

THE PROSPECTOR

DIGGING UP NUGGETS FOR SAN FRANCISCO'S WEEK 5 GAME VS. THE MIAMI DOLPHINS



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2020 DEFENSE BY THE NUMBERS

The **49ers defense** has been among the NFL's best statistically through the first 4 Weeks of the 2020 season, ranking in the top-10 in multiple categories,

San Francisco is allowing an average of 4.75 net yds. per play, ranking 1st in the NFC and t-2nd in the NFL (Ind. - 4.44; Pit. - 4.75).

The 49ers defense has allowed opponents to reach the red zone 6 times, ranking 1st in the NFL.

17.8

The 49ers defense is holding opponents to an average of 17.8 points per game, ranking 3rd in the NFL (Ind. - 14.0; KC - 17.5).

San Francisco has allowed only 39 passing 1st downs, the 2nd-fewest in the NFL (Ind. - 35).

Opponents are converting just 39.2% of their 3rd down atts., ranking 7th in the NFL (Ind. - 31,1%; Min. - 31,9%; Chi. - 34,4%; NE -36.8%; Arz. - 37.0%; Phi. - 37.0%).

62.1

Opposing QBs have averaged a completion percentage of 62.1% against San Francisco, ranking 4th in the NFL (Chi. - 56.4%; KC - 59.2%; Pit. - 59.8%).

76.6

The 49ers have allowed an average passer rating of 76.6 to opposing QBs, ranking 4th in the NFL (Ind. - 68.4; KC - 72.9; Chi. - 74.4).

184.0

Opponents are averaging 184.0 net passing yds. per game against the 49ers, the 2nd-fewest in the NFL (Ind. - 159.3).

The 49ers are holding opponents 294.8 total net yds. per game, the 3rd-fewest in the NFL (Ind. - 236.3; Pit. - 290.0).

RB Jerick McKinnon has registered at least 1 TD in each of San Francisco's first 4 games of the season [1 rec. TD vs. Arz. (9/13/20), 1 rushing TD at NYJ (9/20/20), 1 rushing TD at NYG (9/27/20) & 1 rushing TD vs. Phi. (10/4/20)].

With 1 TD this week vs. Mia. (10/11/20), McKinnon would extend his career high for most consecutive games scoring a TD and become the first member of the 49ers since RB Roger Craig in 1985 to score at least 1 TD in each of the team's first 5 games of a season.

McKinnon would become the first player in the NFL with at least 1 TD in each of his team's first 5 games of the season since RB Todd Gurley accomplished the feat in 2018.



GOLDEN NUGGETS

San Francisco's punt coverage is holding opponents to 5.3 yds. per return this season, ranking t-4th in the NFL (NO - 2.5; BAL. - 3.8; CIN. - 4.4; TEN. - 5.3).

With 1 rushing TD this week vs. Mia.

LOWEST OPPONENT PUNT RETURN AVG. IN THE NFL. 2020

Team **New Orleans Saints** 2.5 Baltimore Ravens 3.8 4.4 3. Cincinnati Bengals 4t. San Francisco 49ers 5.3 Tennessee Titans 5.3

(10/11/20), WR Brandon Aiyuk can become the first WR with at least 1 rushing TD in 3-consecutive weeks in franchise history.

With 100-or-more rec. yds. this week, TE George Kittle would reach 100 rec. yds. in back-to-back games for the first time in his career. He would be the 3rd TE in franchise history to record 100-or-more rec. yds. in consecutive games (TE Ted Kwalick in Weeks 5-6 of 1972 & TE Eric Johnson in Weeks 4-5 of 2004).

- The 49ers are teaming up with Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD) to ensure 281 students in 170 households who are utilizing district-issued mobile hotspots have unlimited data for the next six months.
- SCUSD students have been in distance learning since March 2020 and with the recent announcement that they will continue with distance learning through at least the end of 2020, the 49ers wanted to help tackle the digital divide.