoke night at Khartoum Lounge in Campbell, California, has just taken an enormous and outlandish turn. Standing on stage are roughly 13 feet and 610 pounds of ballad-belting bookend offensive tackles.

Joe Staley and Mike McGlinchey generally prefer to compete at karaoke, flying solo on stage aside from the occasional dual foray into the Backstreet Boys.

Instead, they have something new and -- given the notes required to nail the performance -- risky in mind.

The song choice is "Shallow," the Bradley Cooper/Lady Gaga duet (the tackles repeatedly pronounce her name "Guh-gah") made famous by the 2018 movie "A Star is Born." Staley steps into the role of Cooper, dropping his voice to set the stage for McGlinchey.

"I set him up with a real low Bradley Cooper bar and then I stopped singing and I went, 'All right, blow them away,'" Staley says.

McGlinchey, whose go-to song is "Mr. Brightside" by The Killers, says he's rehearsed the song many times on his own, but it's different on stage when people notice, camera phones come out and it's time to put on a show. McGlinchey digs deep, attempting to take his voice to places it normally doesn't go.

On this night, it's just not happening.

"I just couldn't hit the high notes," McGlinchey says with genuine disappointment in his voice. "I was so upset with myself after that. I failed so hard at Lady Gaga. I thought I could do it. I just couldn't."

Although "Shallow" might have been a miss, the depths of Staley and McGlinchey's friendship go well beyond their musical stylings.

While wide receivers and defensive backs have earned a reputation for their big personalities (and egos), anyone who has spent time around a locker room knows it's often the offensive line that most effectively represents the heartbeat of a team. In San Francisco, the case can be made that Staley and McGlinchey best set the tone.

“They have a very unique relationship," quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo said. "The age difference is so different, but they’re so similar in their personality. It’s fun to be around those guys. They always keep it light. And when you get out there between the lines they’re different people in the huddle and I love that. You’ve got to have guys like that who can know when to turn it on and know when to turn it off.”

Joe Staley, left, may be 10 years older than Mike McGlinchey, right, but the two hit it off almost instantly, realizing that they are both "loud, obnoxious people." Courtesy of the San Francisco 49ers

Bickering like brothers, laughing like friends

Sitting next to each other for an interview in the 49ers' public relations office, Staley and McGlinchey are 90 minutes removed from a training camp practice (Staley is fresh after a veterans' rest day) and have quickly shifted gears into what might as well be a stand-up comedy act.

Over the course of about 33 minutes, McGlinchey and Staley bicker like brothers and laugh like best friends while discussing everything from Staley's license to curse in front of McGlinchey's mother -- Staley is a dad and McGlinchey is not, she reasons -- to their favorite karaoke tunes to how their fast and easy relationship has become integral in each other's careers and to the 49ers' building.

Long before Staley was even aware of McGlinchey, the second-year tackle had been keeping tabs on -- and looking up to -- the 12-year veteran. When McGlinchey was early in the college recruiting process, the Notre Dame strength coach was Paul Longo, who held the same position at Central Michigan when Staley was there.

Longo, who was part of the ND group recruiting McGlinchey to the Irish, told McGlinchey that he reminded him of Staley and, as McGlinchey began to realize that his path in football would be at offensive tackle, he decided it was time to study up. At the time, the Niners were one of the NFC's best teams and Staley was one of the key components of their run to Super Bowl XLVII, making him a natural starting point.

McGlinchey was blown away by Staley's combination of athleticism and technique and though the 49ers lost that game to the Baltimore Ravens, McGlinchey watched it on repeat and changed his high school number to Staley's 74.

"I knew everything about him before I got here and I've probably watched that Super Bowl on film, like 40 or 50 times," McGlinchey says. "I thought it was one of the best games I've ever seen a left tackle play."

(At this point, Staley stops McGlinchey. "You've never, ever complimented me like that," Staley says. "That was really nice.")

Staley, meanwhile, knew nothing of McGlinchey until the Niners used the No. 9 overall pick on him in the 2018 NFL draft. After sending a congratulatory text to McGlinchey, Staley quickly went searching for anything he could find on his new teammate and discovered videos of McGlinchey interviews from his time in South Bend.

The first thing Staley noticed was just how polished McGlinchey was in front of reporters, something McGlinchey attributes to getting weekly practice at Notre Dame and something Staley didn't get as much of at Central Michigan, a place McGlinchey likes to call "The Little Sisters of the Poor" as a jab at Staley.

"I never experienced the big shining lights like Mike did," Staley says. "That was my very first impression was like this kid is a politician. So, I was going to try to break him down and get to the real Mike. I was really shocked. Because I thought his personality was very square like, 'Hi, how are you, Mike McGlinchey here, let me tell you why I'm the best.' And really he's like, just 'Philly Mike.'"

Staley, who is 10 years McGlinchey's senior, says he never felt threatened by McGlinchey's arrival and related to coming in as a first-round pick with big expectations. Within a week, the two went to a nearby sports bar for burgers and beers, realized how much they had in common as self-described "loud, obnoxious people" and, not long after, how much they could help each other.

The ways that manifested in their first season together were quite different. For McGlinchey, it was important to have a veteran sounding board who could offer tips on pass-rushers and technique and, perhaps most importantly, lift him up when inevitable rookie struggles hit.

In a game late last season McGlinchey was struggling. As the game was going on, Staley noticed and reminded his rookie teammate that the guys on the other side get paid to play, too.

"There's a lot of people in the position that he's in that would have viewed it kind of as a threat almost," McGlinchey said. "Luckily, Joe is a good enough guy and good enough teammate and comfortable enough in his own skin that he was pretty selfless. He was there for me 100 percent."

"They are both smart guys who really study their craft, who study each other," 49ers coach Mike Shanahan said of Staley (74) and McGlinchey (69). Courtesy of the San Francisco 49ers

Balancing fun with success

For Staley, who has seen and done almost everything during his NFL career, McGlinchey's youthful exuberance has helped revitalize him. After a dreadful 2-14 season in 2016, Staley strongly considered

retirement. Head coach Kyle Shanahan's arrival had given him some renewed vigor, but McGlinchey's arrival the following year has pushed that to another level. Staley even signed a two-year extension in June that takes him through the 2021 season and should allow him to retire with the only NFL team he's ever known.

Staley said he and McGlinchey are constantly bouncing ideas off each other and watch each other's reps in order to offer technique tips in real time.

"When he got drafted, I was getting to that point that I was going through a rough patch from Year 9 to 11 of like, do I want to keep playing football?" Staley said. "How long do I want to do this? And just having that kind of little brother-big brother relationship that he brought in and got along so well kind of really reinvigorated me a little bit."

While laughter might be a focal point of their friendship, it doesn't come without conflict. Some of it is good-natured -- such as the seven minutes and 11 seconds of arguing about what Staley calls McGlinchey's politician personality or the five-minute debate about whether McGlinchey didn't work out and hang out with Staley as much as promised in San Diego in the offseason -- but it can also turn serious, especially when those disagreements take place on the field.

In fact, just a couple of hours earlier, Staley and McGlinchey got into it over something on the practice field. They wouldn't disclose the specifics of what they disagreed on but both acknowledged that they were genuinely angry at each other.

"They are both smart guys who really study their craft, who study each other," Shanahan said. "They both compete more than anything even though they are, I joke BFFs, but they still are going to hate on each other too and try to get after each other because they definitely are competitive. I think that's something a veteran like Joe needs at this time in his career and I think it's great for a younger guy like McGlinchey to have a reminder on the other side that he doesn't have all the answers, that there's a lot more he can learn and he can get a lot better also."

Of course, that anger usually gets swept away in about an hour without apologies. After all, when practice and meetings are finished, it's time once again to bring a little levity to the locker room or head out for more burgers and beers, a round of karaoke, a sporting event (San Jose Sharks hockey games are a favorite) or a stop at Staley's house to hang out with his daughters, Grace and Audrey.

"I could not do another job, honestly," Staley said. "My personality would be really hard to work in a normal job."

On that, McGlinchey and Staley will always agree.

"I'd really struggle outside of the football realm," McGlinchey said. "But I think I think we just know what's important to us. It's like, we love to have fun. But we both want to be very good at what we do. And when it's time to play football and watch film and all that, it's serious. And when it's living life and being around your teammates, it's about having fun and enjoying the time that we spend together."

49ers tackles McGlinchey and Staley are bookends on and off the field

By Eric Branch
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Mike McGlinchey was a two-time team captain at Notre Dame who doesn't carry himself like a typical 24-year-old.

Last year, 49ers executive Adam Peters joked he was likely less mature than McGlinchey. This week, head coach Kyle Shanahan recalled thinking McGlinchey acted like a CEO of a Fortune 500 company when he first met him before the 2018 draft.

"McGlinchey is very mature," Shanahan said before delivering the punchline: "Until you hang out with him outside of the football office."

Yes, since making McGlinchey the No. 9 overall pick, the 49ers have discovered the ultra-polished offensive tackle is also a karaoke-loving goofball.

McGlinchey, in fact, can match Pro Bowl left tackle Joe Staley, one of his best friends, when it comes to unapologetically bad singing voices. But the 49ers aren't complaining because he might eventually prove to be Staley's equal on the field.

McGlinchey flashed that potential in his NFL debut season when he started 16 games at right tackle and was named to the Pro Football Writers Association All-Rookie team. McGlinchey often was dominant as a run-blocker, but he allowed 40 quarterback pressures, according to Pro Football Focus.

This week, McGlinchey reflected on his pass-blocking in 2018 and said his biggest problem wasn't with his hands or feet, but his head. McGlinchey acknowledged he allowed some of his All-Pro foes to mess with his mind.

"I think most of it last year was mental," McGlinchey said. "… I think it was a matter of names that kind of freaked me out more: Whether it was (Chicago's) Khalil Mack, or (Denver's) Von Miller, or (the Rams') Aaron Donald — whatever the hell it was. I wasn't really worried about what those guys did as much as who they were."

McGlinchey didn't always flourish, but he never was embarrassed.

Mack, for example, didn't have a sack against the 49ers, but did have at least one in nine of his other 13 games. And Miller had one sack against McGlinchey, although it came with an asterisk because the former Super Bowl MVP beat him as McGlinchey was being held by Broncos defensive tackle Derek Wolfe.

"I had ups and downs," McGlinchey said. "And it was a matter of 'OK, I've played those guys and they didn't crush me. They didn't hurt me. They didn't rush up the stat board. It was one of those things of where I know I can do it.

"It's a matter of just getting the job done now. It's a matter of being the best that I can be and, hopefully, eventually that's going to be the best in this league. It's a matter of not just getting the job done. But getting the job done and looking like I know what I'm doing."

The 49ers drafted McGlinchey and traded jumbo-sized right tackle Trent Brown last year partly because they prized McGlinchey's athleticism and movement skills. McGlinchey, listed at 6-foot-8 and 315 pounds, is similar in size and skill set to Staley, 34, who was an accomplished sprinter in high school.

McGlinchey hasn't reached the level of the six-time Pro Bowler, but Shanahan says he has the proper mind-set.

"It's easy to get on him hard; he's not going to get sensitive," Shanahan said. "You can tell him he looked (bad) and he'll get pissed off, but he's going to come back tomorrow and try to prove you wrong. If you don't have that type of mentality, then you always have a sophomore slump. I don't see that being in him, and it better not."

McGlinchey and Staley are set up to be Jimmy Garoppolo's primary protectors for the next few seasons after Staley recently signed a two-year extension that runs through 2021.

McGlinchey paid his buddy a compliment and, possibly, snuck in a crack about his age.

"He's the heart and soul of our football team," McGlinchey said, "and he has been since probably I was in sixth grade."

49ers review: Mike McGlinchey's better 'Welcome to NFL' moment

By Cam Inman
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Watching Mike McGlinchey race 50 yards down field as a lead blocker was phenomenal.
It spoke volumes not only about the 49ers rookie right tackle but how this year's top draft pick fits so well into coach Kyle Shanahan's scheme.

"That's what's fun about Kyle's offense – you get to show off your athletic ability with how we run and how we try and get out in front of guys," McGlinchey said.

While Monday night's visit by the New York Giants will showcase their Offensive Rookie of the Year favorite in Saquon Barkley, let's not forget about how well McGlinchey is faring as a promising cornerstone for the Niners.

What better way to examine that than looking deeper into McGlinchey's eye-opening escort on Raheem Mostert's 52-yard touchdown in last week's 34-3 rout of the Raiders:

McGlinchey and the 49ers lined up at their 48-yard line. Then came the snap to Nick Mullens, who faked a jet-sweep handoff to Marquise Goodwin. As McGlinchey backpedaled to the 44, Raheem Mostert took Nick Mullens' pitch at the 40.

What ensued was much more than McGlinchey's one-man caravan.

"We watched the film as a team," McGlinchey said, "and the backside guys are really the ones who sprung that play loose."

The backside guys: left tackle Joe Staley, center Weston Richburg and fullback Kyle Juszczyk, all of whom cleared out second-level blocks. Aiding and abetting were tight end Garrett Celek, left guard Laken Tomlinson and right guard Mike Person.

"That worked out perfect," Celek said. "We've ran it a few times (this season), it just hasn't turned out that good."

Celek, by the way, didn't want to divulge the specific play call in case Mullens needs to audible to it later this season.

As McGlinchey raced down the right sideline, Mostert was coming on fast at 20.9 mph, as clocked by the NFL's NextGen Stats. "Well, I had like a 20-yard head start," McGlinchey quipped.

McGlinchey said his job was to take out the widest defender on the play, "but normally he shows up a lot faster than that."

Raiders safety Marcus Gilchrist eventually entered the picture. Staley, upon reviewing film, told McGlinchey he should have cut block Gilchrist.

"He got you guys to notice him," Staley joked.

"I don't really like to cut block, especially when a guy is coming at me from the inside," McGlinchey said. "The worst thing in the world is to cut block and miss. I just wanted to get on him and make a play."
And so McGlinchey made like Forrest Gump and kept running.

"That was really cool," Richburg said. "He could have made it easier by cutting the guy, but he wanted to be a hero."

“Mike, he can move,” Celek said. “He beats me down field sometimes on celebrations.”

McGlinchey got a hand on Gilchrist at the Raiders 30, then zig-zagged to get out of Mostert’s way, nearly tangling legs with him at the 15. Finally, at the 5, McGlinchey cleared out Gilchrist and tumbled into the end zone while Mostert ran in untouched for his first career touchdown.

“Those are my favorite plays, because it allows us to do something different than just run downhill and block a defensive lineman,” McGlinchey said. “It’s a lot of fun.”

Said Staley: “Every play is designed to get a touchdown, and very rarely does it happen like it’s drawn up, because they’re good players, too.”

Was that really the way Shanahan drew it up for McGlinchey? Nope. “I think the O-Line gave him the showoff fine for trying to be on TV following him down the field for so long,” Shanahan quipped. “No, I’m just joking.

“He did a hell of a job. It was awesome.”

Notre Dame had its share of pin-and-pull blocking but nothing that ever got McGlinchey so far into the open field like Mostert’s 52-yard touchdown run.

“Mike McGlinchey’s been working his butt off all year long,” running back Matt Breida said. “You guys can see what type of player he’s going to be in this league. One day he’ll be a Pro Bowler.”

Such run-blocking agility and a highly professional approach was not what the 49ers got out of his predecessor, Trent Brown. Brown’s durability raised further questions as he entered his contract year, and his draft-day trade to New England has worked out for all parties involved.

McGlinchey hasn’t been perfect, and while he knows that, he’s also built off of his learning experiences. Some three months ago, McGlinchey got planted on his backside by Houston Texans’ star J.J. Watt in a “Welcome To The NFL” scrimmage.

And now?

“I’m playing a lot faster and a little bit more free now that I have a full understanding of the offense,” McGlinchey said. “I’ve been pretty successful so far and still have a long way to go.”

49ers' Mike McGlinchey born to protect, on and off the field

By Eric Branch
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Mike McGlinchey was an industrial-size baby who was the first of six siblings, making him, by size and birth order, a natural protector.

The 10-pound, 6-ounce infant grew into a 6-foot-8, 315-pound rookie right tackle who will make his NFL debut when the 49ers visit Minnesota in their season opener Sunday. His ability to shield others from harm made him a first-team All-American at Notre Dame and the No. 9 pick in the draft.

His elite skill to safeguard isn't limited to quarterbacks.

As the oldest sibling by three years, McGlinchey's protective instincts kick in with his gigantic and athletic family. It includes an uncle, brother and eight cousins, including Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan, who have played college football.

And McGlinchey, who has 24 first cousins, is particularly fierce when it comes to two relatives who could not play organized sports.

McGlinchey's brother, Jim, 15, was diagnosed with autism at 18 months. And his cousin and best friend, Dan McCain, 26, continues to deal with significant health issues: He was born with microscopic holes in his lungs, had open heart surgery at 16 and underwent another procedure in February to replace the valve that was inserted 10 years earlier.

At one point when discussing his bond with Dan, McGlinchey, a genial giant with a passion for karaoke, politely but firmly made a request when it came to how his cousin would be portrayed: "As long as he's perceived as my biggest fan, best friend and coach," McGlinchey said, "and not the story that's heartwarming."

And when it comes to both Jim and Dan, McGlinchey protects them from potential pity. This story, he says, is not about what he's done for them.

"It's hard to put into words what the two of them have shaped me to be," McGlinchey said, "but they certainly have had their fair share in my development, that's for sure."

McGlinchey credits his brother and cousin for keeping him grounded and connected to his family-first, blue-collar suburban Philadelphia roots.

Last month, a few weeks after signing a four-year, $18.4 million fully guaranteed contract, McGlinchey bought a house that remains largely vacant and undecorated. The only artwork is a framed picture that Jim, a talented artist, drew for him the day after he was drafted. It depicts them, together, celebrating his selection above the words, "Congratulations, Mike McGlinchey!"

A few weeks ago, Dan, after receiving permission from his cardiologist to fly, was the first of McGlinchey's brothers or cousins to visit him in the Bay Area. On an off day, Dan toured the 49ers' facility and met quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, among others.

"They keep me tied back to home, which is where I should be," McGlinchey said. "They have given all of

us perspective on what to appreciate out of life and what's important to us. Like my grandfather always said, remember who you are and remember where you came from. And Jim and Dan are the anchors in which all that is experienced in our family."

In a family filled with accomplished athletes, McGlinchey stood out.

Despite his size, McGlinchey played eight positions, including quarterback and wide receiver, at William Penn Charter in Philadelphia. As a high school sophomore, he dunked on Ryan, then an NFL quarterback, during a driveway game that's part of family lore. And that same year, he took up the shot put to strengthen his lower body for football. The result: He won two state titles in the event.

"I figured out how to do it pretty good," he said.

At Notre Dame, McGlinchey was a two-time captain, and his blend of size, skill and character placed him on the 49ers' wish list. Adam Peters, the team's vice president of player personnel, acknowledges that background work on college prospects often yields varying degrees of positive feedback. McGlinchey was different.

"With Mike, it was superlatives, superlatives, superlatives, superlatives," Peters said. "And then you meet him, and he's everything that everyone described. … He's more mature than a lot of the (veterans) we have. He might be more mature than I am."

In their digging, the 49ers presumably didn't track down the senior-citizen stadium ushers McGlinchey befriended at Notre Dame. Or the maintenance workers with whom he connected in high school. McGlinchey's mom, Janet, says Mike's upbringing is why her son's lofty accomplishments didn't cause him to elevate himself.

"Growing up, we called Mike 'Midas' — everything he did turned to gold," Janet said. "But Jim and Dan have helped him keep him grounded to know that there is another world out there. And some people aren't as gifted as you. So stay humble, remember where you came from, and remember to give back." McGlinchey has given as much as he has gained in his relationships with Jim and Dan.

Like many with autism, Jim craves routine, which explains why he attended only four of his brother's games in college (Dan went to too many to count). Last season, when Notre Dame played in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, the family tried to cajole Jim by explaining it was the home of Disney World. Jim wasn't interested. Moments after McGlinchey was drafted, Jim, who has not flown, made an announcement: He was never traveling to San Francisco.

McGlinchey's football prowess means little to Jim, who think he's at his best in another role.

"He's good at being my brother," Jim said in 2016 in a Bleacher Report video on their relationship. "He takes care of me."

Mike has done that since Janet sat down her older children shortly after Jim's diagnosis. At the time, they were told they would have to take particular care to look out for Jim as he grew up. In later years, it was explained they would care for Jim if there came a time when Janet and her husband, Mike Sr., no longer could.

"I explained this is our family," Janet said. "This is what happens."

And what has happened with Jim has been unexpected. He initially was not expected to talk, but now "he won't shut up," says Janet, laughing. He was an honor student in middle school, and the family has started rethinking whether he could live independently.

Jim still struggles with emotional control and social cues, and he has a very specific list of intense likes (hotel pools) and dislikes (being told what to draw). McGlinchey highlights his brother's grades, spot-on drawings of Nickelodeon characters and gift for creating videos.

"Jimmy," McGlinchey said, "is absolutely smarter than everybody in our family."

Unlike Jim, Dan grew up as sports-crazed as his four younger brothers and collection of cousins. However, his health issues meant he couldn't truly channel his competitive drive into athletics.

He was born with a heart murmur and a disorder that caused his lungs to leak oxygen. Dan slept with an oxygen tank growing up, and Mike, with his size, often would lug it upstairs when the family members gathered for their annual summer vacation in North Wildwood, N.J.

“Mike, from an early age, sensed that Dan had a tough time with things,” said Dan’s mother, Mary. “He’s always been that type that just wants to protect people. … Mike isn’t happy until he gets Dan happy. He’s shared all his success with him.”

Mike and Dan grew up in the same neighborhood and were constant companions. In pickup football games, Dan was the all-time quarterback. In Wiffle ball, he was the all-time pitcher.

However, there were times he got carried away in a family in which the boys once played a tackle football game, in suits, at McGlinchey’s grandmother’s wake. As Mary says, even “Monopoly became fisticuffs.” “Dan always went at it with them on our front lawn,” Mary said. “I couldn’t even watch. If I tried to hold him back, he’d get really mad at me.”

Mike and Dan were separated for the first time when Mike went to Notre Dame, but the pattern was established: Dan would remain in the game.

Through McGlinchey’s college career, Dan was a regular in South Bend and became friends with several of his Notre Dame teammates. Mike would FaceTime Dan the day after every game to “get his report,” which could include praise and critiques.

In 2015, after previously unbeaten Notre Dame lost 24-22 at Clemson, McGlinchey called Dan twice the day after the game. No response. He texted him. Nothing. Finally, Dan called back about four days later. “He was like, ‘Sorry, I had to take some time to decompress from that one,’” McGlinchey said, laughing. “I told him, ‘Yeah, I hear ya.’”

For Dan, Mike’s setbacks and successes cause wild emotional swings.

“I definitely have that competitive drive,” Dan said. “I don’t think it’s as prevalent as it was back then (growing up) because I’m not playing. But I definitely like to consider with Notre Dame, and now all the way up to the 49ers, (Mike’s) wins are kind of like my wins in a way.”

Dan’s lung disorder eventually resolved itself, but for years, it stressed his other organs, particularly his heart. In February, the valve that was inserted when he was 16 was replaced. Doctors didn’t think his

body could withstand a second open-heart surgery, so they performed a TAVR procedure, which is less invasive and involves guiding a catheter through the leg to the heart to replace the valve.

However, it is a temporary fix. And it’s unlikely the TAVR can be repeated when Dan requires another procedure in as soon as five years. The families are praying a medical advancement can resolve the issue.

The uncertainty is a reason the months after the surgery were difficult for Dan, and Mike hoped his recent visit to the Bay Area would raise his spirits. His plan worked. After Dan arrived home, it was clear he officially was part of his best friend’s new team.

“He feels like he belongs,” Mary said. “… It gives him a whole new kind of purpose.”

For Mike, he has a specific purpose as he begins a journey that, if his Midas touch remains, will include fame to go along with rookie fortune. He wants to keep the proper perspective as a pro. And he thinks that those he has safeguarded the most will shield him from losing his way.

Postgame calls to his best friend, and a picture on his otherwise vacant wall, will protect him from forgetting who he is and where he came from.

Big guy, strong roots: Why the 49ers zeroed in on Mike McGlinchey

By Matt Barrows
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Two items Mike McGlinchey's parents made sure they had before heading off to one of their son's youth basketball games: A water bottle and his birth certificate.

"Because people always questioned whether he belonged on the team or not," his mother, Janet, said.

You see, the McGlincheys' oldest child stood out among peers the way a tiger would in a room full of house cats. He was big out of the cradle, was called "Big Mike" while he was still a grade schooler and didn't stop growing until he went off to college.

His parents wouldn't let him play football at age eight, for example, because their town's weight-based league would have put him on the same field as eighth and ninth graders. "So that year he ended up playing soccer, which he hated dreadfully," Janet said.

Every six months mother and son had to go shopping because Mike had grown out of his shoes. Well, at least until he entered high school when Janet started ordering shoes online since the ones they sell in stores weren't big enough. Mike's topped out at size 17.

During warm-ups at youth-league games outside of Philadelphia, parents of the opposing players would look at McGlinchey and shout: "Yo, did No. 44 drive the bus here?" McGlinchey was 9 years old at the time, not just the youngest kid on the team but the youngest in the league.

