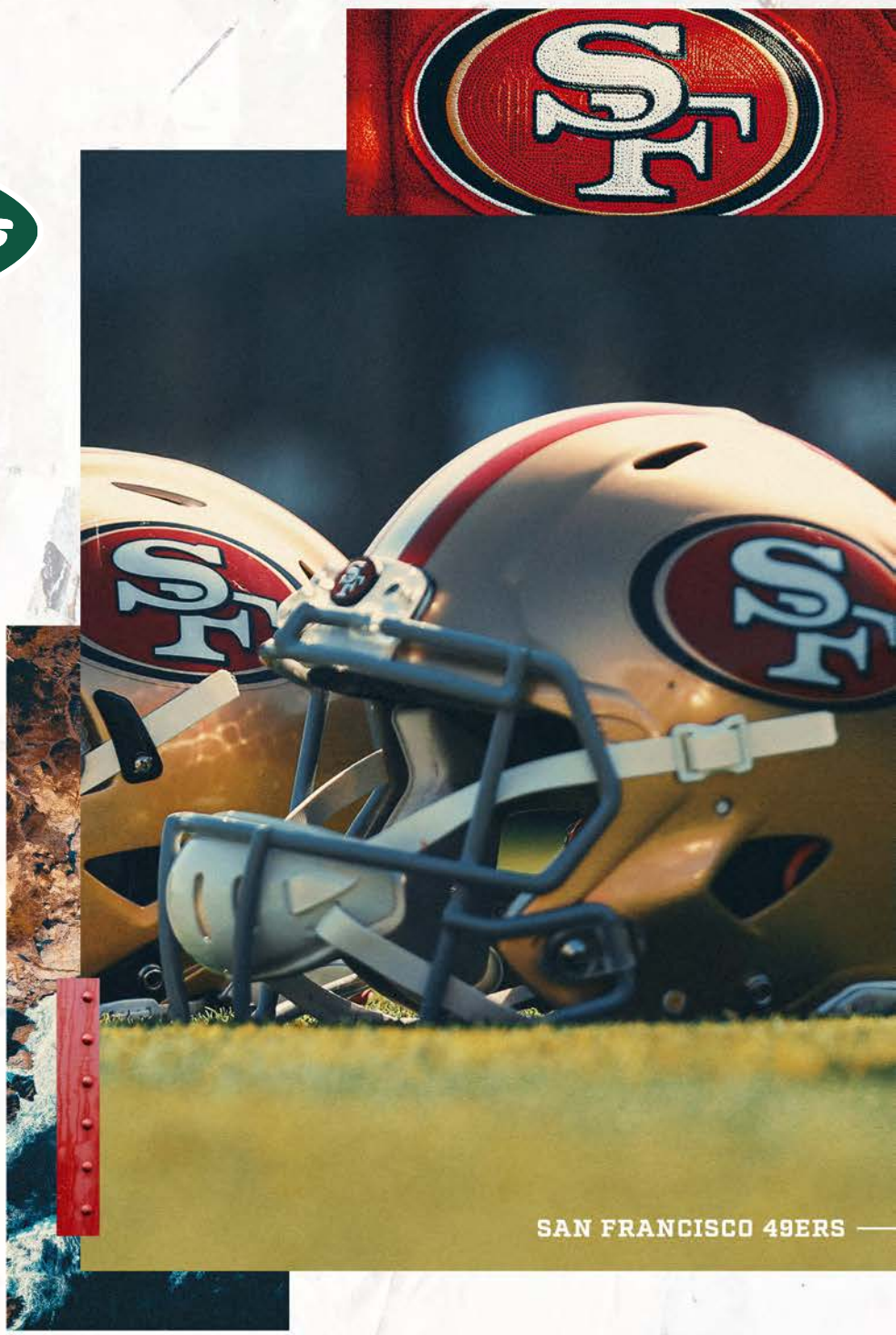
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49ERS AT JETS

The San Francisco 49ers hit the road for the first of back-to-back games at MetLife Stadium as they take on the New York Jets in Week 2 followed by a matchup with the New York Giants in Week 3. The 49ers are 10-3 overall against the Jets, including a 6-1 record on the road, as San Francisco faces the Jets at MetLife Stadium for the first time since winning, 34-0, in 2012.

The 49ers are coming off a defeat to the Arizona Cardinals in the team's season opener. San Francisco's offense was led by RB Raheem Mostert, who registered a 76-yard touchdown reception from QB Jimmy Garoppolo, marking the longest touchdown reception of his career and his third career receiving touchdown. Mostert also added 15 carries for 56 yards on the ground. In his first action as a member of the 49ers, RB Jerick McKinnon recorded a five-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter, his first receiving touchdown since 2017.

San Francisco's defense featured new addition DL Kerry Hyder Jr., who brought down Cardinals QB Kyler Murray for a five-yard sack, marking his first sack as a member of the 49ers. Fellow DL D.J. Jones picked up his third career sack, while DL Nick Bosa notched six tackles and his second career forced fumble. S Jaquiski Tartt intercepted a Murray pass that was tipped by LB Dre Greenlaw, marking the fourth interception of his career.

On special teams, K Robbie Gould connected on a 52-yard field goal, his 30th career made field goal of 50-or-more yards. Gould's 71.4 career field goal percentage from 50-or-more yards ranks tied for third in NFL history.

BY THE NUMBERS

1985 With RB **Raheem Mostert's** 76-yd. TD recept. and RB **Jerick McKinnon's** 5-yd. TD recept. last week vs. Arz. (9/13/20), the 49ers had multiple RBs register a rec. TD in the same game for the first time since RBs Roger Craig and Wendell Tyler each had 1 rec. TD in Week 8 of the 1985 season.

76 **Mostert's** 76-yd. rec. TD was the 4th-longest TD recept. by a RB in franchise history and the longest since RB Garrison Hearst had an 81-yd. rec. TD vs. NO (11/22/98). The play was also the longest completion in QB **Jimmy Garoppolo's** career.

7-1 **San Francisco** went 7-1 on the road in 2019 and finished the season 3-1 in non-conference matchups.

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2020 SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PT)
REGULAR SEASON (0-1)		
SEPT. 13	**ARIZONA**	**L, 20-24**
SEPT. 20	@ NY JETS	10:00 AM
SEPT. 27	@ NY GIANTS	10:00 AM
OCT. 4	**PHILADELPHIA**	**5:20 PM**
OCT. 11	**MIAMI**	**1:05 PM**
OCT. 18	**LA RAMS**	**5:20 PM**
OCT. 25	@ NEW ENGLAND	1:25 PM
NOV. 1	@ SEATTLE	1:25 PM
NOV. 5	**GREEN BAY**	**5:20 PM**
NOV. 15	@ NEW ORLEANS	1:25 PM
NOV. 29	@ LA RAMS	1:05 PM
DEC. 7	**BUFFALO**	**5:15 PM**
DEC. 13	**WASHINGTON**	**1:25 PM**
DEC. 20	@ DALLAS	5:20 PM
DEC. 26 OR 27	@ ARIZONA	TBD
JAN. 3	**SEATTLE**	**1:25 PM**

MEDIA CENTER

The San Francisco 49ers Communications Department has updated the media website to a new and easier to use platform to continue to assist the media in its coverage of the franchise.

The 49ers media center is updated daily and contains all of the necessary information to cover the team. On the site, you will find a compilation of media schedules, 49ers game releases, rosters, updated player bios, gamebooks, transcriptions, statistics, audio files and much more.

To access the site, please visit: **https://49ers.1rmg.com/**

MEDIA GUIDE

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THE HEAD COACHES



Kyle Shanahan was named the 20th head coach of the San Francisco 49ers on February 6, 2017. He is in his fourth season with the 49ers after spending the previous two seasons as the offensive coordinator of the Atlanta Falcons. Shanahan has 16 seasons of coaching experience at the NFL level, including 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 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. 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		Adam Gase
23-26 (.469)	Record as Head Coach	30-35 (.462)
23-26 (.469)	Record with Current Team	7-10 (.412)
25-27 (.481)	Overall Record (Regular/Postseason)	30-36 (.455)
4th	Years as Head Coach with Team	2nd
4th	Years as Head Coach in NFL	5th
17th	Years as an NFL Coach	16th



Adam Gase is in his second season as the head coach of the New York Jets after leading the Jets to a 7-9 record in his first season with the team. Under Gase, QB Sam Darnold improved in every category, as the second-year quarterback posted highs in completion percentage, yards per attempt and touchdown percentage. Prior to being named the Jets head coach on January 13, 2019, Gase spent three seasons as the head coach of the Miami Dolphins. In 2018, Gase led the Dolphins to a 7-9 record, a one-win improvement from the previous season. The 2017 Dolphins finished with a 6-10 record and finished 3rd in the AFC East. In his first season as head coach of the Dolphins in 2016, he led the team to a 10-6 record and 2nd in the AFC East. In his first season under Gase's leadership (2016), QB Ryan Tannehill completed 67.1% of his passes for a 7.7 yards per attempt average and a 93.5 passer rating, all then career highs, while also leading the league with a red zone passer rating of 119.7 as the Dolphins broke an eight-year playoff drought. Prior to his time with the Jets, Gase spent a season as the offensive coordinator with the Chicago Bears (2015), improving the team's rushing yardage ranking from No. 27 the season before to No. 11. Prior to Chicago, Gase served on the Broncos staff in a variety of roles, including offensive coordinator (2013-14), quarterbacks coach (2011-12) and wide receivers coach (2009-10) as Denver won four AFC West titles, three playoff games and an AFC Championship.

49ERS RECORD WHEN

TEAM	2020 Reg. Season	Shanahan Reg. Season
Overall	0-1	23-26
At Home	0-1	13-12
On the Road	0-0	10-14
Neutral Site	0-0	0-0
In Primetime	0-0	6-4
In Dome	0-0	2-3
In September	0-1	4-7
In October	0-0	5-9
In November	0-0	4-5
In December	0-0	10-5
In January	0-0	0-0
In February	0-0	0-0
Vs. NFC	0-1	17-22
Vs. NFC West	0-1	7-12
Vs. NFC East	0-0	2-4
Vs. NFC North	0-0	3-3
Vs. NFC South	0-0	3-3
Vs. AFC	0-0	8-4
Vs. AFC West	0-0	2-2
Vs. AFC East	0-0	0-0
Vs. AFC North	0-0	3-1
Vs. AFC South	0-0	3-1
Scoring on opening drive	0-1	16-7
Scoring first	0-1	14-11
Leading at half	0-1	16-5
Leading after three quarters	0-1	20-5
Winning time of possession	0-0	12-7
Out-rushing opponent	0-0	15-9
Out-passing opponent	0-1	18-12
Out-gaining opponent	0-0	18-8
OFFENSE		
40% + 3rd down conversions	0-0	16-8
50% + 3rd down conversions	0-0	13-4
Not throwing an INT	0-1	8-7
Passing for 300+ yards	0-0	7-4
Having a 100+ yard rusher	0-0	4-5
Having a 100+ yard receiver	0-0	11-8
Scoring 20+ points	0-1	21-11
Scoring 30+ points	0-0	13-3
Rushing for 150+ yards	0-0	8-4
Having 20+ first downs	0-0	17-15
Not allowing a sack	0-0	4-1
Allowing two or fewer sacks	0-0	15-8
DEFENSE		
Opp. less than 40% on 3rd down	0-0	15-7
Opp. less than 30% on 3rd down	0-0	9-3
Scoring a defensive TD	0-0	4-2
Returning an INT for a TD	0-0	3-1
Returning a fumble for a TD	0-0	1-1
Recording 3+ sacks	0-0	14-10
Recording 5+ sacks	0-0	3-2
Winning the turnover battle	0-1	7-6
Allowing 17 or fewer points	0-0	12-2
Allowing a 100-yard rusher	0-0	3-6
Allowing a 100-yard receiver	0-1	7-11
Not allowing a rushing TD	0-0	12-8
Not allowing a passing TD	0-0	6-1

SERIES HISTORY VS. NEW YORK JETS

NEW YORK JETS	Overall: 10–3	Home: 4–2	Away: 6–1

Date	Win	Score	Location
11/28/71	49ers	24–21	NY
10/3/76	49ers	17–6	SF
9/21/80	49ers	32–27	NY
10/30/83	Jets	27–13	SF
12/7/86	49ers	24–10	SF
10/29/89	49ers	23–10	NY
9/20/92	49ers	31–14	NY
9/6/98	49ers	36–30 (OT)	SF
10/1/01	49ers	19–17	NY
10/17/04	Jets	22–14	NY
12/7/08	49ers	24–14	SF
9/30/12	49ers	34–0	NY
12/11/16	Jets	23–17 (OT)	SF

Record: **At Levi's Stadium:** (0–1) **MetLife Stadium:** (1–0)

Points: **At Levi's Stadium:** (17–23) **MetLife Stadium:** (34–0)

SERIES HIGHLIGHTS

Matchups: 13
Series Record: 49ers lead series 10-3
49ers Home Record vs. Jets: 49ers lead series 4-2
49ers Away Record vs. Jets: 49ers lead series 6-1
First Meeting: 11/28/71, 49ers win 24-21, at NYJ
Last Meeting: 12/11/16, Jets win 23-17 (OT), at SF
Current Streak: Lost 1
Longest 49ers Win Streak: 5 (12/7/86 - 10/1/01)
Longest Jets Win Streak: 1 - 3 times (Last 12/11/16)
Most 49ers Points: 36 (9/6/98): 49ers win 36-30 (OT), at SF
Most Jets Points: 30 (9/6/98): 49ers win 36-30 (OT), at SF
49ers Shutouts: 1 (9/30/12), 49ers win 34-0, at NYJ
Jets Shutouts: None



2020 NFC WEST STANDINGS

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Home	Road	AFC	NFC	DIV	Streak
Arizona	1	0	24	20	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	W1
L.A. Rams	1	0	20	17	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	W1
Seattle	1	0	38	25	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	W1
San Francisco	**0**	**1**	**20**	**24**	**0-1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-1**	**0-1**	**L1**

2020 COMPARISON

49ERS (rank)	REGULAR SEASON	JETS (rank)
0-1 (4th NFCW)	**Record**	0-1 (t-3rd AFCE)
20.0 (t-19th)	**Points Per Game**	17.0 (t-23rd)
366.0 (16th)	**Total Offense**	254.0 (30th)
123.0 (16th)	**Rushing Offense**	52.0 (31st)
243.0 (14th)	**Passing Offense**	202.0 (25th)
28:34 (24th)	**Possession Average**	18:44 (t-31st)
24.0 (18th)	**Points Allowed Per Game**	27.0 (t-21st)
404.0 (t-26th)	**Total Defense**	404.0 (t-26th)
180.0 (31st)	**Rushing Defense**	98.0 (12th)
224.0 (t-15th)	**Passing Defense**	306.0 (29th)
2 (t-13th)	**Sacks**	3 (t-4th)
1 (t-6th)	**Interceptions**	0 (t-15th)
44.5 (18th)	**Punting Avg. (Gross)**	46.3 (14th)
+1 (t-8th)	**Turnover Differential**	0 (t-15th)

49ERS		JETS
	PASSING YARDS	
Jimmy Garoppolo....259		Sam Darnold.....215
	RUSHING YARDS	
Raheem Mostert.....56		Frank Gore.....24
Jerick McKinnon.....24		Le'Veon Bell.....14
	RECEPTIONS	
George Kittle.....4		Jamison Crowder.....7
Raheem Mostert.....4		Christopher Herndon....6
	RECEIVING YARDS	
Raheem Mostert.....95		Jamison Crowder.....115
George Kittle.....44		Christopher Herndon..37
	INTERCEPTIONS	
Jaquiski Tartt.....1		None
	SACKS	
Kerry Hyder Jr.....1.0		Marcus Maye.....2.0
D.J. Jones.....1.0		Brian Poole.....1.0

HALFTIME ADJUSTMENTS

- In 2019, San Francisco's 45 points scored on their first possession of the 2nd half ranked t-6th in the NFL this season.
- The 49ers offense scored a TD on their first possession of the 2nd half in each of their first 5 games in 2019. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it marked the first time the 49ers scored a TD in 5-consecutive games on their first possession of the 2nd half in the last 40 years.

MOST PTS. SCORED ON 1ST POS. OF 2ND HALF, 2019

	Team	Pts.
1.	New Orleans Saints	65
2.	Baltimore Ravens	58
3.	Green Bay Packers	52
4t.	Chicago Bears	51
	Dallas Cowboys	51
6t.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**45**
	Tennessee Titans	45

49ERS FIRST OFFENSIVE POSSESSIONS OF THE 2ND HALF, GAMES 1-5 OF 2019

Date	Opponent	Plays	Yds.	TDs
9/8/19	at TB	7	75	1
9/15/19	at Cin.	7	75	1
9/22/19	vs. Pit.	8	38	1
10/7/19	vs. Cle.	9	90	1
10/13/19	at LAR	4	17	1

- The last team to score a TD on their first possession of the 2nd half in at least 5-consecutive games was the Indianapolis Colts (6 games) from 10/23/05-12/4/05.



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

- The 49ers outscored their opponents 479-310 in 2019. The team's +169 point differential ranked 1st in the NFC and 3rd in the NFL (Bal. - +249; NE - +195).
- The Niners scored 112 points and allowed 76 points in the 3rd Qtr. in 2019. San Francisco's 112 points scored in the 3rd Qtr. were the 2nd-most in the NFL this season (NO - 130).

HIGHEST PT. DIFFERENTIAL IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	Diff.
1.	Baltimore Ravens	+249
2.	New England Patriots	+195
3.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**+169**
4.	Kansas City Chiefs	+143
5.	New Orleans Saints	+117

PUT IT ON THE BOARD

- The 49ers registered 51 offensive TDs in 2019, the 2nd-most in the NFL (Bal. - 58).
- The team's 51 TDs on offense were the most by the 49ers in a single season since 1998 (60 offensive TDs).
- The 49ers finished the 2019 regular season with 479 total points, tied for the 2nd-most in franchise history and the most since 1994 (505).
- The 49ers ranked 2nd in the NFL and led the NFC in 2019, averaging 29.9 points per game (Bal. - 33.2).

MOST TDS SCORED ON OFFENSE IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	Off TDs
1.	Baltimore Ravens	58
2.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**51**
3.	Tennessee Titans	50
4t.	Dallas Cowboys	48
	New Orleans Saints	48
	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	48

MOST POINTS SCORED IN A SEASON, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Year	Pts.
1.	1994	505
2t.	**2019**	**479**
	1998	479
4.	1984	475
5.	1993	473

MOVE THE CHAINS

- San Francisco's offense converted 45.0% of their 3rd down atts. in 2019, ranking 5th in the NFL (KC - 47.6%; Bal. - 47.1%; Dal. - 47.1%; Phi. - 45.4%).

HIGHEST 3RD DOWN % IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	3rd %
1.	Kansas City Chiefs	47.6
2t.	Baltimore Ravens	47.1
	Dallas Cowboys	47.1
4.	Philadelphia Eagles	45.4
5.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**45.0**

HIGHEST 3RD DOWN % IN THE NFL WHEN PASSING, 2019

	Team	3rd %
1.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**45.5**
2.	Minnesota Vikings	43.7
3.	Baltimore Ravens	42.9
4.	Dallas Cowboys	42.5
5.	Philadelphia Eagles	41.7

- The 49ers converted 45.5% of their 3rd down atts. when passing last season, the highest rate in the NFL.

YARDS ON YARDS

- The 49ers averaged 381.1 yds. per game in 2019, ranking 4th in the NFL.
- San Francisco accumulated 6,097 total net yds. of offense and allowed 4,509 total net yds. on defense this season. The team's +1,588 total net yds. differential ranked 3rd in the NFL in 2019.

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

	Team	Yds./Gm.
1.	Dallas Cowboys	431.5
2.	Baltimore Ravens	407.6
3.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	397.9
4.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**381.1**
5.	Atlanta Falcons	379.7

HIGHEST TOTAL NET YARDAGE DIFFERENTIAL IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	Total Yds.	Def. Total Yds.	Diff.
1.	Baltimore Ravens	6,521	4,809	+1,712
2.	Dallas Cowboys	6,904	5,232	+1,672
3.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**6,097**	**4,509**	**+1,588**
4.	New England Patriots	5,664	4,414	+1,250
5.	Los Angeles Chargers	5,879	5,009	+870

IN THE RED

- The 49ers offense saw 62 drives reach the red zone, which were the 2nd-most in the NFL in 2019 (Bal. - 64).
- San Francisco scored 33 TDs on their 62 drives that reached the red zone in 2019.

MOST DRIVES TO REACH THE RED ZONE IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	RZ Drives
1.	Baltimore Ravens	64
2.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**62**
3t.	Atlanta Falcons	60
	New England Patriots	60
	Seattle Seahawks	60

STRETCH THE FIELD

- San Francisco registered 117 big plays in 2019 (rushes of 10-or-more yds. and receptions of 20-or-more yds.), the 2nd-most in the NFL. Of those 117 big plays, 60 have been rushing while 57 have been receiving.

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

	Team	Big Plays
1.	Baltimore Ravens	134
2.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**117**
3.	Dallas Cowboys	115
4.	Tennessee Titans	113
5.	Seattle Seahawks	112

REACH FOR THE PYLON

- The 49ers offense finished with 23 rushing TDs in 2019, ranking 1st in the NFL. This marked the 9th time in franchise history, and the first since 1994, that the team registered 20-or-more rushing TDs in the season.

SEASONS WITH 20-OR-MORE RUSHING TDS, 49ERS HISTORY

Season	TDs
2019	**23**
1994	23
1993	26
1992	22
1985	20
1984	21
1961	27
1954	28
1953	26

WHAT'S THE RUSH?

- San Francisco averaged 144.1 rushing yds. per game in 2019, ranking 2nd in the NFL (Bal. - 206.0).
- The 49ers registered 64 runs that went for 10-or-more yds., the 2nd-most in the NFL (Bal. - 98).
- The 49ers picked up 110 rushing 1st downs on the season, tied for the 7th-most in the NFL (Bal. - 188; Ind. - 131; Sea. - 121; Buf. - 120; Dal. - 120; Hou. - 112; NE - 110).
- San Francisco registered 1,369 rushing yds. through 8 games in 2019, the most by the team in games 1-8 since 1988 (1,393) and the 2nd-most by the team since 1960.
- In Week 8 vs. Car. (10/27/19), the 49ers offense rushed for 232 yds. and 5 TDs on 38 carries (6.1 avg.). The 5 rushing TDs were the most by the 49ers in a single-game since 10/18/92 vs. Atl. (5 rushing TDs).

MOST RUSHING YDS. PER GAME IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	YPG
1.	Baltimore Ravens	206.0
2.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**144.1**
3.	Tennessee Titans	138.9
4.	Seattle Seahawks	137.5
5.	Dallas Cowboys	134.6

MOST RUSHING YDS. IN FIRST 8 GAMES BY THE 49ERS, 1960-2019

	Year	Yds.
1.	1988	1,393
2.	**2019**	**1,369**
3.	2012	1,349
4.	1961	1,267
5.	1976	1,231

AHEAD OF THE STICKS

The 49ers offense was extremely successful on 1st down in 2019. The team used multiple ways to jump on defenses early in possessions.

- The 49ers offense averaged 6.65 yds. per play on 1st down this season, ranking 1st in the NFL.
- The 49ers averaged 15.2 yds. per recept. on 1st down in 2019, ranking 3rd in the NFL.
- The Niners registered 37 rushes of 10-or-more yds. on 1st down, ranking 2nd in the NFL (Bal. - 42).
- San Francisco registered 69 big plays on 1st down in 2019 (rushes of 10-or-more yds. and receptions of 20-or-more yds.), the most in the NFL. Of those 69 big plays, 37 were rushing while 32 went through the air.

HIGHEST AVG. YDS. PER RECEPT. IN THE NFL ON 1ST DOWN, 2019

	Team	Avg.
1.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	16.2
2.	Tennessee Titans	15.8
3.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**15.2**
4t.	Cleveland Browns	12.8
	Kansas City Chiefs	12.8



ELITE ON FIRST

- Since the beginning of 2017, the Niners have racked up 9,268 total yds. of offense on 1,431 plays on 1st down.
- The team's 6.46 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, 2017-20

	Team	Avg.
1.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**6.46**
2.	New Orleans Saints	6.41
3.	Kansas City Chiefs	6.36
4.	Atlanta Falcons	6.14
5.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	6.03

SHARE THE WEALTH

- The 49ers saw 19 different players score at least 1 TD in 2019, tied for the most in the NFL (NE - 20 players).

TDS SCORED BY THE 49ERS, 2019

Player	TDs	Player	TDs
Raheem Mostert	10	DeForest Buckner	1
Tevin Coleman	7	Jimmy Garoppolo	1
Deebo Samuel	6	Marquise Goodwin	1
Kendrick Bourne	5	Richie James Jr.	1
George Kittle	5	Kyle Juszczyk	1
Jeff Wilson Jr.	5	D.J. Reed Jr.	1
Emmanuel Sanders	3	Richard Sherman	1
Matt Breida	2	Fred Warner	1
Ross Dwelley	2	Ahkello Witherspoon	1
Dante Pettis	2		

- The 19 different players with TDs in 2019 were the most by the 49ers in franchise history.
- The 49ers had 13 different players with at least 1 TD recept. last season, tied for the most players with a TD recept. in a single-season in NFL history.
- The 49ers registered 56 total TDs in 2019, the 2nd-most in the NFL (Bal. - 64). The team's 56 TDs in 2019 were the most by the team in a single season since 1995 (57 TDs).

MOST PLAYERS WITH A REC. TD IN A SINGLE SEASON, NFL HISTORY

Team	Players
San Francisco 49ers, 2019	**13**
Indianapolis Colts, 2018	13
Miami Dolphins, 2018	13
New Orleans Saints, 2018	13
Atlanta Falcons, 2016	13
Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 2003	13



- San Francisco saw 24 offensive TDs scored by undrafted players last year, the most in the NFL.

MOST OFFENSIVE TDS SCORED BY UNDRAFTED PLAYERS, 2019

	Team	TDs
1.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**24**
2t.	Indianapolis Colts	13
	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	13
4t.	Kansas City Chiefs	12
	Los Angeles Chargers	12

NOTHIN' BUT A JIMMY G THANG



JIMMY GAROPPOLO

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 (67.6%) and 2nd in passer rating (99.2), behind QB Steve Young (101.4).

Garoppolo's 69.1% completion percentage in 2019 ranked t-4th in the NFL (min. 200 atts.) (Drew Brees, NO - 74.3%; Derek Carr, Oak. - 70.4%; Ryan Tannehill, Ten. - 70.3%; Kirk Cousins, Min. - 69.1%). He ranked t-5th in the NFL with 27 passing TDs in 2019.

MOST TD PASSES IN THE NFL, 2019

	Player	TDs
1.	Lamar Jackson, Bal.	36
2.	Jameis Winston, TB	33
3.	Russell Wilson, Sea.	31
4.	Dak Prescott, Dal.	30
5t.	**Jimmy Garoppolo, SF**	**27**
	Two Players	27

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANY

In San Francisco's Week 11 game vs. Arz. (11/17/19), Garoppolo completed 34 of 45 atts. (75.6 pct.) for a career-high 424 yds., a career-high tying 4 TDs and a QB rating of 115.4.

