



MALIK MUSTAPHA

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5-10 × 206 × 6.25.02 × MATTHEWS, NC × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED D-4A IN '24

AWARDS AND HONORS

2024: Thomas Herrion Memorial Award

2025

- Appeared in 12 games (10 starts) and totaled 76 tackles, 3 PDs and 1 INT. Also, started in 2 postseason contests and added 11 tackles and 1.0 sack.
- Tallied 4 tackles and 1 INT of Cardinals QB Jacoby Brissett at Arz. (11/16), which marked his first INT of the season and the 2nd of his career.
- Registered 8 tackles and 1.0 sack of Seahawks QB Sam Darnold at Sea. (1/17/26), which marked his first career sack.

2024

- Appeared in 16 games (12 starts) as a rookie and recorded 71 tackles, 5 PDs and 1 INT.
- Registered an INT of Seahawks QB Geno Smith at Sea. (10/10) which marked his first career INT.
- Tallied a team and career-high 12 tackles vs. KC (10/20).
- Registered 5 tackles and 1 PD vs. Dal. (10/27) which marked the 4th PD of his career.
- Recorded 7 tackles at TB (11/10).
- Tallied 9 tackles at GB (11/24).

MUSTAPHA'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Served as team captain his senior year at Wake Forest University in 2023.
- Helped Weddington (NC) HS win a state championship in 2019 when he blocked a kick in the second half of the championship game.
- Spent much of his youth growing up in the heart of NASCAR country in North Carolina. In 2025, he served as the pace car driver for the Toyota/Save Mart 350 in Sonoma, California.

COLLEGE

Appeared in 39 games (22 starts) over four years at Wake Forest (2021-23) and Richmond (2020-21) and registered 192 tackles, 10 PDs, 3 INTs, 15.0 TFLs, 4.0 sacks, 4 FFs and 2 FRs. As a redshirt junior in 2023, started all 12 games at S and notched 80 tackles, 3 PDs, 1 INT, 0.5 sack and 1 FF as a team captain. In 2022, started all 10 games and tallied 58 tackles, 3 PDs and 2 FFs, helping Wake Forest earn its second-consecutive bowl game with a victory over Missouri in the Gasparilla Bowl. Appeared in 13 games as a redshirt freshman in 2021 and posted 37 tackles, 4 PDs, 2 INTs, 1 FF and 2 FRs, helping the Demon Deacons earn the ACC Atlantic Division and Gator Bowl titles. As a true freshman, appeared in four games during the shortened 2020 COVID-19 season and registered 17 tackles.

PERSONAL

- Attended Weddington (Matthews, NC) HS where he was named AP first-team all-conference and first-team all-state.
- Born Malik Mustapha (6/25/02) in Charlotte, NC.

INJURY REPORT

2024: Inactive vs. LAR (12/12) with a chest/shoulder injury.

2025: Placed on the Physically Unable to Perform List on 8/26 with a knee injury.



MUSTAPHA'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INT	INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
				TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS		YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS	
2024	SF	16	12	71	31	40	0.0	0.0	1	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	
2025	SF	12	10	76	44	32	0.0	0.0	1	0	—	0	3	0	0	0	
TOTALS		28	22	147	75	72	0.0	0.0	2	1	1	0	8	0	0	0	

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES					INT	INTERCEPTIONS				PD	FUMBLES		
				TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS		YDS	LG	TD	FF		FR	YDS	
2025	SF	2	2	11	8	3	1.0	10.0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		2	2	11	8	3	1.0	10.0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 1: 2024 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. NYJ (9/9/24); First Start: vs. NE (9/29/24); First INT: Regular Season – at Sea. (10/10/24 – QB Geno Smith); First Sack: Postseason – at Sea. (1/17/26 – QB Sam Darnold – 10 yds.)

MUSTAPHA'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 12 vs. KC (10/20/24); Postseason – 8 at Sea. (1/17/26)
Solo: Regular Season – 7 vs. Car. (11/24/25); Postseason – 5 at Sea. (1/17/26)
Assists: Regular Season – 6 vs. KC (10/20/24); Postseason – 3 at Sea. (1/17/26)

Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 2 vs. Arz. (10/6/24)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at Arz. (11/16/25)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 1 at Sea. (10/10/24)
Sacks: Postseason – 1.0 at Sea. (1/17/26)

MUSTAPHA'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of three 4th–round (124th overall) draft choices by SF in 2024...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/18/25...Placed on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List on 8/26/25... Activated from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List on 10/11/25.



MUSTAPHA'S GAME-BY-GAME

2024															2025																	
Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds	Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds			
Sep 9	NYJ	W	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	PLACED ON RESERVE/PUP (Knee) ON 8/26																	
Sep 15	at Min	L	1/0	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep 7	at Sea	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Sep 22	at LAR	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep 14	at NO	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Sep 29	NE	W	1/1	5	1	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep 21	Arz	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Oct 6	Arz	L	1/0	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	Sep 28	Jax	L	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Oct 10	at Sea	W	1/1	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	1	1	1	0	0	0	Oct 2	at LAR	W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Oct 20	KC	L	1/1	12	6	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	ACTIVATED FROM RESERVE/PUP (Knee) ON 10/11																	
Oct 27	Dal	W	1/1	5	0	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Oct 12	at TB	L	1/0	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Nov 10	at TB	W	1/1	7	2	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 19	Atl	W	1/0	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Nov 17	Sea	L	1/1	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 26	at Hou	L	1/1	12	6	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Nov 24	at GB	L	1/1	9	3	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nov 2	at NYG	W	1/1	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Dec 1	at Buf	L	1/1	5	1	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Nov 9	LAR	L	1/1	8	4	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Dec 8	Chi	W	1/1	5	2	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nov 16	at Arz	W	1/1	4	1	3	0.0	0.0	1	0	1	0	0	0			
Dec 12	LAR	L	—	—INACTIVE (Chest/Shoulder)—								—	—	—	—	Nov 24	Car	W	1/1	7	7	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Dec 22	at Mia	L	1/1	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nov 30	at Cle	W	1/1	7	5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
Dec 30	Det	L	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec 14	Ten	W	1/1	10	6	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Jan 5	at Arz	L	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec 22	at Ind	W	1/1	8	3	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
TOTALS		16/12		71	31	40	0.0	0.0	1	1	5	0	0	0	Dec 28	Chi	W	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
															Jan 3	Sea	L	1/1	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
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2025 Postseason																																
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Jan 11	at Phi	W	1/1	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Jan 11	at Phi	W	1/1	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Jan 17	at Sea	L	1/1	8	5	3	1.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Jan 17	at Sea	L	1/1	8	5	3	1.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
TOTALS				2/2	11	8	3	1.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0	TOTALS				2/2	11	8	3	1.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

2025 Postseason

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Jan 11	at Phi	W	1/1	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan 17	at Sea	L	1/1	8	5	3	1.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			2/2	11	8	3	1.0	10.0	0	0	0	0	0	0