All of which begins to explain why the 49ers used the ninth overall pick on the offensive tackle from Notre Dame. Sure, his size played a role. They love that someone who stands 6-8 and has massive 10-inch hands will be battling in the trenches and protecting quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo. But there's also a maturity and steadiness about McGlinchey that drew the 49ers.

One draft publication said he acts "like a CEO of a Fortune 500 company." Before the draft, analyst Mike Mayock rated McGlinchey as his top tackle because his work ethic and passion for the game were "unparalleled." "So I know what I'm getting with that kid," Mayock said. "And that's why I bang the table for him."

Said 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan a few hours after the 49ers selected McGlinchey: "To me what separates Mike from everyone else is the person you're getting."

No holding back

How did McGlinchey get that way? Parents and adults expect more from big kids because they instinctively think they're older than they are. They play with older children because they're so much larger than their peers and they aspire to be like their playmates.

When Mike was in kindergarten, he was on a team with third and fourth graders, prompting his coach to note that while some of his players were learning advanced multiplication and division in school, one of his players didn't know how to read or write.

"Even as a toddler he was always playing with 4 or 5 year olds because he was so much bigger," Janet said. "So I think he always gravitated to that mature level faster than most kids his age. His size sort of forced him to act more mature when he was still a young kid."

McGlinchey also is the oldest of six children and is among the oldest of what Janet described as a the "second wave of cousins." There are 22 of them on her side of the family, the vast majority rough-and-tumble boys who sharpened Mike's sense of competition.

Her brother, John Loughery, was a quarterback at Boston College when Doug Flutie arrived there. She has nephews who played at Sacred Heart, Brown, Elon, Temple, and one, Matt Ryan, who was the third overall pick to the Atlanta Falcons in 2008.

The boys played basketball, lacrosse and any plenty of other sports. But in their family, football is king.

The cousins played it on the beach at the Jersey shore in the summers. Janet said the family used to watch the Thanksgiving Day parade in Philadelphia every year. To the chagrin of her and her sisters, however, that tradition was bumped aside by a late-morning turkey-bowl game in the park. A football game even broke out following -- immediately following -- their grandmother's wake. The boys were still in their suits.

"I think that's how she would have wanted it," Mike told the Chicago Tribune in 2015.

"We always joked that our basements should have had rubber floors and rubber walls," Janet said. "We've had many dings in the wall that my husband has had to re-spackle or re-dry wall. Whether it was somebody being shoved or the sofa went through or a lacrosse ball going through or anything like that. When they played together they played hard. There was no holding back. They just competed with one another all the time."

No mere brute

Some of the cousins, including Ryan, are as tall as 6-4. Mike was the biggest of the bunch, but he was no mere brute.

He was the center on his high school basketball team who was, as you would expect, an excellent rebounder, but who also had a smooth jump shot and was reliable from the free-throw line.

In football, he had soft hands like a tight end, served as the team's longsnapper and even could throw. One of his youth-league coaches suspected at the time that if McGlinchey were to play in college it would be as a quarterback. After all, he was tall and could throw the ball 60 yards when he was 12.

Another youth-league coach, Dave Armstrong, remembers watching McGlinchey when he was the only fourth grader on a team that had kids as old as 13. On one play, McGlinchey was lined up as nose tackle. When the center tried to undercut him, McGlinchey deftly leaped into the air, hurdled the blocker and came crashing down on both the quarterback and running back.

"He destroyed the whole thing," Armstrong said. "I coached many great kids over the last 30 years. But when I saw that, I had to get on the phone and call my son. I said, 'Wow! What I just saw this kid do was unbelievable!'"

McGlinchey had an invitation to attend the draft in Dallas. He declined. After all, the NFL wouldn't have allowed him to bring the 150 family and friends with whom he wanted to celebrate the occasion. Instead, they rented out a space at Giusseppe's, an Italian restaurant outside of Philadelphia.

After receiving a phone call from 49ers general manager John Lynch, McGlinchey got up and gave long hugs to his mom, dad and girlfriend. After that, it was a party until a car arrived at 5 a.m. to take him to the airport and his first trip to Santa Clara.

"I’ve got a huge, crazy family with a lot of people that are a lot of fun and very loud and very exciting," he said. "But it’s something I’ve worked for and my family has helped me work for 20-something years now. It was a huge moment for us.

Colton McKivitz

Interior decorator: 49ers' Colton McKivitz aiming to enhance offensive line

By Eric Branch
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Colton McKivitz has had to carry shoulder pads, pick up sandwiches and order pizzas as part of his duties as the lone rookie offensive lineman on the 49ers' roster.

Last month, the fifth-round pick was given his most daunting task when his position mates explained his latest assignment: Decorate their spacious meeting room extravagantly for Halloween.

"I haven't been tied to a field-goal post," McKivitz said, laughing. "So I'll take decorating all day long."

Indeed, the right guard has had a mild first-year initiation from his teammates that pales in comparison to what his coaches have asked him to do: Play a foreign position in a complex offense after an abbreviated offseason that didn't include OTA practices.

How McKivitz handles that challenge makes him one of the young players to closely watch as the 49ers (4-6) finish a season that's unlikely to end in the playoffs. As attention figures to turn increasingly to 2021, McKivitz's performance in the final six regular-season games will help determine how much the 49ers will need to invest in a problem area — their interior offensive line — in the offseason.

McKivitz, who had played only offensive tackle since high school, has been eased into action to see if he could be an answer. He's played his first meaningful offensive snaps in the past two games when he has rotated at right guard with Tom Compton, 31, a ninth-year veteran who has started the past two contests.

McKivitz has played 44 snaps in losses to the Packers and Saints, 40 fewer than Compton.

"We'll see how this year keeps going with both of them," head coach Kyle Shanahan said. "They've been competing really well and we'll see if one gets ahead of the other. But I've been happy with their progress."

Given his youth and their draft-pick investment, the 49ers are hoping McKivitz emerges as the winner.

They drafted McKivitz, 6-foot-6 and 301 pounds, after a senior season at West Virginia in which he was named the Big 12's Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year and a third-team Associated Press All-American as a left tackle.

The 49ers were attracted to his grit — NFL.com's scouting profile on McKivitz labeled him a "bonafide dirt dog with a chippy demeanor" — and the intangibles of a player who made 49 straight starts in college.

McKivitz was a team captain, a member of the school's academic honor roll and was a three-time winner of the "Iron Mountaineer" award for his excellence and dedication in the weight room.

The 49ers gave McKivitz a "gold helmet" designation, given to only a handful of their draft prospects each year.

"The gold helmet is essentially, 'This is the ideal 49ers person and player that we want to bring in,'" director of college scouting Ethan Waugh said. "He fits exactly what we're looking for demeanor-wise and on the offensive line."

McKivitz is unusual among NFL rookies, who are understandably eager to prove themselves, in that he's refreshingly candid about his first-year growing pains.

For example, he was largely pleased with his 23-snap performance against the Saints, but he didn't hesitate to volunteer this: He missed a block on one of the game's biggest plays, a 4th-and-1 attempt in which running back Jerick McKinnon was dropped for a 2-yard loss in the second quarter.

And McKivitz didn't hide what happened when asked about his welcome-to-the-NFL moment — he was bulldozed by rookie defensive tackle Javon Kinlaw in training camp — or when queried about his first offensive snap in the NFL, which came near the end of a blowout win over the Jets in Week 2.

"I think it was inside zone left and I kind of let my guy get off late and he made the tackle," McKivitz said. "And we probably would have had a 30-yard gain. I got a little earful on the sideline. But it still felt good to get out there and be playing in the NFL."

McKivitz's willingness to share his lows suggests he's confident those moments don't define him.

His more memorable moments have inspired some of that belief. In his first extended action, against the Packers, he successfully pulled off a difficult run block against Pro Bowl defensive tackle Kenny Clark.

"I think that was kind of the moment where it was, 'OK this is just football,'" McKivitz said. "And it's back to the basics and just having fun out there. That was one play that just solidified that, 'Hey, you're meant to be here. And this is what you can do.'"

McKivitz is excited about the chance to play after logging just 14 snaps in the first eight games. And, off the field, things also are looking up.

McKivitz noted the NFL's recently mandated intensive COVID-19 protocols mean the offensive linemen won't be using their meeting room as all such interactions will be done virtually for the rest of the season.

The result: McKivitz didn't have to shop for Thanksgiving decor and Christmas isn't a concern.

"That," McKivitz said, "will save me some money."

49ers rookie Colton McKivitz is a Renaissance man with a country spirit

By Matt Barrows
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Colton McKivitz, the offensive lineman the 49ers drafted in the fifth round, is the type of guy who hits the golf course with a 12-gauge instead of a 9-iron. After all, the fairway ponds are positively lousy with corn-fed Canada geese in the winter and the course managers don't mind one bit if a few go missing.

He has eight white-tailed deer, including the 160-pounder he bagged when he was 6 years old, mounted on the wall of his bedroom in Southeast Ohio. When he'd head back on the 90-minute drive to the University of West Virginia his mom would send him off with hugs and kisses while his dad would send him off with huge Ziploc bags bursting with goose jerky.

"He'd take them down to Morgantown and give them to all the trainers and athletes," his father said. "Some of the football players never tasted it before. And they loved it. They just begged and begged for more of it."

If you're picturing a mountain man with an unruly beard and a raccoon cap, well, you're close. That's a dead-on description of Matt McKivitz, Colton's dad. He became a bit of a celebrity at his son's games because of the homemade raccoon hats — every now and then he'd switch it up with a coyote chapeau — he wore in the stands. Matt is an avid hunter, a skilled taxidermist and he can turn anything he shoots, snares or hooks into a tasty meal.

"If the big one drops and you're out in the woods, you want Matt McKivitz around you," said Brion Schiappa, Colton's first offensive line coach and a close friend of the family. "He'd keep you alive for a long time."

Colton definitely is his father's son. He caught his first fish — a bluegill — at age 3. Three years after that, Matt was strapping him into a tree stand for his first deer hunt. Their preferred quarry in recent years is ducks and geese, which descend on their area in the fall and stay through the winter.

During the football season, Colton would play for the Mountaineers on Saturday afternoon, drive to his family home in Centerville, Ohio, that evening, get up before dawn for a duck hunt with dad and be back at school Sunday afternoon for treatment and meetings.

"It wasn't like he was going out to party after games," his mom, Wendy, said during a phone interview. "He was driving home to get ready to go sit with his dad and the duck blind. I think that was important to him because he would spend so much time away with football."

"I think he liked being able to talk — the camaraderie," adds Matt, who was on the same call. "Because (with) deer hunting, you've gotta be real quiet."

The 49ers' fifth-round pick is a country kid through and through, but the team believes they've landed a bit of a Renaissance man. Last month vice president of player personnel Adam Peters revealed that the 49ers had given McKivitz a "gold helmet" designation heading into the draft, something only 15 or so of the hundreds of draft prospects earn each year.

To get it, you have to meet an array of criteria, from durability to leadership to character to intelligence. General manager John Lynch and coach Kyle Shanahan are adamant about creating a specific culture on their team and in their locker room, and McKivitz seems to embody what they're looking for.

"Gold helmet is not something we give out a lot," Peters said. "The person really has to be exemplary, really has to stand out."

In talking to those who know McKivitz best, you start to understand why the 49ers think so highly of him. He was a National Honor Society student in high school who went on to become a team captain at West

Virginia. He started 49 straight games for the Mountaineers — some while playing hurt — and last year, with a new coaching staff taking over, he acted as somewhat of a player-coach on an otherwise young offensive line.

He doesn't drink. He doesn't party. Schiappa, the family friend, said he's the type of guy any father would want his daughter to marry.

"You're not going to find a better human being as far as moral conduct is concerned," he said. "He will never embarrass the 49ers. Ever."

Smart guy, devoted son, avid outdoorsman. That's all great. But does he have the requisite nastiness to grapple with Aaron Donald and Jarran Reed in the NFL tranches? Asked about that, Schiappa recalls a game against Kansas State last season. At one point, he saw one of Kansas State's linebackers, No. 58, hit McKivitz across the side of the helmet. A little later he did it again.

"The third time it happened, Colton drilled the guy into the ground," Schiappa said with a laugh. "It was such a great block. And that's the last we saw of 58. There's a lot of fire inside that guy. A lot of fire. You wouldn't want to piss him off."

Schiappa first encountered McKivitz before his sophomore year of high school. McKivitz had been a baseball and basketball player, and he stood out in both sports. He threw a no-hitter as a freshman. At 6-foot-6, he could dominate the paint in basketball.

Schiappa immediately was impressed by the boy's size and didn't bother with pleasantries. Instead, he went straight to the point, fixing his eyes on McKivitz's and telling the high schooler that he could get a college scholarship if he decided to play football, which McKivitz never had done up to that point.

"I didn't tell him my name and I don't know if I even asked him his name," Schiappa said. "I just walked up to him (and said): 'You can have the big house on the hill. You can name your college. You can have it all. You just focus on this game.'"

That's exactly what McKivitz did. Four years later, he was suiting up for his first game at West Virginia. He had redshirted the previous season, adding 45 pounds of bulk to what had long been a basketball player's taut frame. The opening game that year was against Missouri, and McKivitz was told he'd get a few snaps at right tackle to spell his teammate.

He ended up getting a lot more work than that when the starting left tackle went down with a torn ACL early in the second quarter. The injury meant McKivitz would face defensive end Charles Harris for the rest of the contest. Harris finished with nine sacks that season and later would be drafted by the Miami Dolphins in the first round. But he didn't get any against McKivitz, who put a big block on Harris on the game's opening touchdown run and who never left the lineup from that point on.

That was the start of McKivitz's career at West Virginia. His biggest jump may have come at the end.

The Mountaineers not only brought in a new coaching staff for 2019, but many of the upperclassmen had also moved on after the 2018 season. They would be a young team learning new schemes. In other words, they wouldn't be very good. McKivitz considered skipping his senior season and entering the draft. The new coaches convinced him to stay, and both parties were glad he did.

Until that point, McKivitz had been a hard-working, dependable overachiever. But he wasn't overly athletic, he didn't have the long arms NFL teams prefer and, aside from his redshirt freshman season, he'd mostly played right tackle. If he had tried to make the leap to the NFL last year, he might have gone undrafted.

The incoming offensive line coach, Matt Moore, switched him to left tackle, which signaled to NFL teams he was versatile. Moore and the rest of the West Virginia staff also asked him to play with more of an edge on the field and to become a more vocal and visible leader off of it.

Moore knew McKivitz had taken the challenge seriously when he arrived for an offensive line meeting one day to find that the senior left tackle already was conducting one with all of his younger teammates studiously taking notes. The players-only meetings became routine.

“He’d get the running backs in there. He’d get the rest of the O-linemen,” Moore recalled. “And I’d slide in there to get ready for my meeting and he’d be quizzing them on, ‘All right, who’s the Mike (linebacker), who’s the blitzer?’ all of that stuff. When you’re teaching other people, you’ve taken your football knowledge to another level. And that’s what he did that year.”

After his junior season, McKivitz didn’t collect many accolades. Following his senior year, he was named the Big 12 conference’s co-offensive lineman of the year, made the Associated Press’ All-America third team and was given an invitation to the Senior Bowl.

“And I see him continuing to develop,” Moore said. “He is not tapped out. He’s one of those guys who is just now hitting his stride.”

While the 49ers have their “gold helmet” guys and other team awards, the Mountaineers’ version is something they call the “boss man.” It pays tribute to the state’s coal-mining roots. At a mine, the boss man is the one who has worked his way up through the ranks, who has done everything right and who gets to be in charge. He’s part of the management, but in spirit he’s still one of the crew. McKivitz was named boss man in each of the last three years.

“It’s part of the school’s identity and the history of West Virginia in general,” the school’s longtime strength coach, Mike Joseph, said. “And it’s a mentality that we as a team try to maintain — that blue-collar mentality. And he really embraced that.”

After all, it’s an ethos McKivitz instantly recognized. The Southeast Ohio region where he grew up used to be coal-mining country and Matt McKivitz spent nine years as a miner. He doesn’t do it anymore: Gas and oil have taken over as the main industries in recent years. But the coal-mining work ethic is ingrained in the region. The landscape bears its marks, too. The ponds and small lakes where the McKivitzes fish and hunt mallards are the remnants of the strip mining that occurred in that region.

Colton McKivitz could tell you all about the ecology. Staying for his senior season also allowed him to get his degree in wildlife and fisheries resources, which he plans to use when his football career is over.

Some former players try to get into broadcasting. Some become coaches. McKivitz’s dream is to buy a ranch or maybe a lodge and offer a guide service on the property. He’s already figured out what crops he’d plant and which fish he’d stock in the lake. He also knows the approximate location — somewhere west of his home region so that he’s a little closer to main waterfowl flyways.

“Colton is a man with a plan. He’s always planning,” Wendy said. “He’s been thinking about this for a long time. He’s already looking at properties — dreaming and planning.”

The one thing he couldn’t plan: Which team would take him in the draft. The 49ers spoke with him at the Senior Bowl in January, but that was it. Other teams were calling him in the run-up to the draft and throughout the three-day process. The 49ers weren’t one of them. Shanahan, Lynch and Peters were laying so low in the weeds that it was a complete surprise to McKivitz when they bagged him in the fifth round.

Is he worried about being out of his element in the Bay Area?

Not at all. His parents note he’s been training with former NFL offensive lineman LeCharles Bentley in Chandler, Ariz., since the winter and has been staying at a Residence Inn in the area. The hotel is surrounded by a shallow pond and, well, McKivitz has discovered that it’s full of fish.

“If there’s a way to fish, he will find it,” Wendy said.

Added Matt McKivitz: “The first words out of his mouth when he was drafted were: ‘I’m going to go out there, and the first thing I’m going to do is catch a great white.'”

Elijah Mitchell

49ers' Elijah Mitchell, the 'big brother' of Erath, shaped by his tiny hometown

By Connor Letourneau
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As 49ers running back Elijah Mitchell appeared on the TV, Nathan Granger leaned forward in his seat: Is that what I think it is? Could it be?

There, wrapped around Mitchell's right wrist, was a blue band with "Team Ross" in white letters. Granger fought back tears. Eight months earlier, after going to the 49ers in the sixth round of the NFL draft, Mitchell asked Granger for one of those wristbands so he could honor Granger's late son, Ross, who died in 2016 from brain cancer. He was 19.

Granger couldn't have known that Mitchell, Ross' close friend and high school teammate, would wear the band during the NFC divisional round. As Granger watched from his Erath, La., home Saturday as Mitchell warmed up on Lambeau Field, he reflected — if only for a moment or two — on all Mitchell means to a one-stoplight town of 1,983.

The rookie's rise from late-round afterthought to the 49ers' featured running back has been a major source of pride for Erath. As Mitchell prepares to start against the Rams in the NFC Championship Game on Sunday, loved ones, friends and acquaintances back home are brainstorming new ways to celebrate him.

An electronic sign outside Champagne's Supermarket, Erath's only grocery store, proclaims Mitchell as a "Hometown Hero." Posters emblazoned with his likeness sit in families' front yards. On Friday, students at the local elementary, middle and high schools will swap their usual uniforms for 49ers gear.

"It's the reason why I do what I do," said Mitchell, who flew back to Erath during the bye week in October to serve as grand marshal of the town's homecoming parade. "Just being from a small town and to have all that support, it's just amazing to me. They just make me who I am, really."

Erath's adoration for Mitchell goes well beyond the fact that he's its first NFL player. In Mitchell, locals see the ideal person to represent this tight-knit community, 140 miles west of New Orleans, on a national scale.

Many Erath residents still remember him as the polite, friendly teenager who defied the "jock" stereotype. As an all-state running back at Erath High, Mitchell spent his free time with students from every clique: athletes, goths, brainiacs.

When addressing teachers, coaches or parents, he said "sir" or "ma'am." Seldom, if ever, did Mitchell discuss his NFL aspirations. Often when his Erath High team was close to the end zone, he switched places with the fullback unbeknownst to his coaches so his less-touted teammate could score the touchdown.

"With a lot of high school kids nowadays, it's all about them," said David Comeaux, Mitchell's head football coach at Erath High. "But Elijah was so humble that, seeing him walk around campus and interact with his fellow students, you would never know how gifted of a player he was. He was like a big brother to people."

No one felt that more than Eddie Armond, a classmate of Mitchell's with Down syndrome. Mitchell, like many Erath High students, came to appreciate Armond's reliably amiable spirit.

On numerous occasions, Mitchell sought out Armond on the sideline after scoring a touchdown. For several minutes, Mitchell detailed how the play had unfolded, taking Armond through the nuances of run-blocking schemes or defensive coverages.

The chats helped Armond feel more connected to the team. Still not fully satisfied, Mitchell found more ways to give Armond a normal high school experience.

In the fall of his senior year, after his classmates elected him “Powder Puff King,” Mitchell handed his crown to Armond and told him, “This belongs to you.” For the rest of the night, Armond, grinning, shouted again and again, “I’m the Erath King!”

“It’s something that you hope happens for your child with special needs,” said Dawn Armond, Eddie’s mother. “But when it actually does happen, there are no words. It’s a moment we’ll never forget.”

Less than a week later, Dawn received a call from a school official. The Erath High football team had crafted a plan to ensure that Eddie experienced the thrill of scoring a touchdown. That Friday’s opponent, Patterson High, had agreed to play along.

When Dawn expressed safety concerns, the school official eased her worries with eight words: “Elijah will be with him the whole time.” Eddie was given a helmet and a uniform. When the time was right, Mitchell showed his friend where to line up. Then, as the crowd roared, Mitchell guided Eddie 20 yards into the end zone.

The ensuing scene — Eddie yelling in jubilation as players from both teams congratulated him — remains more vivid in many Erath residents’ memories than any touchdown Mitchell scored. In that moment, Mitchell and his teammates had epitomized the type of family-oriented atmosphere Erath tries to foster.

This is a place where people don’t just know almost everyone; they know their birthdays, too. Erath’s crime rate is is less than half of the national average. Thanks in large part to hands-on faculty and parents, Erath High (enrollment: 572) ranks among Louisiana’s top high schools annually.

“You know that old saying, ‘It takes a village to raise a kid?’” Erath High principal Marc Turner said. “Well, that’s really true here. And I think that’s why Elijah’s success means so much. In a community like ours, everyone knows him on a personal level. Everyone played some part in him getting to this point, so there’s a collective pride.”

Mitchell’s humility traces back to his upbringing in a modest home surrounded by sugarcane fields. Penny Mitchell, a cosmetologist, raised five sons with her husband, Milton Mitchell, a welder, on a one-acre plot of land on the outskirts of Erath.

While playing pickup basketball at a young age, Elijah — already the best athlete in the family — was often selected for a team before his older brothers. When he asked his dad why he was routinely picked first, Milton told him, “You’re good, but don’t brag. Treat everyone like a friend.”

The message resonated. As Mitchell blossomed into a standout running back, he was sometimes uncomfortable with all the newfound attention. Erath, like many small towns, revolves around the athletic exploits of the local high school. And on fall Fridays for four years, local businesses shuttered as fans packed the Erath High stands to watch Mitchell break records for the Bobcats.

Many in the area had never seen a homegrown player with such speed and power. Until recently, the most famous athlete from Erath was 1980s and ’90s horse-racing jockey Randy Romero, whose name can be found on a highway sign welcoming visitors to town.

But what most impressed former NFL quarterback Jake Delhomme, who sometimes made the 30-mile drive from his Breaux Bridge, La., home to see the local high school sensation, was how Mitchell comported himself. After Bobcats games, Delhomme remarked to friends how rare it was for a teen to hand the ball back to the referees after every touchdown.

To help Mitchell stay focused, his dad attended many of his high school practices and met often with his teachers. Turner knew to expect a call from Milton if Elijah scored poorly on a test. On multiple occasions, Milton threatened to keep Elijah home for games if his grades didn't improve. They always did.

In the summers, Mitchell spent many days dragging a huge steel sled back and forth across 50 yards of grass near the family house. His dad had welded it together to help his son train for college football.

At the time, Mitchell was a two-star recruit with only one FBS offer, from nearby Louisiana-Lafayette. Some in town encouraged him to wait on interest from bigger schools. But when Ragin' Cajuns head coach Mark Hudspeth made a home visit to Erath in a helicopter the summer before Mitchell's senior year, he committed that day.

As he rushed for 2,900 yards and 41 touchdowns during his final season with the Bobcats, Mitchell received a defensive-back offer from LSU and a running-back offer from Missouri. No matter. Those SEC programs, with their state-of-the-art facilities and lucrative TV contracts, couldn't compete with Louisiana-Lafayette's best asset: It was only 21 miles from Erath.

"He wanted to make sure everyone in town could see him play in college," Milton said. "Going anywhere else wouldn't have felt right."

After the 49ers took him with the 194th pick of May's NFL draft, Mitchell moved away from south central Louisiana for the first time. He had just turned 23 years old. Accompanying Mitchell were his fiancée and high school sweetheart, Jasmine LeJeune, and their two young sons.

As injuries to other running backs hastened Mitchell's rise up the depth chart, his iPhone flooded with texts from old teammates, coaches and teachers back home expressing how proud Erath was of him. Such messages only continued as Mitchell cemented himself as the 49ers' top ball-carrier.