Garoppolo joined Hall of Fame QBs Joe Montana and Steve Young as the only QBs in franchise history to throw for over 400 yds. and 4 TDs in a game.

49ERS QBS WITH AT LEAST 400 PASSING YDS. & 4 TDS IN A GAME, FRANCHISE HISTORY

Player	Opp.	Date	Atts.	Comps.	Yds.	TDs	Rtg.
Jimmy Garoppolo	**vs. Arz.**	**11/17/19**	**45**	**34**	**424**	**4**	**115.4**
Steve Young	at LAR	11/28/93	32	26	462	4	145.3
Joe Montana	at Atl.	10/14/90	49	32	476	6	119.6
Joe Montana	at Phi.	9/24/89	34	25	428	5	142.8
Joe Montana	at Atl.	10/6/85	57	37	429	5	116.8

QUICK HITS

- His career .778 winning percentage (21-6) as a starter is the 3rd-highest (Lamar Jackson - .870; Patrick Mahomes - .781) 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).
- 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.

MOST QB WINS THROUGH 25 CAREER 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

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Garoppolo has completed 19 of 33 passing atts. (57.6%) for 259 yds. and 2 TDs with a passer rating of 103.0 in 2020.

HOT STRETCH

Through Weeks 8-17 in 2019, Garoppolo threw for 2,664 yds. (4th) and 20 TDs (t-4th).

MOST PASSING YDS. IN THE NFL, WEEKS 8-17, 2019

	Player	Yds.
1.	Jameis Winston, TB	3,338
2.	Ryan Fitzpatrick, Mia.	2,812
3.	Dak Prescott, Dal.	2,779
4.	**Jimmy Garoppolo, SF**	**2,664**
5.	Derek Carr, Oak.	2,644

MOST PASSING TDS IN THE NFL, WEEKS 8-17, 2019

	Player	TDs
1t.	Drew Brees, NO	25
	Lamar Jackson, Bal.	25
3.	Jameis Winston, TB	21
4t.	**Jimmy Garoppolo, SF**	**20**
	Ryan Tannehill, Ten.	20

JIMMY CLIMBS THE RANKS



JIMMY GAROPPOLO

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

Date	Opp.	Final Score	Time Remaining When Drive Started	Time Remaining 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

IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG

- In just 26 games played with the 49ers (25 starts), Garoppolo has completed 521 of 776 passing atts. for 6,515 yds. and 41 TDs. His 6,515 passing yds. are the 9th-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.	Steve DeBerg	39	1,201	670	7,220	37
9.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**26**	**776**	**521**	**6,515**	**41**
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

A CLOSER LOOK AT 2019

Garoppolo finished the 2019 regular season with 329 completions, which ranks 4th in franchise history and is most since Jeff Garcia (355 - 2000).

MOST COMPS. IN A SEASON, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Comps.
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

Garoppolo finished the 2019 regular season with a 69.1 completion percentage, ranking 3rd in franchise history and it's the highest since Steve Young in 1994 (70.3%).

HIGHEST COMP. PERCENTAGE IN A SEASON, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Pct.
1.	Steve Young (1994)	70.3%
2.	Joe Montana (1989)	70.2%
3.	**Jimmy Garoppolo (2019)**	**69.1%**
4.	Steve Young (1993)	68.0%
5.	Steve Young (1996)	67.7%

THE PEOPLE'S TIGHT END



GEORGE KITTLE

KITTLE REACHES 2K

In his 33rd career game at Cin. (9/15/19), Kittle reached 2,000 career rec. yds. which is tied for the 3rd-fastest TE in NFL history to reach 2,000-or-more career rec. yds.

FEWEST GAMES TO 2,000 REC. YDS. BY A TE, NFL HISTORY

	Player	Gms.
1.	Mike Ditka	30
2.	Kellen Winslow Sr.	31
3t.	**George Kittle**	**33**
	Dave Kocourek	33
5.	Rob Gronkowski	34

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

FRESH 2019 KITTLE CORN

Kittle registered 27 recepts. on 3rd down in 2019, ranking 7th in the NFL among all players and 1st among TEs.

MOST RECEPTS. ON 3RD DOWN AMONG TEs, 2019

	Player	Gms.	Recepts.
1.	**George Kittle, SF**	**14**	**27**
2.	Mark Andrews, Bal.	15	25
3.	Tyler Eifert, Cin.	16	21
4.	Zach Ertz, Phi.	15	18
5.	Travis Kelce, KC	16	17

According to Radar360, Kittle's 599 rec. yds. after the catch in 2019 were the most among TEs.

MOST YAC AMONG TEs, 2019

	Player	Gms.	YAC
1.	**George Kittle, SF**	**14**	**599**
2.	Darren Waller, Oak.	16	570
3.	Travis Kelce, KC	16	410
4.	Tyler Higbee, LAR	15	396
5.	Austin Hooper, Atl.	13	335

GOOD OVER TIME

An AP First-Team All-Pro, TE George Kittle registered 85 recepts. for 1,053 yds. and 5 TDs in 2019. Since entering the NFL in 2017, Kittle ranks 2nd in the NFL in rec. yds. (2,989) among all TEs.

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

	Player	Recepts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1.	Travis Kelce, KC	289	3,653	12.6	24
2.	**George Kittle, SF**	**220**	**2,989**	**13.6**	**12**
3.	Zach Ertz, Phi.	281	2,921	10.4	23
4.	Jared Cook, Oak./NO	170	2,369	13.9	17
5.	Austin Hooper, Atl./Cle.	197	1,988	10.1	13

2019 TE RANKS

- Ranked t-1st in the NFL with 16 recepts. of 20-or-more yds.
- Ranked t-2nd in the NFL with 53 rec. 1st downs
- Ranked 3rd in the NFL with 1,053 rec. yds.
- Ranked 4th in the NFL with 85 recepts.

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.

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

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

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

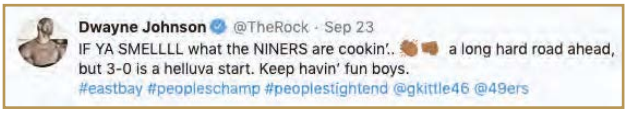
STONE COLD KITTLE

CAREER NUGGETS

- Not only were Kittle's 1,377 yds. in 2018 the most in a single season by a TE in NFL history, 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)].

THE ROCK SAYS

Following San Francisco's 24-20 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers in Week 3 of 2019, WWE superstar and actor Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson replied to George Kittle's postgame celebration on Twitter, which paid homage to the icon. Johnson labeled Kittle as "The People's Tight End."



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. are the most in a single season by a TE in NFL history and ranked 8th among all players last 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.	**George Kittle, SF**	**2018**	**88**	**1,377**	**15.6**	**5**
2.	Travis Kelce, KC	2018	103	1,336	13.0	10
3.	Rob Gronkowski, NE	2011	90	1,327	14.7	17
4.	Jimmy Graham, NO	2011	99	1,310	13.2	11
5.	Kellen Winslow Sr., SD	1980	89	1,290	14.5	9

YACETY YAC KITTLE COMES BACK

According to Radar360, Kittle finished 2018 with 870 rec. yds. after the catch which was the most in the NFL among all players and the most in a single season since 2010.

Kittle's 870 rec. yds. after the catch in 2018 was at the time the most among all players in a single season since Radar360 started keeping the stat in 2010.

MOST YAC IN THE NFL AMONG ALL PLAYERS, 2018

	Player	YAC
1.	**George Kittle, SF**	**870**
2.	Christian McCaffrey, Car.	855
3.	Saquon Barkley, NYG	768
4.	James White, NE	665
5.	JuJu Smith-Schuster, Pit.	648

MOST YAC AMONG ALL PLAYERS IN A SEASON, 2010-18

	Player	YAC
1.	**George Kittle, SF (2018)**	**870**
2.	Christian McCaffrey, Car. (2018)	851
3.	Le'Veon Bell, Pit. (2014)	816
4.	Matt Forte, Chi. (2014)	788
5.	Saquon Barkley, NYG (2018)	768

HEY ROOK

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 44 yds. (11.0 avg.) in addition to 1 carry for 9 yds. in 2020.

RAHEEM THE DREAM



RAHEEM MOSTERT

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Mostert has registered 15 carries for 56 yds. to go along with 4 recepts. for 95 yds. (23.8 avg.) and 1 TD in 2020.

THROUGH THE AIR & ON THE GROUND

- In San Francisco's Week 1 game vs. Arz. (9/13/20), RB Raheem Mostert registered a 76-yd. TD recept. from QB Jimmy Garoppolo, the longest TD recept. of his career and his 3rd career rec. TD. Mostert finished the game with 15 carries for 56 yds. and 4 recepts. for a career-high 95 yds. and 1 TD. It marked the first time he led the team in rushing and receiving yards in the same game.
- According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Mostert's 76-yd. rec. TD was the 4th-longest TD recept. by a RB in franchise history and the longest since RB Garrison Hearst had an 81-yd. rec. TD vs. NO (11/22/98).

LONGEST REC. TD BY A RB, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Opp.	Date	Long Rec. TD
1.	Delvin Williams	vs. Was.	11/7/76	85
2.	Garrison Hearst	vs. NO	11/22/98	81
3.	Carroll Hardy	at Det.	10/30/55	78
4.	**Raheem Mostert**	**vs. Arz.**	**9/13/20**	**76**

TOP SPEED

- According to the NFL's Next Gen Stats, Mostert registered a max speed of 22.73 MPH on his 76-yd. TD recept. vs. Arz. (9/13/20), the fastest ball carrier in the NFL on the season and the fastest in the NFL since 2016.

NFL NEXT GEN STATS

QUICK HITS

- Mostert registered at least 1 rushing TD in each of the final 6 games of the season in 2019, becoming the 3rd player in franchise history, and the first since 1995, to score at least 1 rushing TD in 6-or-more consecutive games.
- Mostert averaged 5.64 yds. per carry in 2019, ranking 2nd in the NFL among all qualifying players (Lamar Jackson, Bal. - 6.85) and 1st among RBs.

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A RUSHING TD, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Years	Gms.
1.	Joe Perry	1953-54	7
2t.	**Raheem Mostert**	**2019**	**6**
	Derek Loville	1995	6

HIT THE HOLE

Among rushers with 100 rushing atts. in 2019, Mostert ranked 2nd in the NFL, averaging 5.64 yds. per carry.

HIGHEST RUSHING AVG. IN THE NFL, 2019 (min. 100 atts.)

	Player	Avg.
1.	Lamar Jackson, Bal.	6.85
2.	**Raheem Mostert, SF**	**5.64**
3.	Gus Edwards, Bal.	5.35
4.	Devin Singletary, Buf.	5.13
5.	Derrick Henry, Ten.	5.08

RIDE THE WAVE

Over the past 3 seasons (2018-20), Mostert's 5.85 avg. yds. per carry ranks 2nd among all players in the NFL with at least 125 carries.

HIGHEST RUSHING AVG. IN THE NFL, 2018-20 (min. 125 atts.)

	Player	Avg.
1.	Lamar Jackson, Bal.	5.90
2.	**Raheem Mostert, SF**	**5.85**
3.	Josh Allen, Buf.	5.65
4.	Deshaun Watson, Hou.	5.30
5.	Gus Edwards, Bal.	5.28

2019 DEFENSIVE RANKINGS

Category	Mark	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Forced fumbles	21	1	1
Passing yards per game allowed	169.2	1	1
Passing 1st downs allowed	150	1	t-1
Completions of 20+ yards allowed	34	1	t-1
Total yards per game allowed	281.8	1	2
Average yards per play allowed	4.66	1	2
Big plays allowed	81	2	4
3 & Out Drives Forced	46	t-2	t-4
Sacks	48	t-4	t-5
Average defensive completion percentage	61.3	3	7
Average defensive passer rating	83.0	2	7
Rushing touchdowns allowed	11	t-3	t-7
Points per game allowed	19.4	3	8

NO FLY ZONE

- The Niners defense held opponents to 169.2 passing yds. per game in 2019, ranking 1st in the NFL. The team's pass defense was the lowest average passing yds. allowed in the NFL since 2009 (NYJ - 153.7) and they led the NFL in passing YPG allowed for the first time since 1987 (165.6).

FEWEST PASSING YDS. ALLOWED IN A SEASON, 2006-19

	Team	YPG
1.	Oakland Raiders, 2006	150.8
2.	New York Jets, 2009	153.7
3.	Pittsburgh Steelers, 2008	156.9
4.	Indianapolis Colts, 2006	159.3
5.	**San Francisco 49ers, 2019**	**169.2**

GROUP EFFORT

- In DLs Arik Armstead (10.0), Nick Bosa (9.0), DeForest Buckner (7.5) and Dee Ford (6.5), the 49ers were the only team in the NFL to have 4-or-more players with 6.5-or-more sacks in 2019.

SHORT OF THE STICKS

- The 49ers defense held opponents to a 33.3% 3rd down conversion percentage in 2019, ranking t-2nd in the NFL (NE - 24.1%).

LOWEST 3RD DOWN % ALLOWED IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	3rd Conv.	3rd Att.	3rd %
1.	New England Patriots	47	195	24.1
2t.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**64**	**192**	**33.3**
	Dallas Cowboys	67	201	33.3
4.	Philadelphia Eagles	70	205	34.1
5.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	75	218	34.4

- In San Francisco's Week 6 win at LAR (10/13/19), the 49ers held the Rams without a 3rd (0-9) or 4th (0-4) down conversion on the day. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the last time the 49ers held an opponent without a 3rd or 4th down conversion in a game was 10/16/88 at LAR (0-7 on 3rd down & 0-1 on 4th down).
- The 49ers defense held the Packers to 2-18 on 3rd & 4th down atts. vs. GB (11/24/19) [1-15 (6.7%) on 3rd down & 1-3 (33.3%) on 4th down]. According to NFL Research, the 49ers held Green Bay to 0-10 on 3rd and 4th down in the 1st half, the most atts. without a conversion by any team in an opening half in the last 20 seasons.



WHAT'S THE POINT?

- San Francisco allowed 19.4 points per game in 2019, ranking 8th in the NFL.
- In San Francisco's 9-0 Week 7 win over the Washington Redskins, the 49ers registered their first shutout since 9/12/16 vs. LAR (W, 28-0).

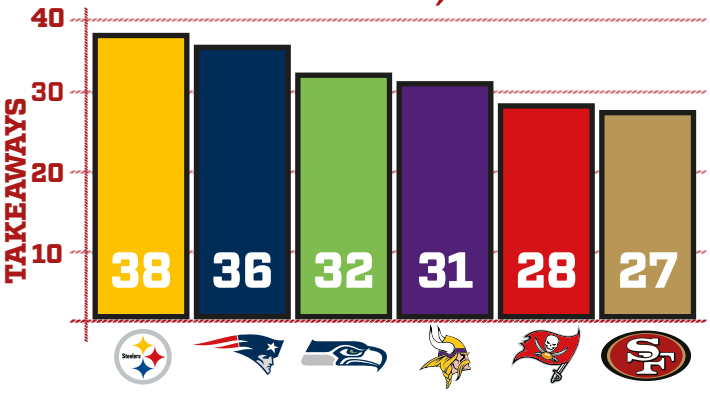
FEWEST POINTS PER GAME ALLOWED IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	PPG
1.	New England Patriots	14.1
2.	Buffalo Bills	16.2
3.	Baltimore Ravens	17.6
4.	Chicago Bears	18.6
5t.	Minnesota Vikings	18.9
	Pittsburgh Steelers	18.9
7.	Kansas City Chiefs	19.3
8.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**19.4**

TAKE IT AWAY, TAKE IT AWAY NOW

- The 49ers registered 27 total takeaways in 2019, the 4th-most in the NFC and 6th-most in the NFL (Pit. - 38; NE - 36; Sea. - 32; Min. - 31; TB - 28).

MOST TOTAL TAKEAWAYS IN THE NFL, 2019



- San Francisco registered at least 1 takeaway in 14 of the team's 16 games in 2019. The Niners had 3-or-more takeaways in 4 games, which were the most in a season by San Francisco since 2014 (6 games).
- The 49ers defense registered 21 FFs in 2019, the most in the NFL.

MOST DEFENSIVE FFS IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	FFs
1.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**21**
2.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	20
3t.	Arizona Cardinals	19
	Pittsburgh Steelers	19
5t.	Two Teams	18

DEFENSE TURNS INTO OFFENSE

- San Francisco's 5 defensive TDs in 2019, including 1 defensive TD in back-to-back games in Weeks 10-11, were tied for the 3rd-most in the NFL (Bal. - 6; TB - 6; NE - 5; NYJ - 5).

MOST DEFENSIVE TDS IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	TDs
1t.	Baltimore Ravens	6
	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	6
3t.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**5**
	New England Patriots	5
	New York Jets	5

WHAT'S YOUR RATING?

- San Francisco held opposing QBs to an average passer rating of 83.0 in 2019, ranking 7th in the NFL (NE - 62.8; Bal. - 77.5; Buf. - 78.8; Pit. - 79.7; KC - 80.8; GB - 81.1).
- The 49ers defense allowed an average completion percentage of 61.3%, ranking 7th in the NFL (NE - 56.5%; Bal. - 58.5%; GB - 59.7%; KC - 60.5%; Phi. - 60.9%; Pit. - 61.1%).

LOWEST AVG. OPP. PASSER RATING IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	Rating
1.	New England Patriots	62.8
2.	Baltimore Ravens	77.5
3.	Buffalo Bills	78.8
4.	Pittsburgh Steelers	79.7
5.	Kansas City Chiefs	80.8
6.	Green Bay Packers	81.1
7.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**83.0**

TIGHTEN UP ON D

- The 49ers defense allowed opponents to reach the red zone just 40 times in 2019, tied for the 2nd-fewest red zone trips allowed in the NFL (NE - 29; LAC - 40).

FEWEST RED ZONE TRIPS ALLOWED IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	RZ Drives
1.	New England Patriots	29
2t.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**40**
	Los Angeles Chargers	40
4t.	Buffalo Bills	43
	Philadelphia Eagles	43

FEWEST RED ZONE TDS ALLOWED IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	RZ TDs
1.	New England Patriots	14
2.	Denver Broncos	18
3t.	Baltimore Ravens	21
	Minnesota Vikings	21
5.	Pittsburgh Steelers	23
6t.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**24**
	Four Teams	24

- San Francisco allowed 24 red zone TDs in 2019, tied for the 6th-fewest in the NFL (NE - 14; Den. - 18; Bal. - 21; Min. - 21; Pit. - 23; Buf. - 24; GB - 24; LAC - 24; Phi. - 24).

DEFENSIVE GOLDEN NUGGETS

- The 49ers defense registered 48.0 sacks in 2019, tied for the 5th-most in the NFL on the season.

MOST SACKS IN THE NFL IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	Sacks
1.	Pittsburgh Steelers	54.0
2.	Carolina Panthers	53.0
3.	New Orleans Saints	51.0
4.	Los Angeles Rams	50.0
5t.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**48.0**
	Minnesota Vikings	48.0

- According to the Elias Sports Bureau, after holding the Redskins to 0 points and 154 total net yds. of offense at Was. (10/20/19), the 49ers were the 6th team since 1990 to hold their opponent to 7-or-less pts. and 200-or-fewer total net yds. of offense in 3-consecutive games (Pittsburgh Steelers – 1990; New Orleans Saints – 1991; Baltimore Ravens – 2000; Tennessee Titans – 2000; New England Patriots – 2005).
- In Week 8 vs. Car. (10/27/19), the 49ers defense held the Panthers to 100 net passing yds., marking the 4th-consecutive game in which the team has held an opponent to 100 net passing yds. or fewer [78 net passing yds. vs. Cle (10/7/19); 48 net passing yds. at LAR (10/13/19); 50 net passing yds. at Was. (10/20/19)].
- The last time the 49ers defense held their opponents to 100 net passing yds. or fewer in 4-consecutive games was 1977 [29 net passing yds. at Atl. (11/6/77); 33 net passing yds. at NO (11/13/77); 86 net passing yds. vs. LAR (11/20/77); 19 net passing yds. vs. NO (11/27/77)].
- With 5.0 total sacks vs. GB (11/24/19), the 49ers defense registered at least 3.0-or-more sacks in 8-consecutive games [4.0 vs. Cle. (10/7/19), 4.0 at LAR (10/13/19), 3.0 at Was. (10/20/19), 7.0 vs. Car. (10/27/19), 3.0 at Arz. (10/31/19), 5.0 vs. Sea. (11/11/19), 4.0 vs. Arz. (11/17/19) & 5.0 vs. GB (11/24/19)]. This marked the first time since sacks became an official statistic in 1982 that San Francisco registered 3.0-or-more sacks in 8-or-more consecutive games.

UNCLE SHERM



RICHARD SHERMAN

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Sherman has registered 4 tackles in 2020.

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PRO BOWL ORLANDO 01.29.17 | PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2020

AROUND THE BALL

Since entering the NFL in 2011, Sherman has registered 35 INTs and 114 PDs, which rank 1st and 3rd respectively in the NFL among all active players.

MOST INTS AMONG ALL ACTIVE PLAYERS, SINCE 2011

	Player	INTs
1.	**Richard Sherman, SF**	**35**
2.	Marcus Peters, Bal.	27
3t.	Stephon Gilmore, NE	25
	Patrick Peterson, Arz.	25
5.	Janoris Jenkins, NO	24

MOST PDS AMONG ALL ACTIVE PLAYERS, SINCE 2011

	Player	PDs
1.	Joe Haden, Pit.	119
2.	Johnathan Joseph, Ten.	118
3.	**Richard Sherman, SF**	**114**
4.	Stephon Gilmore, NE	112
5.	Janoris Jenkins, NO	108

QUICK HITS



- A Second-Team AP All-Pro selection, Sherman was the 49ers 2019 nominee for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award presented by Nationwide, marking his second nomination for one of the NFL's most prestigious awards.
- Ranked t-20th in the NFL with 3 INTs. His 3 INTs on the season were the most in a single-season for Sherman since 2016 (4 INTs) and the most by a member of the 49ers in a single season since CBs Kenneth Acker and Tramaine Brock each had 3 INTs in 2015.
- Intercepted Panthers QB Kyle Allen vs. Car. (10/27/19), marking his 3rd INT of the season and 35th of his career.
- Intercepted Buccaneers QB Jameis Winston, returning the pass 31 yds. for a TD at TB (9/8/19), his first INT and TD as a member of the 49ers.
- Sherman finished the 2013 season with a league-leading 8 INTs. It marked the second-consecutive season Sherman recorded 8 INTs, and again ranked as the third-most by a member of the Seahawks in a single season. Capped off the season with a 43-8 victory over Denver in Super Bowl XLVIII.
- Registered 2 tackles, the 6th FR of his career and his 100th career PD at Min. (9/9/18). He recovered a Vikings RB Dalvin Cook fumble that was forced by LB Fred Warner.

BACK IN THE BAY

Sherman returned to the Bay Area in 2018, a place where he spent five years at nearby Stanford University. He saw action in 52 games (37 starts), playing his first three seasons at WR where he totaled 81 recepts. for 1,340 yds. and 7 TDs. He later transitioned to CB for his final two seasons and recorded 112 tackles, 17 PDs and 6 INTs. As a redshirt senior, he appeared in 12 games (10 starts) and earned Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 honors after totaling 50 tackles, 9 PDs, 4 INT and 2 FFs.



REIGNING DROY

THE TECHNICIAN

- 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.
- 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 interception in a single game since 1982.

MOST SACKS IN THE NFL AMONG ROOKIES, 2019

	Player	Sacks
1.	Josh Allen, Jax.	10.5
2.	Maxx Crosby, Oak.	10.0
3.	**Nick Bosa, SF**	**9.0**
4.	Brian Burns, Car.	7.5
5.	Montez Sweat, Was.	7.0

- He became the first NFL player since Chiefs DL Chris Jones in 2017 [vs. Phi. (9/17/17)] with 3.0-or-more sacks and 1-or-more INT in a single game.
- His 3.0 sacks that week were the most by a member of the 49ers since LB Aldon Smith registered 5.5 sacks vs. Chi (11/19/12).
- Bosa became the 6th player since 1982 to record at least 7.0 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 Week 5 vs. Cle. (10/7/19), Bosa was 1 of 2 players in the NFL with at least 2.0 sacks, 1 FF and 1 FR (Orlando Scandrick, Phi.), while his 5 QB hits on the night were tied for the most in the NFL that week.
- His 25 QB hits in 2019 ranked 1st among rookies in the NFL.
- Bosa's 16 tackles for loss on the season were tied for the 5th-most in the NFL.

MOST QB HITS IN THE NFL AMONG ROOKIES, 2019

	Player	QBH
1.	**Nick Bosa, SF**	**25**
2.	Josh Allen, Jax.	22
3.	Brian Burns, CAR.	16
4.	Maxx Crosby, Oak.	14
5.	Montez Sweat, Was.	13

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS IN THE NFL AMONG ALL PLAYERS, 2019

	Player	TFLs
1.	Aaron Donald, LAR	20
2.	Shaquil Barrett, TB	19
3.	Joey Bosa, LAC	18
4.	Za'Darius Smith, GB	17
5t.	**Nick Bosa, SF**	**16**
	Maxx Crosby, Oak.	16
	Bud Dupree, Pit.	16
	Dante Fowler, LAR	16

- 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.



NICK BOSA

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Bosa has registered 6 tackles and 1 FF in 2020. He also has 1 QB hit.

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.

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

- 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 last 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).

BUILT FORD TOUGH



DEE FORD

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Ford has registered 3 tackles in 2020.

GET AFTER THE QB

Over the past 3 seasons (2018-20), Ford's 19.5 sacks rank t-17th in the NFL.

MOST SACKS IN THE NFL, 2018-20

	Player	Sacks
1.	Aaron Donald	34.0
2.	Chandler Jones	33.0
3.	Danielle Hunter	29.0
4t.	Cameron Jordan	27.5
	T.J. Watt	27.5
6.	Chris Jones	26.0
7.	Myles Garrett	23.5
8.	Za'Darius Smith	23.0
9t.	Shaquil Barrett	22.5
	Von Miller	22.5
11t.	Frank Clark	22.0
	Jason Pierre-Paul	22.0
13t.	Justin Houston	21.0
	Khalil Mack	21.0
15.	Ryan Kerrigan	20.5
16.	J.J. Watt	20.0
17t.	**Dee Ford**	**19.5**
	Two Players	19.5

RIP IT OUT

Ford registered a career-high 7 FFs in 2018, tied for the most in the NFL (J.J. Watt, Hou.). His 9 FFs since 2018 are the 4th-most in the NFL over that span.