With 963 rushing yards this season, he shattered the rookie franchise record of 811 set by Vic Washington in 1971. That Mitchell did it in just 11 games only adds to his burgeoning lore.

But almost every time someone in Erath tells him all he means to a rural outpost just north of Vermilion Bay, Mitchell is quick to remind them: "Erath has done more for me than I could ever do for it." Without his support system there, he wouldn't be one win away from the Super Bowl.

When Nathan Granger saw Mitchell wearing his "Team Ross" wristband during the NFC divisional round, he recognized it for what it was: a sign that he hasn't forgotten where he came from.

On the night of Nov. 11, 2016, Erath High chased its first playoff win in 12 years. Miles away, surrounded by friends and loved ones, Ross neared the end of a lengthy battle with brain cancer.
Realizing that his childhood friend might not have much more time, Mitchell — then a senior — played inspired, breaking tackle after tackle. Early in the second half, Nathan informed the team that Ross had died.

Those who witnessed what happened next recall Mitchell running with a passion that felt almost spiritual, on his way to 331 rushing yards. After the final whistle sounded on the Bobcats' blowout win over the favored Eunice High, Mitchell embraced his quarterback, Ross' little brother, Mason.

"To this day, Elijah and I talk pretty regularly," Nathan said. "Just the other night, he told me, 'I'm so blessed to be in this position I've been put in.'

"That's the person he is. I pray that he remains that way, but I know he will."

49ers' `country boy' Elijah Mitchell is a product of his Southern Louisiana environment

By Jerry McDonald
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Life may be slower in his hometown of Erath, Louisiana, but that hasn't prevented Elijah Mitchell from getting places in a hurry.

Mitchell has rushed for more yards than any rookie in the history of the 49ers, all the while adhering to the values instilled by his parents in what his high school coach calls "a one-stop-light" town with a population of just over 2,000 in Southern Louisiana.

Milton and Penny Mitchell raised five sons in a home surrounded by sugarcane fields.

"My mom and dad, they raised me right," Mitchell said Thursday in a phone interview. "They taught me right from wrong and I never had a problem getting in trouble. They were definitely strict on me — if I wanted to go somewhere, they were going to meet who I was going with and their parents."

With 878 yards rushing, Mitchell, 23, broke the franchise record of 811 set by Vic Washington in 1971. He did it in just 10 games, and his per-game rushing average of 87.8 trails only veteran established backs Derrick Henry (117.1), Johnathan Taylor (108.4), Nick Chubb (92.4) and Dalvin Cook (90.0) in the NFL. Mitchell returned to action in a 23-7 win over Houston, gaining 119 yards on 21 carries.

It was Mitchell's fifth game of more than 100 yards rushing after being a sixth-round draft pick out of Louisiana, where he had 3,267 career rushing yards and 41 touchdowns. That came after three seasons at Erath High School (pronounced EE-rath) where Mitchell rushed for 4,045 yards and 50 touchdowns in three seasons, averaging 8.9 yards per carry and a touchdown on every ninth attempt.

Although Mitchell may have been the big man on campus at a school with an enrollment of about 500, he never acted like it.

"I've coached for 27 years and Elijah did some amazing things," former Erath coach David Comeaux said in a recent phone interview. "But beyond that, Elijah was just the kind of kid that took care of everybody. Of all the players I've ever coached, he's the most humble. No doubt."

The play that sticks with Comeaux more than any other didn't even count. Mitchell befriended Eddie Armond, a student with Down syndrome, and helped stage a play where Armond was able to score a touchdown of his own.

The opponent, Patterson High, agreed to play along. Eddie was fitted with a helmet and a jersey the day before the game and ran the play at practice. When the big moment came, Mitchell showed Eddie where to stand, then led him 20 yards into the end zone for a "touchdown" as the crowd cheered. Both teams met Eddie in the end zone to congratulate him.

"Here is Elijah, guiding this kid to a touchdown," Comeaux said. "It was pretty special stuff."

The week before, after Mitchell had been elected "Powder Puff King" by his senior classmates, he handed Eddie his crown.

"Eddie was beyond ecstatic," said his mother, Dawn Armond. "He called himself the Erath king. Elijah was his best friend."

During games, Eddie would join the Erath team on the bench, with Dawn close by to make sure he stayed out of harm's way.

“When we were on the sidelines and Elijah made a play, he’d look for Eddie and say, `Eddie, did you see that?,’ ” Dawn said. “And he would explain the play to Eddie. He would include him in the game to make sure he knew what was going on. I enjoyed that. When Elijah sat down, Eddie would sit with him. They just kind of blended.”

Mitchell was drawn to Eddie’s innocence and outlook.

“Eddie was always a happy person, his personality is just awesome,” Mitchell said. “As a team we just wanted to see him have that moment, and I think it was the best day of his life. It was awesome.”

Recruited by mostly Sun Belt schools, LSU was interested in Mitchell but as a defensive back. He instead stayed close to home and accepted a scholarship to Louisiana in Lafayette, just 21 miles from home.

Billy Napier, the head coach at Louisiana who recently took over the program at Florida, believes family and community are at the core of what Mitchell is all about.

“You go back to how he was raised, the community,” Napier said in a phone interview. “Just a terrific family. They know who they are and know what they believe in with conviction. There is something about that part of the country and the Cajun culture that is unique. It’s hospitality, caring for other people, service and a lot of pride in doing things the right way. There’s a give-the-shirt-off-your-back mentality there. I think Eli reflects that with how he’s lived his life for sure.”

Mitchell played in a three-back system at Louisiana along with Trey Ragas and Raymond Calais and never uttered a word of complaint.

“He embodied everything we tried to build our culture around when it comes to being selfless, accepting their role,” Napier said. “We knew he was gifted. I thought the 49ers got a steal relative to where they got him in the draft.”

Mitchell missed some training camp time with an adductor injury, but quickly passed third-round draft pick Trey Sermon of Ohio State on the depth chart. When Jeff Wilson Jr. and Raheem Mostert were injured, Mitchell showed the power, speed and ability to finish runs which meshed perfectly with the 49ers’ outside zone run scheme. He gained 104 yards on 19 carries in his first NFL game, a season-opening win against Detroit.

Listed at 5-foot-10 and 200 pounds, Mitchell’s power shocked 49ers left tackle Trent Williams. Mitchell once ran into Williams’ back, and the Pro Bowl left tackle said the only time he was hit so hard with friendly fire was playing with perennial Pro Bowler Adrian Peterson in Washington. Coach Kyle Shanahan said Mitchell often left him believing he was facing a challenging down-and-distance, only to be informed by coaches in the press box Mitchell had made something out of nothing.

Napier knows the feeling.

“He’ll make you a better coach,” Napier said. “He’s an offensive line coach’s dream and best friend. He’s going to make your team better. Not only with his ability but his approach as a person.”

Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo said Mitchell has come out of his shell somewhat but has retained the same core values.

“E was very quiet when he got here. He was humble, hard-working,” Garoppolo said.”He’s become more open and talkative, but as far as the humble and hard-working stuff, that hasn’t changed a bit. For a rookie to have as much success as he’s had and still remain the same, that’s a rare combo right there. That’s why you love him as a teammate, love him as a friend. He’s everything you could want.”

Mitchell, a self-described “country boy” who went through high school and college in the same area, conceded moving to California was a culture shock.

“But I grew into it, and it’s going well,” Mitchell said.

Mitchell’s values are ingrained to the point where his parents don’t need to warn him against getting a big head with all the recent success.

“They don’t really tell me that because they already know how I’ve always been,” Mitchell said. “I always think about how things can be taken away so fast. I’ve always been a humble guy and I’m going to stay that way for the rest of my life.”

San Francisco 49ers' Elijah Mitchell goes from sixth-round pick to Adrian Peterson comparisons

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At 6-foot-5, 320 pounds and with the strength to match, San Francisco 49ers left tackle Trent Williams isn't easily moved.

Which is why his short list of running backs who have left a lasting, physical impact on him consists of two: future Hall of Famer Adrian Peterson and 49ers rookie Elijah Mitchell. That Peterson, who accidentally decleated Williams when he was a freshman at the University of Oklahoma, is one of those names is no surprise.

That Mitchell, listed at 5-foot-10, 200 pounds, is the other, probably is.

"Elijah didn't decleat me but he definitely put one in my back and it made me turn around like, 'Who the hell was that?'" Williams said. "I was like, 'Damn, that's what they feel when they've got to tackle him?' I can tell why he breaks so many tackles."

Williams' reaction to colliding with Mitchell in the first quarter of an Oct. 31 win against the Chicago Bears undoubtedly echoes the sentiments of opposing defenders. They likely had little idea who Mitchell was before the season but are now well aware of the Niners' latest prized runner.

It's no coincidence the 49ers' three-game winning streak has coincided with a resurgence in their running game. During that stretch, the Niners have their highest rushing yardage totals of the season -- 156, 171 and 208, for an average of 178 per game, up from the 113 they averaged during the first eight games. That physical dominance has allowed the Niners to become the first team since the 2018-19 Baltimore Ravens to average 37-plus minutes of possession in three straight games.

Despite missing the Jacksonville game on Nov. 21 because of a fractured finger, it's Mitchell who has been at the center of it all, offering a mix of expected speed and surprising power even when playing through a variety of injuries.

"I just feel like Elijah is an all-around back," receiver Deebo Samuel said. "He can play like he's 240 pounds and he runs like 190 pounds. You've got the speed, he's got the physicality and he's got the mindset. He's just a great overall back."

Indeed, Mitchell is mounting a case as the most successful rookie running back in franchise history. Through 11 games, he is 10th in the NFL in rushing yards (693), third in rushing yards per game (86.6) and ninth in yards per carry among running backs (4.85). Despite playing in just eight games, Mitchell has 100-plus yards in half of them, surpassing Billy Kilmer for the most such performances by a rookie in franchise history.

A rookie or unheralded back making an impact has become commonplace around the 49ers and other Kyle Shanahan-coached teams for more than two decades. While the easy assumption was that third-round pick Trey Sermon out of Ohio State would be the one to do it this year, it was Mitchell, taken in the sixth round out of the University of Louisiana, who made an early impression on Shanahan and his staff, earning him the starting job after veteran Raheem Mostert was lost for the season to a knee injury.

Mitchell ran a 4.33 40-yard dash at his pro day, but Shanahan said he could see early glimpses that Mitchell was more than just a speed burner. During the early days of training camp, Shanahan and offensive coordinator Mike McDaniel noticed Mitchell's ability to see the whole field, make quick, emphatic decisions and hit the hole at full speed.

"There's some stuff to his game that the more he plays, the more you realize that he's a special young player and there's a reason why he's having productivity," McDaniel said. "You'd have no way of knowing. Even grainy Louisiana-Lafayette tape wouldn't tell you that."

What wasn't necessarily expected was Mitchell's level of physicality. One thing Shanahan and his coaching staff harp on is what linebacker Fred Warner calls "leaky yards," which are those extra gains that come after a runner has seemingly had his progress stopped.

On multiple occasions this year, Shanahan has called a run for Mitchell, watched him get stacked up by defenders and turned to his play sheet for his next call thinking it was second-and-10, only to be told by assistant coaches on the headset that isn't the case.

"I start to look down and think about what I'm calling next and then people in the box tell me it's second-and-6," Shanahan said. "I don't totally believe them because I saw that he was going down and I don't realize that he fell forward and got four yards. When it's like that, which he does all the time now, you keep going, it helps you keep doing it."

Indeed, Mitchell is establishing himself as a different kind of YAC Bro. According to Pro Football Focus, Mitchell is averaging 3.84 yards per carry after first contact, which is second in the NFL and a strong complement to the yards after catch provided by the likes of Samuel, receiver Brandon Aiyuk and tight end George Kittle.

According to Shanahan, that innate ability is as much a mental gift as a physical one. Which begs the question: Where does it come from?

Mitchell was a two-star recruit coming out of Erath (Louisiana) High and injuries during his senior season left him with few scholarship offers. He entered the NFL in similar fashion as a relative unknown with little in the way of outside expectations.

But those slights, whether real or perceived, are now felt by defenders -- and occasionally his teammates -- any time Mitchell touches the ball.

"It's just a different mindset on the field," Mitchell said. "Whoever's in my way, I just try to run the ball and run over him. If anything, I run by him. So it's just a mindset that I have and I'm going to continue to have that."

Brock Purdy

49ers' Brock Purdy had brushes with Nick Saban, cactus on his way to the NFL

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Brock Purdy was lightly recruited after his junior season of high school.

Blame mononucleosis.

And a gnarly, old cactus.

The first struck just before his junior season began, stealing 27 pounds from his frame and discernable zip from his passes. His personal throwing coach, Dan Manucci, said his sessions usually last an hour and a half. When Purdy was cleared to hit the field again, the 16-year-old could barely muster 30 minutes.

"I said, 'Brock, how do you feel?' He said, 'Coach, I'm toast,'" Manucci recalled. "It was one of those where he was in fifth gear and all of a sudden he got put in park."

By December of that year, Purdy finally was rolling again. He led Perry High in Gilbert, Ariz., to the state playoffs in a breakout season in which he completed 64 percent of his attempts. Still, when prospective college coaches flipped on the film, they couldn't see past a skinny, 6-foot quarterback whose throws seemed to float.

"Even though you tell 'em, 'Look, the kid had mono. He didn't have his strength, he didn't have his weight,'" said Purdy's head coach back then, Preston Jones. "You tell 'em, 'Watch that last game of the year and you'll see a different velocity.' But they didn't. They prejudge."

It didn't help that when college coaches came to observe the still-unsigned Purdy the following spring, he was off to the side with a bandage on his non-throwing hand.

Jones said he used to take his rising seniors to the lake as part of a spring bonding session. But that got scuttled when one of the boys jumped in, struck a propeller and needed stitches. So the team-building outing that year was changed to a kids-versus-coaches paintball battle in the desert.

Foolproof, right?

"Well, being a competitor, Brock slides in behind a cactus, puts his hand out and gets a saguaro needle through his hand," Jones recalled.

A few hours later, Purdy's left hand looked like an about-to-burst balloon, and he was rushed to the hospital that night for surgery. General anesthesia, open the hand up, clean it out, stitch it back up — the works.

"There was like some poison and stuff in there," Purdy said. "It got in there pretty good. So I missed a couple of weeks of spring ball when the coaches come down to watch you. It was bad timing."

The run-in with the cactus gave Purdy trouble gripping the ball, and the Perry High coaching staff worried the team was going to begin the promising new season like it did the last one: with its star quarterback on the bench.

"I mean, he's the offense," said Adam Snyder, the longtime 49ers offensive lineman who now coaches the offensive line for the high school. "And we had just taken a run in the state playoffs. And to have a cactus injury — it's not really one of the things you think are going to happen. But we do live in the desert."

Said Jones: “It was, ‘Oh, man. Last year was mono. This year it’s a cactus. What in the heck, man?’”

This time it was only a scare. Purdy’s left hand healed by the end of the summer. He started every game and, now at about 200 pounds, finally looked like himself. He threw for 4,405 yards, ran for another 1,000 and nearly toppled the state’s powerhouse, Chandler High, in a one-for-the-ages loss in the state championship.

During that season, he showed everything that caught the 49ers’ eye in the recent NFL Draft. Purdy was accurate and in control, connecting on 65 percent of his passes. More than that, he routinely turned plays that seemed dead in the water into first downs and scores. Purdy often uses the word “craftiness” when asked to describe his strengths. To hear his former coaches, “craftiness” didn’t always cut it. Sometimes he seemed like Houdini.

“You can throw on any of his high school games and there’s going to be moments when your jaw hits the floor,” Snyder said. “We were always in the game because Brock was so dangerous.”

What’s more, Purdy ended up being the last man standing. By the end of his senior year, all of the 6-foot-4 passers with rocket arms had been snapped up. Some colleges, however, hadn’t yet landed a quarterback for their upcoming class, while others had recruits who’d backed out at the last minute. Programs were scrambling, and Purdy, who still hadn’t signed, was the best prospect remaining. The ugly duckling was now a prize.

Texas A&M’s Jimbo Fisher came into town singing Purdy’s praises. Big 12 schools visited. Every day more coaches were hanging around the high school to woo Purdy.

“I’ve never been a part of recruiting like that,” Jones said. “It was crazy. We would have to hide him sometimes because they would bring three, four, five coaches down just to try to impress him. And he would sneak out the back door, and I’d say, ‘Oh, he’s gone for the day.’”

Nick Saban never arrived. But the Alabama head coach sent an assistant, and Saban met with Purdy during an on-campus visit in Tuscaloosa, Ala., after his senior football season.

The meeting didn’t go well.

Said Jones: “Brock told me, ‘He didn’t really know me, Coach.’ (Saban said), ‘You’re below average in height. Your arm strength is whatever. Your accuracy is average.’ And as soon as he mentioned the accuracy, Brock knew right away: ‘This guy doesn’t know me.’ Because, if anything, that’s his strength. He goes, ‘Coach, he didn’t know who I was.’”

“He came back from his recruiting trip and said, ‘I want to go somewhere and try to kick his ass,’” Jones recalled.

“Somewhere” turned out to be Iowa State, a school with barely a sliver of Alabama’s football success but with a head coach, Matt Campbell, Purdy admired. There also was a close-knit college atmosphere, especially on game days, that Purdy craved. The Cyclones never had a losing season after Purdy arrived in 2018, and in 2020 they beat Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl.

“Brock’s not a flashy guy,” Jones said. “He’s not going to go where they have the flashiest uniforms and the coolest stadiums. He’s not a shallow guy. He can read people; he knows what’s real. And I think he valued that in Coach Campbell. He’s an old-school guy. He kind of puts the value in the person first and the football player second. And I think (Purdy) could sense that and he could see it.”

The encounter with Saban underscores something else about Purdy the 49ers picked up on: He’s respectful, says all the right things and has trained, studied film and fueled his body — chicken and brown rice — like a professional player since he was 16. At the same time, there’s something wilder raging below the surface. Manucci, his throwing coach, described it as a controlled burn.

“He’s very even-keeled,” he said. “But he also has this fire burning in his belly.”

In the end, Purdy’s draft experience was similar to his college recruitment: mostly quiet, slow and humbling … with a frantic finish.

Snyder, whose last season with the 49ers was in 2013, noted he doesn’t know many people at team headquarters anymore. But he called those he did, urging them to take a chance on Purdy. He texted his good friend Joe Staley, the retired offensive tackle who remains tight with Kyle Shanahan and John Lynch.

“Tell Kyle and John that they’ve got a steal here,” he wrote. “Because this kid really has a chance to make this roster. And he’s just the type of kid you want in the locker room. And he’s the type of dude you want at the podium. He’d just do a really good job of representing your organization.”

At the end of the sixth round, the 49ers had two picks, which they used on a defensive tackle and a cornerback. When the seventh and final round began, Purdy’s name still hadn’t been called. After a while, 15 picks were remaining. Soon after that, there were 10.

“At that point, it was, ‘Man, I just hope he gets a shot,’” Snyder said.

When the final round began, Purdy said the 49ers called to alert him that they were eying him with their seventh-round pick. But that pick was the last one in the draft — the so-called Mr. Irrelevant spot — and other teams already were calling to see if he was interested in joining them as an undrafted free agent.

As the Rams were making their selection with the second-to-last pick, the 49ers called back. Purdy took his phone into his parents’ bedroom, listened as the 49ers told him they planned to take him at No. 262, then calmly walked back into the family room and told his family it was yet another free agency call.

When Purdy’s name finally flashed onto the screen, Snyder’s house when berserk.

“The kids started freaking out,” Snyder said. “They were really freaking out because it was to the Niners.”

The same thing happened in Purdy’s family room.

“I had told everyone it was another free-agency call just in case I didn’t get drafted,” Purdy said. “So that’s why everyone erupted. I waited until my name came up on the screen and had fun with it.”

Deebo Samuel

San Francisco 49ers' Deebo Samuel created his own position: 'Wide back'

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During a standard San Francisco 49ers practice, receiver Deebo Samuel has no shortage of things to do. With one notable exception.

Soon after the Niners wrap up stretching and transition to a special teams period, Samuel finds himself with the only opening in his daily practice schedule. With that time, Samuel sidles up to coach Kyle Shanahan for a chat.

It happens before every practice, and the topic of conversation ranges from how Samuel is feeling to the upcoming session to the next opponent. On a recent afternoon, Samuel brought up his son -- Tyshun Raequan Samuel Jr. -- who was born on Dec. 27 but is apparently already showing signs of following in his father's footsteps.

"He's 3 weeks old and he's already holding his bottle by himself," Shanahan said. "So, [Deebo] is just convinced that means he's going to be a top pick in the draft."

In those conversations, Shanahan and Samuel talk about, well, everything. Which is only fitting because everything is what Samuel does for the 49ers and it's also what he's meant to them this season.

In his third NFL season, Samuel has emerged as a supernova, forcefully inserting himself into a different discussion about the game's best offensive weapons. At times, he has also put the 49ers on his back, carrying them to the NFL divisional round of the playoffs against the Green Bay Packers on Saturday (8:15 p.m. ET, Fox).

The thing about Samuel isn't the amount of success he's had but the number of ways he's left opposing defenses in his cosmic dust.

While playing receiver, running back and, occasionally, quarterback, Samuel accounted for 15 total touchdowns on his way to earning first-team All-Pro honors for the first time. Samuel is aware of the unique job he has, even creating a name for it: wide back.

His 1,770 yards from scrimmage ranked third in the NFL.

He led the NFL in yards per reception (18.3) and was fourth in yards per rush (6.2) among players with at least 50 receptions or rushes.

His eight rushing touchdowns are the most by a receiver in a season since 1970, and he's the only receiver in the modern era to lead his team in rushing touchdowns.

He became one of four players -- alongside Roger Craig, Marshall Faulk and Christian McCaffrey -- to have at least 1,000 receiving yards and five rushing touchdowns in a season.

In a wild-card win over the Dallas Cowboys last week, Samuel set an NFL record for most rushing yards (72) by a primary receiver in a playoff game during the Super Bowl era, including his ninth rushing touchdown of the year.

Whenever the 49ers needed an offensive jolt, Samuel and his unique mix of hard-charging physicality and blazing speed provided it no matter how big the moment.

"That's just naturally who he is," Shanahan said. "He'll be asleep right before kickoff and he'll come out and not hesitate on the first play. When you're like that, it allows your heart rate to be level, your breath to be level, and you have a certain point to you, so you can kind of do the more instinctual stuff and yet still be violent enough to play at the level he does. It's not something you see in a lot of athletes."

'A natural football player'

During the 2021 regular season, Deebo Samuel caught 77 passes for 1,405 yards and six touchdowns. He also rushed 59 times for 365 yards and eight more scores. Tim Heitman/USA TODAY Sports
Before a pair of early-season games, Samuel was asked if the Rams' Odell Beckham Jr. or Seahawks' DK Metcalf were receivers he studied. Samuel shook his head and said no.

Samuel meant no disrespect. It's just that what he's asked to do on a weekly basis means there's only one wide receiver worth watching closely: himself.

"I know you can learn from other guys, but not if you're not kind of built like them," Samuel said. "For myself, it's to see how I come in and out of breaks, what a certain guy's matchup is or the things that guys like to do when they are facing guys like me even though there's not that many."

For most of his football-playing life, Samuel has played a hybrid role. He did it at Inman Chapman (South Carolina) High and again at the University of South Carolina.

Receiver has always been Samuel's primary position, but running back was not new to him when the Niners first started using him there as a rookie in 2019.

Still, most of Samuel's work during his first two seasons came as a receiver. In his first 22 games, Samuel had 22 carries. Of those, six came from a true running back position.

When the injury bug began to bite Niners running backs this year, Shanahan and offensive coordinator Mike McDaniel turned to Samuel to help pick up the slack. After gaining 22 rushing yards -- compared to 882 receiving yards -- in his first eight games this season, Samuel surged to 343 rushing yards and seven rushing touchdowns during his final eight regular-season contests.

Including the wild-card win in Dallas, Samuel has played in 17 games, rushing from a true running back position 64 times for 421 yards and nine touchdowns. On those nine touchdowns runs, Samuel has averaged 16.44 yards per carry, which is only slightly less than the average distance (16.76 yards) of the 840 receiving touchdowns in the NFL this season.

San Francisco is 7-0 when Samuel gets six-plus carries in a game.

Considering how complicated the Niners' outside-zone-heavy run scheme can be, it's fair to assume Samuel spent time in the meeting room with running backs coach Bobby Turner. That would be wrong.

"He spends almost no time with that," fullback Kyle Juszczyk said. "He's never in the running back room. That's what's so impressive is what a natural football player Deebo is."

Turner takes Samuel aside between practice periods, offers a few tips on the correct footwork, running path and timing, and Samuel picks it up.

In some cases, Samuel hasn't run a play at all during the week, but Turner will give instructions (the path, where to line up and where to aim, for example) in the walk-through the day before a game. Samuel takes care of the rest.

"You kind of know what running plays you're gonna get, so it's not too much stress," Samuel said. "At first it was kind of hard, but as time goes it just gets easier and easier."

Evolution of the 'wide back'

Against the Cowboys last week, Deebo Samuel set an NFL record for most rushing yards (72) by a primary receiver in a playoff game during the Super Bowl era. Richard Rodriguez/Getty Images
Percy Harvin last played in the NFL in 2016, but at 33 he feels like he still has some football in him. That belief bubbles to the surface when Harvin turns on games and sees more players doing many of the things he once did for the Vikings, Seahawks, Jets and Bills.

Looking back, Harvin says his football prime came too soon, as more all-purpose playmakers like him now dot the NFL landscape. He sees Tavon Austin in Jacksonville, Cordarrelle Patterson in Atlanta and, of course, Samuel.

Ask NFL evaluators for a comp for Samuel and Harvin's name comes up the most.

"I thought for a year or two, Tavon kind of kept it going and then Cord, but other than those two, I felt the position was going to kind of fall off until last year and the year before that," Harvin said. "It kind of picked back up with Deebo. I'm kind of like, 'OK, they realize you can really do some things if you've got a guy who can really do it and knows what he's doing.'"

The weekly toll of playing in the NFL is already high for receivers who are often asked to make catches over the middle and log multiple miles running and hoping for the ball to come their way.

What happens when you move to running back, one of the most physically demanding positions in sports? In addition to learning plays from a different spot on the field, running backs are subjected to more collisions than any other skill position.

For someone like Austin, who entered the league in 2013 at 5-foot-8 and 175 pounds, taking care of his body wasn't as much of a factor early in his career because he was so used to the dual role. He wouldn't even use the cold tub after games.

"With age I've got to spend a little bit more time on my body," Austin said. "I've always been a guy that takes care of my body, but now it's really to the extreme. I feel like when I do that, when I come out here, I see that I'm still running fast. So that's the most important thing."

For Patterson, the move has been more drastic. He played more snaps at running back (290) than receiver (150) in 2021. The Chicago Bears first asked Patterson to play running back in 2020. It took Patterson, who also entered the league in 2013 and had only done spot duty at running back, some time to get used to it.

"I was like, 'Oh Lord, this is different,'" Patterson said. "But at the end of the day, I just do whatever I can."

The one thing each hybrid player has in common: a level of physical and mental toughness that belies his size.

At 6 feet, 220 pounds, Samuel is built differently than many receivers. He views it as an advantage, and that mentality shows up often with his ability to plow through defenders. Samuel led all receivers in yards after catch per reception (10), with the closest wideout coming at 8.53.

"When he gets the ball in his hands, it's just different," tight end George Kittle said. "He has a different mindset -- he's trying to run people over, he's trying to knock mouthpieces out, he's trying to body guys. It's a physical game, and he's out there embarrassing fools."

'A good stress'

Considering what Samuel has done this season, the idea he could take his game to another level might seem surprising, but the 49ers believe his ceiling is limited by the depths of their imagination.

"It's something that you really dream of as a coach in terms of being able to utilize people in different ways to try to find advantageous looks for the offense in general," McDaniel said. "We challenge ourselves to open our mind and really see how we can do our best to stress a defense out, but don't get it twisted -- it's a good stress. Something that you're challenging yourself with because all he does is alleviate stress on game days for his teammates and coaches alike.

"It's a lot easier to figure stuff out on Monday and Tuesday when the problem that you're trying to solve is how do I get this guy the ball? And on game day, 'Hey, Deebo, here's the ball.' That's the best thing for a coach that you could possibly imagine."

For other coaches and personnel evaluators around the league, McDaniel's words should resonate. Perhaps the definition of what a No. 1 receiver looks like is changing. At minimum, the emergence of Samuel and his contemporaries should open some eyes to players who might otherwise fly under the radar.

Patterson would like to see the Pro Bowl add a spot for hybrid offensive players, noting "we're just trying to set trends."

After all, prototypical receivers have to rely on quarterbacks to get them the ball, and defenses can take them away with scheme. However, if the Niners want to put Samuel in the backfield and hand him the ball, there's nothing anybody can do.

"When you talk about touches and ways to affect the game where you don't have to get 10 catches as a receiver and you can go and still get touches out of the backfield, your chances of making a big play are high," Harvin said. "You can still affect the game in a big way."

Which is why in the ultimate copycat league, everybody is seeking a wide back of their own.

"Anytime people kind of approach some uncharted territory, it kind of opens people's minds," McDaniel said. "But if you've watched any of the draft coverage the last couple years, people have been trying to find the next Deebo. The problem is, there's one Deebo."

On the contrary, as Shanahan can attest, there actually is another Deebo. He's already holding a bottle on his own, but he won't be draft-eligible until about 2043.

Bully in the building: All eyes on Deebo Samuel as 49ers begin their playoff run

By Matt Barrows
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Precious Martin acknowledges she doesn't know a lot about football. But she knows her son and she knows "the look." So when the television camera captured Deebo Samuel in a closeup during Sunday's finale in Los Angeles, she sat up straight and told everyone in the room it would be bad news for the Rams.

The look is all about focus and ferocity. And bullying.

"They zoomed in on his face and I saw his eyes," Martin said from her home in South Carolina. "I've seen it in college. I've seen it in high school. When he gets that look, Tyshun means, 'Give me the ball and I'll do the rest.' And he does."

She was right.

Samuel's 16-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter was the first real blow the 49ers threw at the Rams that afternoon. His surprise touchdown pass to Jauan Jennings at the end of the third quarter tied the score at 17 and his 43-yard catch and run with less than a minute in regulation set up the score that sent the game to overtime.

Samuel played wide receiver, slot receiver, running back, quarterback and kick returner and, including his 26-yard touchdown throw, he accounted for 164 yards and two scores. It was an appropriate — and emphatic — exclamation point on a season in which Samuel clearly was the 49ers' indispensable man.

He carried the offense through its first seven games, a period when tight end George Kittle was first dealing with, then was sent to injured reserve by, a calf injury, and fellow receiver Brandon Aiyuk still was emerging from the coaches' doghouse. The 49ers targeted Samuel on a third of their passes — a higher percentage than any NFL player at that point — in that span, and his 819 receiving yards accounted for 46 percent of the team's passing total.

When Kittle and Aiyuk were on firmer footing at midseason, the 49ers moved Samuel to another problem spot, running back. He lined up in the backfield six times in a Week 10 win over the Rams and was so effective that his usage only increased from there. In Sunday's finale, he was a running back on a season-high 15 snaps.

At 220 pounds, he's the 49ers' heaviest receiver and their biggest running back. He's the heart of their hard-punching attack and he's squarely in the Cowboys' crosshairs entering Sunday's wild-card matchup. Defensive coordinator Dan Quinn said Samuel's do-everything role reminded him how the Seahawks once used receiver Percy Harvin when Quinn was in Seattle. Head coach Mike McCarthy said something similar, although the comparison the ex-Green Bay coach used was longtime Packers receiver Randall Cobb.

"It's a constant in their offense," McCarthy said of Samuel's backfield snaps. "He's definitely going to be a focal point for us."

Rookie linebacker Micah Parsons, who made the Pro Bowl in his first NFL season, said he can't get fixated on Samuel — the 49ers have too many other weapons — but that the goal is to be physical and knock him around.

"Obviously when you see him in the backfield, you've got to treat him like a running back," Parsons said Thursday. "And he's got to get hit like a running back, got to get hit like everybody else. Obviously, he's very explosive, very fast, strong runner. But at the end of the day, he's got to come to the grind just like everybody else."

Which is to say, the Cowboys are going to try to bully the bully.

Martin unfailingly refers to her son by his given name, Tyshun. She doesn't care for "Deebo," which his father started calling him a when he was a baby.

There's a menacing, muscle-bound character named Deebo in the movie "Friday" who steals bikes and anything else that catches his eye and, well, baby Deebo acted the same way. He was on the move well before most babies, he was a voracious eater, had a vise-like grip and when he saw something he wanted — another kid's bottle, a toy, a piece of candy — he stepped up and swiped it.

Now there's a sequel in the works. Samuel and his girlfriend recently had their first child, a hefty, 8-pound, 15-ounce son they named Tyshun Jr. When Martin was called in to babysit recently, she said she was stunned that the weeks-old child already was lifting his head.

"I said, 'Where did this baby come from? Babies don't do this at this age!'" she said. "He was holding his bottle and when I got to him he was holding his head up. I said, 'Oh, Lord!' He eats all the time. And that's how Tyshun would eat when he was little."

Samuel is impressed, too. Kyle Shanahan said he routinely chats with the receiver during the special teams portion of practice and that Jr.'s bottle-holding ability has come up.

"He's just convinced that means he's going to be a top pick in the draft," Shanahan quipped. "So he is very proud."

But if Martin has her way, her grandson won't be known as Deebo, which she thinks is a poor fit for Samuel, too.

"When I first met him he was just a sweet little boy," she said. "He was amenable. He was easy to love. I used to tell my husband, 'Why do y'all call him that?' I said, 'He's just not like that.'"

Martin is technically Samuel's stepmother, and she didn't come into his life until he was 3 and the nickname already had firmly taken root. His biological mother, in Samuel's words, "kind of got into the street life" when he was a child and no longer could provide for her kids. She's in a much better situation now and is a big part of his life. He calls both women "Mom" because that's what you do when a woman like Martin takes you into her home and gives you all the love, attention and support she gives her six biological children.

She doled out plenty of discipline along the way, too.

Samuel may have been loveable, but he wasn't always an angel. His grades lapsed and he always was figuring out ways to get into town to hang out with his friends. Martin's house was on the outskirts of town in Inman, S.C. She said Samuel would say he wanted to spend time with his grandmother, who lived in Spartanburg, which to a kid growing up in Inman is like the big city.

"And that would pull at my husband's heartstrings," Martin said.

But she didn't fall for the ruse.

"I would say, 'He is not going to see her. He's trying to get to the streets.' And I would go and get him and bring him back home. He used to get so mad. I didn't care. I didn't care not one bit how mad he was gonna be because I was going to know he was safe, he was taken care of and he wasn't getting himself involved in stuff."

Still, she said she didn't fully understand the "Deebo" nickname until she saw him play football when he was around 7 or 8 years old. To her, he was like a little blur. All she saw was his legs pumping faster than the other boys' when he sped by.

It's also when she started noticing "the look" and realized the boy took on an alter ego when put on a helmet and shoulder pads. She saw it before games at Chapman High where — as a precursor to his 2021 season — he finished with 36 touchdown catches and another 13 scores on the ground.
"He just dominated on the field," she said. "And I told him, 'This is your career. This is what you were meant to do.'"

Wes Welker saw it too.

Heading into the 2019 offseason, the 49ers wanted to draft a receiver early and they knew that player had to be physical. The wideout they'd brought in for that role, Pierre Garçon, suffered a neck injury in 2017 and a knee injury in 2018, and the 49ers didn't pick up his contract option at season's end. The most high-profile receivers still on the roster, Marquise Goodwin and Dante Pettis, certainly weren't known for throwing their weight around.

Welker, the team's new receivers coach at the time, wanted someone who could, and he began poring over college film. One clip from Samuel's senior season at South Carolina stood out. The Gamecocks were facing third-and-5 against Missouri when Samuel took a reverse (at the 4:22 mark below). A rainstorm had just passed over Columbia, S.C., and the field was soaked. Samuel nearly was stopped in the backfield but avoided the tackle.

"It's probably my favorite play of Deebo's," Welker said. "It was just a critical point in the game, they give him a reverse and there's like three guys right there by the sticks. And there was no hesitation, no stopping his feet. He just ran as hard as he could right through all these guys. And they all looked like bowling pins. And he smashed 'em. And I was like, 'Oh, man!' When you see something like that, you say, 'This guy's made of the right stuff.'"

There was just one problem. There was too much stuff.

When he stepped on the scale at the NFL Scouting Combine, Samuel weighed 214 pounds. When the 49ers remeasured him after the draft two months later he was close to 230.
So Welker made it his pet project to whittle down the rookie. They went on 2-mile, 6 a.m. runs before practice and there were post-practice sprints, too. Welker also took Samuel on a trip to the cafeteria.
"There was fried chicken and grilled chicken," Welker said. "And he goes for the fried chicken. And I'm like, 'No, no, no, dog.' And he's like, 'Well, that other chicken tastes nasty.' And I said, 'Well, you'd better find something else. Because you're not eating the fried stuff.'"

The meal plan worked, but only to a degree. Welker initially wanted Samuel around 210 to 212 pounds. But no matter how much he ran or how many lean chicken breasts he consumed, the receiver never dropped much below 220 pounds as a rookie. After he finished his first season with 802 receiving yards — including 484 yards after the catch — Welker eased up on the weight-loss plan and made 220 pounds the new you-shall-not-pass mark.

That didn't last long, either, though it wasn't entirely Samuel's fault. He broke his foot during the 2020 offseason and spent the run-up to the season rehabilitating instead of training. Welker said Samuel's weight got up around 225 pounds in a second season checkered by injuries and trips to the reserve/COVID-19 list.

Still, it wasn't a total waste. In fact, Welker said Samuel took all the frustration from 2020 and used it as fuel for his incredible 2021 campaign. Teammates said they noticed the intensity right away.

Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo noted several times this season that Samuel, 25, took control of the wide receivers room starting early in the offseason, and the veteran member of that group, Mohamed Sanu, said he was more than happy to see the younger player take charge.

"You want that player to be the same guy we're all looking to, to make the key plays," Sanu said this week. "And it takes a lot for a person to embrace that role. You've got to know that you're driving the bus

— we go as the leader goes. You can't take a day off, you can't take a moment off. Because everyone's looking at you all the time."

That will be the case Sunday just as it's been all season. And the Cowboys will be looking intensely at Samuel, too, especially when he lines up in the backfield. Does Welker ever worry when his receiver becomes a running back and, to borrow a phrase from Cowboys linebacker Parsons, enters the grind of the line of scrimmage?

"Really, when you watch him, he's so quick-twitched and explosive in there," Welker said. "You never see him take many direct hits. He's always finding edges. Plus, being 220 and twitched up the way he is — it doesn't really worry me at all."

How Deebo Samuel's Chosen Mother Saved His Life

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My stepmother Precious Martin, my biological mother Felicia Winn, and my grandmother Kathy Winn are the three main ladies of my life. When I was a child, Felicia kind of got into the street life. I'm not gonna go too deep on it, but it was clear that something had happened to her. She wasn't able to provide for us the same way anymore. Where we grew up in Spartanburg, South Carolina, wasn't the best. I lost a friend to guns when I was 11. My cousin, Amir, was shot last year, too.

Precious and my father Galen Samuel have been together since I was six or seven years old. As a kid, you aren't really thinking about the nuances of stepmom vs. mom. You just wanna play ball. You just wanna be a kid. But even though Precious had kids of her own, she made time for me and my older brother, Tyquan. She became the first person I call no matter what. And I began thinking of her as my mom.

At one point I was living with my grandmother, we call her Kat. Around the ninth grade, she started getting sick. At that moment, I had nowhere to live. Nowhere to go. No one, I felt like, I could turn to. But then there was Precious. She took me in. I moved with my dad to her house in Inman, South Carolina. Man, I'm gonna be honest: without her, I wouldn't have made it to college. My grades weren't the best, but she clamped down on me and forced me over the finish line. I really think she saved my life. Shit, she raised me.

I didn't really know what to do when I was younger, but I knew I wanted to change my circumstances. Times were rough, but I kept saying to myself, when I make it to the NFL, I'm gonna get my biological mom some help. When I got to that life, I sent Felicia to a rehab facility to get her mind straight. When she completed her stint there, I bought her a house. I got her up on her feet and now she's back, she's working at a regular restaurant, she's good. She's doing the things she's supposed to be doing.

And let me make something clear….that's my mom! That's my dawg! I could never resent her for the way our lives turned out. She's special to me. Just like Precious is. What's funny is those two are cool. They don't have a problem with each other. I love them both the same. Shit, sometimes, I feel like they both gave birth to me. Precious doesn't care if I call her "mom" or "stepmom" and neither does Felicia. They both just get along. Of course, I've shown Precious a similar level of appreciation that I showed Felicia. I won't say too much, because that'll stay between us.

I bought a house for my older brother Tyquan, too. He's like my role model. He taught me the ins and outs of the streets, school, sports, everything. I still remember how he'd always yell at me wherever we were, "I'm gonna turn you into an animal!" "I'm gonna turn you into a player nobody can stop!" We went out to the front yard of my grandmother's house one day. I'll never forget it. I put my pads on, I wasn't worried about nothing! Until he put his pads on, and he was knocking….my….head off! I'm talking about I was crying, screaming. My grandmother was upset!

Growing up, just like my momma, Tyquan was in the streets. In and out of jail. But without him, I wouldn't be the athlete I am today. And I'm not just saying this because he's my brother. Go to Spartanburg and ask anyone you see who the best athlete they've ever seen is. They'll all tell you the same thing, "It's a dude named Squirt." That's his nickname back home. He kept me out of the way of trouble, though. I was around him, of course, but he wasn't doing the shit he was doing when I was there. He was that big brother that you need.

I take pride in him for that. But when he went to jail, you can ask him, when he called from jail those first few times, I didn't answer the phone. Hearing him in there, it did something to me. It made me mad, upset. I couldn't bear it. He got out when I was already in college and started coming to my games at South Carolina. Then it was like nothing changed. There was my brother: My family. One of the only things I really care about in this world. When it came to sports or being in the streets, he was still the guy

that I leaned on. He tried to set a better example for me, because he saw something in me he didn't see in himself.

But Precious was the person who saved me. My real name isn't Deebo, it's Tyshun. They called me Deebo because when I was younger I used to always wreak havoc, bullying folks and stuff. And Precious, it's like she read a manual on the best punishments moms could give out. When I had to buckle down for school, she stopped me from going back to Spartanburg to see friends and family because there was only a lot of pain there. Her and Galen threatened to take ball away from me. Yo, I wasn't having that! Ever since then, I was on the up and up.

When I got to college, you get mentors, tutors, everything to help you succeed. Then, it was just the mental part. Coming out of high school, to be honest, I thought I was that guy! I had a rude awakening. I had to redshirt my freshman season. It took a massive toll on me. As college went on, I pulled both my hamstrings, broke my left ankle, broke my foot. Man, I wanted to quit. I couldn't do this anymore.

Precious changed from my tutor to my life coach. She wouldn't allow me to give up on everything I was fighting for. An injury couldn't prevent me from doing the thing I love when it was worse than this just trying to grow up. She would remind me that God put me in certain situations to test me, to see how strong I was and see how I overcome adversity in life. And it would just go up from there.

We went to the Super Bowl my rookie season in San Francisco. I had a great season and there was plenty of hoopla and success to go with it. Right before OTA's my second year, I broke my opposite foot. I thought I was past these injuries in college. And I remembered what Precious told me about adversity. This was just another test. It had to be. I called her as soon as I left the stadium that day, and we got through that test. Even now, I call her when I leave the stadium. I call her every day. It doesn't matter if she wants to talk to me, or I don't feel like being bothered, if she's sick, or I'm off, I'm gonna call her.

When my life was on the line, it was Precious who saved me. When I had nowhere to go, it was Precious who got me out of that dark place. She took me under her wing even though I wasn't her child. She pointed me in the right direction of life to get me where I am today. I thank God that He put her in my life and in my father's life, because she changed his life around, too. She refused to let me go back to what I grew up under.

I just applaud her for being the best mother figure I could imagine. When you're stuck in those circumstances, that endless spiral, thinking life will never get better, thinking that you're stuck forever, you stop believing that the sun will shine tomorrow. Unless you have someone like Precious that'll hold your hand as you walk through the storm.

Deebo Samuel Leading By Example, Offering Aid to Student-Athletes

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Deebo Samuel was instrumental to the success of San Francisco's 2019 campaign and appears willing to assume a larger role, both on and off the field, in Year 2 with the 49ers.

Earlier this offseason, Samuel revealed a few words of wisdom from former 49ers wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders on his potential as a player and as a leader. Samuel was one of the first players to reach out to first-round pick Brandon Aiyuk following the draft to lend a hand in helping the rookie adjust to the NFL. Samuel expressed his desire to not just lead by words, but by example when it comes to his teammates and his community.

In light of the recent events surrounding social injustices, Samuel sought after opportunities to create positive influence within his own community. The wideout recently partnered with his marketing agency, ESM Football, to provide scholarships for college-bound Black student-athletes graduating from Spartanburg High School in his hometown of Spartanburg, S.C.

With a goal of raising $5,000 through the "Be the Change" scholarship program, 100 percent of donations from Samuel's fundraiser will go directly to scholarships for Black student-athletes graduating from the low-income area. The scholarship aims to provide an opportunity for deserving students to receive higher education.

Despite being born and raised in Spartanburg, Samuel attended Chapman High School in Inman, S.C., roughly 25 minutes northwest of his hometown. Regardless of locality, the second-year receiver put an emphasis on lending a hand to the city that molded him through coaches, community, family and football.

"I'm just trying to raise money because there are pretty good students and athletes where I'm from, but not too many get the opportunity to go to college due to funds," Samuel said. "Not too many people make it out and get a chance to go to college. So, through this fundraiser, I get to help an athlete that is deserving of that opportunity."

More than half of Spartanburg's population is made up of African American families with roughly 30 percent living below the poverty line. Samuel included, understands the complicated road to access of higher learning and educational resources.

"Where I grew up, you don't really find many wealthy people," Samuel explained. "When I was a kid it was kind of a struggle in my family as well. So, I get it and I understand what people go through back home."

This offseason, Samuel has used his social media platform to promote positive change and the encouragement of young men who follow the receiver. From posts encouraging youth to seek and build representation in beneficial career choices outside of sports and entertainment, to lessons on overcoming disappointment and setbacks, Samuel insists on using his platform (that includes a social media following that is nearly 400,000 strong) to continue to lead by example and serve as a force for positive change.

"It's not just about being an athlete," Samuel continued. "I think a lot of people look up to guys like me and other guys in the league that I think are very good players. You have a lot of kids that really don't even know us but they see as athletes. They listen to the things we say and they're paying attention. We have to use our platform, not only as athletes, but to be more vocal to help encourage positive change."

To learn more about "Be the Change" and The Deebo Samuel Foundation or to make a contribution to the scholarship fund, visit Samuel's Go Fund Me page.

Jason Verrett

How San Francisco 49ers' Jason Verrett worked his way back to the field with a little bit of (Nipsey) Hussle

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As text messages, phone calls and FaceTime requests lit up his phone into the wee hours of Oct. 18, San Francisco 49ers cornerback Jason Verrett sat back and let the weight of his journey wash over him.

After a series of devastating injuries, including a right Achilles tear that could've ended his career, Verrett had waited 1,498 days for those messages. Earlier that night, Verrett made a pivotal interception to help the Niners knock off the Los Angeles Rams. It was his first interception since Sept. 11, 2016, and an official declaration to the football world that Verrett is not only back in the game but once again playing at a Pro Bowl level.

"I'm just soaking it all in," Verrett said. "It's definitely been a tough road."

To understand why it mattered so much, it's important to look at everything that took place in the more than four years since Verrett last got his hands on a pick.

"His story means to me resiliency, inspiration, the drive to chase your dreams," older brother Tre Verrett said.

Family and friends kept Verrett going in his darkest moments and no matter how many times his body told him no, his heart and mind said yes. It's a story with a soundtrack provided by late rapper Nipsey Hussle, whom Verrett never met but feels profoundly bonded to because most of his songs were about what is required to push through life's toughest obstacles.

Only one jersey hangs in the Costa Mesa, California, office of Chargers general manager Tom Telesco: Verrett's No. 22. Telesco muses maybe he should rotate jerseys but he can't bring himself to take it down. Not even two seasons after Verrett left the Chargers.

"He's going to be a constant reminder and story I can tell as other players come through here and sit in my office," Telesco said. "Like, 'Let me tell you about Jason Verrett, let me tell you about his story and what he had to go through and everything he had to overcome to get back on the field.' Now that Jason's really made that full circle back playing at a high level, that's going to be a story I can tell players for years to come."

The most difficult chapter in Verrett's story takes place on July 27, 2018.

After a two-year recovery from a torn ACL in his left knee, Verrett was beginning to feel like himself again as the Chargers opened their 2018 training camp.
On the first day of camp, the Chargers were running gassers as part of a normal conditioning test. Suddenly, Verrett felt pain in his leg so excruciating that he doesn't remember much of what happened next. He blacked out and when he came to, he remembers laying on the field for the next half hour as chaos ensued around him.

Teammate and close friend Jahleel Addae rushed to Verrett's side and threw his arms around him, trying to offer words of comfort. But Verrett was in such a state of shock that he couldn't hear a word Addae was saying.

"I remember saying, 'It's over,'" Verrett said. "I just kept saying that over and over, that it was over. ... It was a surreal moment, like, I couldn't believe it. It was just a nightmare."

Telesco, who selected Verrett with the 25th pick in the 2014 NFL draft, was looking on as it happened. In the days before, he had been excited about Verrett's comeback from the knee injury.

Without warning or contact, all of that optimism washed away. For the team, losing Verrett again was an emotional blow. From a human standpoint, Telesco was distraught for a player he'd grown to love.

"I hate to put it in these terms," Telesco said. "It felt like a funeral. It just took the wind out of the team on Day 1, because everybody has such love for him as a person to see someone have to go through that -- the timing of it was just cruel."

Less than an hour after hearing about the injury, Tre Verrett was in his car on the 45-minute drive to the airport. With Frankie Beverly's "Joy and Pain" on repeat, he decided he wouldn't say much and just try to give his brother a shoulder to cry on and ears to listen.