MOST FFS IN THE NFL, 2018-20

	Player	FFs
1.	T.J. Watt	14
2t.	Khalil Mack	11
	Chandler Jones	11
4.	**Dee Ford**	**9**
5.	J.J. Watt	8

Ford has registered 7 games over the last 3 seasons (2018-20) with at least 1.0 sack and 1 FF, the 4th-most over that span (Khalil Mack - 9 games; T.J. Watt - 9 games; Chandler Jones - 8 games).

QUICK HITS

- Earned AFC Defensive Player of the Week honors in Week 8 of 2018 after registering 5 tackles, 3.0 sacks and 2 FFs vs. Den. (10/28/18).
- Won AFC Defensive Player of the Month in October in 2018 after finishing with 16 tackles, 6.0 sacks and 4 FFs.

STRETCH ARMSTEAD



ARIK ARMSTEAD

RUB MY BELLY

- Finished the 2019 regular season with the team lead and ranked t-15th in the NFL with a career-high 10.0 sacks in 2019. Also added a career-high 54 tackles, career-high 2 FFs and the first FR of his career.
- In the postseason, registered 8 tackles, 2.0 sacks and 1 FF.
- Late in the 4th Qtr. with the 49ers trailing 17-20 vs. Pit (9/22/19), forced a Steelers RB James Conner fumble, marking his 2nd career FF [at Buf. (10/16/16)]. The takeaway led to a game-winning TD pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo to WR Dante Pettis.
- Registered 2.0 sacks vs. GB (11/24/19). This marked his 3rd game with at least 1.5 sacks, as he registered at least 1.0 sack in three consecutive games for the first time in his career.

MOST SACKS IN THE NFL, 2019

	Player	Sacks
1.	Shaquil Barrett, TB	19.5
2.	Chandler Jones, Arz.	19.0
3.	Cameron Jordan, NO	15.5
4t.	Danielle Hunter, Min.	14.5
	T.J. Watt, Pit.	14.5
6.	Za'Darius Smith, GB	13.5
7.	Aaron Donald, LAR	12.5
8.	Preston Smith, GB	12.0
9t.	Joey Bosa, LAC	11.5
	Bud Dupree, Pit.	11.5
	Dante Fowler, LAR	11.5
	Robert Quinn, Dal.	11.5
13.	Justin Houston, Ind.	11.0
14.	Josh Allen, Jax.	10.5
15t.	**Arik Armstead, SF**	**10.0**
	Maxx Crosby, Oak.	10.0
	Myles Garrett, Cle.	10.0
	Markus Golden, NYG	10.0

YOU'VE GOT A FRED IN ME

POP WARNER FOOTBALL

- Warner racked up a team-high 118 tackles, 9 PDs, a career-high 3 FFs and the first INT (returned for a TD) and 3.0 sacks of his career in 2019.
- In San Francisco's Week 10 game 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 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) on the season.

49ERS TACKLE LEADERS, 2019

	Player	Tackles
1.	**Fred Warner**	**118**
2.	Dre Greenlaw	87
3t.	DeForest Buckner	61
	Richard Sherman	61
5.	Jimmie Ward	60

LBS WITH 90-OR-MORE TACKLES, 4-OR-MORE PDS, 3.0-OR-MORE SACKS & 2-OR-MORE FFS, 2019

Player	Tackles	PDs	Sacks	FFs	INTs
Fred Warner, SF	**118**	**9**	**3.0**	**3**	**1**
Cory Littleton, LAR	134	9	3.5	2	2
Darius Leonard, Ind.	121	7	5.0	2	5

- In Weeks 10-13, 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 33 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.	Darius 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 10 tackles and 1 PD in 2020.

TAE-KWON-DO

HE DOES IT ALL

Since entering the NFL in 2015, Alexander is 1 of 5 players in the NFL to register at least 400 tackles, 7.0 sacks and 7 INTs, according to Gamebook statistics.

PLAYERS WITH 400-OR-MORE TACKLES, 7.0-OR-MORE SACKS AND 7-OR-MORE INTS, SINCE 2015

Player	Tackles	Sacks	INTs
Kwon Alexander, TB/SF	**423**	**7.5**	**7**
Jamie Collins, NE/Cle./Det.	419	20.5	8
Thomas Davis, Car./LAC	478	11.5	7
Logan Ryan, Ten./NYG	417	9.5	10
Harrison Smith, Min.	408	9.0	13

SNAG A FEW

Alexander's 7 INTs since 2015 are tied for the 8th-most in the NFL among LBs over that span.

As a rookie in 2015, Alexander earned PFWA All-Rookie honors after registering 93 tackles, 9 PDs, 3.0 sacks, 2 INTs, 2 FFs and 1 FR.

MOST INTS AMONG LBS, SINCE 2015

	Player	INTs
1.	Luke Kuechly	11
2.	Jordan Hicks	10
3t.	Deion Jones	9
	Alec Ogletree	9
5t.	Jamie Collins	8
	C.J. Mosley	8
	Telvin Smith	8
8t.	**Kwon Alexander**	**7**
	Thomas Davis	7
	Darius Leonard	7
	Ryan Shazier	7

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KWON ALEXANDER

HIGHTOWER OF TERROR

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- San Francisco held opponents to 131 punt return yds. in 2019, ranking 5th in the NFL. The 49ers surrendered 13 fair catches one the season, tied for the 3rd-fewest in the NFL (LAC - 8; Bal. - 10; NYJ - 13).

FEWEST OPPONENT PUNT RETURN YDS. IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	Yds.
1.	Houston Texans	82
2.	Kansas City Chiefs	89
3.	Jacksonville Jaguars	127
4.	Detroit Lions	130
5.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**131**



- The 49ers had an average starting field position of 32.1 in 2019, the 2nd-best in the NFL (NE - 32.7).
- San Francisco punted 52 times in 2019, tied for the 5th-fewest in the NFL (Bal. - 40; KC - 48; LAC - 48; Dal. - 50; Atl. - 52).

AVG. STARTING FIELD POSITION IN THE NFL, 2019

	Team	Avg.
1.	New England Patriots	32.7
2.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**32.1**
3.	New Orleans Saints	31.4
4.	Seattle Seahawks	30.1
5.	Pittsburgh Steelers	29.5

- The Niners punt coverage units registered 2 FRs in 2019, tied for the 2nd-most in the NFL (NE - 3; Arz. - 2; Bal. - 2; Jax. - 2;. NYJ - 2; Sea. - 2).

KICK AND COVER

- In 2019, San Francisco's kickoff coverage held opponents to an average starting field position of the 24.6 yd. line, ranking 7th in the NFL (Hou. - 22.9; Arz. - 23.8; Cle. - 23.9; Bal. - 24.5; KC - 24.5; Oak. - 24.5).

OPP. AVG. STARTING FIELD POSITION OFF KICKOFFS, 2019

	Team	Avg.
1.	Houston Texans	22.9
2.	Arizona Cardinals	23.8
3.	Cleveland Browns	23.9
4t.	Baltimore Ravens	24.5
	Kansas City Chiefs	24.5
	Oakland Raiders	24.5
7.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**24.5**



TAKE YOUR POINTS

- Since becoming the 49ers Special Teams Coordinator in 2017, the 49ers special teams unit has connected on 104 FGs, the most FGM in the NFL over that timespan (2017-20).

MOST FGM IN THE NFL, 2017-2020

	Team	FGM
1.	**San Francisco 49ers**	**104**
2.	Kansas City Chiefs	101
3.	Los Angeles Rams	100
4.	Baltimore Ravens	98
5t.	Two Teams	93

GOULDEN BOOT

SPLIT THE UPRIGHTS

Gould finished the 2018 season ranked 1st in FG percentage (97.1%) and t-3rd in FGM (33). His 97.1 made FG percentage (minimum 16 FGAs) was the highest in a single season since Bal. K Justin Tucker in 2016 (97.4%) and the 3rd-highest since 2000 [Mike Vanderjagt, Ind. – 100.0% (2003) & Jeff Wilkins, StL – 100.0% (2000)]. He was 1 of 2 kickers (Justin Tucker, Bal.) with at least 30 FGM in 2017-18.

HIGHEST MADE FG % IN THE NFL WITH 30-OR-MORE FGAS, 2018

	Player	FGM	FGA	FG %
1.	**Robbie Gould, SF**	**33**	**34**	**97.1**
2.	Aldrick Rosas, NYG	32	33	97.0
3.	Wil Lutz, NO	28	30	93.3
4.	Jason Myers, NYJ	33	36	91.7
5.	Justin Tucker, Bal.	35	39	89.7

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

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

QUICK HITS

- Gould Ranks t-3rd in NFL history in FG pct. (71.4%) on FGAs of 50-or-more yds. (min. 20 FGM).
- Is 1 of 20 kickers in NFL history with at least 350 FGM.
- His 89.8% made FG pct. is the highest in 49ers history (min. 100 atts.).
- Ranks as the Chicago 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.).



ROBBIE GOULD

HISTORIC LEG

Among those with 100-or-more career made FGs, Gould ranks t-6th in made FG percentage at 86.8%.

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

	Player	Pct.
1.	Justin Tucker	90.8
2.	Josh Lambo	88.7
3.	Wil Lutz	87.7
4.	Dan Bailey	87.4
5.	Chris Boswell	87.0
6t.	**Robbie Gould**	**86.8**
	Two Players	86.8

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Gould has connected on 2 of 2 FGAs (100.0%) and 2 of his 2 PATs in 2020.

UNDER PRESSURE

Throughout his 15-year career, and including the postseason, Gould has connected on 16 game-winning FGs (losing by 2-or-less points or tied in the 4th Qtr. or tied in OT), with 5 as a member of the 49ers.

GOULD'S CAREER GAME-WINNING FGS

Date	Opp.	Final Score	4th Qtr./OT	Time Remaining
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

LYNCH'S IMPACT

One of the most respected players to ever play the game of football, and a seven-time finalist for the Pro Football Hall of Fame, John Lynch is in his fourth season as the team's General Manager following a 15-year playing career and more than eight seasons as an NFL analyst. In August of 2020, Lynch signed a multi-year contract extension with the 49ers.



Since coming to San Francisco, Lynch has been vigilant in seeking and acquiring the players that embody the team's culture on the field and in the community. While working hand-in-hand with head coach Kyle Shanahan and the coaching staff, Lynch and his personnel staff continue to add players through all available avenues. Following a 13-3 regular season record and a trip to Super Bowl LIV, Lynch was named the 2019 Executive of the Year by the Pro Football Writers of America.

San Francisco started the 2020 offseason by re-signing two key pieces of their defense, DL Arik Armstead and DB Jimmie Ward. Lynch and his staff then addressed the departures of key veterans, with the selection of first-round draft choices, DT Javon Kinlaw and WR Brandon Aiyuk, and the acquisition of All-Pro and seven-time Pro Bowl selection, T Trent Williams, in a draft-day trade with Washington. He also extended All-Pro TE George Kittle, signing the 49ers TE to a five-year contract extension through the 2025 season.

Lynch joined the 49ers in February of 2017 after serving as a color analyst for FOX Sports from 2009-16. In his final season of 2016 with FOX, he manned the number two broadcast crew alongside play-by-play announcer Kevin Burkhardt.

Prior to his time at FOX, Lynch constructed one of the all-time great NFL careers while with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1993-2003) and the Denver Broncos (2004-07). A four-time All-Pro and nine-time Pro Bowl selection, he played in 224 games (191 starts) and registered 1,277 tackles, 13.0 sacks, 26 interceptions, 16 forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries and 100 passes defensed. Lynch also started all 12 playoff games in which he appeared and tallied 71 tackles, two interceptions and 12 passes defensed. He was a Buccaneers team captain as the squad achieved the crown jewel of team sports, a victory in Super Bowl XXXVII, and has been inducted into the Ring of Honor in both Tampa Bay and Denver.



Lynch attended Stanford University where he excelled in both football and baseball. On the football field, he earned Second-Team All-American and First-Team All-Pac-10 Conference honors as a senior, while playing for Hall of Fame head coach Bill Walsh. Lynch was later selected in the third round (82nd overall) of the 1993 NFL Draft by Tampa Bay. Following his career on the diamond for the Cardinal, he was selected in the second round (66th overall) of the 1992 Major League Baseball Draft by the Florida Marlins.

In addition to his stellar play on the field, Lynch is also a pillar of the community. He and his wife, Linda, formed the John Lynch Foundation, which is committed to inspiring young people to become leaders through scholarship, sport participation and community involvement. The Foundation is committed to developing leaders by encouraging dreams, providing programs that assist and motivate, and recognizing achievement and excellence.

Lynch was the recipient of the 2006 Bart Starr Award, which is voted upon by players throughout the NFL and recognizes a player who shows outstanding character and leadership in the home, on the field and in the community. He was also presented with The Byron "Whizzer" White Award, which is given annually to the NFL player who serves his team, community and country in the spirit of Bryon Raymond White. In 2019, Lynch received the prestigious Wender Weis Change Maker Award, which is given annually to a current or former professional athlete who has used their sports platform to improve the lives of underserved youth. Additionally, Lynch was the 2019 recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award from the Positive Coaching Alliance and the Ireland Funds 2020 Distinguished Leadership Award recipient.

John and his wife, Linda, have four children – Jake, Lindsay, Lilly and Leah.

LYNCH'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- In 2019, Lynch was named Executive of the Year by the Pro Football Writers of America.
- Lynch is a member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Ring of Honor (2016) and the Denver Broncos Ring of Fame (2016).
- One of seven players in NFL history to make at least four Pro Bowls with multiple teams (Tampa Bay – 5; Denver – 4).
- His nine Pro Bowl selections rank second in NFL history among safeties, behind Pro Football Hall of Fame S Ken Houston (10).
- A four-time AP All-Pro selection (1999-2002), Lynch also won Super Bowl XXXVII as a member of the Buccaneers.
- Attended Stanford University (1989-92) where he played both football and baseball. He earned Second-Team All-American and First-Team All-Pac-10 Conference honors as a senior while playing for Hall of Famer and former 49ers head coach Bill Walsh.
- Selected in the second round (66th overall) of the 1992 Major League Baseball Draft by the Florida Marlins.
- In August of 2000, he and his wife, Linda, formed the "John Lynch Foundation" to provide "encouragement and positive alternatives for young people."
- In 2019, Lynch received the prestigious Wender Weis Change Maker Award, which is given annually to a current or former professional athlete who has used their sports platform to improve the lives of underserved youth.



JOHN LYNCH'S ACCOLADES

GENERAL MANAGER

19TH NFL SEASON (15 PLAYING/4 FRONT OFFICE) × 4TH WITH 49ERS

A CASE FOR CANTON

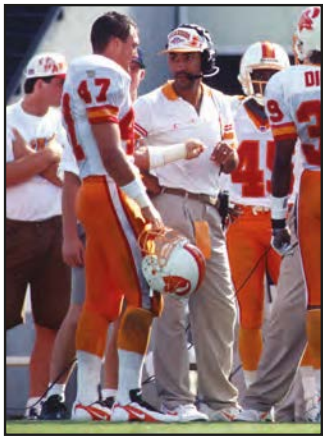
In each of the past seven seasons, semifinalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame have been trimmed to 15 finalists, with John Lynch being one of those 15 finalists all seven years.

7X PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME FINALIST (2014-20)

HIGH PRAISE

"I am very excited for John and the opportunity he has with the San Francisco 49ers. He has all the traits you would want in a person to lead your football team. He knows the game and knows what it takes to win. John was instrumental in the turnaround of our Bucs team and he has a vision of how to do that with the 49ers. He's a great communicator and will be able to get his vision across to everyone in the organization. I have no doubt he will do an outstanding job."

- Pro Football Hall of Famer Tony Dungy



EVERYWHERE HE GOES

Throughout each of John Lynch's stops in the NFL, success seems to follow him. In 2016, Lynch was inducted into the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Ring of Honor, having spent 11 seasons with the team (1993-2003) after being selected in the third round (82nd overall) of the 1993 NFL Draft. He was also enshrined into the Denver Broncos Ring of Fame after playing four seasons (2004-07), becoming one of just a few individuals to receive such an honor from multiple teams.









PRO-BOWL CREDENTIALS

In 15 NFL seasons, Lynch earned nine trips to the Pro Bowl, tied for the second-most in NFL history among safeties.

9 Pro Bowl Selections



MOST PRO BOWL SELECTIONS AT SAFETY IN NFL HISTORY

Rank	Player	Pro Bowls	Years
1.	Ken Houston	10	1971-80
2t.	**John Lynch**	**9**	**1998, 2000-02, 2005-08**
	Ed Reed	9	2004-05, 2007-13
4t.	Steve Atwater	8	1991-97, 1999
	Troy Polamalu	8	2005-09, 2011-12, 2014

4X ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-PRO SELECTION

1999 FIRST-TEAM **2000** FIRST-TEAM

2001 SECOND-TEAM **2002** SECOND-TEAM

OTHER NOTEABLE AWARDS & HONORS

1996
- *NFC Defensive Player of the Week (Week 13)*

1999
- *Football Digest All-Pro*
- *Pro Football Weekly All-Pro*
- *Sports Illustrated All-Pro*
- *The Sporting News All-Pro*
- *USA Today All-Pro*

2000
- *NFL Defensive Back of the Year (NFL Alumni)*
- *NFLPA's Unsung Hero Award*
- *College and Pro Football Newsweekly All-Pro*
- *Football Digest All-Pro*
- *Pro Football Weekly All-Pro*
- *Sports Illustrated All-Pro*
- *The Sporting News All-Pro*

2001
- *NFL Insider's All-Interview Team*
- *Ed Block Courage Award*
- *College and Pro Football Newsweekly All-Pro*
- *Pro Football Weekly All-Pro*

2002
- *Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award Finalist*
- *Football Digest Second-Team All-Pro*
- *Leadership Excellence Award from Don Shula*
- *Tampa Tribune's People's Champion Award (along with wife, Linda)*
- *Florida Sports Hometown Heroes Award*
- *Irish America Magazine Top-100 Most Influential Irish Americans*

2003
- *Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award Finalist*
- *The Sporting News 100 Best Players List*
- *NFL.com All-Interview Team*

2005
- *Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award Finalist*
- *AFC Defensive Player of the Week (Week 17)*

2006
- *NFL Bart Starr Award*
- *Byron "Whizzer" White Award*
- *Wooden Cup Award*

2007
- *Darrent Williams Good Guy Award*

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS COACHING STAFF



Kyle Shanahan
Head Coach



Richard Hightower
Special Teams Coordinator



Mike LaFleur
Passing Game Coordinator



Mike McDaniel
Run Game Coordinator



Robert Saleh
Defensive Coordinator



Jon Embree
Asst. Head Coach/Tight Ends



John Benton
Offensive Line



Daniel Bullocks
Safeties



Michael Clay
Assistant Special Teams



Shane Day
Quarterbacks



Brian Fleury
Offensive Quality Control



Chris Foerster
Assistant Offensive Line



Johnny Holland
Run Game Specialist/
Outside Linebackers



Kris Kocurek
Defensive Line



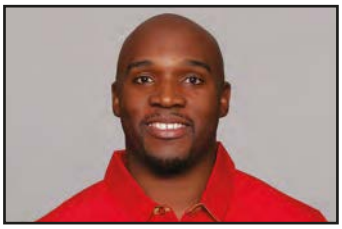
Stan Kwan
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Tony Oden
Defensive Backs/Cornerbacks



Mike Rutenberg
Passing Game Specialist



DeMeco Ryans
Inside Linebackers



Bobby Slowik
Offensive Assistant



Katie Sowers
Offensive Assistant



Robert Turner Jr.
Running Backs



Wes Welker
Wide Receivers



Aaron Whitecotton
Assistant Defensive Line



Zach Yenser
Assistant Offensive Line

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS UNOFFICIAL DEPTH CHART

Compiled by the 49ers Football Communications staff

AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

OFFENSE							
WR	18	Dante Pettis		15	Trent Taylor	11	Brandon Aiyuk
LT	71	Trent Williams		67	Justin Skule		
LG	75	Laken Tomlinson		68	Colton McKivitz		
C	63	Ben Garland					
RG	60	Daniel Brunskill	–OR–	66	Tom Compton		
RT	69	Mike McGlinchey					
TE	85	George Kittle		81	Jordan Reed	82	Ross Dwelley
						89	Charlie Woerner
WR	84	Kendrick Bourne		13	Richie James		
RB	31	Raheem Mostert		26	Tevin Coleman	28	Jerick McKinnon
						30	Jeff Wilson Jr.
FB	44	Kyle Juszczyk					
QB	10	Jimmy Garoppolo		4	Nick Mullens	3	C.J. Beathard
DEFENSE							
LDE	91	Arik Armstead		55	Dee Ford		
LDT	94	Solomon Thomas		99	Javon Kinlaw		
RDT	93	D.J. Jones		95	Kentavius Street	90	Kevin Givens
RDE	97	Nick Bosa		92	Kerry Hyder Jr.		
SAM	57	Dre Greenlaw		53	Mark Nzeocha		
MIKE	54	Fred Warner		51	Azeez Al–Shaair		
WILL	56	Kwon Alexander		45	Demetrius Flannigan–Fowles		
LCB	25	Richard Sherman		22	Jason Verrett		
RCB	41	Emmanuel Moseley	–OR–	23	Ahkello Witherspoon		
NB	24	K'Waun Williams					
FS	20	Jimmie Ward		33	Tarvarius Moore		
SS	29	Jaquiski Tartt		36	Marcell Harris		
SPECIAL TEAMS							
P	6	Mitch Wishnowsky					
K	9	Robbie Gould					
H	6	Mitch Wishnowsky					
PR	13	Richie James		15	Trent Taylor		
				18	Dante Pettis		
KOR	13	Richie James		28	Jerick McKinnon		
LS	86	Kyle Nelson					

Injured Reserve List – WR Tavon Austin, WR Jalen Hurd, WR Deebo Samuel & WR Chris Thompson
Reserve/PUP List – DL Ronald Blair III, C Weston Richburg & DL Jullian Taylor
Reserve/Opt–Out List – WR Travis Benjamin, OL Jake Brendel & T Shon Coleman

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Brandon Aiyuk	EYE–yook
Azeez Al–Shaair	uh–ZEEZ, all–SHY–urr
Kwon Alexander	KWAUGHN
Tavon Austin	TAY–von
C.J. Beathard	BETH–urd
Kendrick Bourne	BORN
Tevin Coleman	TEV–en
Robbie Gould	GOLD
Jalen Hurd	JAY–len
Kyle Juszczyk	YOOZ–check
Javon Kinlaw	juh–VONN
Tarvarius Moore	tarr–VEAR–ee–us
Raheem Mostert	MOZE–tert
Mark Nzeocha	neh–ZAH–chuh
Justin Skule	SKOOL
Kentavius Street	ken–TAY–vee–us
Jaquiski Tartt	juh–KWAH–skee
K'Waun Williams	KAY–wahn
Mitch Wishnowsky	wish–NOW–ski
Ahkello Witherspoon	uh–KELL–oh
Charlie Woerner	WER–ner

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2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS NUMERICAL ROSTER

AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	Age	EXP	COLLEGE	ACQUIRED
3	C.J. Beathard	QB	6–2	215	26	4	Iowa	D–3B in '17
4	Nick Mullens	QB	6–1	210	25	3	Southern Mississippi	FA in '17
6	Mitch Wishnowsky	P	6–2	220	28	2	Utah	D–4 in '19
9	Robbie Gould	K	6–0	190	37	16	Penn State	FA in '17
10	Jimmy Garoppolo	QB	6–2	225	28	7	Eastern Illinois	TR in '17 (NE)
11	Brandon Aiyuk	WR	6–0	200	22	R	Arizona State	D–2B in '20
13	Richie James	WR	5–9	185	25	3	Middle Tennessee State	D–7B in '18
15	Trent Taylor	WR	5–8	180	26	4	Louisiana Tech	D–5B in '17
18	Dante Pettis	WR	6–1	195	24	3	Washington	D–2 in '18
20	Jimmie Ward	DB	5–11	195	29	7	Northern Illinois	D–1 in '14
22	Jason Verrett	CB	5–10	188	29	7	Texas Christian	FA in '19
23	Ahkello Witherspoon	CB	6–3	195	25	4	Colorado	D–3A in '17
24	K'Waun Williams	CB	5–9	185	29	6	Pittsburgh	FA in '17
25	Richard Sherman	CB	6–3	205	32	10	Stanford	FA in '18
26	Tevin Coleman	RB	6–1	210	27	6	Indiana	FA in '19
28	Jerick McKinnon	RB	5–9	205	28	7	Georgia Southern	FA in '18
29	Jaquiski Tartt	S	6–1	215	28	6	Samford	D–2 in '15
30	Jeff Wilson Jr.	RB	6–0	213	24	3	North Texas	FA in '18
31	Raheem Mostert	RB	5–10	205	28	6	Purdue	FA in '16
33	Tarvarius Moore	DB	6–2	200	24	3	Southern Mississippi	D–3B in '18
36	Marcell Harris	S	6–0	215	26	3	Florida	D–6 in '18
41	Emmanuel Moseley	CB	5–11	190	24	3	Tennessee	FA in '18
44	Kyle Juszczyk	FB	6–1	235	29	8	Harvard	FA in '17
45	Demetrius Flannigan–Fowles	LB	6–2	210	24	1	Arizona	FA in '19
51	Azeez Al–Shaair	LB	6–2	228	23	2	Florida Atlantic	FA in '19
53	Mark Nzeocha	LB	6–3	235	30	6	Wyoming	FA in '17
54	Fred Warner	LB	6–3	230	23	3	Brigham Young	D–3A in '18
55	Dee Ford	DL	6–2	252	29	7	Auburn	TR in '19 (KC)
56	Kwon Alexander	LB	6–1	227	26	6	Louisiana State	FA in '19
57	Dre Greenlaw	LB	6–0	230	23	2	Arkansas	D–5 in '19
60	Daniel Brunskill	OL	6–5	300	26	2	San Diego State	FA in '19
63	Ben Garland	OL	6–5	304	32	7	Air Force	FA in '19
66	Tom Compton	OL	6–6	315	30	8	South Dakota	FA in '20
67	Justin Skule	OL	6–6	315	23	2	Vanderbilt	D–6B in '19
68	Colton McKivitz	OL	6–6	301	24	R	West Virginia	D–5 in '20
69	Mike McGlinchey	T	6–8	310	25	3	Notre Dame	D–1 in '18
71	Trent Williams	T	6–5	320	32	11	Oklahoma	TR in '20 (Was.)
75	Laken Tomlinson	OL	6–3	315	28	6	Duke	TR in '17 (Det.)
81	Jordan Reed	TE	6–2	242	30	8	Florida	FA in '20
82	Ross Dwelley	TE	6–5	235	25	3	San Diego	FA in '18
84	Kendrick Bourne	WR	6–1	190	25	4	Eastern Washington	FA in '17
85	George Kittle	TE	6–4	250	26	4	Iowa	D–5A in '17
86	Kyle Nelson	LS	6–2	240	33	9	New Mexico State	FA in '14
89	Charlie Woerner	TE	6–5	241	22	R	Georgia	D–6 in '20
90	Kevin Givens	DL	6–1	285	23	1	Penn State	FA in '19
91	Arik Armstead	DL	6–7	290	26	6	Oregon	D–1 in '15
92	Kerry Hyder Jr.	DL	6–2	275	29	5	Texas Tech	FA in '20
93	D.J. Jones	DL	6–0	305	25	4	Mississippi	D–6A in '17
94	Solomon Thomas	DL	6–3	280	25	4	Stanford	D–1A in '17
95	Kentavius Street	DL	6–2	287	24	2	North Carolina State	D–4 in '18
97	Nick Bosa	DL	6–4	266	22	2	Ohio State	D–1 in '19
99	Javon Kinlaw	DT	6–5	319	22	R	South Carolina	D–1A in '20
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List								
58	Weston Richburg	C	6–4	295	29	7	Colorado State	FA in '18
77	Jullian Taylor	DL	6–5	305	25	3	Temple	D–7A in '18
98	Ronald Blair III	DL	6–4	270	27	5	Appalachian State	D–5A in '16
Injured Reserve List								
2	Chris Thompson	WR	6–0	175	26	2	Florida	FA in '19
5	Tavon Austin	WR	5–8	185	30	8	West Virginia	FA in '20
14	Jalen Hurd	WR	6–5	230	24	2	Baylor	D–3 in '19
19	Deebo Samuel	WR	6–0	215	24	2	South Carolina	D–2 in '19
Practice Squad								
14	River Cracraft	WR	6–0	198	25	2	Washington State	FA in '20
17	Jauan Jennings	WR	6–3	212	23	R	Tennessee	D–7 in '20
27	Dontae Johnson	CB	6–2	200	28	7	North Carolina State	FA in '19
32	Johnathan Cyprien	S	6–1	211	30	8	Florida International	FA in '20
35	Tim Harris Jr.	CB	6–1	205	25	2	Virginia	D–6C in '19
38	JaMycal Hasty	RB	5–8	205	24	R	Baylor	FA in '20
40	Josh Hokit	FB	6–1	225	22	R	Fresno State	FA in '20
43	Jared Mayden	S	6–0	205	22	R	Alabama	FA in '20
50	Hroniss Grasu	OL	6–3	301	29	6	Oregon	FA in '20
59	Joe Walker	LB	6–2	236	27	5	Oregon	FA in '20
61	Dakoda Shepley	OL	6–5	290	25	1	British Columbia	FA in '20
62	William Sweet	OL	6–6	313	23	2	North Carolina	FA in '20
65	Darrion Daniels	DL	6–3	311	22	R	Nebraska	FA in '20
83	Chase Harrell	TE	6–4	249	24	R	Arkansas	FA in '20
88	Kevin White	WR	6–3	216	28	5	West Virginia	FA in '20
96	Dion Jordan	DL	6–6	275	30	6	Oregon	FA in '20
Reserve/Opt–Out List								
17	Travis Benjamin	WR	5–10	175	30	9	Miami	FA in '20
64	Jake Brendel	OL	6–4	299	28	4	UCLA	FA in '20
78	Shon Coleman	T	6–5	310	28	5	Auburn	TR in '18 (Cle.)