"I would hate to say somebody died," Tre Verrett said. "But the spirit died. ... I've never been punched in the stomach, blindsided, nothing like that in my life."

When Tre arrived, he sat with Jason as he kept telling him it was all over, that he was done and wondering aloud what would become of his life without football.

It wasn't just about his latest injury. His son, Jason Jr., who goes by the nickname Deuce, had been born in March of that year, and Verrett was a few months away from proposing to his girlfriend, McKayla.

Verrett was scheduled to be a free agent after the season. Even if he did recover, he had no idea what team would be in the market for a cornerback who, by the end of 2018, would have played in 25 of a possible 80 games because of his many injuries.

"It took me to places where I never want to go back to," Verrett said. "It was loss. It was just a state of being where you just don't know the direction you should go. ... I went through every bit of emotion from it."

Jason Verrett's Injuries

49ers cornerback Jason Verrett has missed 72 of a possible 104 games during seven-season career:

YEAR	INJURY	GMS. OUT
2014	Shoulder, hamstring	10 games
2015	Foot, hamstring	2 games
2016	Torn ACL	12 games
2017	Knee	15 games
2018	Torn Achilles	16 games
2019	Knee, Achilles	15 games
2020	Hamstring	2 games

In the days after the injury, Verrett briefly considered retirement but Tre often reminded him not to make an emotional decision. With the help of his family, Dr. Herb Martin -- the Chargers team clinician who Verrett says is "like a second father figure" -- Addae, Telesco and the Chargers organization, Verrett concluded he wasn't ready to be finished with football.

Although a long and tedious rehab awaited, Verrett believed he had the drive and support system to get back to where he once was.

Whenever doubt would creep into his mind, Verrett leaned on Martin, who has been working with athletes for the past 25 years. Martin and Verrett talked almost daily, conversations Martin described as "intense" because of the real possibility Verrett's career was over at 27 years old.

"A lot of our work was really surrounding his identity and learning to accept the possibility that [a return to football] might not happen," Martin said. "And also challenging himself throughout the process because he had so many skills."

Those deep conversations led Verrett to a different way of thinking, living in the moment and ignoring the future. He didn't make a checklist of milestones to hit along the way in his rehab, instead focusing on achieving something new every day.

One other constant through it all? The sound of Hussle's voice. Via music or interviews, Verrett found himself connecting with Hussle's message.

Hussle often referred to the ups and downs of life as "The Marathon," and Verrett found solace in the fact he wasn't going through his struggles alone. When Hussle was slain on March 31, 2019, Verrett found even more motivation knowing tomorrow is promised to no one.

"I just feel everybody in life has their own handbook," Verrett said. "It's just the time when you get into that dimension of your life where you can be the storyteller of your own journey. That's when you can find yourself. I'm able to re-write my story. And now I feel like I'm in charge of that."

The thought of leaving the Chargers was painful for Verrett and Telesco. They had developed a close bond and Verrett appreciated the team which had given him his first opportunity and stuck by him.

"It was difficult," Telesco said. "In my heart, I wanted to bring him back. But when you put your GM hat on, I just think he needed a change of scenery, clean slate without that first-round draft pick slash injury bug label."

Verrett's only visit was to San Francisco. While other free agents focused on a payday, Verrett wanted to know the plan to get him healthy. The Niners showed him the technology and resources available. He was sold, signing a one-year deal on March 14, 2019.

In a Week 3 win against Pittsburgh, Verrett was clearly not himself on what would become the only three snaps he would play in 2019 before returning to injured reserve. Still, Verrett felt like he was close. After a few weeks away, he began attacking his rehab.

Around Week 13, Verrett was doing 60-yard sprints on the practice fields at SAP Performance Center when it all started coming together. Verrett's speed was slowly returning, but this time he hit 21-to-22 mph for the first time in years.

Verrett texted his brother, his agent, his fiancée and the Niners staff celebrated wildly. It was the most important day in his recovery.

"To get my speed back, it was everything," Verrett said. "You know, I definitely went home with a different smile."

That Verrett's interception came against the Rams on "Sunday Night Football" allowed all of those who had rooted so hard for him throughout his journey to see it.

Telesco texted Verrett to tell him he was proud and remind him to keep the football. Addae was getting a massage and jumped off the table in excitement. Tre Verrett was pacing behind his couch and stewing over a missed pick-six his brother had minutes earlier when Jason made the play in the end zone. Tre let out a yell and ran up and down his hallway in celebration.

"It was like, he's back-back," Tre Verrett said. "That was just all the emotions that kind of came out."

After an offseason spent working out with former Chargers teammates Keenan Allen and safety Derwin James in southern California, Verrett has been among the best cornerbacks in the league.

According to NFL Next Gen Stats, when Verrett is the nearest defender in coverage, he has allowed 11 receptions on 24 targets for 112 yards with no touchdowns. He has an interception and three passes defended on such throws with a passer rating allowed of 52.8, which is tied for sixth-best among all cornerbacks. Verrett is the third-best cornerback in the league with an overall grade of 81.7 according to Pro Football Focus.

To an outsider, those numbers are stunning for a player who has appeared in six games in the past four years. For those who have witnessed his grind, it's no surprise.

"All we did was watch JV work for the last couple of years, stay quiet, keep his head down and do everything he could to get back to this football team," 49ers defensive coordinator Robert Saleh said. "He's doing it and, knock on wood, if he stays healthy, this whole entire world's going to see how great he is again."

For his part, Verrett continues to focus on the moment, knowing there are more chapters in his story to write.

After all, the marathon never stops.

"I just want to be able to make my family proud, make my son proud, my future kids proud," Verrett said. "And if I can inspire people along the way, then I'm happy to be doing it. I'm just doing God's plan."

Charvarius Ward

Charvarius Ward had a late start in football and the 49ers think their new top cornerback is still ascending

By Matt Barrows
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Finding talent at Middle Tennessee State takes tons of tenacity and a little bit of luck.

Five-star recruits aren't falling off the trees in Murfreesboro, Tenn., like they are at Alabama, Georgia and Ohio State. To find a phenom at Middle Tennessee, recruiters must leave no stone unturned, no small town unvisited and uncover the guy that everyone else overlooked.

That's why Steve Ellis was walking through a park in tiny McComb, Miss., in December 2015. He was there to check out a defensive back named Charvarius Ward, who grew up in town and who at the time was playing football at Hinds Community College.

Ellis, then the cornerbacks coach at Middle Tennessee, said he remembers stopping at the basketball court and trying to pick out which teenager was Ward. He didn't have to wait long for a grand entrance. "I hadn't even been there a minute when I saw somebody come down the baseline and the ball came off the rim," Ellis recalled during a phone interview. "And this guy just jumped over two or three other guys and with two hands caught it above the rim and tomahawked it."

The courts had been a hive of activity until that point, but the dunk made time stop, Ellis said. There were a few beats of silence. Then everyone oohed and ahhed.

"And I'm like, who's that?" Ellis said. "And the guys I came with said, 'Coach, that's the kid we were telling you about! That's Charvarius Ward!'"

Ellis couldn't believe what he was seeing. He instinctively assessed Ward like only a cornerbacks coach can: The kid was tall (almost 6-foot-1), with long arms and big, 10 1/8-inch hands that seemed perfect for grabbing hold of receivers and playing press coverage. As Ellis watched Ward on the court, the athleticism, the explosion, the lateral quickness — everything he was seeking — were obvious, too.

So why was Ward playing at a community college?

Was it his grades? Definitely not. Ellis later found out that Ward was an A student who'd graduated high school in three years.

Was he a problem child? Nope. In fact, his close relative, Garland Ward, is McComb's chief of police. Garland chuckled when asked if Charvarius — the two are cousins although Charvarius refers to the older man as his uncle — ever had been in trouble.

Never, he said. In fact, Garland said Charvarius was a bookworm and a mama's boy, a description that Charvarius proudly owns.

"They talk every day. Ev-er-y day," Garland said. "Their bond is an undeniable bond."

No, the reason Charvarius started out on the community college level is related to something that happened more than a decade earlier.

When he was in second grade, he was chasing a dog at his aunt's house when he leaped off the front porch. It wasn't that high — maybe a few steps up — but the boy got to his feet complaining about pain in his hip. Tanya Ward said she thought Charvarius, the second of her five kids, merely had fallen awkwardly and would quickly bounce back the way kids usually do.

He didn't. Instead, the pain persisted and she took him to the hospital for X-rays. The images showed a large cyst.

"And you could see nothing but bubbles," Tanya said. "It was like his bone was paper-thin. It was literally like his bone was being eaten up from the inside. Don't know how it happened, don't know why it happened."

Charvarius' childhood wasn't easy. His father was in prison, their apartment was full and finding enough money to pay the rent was a monthly worry. In the winter, the apartment grew so cold that the family had to sleep huddled around a single space heater in the living room.

In school, Charvarius repeated kindergarten because the teachers thought he had a learning disability. As it turns out, he just couldn't see very well. Once he was given glasses, he excelled in the classroom and was even permitted to skip his sophomore year of high school so that he'd graduate with kids his own age.

The hip issue was another hurdle. Charvarius needed crutches for months, then was in a wheelchair following surgery. The ordeal lasted nearly two years and deepened the already tender bond with his mother. She did everything for him in that span, lifting him in and out of the family car and helping him to use the bathroom.

In turn, he told her that his life goal was to take care of her. After the hip had healed, he took on odd jobs and gave her the money to help pay the rent. His Uncle Garland would give him $20 for every A on his report card, money that also would be funneled toward the household. Tanya Ward became her son's sole focus.

"My children would say that he's my favorite kid," she said. "Well, I don't have a favorite kid. I love all my kids the same. The difference is they would go out and play and he would always be up under me." Charvarius said his medical issue helped mold who he is today.

"I feel like it made me stronger growing up," he said last week. "It made me closer with my family as well. They had to take care of me, help me through all sorts of things that I couldn't do on my own just being handicapped like that. It made me a stronger kid and a better man, I guess."

Initially, though, the ordeal left him with a sense of caution most little kids don't have. When he was just out of the wheelchair, doctors warned him not to get on a bike, to play football or do any activities that could compromise his still-healing hip. Even after he was given a clean bill of health, he preferred to nestle up on the sofa next to Tanya and read a book than put on shoulder pads and a helmet.
"He wanted to do stuff," Tanya said. "But he didn't want to be hurt again. Because the doctor said if something happened the second surgery would be worse."

As a result, he didn't play a full season of organized football until he was a senior in high school. Long-limbed and athletic, he excelled that year, earning a place on the all-region squad. Still, he hadn't had enough exposure to attract attention from the bigger universities and ended up playing at Hinds Community College, which is about 70 miles from McComb.

But if his path to football had been filled with obstacles until that point, everything quickly aligned after Ellis witnessed the colossal dunk on the basketball court in December 2015.

The cornerbacks coach persuaded Ward to visit Middle Tennessee State a couple of weeks later amidst the excitement of the Blue Raiders' bowl game preparation. He spent his visit with senior cornerback Kevin Byard, who had just received an invitation to the Senior Bowl and who, a few months later, would get drafted by the Titans in the third round.

Ellis said Ward and Byard spent the weekend watching film together and that Byard would return to the school in ensuing offseasons to train with Ward. The older player essentially provided the younger one with a road map to the NFL.

“He got a chance to see Kevin achieve all his goals at Middle Tennessee State,” Ellis said. “He gave Charvarius something to look at and say: You know what? I can do the same things he’s done if I just work hard.”

Ellis noted that when Ward arrived at Middle Tennessee State he weighed 172 pounds. When head coach Rick Stockstill saw the skinny, new recruit he said, “If you can move his bedroom to the weight room, he’s going to be a big-time player.”

That’s what happened. When he worked out for NFL teams a year and a half later, Ward was a chiseled, 198 pounds.

Said Ellis: “He just needed someone to spend time with him and to put him in the weight room and let him eat three, four square meals a day and just sit back and let nature take its course.”

Stockstill was just as impressed, and as NFL scouts passed through the school in 2017, he told them the same things: As impressive as Ward was that season, his real draw was that there was still so much room for improvement. After all, the guy had only been playing football for a few seasons.

The 49ers, who signed Ward to a three-year, $40.5 million free-agent deal last week, see the same promise of upside. They note that Ward has gotten significantly better every season since he’s been at Middle Tennessee State.

Last season, the 49ers secondary had begun to gray a bit with three members — Jason Verrett, Jimmie Ward and K’Waun Williams — turning 30 before the season and another, Jaquiski Tartt, reaching that age just after the final game.

There’s been a youth movement this year. The top four cornerbacks — Charvarius Ward, Emmanuel Moseley, Ambry Thomas and Deommodore Lenoir — are 25 or younger. At strong safety, Talanoa Hufanga, 22, and Tarvarius Moore, 25, will compete to replace Tartt.

With 43 regular-season starts, Charvarius Ward is the most experienced of that young group. But he’s still ascending.

“He’s someone who got better every day of practice, every game,” Stockstill said. “That’s why I keep saying that his best football is ahead of him. A lot of guys come out of college and they’re maxed out a little bit. But Charvarius’ upside was so great. One was because he’s so young. I mean, he’s played four years in the NFL and he’s still only 25.”

Fred Warner

Fred Warner poised to take leadership leap with 49ers defense

By Jerry McDonald
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The 49ers defense belongs to Fred Warner, even if he's reticent to acknowledge it.

He's 24 years old but wise beyond his years, a starter in all 48 games in three seasons, an incumbent first-team All-Pro as one of the top linebackers in the NFL.

Warner is the lifeline to first-year defensive coordinator DeMeco Ryans, listed as a middle linebacker in a 4-3 defense but capable of ranging sideline to sideline when defensive backs replace linebackers in nickel and dime alignments. Warner had 125 tackles last season, but the plays he prevents in pass coverage can be as meaningful as the tackles he makes behind the line of scrimmage.

Look no further than the contract Warner signed on July 21 to erase any doubt as to who the 49ers are counting on to lead a championship defense. Warner agreed to a five-year extension worth a maximum of $95 million with $40.5 million guaranteed. According to OverTheCap.com, Warner's average salary of just over $19 million rank behind only Darius Leonard of Indianapolis ($19.7 million).

At that rate, Warner will be expected to perform in the manner of former 49ers star linebackers Patrick Willis and NaVorro Bowman. At 6-foot-3, 230 pounds, Warner may not be as physical as either player but his ability to make plays in the open field makes him a prototypical inside linebacker in the modern NFL.

In addition to that, Warner is expected to supply an example in terms of leadership and inspiration — something Willis and Bowman also did in abundance.

"They made an investment in me because of what I've done and what they're expecting me to continue to do, as a leader, as a player," Warner said Wednesday as the 49ers began preparations in earnest for their Week 1 road assignment against the Detroit Lions. "I'm just going to continue to operate the same way I do day to day. I'll work my tail off and the results will handle themselves."

There is no sense of buyer's remorse from 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan, who never coached Willis or Bowman but will put his guy up against anyone at his position.

"I think they're all different types of players, but Fred is as good a linebacker to me as those guys," Shanahan said. "Those guys did it for a long time and Fred's done it every year he's been in the league and he continues to get better each year."

NFL teams take on different personalities year to year in the locker room. From 2018, Warner's rookie year, through 2020, the alpha was Richard Sherman. He made himself available to offensive and defensive players alike with all manner of advice, whether it be on the field or off.

Sherman, present personal issues aside, was a dominant figure. He was more outspoken and bombastic, in keeping with his personality. Warner will assume some of those leadership roles with a style more befitting his own personality.

"You talk about Richard, and the type of leader and person he was on a day-to-day basis. That's how I try to be on a day-to-day basis myself, right," Warner said. "I try to just lead by example every day, bring guys along when I can. I take pride in doing things the right way and showing guys if you do things the right way you get rewarded."

Shanahan sees a player who has never missed a game, has the right approach and figures the investment was well worth it.

"When you've got a guy of Fred's character and the way he works, you're paying him because he's earned it but you're also paying him for what he's going to do going forward," Shanahan said. "He's a guy I see getting better all the time and having a great career."

Starting quarterback Jimmy Garappolo looks at Warner's age and experience and sees one thing, then watches how the linebacker conducts himself marvels at his poise, composure and dedication.

"He sets a tone on the field and in the locker room, and in different ways," Garoppolo said. "A guy who has been in it three years. I can remember myself when I was in my third year, and it was a lot different than how he is. He's a guy you love to be around, sets the example for the younger guys, let's them know what the standard is."

Warner's range and athletic ability will be put to the test against the Lions, with potential responsibilities including running back D'Andre Swift out of the backfield and tight end T.J. Hockenson downfield.

"The Lions present a challenge for us knowing that there's a lot of turnover over there, so we're going to have to wait and see how things go in the first."

Respect, riches don't dull 49ers' Fred Warner's drive: 'I've got to get better'

By Eric Branch
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Sydney Hightower wasn't aware of her future fiancee's 9-to-5 job when she met Fred Warner early in 2020.

And once she learned he was one of the leaders of a team that had just played in the Super Bowl, there were moments that gave her pause: Wait, wasn't he really good at his 9-to-5 job?

"Obviously, when you meet someone who plays professional sports, you know they are elite. They are at the top," Hightower said. "What was so interesting to me is Fred never showed that. He wasn't really down on himself, but he was always like, 'I've got to get better. I've got to get better. I've got to get better. Every single day, I've got to get that 1% better. I'm already behind if I'm not at the facility or the gym'" by 7 a.m.

Much has changed since the 49ers' inside linebacker and Hightower met, as Warner, 24, has soared into a different NFL stratosphere.

Last year, after not receiving a significant individual honor in his first two seasons, the 2018 third-round pick was named a first-team All-Pro and voted to the Pro Bowl. Then, after playing three seasons on his relatively modest rookie contract, he signed a five-year, $95 million extension in July that briefly made him the NFL's highest-paid linebacker.

Warner now has riches and respect, but they haven't dulled his drive. Backup wide receiver Trent Sherfield, a scrappy undrafted free agent who joined the 49ers in March, says he sees himself in the never-satisfied linebacker, who recently was named No. 21 on NFL Network's list of the league's top 100 players.

For her part, Hightower says her fiancé is still beating the getting-better drum.

"Fred," Hightower said, "is very hard on himself."

Warner's self-improvement quest is reflected on a shelf in his home. The team website recently produced a video highlighting Warner's relationship with his dog, Kobi Bean, a micro goldendoodle. The name is a nod to the late Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, who defined his Mamba Mentality as his quest to become the best version of himself.

The video included a brief shot of a shelf on which Warner has three game balls and six books. Among the books: "Mind Gym: An Athlete's Guide to Inner Excellence"; "12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos"; "Atomic Habits: Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results," and "Kobe Bryant: The Mamba Mentality." There was also a copy of Nike co-founder Phil Knight's memoir, detailing his path to success.

"I was never motivated by the money," Warner said when asked whether his contract could lessen his motivation. "I knew that would come if I put the right work in and then put the results on the field. What motivates me to is to be the best. I always want to pursue perfection in everything that I do. And that doesn't change."

This summer, several 49ers have said their defense, poised to get Pro Bowl pass rushers Nick Bosa and Dee Ford back from serious injuries, is giving off 2019 Super Bowl vibes. Warner wasn't among them. The team captain and defensive heartbeat thinks it's folly to assume having most of the players back from two years ago will produce the same result, without the same work ethic. Just as he believes it's foolish to think he'll automatically replicate last year's individual success.

About that 2019 defense: Warner would note it ranked No. 2 in the NFL — not No. 1 — and allowed 21 points in the fourth quarter of a Super Bowl loss. Warner set the tone for 2021 with his message after the first practice of training camp. He was asked whether this season's defensive line was 2019 quality.

"I kind of want to put that behind us," Warner said. "It was great. And now we're on to what we are now. If we're shooting for 2019 defensive line, why not shoot ahead of that? Why not want to be better?"

Warner played just eight snaps in the preseason, but he spent the summer treating practices like games. He routinely screamed, exhorted and body-bumped his position mates … after the 49ers finished stretching. And he regularly bumped into his offensive teammates without malice, but with force during team drills. Tight end George Kittle praised Warner for establishing the identity of a defense that was "annoying as hell" in training camp.

Last year, then-defensive coordinator Robert Saleh said Warner's talent and tenacity were the superglue that kept the 49ers' broken-down defense from falling apart. The 49ers ranked fifth in yards allowed despite having three Pro Bowl players — Bosa, Ford and cornerback Richard Sherman — miss a combined 40 games.

Injuries have been cited as the main reason the 49ers went 6-10 in 2020. Warner, though, pointed to last year's season-opening upset loss to Arizona, before the attrition began, and pointedly wondered about the 49ers' mind-set.

Warner, so reluctant to revisit the glory of 2019, referenced a lesson from 2020 that he thinks could get the 49ers closer to perfection in 2021.

"If you don't put the work in, you're not going to get the results," Warner said. "Talk about last year: Going into Game 1, we had a hell of a team. And we're thinking we're just going to go in at home and beat the Cardinals and be 1-0. … But guess what? We got embarrassed and we're 0-1. So were we on top of our stuff?"

'Badass' Fred Warner the latest to carry on 49ers' linebacking legacy

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Long before they drafted him in 2018, Fred Warner was well aware of the previous greats who played inside linebacker for the San Francisco 49ers.

It's a franchise known for its contributions offensively -- Bill Walsh, Joe Montana and Jerry Rice -- but whose inside linebacker lineage is often overlooked.

From old-school players like Matt Hazeltine, Dave Wilcox and Jack "Hacksaw" Reynolds to more contemporary counterparts such as Ken Norton Jr., Patrick Willis and NaVorro Bowman, Warner's rapid ascent to stardom has left him conscious of the shoes he fills.

"If you love the game, you know who those names are, and being able to be drafted by the 49ers and knowing how great a players have come before you, there's a big responsibility on your shoulders," Warner said.

It's a responsibility that hasn't been too daunting for Warner, who has evolved into one of the game's best and most complete linebackers in his nearly three NFL seasons.

As one of San Francisco's few constants during a season filled with injuries, Warner is the only player in the league with 90-plus tackles, two-plus passes defended, two or more interceptions and at least one fumble recovery. After a loss to the Green Bay Packers on Nov. 5, microphones caught quarterback Aaron Rodgers telling Warner, "You're the best and everybody knows it. The film don't lie. You should be All-Pro."

Niners defensive coordinator Robert Saleh says as long as Warner is on the field, his defense has a chance.

"He is one of the smarter players in football, especially at the linebacker position," Saleh said. "You can do a lot with Fred in terms of just getting people where they need to be. On top of it, him being able to use all his athleticism, because he is one of the more athletic linebackers in football, also along with being one of the smartest. It just makes for a player who's got a lot of range and a lot of ability to man the middle of the field."

Warner's emergence hasn't been lost on many of his predecessors, many of whom see Warner as a deserving next act in their legacy.

A new kind of linebacker

Willis walked away from the NFL in 2014 after toe injuries plagued the final portion of his dominant eight-year career. When he did, Willis disconnected from the game almost entirely, needing the time to figure out what would come next.

After a few years away, Willis started to get back into it right around the time Warner entered the league. Now, Willis watches the 49ers regularly and can't help but let his eyes gravitate to No. 54, marveling at Warner's combination of size (6-foot-3, 230 pounds) and speed (4.6 seconds in the 40-yard dash at the combine) that allows him to fit in well in a rapidly evolving league that asks more of its linebackers than ever.

"He's primed for the position," Willis said. "This is his time right now. That's why when people are like you should come back, man, I'm like 'Na, man, I get it but y'all living back then, you see how fast they are moving out there.' I can't do that, my toes would be all twisted, I'm not the guy for you. The guy you're watching now is the guy. Fred is a pleasure to watch."

Since Warner's arrival in the Bay Area, he and Willis have gotten to know each other. Willis sends encouraging notes or words of inspiration to Warner, a gesture that Warner admits still leaves him a bit starstruck but "means the world" to him.

It's something Willis is happy to do given that he sees in Warner all of the necessary tools to be great. Asked what those are, Willis' list includes attitude, will, effort, execution and dedication as the most important ingredients. He sees all of those things in Warner, who brings fiery intensity on the field but oozes a quiet confidence off of it.

"It's one thing to be a badass on the field and it's another to just be a badass cool cat off of it, and he's both," Willis said. "I really appreciate that about him. Because every time I have run into him or crossed his path, just a mutual like 'I see you.'"

'The glue around every play'

At BYU, Warner played a hybrid safety/linebacker position that left some wondering where he'd fit in the NFL, one of the primary reasons he slipped to the third round. The Niners didn't see that as a limitation so much as the evolution of the middle linebacker position.

For that to happen, however, the 49ers had to be sure Warner could take on the responsibilities that go with playing middle linebacker, which means a devotion to detail that only a quarterback can understand. For starters, Warner would have to make all the calls and checks, ensure his teammates are lined up properly, recognize pre-snap tendencies by the offense and seek anything that would put the defense in position to make plays.

To be great, he would need to dive so deep into the tape that he'd be looking for any little tic that might give a leg up. Things like how a guard might alter his stance if he was going to pull to either side or how a tight end would put more or less weight on his hand in a three-point stance as a tell for whether he was going to block or run a route.

For as much as the game might have changed over the years, that level of preparation has remained constant from Wilcox to Willis to Warner.

"What I used to really love to do to help guys is kind of studying and if I could help them, give them tips on, you know, when the play was coming or the play was going where I used to kind of relay that information," Wilcox, who went into the Hall of Fame in 2000, said. "I took a lot of pride and interest in doing that."

Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott, who lined up behind Reynolds, sees those same traits in Warner. Whether it be Warner moving a defensive lineman to a certain spot before the snap or making a check call based on an offensive formation, Lott knows better than most the value of a middle linebacker who can quickly process information and put teammates in position to succeed.

"That's the beauty of that position," Lott said. "He doesn't have to make every play. But he can be the glue around every play. The great middle linebackers don't have to be in every play. They have to give you the feel that they know what every play is about."

'Deserves to be an All-Pro'

Just three years into his NFL career, Warner is just scratching the surface, but that hasn't stopped some of those who came before him from seeing where it could all go.

Willis says Warner is "shining a light" on the Niners' history of great linebackers. Lott believes 10 years from now it's entirely realistic Warner will be the leading tackler in franchise history and, potentially, a guy who could receive "the yellow jacket that Wilcox wears."

And if those seem like biased observations from fellow 49ers, take the word of a pair of rivals from the Pacific Northwest.

"They've been traditionally able to develop really good linebackers," said Seahawks defensive coordinator Ken Norton Jr., who was an All Pro for the 49ers at the position in 1995. "Watching Warner emerge now, it's fun."

Unlike Norton, the Seahawks' Bobby Wagner has never donned the red and gold, but he and Warner have developed a friendship and their mutual admiration is apparent, even as Warner watches Wagner and takes aim at the crown of the NFL's best inside linebacker.

"He's a guy that I love to watch as well," Wagner said. "I love his game. I love the way he leads, the way he goes after it every single time. It's always fun to watch him play. ... I look forward to him continuing his success. He deserves to be an All-Pro and I look forward to many, many years of being able to share the field with him."

Trent Williams

Why San Francisco 49ers tackle Trent Williams and his blocks went viral

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It's Sept. 13, 2020, and San Francisco 49ers left tackle Trent Williams hasn't played a meaningful snap of football in 623 days.

Getting through the opener against the visiting Arizona Cardinals without incident would be cause for celebration for Williams, who was diagnosed with a rare cancerous growth on his head in January 2019.

For as quiet as Williams can be, his game has always spoken much louder, and he showed that 18 snaps into his emotional return. Williams threw a block on Arizona linebacker Jordan Hicks so jarring that social media and the internet immediately exploded in a way normally reserved for a Kardashian or, at least, a Mahomes.

In San Francisco's locker room, Williams' phone blew up. The texts came in waves as his block made the rounds on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and everything in between. A version of the block on "The Checkdown" Twitter account garnered 1.8 million views.

By the time Williams looked at it, he had played 62 snaps in a loss and had almost forgotten what happened. The 100-plus text messages offered a reminder. What he saw in his Twitter mentions ensured he wouldn't forget.

"It went crazy," Williams said. "Social media and all that s--- went to a whole different level. I was surprised to kind of see the reaction by it."

Traditionally, offensive linemen only grab attention for the wrong reasons. But when the 49ers visit the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday in the wild-card round of the NFL playoffs (4:30 p.m. ET, CBS), Williams, who the Niners are optimistic will return from a sprained elbow for his first playoff game since 2016, will be one of the stars.

Joe Staley, the left tackle who preceded Williams with the Niners, went to six Pro Bowls, but ask Staley his most buzzworthy moment and he will instantly bring up the 2014 game against the Denver Broncos in which DeMarcus Ware beat him with a fake spin move.

Yes, even the best tackles get beat, but the hope is to avoid having the GIF vultures and meme leeches take notice.

Unless, of course, you're Williams, a 6-foot-5, 320-pound tackle who has been clocked running 19.9 mph in a game, casually bench presses 400-plus pounds and has earned a reputation as such a dominant offensive tackle that he has brought linemen out of anonymity and into the spotlight.

"The things that Trent does, they are truly special," Niners left guard Laken Tomlinson said. "Not hearing your name called, I think, is a good thing when it comes to offensive linemen. Obviously not for Trent, because he's a superstar."

'That man has a family'

On a recent fall afternoon, Williams sits down and walks ESPN through the block on Hicks, step by step.

The play is a simple gap scheme run in which the right guard, Williams and Tomlinson are going to each take one of three defenders. Before the snap, Williams notes what is called a "guard bubble" in which

nobody is lined up over Tomlinson. That alerts Williams to the fact that there's nobody in his "gap," which means he might have the chance to run free at Hicks, who is lined up about 7 yards away.

Williams' hopes aren't up just yet, though, as he is waiting to see if pre-snap motion will cause a defensive realignment. As Williams drops to a three-point stance, he realizes that isn't happening.

Although Williams knows he is going to get a head of steam before the snap, he's still expecting Hicks to see him in time to evade a clean shot. At the snap, Williams sees Hicks peeking at right guard Daniel Brunskill pulling from the opposite side.

As Williams strides toward Hicks, Williams still expects to be noticed before he can make contact. It's not until he is about 2 yards away that Williams realizes he's going to get the kind of free block linemen dream about. He runs clean through Hicks, planting him just inside the 15-yard line.

"He looked at me like, 'What the hell?'" Williams said. "I just got on him so quick. He's not used to that."

Chad Orzel, an associate professor of physics at New York's Union College, broke down the block from the perspective of Hicks, who is listed at 6-foot-1, 237 pounds.

According to Orzel's frame-by-frame breakdown of the play, Williams fires out of his stance and gets up to around 5 meters in 1.2 seconds and is in contact with Hicks for roughly 0.2 seconds, during which he drives Hicks backward by just more than a yard from more or less a standing start. That's an acceleration rate of about 25 meters per second squared or almost 2.6 times the acceleration of gravity.

For a point of comparison, Orzel said that level of acceleration is a bit like what you'd feel if you were running at a wall at about 10 mph and stopped yourself with your arms or if you stopped something moving at 20 mph over a distance of about 10 feet.

"This is a nice illustration of the usual advice about big guys in football, namely that you don't want to let them get up a head of steam," Orzel said. "It's a lot easier to keep them from getting started than to stop them once they're moving."

Or if you'd prefer your explanation in viral terms, Williams points to his favorite social media response to the block.

"People kept saying, 'That man has a family,'" Williams said, laughing.

The evolution of the viral block

"When I saw Walter Jones, I just became obsessed with him," Trent Williams said. "I just watched the Seahawks every time I could."

Long before social media existed, the only way for a young offensive lineman to watch and learn from those who came before him was to locate a VHS instructional tape, use a VCR and hope to pick up some pointers.

For an aspiring offensive tackle named Walter Jones in Aliceville, Alabama, a copy of "The Fundamental of Offensive Line Play," starring then future Pro Football Hall of Fame offensive tackle Anthony Munoz, was the only option.

Jones watched the tape repeatedly, studying everything from footwork to stances to hand placement. He watched it until the tape fell apart. The tape meant so much to Jones, who would go on to the Hall of Fame himself after nine Pro Bowls playing left tackle for the Seattle Seahawks, he is still searching for a copy.

"Every time I see Anthony Munoz, I say, 'I know you've got that VHS somewhere in your garage or your basement or somewhere,'" Jones said. "That's something I would love to have to put in my trophy case."

Such relics are a product of a bygone era in which offensive linemen were rarely seen and heard even less. Until Jones and his contemporaries came along. Drafted over a two-year period starting in 1996, Jonathan Ogden, Orlando Pace and Jones introduced the world to a new breed of offensive tackle.

As a freshman at Longview (Texas) High School in 2003, Williams was just beginning to wrap his mind around playing offensive line. In pee wee football, he had started out as a running back but quickly grew too heavy. In middle school, he harbored dreams of playing tight end like his father, but Williams was bigger than most of the other kids, and his coach suggested tackle.

By the time he reached high school, the Longview coaching staff told Williams he could be a rotational tight end or a starting tackle. The choice was easy once Williams understood how the likes of Pace and Ogden were changing the game.

But when Williams watched the top tackles, it was Jones he couldn't stop watching. Williams saw that Jones was a few inches shorter than Ogden and Pace but a dynamic athlete. At the time, Williams wore No. 70 because his brother also wore it and his mom wanted to buy only one shirt she could wear to the varsity and JV or freshman games.

"Then when I saw Walter Jones, I just became obsessed with him," Williams said. "I just watched the Seahawks every time I could. Then I switched my number to 71, kind of like wanting to be my own self and get up out of my brothers' footsteps but then also paying tribute to my idol. That's kind of how I learned it. When they told me that's where I'd be, that's who I wanted to learn from."

Finding Seahawks games wasn't always easy, but whenever he could, Williams would study Jones.

One game that wasn't hard to find: the 2005 NFC Championship Game. It was the day Jones' Seahawks advanced to their first Super Bowl, but it was also the day Jones delivered the biggest block of his career, one that undoubtedly would have had him trending had it taken place a decade later.

Like Williams, Jones' biggest block also happened to come on the final play of the first quarter, a handoff to running back Shaun Alexander designed to go around the left side. After engaging the Carolina Panthers' Mike Rucker, a 6-foot-5, 275-pound lineman who had a solid, nine-year career, Jones got to Rucker's outside shoulder and exploded forward, driving Rucker from Carolina's 18-yard line to the 3-yard line before putting him on his back as Alexander gained 15 yards.

"That's one of those blocks that you take with you forever," Jones said. "I played 13 years, and that's the only one that really stands out, so that just tells you how tough it is to do that in the NFL."

Of course, while Jones might only really remember that one, there were plenty of others. The difference is he played in an era when such blocks weren't quickly clipped and posted for the world to consume.

The first viral block Williams even remembers seeing was Dallas Cowboys guard La'el Collins wiping out multiple Seahawks in 2015.

"It just sort of happened recently where people are paying attention to the trenches and how physical it can get in there and how much we can affect the outcome of the game," Williams said.

Redefining the position

"Trent is a very unique player at his position in that he's been probably the best athlete for about a decade at the position," 49ers offensive coordinator Mike McDaniel said.

When the 49ers signed Williams to a record-setting deal averaging more than $23 million a year in March, coach Kyle Shanahan said one of the things he was most excited about was all the ways they could use Williams in the offense.

That's not something you often hear about an offensive tackle, but it's something Shanahan and offensive coordinator Mike McDaniel don't shy away from because it challenges them to think about what Williams makes possible.

"Trent is a very unique player at his position in that he's been probably the best athlete for about a decade at the position," McDaniel said. "What people don't realize is that Trent is very mindful about his craft. ... Unparalleled talent in conjunction with a guy that it means a lot to, that is trying to be the best of the best each and every day. That's meant a lot for our team and allowed us to do a lot of cool things with him this season and we'll hopefully continue to do."

While the Arizona block remains Williams' career favorite, he has made a habit of going viral. There was the big block to free quarterback Trey Lance at the goal line for a touchdown in Week 3 this season. And the many times Williams has taken a grown man and tossed him to the ground.

The easy assumption is Williams uses his size and strength to make that happen, but as he tells it, none of those viral blocks would even have been possible without doing the mental legwork first. On any given play, Williams said his primary concern is getting to his assignment and that he's never thinking in advance about leveling a defender with a crushing block.

"Sometimes, you have got the perfect angle to take advantage and be physical," Williams said. "Sometimes, you have got to kind of approach it with white gloves so that you don't miss."

It's not until Williams is engaged and on top of his assignment that he can flip the switch and do something that might set the internet abuzz.

"For offensive line, I know the pancake blocks and s--- are real thrilling. But for me, I never go in looking to annihilate somebody; it just has to happen in the context of the play," Williams said.

And yet, Williams seems to find a way to provide those thrills more often than any lineman in the league. It's why teammates find themselves marveling at what Williams does both in real time and when they relive previous games on film.

"Trent is one of one," 49ers tight end George Kittle said. "On the football field, off the football field, everything he does, there's no one else that can do what he does and play at the level he does. He's an incredible monster."

At 33, Williams seems to be at the top of his game. This season, he earned his ninth Pro Bowl selection, and he is on pace to become the highest-graded player regardless of position in the history of Pro Football Focus. He already has set a new bar for other tackles to reach financially, and he has no designs on slowing down any time soon.

All of which is why the man Williams grew up idolizing believes he'll one day welcome Williams to Canton, Ohio, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame as one of the best to ever do it.

"I love to see the guys who have swag, and I think Trent -- it's just a different swag when you see it on the film," Jones said. "A lot of times with offensive linemen, we don't want to be noticed at all. We want to go out and play football. But I tell people all the time that offensive lineman can be rock stars now."

49ers' Trent Williams return to being NFL's top tackle powered by gratitude after terminal cancer diagnosis

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Trent Williams plays football with such physical and technical dominance that it looks easy for him. For his opponents, it might feel unfair. For everyone else merely watching, it can seem scary.

Such descriptions make Williams laugh, but he wouldn't dare say the game is easy. Not even when he's playing as well as anyone at his position, or perhaps the sport (his Pro Football Focus grade of 98.5 through Week 15 is the best in the NFL). And especially not after the journey the San Francisco 49ers left tackle has been on the past three years, where concepts like unfair and scary paled in comparison to his reality.

"I take so much pride in the product that I put out there. I'm always concerned, I'm always nervous, I'm always anxious about football and playing. I don't feel like that part of it gets easier," Williams said in a phone interview last week. "But when it comes down to actually going out there, every time I can tie my cleats up, I can strap my shoulder pads up and my helmet, just taking advantage of that. I do know how it feels for that to be snatched away."

Williams is talking about football, sure. But he's really talking about life and death. He's talking about cancer. It's a conversation no one wants to have, but one Williams is bound to. On Dec. 14, he debuted "Silverback: The Trent Williams Story" -- a documentary detailing his recent battle with cancer and return to the gridiron.

"My agent talked me into doing it," Williams admitted. "I wasn't a huge fan of doing it at first. He just kept working on me, just knowing that maybe I could help someone in my same position or reach somebody just to give them a little more motivation."
When Williams received a terminal diagnosis in January of 2019, the 6-foot-5, 320-pound giant never felt smaller. Neither did the game he'd dedicated his entire life to.

"The football player, the sport, all that was kind of out the window at that moment in time," Williams said. "I really felt helpless. It felt as vulnerable as you could feel as a human, just not knowing what the next day might bring, not knowing how much longer you got left on Earth."

A mass, in fact, had formed on Williams' head back in 2013, just a few years into his storied tenure with the Washington Football Team. While he and the franchise have since disputed how the illness was subsequently handled, Williams was prepared to undergo what he was told would be a simple extraction following the 2018 season. Instead, he soon received a gut-wrenching diagnosis: He had Dermatofibrosarcoma Protuberans, a rare form of cancer that develops deep in the skin and was creeping toward his brain. He was 30 years old.

Doctors didn't give Williams a timetable for how much longer he'd live, only communicating that these could be his "last days."

"Six weeks or six months, I didn't think (there was) a big difference in that," he said. "I was told to get my affairs in order, so I didn't have much fight after that. It was unbelievable. I felt like it was a dream that I just couldn't wake up from. I didn't want to believe it."

"Twelve months ago I felt blessed, I felt lucky, I felt like I was cheating. There's overcoming what I overcame, and then being able to do what I still love, I feel like I was cheating."

The blindside protector had been blindsided. But he never stopped protecting. Williams said he withheld the news from daughters Micah and Makayla, who were 9 and 5 at the time, to spare their thoughts, while exploring candidates to raise them in his expected absence.

"While I wanted them to understand what I was going through, I also feel like my first role as a father is protector, and you never want your kids to worry about you," he said. "I wasn't as concerned with my time here for myself. I was more so concerned about having young daughters without a father figure."
In February of 2019, Williams underwent the first of several scalp reconstruction procedures. His cancerous tumor was successfully removed just weeks before it would have metastasized through his skull. The surgeries incorporated about 30 percent of his scalp, skin grafts from his thigh and a few hundred stitches. But he'd survived cancer, he was able to circumvent chemotherapy, which he was told would have put a 15-year cap on his life, and the incisions in his head did not require him to retire from football.

Williams was sidelined about eight months, a period in which doctors urged him to avoid so much as perspiring. When he reported to Washington, he had issues wearing a helmet as well as with his contract, and he was placed on the non-football injury list against his wishes. Though Williams' longstanding relationship with the team effectually deteriorated, Washington honored its star's trade request by sending him to his favored destination -- the 49ers, coached by Kyle Shanahan, Williams' offensive coordinator for the first four years of his career.

"I think that part of my life I learned the most about myself," Williams said. "When tragedy strikes, everybody always thinks about the impact and whether you survive or not. Hardly ever do you think about how it feels to start from square one. I feel like that's exactly where I was starting from, after going through those surgeries and taking the time off to recover and just mentally what I had went through just even having to think about dying at such an early age. When all the smoke clears, here I am, I haven't lifted weights, I haven't run, I haven't even broken a sweat in eight or nine months. There was no easy way to go about it. There only was the hard route, that was to bust my butt and get into elite football shape and being the elite player that I once was, and having to hear all the doubts. I wasn't very open with what I went through, so I know a lot of people doubted. They thought it was more so contracts, and I understood that, but the human nature of being criticized, it has an effect sometimes."

The perennial Pro Bowler was soon thrown another curveball in the form of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which prevented Williams from working alongside his new teammates and learning Shanahan's evolving offense hands-on. After sitting out an entire season, the aging tackle also had to prove himself while entering the last year of his deal. The Niners weren't ready to commit long term, but they did agree to rework his contract so that he could not be placed on the franchise tag after the season.
"Twelve months ago I felt blessed, I felt lucky, I felt like I was cheating," he said. "There's overcoming what I overcame, and then being able to do what I still love, I feel like I was cheating."

Powered by gratitude, Williams went out and earned his eighth consecutive Pro Bowl nod, setting him up for a six-year, $138 million pact that reset the OT market last March. Never content with his performance, the 12-year veteran is playing at an All-Pro level in 2021 for the surging Niners. He can improve his case for his first All-Pro first-team selection Thursday night against the Titans, in a game that will have major playoff ramifications for both conferences.

It's the type of game Williams believed he'd be in by joining San Francisco, which he said has become "home" for him over the last year. Last year also saw the arrival of his third daughter, Marley. The 33-year-old views fatherhood and football as his "second chance in life."

"They didn't even know what I was dealing with," said Williams, who still requires bi-yearly checkups to ensure sarcoma cells haven't returned, of his girls. "Every day I see them, I talk to them. It does go through my mind that just a couple years ago, this conversation wasn't even supposed to be possible. I'm just thankful that I could be here in their lives and be an influence and be a father.

"I definitely do give thanks for every day that I'm here because I know how fragile life is. Regardless of your age, it all could change in the blink of an eye. But for the most part, I just feel like I'm maxing out my potential. I think it would be hard for me to sleep at night, knowing that I was abundantly blessed with an ability and with a physical set of traits and I didn't take advantage of it. That's all I want to do. I just want to be a vessel of what God has blessed upon me and just show others, whether you're a young offensive

lineman or whether you're somebody having to battle with cancer, I just want you to be able to look at me and draw some motivation or relate to me in some type of way and see my battle and draw some strength from it."

‘He’s gonna crush whoever’s in his way’: Trent Williams looms, zooms for 49ers

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Drake and his crew might not have understood what they were getting into.

In the spring of 2018, the rapper was in Houston for a concert and touched base with running back Adrian Peterson, who lived there in the offseason. They decided to get together for a pickup basketball game at the indoor court at Peterson’s sprawling estate — Drake and his crew versus some of the running back’s buddies.

Drake and his entourage arrived first, warmed up, then waited for Peterson’s friends to arrive. When they finally did, the first to take the court was Trent Williams, whom Peterson first met when they were teenagers in East Texas. Drake and his teammates looked at the offensive tackle and figured the big man would park himself in the paint, maybe be a Charles Oakley-like force on the boards, but otherwise let the skill-position athletes, like Peterson and running back Melvin Gordon, who also was on hand that day, run the show.

They were wrong.

As he normally does, Williams grabbed the ball and played point guard. Then he shocked the newcomers with a crossover dribble every bit as sudden and vicious as that of his boyhood idol, Allen Iverson.
“He’s crossing guys over and he’s spinning off guys and taking it to the hole and he’s dishing it off like he’s Magic Johnson or something,” Peterson recalled. “And then he’ll sit there and dunk it on you, too. Yeah, he’s caught a lot of guys off guard because you don’t expect a 300-pound guy to move like he moves.”

“You could hear the guys from Drake’s team say, ‘There’s no way y’all this big and moving this damn fast!’” said Pete Robertson, a boyhood friend of Williams who was on the court as well. “And we were just laughing. He was just legitimately crossing everybody and shooting from NBA 3-point range every single time. And making it, too.”

Said Williams of the game: “It didn’t last long. I think they seen us and they were like, ‘No thank you.’”
A theme quickly emerges when it comes to Williams, 32, who will play his first game since Dec. 30, 2018, when the Cardinals visit on Sunday. He’s the heaviest player on the 49ers roster and along with guard Laken Tomlinson, he’s the team’s weight-room titan.

“They don’t call him ‘Silverback’ for no reason,” Robertson said. “He’s a monster.”

Yet it’s Williams’ agility — cartoon-like for someone his size — that makes onlookers sometimes doubt what they’re seeing.

Peterson truly got to know Williams when the offensive lineman arrived at the University of Oklahoma where Peterson was a junior and already a star. The two lived in side-by-side duplexes — “We shared a wall,” Peterson said — and trained together. And when you work out with Peterson, you train like an Army Ranger and you do everything from boxing to hill runs to sand workouts.

Peterson said he remembers watching the big man take on hurdles at practice. Most linemen set the bar at its lowest level to make it over without stumbling. Williams raised his to the top rung and flew over them like he was Edwin Moses. Or in his case, Edwin Moses Malone.

“It was really only the skill guys that were able to do that,” Peterson recalled. “And we used to have six, seven, eight hurdles lined up. So you would jump over one — bam! — explode and you’d have to be able to have that explosion for the duration, all eight hurdles. And this guy was going over them with us. It was

like, ‘Oh my God!’ And that right there is what makes him so special, so unique. He’s a left tackle with a receiver’s agility. It’s not normal.”

Williams always had speed.

His father tells a story about his 7-year-old son playing third base in Little League. When he pounced on a sharp hit down the line one day, the bleachers erupted with frantic instructions.

“We were hollering to Trent, ‘Throw the ball!’” Freddie Williams recalls with a long laugh. “And Trent ran all the way across the diamond, past the pitcher, and got to first base before the runner did. That’s when I knew Trent was fast.”

He had another boyhood advantage: A brother who was two years older and just as big. Early on everyone in their Longview, Texas, neighborhood thought Trent and Fredrick were twins because they were the same size and because their mom dressed them alike. They acted like twins, too. They shared everything, including a small bedroom, until Fredrick went off to college. By that time, both weighed more than 300 pounds.

Because they were the most dominant kids on the block, they never could be on the same team. That meant no matter whether it was basketball, football or backyard wrestling — “We used to jump off the back porch onto an old mattress,” Fredrick said — the brothers were pitted against each other.

“And he was always so competitive,” Fredrick said. “To this day. If you play Trent in a video game, if you beat Trent, then you better be prepared to keep playing until he beats you. You can win 19 times, but if he wins that 20th time, he’s gonna rub it in your face, and then he’s gonna go play somebody else.”
Trent Williams remembers the agony of going against his brother on the football field with Fredrick “blowing me out of the water every time.”

“You know, Mom was freaking out — she didn’t like to see it,” Trent said. “But just going through those battles and watching him as closely as I did, a lot of me just wanted to be just like my brother.”

The two fought every day, Fredrick said. Mostly they were typical brother-vs.-brother scuffles — they’d erupt like a summer storm, bang and clatter for a few minutes and evaporate just as quickly. Then it was peaceful again; the two would return to loving one another.

Only one confrontation grew ugly. It happened on the Fourth of July when Fredrick was 15 and his little brother was 13. Their dad remembers preparing for a barbecue in the family’s kitchen when he heard — and felt — a thud against the wall. He thought a car had slammed into the house.
Instead, his boys were fighting.

“He hit me with a basketball,” Fredrick said. “And I just exploded.”

To that point, if Trent pushed his brother beyond a certain limit, he had a foolproof exit strategy: Calling out for mom. She came running to bail out her boy, who had trapped himself by running into the family garage, this time, too. But their dad halted her at the door.

“Trent wasn’t ready for Fredrick at that time,” Freddie chuckled. “They were going at it like gladiators. Their mom came running out of the kitchen. She wanted to go out the door to stop it. I blocked the door and said, ‘No, leave ’em alone. Trent’s been asking for this ass-whuppin’.’”

Freddie eventually had to step in when Trent picked up an empty container for a five-gallon water dispenser and started using it as a club to fend off his furious big brother.

It was the last time anyone pushed around Trent Williams and the brothers never tussled like that again. Instead, they’ve found new ways of getting each other in trouble.

Last month Trent caused a stir when he posted a social media story about his silver Ferrari 488 Pista, which included a clip of it reaching 125 mph on a Bay Area highway. The gossip site TMZ pounced on the post, turning it into a story that began: “FILE UNDER: Things you NEVER want to see your star left tackle do.”

It turns out the 49ers left tackle was innocent. Fredrick admitted being behind the wheel, which prompted an angry phone call from Longview.