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	Birthdate	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
11	Aiyuk, Brandon	WR	6–0	200	3–17–98	R	Arizona State	Reno, NV
51	Al–Shaair, Azeez	LB	6–2	228	8–4–97	2	Florida Atlantic	Tampa, FL
56	Alexander, Kwon	LB	6–1	227	8–3–94	6	Louisiana State	Oxford, AL
91	Armstead, Arik	DL	6–7	290	11–15–93	6	Oregon	Elk Grove, CA
3	Beathard, C.J.	QB	6–2	215	11–16–93	4	Iowa	Franklin, TN
97	Bosa, Nick	DL	6–4	266	10–23–97	2	Ohio State	Fort Lauderdale, FL
84	Bourne, Kendrick	WR	6–1	190	8–4–95	4	Eastern Washington	Portland, OR
60	Brunskill, Daniel	OL	6–5	300	1–27–94	2	San Diego State	Valley Center, CA
26	Coleman, Tevin	RB	6–1	210	4–16–93	6	Indiana	Oak Forest, IL
66	Compton, Tom	OL	6–6	315	5–10–89	8	South Dakota	Rosemount, MN,
82	Dwelley, Ross	TE	6–5	235	1–26–95	3	San Diego	El Dorado Hills, CA
45	Flannigan–Fowles, Demetrius	LB	6–2	210	9–4–96	1	Arizona	Tucson, AZ
55	Ford, Dee	DL	6–2	252	3–19–91	7	Auburn	Odenville, AL
63	Garland, Ben	OL	6–5	304	4–6–88	7	Air Force	Grand Junction, CO
10	Garoppolo, Jimmy	QB	6–2	225	11–2–91	7	Eastern Illinois	Arlington Heights, IL
90	Givens, Kevin	DL	6–1	285	3–1–97	1	Penn State	Newark, NJ
9	Gould, Robbie	K	6–0	190	12–6–82	16	Penn State	Jersey Shore, PA
57	Greenlaw, Dre	LB	6–0	230	5–25–97	2	Arkansas	Fayetteville, AR
36	Harris, Marcell	S	6–0	215	6–9–94	3	Florida	Orlando, FL
92	Hyder Jr., Kerry	DL	6–2	275	5–2–91	5	Texas Tech	Austin, TX
13	James, Richie	WR	5–9	185	9–5–95	3	Middle Tennessee State	Sarasota, FL
93	Jones, D.J.	DL	6–0	305	1–19–95	4	Mississippi	Piedmont, SC
44	Juszczyk, Kyle	FB	6–1	235	4–23–91	8	Harvard	Lodi, OH
99	Kinlaw, Javon	DT	6–5	319	10–3–97	R	South Carolina	Charleston, SC
85	Kittle, George	TE	6–4	250	10–9–93	4	Iowa	Norman, OK
69	McGlinchey, Mike	T	6–8	310	1–12–95	3	Notre Dame	Philadelphia, PA
28	McKinnon, Jerick	RB	5–9	205	5–3–92	7	Georgia Southern	Marietta, GA
68	McKivitz, Colton	OL	6–6	301	8–9–96	R	West Virginia	Jacobsburg, OH
33	Moore, Tarvarius	DB	6–2	200	8–16–96	3	Southern Mississippi	Quitman, MS
41	Moseley, Emmanuel	CB	5–11	190	3–25–96	3	Tennessee	Greensboro, NC
31	Mostert, Raheem	RB	5–10	205	4–9–92	6	Purdue	New Smyrna Beach, FL
4	Mullens, Nick	QB	6–1	210	3–21–95	3	Southern MIssissippi	Birmingham, AL
86	Nelson, Kyle	LS	6–2	240	10–3–86	9	New Mexico State	China Springs, TX
53	Nzeocha, Mark	LB	6–3	235	1–19–90	6	Wyoming	Bavaria, Germany
18	Pettis, Dante	WR	6–1	195	10–23–95	3	Washington	San Clemente, CA
81	Reed, Jordan	TE	6–2	242	7–3–90	8	Florida	New London, CT
25	Sherman, Richard	CB	6–3	205	3–30–88	10	Stanford	Compton, CA
67	Skule, Justin	OL	6–6	315	11–23–96	2	Vanderbilt	Clifton, VA
95	Street, Kentavius	DL	6–2	287	5–8–96	2	North Carolina State	Greenville, NC
29	Tartt, Jaquiski	S	6–1	215	2–18–92	6	Samford	Mobile, AL
15	Taylor, Trent	WR	5–8	180	4–30–94	4	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, LA
94	Thomas, Solomon	DL	6–3	280	8–26–95	4	Stanford	Coppell, TX
75	Tomlinson, Laken	OL	6–3	315	2–9–92	6	Duke	Chicago, IL
22	Verrett, Jason	CB	5–10	188	6–18–91	7	Texas Christian	Fairfield, CA
20	Ward, Jimmie	DB	5–11	195	7–18–91	7	Northern Illinois	Mobile, AL
54	Warner, Fred	LB	6–3	230	11–19–96	3	Brigham Young	San Marcos, CA
24	Williams, K'Waun	CB	5–9	185	7–12–91	6	Pittsburgh	Montvale, NJ
71	Williams, Trent	T	6–5	320	7–19–88	11	Oklahoma	Longview, TX
30	Wilson Jr., Jeff	RB	6–0	213	11–16–95	3	North Texas	Elkhart, TX
6	Wishnowsky, Mitch	P	6–2	220	3–3–92	2	Utah	Perth, Australia
23	Witherspoon, Ahkello	CB	6–3	195	3–21–95	4	Colorado	Sacramento, CA
89	Woerner, Charlie	TE	6–5	241	10–16–97	R	Georgia	Tiger, GA
	Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List							
98	Blair III, Ronald	DL	6–4	270	1–21–93	5	Appalachian State	Greensboro, GA
58	Richburg, Weston	C	6–4	295	7–9–91	7	Colorado State	Bushland, TX
77	Taylor, Jullian	DL	6–5	305	1–30–95	3	Temple	Williamstown, NJ
	Injured Reserve List							
5	Austin, Tavon	WR	5–8	185	3–15–90	8	West Virginia	Baltimore, MD
14	Hurd, Jalen	WR	6–5	230	1–23–96	2	Baylor	Hendersonville, TN
19	Samuel, Deebo	WR	6–0	215	1–15–96	2	South Carolina	Inman, SC
2	Thompson, Chris	WR	6–0	175	5–9–94	2	Florida	Gainesville, FL
	Practice Squad							
14	Cracraft, River	WR	6–0	198	11–1–94	2	Washington State	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
32	Cyprien, Johnathan	S	6–1	211	7–29–90	8	Florida International	North Miami Beach, FL
65	Daniels, Darrion	DL	6–3	311	12–4–97	R	Nebraska	Dallas, TX
50	Grasu, Hroniss	OL	6–3	301	8–12–91	6	Oregon	Encino, CA
83	Harrell, Chase	TE	6–4	249	5–16–96	R	Arkansas	Huffman, TX
35	Harris Jr., Tim	CB	6–1	205	7–31–95	2	Virginia	Richmond, VA
38	Hasty, JaMycal	RB	5–8	205	9–12–96	R	Baylor	Longview, TX
40	Hokit, Josh	FB	6–1	225	11–12–97	R	Fresno State	Clovis, CA
17	Jennings, Jauan	WR	6–3	212	7–10–97	R	Tennessee	Murfreesboro, TN
27	Johnson, Dontae	CB	6–2	200	12–1–91	7	North Carolina State	Pennington, NJ
96	Jordan, Dion	DL	6–6	275	3–5–90	6	Oregon	Chandler, AZ
43	Mayden, Jared	S	6–0	205	6–24–98	R	Alabama	Sachse, TX
61	Shepley, Dakoda	OL	6–5	290	12–27–94	1	British Columbia	Windsor, ON
62	Sweet, William	OL	6–6	313	4–29–97	2	North Carolina	Jacksonville, FL
59	Walker, Joe	LB	6–2	236	12–11–92	5	Oregon	Palos Verdes Estates, CA
88	White, Kevin	WR	6–3	216	6–25–92	5	West Virginia	Emmaus, PA
	Reserve/Opt–Out List							
17	Benjamin, Travis	WR	5–10	175	12–29–89	9	Miami	Belle Glade, FL
64	Brendel, Jake	OL	6–4	299	9–10–92	4	UCLA	Plano, TX
78	Coleman, Shon	T	6–5	310	11–25–91	5	Auburn	Olive Branch, MS

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS POSITIONAL ROSTER

AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	DOB	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
Quarterbacks (3)									
3	Beathard, C.J.	QB	6–2	215	11–16–93	4	Iowa	Franklin, TN	D–3B in '17
4	Mullens, Nick	QB	6–1	210	3–21–95	3	Southern MIssissippi	Birmingham, AL	FA in '17
10	Garoppolo, Jimmy	QB	6–2	225	11–2–91	7	Eastern Illinois	Arlington Heights, IL	TR in '17 (NE)
Running Backs/Fullbacks (5)									
26	Coleman, Tevin	RB	6–1	210	4–16–93	6	Indiana	Oak Forest, IL	FA in '19
28	McKinnon, Jerick	RB	5–9	205	5–3–92	7	Georgia Southern	Marietta, GA	FA in '18
30	Wilson Jr., Jeff	RB	6–0	213	11–16–95	3	North Texas	Elkhart, TX	FA in '18
31	Mostert, Raheem	RB	5–10	205	4–9–92	6	Purdue	New Smyrna Beach, FL	FA in '16
44	Juszczyk, Kyle	FB	6–1	235	4–23–91	8	Harvard	Lodi, OH	FA in '17
Wide Receivers (5)									
11	Aiyuk, Brandon	WR	6–0	200	3–17–98	R	Arizona State	Reno, NV	D–1B in '20
13	James, Richie	WR	5–9	185	9–5–95	3	Middle Tennessee State	Sarasota, FL	D–7B in '18
15	Taylor, Trent	WR	5–8	180	4–23–94	4	Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, LA	D–5B in '17
18	Pettis, Dante	WR	6–1	195	10–23–95	3	Washington	San Clemente, CA	D–2 in '18
84	Bourne, Kendrick	WR	6–1	190	8–4–95	4	Eastern Washington	Portland, OR	FA in '17
Tight Ends (4)									
81	Reed, Jordan	TE	6–2	242	7–3–90	8	Florida	New London, CT	FA in '20
82	Dwelley, Ross	TE	6–5	235	1–26–95	3	San Diego	El Dorado Hills, CA	FA in '18
85	Kittle, George	TE	6–4	250	10–9–93	4	Iowa	Norman, OK	D–5A in '17
89	Woerner, Charlie	TE	6–5	241	10–16–97	R	Georgia	Tiger, GA	D–6 in '20
Offensive Line (8)									
60	Brunskill, Daniel	OL	6–5	300	1–27–94	2	San Diego State	Valley Center, CA	FA in '19
63	Garland, Ben	OL	6–5	304	4–6–88	7	Air Force	Grand Junction, CO	FA in '19
66	Compton, Tom	OL	6–6	315	5–10–89	8	South Dakota	Rosemount, MN,	FA in '20
67	Skule, Justin	OL	6–6	315	11–23–96	2	Vanderbilt	Clifton, VA	D–6B in '19
68	McKivitz, Colton	OL	6–6	301	8–9–96	R	West Virginia	Jacobsburg, OH	D–5 in '20
69	McGlinchey, Mike	T	6–8	310	1–12–95	3	Notre Dame	Philadelphia, PA	D–1 in '18
71	Williams, Trent	T	6–5	320	7–19–88	11	Oklahoma	Longview, TX	TR in '20 (Was.)
75	Tomlinson, Laken	OL	6–3	315	2–9–92	6	Duke	Chicago, IL	TR in '17 (Det.)
Specialists (3)									
6	Wishnowsky, Mitch	P	6–2	220	3–3–92	2	Utah	Perth, Australia	D–4 in '19
9	Gould, Robbie	K	6–0	190	12–6–82	16	Penn State	Jersey Shore, PA	FA in '17
86	Nelson, Kyle	LS	6–2	240	10–3–86	9	New Mexico State	Norman, OK	FA in '14
Defensive Line (9)									
55	Ford, Dee	DL	6–2	252	3–19–91	7	Auburn	Odenville, AL	TR in '19 (KC)
90	Givens, Kevin	DL	6–1	285	3–1–97	1	Penn State	Newark, NJ	FA in '19
91	Armstead, Arik	DL	6–7	290	11–15–93	6	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 '20
93	Jones, D.J.	DL	6–0	305	1–19–95	4	Mississippi	Piedmont, SC	D–6A in '17
94	Thomas, Solomon	DL	6–3	280	8–26–95	4	Stanford	Coppell, TX	D–1A in '17
95	Street, Kentavius	DL	6–2	287	5–8–96	2	North Carolina State	Greenville, NC	D–4 in '18
97	Bosa, Nick	DL	6–4	266	10–23–97	2	Ohio State	Fort Lauderdale, FL	D–1 in '19
99	Kinlaw, Javon	DT	6–5	319	10–3–97	R	South Carolina	Charleston, SC	D–1A in '20
Linebackers (6)									
45	Flannigan–Fowles, Demetrius	LB	6–2	210	9–4–96	1	Arizona	Tucson, AZ	FA in '19
51	Al–Shaair, Azeez	LB	6–2	228	8–4–97	2	Florida Atlantic	Tampa, FL	FA in '19
53	Nzeocha, Mark	LB	6–3	235	1–19–90	6	Wyoming	Bavaria, Germany	FA in '17
54	Warner, Fred	LB	6–3	230	11–19–96	3	Brigham Young	San Marcos, CA	D–3A in '18
56	Alexander, Kwon	LB	6–1	227	8–3–94	6	Louisiana State	Oxford, AL	FA in '19
57	Greenlaw, Dre	LB	6–0	230	5–25–97	2	Arkansas	Fayetteville, AR	D–5 in '19
Defensive Backs (9)									
20	Ward, Jimmie	DB	5–11	195	7–18–91	7	Northern Illinois	Mobile, AL	D–1 in '14
22	Verrett, Jason	CB	5–10	188	6–18–91	7	Texas Christian	Fairfield, CA	FA in '19
23	Witherspoon, Ahkello	CB	6–3	195	3–21–95	4	Colorado	Sacramento, CA	D–3A in '17
24	Williams, K'Waun	CB	5–9	185	7–12–91	6	Pittsburgh	Montvale, NJ	FA in '17
25	Sherman, Richard	CB	6–3	205	3–30–88	10	Stanford	Compton, CA	FA in '18
29	Tartt, Jaquiski	S	6–1	215	2–18–92	6	Samford	Mobile, AL	D–2 in '15
33	Moore, Tarvarius	DB	6–2	200	8–16–96	3	Southern Mississippi	Quitman, MS	D–3B in '18
36	Harris, Marcell	S	6–0	215	6–9–94	3	Florida	Orlando, FL	D–6 in '18
41	Moseley, Emmanuel	CB	5–11	190	3–25–96	3	Tennessee	Greensboro, NC	FA in '18
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List (3)									
58	Richburg, Weston	C	6–4	295	7–9–91	7	Colorado State	Bushland, TX	FA in '18
77	Taylor, Jullian	DL	6–5	305	1–30–95	3	Temple	Williamstown, NJ	D–7A in '18
98	Blair III, Ronald	DL	6–4	270	1–21–93	5	Appalachian State	Greensboro, GA	D–5A in '16
Injured Reserve List (4)									
2	Thompson, Chris	WR	6–0	175	5–9–94	2	Florida	Gainesville, FL	FA in '19
5	Austin, Tavon	WR	5–8	185	3–15–90	8	West Virginia	Baltimore, MD	FA in '20
14	Hurd, Jalen	WR	6–5	230	1–23–96	2	Baylor	Hendersonville, TX	D–3 in '19
19	Samuel, Deebo	WR	6–0	215	1–15–96	2	South Carolina	Inman, SC	D–2 in '19
Reserve/Opt–Out List (3)									
17	Benjamin, Travis	WR	5–10	175	12–29–89	9	Miami	Belle Glade, FL	FA in '20
64	Brendel, Jake	OL	6–4	299	9–10–92	4	UCLA	Plano, TX	FA in '20
78	Coleman, Shon	T	6–5	310	11–25–91	5	Auburn	Olive Branch, MS	TR in '18 (Cle.)

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS ROSTER BREAKDOWN

ROSTER BY EXPERIENCE

PLAYER	EXP	GP/GS	W/SF
Gould, Robbie	16	222/0	46/0
Williams, Trent	11	121/120	1/1
Sherman, Richard	10	135/129	30/30
Nelson, Kyle	9	104/0	87/0
Benjamin, Travis^	9	101/37	0/0
Compton, Tom	8	100/34	1/0
Juszczyk, Kyle	8	107/69	43/37
Reed, Jordan	8	66/35	1/0
Austin, Tavon*	8	96/50	0/0
Ford, Dee	7	79/43	12/2
Garland, Ben	7	63/10	9/3
Garoppolo, Jimmy	7	43/27	26/25
McKinnon, Jerick	7	59/14	1/0
Verrett, Jason	7	26/22	1/0
Ward, Jimmie	7	65/45	65/45
Richburg, Weston&	7	79/78	28/28
Alexander, Kwon	6	55/55	9/9
Armstead, Arik	6	63/44	63/44
Coleman, Tevin	6	71/31	15/11
Mostert, Raheem	6	51/1	38/1
Nzeocha, Mark	6	50/3	43/3
Tartt, Jaquiski	6	60/44	60/44
Tomlinson, Laken	6	80/72	48/48
Williams, K'Waun	6	70/35	44/25
Hyder Jr., Kerry	5	41/2	1/0
Blair III, Ronald&	5	47/2	47/2
Coleman, Shon^	5	23/16	0/0
Beathard, C.J.	4	13/10	13/10
Bourne, Kendrick	4	44/9	44/9
Jones, D.J.	4	31/16	31/16
Kittle, George	4	46/38	46/38
Taylor, Trent	4	30/1	30/1
Thomas, Solomon	4	47/29	47/29
Witherspoon, Ahkello	4	37/29	37/29
Brendel, Jake^	4	21/3	0/0
Dwelley, Ross	3	28/6	28/6
Harris, Marcell	3	22/9	22/9
James, Richie	3	30/3	30/3
McGlinchey, Mike	3	29/29	29/29
Moore, Tarvarius	3	33/5	33/5
Moseley, Emmanuel	3	18/10	18/10
Mullens, Nick	3	9/8	9/8
Pettis, Dante	3	24/12	24/12
Wilson Jr., Jeff	3	17/2	17/2
Taylor, Jullian&	3	12/0	12/0
Warner, Fred	3	33/33	33/33
Al–Shaair, Azeez	2	16/4	16/4
Bosa, Nick	2	17/15	17/15
Brunskill, Daniel	2	15/8	15/8
Greenlaw, Dre	2	17/11	17/11
Samuel, Deebo*	2	15/11	15/11
Skule, Justin	2	16/8	16/8
Street, Kentavius	2	3/0	3/0
Wishnowsky, Mitch	2	17/0	17/0
Hurd, Jalen*	2	0/0	0/0
Thompson, Chris*	2	13/0	0/0
Flannigan–Fowles, Demetrius	1	0/0	0/0
Givens, Kevin	1	2/0	2/0
Aiyuk, Brandon	R	0/0	0/0
Kinlaw, Javon	R	1/0	1/0
McKivitz, Colton	R	0/0	0/0
Woerner, Charlie	R	1/0	1/0

HOW THEY WERE BUILT

YEAR	PLAYER	ACQ
2014	Jimmie Ward	D1
	Kyle Nelson	FA
2015	Arik Armstead	D1
	Jaquiski Tartt	D2
2016	Ronald Blair III&	D5a
	Raheem Mostert	FA
2017	K'Waun Williams	FA
	Robbie Gould	FA
	Kyle Juszczyk	FA
	Solomon Thomas	D1a
	Ahkello Witherspoon	D3a
	C.J. Beathard	D3b
	George Kittle	D5a
	Trent Taylor	D5b
	D.J. Jones	D6a
	Kendrick Bourne	FA
	Nick Mullens	FA
	Laken Tomlinson	TR
	Mark Nzeocha	FA
	Jimmy Garoppolo	TR
2018	Richard Sherman	FA
	Weston Richburg&	FA
	Jerick McKinnon	FA
	Mike McGlinchey	D1
	Dante Pettis	D2
	Fred Warner	D3a
	Tarvarius Moore	D3b
	Kentavius Street	D4
	Marcell Harris	D6
	Jullian Taylor&	D7a
	Richie James	D7b
	Shon Coleman^	TR
	Ross Dwelley	FA
	Moseley, Emmanuel	FA
	Jeff Wilson Jr.	FA
2019	Dee Ford	TR
	Kwon Alexander	FA
	Tevin Coleman	FA
	Jason Verrett	FA
	Daniel Brunskill	FA
	Ben Garland	FA
	Nick Bosa	D1
	Deebo Samuel*	D2
	Jalen Hurd*	D3
	Mitch Wishnowsky	D4
	Dre Greenlaw	D5
	Justin Skule	D6b
	Azeez Al–Shaair	FA
	Demetrius Flannigan–Fowles	FA
	Kevin Givens	FA
	Chris Thompson*	FA
2020	Tom Compton	FA
	Travis Benjamin^	FA
	Jake Brendel^	FA
	Kerry Hyder Jr.	FA
	Javon Kinlaw	D1a
	Brandon Aiyuk	D1b
	Colton McKivitz	D5
	Charlie Woerner	D6
	Trent Williams	TR
	Jordan Reed	FA
	Tavon Austin*	FA

*Injured Reserve
&Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform
^Reserve/Opt–Out

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS PARTICIPATION CHART

PLAYER	ARZ 9–13	at NYJ 9–20	at NYG 9–27	PHI 10–4	MIA 10–11	LAR 10–18	at NE 10–25	at SEA 11–1	GB 11–5	at NO 11–15	at LAR 11–29	BUF 12–7	WAS 12–13	at DAL 12–20	at ARZ 12–26/27	SEA 1–3	GP	GS	DNP	IA
Aiyuk, Brandon	IA																0	0	0	1
Al–Shaair, Azeez	P																1	0	0	0
Alexander, Kwon	WILL																1	1	0	0
Armstead, Arik	LDE																1	1	0	0
Austin, Tavon*	IR																0	0	0	0
Beathard, C.J.	IA																0	0	0	1
Benjamin, Travis^	OO																0	0	0	0
Blair III, Ronald&	PUP																0	0	0	0
Bosa, Nick	RDE																1	1	0	0
Bourne, Kendrick	WR																1	1	0	0
Brendel, Jake^	OO																0	0	0	0
Brunskill, Daniel	RG																1	1	0	0
Coleman, Shon^	OO																0	0	0	0
Coleman, Tevin	P																1	0	0	0
Compton, Tom	P																1	0	0	0
Craycraft, River	PS																0	0	0	0
Cyprien, Johnathan	PS																0	0	0	0
Daniels, Darrion	PS																0	0	0	0
Dwelley, Ross	P																1	0	0	0
Flannigan–Fowles, Demetrius	IA																0	0	0	1
Ford, Dee	P																1	0	0	0
Garland, Ben	IA																0	0	0	1
Garoppolo, Jimmy	QB																1	1	0	0
Givens, Kevin	P																1	0	0	0
Gould, Robbie	P																1	0	0	0
Grasu, Hroniss	C																1	1	0	0
Greenlaw, Dre	P																1	0	0	0
Harrell, Chase	PS																0	0	0	0
Harris Jr., Tim	PS																0	0	0	0
Harris, Marcell	P																1	0	0	0
Hasty, JaMycal	PS																0	0	0	0
Hokit, Josh	PS																0	0	0	0
Hurd, Jalen*	IR																0	0	0	0
Hyder Jr., Kerry	P																1	0	0	0
James, Richie	P																1	0	0	0
Jennings, Jauan	PS																0	0	0	0
Johnson, Dontae	P																1	0	0	0
Jones, D.J.	RDT																1	1	0	0
Jordan, Dion	PS																0	0	0	0
Juszczyk, Kyle	FB																1	1	0	0
Kinlaw, Javon	P																1	0	0	0
Kittle, George	TE																1	1	0	0
Mayden, Jared	PS																0	0	0	0
McGlinchey, Mike	RT																1	1	0	0
McKinnon, Jerick	P																1	0	0	0
McKivitz, Colton	DNP																0	0	1	0
Moore, Tarvarius	P																1	0	0	0
Moseley, Emmanuel	RCB																1	1	0	0
Mostert, Raheem	RB																1	1	0	0
Mullens, Nick	DNP																0	0	1	0
Nelson, Kyle	P																1	0	0	0
Nzeocha, Mark	P																1	0	0	0
Pettis, Dante	WR																1	1	0	0
Reed, Jordan	P																1	0	0	0
Reynolds, Ross	IR																0	0	0	0
Richburg, Weston&	PUP																0	0	0	0
Samuel, Deebo*	IR																0	0	0	0
Shepley, Dakoda	PS																0	0	0	0
Sherman, Richard	LCB																1	1	0	0
Skule, Justin	P																1	0	0	0
Street, Kentavius	IA																0	0	0	1
Sweet, William	PS																0	0	0	0
Tartt, Jaquiski	SS																1	1	0	0
Taylor, Jullian&	PUP																0	0	0	0
Taylor, Trent	P																1	0	0	0
Thomas, Solomon	LDT																1	1	0	0
Thompson, Chris*	IR																0	0	0	0
Tomlinson, Laken	LG																1	1	0	0
Verrett, Jason	IA																0	0	0	1
Walker, Joe	PS																0	0	0	0
Ward, Jimmie	FS																1	1	0	0
Warner, Fred	MIKE																1	1	0	0
White, Kevin	PS																0	0	0	0
Williams, K'Waun	NB																1	1	0	0
Williams, Trent	LT																1	1	0	0
Wilson Jr., Jeff	P																1	0	0	0
Wishnowsky, Mitch	P																1	0	0	0
Witherspoon, Ahkello	P																1	0	0	0
Woerner, Charlie	P																1	0	0	0

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 11, NR = Not on Roster.

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

Opp	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	FB	RB	QB	Other
ARZ	Pettis	T. Williams	Tomlinson	Grasu	Brunskill	McGlinchey	Kittle	Bourne	Juszczyk	Mostert	Garoppolo	
at NYJ												
at NYG												
PHI												
MIA												
LAR												
at NE												
at SEA												
GB												
at NO												
at LAR												
BUF												
WAS												
at DAL												
at ARZ												
SEA												

DEFENSE

Opp	LDE	LDT	RDT	RDE	SAM	MIKE	WILL	LCB	RCB	SS	FS	Other
ARZ	Armstead	Thomas	Jones	Bosa		Warner	Alexander	Sherman	Moseley	Tartt	Ward	K. Williams (NB)
at NYJ												
at NYG												
PHI												
MIA												
LAR												
at NE												
at SEA												
GB												
at NO												
at LAR												
BUF												
WAS												
at DAL												
at ARZ												
SEA												

INACTIVES

Opp	
ARZ	Beathard/Aiyuk/Verrett/Flannigan–Fowles/Garland/Street
at NYJ	
at NYG	
PHI	
MIA	
LAR	
at NE	
at SEA	
GB	
at NO	
at LAR	
BUF	
WAS	
at DAL	
at ARZ	
SEA	

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS TRANSACTIONS

1–1 Signed NT Earl Mitchell to a one–year deal.
Waived DB Antone Exum Jr.
Signed DL Jonathan Kongbo to a Reserve/Future contract.

1–2 Opened the practice window for LB Kwon Alexander.

1–3 Signed S Derrick Kindred to a Reserve/Future contract.

1–8 Signed S Chris Edwards to a Reserve/Future contract.

1–10 Activated LB Kwon Alexander to the active roster from the Injured Reserve List.
Placed DL Kentavius Street on the Injured Reserve List.

1–14 Signed OL Leonard Wester to a Reserve/Future contract.

1–22 Signed DL Willie Henry Jr. to a Reserve/Future contract.

2–4 Signed LB Joey Alfieri, OL Kofi Amichia, CB Jermaine Kelly, G Ross Reynolds, S Jacob Thieneman and WR Chris Thompson to two–year deals. Also signed CB Teez Tabor to a one–year deal.

2–5 Signed LB Demetrius Flannigan–Fowles and DL Ray Smith to two–year deals.

2–7 Signed OL Jake Brendel to a one–year deal.

2–11 Signed DL Alex Barrett and OL Jaryd Jones–Smith to two–year deals.

2–12 Signed DL Ethan Westbrooks to a one–year deal.

2–14 Released DL Ethan Westbrooks.

3–5 Tendered one–year contracts to exclusive rights free agents OL Daniel Brunskill, TE Ross Dwelley, CB Emmanuel Moseley, QB Nick Mullens and RB Jeff Wilson Jr.
Exercised the 2020 contract options for FB Kyle Juszczyk and CB K'Waun Williams.

3–16 Signed DL Arik Armstead to a five–year contract extension through the 2024 season.

3–17 Tendered one–year contracts to restricted free agents WR Kendrick Bourne and RB Matt Breida.

3–18 Traded DL DeForest Buckner to the Indianapolis Colts in exchange for the Colts 2020 first–round (13th overall) draft choice.

3–20 Exclusive rights free agent OL Daniel Brunskill signed his one–year tender.

3–23 Re–signed DL Ronald Blair III to a one–year deal.

3–24 Re–signed DB Jimmie Ward to a three–year deal, signed LB Joe Walker to a one–year deal and that exclusive rights free agent TE Ross Dwelley signed his one–year tender.

3–25 Signed DL Kerry Hyder Jr. to a one–year deal.

3–28 Re–signed OL Ben Garland to a one–year deal.

4–1 Released OL Mike Person.

4–3 Signed WR Travis Benjamin and OL Tom Compton to one–year deals.

4–6 Restricted free agent WR Kendrick Bourne signed his one–year tender.

4–13 Re–signed CB Dontae Johnson and CB Jason Verrett to one–year deals.

4–16 Restricted free agent RB Matt Breida signed his one–year tender.

4–20 Exclusive rights free agent RB Jeff Wilson Jr. signed his one–year tender.

4–23 Traded the first of the 49ers two 2020 first–round (13th overall) draft choices and the second of the 49ers two seventh–round (245th overall) draft choices to Tampa Bay in exchange for the Buccaneers 2020 first–round (14th overall) draft choice and the Buccaneers fourth–round (117th overall) draft choice.
Selected DT Javon Kinlaw in the first round (14th overall) of the 2020 NFL Draft.
Traded the second of the 49ers two 2020 first–round (31st overall) draft choices, the first of the 49ers two fourth–round (117th overall) draft choices and the second of the 49ers two fifth–round (176th overall) draft choices to Minnesota for the Vikings first–round (25th overall) draft choice.
Selected WR Brandon Aiyuk in the first round (25th overall) of the 2020 NFL Draft.

4–25 Acquired T Trent Williams from Washington in exchange for a 2020 fifth–round (156th overall) draft choice and a 2021 third–round draft choice.
T Joe Staley retired from the National Football League.
Traded RB Matt Breida to the Miami Dolphins in exchange for a fifth–round (153rd overall) draft choice.
Traded WR Marquise Goodwin and a sixth–round (210th overall) draft choice to the Philadelphia Eagles for a sixth–round (190th overall) draft choice.
Selected OL Colton McKivitz in the fifth round (153rd overall) of the 2020 NFL Draft.
Selected TE Charlie Woerner in the sixth round (190th overall) of the 2020 NFL Draft.
Selected WR Jauan Jennings in the seventh round (217th overall) of the 2020 NFL Draft.

4–27 Waived S Jacob Thieneman.

4–28 Signed the following nine undrafted rookie free agents to three–year deals: CB DeMarkus Acy, DL Darrion Daniels, WR Chris Finke, LB Jonas Griffith, TE Chase Harrell, RB JaMycal Hasty, FB Josh Hokit, S Jared Mayden and QB Broc Rutter.

5–1 Exclusive rights free agent QB Nick Mullens signed his one–year tender.
Signed RB Salvon Ahmed to a three–year deal.

6–15 Signed head coach Kyle Shanahan to a multi–year contract extension.

6–19 Signed OL Colton McKivitz to a four–year deal.

6–24 Signed WR Jauan Jennings to a four–year deal.

6–26 Signed DL Javon Kinlaw and WR Brandon Aiyuk to four–year deals.

7–6 Signed CB Jamar Taylor to a one–year deal.
Waived/Non–Football Injury CB Teez Tabor.

7–27 Placed WR Richie James Jr. on the Reserve/COVID–19 List.
Signed TE Charlie Woerner to a four–year deal.

7–28 Exclusive rights free agent CB Emmanuel Moseley signed his one–year tender.
Placed the following players on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List: DL Ronald Blair III, WR Shawn Poindexter, C Weston Richburg, DL Kentavius Street & DL Jullian Taylor.
Placed the following players on the Active/Non–Football Injury List: DB D.J. Reed Jr. & WR Deebo Samuel.
Waived the following players: LB Joey Alfieri, CB Jermaine Kelly, S Derrick Kindred, QB Broc Rutter & OL Ray Smith.
Waived/Non–Football Injury WR Chris Finke.
Waived/Non–Football Illness DL Willie Henry Jr.

7–30 Waived DL Alex Barrett
Released OL Leonard Wester
Placed RB Jeff Wilson Jr. on the Reserve/COVID–19 List.

8–2 Re–signed DL Alex Barrett to a one–year deal.

8–4 Activated WR Shawn Poindexter & DL Kentavius Street from the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List.
Activated RB Jeff Wilson Jr. from the Reserve/COVID–19 List.
Activated WR Richie James Jr. from the Reserve/COVID–19 List and placed him on the Active/Non–Football Injury List.
Waived/Non–Football Injury DB D.J. Reed Jr.
Waived S Chris Edwards.

8–5 Placed WR Travis Benjamin on the Reserve/Opt–Out List.

8–7 Signed DL Dion Jordan to a one–year deal.
Placed OL Jake Brendel and T Shon Coleman on the Reserve/Opt–Out List.

8–9 Signed TE Jordan Reed to a one–year deal.

8–10 Signed general manager John Lynch to a multi–year contract extension.

8–12 Signed OL William Sweet to a one–year deal.

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8–13 Signed OL Spencer Long to a one–year deal.
Waived DL Alex Barrett.

8–14 Signed TE George Kittle to a five–year contract extension through the 2025 season.

8–15 Signed WR Tavon Austin and WR J.J. Nelson to one–year deals.
Waived TE Daniel Helm and waived/injured WR Chris Thompson.

8–16 Placed OL Spencer Long on the Reserve/Retired List.

8–20 Signed WR Jaron Brown, S Johnathan Cyprien and OL Hroniss Grasu to one–year deals and DB Evan Foster to a three–year deal.
Waived CB DeMarkus Acy and LB Jonas Griffith.
Placed WR Jalen Hurd on the Injured Reserve List.

8–25 Signed TE Erik Swoope to a one–year deal.
Waived RB Salvon Ahmed.

8–27 Signed WR River Cracraft and WR Kevin White to one–year deals.
Released WR Jaron Brown and waived/injured DL Jonathan Kongbo

8–29 Signed TE MarQueis Gray and OL Dakoda Shepley to one–year deals.
Waived OL Kofi Amichia and TE Erik Swoope.

8–30 Re–signed DL Alex Barrett to a one–year deal.
Placed WR J.J. Nelson on the Injured Reserve List.

8–31 Placed LB Fred Warner on the Reserve/COVID–19 List.

9–2 Signed DL Cameron Malveaux to a one–year deal.

9–3 Activated WR Richie James from the Active/Non–Football Injury List.
Placed WR Tavon Austin on the Injured Reserve List.

9–5 Activated WR Deebo Samuel from Active/Non–Football Injury List.
Placed DL Ronald Blair III, C Weston Richburg and DL Jullian Taylor on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List
Waived/Injured OL Ross Reynolds.
Released the following 23 players: DL Alex Barrett, WR River Cracraft, S Johnathan Cyprien, DL Darrion Daniels, LB Evan Foster, OL Hroniss Grasu, TE MarQueis Gray, TE Chase Harrell, CB Tim Harris Jr., RB JaMycal Hasty, FB Josh Hokit, WR Jauan Jennings, CB Dontae Johnson, OL Jaryd Jones–Smith, DL Dion Jordan, DL Cameron Malveaux, S Jared Mayden, WR Shawn Poindexter, OL Dakoda Shepley, OL William Sweet, CB Jamar Taylor, LB Joe Walker & WR Kevin White.

9–6 Signed the following 16 players to the team's practice squad: WR River Cracraft, S Johnathan Cyprien, DL Darrion Daniels, OL Hroniss Grasu, TE Chase Harrell, CB Tim Harris Jr., RB JaMycal Hasty, FB Josh Hokit, WR Jauan Jennings, CB Dontae Johnson, DL Dion Jordan, S Jared Mayden, OL Dakoda Shepley, OL William Sweet, LB Joe Walker & WR Kevin White.

9–9 Activated LB Fred Warner from the Reserve/Covid–19 List.

9–12 Promoted OL Hroniss Grasu and CB Dontae Johnson to the active roster from the team's practice squad.
Placed WR Deebo Samuel on the Injured Reserve List.

9–14 OL Hroniss Grasu and CB Dontae Johnson reverted back to the team's practice squad.

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

Date	W/L	Score	Opponent
9/13	L	20–24	Arizona
9/20			at New York Jets
9/27			at New York Giants
10/4			Philadelphia
10/11			Miami
10/18			Los Angeles Rams
10/25			at New England
11/1			at Seattle
11/5			Green Bay
11/15			at New Orleans
11/29			at Los Angeles Rams
12/7			Buffalo
12/13			Washington
12/20			at Dallas
TBD			at Arizona
1/3			Seattle

Team Statistics	49ers	Opponents
Total First Downs	**18**	**29**
Rushing	6	13
Passing	10	12
Penalty	2	4
3rd Down: Made/Att	2/11	7/14
3rd Down Pct.	18.2%	50.0%
4th Down: Made/Att	0/2	0/0
4th Down Pct.	0.0%	0.0
Possession Avg.	**28:34**	**31:26**
Total Net Yards	**366**	**404**
Avg. Per Game	366.0	404.0
Total Plays	61	78
Avg. Per Play	6.0	5.2
Net Yards Rushing	**123**	**180**
Avg. Per Game	123.0	180.0
Total Rushes	25	36
Net Yards Passing	**243**	**224**
Avg. Per Game	243.0	224.0
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/16	2/6
Gross Yards	259	230
Attempts/Completions	33/19	40/26
Completion Pct.	57.6%	65.0%
Had Intercepted	0	1
Punts/Average	**5/35.6**	**4/47.8**
Net Punting Avg.	**34**	**40.5**
Penalties/Yards	**5/53**	**9/102**
Fumbles/Ball Lost	**0/0**	**1/0**
Touchdowns	**2**	**3**
Rushing	0	2
Passing	2	1
Returns	0	0

Score By Periods	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	Pts
49ers	10	3	0	7	0	20
Opponents	7	3	0	14	0	24

Scoring	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	PAT	FG	2Pt	Pts
R. Gould	0	0	0	0	2/2	2/2	0	8
J. McKinnon	1	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
R. Mostert	1	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
49ers	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**2/2**	**2/2**	**0**	**20**
Opponents	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**3/3**	**1/3**	**0**	**24**

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

Sacks:
49ers: K. Hyder Jr. 1.0, D. Jones 1.0 **Total: 2.0 Opponents: 3.0**

Rushing	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
R. Mostert	15	56	3.7	14	0
J. McKinnon	3	24	8.0	16	0
T. Coleman	4	18	4.5	10	0
G. Kittle	1	9	9.0	9	0
J. Garoppolo	1	9	9.0	9	0
K. Juszczyk	1	7	7.0	7	0
49ers	**25**	**123**	**4.9**	**16**	**0**
Opponents	**36**	**180**	**5.0**	**25**	**2**

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
R. Mostert	4	95	23.8	76t	1
G. Kittle	4	44	11.0	14	0
J. McKinnon	3	20	6.7	9	1
K. Bourne	2	34	17.0	18	0
J. Reed	2	12	6.0	10	0
T. Taylor	2	7	3.5	5	0
K. Juszczyk	1	41	41.0	41	0
T. Coleman	1	6	6.0	6	0
49ers	**19**	**259**	**13.6**	**76t**	**2**
Opponents	**26**	**230**	**8.8**	**33**	**1**

Interceptions	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
J. Tartt	1	16	16.0	16	0
49ers	**1**	**16**	**16.0**	**16**	**0**
Opponents	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Punting	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
M. Wishnowsky	4	178	44.5	34.0	0	3	51	1
49ers	**5**	**178**	**35.6**	**34.0**	**0**	**3**	**51**	**1**
Opponents	**4**	**191**	**47.8**	**40.5**	**0**	**1**	**53**	**0**

Punt Returns	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
T. Taylor	2	0	21	10.5	12	0
D. Pettis	1	0	8	8.0	8	0
49ers	**3**	**0**	**29**	**9.7**	**12**	**0**
Opponents	**2**	**1**	**8**	**4.0**	**8**	**0**

Kickoff Returns	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
J. McKinnon	1	16	16.0	16	0
49ers	**1**	**16**	**16.0**	**16**	**0**
Opponents	**1**	**42**	**42.0**	**42**	**0**

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

Gould: (52G, 24G)
Opponents: (52N, 56G, 49N)

Fumbles Lost: None
Opponent Fumble Recoveries: None

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
J. Garoppolo	33	19	259	57.6%	7.8	2	6.1%	0	0.0%	76t	3/16	103.0
49ers	**33**	**19**	**259**	**57.6%**	**7.8**	**2**	**6.1%**	**0**	**0.0%**	**76t**	**3/16**	**103.0**
Opponents	**40**	**26**	**230**	**65.0%**	**5.8**	**1**	**2.5%**	**1**	**2.5%**	**33**	**2/6**	**78.1**

2020 DEFENSIVE & SPECIAL TEAMS STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	TACKLES			For	Quarterback				
PLAYER	Total	Solo	Ast	Loss	Sacks	INT	PD	FF	FR
E. Moseley	15	11	4	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
F. Warner	10	6	4	0	0.0	0	1	0	0
K. Alexander	9	6	3	1	0.0	0	0	0	0
N. Bosa	6	3	3	0	0.0	0	0	1	0
D. Greenlaw	5	3	2	1	0.0	0	1	0	0
R. Sherman	4	4	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
J. Tartt	4	3	1	0	0.0	1	1	0	0
J. Ward	4	2	2	0	0.0	0	1	0	0
K. Hyder Jr.	3	3	0	1	1.0	0	0	0	0
K. Williams	3	2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
D. Ford	3	1	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
D. Jones	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0	0
T. Moore	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
K. Givens	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
A. Witherspoon	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
A. Armstead	1	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
J. Kinlaw	1	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**72**	**48**	**24**	**4**	**2.0**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**0**

SACKS (2.0)

K. Hyder Jr. (1.0) – 1.0 vs. Arz.

D. Jones (1.0) – 1.0 vs. Arz.

INTERCEPTIONS (1)

J. Tartt (1) –1–16 vs. Arz.

SINGLE-GAME BESTS

Tackles: 15 by Emmanuel Moseley vs. Arz.
Tackles For Loss: 1 by Kwon Alexander, Dre Greenlaw, Kerry Hyder Jr. & D.J. Jones vs. Arz.
Sacks: 1.0 by Kerry Hyder Jr. & D. J. Jones vs. Arz.
Interceptions: 1 by Jaquiski Tartt vs. Arz.
Passes Defensed: 1 by D. Greenlaw, D. Jones, J. Tartt, J. Ward & F. Warner vs. Arz.
Forced Fumbles: 1 by Nick Bosa vs. Arz.
Special Teams Tackles: 2 by Dontae Johnson vs. Arz.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PLAYER	Tot	Solo	Ast	FF	FR
D. Johnson	2	1	1	0	0
R. Dwelley	1	1	0	0	0
T. Moore	1	1	0	0	0
M. Wishnowsky	1	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	**5**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**0**

2020 49ERS OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

	Arz	@NYJ	@NYG	Phi	Mia	LAR	@NE	@Sea	GB	@NO	@LAR	Buf	Was	@Dal	@Arz	Sea	Totals
First Downs																	
Total	18																**18**
Rushing	6																**6**
Passing	10																**10**
Penalty	2																**2**
Third Down																	
Conversions	2																**2**
Attempts	11																**11**
Percentage	18.2																**18.2**
4th Down																	
Conversions	0																**0**
Attempts	2																**2**
Time of Possession																	
49ers	28:34																**28:34**
Total Net Yards																	
Plays	61																**61**
Yards	366																**366**
Average	6.0																**6.0**
Rushing																	
Attempts	25																**25**
Yards	123																**123**
Average	4.9																**4.9**
Passing																	
Net	243																**243**
Sacks	3																**3**
Yards	16																**16**
Gross	259																**259**
Attempts	33																**33**
Completions	19																**19**
Percentage	57.6																**57.6**
Interceptions	0																**0**
Punting																	
Number	5																**5**
Average	35.6																**35.6**
Net	34.0																**34.0**
Penalties																	
Number	5																**5**
Yards	53																**53**
Fumbles																	
Number	0																**0**
Lost	0																**0**
Red Zone																	
Number	4																**4**
Touchdowns	1																**1**
Field Goals	1																**1**
Touchdowns																	
Rushing	0																**0**
Passing	2																**2**
Returns	0																**0**

2020 49ERS DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

	Arz	@NYJ	@NYG	Phi	Mia	LAR	@NE	@Sea	GB	@NO	@LAR	Buf	Was	@Dal	@Arz	Sea	Totals
First Downs																	
Total	29																**29**
Rushing	13																**13**
Passing	12																**12**
Penalty	4																**4**
Third Down																	
Conversions	7																**7**
Attempts	14																**14**
Percentage	50.0																**50.0**
4th Down																	
Conversions	0																**0**
Attempts	0																**0**
Time of Possession																	
49ers	31:26																**31:26**
Total Net Yards																	
Plays	78																**78**
Yards	404																**404**
Average	5.2																**5.2**
Rushing																	
Attempts	36																**36**
Yards	180																**180**
Average	5.0																**5.0**
Passing																	
Net	224																**224**
Sacks	2																**2**
Yards	6																**6**
Gross	230																**230**
Attempts	40																**40**
Completions	26																**26**
Percentage	65.0																**65.0**
Interceptions	1																**1**
Punting																	
Number	4																**4**
Average	47.8																**47.8**
Net	40.5																**40.5**
Penalties																	
Number	9																**9**
Yards	102																**102**
Fumbles																	
Number	1																**1**
Lost	0																**0**
Red Zone																	
Number	2																**2**
Touchdowns	2																**2**
Field Goals	0																**0**
Touchdowns																	
Rushing	2																**2**
Passing	1																**1**
Returns	0																**0**

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

	Bests/Highs	Opponent	Date	Worsts/Lows	Opponent	Date
First Downs	18	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	18	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Third–Down %	2–11–18%	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	2–11–18%	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Total Net Yards	366	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	366	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Offensive Plays	61	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	61	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Avg. Per Play	6.0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	6.0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Rushing Yards	123	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	123	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Rushes	25	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	25	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Rushing Avg.	4.9	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	4.9	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Net Passing Yards	259	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	259	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Completions	19	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	19	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Attempts	33	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	33	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Completions %	57.6	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	57.6	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Avg. Gain Per Passing Play	6.8	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	6.8	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Interceptions Thrown	0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Fumbles Lost	0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Turnovers	0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Penalties	5	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	5	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Penalty Yards	53	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	53	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Gross Punting Avg.	35.6	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	35.6	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Net Punting Avg.	34.0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	34.0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Time of Poss.	28:34	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	28:34	vs. Arizona	9/13/20

OPPONENTS

	Worsts/Lows	Opponent	Date	Bests/Highs	Opponent	Date
First Downs	29	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	29	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Third–Down %	7–14–50%	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	7–14–50%	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Total Net Yards	404	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	404	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Offensive Plays	78	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	78	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Avg. Per Play	5.2	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	5.2	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Rushing Yards	180	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	180	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Rushes	36	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	36	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Rushing Avg.	5.0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	5.0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Net Passing Yards	224	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	224	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Completions	26	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	26	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Attempts	40	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	40	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Completions %	65.0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	65.0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Avg. Gain Per Passing Play	5.3	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	5.3	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Interceptions Thrown	1	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	1	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Fumbles Lost	0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	0	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Turnovers	1	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	1	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Penalties	9	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	9	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Penalty Yards	102	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	102	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Gross Punting Avg.	47.8	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	47.8	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Net Punting Avg.	40.5	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	40.5	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Time of Poss.	31:26	vs. Arizona	9/13/20	31:26	vs. Arizona	9/13/20

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Long Plays		Player	Opponent	Date
Longest Run (yards)	16	Jerick McKinnon	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Longest Pass Completion (yards)	76t	Jimmy Garoppolo–Raheem Mostert	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Longest TD Pass (yards)	76t	Jimmy Garoppolo–Raheem Mostert	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Longest Interception Return (yards)	16	Jaquiski Tartt	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Longest Kickoff Return (yards)	16	Jerick McKinnon	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Longest Punt Return (yards)	12	Trent Taylor	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Longest Punt (yards)	51	Mitch Wishnowsky	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Longest Field Goal (yards)	52	Robbie Gould	vs. Arizona	9/13/20

Single–Game Highs		Player	Opponent	Date
Most Points Scored	8	Robbie Gould	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Touchdowns	1	Jerick McKinnon & Raheem Mostert	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Field Goals Attempted	2	Robbie Gould	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Field Goals Made	2	Robbie Gould	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Rushing Yards	56	Raheem Mostert	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Rushing Attempts	15	Raheem Mostert	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Highest Rushing Avg. (Min. 10 att.)	3.7	Raheem Mostert	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Pass Completions	19	Jimmy Garoppolo	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Pass Attempts	33	Jimmy Garoppolo	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Gross Passing Yards	259	Jimmy Garoppolo	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Highest Avg. Yards/Per Att. (Min. 10 att.)	6.8	Jimmy Garoppolo	at Cincinnati	9/15/19
Fewest Interceptions Thrown (Min. 10 att.)	0	Jimmy Garoppolo	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Fewest Times Sacked (Min. 10 att.)	3	Jimmy Garoppolo	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Receptions	4	George Kittle & Raheem Mostert	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Receiving Yards	95	Raheem Mostert	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Kickoff Returns	1	Jerick McKinnon	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Kickoff Return Yards	16	Jerick McKinnon	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Punt Returns	2	Trent Taylor	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Punt Return Yards	21	Trent Taylor	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Interceptions	1	Jaquiski Tartt	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Interception Return Yardage	16	Jaquiski Tartt	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Tackles	15	Emmanuel Moseley	vs. Arizona	9/13/20
Most Sacks	1.0	Kerry Hyder Jr. & D.J. Jones	vs. Arizona	9/13/20

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS TURNOVER BREAKDOWN

TAKEAWAYS

Date	Opponent	Turnover	Starting L.O.S.	Point of Turnover	Resulting L.O.S.	Qtr.	Result (pts)
9/13	vs Arz.	Jaquiski Tartt INT (K. Murray)	ARZ 37	ARZ 42	ARZ 26	2	Field Goal (3)

Regular Season Totals: 1 takeaway resulted in 3 points

GIVEAWAYS

Date	Opponent	Turnover	Starting L.O.S.	Point of Turnover	Resulting L.O.S.	Qtr.	Result (pts)
9/8	vs. Arz.	None					

Regular Season Totals: 0 giveaways resulted in 0 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
9/13	Arz.	1	0	1	+1
9/20	at NYJ				
9/27	at NYG				
10/4	Phi.				
10/11	Mia.				
10/18	LAR				
10/25	at NE				
11/1	at Sea.				
11/5	GB				
11/15	at NO				
11/29	at LAR				
12/7	Buf.				
12/13	Was.				
12/20	at Dal.				
TBD	at Arz.				
1/3	Sea.				