“I’m sitting there watching TMZ and the headline pops up, ‘Trent Williams going 125.’ And I’m like, ‘What the hell?’” Freddie Williams said. “‘Your ass is going to put (Trent) in a situation that he don’t need to be in! Why are you going 125 anyway?’ Trent don’t do stuff like that. Never has.”

For his part, Fredrick acknowledged that 125 mph was dangerous. But he also paraphrased Ferris Bueller by noting that he was, after all, driving a Ferrari. It’s meant to be driven fast.

“Going 125 actually feels like you’re going 80, 90 mph,” he said. “It’s not like I was driving a Honda Civic.” Trent Williams sat out the 2019 season after a cancerous growth was found and removed from his head. At 32, he’s tied with center Ben Garland for the title of oldest 49ers offensive player. His first game back will pit him against Arizona pass rusher Chandler Jones, whose 19 sacks last season was a half-sack off the league lead.

“Every day it’s probably the first thing on my mind when I wake up and the last thing on my mind before I go to sleep: How is Week 1 going to be?” Williams admitted recently on a Zoom call. “How’s it going to be rolling out in front of an empty stadium? How’s it going to be just having to open up with one of the best pass-rushers in the game?”

Williams has said he’s nervous about the rust that accumulated during his year away from the field. But if the quick-footed tackle is creaky, no one in Santa Clara has noticed. He dominated the 49ers’ pass rushers — some of the best in the NFL — in training camp. And before he started casting aside defensive ends in August, he was throwing around massive iron weights at the gym he co-owns with Peterson in Houston.

Robertson, Williams’ childhood friend from Longview, worked alongside the big left tackle this offseason. Robertson is trying to make it in the NFL as a linebacker, and he’s had stints with the Seahawks, Cardinals and Washington. At more than 240 pounds, he’s no stripling. And he’s five years younger than Williams. But every time he thought he might overtake his friend in a certain lift or exercise this summer, Williams pulled away.

“I was meeting him at the gym at, like, 3 or 4 in the morning,” Robertson said. “And we wouldn’t leave until 6:30 or 7 in the morning. And it just shows what he’s willing to do, how much he’s willing to work. Because there are not a lot of guys who are waking up at 3 o’clock.”

Williams might be anxious about his 2020 re-start, but from what Robertson’s seen — and felt from practicing his moves against the offensive tackle — the 49ers’ opponents are the ones who ought to be trembling. The last time Williams suited up for a game, on Dec. 30, 2018, he weighed 325 pounds. He’s added another 10 pounds of muscle since.

“I feel sorry for all the little DBs and nickels and little, underweight linebackers who are out there while he’s pulling,” Robertson said. “It’s gonna be bad. He’s gonna crush whoever’s in his way and probably two or three more behind him.”

They could end up faring like Drake and company at Peterson’s home court two years ago. Everyone knew the teams might be lopsided, so Peterson played on Drake’s squad. It didn’t help the outcome.

“You know how he runs the football?” Robertson said when asked for a basketball scouting report on Peterson. “So imagine him playing basketball. He reminds me of Ron Artest. You know AD, he’s gonna be physical with the rebounds. He can play all over the court.”

And what about Drake, a fixture at Toronto Raptors games who skewered the Warriors from the sideline during the 2019 NBA Finals and who fancies himself a bit of a baller? Was he any good?

“Um. Yeah, man,” Robertson said after a pause. “I guess so. He made one of his shots.”

Thompson: Trent Williams' brush with death has him appreciating life with 49ers

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Everything means more when you were expecting to die.

The grass of training camp smells fresher. The laughs shared with teammates feel warmer. The adrenaline rush from clashes in the trenches hits harder. Something about being confronted by the prospect of death makes life more vibrant.

That's true even for someone as tough and hardened as Trent Williams. The 6-foot-5, 320-pound left tackle has been nicknamed Silverback. He has run with the gorilla theme — from the tattoo on his back to the art he collects to the emojis on his Instagram posts — as a way of personifying his brute physicality and beastly mentality. But, maaaaan, life has a way of turning the strong into the serene.

"I did feel invincible," Williams said in a recent phone interview. "I can't lie. I mean, you know, I was just celebrating going to my seventh straight Pro Bowl and, you know, boom, you're hit with the news that you got cancer. So it really knocked me off my high horse."

Now, 16 months after the diagnosis and nearly 10 months since he went public with his cancer battle, the 49ers are getting a reenergized Williams, one with a new grasp on joy and thankfulness. The Super Bowl potential of the 49ers, the positive energy and camaraderie in the franchise, feels like the ultimate bounce back. Coming from Washington, the 49ers feel like utopia. Williams hasn't played in 20 months, so his body should be a fresh 32 years old. But the real rejuvenation is in his mentality.

His perspective is filtered through appreciation. His invincibility has been erased by humility, and that humility ensures he enjoys all of this. The big fancy stuff — the private jet access, the exquisite cars, the diamonds — is even more special because he understands life is short. The small, meaningful things — the precious smiles of his daughters, the challenge of getting better, enjoying going to work — are even more profound because he was faced with losing them.

"Yes, that's dead on man. I'm happy," Williams said. "The vibe is amazing. It lifts my spirits. It's just a good atmosphere to be in and I think it's very refreshing for me in Year 11. What I've been through gave me a different outlook. And, you know, I'd just rather take advantage of my time here and not focus on the negative. I know tomorrow isn't promised by any means. So I just try to live in the moment and I'm just enjoying myself right now. And this organization makes it a lot easier for me as well."

The only question now, as he heads into his first NFL action since 2018, is whether a happy gorilla can be as formidable as an angry one.

"Gorillas are a cerebral animal," he said. "They're really smart. So, you know, I've always tried to play with controlled aggression, you know? I can't just have my hair on fire."

Williams might be the flyest offensive lineman in the league. It's hard to find a 300-pound lineman with the fashion swag of a wide receiver. But the Longview, Texas, native pulls it off like he was born with the sauce.

You might catch him in a tailored suit. Or a short set with the brightest, loudest pattern. Or some stylish ripped jeans and sneakers you can't find in stores. The saying goes look good, feel good. Williams has probably even used that line before to explain the threads and the jewelry. But now he knows a different paradigm: feel good, look good. Because the clothes don't make the man, but the man makes the clothes.

And this man has "cancer survivor" attached to his name. As surreal as that sounds, he can't help but feel good because he knows the depths from which he climbed.

"I'm a realist, man. And I understand that so many people who battled cancer and are unable to sit here and tell us about it. So I was just grateful — grateful that I had another chance at life, grateful I was still able to play the game that I love," he said.

"Because it was tough, you know, in the eye of the storm."

Williams was at a hospital in Virginia in April 2019 when he got the news that would change his life. The growth on his head, which he first spotted in 2013 and gradually got bigger, turned out to be a rare form of soft tissue cancer called dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans (DFSP). Williams said the team doctors in Washington repeatedly told him over the years there was nothing to worry about. So you can imagine how hard the news hit this day in Virginia when the doctor told him to get his affairs in order.

"They were under the impression that the cancer had spread to my brain," Williams said, "so it didn't look too good for me at that point. So they told me to get closest to the people I love. You know, that was kind of eye-opening."

He doesn't remember the drive home.

He flew to Chicago for another opinion. That's where he got the good news. The cancer had not actually spread to his brain. It was still on his skull. Surgery was immediately required to remove the sarcoma before it metastasized. After they removed all of the DFSP through multiple procedures, the worst part was over. The dark place had some light. But Williams still was left with hundreds of stitches and staples, his face and head healing from skin transfers. Looking in the mirror had its struggles, but thanksgiving got him through. And his two young daughters.

"They were everything," he said. "They kept me sane when things seemed kind of grave, when my future wasn't bright. They were a driving force. They gave me something to be motivated for. I know I needed to be here and I know I needed to be in good spirits because, at the end of the day, I'm still a father."

The rumblings and whispers were faint in the height of this cancer scare. But once he survived, they became louder, clearer. He could hear them. Yes, Williams heard the criticisms. He heard people declare him unworthy of the trouble, a shell of himself. He recognized how easily some discarded him despite his dominance before cancer.

Williams isn't so overwhelmed with appreciation he can't muster a good ol' fashioned chip on his shoulder. He does believe he has something to prove this season. He said he was surprised he was written off so easily, as if taking one season off meant he wasn't among the NFL's best linemen at the most critical position. He said he's here to re-establish himself as a dominant force.

Such an edge is good news for the 49ers. Williams' combination of massiveness, elite athleticism and experience figures to make him an upgrade over Joe Staley, the legendary lineman who retired after last season. Not only could Jimmy Garoppolo's blindside use the protection, but the Williams from before the year off figures to be a perfect blend of nasty and agile for Kyle Shanahan's offense.

Without a doubt, Williams still has the chops. The way at the beginning of camp he handled stud pass rusher Nick Bosa, who as a rookie terrorized the best in the game, and the sight of Williams leading the fray in the 49ers' outside-zone schemes made the 2020 fifth-round pick and the 2021 third-round pick used to acquire Williams via trade feel more than worth it.

"That's why I'm here," he said, "to re-establish myself."

Williams said the 49ers were a perfect fit because of the coaching staff, which he said is full of familiar faces and people he trusts. Williams and Shanahan developed a bond during their days in Washington together and maintained a good relationship. Williams was acutely aware of how much of a fit he'd be in Shanahan's offense and how he fit the mold of what the 49ers coaches want.

Williams requested to be traded away from Washington twice. The first time, last summer, was because he was upset with the franchise for misdiagnosing his cancerous tumor. Much of his ire seemed directed at Bruce Allen, the team president at the time. He held out five months before returning in late October, which is when he went public with his cancer diagnosis. He was then placed on the non-football injury list. After Allen was fired, Williams and Washington entered discussions on a new deal. When those fell apart, Williams demanded another trade through his agent. Not even new coach and face of the franchise Ron Rivera could talk Williams back into the fold.

That guy from Washington, who was blunt and frustrated in his interviews, who was constantly unhappy in the news, feels long gone. He has managed to find his way back to a good headspace.

“First time strapping those pads up,” Williams said, “it started to feel surreal because after hearing those words (get your affairs in order), football is the last thing on your mind. You have to think where I was 16 months ago and to actually be in a locker room with a bunch of great, talented players and to actually be on a Super Bowl-contending team. It almost felt like a storybook ending. It comes with a different type of enjoyment, you know, knowing that it can be taken away from you at any time.”

Mitch Wishnowsky

49ers' Mitch Wishnowsky would've slept on a bathroom floor to be an NFL punter

By Anna Katherine Clemmons
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In the summer of 2012, Mitch Wishnowsky sat at the end of a wooden dock, fishing rod in hand. He cast his line as the sun set over the water's horizon; as he did so, his cellphone rang. A professional glazier by day, the 20-year-old Western Australia native had recently bought a plot of land in Perth with his best friend. They built a house, worked their trades, and planned to save enough money to provide for their respective futures, which Wishnowsky hoped meant a career, wife and children.

As he sat on the dock, still recovering from the dengue fever he had contracted on a recent trip to Bali, he just wanted to be healthy enough to work his job of framing and setting glass for industrial buildings.

Once a talented soccer player, Wishnowsky had pursued the sport until he realized he wouldn't qualify for the pro leagues. Standing 6-foot-2 with a muscular frame, tanned skin, chiseled cheekbones and blond hair that he sometimes grew long, the Thor lookalike had a powerful kicking leg.

He had always wanted to try Australian rules football; after dropping out of school at 16 to pursue his trade, he also signed up for Aussie rules. But a dislocated shoulder on the field forced him to halt his work as a glazier, and Wishnowsky realized financial stability was more important than his sporting passion. So he gave up Aussie rules, instead playing American flag football in a casual weekend league.

He answered his cellphone and he and the caller spoke for several minutes. Days later, Wishnowsky handed in his resignation letter. He had only one month left before completing his official glazier trade certification, so he finished out the month and moved to Melbourne.

He was going to learn how to be an NFL punter.

Fast-forward to 2020, and Wishnowsky is on the cusp of playing in the biggest NFL event in the world -- Super Bowl LIV, as a member of the San Francisco 49ers. This weekend he will try to help the 49ers advance beyond the NFC Championship Game and make their first Super Bowl appearance since 2012.

Wishnowsky, 27, was selected by the 49ers in the fourth round of the 2019 NFL draft. This season, he helped the NFC West champions go 13-3 in the regular season as he averaged 44.9 yards per punt, with 23 landing inside the 20-yard line.

"I've coached 40 total seasons, and he's the best I've had or seen [at his position]," says Craig Moropoulos, Wishnowsky's head coach at Santa Barbara (California) City College. "Even before our [2014] season began, with all the things put together, you could see that this guy was special: his size, athletic ability, his work ethic. And very humble."

During a circuitous journey, Mitch Wishnowsky has gone from glazier (window installer) to college's top punter, to the NFL and the NFC Championship Game. Robin Alam/Icon Sportswire
In 2012, unbeknownst to Wishnowsky, one of his flag football teammates had told Prokick founders John Smith and Nathan Chapman about Wishnowsky's punting prowess. Founded in 2007, Prokick Australia -- one of the premier kicking institutions in Australia -- was still in its early stages.

"It was always a dream to be a pro athlete, and I thought to myself, 'This is my last chance,'" Wishnowsky says.

He had followed the careers of a handful of Aussie kickers who played for U.S. colleges and the NFL, but as far as he knew, they had all competed for professional teams first. He hadn't realized there might be a pathway for a non-professional athlete such as himself. And he had never heard of Smith or Chapman.

But Wishnowsky went to Melbourne, where he had no close friends or family. The other Prokick attendees lived locally. Hotels were too expensive (he was still paying the mortgage on his property), so Wishnowsky left messages with a few acquaintances, including his former physiotherapist, hoping for a bed the weekend before training began. Prokick required each athlete to purchase a membership to a local 24-hour gym, so when Wishnowsky hadn't heard back about a room, he drove to the gym.

"I was camped in the bathroom of the 24-hour gym and I was like, I'm not above staying here,'" Wishnowsky says.

At 10 p.m., just as he had created his makeshift bed, the physiotherapist called. He could stay with her for a few nights.

During the first practice, Wishnowsky took 10 or 12 steps on his first kick before Cam Johnston, the Philadelphia Eagles' current punter and a Prokick alum, advised him that NFL punters typically take a maximum of two steps to get rid of the ball quickly.

Their days began with a 6:30 a.m. lifting session and ran through lunchtime. In the afternoons, Wishnowsky took a nap before leaving his apartment for his bartending job, which paid his rent and his mortgage. He returned to his apartment around 2 a.m., waking up four hours later to repeat the cycle.

"When Mitch first got here, he was really strong," says Chapman, an Australia native and former punter. "He's such an athlete, and a big guy for a kicker. He had a nice style and he could kick the ball really well. We focused on teaching him to get the format right, and a lot of that was practice under pressure, things like that."

Chapman also broke down Wishnowsky's technique, teaching him to punt for American-style football. A focused Wishnowsky diligently followed the instruction.

"There will be months on end where you're not able to hit a ball because [Chapman] breaks everything down," Wishnowsky says of his year at Prokick, which has graduated 17 All-Americans and secured 75 U.S. scholarships or contracts for its alums. "But he gets it and he'll make it work."

As Chapman taught players on the field, he also built relationships with colleges and universities. To meet NCAA eligibility requirements, Wishnowsky needed to attend junior college to meet academic standards. He chose Santa Barbara City College, where Aussie Tim Gleason had kicked. Wishnowsky had to pay in full.

"We just thought, 'How serious is this?'" Penny Wishnowsky said of her son's American football chances. Her husband flew to Melbourne to talk with Smith, who told him that Mitch was a true NFL contender.

"My husband came home and said, 'Well, they reckon he could go all the way, so I guess he will,'" Penny says.

Wishnowsky arrived in Santa Barbara on May 23, 2014, as a 22-year-old freshman. In his first game, unaccustomed to the strong winds, he averaged only around 30 yards a punt. But as the season progressed, he quickly improved; he finished as the top punter in the American Pacific League with a 39.8-yard average. He also led the state with 30 punts that remained inside the 20-yard line. The coaching staff, seeing his punting talent, started keeping a new statistic specific to him: punts inside the 10-yard line. Moropoulos estimated that Wishnowsky had close to 20 punts inside the 10.

Moropoulos, recognizing Wishnowsky's versatility and athleticism, often utilized his skills for fake punts--catch-and-roll situations in which Wishnowsky, who later became the first punter to run a 4.6-second 40-yard dash, could utilize his speed.

After practice, Wishnowsky and a fellow Aussie teammate would often remain on the field. Wishnowsky would send his teammate on a post route while he ran to his right and punted.

"The ball would spiral almost as well as a quarterback flicking it off his fingertips, and hit the guy perfectly in stride," Moropoulos says.

Wishnowsky says he enjoys tackling, as NFL fans around the country saw during his Week 2 takedown of Broncos punt returner Devontae Jackson. At Santa Barbara, he initially tried to convince the coaching staff to play him at tight end. Smith heard about Wishnowsky's attempts and called him. "If you get injured, you're wasting your time!" Smith yelled.

"I thought to myself, 'That makes sense,'" Wishnowsky says. "But I wanted to do it. I wanted to be a tight end."

Wishnowsky redshirted the 2015 season to complete his academic requirements before transferring to Utah, which had recruited several Prokick graduates, including close friend Tom Hackett, who punted for the Utes from 2012 to 2015.

"He was different," Hackett says. "I always felt that I punted my best when I was pretty calm, cool and relaxed and I wasn't overthinking, whereas Mitch is the opposite. He punts his best when he's really serious and really focused."

Wishnowsky was just as serious off the field, avoiding parties and instead opting for added training sessions and weight room regimens while completing coursework toward his degree in exercise sport science. That dedication paid off. In 2016, his sophomore season and first for Utah, he won the Ray Guy Award, presented annually to the best punter in the nation. He finished second in the country in punting average (47.7) and first in punts downed inside the opponent's 10-yard line.

He concluded 2017 with a 43.9-yard punting average and 10 punts downed inside the 10-yard line. In his final Utah season in 2018, he completed 59 punts for a 45.2-yard average.

His parents would often set their alarm for 1 or 2 a.m. to watch online broadcasts of his games.

"We didn't know a thing. Not a thing," Penny says of American football. But they watched and learned.

Several months after his college career ended, on the third day of the 2019 NFL draft, Wishnowsky woke up early. His fiancée, Maddie Leiphardt, made breakfast, but he was too nervous to eat. Instead, he turned on the draft. He'd worked out for several teams, and he knew that San Francisco was interested, but he didn't think he'd go as high as the fourth round. The 49ers' next pick wasn't until the sixth round, and other teams he'd talked with had numerous picks in between.

"A lot of those teams were in cold places, and I thought, 'I would love to end up in San Francisco, but if I'm not taken in the fourth round, I'm probably not ending up there,'" Wishnowsky says.

Forty minutes after the draft began, his phone rang. The caller ID read "San Francisco 49ers facility." Maddie started crying as Wishnowsky answered the phone.

"Mitch, this is John Lynch from the 49ers, man," the team's general manager said.

"How's it going?" Mitch responded.

"We're going to make you a Niner, all right?" Lynch said.

After a brief pause, Mitch answered, "Thank you so much."

Lynch then placed the phone on speaker, as he, head coach Kyle Shanahan, CEO Jed York and special-teams coordinator Richard Hightower yelled a rousing rendition of "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie! Oy, Oy, Oy!"

"Hell, yeah!" Mitch responded, as the group in the room laughed.

As Shanahan took the phone and welcomed Wishnowsky, letting him know he was a "target from the beginning," Wishnowsky listened. His voice raised with emotion, Mitch offered a "thank you" in response. Coach Hightower's welcome was next; hearing the emotion in Mitch's voice, he told him, "Yeah, you should be emotional, man. We're just fired up to get you."

As soon as he hung up the phone, Mitch texted his mom. It was midnight in Australia.

"Turn on the TV," he wrote.

"Why?" Penny wrote back.

"Just do it," he responded.

A tennis match was being broadcast, and Penny couldn't find the draft, save for the ticker scrolling along the bottom of the screen. Seconds later, she screamed as she read, "110, Mitchell Wishnowsky, San Francisco 49ers." She ran to wake up her husband and Mitch's sister and her husband, all of whom were asleep in the house.

"It was phone calls the whole day, trying to let it sink in," says Maddie, who met Wishnowsky in a class at Santa Barbara City College, where she played volleyball. "It took quite a while. That was one of the times I've seen the most emotion from him, for sure. This was something he's been working toward for ages."

Penny says her son took sports more seriously than any of his peers when he was growing up in Western Australia, near Perth. On the nights before soccer games, he'd hydrate, eat a balanced dinner and be in bed by 7 p.m. -- all of his own volition.

"He was very, very focused on what he was doing to make himself the very best," Penny says. "I always believed he would make it."

Intensely focused during the game, he also has adhered to a pregame ritual taught to him by 49ers veteran kicker Robbie Gould: UNO. The kicking team plays several rounds of the popular card game before each matchup; despite being a novice, Wishnowsky is often tough to defeat, Gould says.

"Mitch is not a talker; he's a doer," Moropoulos says.

Indeed, Wishnowsky has been doing what he can to encourage his fans to donate funds to help people and wildlife affected by the fires laying waste to Australia. Though his family in Perth have been relatively unaffected by the bush fires, Maddie and Mitch know what's at stake.

"It's very devastating to see all of that; it's hard to realize how big the fires really are, until you look at it compared to old ones, and seeing videos of all the animals. It's so sad to see people who are lost in it," Maddie says. "That morning, when Mitch was watching all these videos that were pretty upsetting -- and you're seeing others affected and all this wildlife -- I came into the room and he's like, 'You need to see this video.'

"Later that morning, he said, 'I want to donate,' and then he immediately started posting on social media about it, trying to help people be aware. I don't think many people knew much about it, so every little bit helps for sure. You always hear about fires taking place, but sometimes from afar, you don't really realize how much damage they've really done."

Like her son, Penny Wishnowsky was saddened to see the devastation taking place as the Australian wildfires raged.

"We are all safe here in Western Australia, thank goodness. The bushfires are just so devastating for everyone and everything caught up in them," she says. "It's horrifying after seeing the images what firefighters and residents were trying to fight, and the poor helpless wildlife, it's just heart-wrenching. ... I watch a few news clips and just end up with tears running down my face. It is so very, very sad.

"People from everywhere are saddened and heartbroken at the loss of human life, property and millions of wildlife destroyed, and so many are giving donations to help rebuild, feed, care and nurse the survivors back to health. It's going to be a very long road."

Once real life slows down, and Wishnowsky is finally at rest, a little imagination goes a long way. He and Maddie often play volleyball matches in the front yard -- but they play with an invisible net, set by the walkway separating the two halves of the grass. The imaginary net height must reach the roofline. Even there, Maddie says, his competitiveness shows.

"It's more a ton of banter and he tries to get into my head," Maddie says, adding with a laugh, "He doesn't succeed, but he thinks he does."

Maddie usually wins, but she says Mitch will then declare they need to play another round.

Wishnowsky's competitiveness and focus will be tested this weekend as the 49ers face the Green Bay Packers.

"He has every punt in the book, and he gives us a lot of options to kick certain kicks and take returners out of the game," Gould says. "He came in the league a little more mature than most rookies, and he really wants to learn every day. When you have that mentality and work ethic, you see his skill set, he has the ability to continue to grow and be one of the top punters in the NFL."

The 49ers offense has kept punter Mitch Wishnowsky waiting, but he's delivered when he's been needed

By Dan Brown
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Some punters have hang time. Mitch Wishnowsky has hanging around time. What's the guy to do? With the 49ers' proficient offense rolling this season, with Jimmy Garoppolo converting third downs about as efficiently as any quarterback in the NFL, it's been tricky for a certain fourth-round pick from Australia to make an impact.

Suggested motto for the 49ers offense: No punt intended.

"There have been lots of times on third down when I'm on the sideline getting ready to go in and (George) Kittle or someone does something amazing and converts to get a first down," Wishnowsky said at his locker Thursday.

He shrugged.

"I mean, I don't mind it. It's a quiet day at the office."

Andy Lee, one of his more recent 49ers predecessors, had two seasons in which he launched at least 100 punts. Bradley Pinion, the next punter in the lineage – the "air" apparent — also had 100 in 2016, which led the NFL. Back in those days, you practically had to keep those weary legs on a punt count. Wishnowsky, meanwhile, is on pace for 50. Eager to be useful, he's had to stay as patient as Joe Thornton's razor. In five of his games this season, the 49ers have punted three times or fewer.

Such is life for the punter on an 8-0 juggernaut.

But now, just as the 49ers veer headlong into a challenging part of their schedule, starting with the Seattle Seahawks on Monday night at Levi's Stadium, Wishnowsky has provided a reminder of why the team made him the highest-drafted punter since 2012.

In a tight game against the Arizona Cardinals on Halloween, he dropped three of his five punts inside the 20-yard line en route to NFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors.

No 49ers rookie had won that award since kicker Doug Brien during the 1994 season, which also happens to be the last time the 49ers won the Super Bowl.

Coincidence? Of course. But as the games get tougher, the expectations get higher and the little things get more important, Wishnowsky won't be an afterthought much longer.

Average starting field position, 2019
49ers 34.8
Patriots 33.8
Panthers 32.9
Saints 31.4

Raheem Mostert, a gunner who leads the 49ers with eight special-teams tackles, said fans will soon appreciate Wishnowsky's art at a higher level.

"He knows how to direct the ball, man,'' Mostert said, "and that lets us go out there and eat."

And by eat, Mostert means devour opposing return men. Because Wishnowsky is so adept at placing the ball where he wants, with the hangtime the punt coverage unit needs, 49ers players can essentially

synchronize their arrivals. They get there about the time the ball does, and that is pretty much that for the overmatched return man.

“I know this because I’m a returner myself: That’s one of the things that we returners hate is when gunners such as myself are in our face,’’ Mostert said.

Fewest opponent punt return yards, 2019
49ers – 19
Baltimore Ravens – 34
Jacksonville Jaguars – 35
Houston Texas – 39
Detroit Lions – 41

The 49ers head into the Seattle game leading the NFL in starting field position. That’s largely due to a defense that’s regularly stifling opponents. But it helps to have a punter with a knack for pinning opponents deep. Wishnowsky prides himself on having more than just a big leg — he can do it with location, hangtime and distance.

Highest percentage of punts downed inside the 20, 2019:

Thomas Morstead, Saints – 59.4 percent (19 of 32)
Sam Koch, Ravens – 55.0 percent (11 of 20)
Mitch Wishnowsky, 49ers – 52.0 percent (13 of 25)
Brett Kern, Titans – 52.0 percent (26 of 50)

Punt coverage can look like organized chaos, with players storming wildly downfield like mall shoppers on Black Friday. But Azeez Al-Shaair, who is second on the 49ers with seven special-teams tackles, said a lot of game planning goes into preparing for specific opponents, specific situations and specific coverages.

“That’s pretty much all we do,’’ Al-Shaair said. “Because the coaches know the way that this game is set up: It’s not just about how far you can kick it.”

“A lot goes into it,’’ Wishnowsky said. “There’s lot of different looks you can get. There are different punts required for which gunner is doubled. Or if both gunners are doubled. There’s a different punt if you identify a rush. There are lots of times I’m putting the ball in different spots or punting it different ways.” With his punting services at a minimum this season, though, the Gosnells, Australia, native has mostly collected corny nicknames. An online poll by the 49ers elicited such suggestions as “Thunda from Down Unda,” “Mitch HITnowsky,” “The Boomin’ Onion,” “Ka-Wallop” and “Puntisher.” And most of those were inspired by his tackling skills.

The 49ers media relations department added another one to the oeuvre in the wake of his Arizona performance — “Crocodile Puntee” — which is to say that maybe it’s time for this game to come to a complete and merciful end.

But the punch lines risk obscuring the seriousness of a remarkable journey. Wishnowsky is a 27-year-old rookie who represents a Cinderella story, except that instead of a glass slipper, there was actual glass. Wishnowsky worked as a glazier — a glass installation specialist — starting at 16. He’d quit school to take the job for a company outside Perth, and in some respects the decision worked out just fine.

Wishnowsky earned a solid paycheck with substantial benefits. One downside to the job, however, was that he couldn’t stand the dang thing.

He’d always been a competitor. When he was 12, he won a major West Australian Billiards tournament. His frame proved better suited to Australian Rules football, though, before a left shoulder injury forced him to give it up at 18.

But just as the angst in his day job as a glazier continued to grow, a friend directed him to an operation called Prokick Australia. The training staff specialized in teaching Aussie Rules players how to adapt to the NFL-style of booting the daylights out of a ball.

Prokick is run by Nathan Chapman, a former Aussie player who had spent some time in the Green Bay Packers training camp in 2004.

Wishnowsky enlisted at Prokick in 2013.

“Oh, man, it’s the reason I’m here,’’ Wishnowsky said with an audible air of gratitude. “I wouldn’t have come over to the States if I didn’t get the call from them.

“Nathan Chapman played professional Australian football. He had to figure out on his own how to change that technique into working into the American game. He did it and he’s now sort of specializes in trimming up the Australian style into working in the American system.”

Wishnowsky said that in Australia players value kicking strength more than throwing strength. There are no downfield throws in Aussie Rules, where teams advance the ball over a field that’s 180 yards long. But drop punts are golden.

“So everyone grows up kicking the ball,’’ he said.

Aussie Rules kickers are allowed a running start. But with the help of Chapman, Wishnowsky learned how to generate power with a few short-step bursts.

The strength part didn’t need much work. Wishnowsky stands 6-foot-2, 220 pounds. And by the time he arrived at Utah for his freshman season, the rumbling had already reached the U.S. As senior wide receiver Jameson Field told Sports Illustrated back in 2018:

“He’s just this stout human being, just this physical specimen that’s playing punter. He’s this Thor-looking punter who’s about to come in and run faster than all the receivers and be stronger than all the linebackers.”

His strength continues to play up, even at the NFL level, as Broncos returner Devontae Jackson learned in the preseason. The thunderous hit made Wishnowsky look more like Ray Nitschke than Ray Guy. And the 49ers later took to Twitter asking the “Madden NFL” video game to update its punter’s tackler rating. But the 49ers didn’t use the No. 110 overall pick on Wishnowsky hoping for the next Patrick Willis. They know that sooner or later they’re going to count on that leg of his to deliver big punts in big situations.

Until then, he’s content to let the 49ers offense keep rolling up points and converting those third downs for the NFL’s only undefeated team.

“You get limited opportunities to affect the game,’’ the punter said with a smile, “but I don’t see it as a problem.”

Charlie Woerner

Talking about tough: 49ers' rookie Woerner isn't easy to get off the field

By Eric Branch
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Charlie Woerner is a blocking tight end, meaning his primary duties involve smashing into defensive ends and linebackers who often outweigh him.

Big surprise: He's rugged.

However, there are degrees of toughness and the 49ers' rookie sixth-round pick left the University of Georgia with a graduate degree in grit.

Consider: On Jan. 1, 2018, in the first quarter of the Bulldogs' win over Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl, Woerner began playing with severe pain in his lower leg that prevented him from cutting. Still, running straight ahead, he grabbed a career-high three passes in the first two quarters before he was forced to grab a seat after halftime.

The reason: He had a broken leg.

In retelling the story, Woerner suggested it wasn't that big of a deal because, well, he had one of those less-painful broken legs.

"It wasn't my tibia," Woerner said. "If it was my tibia, I probably wouldn't have been able to walk off the field. It was my fibula. That doesn't bear as much weight."

Yes, Woerner, 22, has fit in quite well with a 49ers position group headlined by All-Pro George Kittle, an elite and enthusiastic blocker who played most of a game last year with a chipped ankle bone and popped knee capsule.

Woerner might not be guaranteed a spot when the 49ers trim their roster to 53 players Saturday, but his chances look strong, given his blocking prowess and training-camp performance.

It wouldn't be a surprise if the 49ers opened the season with four tight ends for the second straight year. If so, their backups would be Jordan Reed, Ross Dwelley and Woerner, the best blocker of the three. The 49ers drafted Woerner with the expectation he would replace Levine Toilolo, last year's blocking tight end who signed with the Giants in March.

It safe to say this: Woerner's roster spot would be guaranteed if Kittle was making the call. Kittle first met Woerner at the 49ers' player-organized workouts in Nashville in June. And Kittle's report to head coach Kyle Shanahan was glowing.

Kittle said "that we had the right type of guy," Shanahan said. "The first thing (Woerner) said to George was how bored he was with all these pass plays: 'When are we going to start learning some run plays?' So I think that can kind of shows you his mentality, which is similar to George's and similar to our whole tight-end group."

Last year, Woerner, who had nine of his 34 career receptions as a senior, was the co-recipient of the award given annually to Georgia's toughest player. The award is named after tailback Frank Sinkwich, the 1942 Heisman Trophy winner who played most of his junior season with a broken jaw while sporting a leather helmet.

Woerner, 6-foot-5 and 241 pounds, explains his toughness by pointing to his upbringing. He is the youngest of four brothers and the second-youngest of seven children. Woerner, who grew up in Tiger,

Ga., near the South Carolina border, said his brothers pounded on him “dang near every day of the year growing up.”

It didn’t end there.

“My older sister beat the crap out of me, too,” Woerner said. “She was always bigger than me until middle school.”

That would be Sally Woerner, who is two years older and ran track at Western Carolina, making her one of the many college athletes in a competitive and, yes, physical family.

Woerner’s brother, Allen, 30, was a tight end at Mars Hills University; Peter, 28, was a defensive lineman at Brevard and Jack, 26, was a running back at Brevard. Woerner’s dad, Kent, was a nose tackle and fullback at Furman who had a tryout with the Giants. His uncle, Scott, was a safety on Georgia’s national-championship team in 1980 who is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

Running back Herschel Walker, the top rusher in program history, was the leader of the ’80 title team. And, nearly four decades later, Charlie helped clear the way in college for Cleveland running back Nick Chubb and New England running back Sony Michel, who rank second and third, respectively, on Georgia’s all-time list. The Bulldogs finished among the top 16 nationally in rushing in two of Woerner’s four seasons.

“The first thing you noticed about him (in college) is just how proficient he is in the run game,” said 49ers director of college scouting Ethan Waugh. “He’s a guy you’d describe as a blue-collar tight end that kind of does the dirty work. He’s tough. He’s physical. And he plays the game the right way.”

The 49ers think Woerner will be more than an extension of the offensive line, despite his modest pass-catching stats. He was a prolific wide receiver in high school, with 2,696 career receiving yards and 57 receptions and 15 touchdowns as a senior.

Shanahan and Kittle have both pointed out Kittle had just 48 career catches while playing in Iowa’s run-heavy offense.

Woerner “kind of reminds me of myself — (he) excels at the run game,” Kittle said. “He’s figuring out the pass-game stuff. I think he’s farther along than I was as a rookie, especially in the run game.”

Said Shanahan: “He is a good blocker and he does things in the pass game, too. I mean, he’s George in that way. … I’m not trying to put that pressure on Charlie, but he comes in and earns his way by being a tough player by really wanting to get after it in the run game.”

Woerner, of course, isn’t close to matching Kittle’s all-around game, but he eventually could rival Kittle as a blocker.

And, perhaps, Woerner already can stand toe-to-toe when it comes to toughness.

“The thing that struck me is he broke his fibula in that game and didn’t come out,” Waugh said. “They basically had to drag him off the field.”

Samuel Womack

Scouting Samuel Womack, 49ers' disruptive new DB, via Toledo coach Jason Candle

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After the 49ers picked Toledo defensive back Samuel Womack in the fifth round of the recent NFL Draft, general manager John Lynch noted his speed and his propensity to successfully make plays on passes.

"He can really run and he's very productive around the ball," Lynch said. "All kinds of PBUs and a (high) playmaker rating, as our R&D guys took a look at it."

The 5-foot-9 Womack did indeed amass an impressive stat line at Toledo. His 15 pass breakups in 2021 ranked second nationally and his 45 passes defended in college set a new Toledo record. Womack's 4.39 speed (clocked at Toledo's pro day) suggests that he has a real chance to translate that success to the NFL level. His arm measurement — 31 7/8 inches, exceptional for his height and just shy of the 6-3 Richard Sherman's 32-inch arm length — is also promising.

The 49ers are looking to replace veteran slot cornerback K'Waun Williams, who signed with the Broncos in free agency. Womack's physical profile fits the nickelback mold. It's also worth noting that Womack has a similar measurement to former 49ers DB D.J. Reed, who was also a fifth-round draft pick in 2018. Reed just signed a three-year contract worth up to $33 million with the Jets, whose coach is former 49ers defensive coordinator Robert Saleh.

Toledo's Jason Candle, who coached Womack for the past five seasons, offered his insights about the 49ers' rookie in a phone conversation last week:

What stood out to you most about Womack over your time coaching him?

The No. 1 thing that you can't judge off tape is the level of competitiveness. I think at corner, there's different levels to how much action you have in particular games. When you're the best cover guy in our league and you have all the success he's had, you don't get a lot of balls thrown to you. And he still led the league in pass breakups the last two years. He's done a great job of competing in tough situations for the football.

The success he's had is a direct impact from his competitive nature, his competitive spirit, his ability and his willingness to work.

All those pass breakups do stand out. We know about Womack's speed and arm length, but to rack up 40 PBUs in college — is that an indicator that he's also a student of the game who's tuned into offensive tendencies?

I think you're definitely on the right track there. You wouldn't have that production at that position if you weren't really in tune with what was coming or if you didn't have the ability to adjust even if you were wrong in that situation. If you have a chance to knock the ball down, that means you were in pretty good position. It means you had a plan before the ball was snapped and it means you have the ability to diagnose and identify route concepts and patterns in the very short amount of time that those guys have out there.

But I think at the end of the day, for him it all comes down to his willingness to compete, and I think it also comes down to the film room and the time and energy that he puts into that to prepare himself for the two and a half to three seconds that a play might last out there for him.

Speaking of the willingness to compete, Womack began as a walk-on at Toledo. How did that process play out, from his recruitment to earning a scholarship in 2018?

In January (2017), going through some high school stops in Detroit, I ran into Coach (Rod) Oden, his coach at East English Village Prep at the time, now the head coach at Harper Woods. I'm visiting with him and he said, "Hey, I've got a guy who would be a no-doubt-about-it guy in a preferred walk-on spot if you have spots as a DB or a receiver." He really mentioned receiver first because he knew I was an offensive guy and knew guys who've had success in our program at that position.

It just so happened that we had a DB position available to us. The same things we're talking about now, Coach Oden and I were talking about the same type of traits and characteristics. Because you're coming in as a walk-on, especially if you're not an in-state student, tuition is tough to come by. To make it happen, you've got to be really, really committed to being who you said you were going be and that's what I really appreciate about Sam.

That's how he earned a scholarship. That's how he earned to become a starter. That's how he earned to be an all-conference player and ultimately worked himself to be a draft pick.

John Lynch has emphasized Womack's speed. How much of that did he develop over the past five years with Toledo?

He was fast (coming in). Our strength coach (Brad Bichey) does as good of a job as anyone in the country at developing speed. Rewind to (49ers cornerback) Ka'dar Hollman getting drafted and getting invited to the combine a couple years ago. He ran 4.36 at his pro day. Sam's in the high 4.3s. Tycen Anderson, our safety this year, was 4.36 at the combine — one of the fastest safety times ever. We had Jon'Vea Johnson, who's been bouncing around a few teams, in the high 4.3s at his pro day a couple years ago.

Our training staff has done a good job developing that piece of it, but it can't be a one-way street. It's got to be both parties going. Those kids all earned their right. Coach B had a hand in that as well.

You mentioned Ka'Dar Hollman. The 49ers signed him to a reserve/futures contract in February. He was drafted in 2019 so he overlapped a bit with Womack (who was a freshman in 2017) at Toledo. What can you tell me about Hollman's game?

Ka'Dar was a walk-on as well and earned a scholarship. Very similar state of mind. It's probably not an accident that those two guys are playing for the 49ers. Because if you think back to some of the guys on that coaching staff and in that organization, it's about toughness, it's about working hard and doing what you do and earning your way and that probably starts from your general manager on down.

It does not shock me that two of my guys who have been here who have really earned their way — did it the right way by playing really, really hard — are now part of that organization.

How exactly did Womack "earn his way" at Toledo?

We've had some great receivers here. Diontae Johnson (now with the Steelers), Cody Thompson (now with the Seahawks), Jon'Vea Johnson — those guys are all still playing football. We've got a couple guys now who are potential draft picks down the road. I just think no matter who it was that we lined up against Sam, he was always ready to compete and always ready to throw his name in the fight and get his hands dirty. That, to me, is just who he is as a human.

That's a product of good parenting. You either have that in you growing up or you don't. Somebody's got to put that in you. Somebody's got to keep you going, and I credit his family and parents for aiding and assisting him to this point in time so he could have this opportunity. Obviously, it's a tremendous one.

What can you tell me about Womack's family?

From Detroit, blue-collar who've earned everything that they've gotten in life. Your son doesn't get a scholarship. Someone's got to give consent that you're going to be walk-on. Somebody's got to be willing

to pay the bill. I think they probably saw he was going to be in a good situation where his ability could flourish and become what he wanted to be and be able to chase his dream.

I remember talking to him the day he earned his scholarship. Obviously, that was a big moment for him and his family, as it is for any young man that falls into that category. They showed a tremendous amount of support for him along this journey.

In your experience as a coach, how rare is the physical combination that Womack brings? He's 5-9, so he seems to have that agility to cover the slot, but it seems that his long arms might bring an added dynamic.

It is very rare. You're talking about short-area quickness that's required in a short amount of time. If someone is running at you and able to make a quick cut or a quick break, you have to be able to react.

And sometimes you may not be able to react or you guess wrong, and then you have that speed and you have that arm length, you've got your chance to get hands on him in that short area. I think that gives you a big-time advantage at our level. And I still thinks it does in the NFL, too, to disrupt routes.

Nick Zakelj

How 49ers' Nick Zakelj rose from zero-star recruit to NFL Draft pick

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Legendary coach Vince Lombardi is the most famous football alumnus of Fordham University. Beyond that, the program's list of recognizable NFL names is relatively short. Hall of Famer Alex Wojciechowicz, who played for the Lions and Eagles in the 1940s, is on it. So is Len Eshmont, who'd go on to play for the 49ers and become the namesake of their most prestigious annual award.

In modern times, the most prominent Fordham product in the NFL is easily running back Chase Edmonds, who just finished four years with the Cardinals and signed with the Dolphins. In 2017, when Edmonds was finishing four years of stardom at Fordham, he drew representatives from all 32 NFL teams to the school's urban campus, which is tucked into the heart of the Bronx.

While watching Edmonds, whom Arizona picked in the fourth round of the 2018 NFL Draft, teams noticed freshman Fordham offensive lineman Nick Zakelj.

"When they came in to watch practice, they'd see this monster, puppy-faced kid who didn't have facial hair yet running around like a son of a gun," former Fordham assistant Ian Pace, who's now the head coach at New Jersey's Somerville High, said in a phone interview. "And they were like, 'Who's that?' They thought he was a senior just because of how different he looked than everyone else on the team.

"And we said, 'Well, that's Nick.'

"And they said, 'We'll be back.'"

The 49ers indeed returned. They drafted Zakelj in the sixth round, at No. 187, in the recent draft. After making the pick, team brass noted they'd had their eyes on Zakelj for upwards of four years — or since his freshman year, when the lineman was an eminently raw prospect relatively fresh off a conversion from inside linebacker to offensive tackle.

The 49ers envision Zakelj, who's 6-foot-6 and weighs 316 pounds, as a developmental piece for their interior O-line. They believe he has the smarts to potentially play center.

Zakelj's rise from suburban Cleveland to Fordham to the 49ers has not been a heralded one. He was a zero-star recruit coming out of Brecksville-Broadview Heights High before playing at a small FCS college. But within that journey are details that illustrate what the 49ers covet about him.

'He's a sponge': On Zakelj's rapid upward trajectory

The clip from the first day of Senior Bowl practices isn't pretty. Nose tackle Otito Ogbonnia, a fifth-round pick of the Chargers last week, bull-rushed Zackelj. He put him on skates. The O-lineman ended the one-on-one drill in the worst position possible: lying on his back in his own end zone.

"The first day, he was discouraged because he didn't do well, and I was freaking out," Lois Zakelj, Nick's mother, said in a phone interview last week. "But he doesn't dwell on it. He gets in this mindset of, 'OK, this is what I've gotta do.'"

The task at hand was daunting. Zakelj, who'd played exclusively tackle in college, would have to show NFL teams he could learn a guard position that was new to him on the fly. And the competition Zakelj would face over the week at the Senior Bowl was a lot better than who he'd blocked in the Patriot League at Fordham.

"You take a kid who's played left tackle for four years, you flipped his feet and he's at right guard, and you put him at a position where everything's moving a lot faster on the interior against some of the best defensive linemen in the country," Fordham coach Joe Conlin said last week in a phone interview. "It was no shock that Day 1 was tough, and it was also no surprise that Nick got better.

"Because there's no ego. He's very self-reflective. He holds himself to a very high standard."

By the time the Senior Bowl game rolled around a few days later, Zakelj was holding firm at right guard. The 49ers noticed, mentioning Zakelj's improvement over that week in Mobile, Ala., as one of the driving forces behind their selection.

It turns out swift development has been a theme of Zakelj's career.

He was only 5-10 as a high school sophomore when he was cut by the basketball team.

"He was too slow for a small guy and too small for a big guy," Lois Zakelj said. "But by his senior year of high school, you saw it. It was like, 'Oh my gosh, they cut that guy because he was too small?!"

Zakelj was 6-3 and nearing 250 pounds by then. He played inside linebacker at Brecksville-Broadview over his first three seasons, scurrying from sideline to sideline along with fellow 'backer Mike Rose, who'd attend Iowa State and signed with the Chiefs last week as an undrafted free agent. A lack of athleticism quickly became a non-issue for Zakelj.

Zakelj developed into an exceptionally explosive big man — his broad jump of over 9 feet and his 10-yard split of 1.67 seconds rank above the 85th percentile of O-linemen. And the growth spurt, which would extend another 3 inches past 6-3, prompted a position switch to tackle.

Pace, a former Fordham lineman who also grew up in the Cleveland area, looks back fondly on his several recruiting visits to Zakelj's house. All featured a lot of food — on one occasion, Pace and Zakejl consumed entire pizzas by themselves — and insight into the prospect's family background.

Zakelj's father, Stan, is a systems manager for the state of Ohio's court of appeals, and Lois Zakelj is a court reporter. (Stan's parents came to the United States from Slovenia. That's where the name "Zakelj," which is pronounced zah-KELL, comes from.)

"His dad's a blue-collar guy, works his butt off," Pace said. "Mom's one of the nicest women I've ever met. Father was more grateful than any other parent I've been around for us to be willing to give his son a full athletic scholarship. Just to see the manner in which he was raised, just see him interact with his family and his mannerisms — Nick's just a reflection of (his) mom and dad."

But behind the scenes, Zakelj's recruitment wasn't entirely smooth. His first three games at tackle during that senior season of high school were so rough that Fordham's staff cringed upon seeing the tape.

"He didn't know how to get out of his stance," Pace said. "It didn't look great. But I said: 'Guys, the kid can move his feet. He can bend. We've gotta stay loyal to the kid.' And by Week 8, the film looked amazing. He just kept getting better and getting better and getting better. He's a sponge."

By the end of that senior season, Bowling Green and Miami of Ohio — both FBS programs — had taken notice and offered Zakelj scholarships. But Fordham remained the lineman's choice. Zakelj would continue his rapid ascent onto the NFL's radar there.

"He was loyal to his word," Pace said. "To his credit, he remembered who was first there for him, and he ended up sticking with us."

Zakelj's communication ability: A possible fit for center

Identifying talent capable of executing the center position at the NFL level isn't easy. The position presents complexities — such as identifying safety rotations and communicating pre-snap alignment tweaks to the other four O-linemen — that aren't part of the job description elsewhere along the front.

The 49ers, though, believe Zakelj has the brainpower to potentially handle center even though he hasn't yet seen game action there.

"Nick got into Yale," Pace said. "I bring that up just from an intelligence standpoint — he's as smart as they get. He's a cool customer. He doesn't get stressed on the field. You take a smart kid who doesn't let different looks confuse him in the heat of the moment and he's able to communicate that efficiently and effectively.

"He was the leader. He was the communicator for the team at Fordham, especially up front. Any sort of combination call, any sort of communication, it was trusted through him — even his freshman year. Because he showed such an aptitude for the game. Fordham is a smart school, but some of those kids make football a lot more difficult than it needs to be. Nick was able to simplify the game for everybody."

Conlin, who took over as Fordham's coach in 2018, was an assistant at Harvard in 2011. He just so happened to coach a future 49ers fullback there that season.

"He's very similar to Kyle Juszczyk," Conlin said of Zakelj. "He's one of the smartest football players I've ever been around. Nick and Kyle are very similar in how they approach practice and how they think about the game. Those guys just absorb it. It's very important to them. He'll take care of his body. He'll be a great asset."

Zakelj didn't miss a single game during his college career, and Conlin said he missed only one practice, a walk-through after the game. Pace credits Zakelj's attitude for the durability he's demonstrated, and that goes back to his eager embrace of the switch from linebacker to the trenches late in high school.

"Not too many people are thrilled to be in a car accident 75 to 80 times a week," Pace said.

But Zakelj didn't mind the physical rigors of O-line play, and that set his journey on its current trajectory.

Zakelj's former coaches readily acknowledge he still has plenty of work to do. He must develop more bend in his knees. He must showcase more consistency with his lean, which can leave him especially vulnerable against technically savvy and powerful NFL defensive linemen. And he must show that he can consistently maintain the improvements that allowed him to better handle bull rushes as that Senior Bowl week moved along.

But the fact that Zakelj has improved so much already, and the fact that his best college tape came against Fordham's strongest competition — a matchup versus Nebraska in the 2021 season opener — convinced the 49ers to make the pick.

"He's a mauler," Pace said. "He's nasty. Nick's going to give those guys everything he has. He's going to show up every day and keep getting better. He loves to just take people over mentally as the game goes on. He loves to just out-will people and then end up finishing them. That's what we loved about him."