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY

49ERS THIRD-AND ...

Date	Opp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+	Totals
9/13	Arz.	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/1	1/3	0/0	0/0	1/1	0/1	0/0	0/3	2/11
9/20	at NYJ												
9/27	at NYG												
10/4	Phi.												
10/11	Mia.												
10/18	LAR												
10/25	at NE												
11/1	at Sea.												
11/5	GB												
11/15	at NO												
11/29	at LAR												
12/7	Buf.												
12/13	Was.												
12/20	at Dal.												
TBD	at Arz												
1/3	at Sea.												
Regular Season Totals:		**0/0**	**0/0**	**0/2**	**0/1**	**1/3**	**0/0**	**0/0**	**1/1**	**0/1**	**0/0**	**0/3**	**2/11**
		–	**–**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**33.3**	**–**	**–**	**100.0**	**0.0**	**–**	**0.0**	**18.2**

OPPONENTS THIRD-AND ...

Date	Opp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+	Totals
9/13	Arz.	2/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/2	2/3	1/2	1/1	0/0	0/2	1/2	7/14
9/20	at NYJ												
9/27	at NYG												
10/4	Phi.												
10/11	Mia.												
10/18	LAR												
10/25	at NE												
11/1	at Sea.												
11/5	GB												
11/15	at NO												
11/29	at LAR												
12/7	Buf.												
12/13	Was.												
12/20	at Dal.												
TBD	at Arz												
1/3	at Sea.												
Regular Season Totals:		**2/2**	**0/0**	**0/0**	**0/0**	**0/2**	**2/3**	**1/2**	**1/1**	**0/0**	**0/2**	**1/2**	**7/14**
		100.0	**–**	**–**	**–**	**0.0**	**66.7**	**50.0**	**100.0**	**–**	**0.0**	**50.0**	**50.0**

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS RED ZONE PRODUCTION

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Date	Opp	Poss	TD	PAT	2–Pt.	FG	MFG/ BFG	INT	FUM	DWNS/ Punt	HF	GM	PTS	TD%	SCORE PCT.	PTS/ POSS
9/13	Arz.	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	10	25.0%	50.0%	2.5
9/20	at NYJ															
9/27	at NYG															
10/4	Phi.															
10/11	Mia.															
10/18	LAR															
10/25	at NE															
11/1	at Sea.															
11/5	GB															
11/15	at NO															
11/29	at LAR															
12/7	Buf.															
12/13	Was.															
12/20	at Dal.															
TBD	at Arz.															
1/3	Sea.															
TOTALS		**4**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**10**	**25.0%**	**50.0%**	**2.5**

OPPONENTS

Date	Opp	Poss	TD	PAT	2–Pt.	FG	MFG/ BFG	INT	FUM	DWNS/ Punt	HF	GM	PTS	TD%	SCORE PCT.	PTS/ POSS
9/13	Arz.	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	100.0%	100.0%	7.0
9/20	at NYJ															
9/27	at NYG															
10/4	Phi.															
10/11	Mia.															
10/18	LAR															
10/25	at NE															
11/1	at Sea.															
11/5	GB															
11/15	at NO															
11/29	at LAR															
12/7	Buf.															
12/13	Was.															
12/20	at Dal.															
TBD	at Arz.															
1/3	Sea.															
TOTALS		**2**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**14**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**7.0**

2020 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS BIG PLAYS

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

9/13/20 VS. ARIZONA

CARDINALS

Run	Pass	Ret.	Description
11			Kenyan Drake run
20			Chase Edmonds run
		42	Chase Edmonds kickoff return
25			Kyler Murray run
11			Kyler Murray run
22t			Kyler Murray run
10			Kenyan Drake run
15			Kyler Murray run
	33		Kyler Murray to DeAndre Hopkins

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Run	Pass	Ret.	Description
14			Raheem Mostert run
	76t		Jimmy Garoppolo to Raheem Mostert
16			Jerick McKinnon run
	41		Jimmy Garoppolo to Kyle Juszczyk
10			Tevin Coleman run

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TEAM TOTALS

Won in Overtime

By 49ers:	12/16/18	49ers win vs. Seattle, 26–23
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:	12/21/19	49ers win vs. Los Angeles Rams, 34–31 (last score at 0:00)
	1/5/14	*49ers win at Green Bay, 23–20 (last score at 0:00) – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	12/15/19	Falcons win vs. Atlanta, 29–22 (last score at 0:00)
	1/20/91	*Giants win vs. New York, 15–13 (last score at 0:00) – NFC–C*

Tied Game by Scoring in the Last Two Minutes of Regulation

By 49ers:	11/11/19	49ers loss vs. Seattle, 24–27 (OT) (tied game at 0:01)
By Opponent:	10/15/18	Packers win at Green Bay, 33–30 (tied game at 1:55)

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:	11/24/19	49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–8
	1/29/95	*49ers win at San Diego, 49–26 – SB XXIX*
By Opponent:	12/2/18	Seahawks win at Seattle, 43–16
	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:	11/24/19	49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–8 (49ers ahead 37–8 in 4th Q)
	1/29/95	*49ers win vs. San Diego, 49–26 (49ers ahead 49–18 in 4th Q) – SB XXIX*
By Opponent:	12/30/18	Rams win at Los Angeles, 48–32 (Rams ahead 48–17 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:	11/24/19	49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–8 (49ers ahead 37–8 in 4th Q)
	1/19/20	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–20 (49ers ahead 34–13 in 4th Q) – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	12/30/18	Rams win at Los Angeles, 48–32 (Rams ahead 48–24 in 4th 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:	12/21/19	49ers win vs. Los Angeles Rams, 34–31 (21 points, 2nd Q)
	1/19/20	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–20 (20 points, 2nd Q) – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	9/23/18	Chiefs win at Kansas City, 38–27 (21 points, 2nd 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:	12/21/19	49ers win vs. Los Angeles Rams, 34–31 (24 points, 1st half)
	1/19/20	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–20 (27 points, 1st half) – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	12/29/19	Seahawks loss at Seattle, 21–26, (21 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:	10/20/19	49ers win at Washington, 9–0
	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:	12/21/19	49ers win vs. Los Angeles Rams, 34–31 (3 offense, 1 defense)
	1/3/98	*49ers win vs. Minnesota, 38–22 (4 offense, 1 defense) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	11/11/19	Seahawks win vs. Seattle, 27–24 (OT) (2 offense, 1 defense)
	1/13/12	*Packers loss vs. Green Bay, 31–45 (3 offense, 1 defense) – NFC–D*

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TEAM TOTALS

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:	10/27/19	Bruce Irvin sacked Jimmy Garoppolo in the end zone vs. Carolina

Successful Two Point Conversion

By 49ers:	11/11/19	Jimmy Garoppolo to Kendrick Bourne vs. Seattle
	1/5/03	*Jeff Garcia pass to Terrell Owens vs. New York Giants – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	11/24/19	Aaron Rodgers pass to Davante Adams vs. Green Bay
	1/14/12	*Drew Brees pass to Darren Sproles vs. New Orleans – NFC–D*

Failed Two Point Conversion Attempt

By 49ers:	12/29/19	Pass failed from Jimmy Garoppolo to Kendrick Bourne at Seattle
	2/3/13	*Pass failed from Colin Kaepernick to Randy Moss vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*
By Opponent:	12/15/19	Run failed by Matt Ryan vs. Atlanta
	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:	12/8/19	49ers win at New Orleans, 48–46 (516; 162 rushing, 354 passing)
	2/3/13	*49ers loss vs. Baltimore, 31–34 (468; 182 rushing, 286 passing) – SB XLVII*
By Opponent:	9/13/20	Cardinals win vs. Arizona, 24–20 (404; 180 rushing, 224 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:	10/27/19	49ers win vs. Carolina, 51–13 (232)
	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:	12/11/16	Carlos Hyde (17–193) vs. New York Jets
	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:	12/1/19	Raheem Mostert (19–146–1 TD) at Baltimore
	1/19/20	*Raheem Mostert (29–220–4 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	12/1/19	Lamar Jackson (16–101–1 TD) at Baltimore
	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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OFFENSIVE TOTALS

Consecutive 100–Yard Rushing Games

By 49ers:	11/12/18–11/25/18	Matt Breida (17–101–1 TD) vs. New York Giants; Matt Breida (14–106) at Tampa Bay
	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:	10/27/19–10/31/19	Christian McCaffrey (14–117–1 TD) vs. Carolina; Kenyan Drake (15–110–1 TD) at Arizona
	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:	10/7/19	211 by Matt Breida (11–114–1 TD) and Tevin Coleman (16–97–1 TD) at Cincinnati
	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:	9/21/17	Carlos Hyde (25–84–2 TDs) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	1/19/20	*Raheem Mostert (29–220–4 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*
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:	10/7/19	83t, Matt Breida vs. Cleveland
	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:	10/7/19	83t, Matt Breida vs. Cleveland
	1/1/89	*80t, Roger Craig vs. Minnesota – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	11/6/15	75t, Mark Ingram vs. New Orleans

Rushing Play of 40–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	12/1/19	40t, Raheem Mostert at Baltimore
	1/19/14	*58, Colin Kaepernick at Seattle – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	10/27/19	40t, Christian McCaffrey vs. Carolina
	1/19/14	*40t, Marshawn Lynch at Seattle – NFC–C*

Individual with Two–or–More Rushing Touchdowns

By 49ers:	12/29/19	Raheem Mostert (10–57–2 TDs) at Seattle
	1/19/20	*Raheem Mostert (29–220–4 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	12/21/19	Todd Gurley II (15–48–2 TDs) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	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:	12/8/19	49ers win at New Orleans, 48–46 (354)
	1/5/03	*49ers win vs. New York Giants, 39–38 (356) – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	12/21/19	Rams loss vs. Los Angeles, 31–34 (323)
	1/20/13	*Falcons loss at Atlanta, 24–28 (396) – 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:	9/16/18	Matthew Stafford (53–34–347–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. 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:	11/17/19	Jimmy Garoppolo (45–34–424–2 INTs–4 TDs) vs. Arizona
	1/14/12	*Alex Smith (42–24–299–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/13/20	Kyler Murray (40–26–230–1 INT–1 TD) vs. Arizona
	2/2/20	*Patrick Mahomes (42–26–286–2 INTs–2 TDs) at Kansas City – SB LIV*

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OFFENSIVE TOTALS

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:	9/16/18	Matthew Stafford (53–34–347–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. Detroit
	1/19/20	*Aaron Rodgers (39–31–326–2 INTs–2 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*

Individual with 25–or–More Pass Completions

By 49ers:	12/8/19	Jimmy Garoppolo (35–26–349–1 INT–4 TDs) at New Orleans
	1/5/03	*Jeff Garcia (44–27–331–1 INT–3 TDs) vs. New York Giants – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	9/13/20	Kyler Murray (40–26–230–1 INT–1 TD) vs. Arizona
	2/2/20	*Patrick Mahomes (42–26–286–2 INTs–2 TDs) at Kansas City – SB LIV*

No Sacks Allowed

By 49ers:	9/15/19	49ers win at Cincinnati, 41–17 (25 attempts – Jimmy Garoppolo, 1 attempt – Dante Pettis)
	1/5/03	*49ers win vs. New York Giants, 39–38 (44 attempts – Jeff Garcia) – NFC–WC*
By Opponent:	12/21/19	Rams loss vs. Los Angeles, 31–34 (46 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:	12/8/19	Jimmy Garoppolo (35–26–349–1 INT–4 TDs) at New Orleans
	2/3/13	*Colin Kaepernick (28–16–302–1 INT–1 TD) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*
By Opponent:	12/21/19	Jared Goff (46–27–323–1 INT–2 TDs) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	1/19/20	*Aaron Rodgers (39–31–326–2 INTs–2 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*

Consecutive 300–Yard Passing Games

By 49ers:	12/2/18–12/9/18	Nick Mullens (48–30–414–1 INT–2 TDs) at Seattle; Nick Mullens (33–20–332–1 INT–2 TDs) vs. Denver
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:	12/8/19	Drew Brees (40–29–349–0 INTs–5 TDs) at New Orleans
	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:	12/8/19	Jimmy Garoppolo (35–26–349–1 INT–4 TDs) at New Orleans
	1/14/12	*Alex Smith (42–24–299–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/8/19	Drew Brees (40–29–349–0 INTs–5 TDs) at New Orleans
	2/3/13	*Joe Flacco (33–22–287–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*

Individual with 10–or–More Receptions

By 49ers:	12/15/19	George Kittle (13–134) vs. Atlanta
	1/6/96	*Jerry Rice (11–117) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/13/20	DeAndre Hopkins (14–151) vs. Arizona
	1/20/13	*Julio Jones (11–182–2 TDs) at Atlanta – NFC–C*

Individual with 150–Yard Receiving Game

By 49ers:	12/8/19	Emmanuel Sanders (7–157–1 TD) at New Orleans
	1/14/12	*Vernon Davis (7–180–2 TDs) vs. New Orleans – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/13/20	DeAndre Hopkins (14–151) vs. Arizona
	1/20/13	*Julio Jones (11–182–2 TDs) at Atlanta – NFC–C*

Individual with 100–Yard Receiving Game

By 49ers:	12/29/19	Deebo Samuel (5–102) at Seattle
	1/12/14	*Anquan Boldin (8–136) at Carolina – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/13/20	DeAndre Hopkins (14–151) vs. Arizona
	2/2/20	*Tyreek Hill (9–105) at Kansas City – SB LIV*

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
	1/20/13	*Julio Jones (11–182–2 TDs) & Roddy White (7–100) at Atlanta – NFC–C*

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OFFENSIVE TOTALS

Consecutive 100–Yard Receiving Games

By 49ers:	12/8/19–12/15/19	Emmanuel Sanders (7–157–1 TD) at New Orleans; George Kittle (13–134) vs. Atlanta
	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:	12/8/19–12/21/19	Michael Thomas (11–134–1 TD) at New Orleans; Julio Jones (13–134–2 TDs) vs. Atlanta; Tyler Higbee (9–104) & Robert Woods (8–117) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	1/19/20–2/2/20	*Davante Adams (9–138) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C; Tyreek Hill (9–105) at Kansas City – SB LIV*

Pass Play of 80–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	12/9/18	85t, Nick Mullens to George Kittle vs. Denver
By Opponent:	10/31/19	88t, Kyler Murray to Andy Isabella at Arizona

Pass Play of 60–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	9/13/20	76t, Jimmy Garoppolo to Raheem Mostert vs. Arizona
	1/22/12	*73t, Alex Smith to Vernon Davis vs. New York Giants – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	10/31/19	88t, Kyler Murray to Andy Isabella at Arizona
	1/19/20	*65, Aaron Rodgers to Davante Adams vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*

Pass Play of 40–or–More Yards

By 49ers:	9/13/20	76t, Jimmy Garoppolo to Raheem Mostert; 41, Jimmy Garoppolo to Kyle Juszczyk vs. Arizona
	1/12/14	*45, Colin Kaepernick to Anquan Boldin at Carolina – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/8/19	49, Drew Brees to Michael Thomas at New Orleans
	2/2/20	*44, Patrick Mahomes to Tyreek Hill at Kansas City – SB LIV*

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:	12/8/19	Kendrick Bourne (3–18–2 TDs) at New Orleans
	1/12/13	*Michael Crabtree (9–119–2 TDs) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/15/19	Julio Jones (13–134–2 TDs) vs. Atlanta
	1/20/13	*Julio Jones (11–182–2 TDs) at Atlanta – 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
	1/15/94	*Ricky Watters (24–118 rushing, 5–46 receiving) vs. New York Giants – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	10/22/17	Ezekiel Elliott (26–147–2 TDs rushing, 1–72–1 TD receiving) vs. Dallas

100–Yard Rusher & Receiver in the Same Game

By 49ers:	12/30/18	Alfred Morris (16–111–1 TD) & George Kittle (9–149–1 TD) at Los Angeles Rams
	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:	9/21/17	Todd Gurley II (28–113–2 TDs), Robert Woods (6–108) & Sammy Watkins (6–106–2 TDs) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	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:	10/7/12	Frank Gore (14–106–1 TD), Michael Crabtree (6–113–1 TD), Vernon Davis (5–106) & Alex Smith (24–18–303–0 INTs–3 TDs) vs. Buffalo
	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:	12/8/19	Raheem Mostert (10–69–1 TD rushing, 2–40–1 TD receiving) at New Orleans
	1/29/95	*Ricky Watters (15–47–1 TD rushing, 3–61–2 TDs receiving) at San Diego – SB XXIX*
By Opponent:	10/21/18	Todd Gurley II (15–63–2 TDs rushing, 4–23–1 TD receiving) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	2/2/20	*Damien Williams (17–104–1 TD rushing, 4–29–1 TD receiving) at Kansas City – SB LIV*

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OFFENSIVE TOTALS

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

By 49ers:	10/7/18	C.J. Beathard (54–34–349–2 INTs–2 TDs passing, 2–7–1 TD rushing) vs. Arizona
	1/12/14	*Colin Kaepernick (28–15–196–0 INTs–1 TD passing, 8–15–1 TD rushing) at Carolina – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/13/20	Kyler Murray (40–26–230 –1 INT–1 TD passing, 13–91–1 TD rushing) vs. Arizona
	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:	9/13/20	49ers loss vs. Arizona, 20–24
	1/19/20	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–20 – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	12/29/19	Seahawks loss at Seattle, 21–26
	1/5/14	*Packers loss at Green Bay, 20–23 – NFC–WC*

Touchdown Scored on First Drive

By 49ers:	12/8/19	49ers win at New Orleans, 48–46
	1/11/20	*49ers win vs. Minnesota, 27–10 – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/21/19	Rams loss vs. Los Angeles, 31–34
	2/3/13	*Ravens win vs. Baltimore, 34–31 – SB XLVII*

DEFENSIVE TOTALS

Held Opponent Under 200 Net Yards of Total Offense

By 49ers:	11/24/19	49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–8 (198; 117 rushing, 81 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:	12/15/19	49ers loss vs. Atlanta, 22–29 (290; 89 rushing, 201 passing)
	1/11/20	*49ers win vs. Minnesota, 27–10 (147; 21 rushing, 126 passing) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	10/20/19	Redskins loss at Washington, 0–9 (283; 137 rushing, 146 passing)
	1/12/03	*Buccaneers win at Tampa Bay, 31–6 (228; 62 rushing, 166 passing) – NFC–D*

Held Opponent Under 50 Yards Rushing

By 49ers:	9/15/19	49ers win at Cincinnati, 41–17 (25)
	1/11/20	*49ers win vs. Minnesota, 27–10 (21) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	11/17/19	Cardinals loss vs. Arizona, 26–36 (34)
	1/11/98	*Packers win vs. Green Bay, 23–10 (33) – NFC–C*

Held Opponent Under 75 Yards Rushing

By 49ers:	12/21/19	49ers win vs. Los Angeles Rams, 34–31 (72)
	1/19/20	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–20 (62) – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	11/17/19	Cardinals loss vs. Arizona, 26–36 (34)
	1/12/03	*Buccaneers win vs. Tampa Bay, 31–6 (62) – NFC–D*

Held Opponent Under 100 Yards Rushing

By 49ers:	12/21/19	49ers win vs. Los Angeles Rams, 34–31 (72)
	1/19/20	*49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–20 (62) – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	11/17/19	Cardinals loss vs. Arizona, 26–36 (34)
	1/12/03	*Buccaneers win vs. Tampa Bay, 31–6 (62) – NFC–D*

Held Opponent Under 100 Net Yards Passing

By 49ers:	11/24/19	49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–8 (81)
	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:	12/1/19	49ers loss at Baltimore, 17–20 (105)
	1/11/20	*49ers win vs. Minnesota, 27–10 (126) – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	10/20/19	Redskins loss at Washington, 0–9 (146)
	1/19/20	*Packers loss vs. Green Bay, 20–37 (69) – NFC–C*

Interception Return for a Touchdown

By 49ers:	12/21/19	Fred Warner, 46 (QB Jared Goff) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	1/3/98	*Ken Norton, 23 (QB Randall Cunningham) vs. Minnesota – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	9/8/19	Vernon Hargreaves, 15 (QB Jimmy Garoppolo) at Tampa Bay
	1/12/13	*Sam Shields, 52 (QB Colin Kaepernick) vs. Green Bay – NFC–D*

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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:	11/16/14	Chris Borland (2 – QB Eli Manning) at New York Giants
	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:	11/24/19	49ers win vs. Green Bay, 37–8 (5)
	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)

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:	10/21/18	Aaron Donald (4.0 of QB C.J. Beathard) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	1/17/93	*Tony Casillas (3.0 of QB Steve Young) vs. Dallas – NFC–C*

Individual with Two–or–More Sacks

By 49ers:	11/24/19	Arik Armstead (2.0 of QB Aaron Rodgers) vs. Green Bay
	1/11/20	*Nick Bosa (2.0 of QB Kirk Cousins) vs. Minnesota – NFC–D*
By Opponent:	12/21/19	Dante Fowler Jr. (2.5 of QB Jimmy Garoppolo) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	2/3/13	*Paul Kruger (2.0 of QB Colin Kaepernick) vs. Baltimore – SB XLVII*

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:	11/11/19	Jadeveon Clowney recovered a Jimmy Garoppolo fumble and returned it 10 yards vs. Seattle
	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 Jr., 97 yards vs. Seattle
	1/11/98	*Chuck Levy, 95 yards vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	12/12/10	Leon Washington, 92 yards vs. Seattle
	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*

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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
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
	1/6/90	*Spencer Tillman blocked Bucky Scribner's punt vs. Minnesota – 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:	1/1/17	Chris Jones blocked a PAT attempt by Steven Hauschka vs. Seattle
By Opponent:	12/24/17	Jalen Myrick blcoked a PAT attempt by Robbie Gould vs. Jacksonville

Missed (not blocked) PAT

By 49ers:	12/15/19	Robbie Gould vs. Atlanta
By Opponent:	11/17/19	Zane Gonzalez vs. Arizona

Blocked Field Goal

By 49ers:	1/3/16	Dontae Johnson blocked a 48–yard attempt by Greg Zuerlein vs. St. Louis
By Opponent:	12/1/19	Marlon Humphrey blocked a 51–yard attempt by Robbie Gould at Baltimore

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:	12/23/12	Richard Sherman, 90–yard return after Red Bryant blocked a 21–yard attempt by David Akers at Seattle

Individual with Five–or–More Field Goals

By 49ers:	12/17/17	Robbie Gould (6–6) vs. Tennessee
By Opponent:	10/2/05	Neil Rackers (6–6) at Arizona
	1/20/91	*Matt Bahr (5–6) vs. New York Giants – NFC–C*

Individual with Four–or–More Field Goals

By 49ers:	12/16/18	Robbie Gould (4–4) vs. Seattle
	1/24/82	*Ray Wersching (4–4) at Cincinnati – SB XVI*
By Opponent:	10/15/18	Mason Crosby (4–4) at Green Bay
	1/20/91	*Matt Bahr (5–6) vs. New York Giants – NFC–C*

Individual with Three–or–More Field Goals

By 49ers:	12/15/19	Robbie Gould (3–3) vs. Atlanta
	1/19/20	*Robbie Gould (3–3) vs. Green Bay – NFC–C*
By Opponent:	10/21/18	Greg Zuerlein (3–3) vs. Los Angeles Rams
	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:	12/24/17	Josh Lambo kick recovered by Lerentee McCray vs. Jacksonville (4th Q)

Failed Onsides Kick Attempt

By 49ers:	12/30/18	Robbie Gould kick recovered by Josh Reynolds at Los Angeles Rams (4th Q)
By Opponent:	12/24/17	Josh Lambo kick out of bounds vs. Jacksonville (4th Q)
	1/19/20	*Mason Crosby kick recovered by Mark Nzeocha vs. Green Bay (4th Q) – NFC–C*

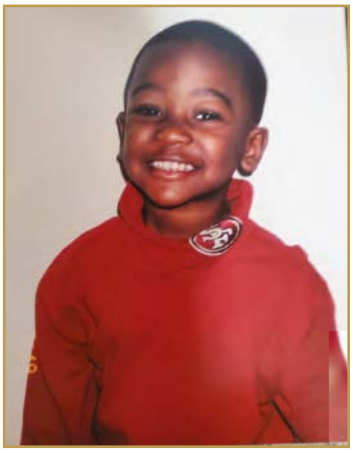


BRANDON AIYUK

11 WR 6-0 × 200 × ARIZONA STATE

3.17.98 × RENO, NV × ROOKIE × ACQUIRED D-1B IN '20

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."
- 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 GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His last name is pronounced EYE-yook.
- Though he stands at 6-foot-1, 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.

AIYUK'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

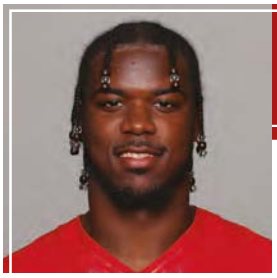
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Sep 13	Arz	L	–	–INACTIVE (Hamstring)–			–	–
Sep 20	at NYJ							
Sep 27	at NYG							
Oct 4	Phi							
Oct 11	Mia							
Oct 18	LAR							
Oct 25	at NE							
Nov 1	at Sea							
Nov 5	GB							
Nov 15	at NO							
Nov 29	at LAR							
Dec 7	Buf							
Dec 13	Was							
Dec 20	at Dal							
TBD	at Arz							
Jan 3	Sea							
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

AIYUK'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2020	SF	0	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		0	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0

AIYUK'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the second of two 1st–round (25th overall) draft choices by SF in 2020.



AZEEZ AL-SHAAIR

51 | **LB**

6-2 × 228 × FLORIDA ATLANTIC

8.4.97 × TAMPA, FL × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '19

AWARDS & HONORS

2019: 49ers Community Relations Rookie Player 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 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.

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.

AL-SHAAIR'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**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.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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.



- 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.



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	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**16**	**4**	**11**	**6**	**5**	**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
2019	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 – 8: 2019 (8)

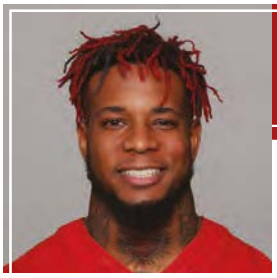
Milestones:
NFL Debut: at TB (9/8/19); **First Start:** vs. GB (11/24/19)

AL-SHAAIR'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 3 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19)
Solo: Regular Season – 2 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19)
Assists: Regular Season – 1 (5 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19)

AL-SHAAIR'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by SF on 5/3/19.



KWON ALEXANDER

56 **LB** 6-1 × 227 × LOUISIANA STATE

8.3.94 × OXFORD, AL × 6TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '19

AWARDS & HONORS

2015: PFWA All-Rookie Team, NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 8)
2017: Pro Bowl
2019: Hazeltine Iron Man Award

GOLDMINE



- On Friday, October 30, 2015, Alexander was relaxing at his apartment with teammates, just days away from what would be just his seventh career NFL game, when he received one of the most dreadful calls one could experience. His little brother, Broderick, had been involved in a confrontation with a man who decided to pull out a gun and use it. "He's gone," Kwon heard his mother say over the phone. Broderick was less than a month away from his 18th birthday. He had looked up to Kwon, and the two shared a bond as strong as ever. "I walked straight out to the patio, laid down on one of the lounge chairs by the pool, pulled out my phone and started looking at text messages," Alexander said in an article he composed for *The Players Tribune*. "I found Lil' Brod's old messages and started scrolling through them — until I saw one from him that jumped off the screen. 'I love you bro.' I stared at it for I don't know how long, and then I put my phone down, looked up at the sky and cried until I couldn't cry anymore." He then booked a flight home to be with his family as they made plans for Broderick's funeral, but his mother wouldn't allow it. They agreed that even Broderick would have wanted him to play. So, two days later, Kwon not only played, but he played the game of his life. In the first quarter of the game, with his team down 3-0, Alexander caught up to a streaking Falcons WR Julio Jones and in one instance ripped the ball clean out of his hands and took off the other way for a 20-yard return. Next, in the second quarter, Alexander intercepted a pass by QB Matt Ryan and returned the ball for 15 yards. At the end of the victory, his then-career-high 11 tackles, forced fumble, fumble recovery and interception earned him not only the game ball, but the respect of his teammates. "All I wanted was to be with my family, but I had a second family right there to pick me up," Alexander said. "It was highest of highs and the lowest of lows, at the exact same moment."

ALEXANDER'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Although he grew up in the same town as teammate DL Dee Ford, the two did not meet until they were both acquired by the team in March 2019. By the time Alexander had reached high school, Ford had already migrated to nearby St. Clair County H.S. "I knew who he was once we got to the NFL, so that's all that matters," Ford said.
- In 2019, named the recipient of the 49ers Hazeltine Iron Man Award. The Hazeltine Iron Man Award is named for former linebacker Matt Hazeltine, a 13-year performer who played more seasons at linebacker than any other 49ers player. The award is given annually to the most courageous and inspirational defensive player as voted upon by the defensive coaches.

ALEXANDER'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	9	6	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
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Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/1**	**9**	**6**	**3**	**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. Alexander and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. With the Kwon Alexander Foundation, "I play for my little brother, and to end gun violence," said Alexander.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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.



- Alexander held a kickball game with friends and family in 2018 that served as the opening event for the Kwon Alexander Foundation. "They have to work for it, hang around the right people and keep their grades straight," Alexander said. "Giving back is very important to me, especially for people where I come from. We didn't have anybody to give back when I was growing up. It's a big thing to them if they see a positive role model." At his kickball event, the Tampa Bay police department held conversations with youth in the community. Alexander's event also partnered with the Heart Gallery of Tampa, an organization that raises awareness of Tampa's waiting foster children and engages the community in their welfare and secure placement.



- In October of 2019, Alexander and teammate Fred 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.



- In June of 2019, Alexander hosted a free football camp in Hobson City, AL for kids ages 8-17. His camp featured football drills, free food and giveaways and was sponsored by The Kwon Alexander Foundation, a non-profit organization, that supports youth in need in the greater Anniston, AL community. Kwon and his foundation host mentorship programming and educational workshops throughout the year.

ALEXANDER'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2015	TB	12	12	93	59	34	3.0	21.5	2	15	15	0	9	2	1	20
2016	TB	16	16	145	108	37	3.0	8.0	1	38	38t	1	7	1	1	4
2017	TB	12	12	97	70	27	0.0	0.0	3	70	28	0	4	1	0	0
2018	TB	6	6	45	34	11	1.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	2	2	0	0
2019	SF	8	8	34	22	12	0.5	4.5	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	0
2020	SF	1	1	9	6	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**55**	**55**	**423**	**299**	**124**	**7.5**	**34.0**	**7**	**123**	**38t**	**1**	**26**	**7**	**2**	**24**

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	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**2**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:

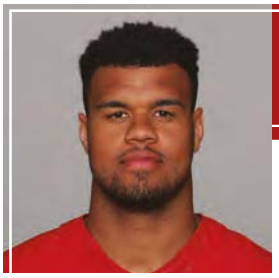
NFL Debut: vs. Ten. (9/13/15); **First Start:** vs. Ten. (9/13/15); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at Jax. (10/11/15 – QB Blake Bortles); **First FF:** Regular Season – at Atl. (11/1/15 – WR Julio Jones); **First FR:** Regular Season – at Atl. (11/1/15 – WR Julio Jones); **First INT:** Regular Season – at Hou. (9/27/15 – QB Ryan Mallett); **First INT Return for a TD:** Regular Season – vs. LAR (9/25/16 – QB Case Keenum)

ALEXANDER'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 21 at Dal. (12/18/16); Postseason – 2 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 15 at Atl. (9/11/16); Postseason – 2 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 10 at Dal. (12/18/16)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 3 at Cin. (9/15/19); Postseason – 1 at KC (2/2/20)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 (7 times) Last vs. Phi. (9/16/18)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Chi. (11/13/16)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (7 times) Last at Was. (10/20/19)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (7 times) Last at Cin. (9/15/19)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 38t vs. LAR (9/25/16)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 38t vs. LAR (9/25/16)
Interception Returns for TD: Regular Season – 1 vs. LAR (9/25/16)

ALEXANDER'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 4th–round (124th overall) draft choice by TB in 2015...Placed on the Reserve/Suspended List on 12/8/15...Activated from the Reserve/Suspended List on 1/4/16...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/22/18...Signed a four–year deal with SF on 3/13/19...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/5/19...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 1/10/20.



ARIK ARMSTEAD

91 | **DL** | 6-7 × 290 × OREGON

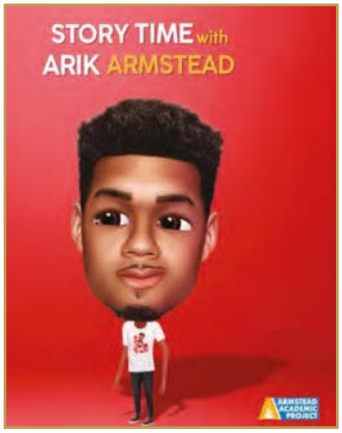
11.15.93 × ELK GROVE, CA × 6TH YEAR × ACQUIRED D-1 IN '15

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."



- During the 2020 offseason, Armstead began implementing several installments of Storytime 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.



ARMSTEAD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- 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.
- For Armstead, the NFL Draft process was a whirlwind tour. He went straight from the National Championship Game to San Diego to prepare for the NFL Combine and then to Sacramento for the Draft itself. However, his favorite part of the process was being drafted by a team so close to his hometown. "It's a dream come true. I'm blessed to be in this situation. Not a lot of other people are that close to home. Being able to play home games in front of my family is perfect for me."

ARMSTEAD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
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Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/1**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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.
- 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.



- 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	1	1	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**63**	**44**	**159**	**97**	**62**	**19**	**117**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**3**	**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
TOTALS		**3**	**3**	**8**	**7**	**1**	**2.0**	**15.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

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); **Multi–Sack Games:** Regular Season – 3, Last vs. GB (11/24/19 – 2.0; QB Aaron Rodgers)

ARMSTEAD'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (3)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
10/27/19	vs. Car.	2.0	11.0	Kyle Allen (2.0)
11/11/19	vs. Sea.	1.5	12.0	Russell Wilson (1.5)
11/24/19	vs. GB	2.0	13.0	Aaron Rodgers (2.0)

ARMSTEAD'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 6 (2 times) Last at LAR (10/13/19); Postseason – 3 (2 times) Last at KC (2/2/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 5 vs. LAR (10/21/18); Postseason – 3 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 4 (3 times) Last at LAC (9/30/18); Postseason – 1 at KC (2/2/20)
Sacks: Regular Season – 2.0 (2 times) Last vs. GB (11/24/19); Postseason – 1.0 (2 times) Last vs. GB (1/19/20)
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 (3 times) Last vs. LAR (12/21/19)

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 on 3/16/20.



TAVON AUSTIN

5 WR

5-8 × 185 × WEST VIRGINIA

3.15.90 × BALTIMORE, MD × 8TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '20

AWARDS & HONORS

2013: PFWA All-Rookie Team (PR), NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 1c0)
2014: NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 14)
2015: NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 1)

GOLDMINE



- In December of 2016, Austin and former teammate Robert Quinn teamed up with LA Family Housing, an organization that helps transition the homless community to permanent housing. The two were put in touch with Rebecca Carter who had just been reunited with her six young children and was doing her best to put six years of periodic homelessness behind her. Austin and Quinn spent more than $20,000 to furnish the house for the single mother. In addition to new furniture and appliances throughout the house, the kids got clothes, school supplies, toys, gaming systems, bicycles and more. The situation hit close to home for Austin, who was reminded of his mom, Cathy, a single mother who worked odd jobs in order to provide for her four children. "My mom was pretty young, and she did what she could do," Austin said. "We had six people in the house, so I know how this feels. It put the drive in me to get to where I want to today. That's how I looked at it, that's how I approached it and that's how I took it. Hopefully one of them little boys in there take it the same way that I took it. 'I'm going to get Mommy out of here. I'm going to get us out of here.' That's what I did."
- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Austin and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Austin represented Breast Cancer Awareness, saying, "Cancer may have started the fight, but we will finish it!" On his cleats, Austin represented his grandma, Louann, and mom, Cathy.



AUSTIN'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- In November of 2019, Austin hosted his 6th Annual Turkey Giveaway. Austin, along with volunteers, distributed 300 turkeys in his hometown of Baltimore, MD.
- Participated in football and track & field at Dunbar (Baltimore, MD) HS.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- In December of 2017, Austin once again teamed up with the nonprofit LA Family Housing. Austin and former teammate Robert Quinn paid for new beds, a sofa, televisions, a dining room set, wall hangings, kitchen items, furnishings and everything else in the four-bedroom apartment for Shwonna Cox and her six children. They also purchased gifts to be left under the tree in anticipation for the holiday season. LA Family Housing, which works to help families and individuals transition out of homelessness and poverty, had placed Cox and her children in interim housing in the northeast San Fernando Valley. Due to various fires in the area, the family was forced to move several times within a few days. "I always want to do something to help a person," said Austin. "You can't help everybody in the world but at least you can get to one, and that's where my heart has always been, so that's what is to me. I just feel good they have a place to rest their head and call a place home."



AUSTIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2013	StL	13	3	40	418	10.5	81t	4	9	151	16.8	65t	1
2014	StL	15	8	31	242	7.8	28	0	36	224	6.2	19	2
2015	StL	16	15	52	473	9.1	66t	5	52	434	8.3	60	4
2016	LAR	15	15	58	509	8.8	43t	3	28	159	5.7	30t	1
2017	LAR	16	9	13	47	3.6	13	0	59	270	4.6	27t	1
2018	DAL	7	0	8	140	17.5	64t	2	6	55	9.2	18	0
2019	DAL	14	0	13	177	13.6	59t	1	6	47	7.8	20t	1
2020	SF	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**96**	**50**	**215**	**2,006**	**9.3**	**81t**	**15**	**196**	**1,340**	**6.8**	**65t**	**10**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2017	LAR	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2018	DAL	2	1	2	5	2.5	7	0	1	–3	–3.0	–3	0
TOTALS		**3**	**2**	**2**	**5**	**2.5**	**7**	**0**	**1**	**–3**	**–3.0**	**–3**	**0**

		KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS					
YEAR	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2013	StL	18	398	22.1	32	0	33	11	280	8.5	98t	1
2014	StL	2	19	9.5	11	0	35	23	391	11.2	78t	1
2015	StL	3	16	5.3	7	0	34	15	268	7.9	75t	1
2016	LAR	1	5	5.0	5	0	44	16	364	8.3	47	0
2017	LAR	1	13	13.0	13	0	12	1	53	4.4	12	0
2018	DAL	0	0	–	–	0	10	7	58	5.8	22	0
2019	DAL	0	0	–	–	0	17	9	84	4.9	15	0
2020	SF	–	INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**25**	**451**	**18.0**	**32**	**0**	**185**	**82**	**1,498**	**8.1**	**98t**	**3**

PLAYOFFS

		KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS					
YEAR	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2017	LAR	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	0	–	–	0
2018	DAL	0	0	–	–	0	5	0	73	14.6	51	0
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**73**	**14.6**	**51**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles–Lost – 24/10: 2013 (3–1); 2014 (5–0); 2015 (4–3); 2016 (5–1); 2017 (6–5); 2019 (1–0)
Passing Attempts/Completions – 1/0: 2013 (1/0)
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 10: 2013 (2); 2014 (4); 2015 (1); 2016 (2); 2017 (1)
Fumble Recoveries – 2: 2017 (1); 2019 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Arz. (9/8/13); **First Start:** at Atl. (9/15/13); **First Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (9/8/13 – 2–yd. pass from QB Sam Bradford); Postseason – vs. Sea. (1/5/19 – 7–yd. pass from QB Dak Prescott); **First TD Reception:** Regular Season – at Atl. (9/15/13 – 6–yd. TD pass from QB Sam Bradford); **First Kickoff Return:** Regular Season – at Hou. (10/13/13 – 8–yd. KOR); **First Punt Return:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (9/8/13 – 1–yd. PR); Postseason – vs.Sea. (1/5/19 – 0–yd. PR); **Punt Return TD:** Regular Season – 1 at Ind. (11/10/13 – 98–yds.); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 1 at Ind. (11/10/13 – 138–yds.); **2 TD Games:** Regular Season – 3, Last at Arz. (10/4/15); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – vs. Chi. (11/24/13 – 65–yds.)

AUSTIN'S CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (1)

Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
11/10/13	at Ind.	2	138	69.0	2

AUSTIN'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 10 vs. NYG (10/23/16); Postseason – 1 (2 times) Last vs. LAR (1/12/19)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 138 at Ind. (11/10/13); Postseason – 7 vs. Sea. (1/5/19)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 81t at Ind. (11/10/13); Postseason – 7 vs. Sea. (1/5/19)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 2 (3 times) Last at Arz. (10/4/15)
Punt Returns: Regular Season – 7 vs. Atl. (12/11/16); Postseason – 5 vs. Sea. (1/5/19)
Punt Return Yards: Regular Season – 145 at Ind. (11/10/13); Postseason – 73 vs. Sea. (1/5/19)
Long Punt Return: Regular Season – 98t at Ind. (11/10/13); Postseason – 51 vs. Sea. (1/5/19)
Kick Returns: Regular Season – 4 (2 times) Last at Arz. (12/8/13)
Kick Return Yards: Regular Season – 95 at Arz. (12/8/13)
Kick Return Long: Regular Season – 32 (3 times) Last at Arz. (12/8/13)
Rushes: Regular Season – 10 at Sea. (12/17/17); Postseason – 1 vs. Sea. (1/5/19)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 66 at Min. (11/8/15)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 65t vs. Chi. (11/24/13)
Rushing TDs: Regular Season – 1 (10 times) Last vs. Phi. (10/20/19)

AUSTIN'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st–round (8th overall) draft choice by StL in 2013...Signed a four–year extension with StL through 2021 on 8/27/16...Traded to Dal. on 4/28/18...Signed a one–year extension with Dal. through 2019 on 3/20/19...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 8/15/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/30/20.



C.J. BEATHARD

3 | QB | 6-2 × 215 × IOWA

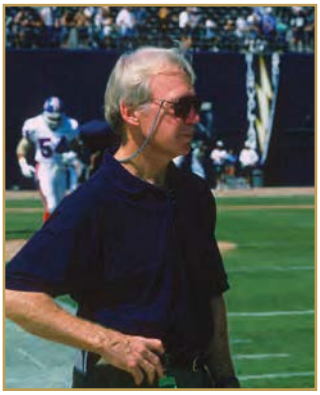
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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the Elias Sports Bureau, with his 4-yd. TD run vs. Dal. (10/22/17), he became the 3rd 49ers rookie quarterback to register a rushing TD since the merger in 1970 and the 1st since 1976 (QB Tom Owen - 1974; QB Scott Bull - 1976).
- In his 1st career start vs. Dal. (10/22/17), completed 22 of 38 atts. for 235 yds.
- His 83-yd. TD pass to WR Marquise Goodwin vs. NYG (11/12/17) set the franchise record for the longest comp. by a rookie QB.
- With his 83-yd. TD pass to WR Marquise Goodwin and 47-yd. TD pass to TE Garrett Celek vs. NYG (11/12/17), he became the 1st rookie QB in franchise history to have 2 TD passes of 45-or-more yds. in a single game.

GOLDMINE

- Beathard comes from a family steeped in football tradition. His grandfather, Bobby Beathard, spent 38 years working in the NFL, including 22 seasons as general manager of Washington (1978-88) and San Diego Chargers (1989-2000). As a general manager of Washington, he served as the architect of the organization's Super Bowl winning teams in 1982 (Super Bowl XVII) and 1987 (Super Bowl XXII). He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2018.



BEATHARD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His last name is pronounced BETH-urd.
- Played with fellow 49er TE George Kittle at Iowa (2012-16).
- Comes from a family who is equally as passionate about music as they are about sports. His father, Casey, played wide receiver at Elon College before becoming an accomplished country music songwriter who has penned hit songs for artists such as Billy Ray Cyrus and Kenny Chesney. His older brother, Tucker, was a standout baseball player who turned down a scholarship to Middle Tennessee and is now a rising country music singer and songwriter. Beathard's youngest brother, Clay, also played quarterback and was named Tennessee's "Mr. Football" for his division in 2014. Growing up, the Beathard brothers formed a band that performed at local talent shows. C.J. played lead guitar and wrote most of the songs, while Tucker played drums and Clay assisted on guitar.

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. Beathard and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. In choosing the American Cancer Society, Beathard said, "I play for my Aunt Karen."



BEATHARD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020																	Total	Pct.
Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg	Sk/Yds	Rtg	Rsh	Yds	TD	Net Yds.	Offense
Sep 13	Arz	L	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	INACTIVE	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 20	at NYJ																
Sep 27	at NYG																
Oct 4	Phi																
Oct 11	Mia																
Oct 18	LAR																
Oct 25	at NE																
Nov 1	at Sea																
Nov 5	GB																
Nov 15	at NO																
Nov 29	at LAR																
Dec 7	Buf																
Dec 13	Was																
Dec 20	at Dal																
TBD	at Arz																
Jan 3	Sea																
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0/0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**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.
- 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. Beathard 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.





- Beathard 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 after posing for a photoshoot. 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.
- During his time at Iowa, Beathard earned the nickname "Sunshine" from Hawkeye fans because his long, flowing hair resembled the character with the same nickname from the football movie "Remember The Titans." In 2015, he cut off his hair and donated it to Wigs For Kids, a non-profit organization that makes wigs to support children who have lost their hair due to medical issues at no cost to children or their families.
- As part of the 49ers annual Thanksgiving celebrations, Beathard and his teammates visited Cityteam San Jose to serve a holiday feast to over 300 people in need in 2017. Guests enjoyed turkey along with all of the usual holiday sides, while getting to know the 49ers.



- The 49ers joined forces with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose as part of their Community Tuesday kickoff event in September of 2018. Beathard 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."
- Beathard 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.
- In August of 2016, Beathard joined his younger brother, singer/songwriter Tucker Beathard, on stage at the first-ever concert at Iowa's Kinnick Stadium. Tucker, one of country music's rising stars, saw his song "Rock On" become a top-10 hit on Billboard's country chart. While performing a new track called "I'll Take On The World With You," which he co-wrote about the bond between he and his siblings, Tucker brought his older brother and former childhood bandmate onto the stage for a moment the two will never forget. "Ever since C.J. started at Iowa, playing a show at Kinnick Stadium was one of those unreachable dreams that you never think will actually come true," said Tucker. "Our whole family lives for sports and music...it's what bonds us together going back to my grandpa and his years in the NFL. It was awesome to be invited to the Back Porch Revival and to see those two worlds collide in front of a stadium full of people. I'll never forget it!"





- Beathard became a father in December of 2016, just months before being selected in the 3rd round by San Francisco. A year later, he celebrated his daughter Lyla's first birthday at the conclusion of his rookie season. Beathard considers his daughter's birth one of the greatest and proudest moments of his life. "The love I have experienced for her over this past year is something I never knew was possible," Beathard said. "I am thankful for all of the joy she brings to my life."

BEATHARD'S CAREER STATISTICS

				PASSING										RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG	SK	LST	RTG	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2017	SF	7	5	224	123	54.9	1,430	4	6	83t	19	141	69.2	26	136	5.2	16	3
2018	SF	6	5	169	102	60.4	1,252	8	7	82t	18	156	81.8	19	69	3.6	9	1
2019	SF	0	0	0	0	–	0	0	0	–	0	0	0.0	0	0	–	–	0
2020	SF	0	0	0	0	–	0	0	0	–	0	0	0.0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**13**	**10**	**393**	**225**	**57.3**	**2,682**	**12**	**13**	**83t**	**37**	**297**	**74.6**	**45**	**205**	**4.6**	**16**	**4**

PLAYOFFS

				PASSING										RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG	SK	LST	RTG	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	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**

Additional Statistics:
Fumbles–Lost – 8–5: 2017 (3–2); 2018 (5–3)
Tackles – 2: 2017 (1); 2018 (1)
Fumble Recoveries – 2: 2018 (2)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Arz. (10/1/17); **First Start:** vs. Dal. (10/22/17); **First Completion:** Regular Season – at Was. (10/15/17 – 13–yd. pass to TE Garrett Celek); **First Passing TD:** Regular Season – at Was. (10/15/17 – 45–yd. pass to WR Aldrick Robinson); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – vs. Dal. (10/22/17 – 4–yd. run); **First 300–Yd. Game:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (10/7/18 – 349 yds.); **300–Yd. Games:** Regular Season – 1, vs. Arz. (10/7/18 – 349 yds.)

BEATHARD'S CAREER 300-YARD PASSING GAMES (1)

Date	Opp	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD
10/7/18	vs. Arz.	54	34	349	2

BEATHARD'S CAREER HIGHS

Passes Attempted: Regular Season – 54 vs. Arz. (10/7/18)
Completions: Regular Season – 34 vs. Arz. (10/7/18)
Completion Percentage: Regular Season – 76.0 vs. NYG (11/12/17)
Passing Yards: Regular Season – 349 vs. Arz. (10/7/18)
Long Pass: Regular Season – 83t vs. NYG (11/12/17)
QB Rating: Regular Season – 123.4 vs. NYG (11/12/17)
Passing Touchdowns: Regular Season – 2 (4 times) Last at GB (10/15/18)
Rushes: Regular Season – 7 at LAC (9/30/18)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 40 at Phi. (10/29/17)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 16 vs. Dal. (10/22/17)
Rushing Touchdowns: Regular Season – 1 (4 times) Last vs. Arz. (10/7/18)

BEATHARD'S CAREER HIGHS

Originally the second of two 3rd–round (104th overall) draft choices by SF in 2017.



TRAVIS BENJAMIN

17 **WR** 5-10 × 175 × MIAMI

12.29.89 × BELLE GLADE, FL × 9TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '20

AWARDS & HONORS

2012: AFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 14)
2013: AFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 5)
2015: AFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 2)
2017: AFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 7)

GOLDMINE

- 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. Benjamin and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Benjamin raised awareness for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. In 2018, he served as the Honorary Race Chair for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Orange County. Benjamin also co-hosted the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in 2016 in San Diego. He has been active in breast cancer awareness and research since the start of his career, as his mother and grandmother are survivors.



- Growing up, Benjamin was raised primarily by his mother, Cynthia, and his grandmother, Jacquelyn. Cynthia worked hard to raise her family, and sometimes held multiple jobs to provide for her three kids. "My mother is my inspiration," Benjamin said. "She gave me a mindset that the only way you get where you want is with hard work. We never wanted to let her down." He grew close with his grandmother, Jacquelyn, who was always in the kitchen. Eventually, he could be the one found making the meals for the family. "When my mom and grandma were at work, I was the chef," said Benjamin. The tight-knit family grew closer, as Benjamin learned his grandmother was battling breast cancer. "It started out when I was in high school. My grandma had it first," said Benjamin. "She was diagnosed two times with breast cancer, but God bless her, because she's beaten it." The reprieve was shortlived, as Benjamin's mother, Cynthia, was diagnosed with the same form of cancer. "As I got toward college, either my freshman or sophomore year, my mom was diagnosed with it." After enduring treatment and chemotherapy, Cynthia was deemed cancer free to the relief of her family. "Those women are very strong. I think they're the toughest of the tough because their bodies change and their lives change. But (now they get to) wake up each and every morning knowing that God has given them another day to live."

BENJAMIN'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Lettered two years in track & field at Glades Central (Belle Glade, FL) HS. Ran the 100-meter dash along with the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. Also ran track at Miami.
- Comes from a family of athletes, as younger brother, Troy Stewart, played collegiately at Bethune-Cookman. Benjamin's cousin, Alphonso Marshall, played CB for the Chicago Bears from 2004-05.
- As a child, one of Benjamin's nicknames was 'Rabbit,' because he would chase rabbits that were escaping from burning cane fields. He credits the practice for his speed and agility. He estimates that he's caught about 10 over the years. "It is a special feeling when you catch that first one," he said.
- When he and his wife, Africa, got married in the summer of 2016, the couple had two ceremonies back in Miami, Florida: an American wedding and a traditional African wedding to honor Africa, who is Eritrean. "I respect her family and they respect me," Benjamin said. "And when she came to me and said we have to do the traditional African wedding, I was all in."



- Benjamin grew up in Florida and became a fan of freshwater fishing at an early age.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- In June of 2017, Benjamin hosted the Travis Benjamin Youth Football camp in his hometown of Belle Glade, Florida, which allowed over 200 young football players to improve their skills with the help of other Belle Glade NFL players. The free camp also gave out a free backpack with school supplies to each child in attendance. "I love working with kids, knowing I was at that point in my life at one time where I needed help," said Benjamin. "Coming from here, everyone wants to play football, and the work and the grind you put into it pays off."



BENJAMIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2012	CLE	14	3	18	298	16.6	69t	2	6	66	11.0	35	0
2013	CLE	8	3	5	105	21.0	39	0	1	45	45.0	45	0
2014	CLE	16	0	18	314	17.4	43	3	3	11	3.7	10	0
2015	CLE	16	15	68	966	14.2	61	5	4	12	3.0	10	0
2016	SD	14	8	47	677	14.4	54	4	2	–3	–1.5	–1	0
2017	LAC	16	3	34	567	16.7	62t	4	13	96	7.4	22	0
2018	LAC	12	3	12	186	15.5	46t	1	7	41	5.9	19	0
2019	LAC	5	2	6	30	5.0	13	0	0	0	–	–	0
2020	SF	–	–	–	RESERVE/OPT–OUT	–		–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**101**	**37**	**208**	**3,143**	**15.1**	**69t**	**19**	**36**	**268**	**7.4**	**45**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2018	LAC	2	0	3	11	3.7	8	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**2**	**0**	**3**	**11**	**3.7**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles – Lost – 15–8: 2012 (1–1); 2013 (2–1); 2014 (2–1); 2015 (3–2); 2016 (5–3); 2017 (2–0)
Fumble Recoveries – 2: 2012 (1); 2014 (1)
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 5: 2013 (1); 2014 (1); 2015 (1); 2017 (2)
Tackles – 14: 2012 (2); 2013 (2); 2014 (1); 2015 (2); 2016 (4); 2017 (1); 2018 (1); 2019 (1)
Forced Fumbles – 1: 2014 (1)
Passing Attempts/Completions – 1/0: 2016 (1/0)
Special Teams Tackles – 1: 2015 (1)
Punt Returns – 109: 2012 (3); 2013 (22); 2014 (15); 2015 (28); 2016 (9); 2017 (27); 2018 (5)
Punt Return Yards – 1,189: 2012 (149); 2013 (257); 2014 (127); 2015 (324); 2016 (59); 2017 (257); 2018 (16)
Punts Returned for a TD – 4: 2012 (1); 2013 (1); 2015 (1); 2017 (1)
Kickoff Returns – Regular Season – 19: 2012 (3); 2013 (3); 2014 (12); 2018 (1) **Postseason – 1:** 2018 (1)
Kickoff Return Yards – Regular Season – 485: 2012 (86); 2013 (146); 2014 (246); 2018 (17) **Postseason – 6:** 2018 (6)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Phi. (9/9/12); **First Start:** at Den. (12/23/12); **First Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Phi. (9/9/12 – 12–yd. pass from QB Brandon Weeden); **First TD Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Buf. (9/23/12 – 22–yd. pass from QB Brandon Weeden); **First Multi–TD Game:** Regular Season – at Ten. (10/5/14 – 2 TDs); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 6, Last vs. KC (9/24/17 – 105 yds.); **First Kickoff Return:** Regular Season – at Bal. (9/27/12 – 24–yd. KOR); **First Punt Return:** Regular Season – at Bal. (9/27/12 – 40–yd. PR)

BENJAMIN'S CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (6)

Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
9/20/15	vs. Ten.	3	115	38.3	2	9/18/16	vs. Jax.	6	115	19.2	2
10/18/15	vs. Den.	9	117	13.0	0	10/9/16	at Oak.	7	117	16.7	0
11/15/15	at Pit.	7	113	16.1	0	9/24/17	vs. KC	5	105	21.0	0

BENJAMIN'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 9 vs. Den. (10/18/15); Postseason – 3 at Bal. (1/6/19)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 117 (2 times) Last at Oak. (10/9/16); Postseason – 11 at Bal. (1/6/19)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 69t vs. Was. (12/16/12); Postseason – 8 at Bal. (1/6/19)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 2 (3 times) Last vs. Jax. (9/18/16)
Rushes: Regular Season – 2 (3 times) Last vs. Oak. (12/31/17)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 45 vs. Det. (10/13/13)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 45 vs. Det. (10/13/13)
Punt Returns: Regular Season – 7 vs. Buf. (10/3/13)
Punt Return Yards: Regular Season – 179 vs. Buf. (10/3/13)
Long Punt Return: Regular Season – 93t vs. KC (12/9/12)
Kick Returns: Regular Season – 5 vs. Ind. (12/7/14); Postseason – 1 at Bal. (1/6/19)
Kick Return Yards: Regular Season – 99 vs. Ind. (12/7/14); Postseason – 6 at Bal. (1/6/19)
Kick Return Long: Regular Season – 86 at GB. (10/20/13)

BENJAMIN'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 4th–round (100th overall) draft choice by Cle. in 2012...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/30/13...Signed a four–year deal with SD on 3/10/16...Re–signed with LAC on a two–year contract on 4/15/19...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/17/19...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 4/3/20...Placed on the Reserve/Opt–Out List on 8/5/20.



RONALD BLAIR III

98 **DL**

6-4 × 270 × APPALACHIAN STATE

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GOLDMINE

- 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. Blair 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 his hometown of Greensboro, GA, Blair has volunteered at Relay for Life, a branch of the American Cancer Society. The subject of cancer is near to Blair's heart, as his grandmother, Annie Ruth Peek, passed away from colon cancer while he was growing up. In the future, Blair aims to start his own foundation with the goal of creating a community where people who are going through life-changing experiences can call home. "I lost my grandmother to colon cancer. I lost my grandfather to a heart attack. My stepfather was in a car accident and is now a paraplegic. So, those people have a special place in my heart and I want to get involved in helping with causes like those."
- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Blair and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Blair chose to represent the American Heart Association on one cleat and the American Cancer Society on the other.



- Blair actively supports the 49ers Foundation and regularly volunteers for fundraising events such as the 2019 Second Annual Picnic on the Field, where he and his teammates spent the day taking pictures with fans and filling backpacks with school supplies which were distributed throughout the community to children in need. Blair also took part in the Second Annual 1st and Bowl Challenge in October of 2019, which raised funds to support the charitable programs of the the 49ers Foundation.

BLAIR'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- In June of 2019, Blair held a free youth football camp in his hometown of Greensboro, GA, for children from grades 3-12. In addition to drills, the kids received camp t-shirts, lunch, gift bags and autographs from Blair III and other NFL players in attendance.
- Blair has volunteered at the Relay for Life in his hometown of Greensboro, GA. One day, he hopes to start his own foundation that would create a community for people going through life-changing experiences.
- Growing up, Blair's first sport was basketball, not football. His father put a basketball in his crib when he was one year old and Blair only switched to football once he realized his size was better suited for the gridiron.

BLAIR'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	–	–	–	RESERVE/PUP			–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Blair cites the transition from 8th grade to high school, and specifically a conversation he had with his band director, as a key moment that stoked his competitive fire. Entering the 9th grade, his band director wanted him to continue playing the tuba in the school's band and not play football because he wouldn't see the field as a freshman. That year, Blair became a starter on varsity. "That's definitely one moment that sticks out and helped me develop in the football world," said Blair.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- The 49ers, in partnership with Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY), visited the Santa Clara Juvenile Hall to work with residents on frustration management during the 2018 season. Blair and his teammates held a discussion with the young people, and later divided into groups to engage in football drills that demonstrated the proper way to focus negative energy in a positive manner. After the drills, they held another discussion centered on making right decisions when it comes to frustration management.



- Blair III 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.



BLAIR'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2016	SF	16	0	18	16	2	3.0	14.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2017	SF	6	2	15	10	5	2.0	7.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2018	SF	16	0	36	24	12	5.5	43.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	SF	9	0	21	14	7	3.0	22.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	1	0
2020	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**47**	**2**	**88**	**62**	**26**	**13.5**	**86.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**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	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. LAR (9/12/16); **First Start:** vs. Arz. (11/5/17); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. Dal. (10/2/16 – QB Dak Prescott); **First Multi–Sack Game:** Regular Season – vs. NYG (11/12/17 – 2.0; QB Eli Manning); **First FF:** Regular Season – vs. NYG (11/12/17 – QB Eli Manning); **First FR:** Regular Season – at TB (9/8/19)

BLAIR'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (1)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
11/12/17	vs. NYG	2.0	7.0	Eli Manning (2.0)

BLAIR'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 6 at LAR (12/30/18)
Solo: Regular Season – 4 (3 times) Last at Cin. (9/15/19)
Assists: Regular Season – 3 (2 times) Last vs. Pit. (9/22/19)
Sacks: Regular Season – 2.0 vs. NYG (11/12/17)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 vs. NYG (11/12/17)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 at TB (9/8/19)

BLAIR'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of three 5th–round (142nd overall) draft choices by SF in 2016...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/3/17...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 11/4/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/13/19...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/23/20...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/28/20...Placed on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List on 9/5/20.



NICK BOSA

97 | **DL** | 6-4 × 266 × OHIO STATE

10.23.97 × FORT LAUDERDALE, FL × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED D-1 IN '19

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)

PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2019

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

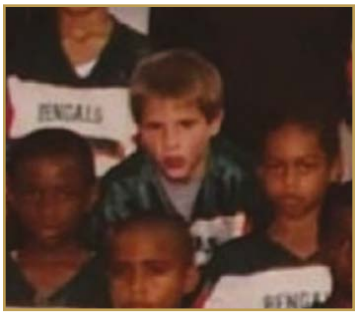
	Player	Year	Sacks
1.	LB Aldon Smith	2011	14.0
2.	LB Charles Haley	1986	12.0
3.	DT Dana Stubblefield	1993	10.5
4.	**DL Nick Bosa**	**2019**	**9.0**
5.	DE Andre Carter	2001	6.5

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Notched 6 tackles and 1 FF vs. Arz. (9/13), knocking the ball loose from Cardinals RB Chase Edmunds, marking his 2nd career FF.

GOLDMINE

- Bosa's father, John, a former member of the Miami Dolphins, 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.'"



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

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/1**	**6**	**3**	**3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

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	1	1	6	3	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS		**17**	**15**	**53**	**35**	**18**	**9.0**	**77.0**	**1**	**46**	**46**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**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
TOTALS		**3**	**3**	**15**	**11**	**4**	**4.0**	**35.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**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 – 2, Last vs. Car. (10/27/19 – 3.0; QB Kyle Allen); Postseason – 1, vs. Min. (1/11/20 – 2.0; QB Kirk Cousins); **First INT:** Regular Season – vs. Car. (10/27/19 – QB Kyle Allen)

BOSA'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (3)

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)

*Postseason

BOSA'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 8 vs. Sea. (11/11/19); Postseason – 6 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
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 (2 times) Last at KC (2/2/20)
Sacks: Regular Season – 3.0 vs. Car. (10/27/19); Postseason – 2.0 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. GB (11/24/19)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Arz. (9/13/20); Postseason – 1 at KC (2/2/20)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at NO (12/8/19); Postseason – 1 (2 times) Last at KC (2/2/20)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 vs. Car. (10/27/19)

BOSA'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st–round (2nd overall) draft choice by SF in 2019.



KENDRICK BOURNE

84 **WR** 6-1 × 190 × EASTERN WASHINGTON

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GOLDMINE

- During the 2020 offseason, Bourne returned to his home state of Oregon to organize a meet and greet with fans and auction off raffles to benefit the Bourne Blessed Autism Foundation. "My uncles have autism and they are just happy about life. They used to watch me when I was younger and they just used to do everything I wanted as an athlete. They took me to go shoot hoops or go to the field," said Bourne. "Those two guys, I just love them to death so that is why we started it."



- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Bourne and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Bourne chose the charity Autism Speaks and said, "I play for my uncles."



- In October of 2019, Bourne and his teammates spent time with fans and members of local Silicon Valley businesses to compete in a bowling tournament as the 49ers Foundation hosted the second annual 1st and Bowl Challenge. The funds raised at the event will support the charitable programs of the 49ers Foundation and benefit Bay Area youth.



BOURNE'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Bourne's heritage consists of being half Samoan and half African-American. He has a number of ancestral tattoos that begin on his left shoulder and stretch all the way down to his wrist. In 2013, after his senior season at Milwaukie Arts (Portland, OR) Academy, Bourne was honored when he was chosen to play in the Polynesian All-American Bowl in La Mirada, CA. The love for his heritage was instilled in him by his mom, Luisa, who he calls his 'Reason why.'
- Students at Bourne's high school, which is a charter school (Milwaukie Academy of the Arts), received special permission from the Oregon School Athletics Association (OSAA) to compete on Milwaukie High School athletics teams.

BOURNE'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	2	34	17.0	18	0
Sep 20	at NYJ							
Sep 27	at NYG							
Oct 4	Phi							
Oct 11	Mia							
Oct 18	LAR							
Oct 25	at NE							
Nov 1	at Sea							
Nov 5	GB							
Nov 15	at NO							
Nov 29	at LAR							
Dec 7	Buf							
Dec 13	Was							
Dec 20	at Dal							
TBD	at Arz							
Jan 3	Sea							
TOTALS			**1/1**	**2**	**34**	**17.0**	**18**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- In June of 2020, Bourne, through the Bourne Blessed Foundation, teamed up with the TAP Foundation to bring 100,000 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables to East San Jose, one of the hardest hit areas affected by COVID-19 in Santa Clara County. Families received three boxes of food each by passing through a drive-thru system that was put in place to allow for social distancing. "We really wanted to provide the right nutrition because many people don't have access to food right now and money is tight. The main reason was to give healthy food to those in need."

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- As a rookie, Bourne attended the 49ers annual Mentorship Academy, which provides players with the opportunity to pass on their life lessons to local high school football players. The players discussed a variety of subjects, including stress management, healthy eating, exhibiting leadership and maintaining healthy relationships.



BOURNE'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2017	SF	11	0	16	257	16.1	54	0	0	0	–	–	0
2018	SF	16	8	42	487	11.6	33	4	0	0	–	–	0
2019	SF	16	0	30	358	11.9	30	5	0	0	–	–	0
2020	SF	1	1	2	34	17.0	18	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**44**	**9**	**90**	**1,136**	**12.6**	**54**	**9**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	3	0	6	88	14.7	26	1	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**6**	**88**	**14.7**	**26**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Fumbles–Lost – 1–0: 2018 (1–0)
Tackles – 3: 2017 (1); 2018 (1); 2019 (1)
Special Teams Tackles – 1: 2019 (1)
Forced Fumbles – 1: 2017 (1)
Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2018 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Car. (9/10/17); **First Start:** at Arz. (10/28/18); **First Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (11/5/17 – 25–yd. pass from QB C.J. Beathard); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – 3–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First TD Reception**: Regular Season – vs. Det. (9/16/18 – 4–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – 3–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First Multi–TD Game**: Regular Season – at NO (12/8/19 – 2 TDs)

BOURNE'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 7 at Arz. (10/28/18); Postseason – 3 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 85 vs. Ten. (12/17/17); Postseason – 42 at KC (2/2/20)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 2 at NO (12/8/19); Postseason – 1 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 54 vs. Ten. (12/17/17); Postseason – 26 at KC (2/2/20)

BOURNE'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by SF on 5/4/17...Re–signed with SF on a one–year contract on 4/6/20.



JAKE BRENDEL

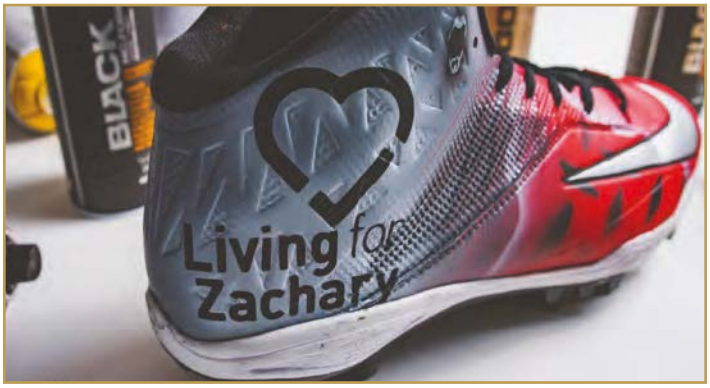
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GOLDMINE

- 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 NUGGET

- 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 – 21/3: 2016 (1/0); 2017 (16/0); 2018 (4/3)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 1/0: 2016 (1/0)

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 1: 2018 (1)

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.



DANIEL BRUNSKILL

60 | OL | 6-5 × 300 × SAN DIEGO STATE

1.27.94 × VALLEY CENTER, CA × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '19

AWARDS & HONORS

2019: 49ers Community Relations Youth Football Ambassador 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)

- 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."



- 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.



BRUNSKILL'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 15/8: 2019 (14/7); 2020 (1/1)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 3/0: 2019 (3/0)

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 1: 2019 (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 contract on 3/20/20.



SHON COLEMAN

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6-5 × 310 × AUBURN

11.25.91 × OLIVE BRANCH, MS × 5TH YEAR × ACQUIRED TR IN '18 - CLE

GOLDMINE

- Coleman was diagnosed with leukemia in the spring of 2010. After undergoing treatment at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, he was eventually cleared to return to the field in 2012. Coleman returned to the hospital in 2016 for his Draft party, where he watched the Draft with patients and medical staffers. "There's a lot of young kids that went through the same things I went through that look up to me," Coleman said. "They are also an inspiration to me. My engine is still running to let people know you can beat the odds and dreams never fade."



COLEMAN'S GOLDEN NUGGET

After defeating acute lymphoblastic leukemia, Coleman was invited to announce a draft selection in the 2014 NFL Draft. As he left the stage, Roger Goodell told him, "I know I'll see you back here in a couple of years." Two years later, Goodell's words came true, as he was drafted by the Cleveland Browns in 2016.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Coleman 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.



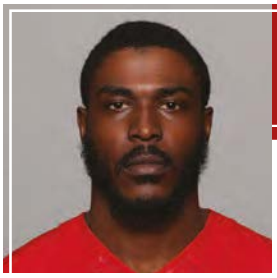
COLEMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 23/16: 2016 (7/0); 2017 (16/16); 2018 (0/0); 2019 (IR)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 0/0: 2019 (IR)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Ten. (10/16/16); **First Start:** vs. Pit. (9/10/17)

COLEMAN'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 3rd–round (76th overall) draft choice by Cle. in 2016...Traded to SF on 8/31/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/12/19...Placed on the Reserve/Opt–Out List on 8/7/20.



TEVIN COLEMAN

26 **RB**

6-1 × 210 × INDIANA

4.16.93 × OAK FOREST, IL × 6TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '19

AWARDS & HONORS

2019: FedEx Ground Player of the Week (Week 8)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- With 4 TDs (3 rushing, 1 receiving) vs. Car. (10/27/19), he became the 3rd player and only RB in franchise history to record at least 4 TDs in a regular season game.

MOST TDS IN A REGULAR SEASON GAME, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Game	TDs
1.	Jerry Rice, WR	at Atl. (10/14/90)	5
2t.	**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

- Registered 3 rushing TDs and 1 rec. TD vs. Car. (10/27), totaling 24 points, t-3rd for the most points scored by a player in a game in franchise history.

MOST POINTS IN A REGULAR SEASON GAME, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Game	Points
1.	Jerry Rice, WR	at Atl. (10/14/90) - 5 TDs	30
2.	Gordie Soltau, E	vs. LAR (10/28/51) - 3 TDs, 1 FG, 5 PATS	26
3t.	**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

GOLDMINE



- Although he grew up in suburban Chicago, Coleman's roots began in Liberia, where his parents grew up before migrating to the United States as teenagers. Following the 2016 season, Coleman, along with his father, brother, and a pastor from his church, flew to West Africa on a two-week long mission trip, aiding the poverty-stricken children of the country. The group opened up water wells to provide clean drinking water to the residents and provided a medical clinic. Tevin took a hands-on approach, from evaluating new sites for schools to assisting medical professionals in taking temperatures and blood pressures in the clinic. Helping the children in the country is something that holds great importance to Coleman, because he knows he could have been one of those children, too. Speaking to ESPN, he said, "Everything I have and that my parents gave me, I'm so blessed. That's why I'm doing this. Why not give to people who don't have it? That's what I like to do."

COLEMAN'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Is a descendant of former Liberian president William David Coleman.
- Born weighing only three and a half pounds, arriving 10 weeks too early, his parents, Wister and Adlevia, were told that Tevin only had a 20 percent chance of survival. Coleman beat the odds, growing stronger each day. Due to his strength and tenacity from such an early age, Tevin's doctors granted him the nickname "Rock". Growing up, he found his strength competing in sports, from baseball and football to track. Now, Tevin supports charities in order to raise funds for the families of babies born prematurely.



- Was a talented track & field athlete at Oak Forest (IL) HS, setting school records of 10.5 and 21.4 seconds in the 100 and 200 meters, respectively, and 24 feet, 3 ¼ inches in the long jump.

COLEMAN'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	4	18	4.5	10	0	1	6	0
Sep 20	at NYJ										
Sep 27	at NYG										
Oct 4	Phi										
Oct 11	Mia										
Oct 18	LAR										
Oct 25	at NE										
Nov 1	at Sea										
Nov 5	GB										
Nov 15	at NO										
Nov 29	at LAR										
Dec 7	Buf										
Dec 13	Was										
Dec 20	at Dal										
TBD	at Arz										
Jan 3	Sea										
TOTALS			**1/0**	**4**	**18**	**4.5**	**10**	**0**	**1**	**6**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Unlike their dad, Tevin's twins Nazaneen and Nezerah, born in 2017, were both perfectly healthy upon arrival. Tevin wanted to honor his and their mother's heritage, giving them Liberian-Palestinian names. His two additions have given him even more motivation in life and football. He said, "It was definitely good to know that they were healthy and that they didn't have to go through what I went through growing up. Just like with everything in the world, I have to keep myself safe for them. I'm always thinking about them and doing stuff for them."

COLEMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2015	ATL	12	3	87	392	4.5	46	1	2	14	7.0	10	0
2016	ATL	13	0	118	520	4.4	55t	8	31	421	13.6	49	3
2017	ATL	15	3	156	628	4.0	52	5	27	299	11.1	39	3
2018	ATL	16	14	167	800	4.8	65	4	32	276	8.6	39t	5
2019	SF	14	11	137	544	4.0	48t	6	21	180	8.6	37	1
2020	SF	1	0	4	18	4.5	10	0	1	6	6.0	6	0
TOTALS		**71**	**31**	**669**	**2,902**	**4.3**	**65**	**24**	**114**	**1,196**	**10.5**	**49**	**12**

PLAYOFFS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2016	ATL	3	0	29	115	4.0	15	1	7	63	9.0	17	2
2017	ATL	2	0	24	119	5.0	23	0	4	42	10.5	14	0
2019	SF	3	2	33	154	4.7	17	2	1	3	3.0	3	0
TOTALS		**8**	**2**	**86**	**388**	**4.5**	**23**	**3**	**12**	**108**	**9.0**	**17**	**2**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles–Lost – 7–3: 2015 (3–3); 2016 (1–0); 2017 (1–0); 2018 (2–0)
Tackles – 6: 2015 (4); 2017 (1); 2019 (1)
Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2019 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Phi. (9/14/15); **First Start:** vs. Phi. (9/14/15); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – at NYG (9/20/15); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20); **First Receiving TD:** Regular Season – at Den. (10/9/16 – 31–yd. pass from QB Matt Ryan); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 4, Last vs. Car. (10/27/19 – 105 yds.); Postseason – 1, vs. Min. (1/11/20); **First Multi–TD Game:** Regular Season – at NO (9/26/16 – 3 TDs); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20); **2 TD Games:** Regular Season – 3, Last vs. Car (10/27/19); Postseason – 1, vs. Min. (1/11/20)

COLEMAN'S CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (5)

Date	Opp	Rsh	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rsh	Yds	Avg	TD
11/29/15	vs. Min.	18	110	6.1	0	10/27/19	vs. Car.	11	105	9.5	3
9/16/18	vs. Car.	16	107	6.7	0	1/11/20*	vs. Min.	22	105	4.8	2
12/16/18	vs. Arz.	11	145	13.2	1						

*Postseason

COLEMAN'S CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (1)

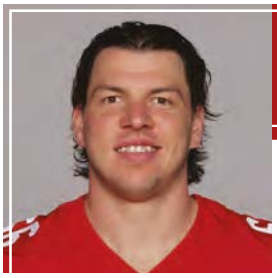
Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
10/9/16	at Den.	4	132	33.0	1

COLEMAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: Regular Season – 20 (4 times) Last at Was. (10/20/19); Postseason – 22 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 145 vs. Arz. (12/16/18); Postseason – 105 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Rushing TDs: Regular Season – 3 (2 times) Last vs. Car. (10/27/19); Postseason – 2 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 65 vs. Arz. (12/16/18); Postseason – 23 at Phi. (1/13/18)
Receptions: Regular Season – 5 (2 times) Last at Was. (11/4/18); Postseason – 3 (3 times) Last at LAR (1/6/18)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 132 at Den. (10/9/16); Postseason – 35 vs. GB (1/22/17)
Receiving TDs: Regular Season – 2 at Was. (11/4/18); Postseason – 1 (2 times) Last vs. NE (2/5/17)

COLEMAN'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 3rd–round (73rd overall) draft choice by Atl. in 2015...Signed a two–year deal with SF on 3/14/19.



TOM COMPTON

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6-6 × 315 × SOUTH DAKOTA

5.10.89 × ROSEMOUNT, MN × 8TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '20

GOLDMINE

- In an effort to give back to the community, Compton donated $75,000 to Hope Fieldhouse in his hometown of Rosemount, MN, a community center seeking to enhance and enrich the lives of children and their families within the community by providing a quality athletic facility that is purposeful, safe and fun. His donation helped contribute to the funding needed to complete the athletic center. "The first I heard about it was from my friend growing up," Compton said in April of 2019. "He reached out to me about what they were trying to get done and as soon as he told me about it, I was immediately intrigued and wanted to help out as much as I could because I think it's a great idea. I feel like that's been a need in Rosemount for a long time. Just having enough field space for youth sports is huge and especially with our weather here, having something indoors is always nice. It just made sense."



COMPTON'S GOLDEN NUGGETS



- Had a part in the movie *Sharknado 3*, playing the role of a TV reporter stationed in front of the White House.
- Drafted by Washington in the 6th round (193rd overall) of the 2012 NFL Draft, Compton was the first player from the University of South Dakota to be drafted since 1990 (RB David Elle).

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- During the 2019 holiday season, Compton and his teammates, in conjunction with the NYPD, spent an evening at Dick's Sporting Goods in East Hanover, NJ to provide a shopping spree for children from Brooklyn. The players and NYPD officers spent the night picking out gifts and spending time with the children.

COMPTON'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 100/34: 2012 (0/0); 2013 (15/0); 2014 (16/9); 2015 (13/1); 2016 (16/0); 2017 (11/5); 2018 (14/14); 2019 (14/5); 2020 (1/0)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 4/0: 2015 (1/0); 2016 (3/0)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Phi. (9/9/13); **First Start:** at Dal. (10/27/14)

COMPTON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 6th–round (193rd overall) draft choice by Was. in 2012...Waived by Was. on 8/31/12...Signed to Was. practice squad on 9/3/12...Promoted to Was. active roster on 12/5/12...Re–signed with Was. on a one–year contract on 2/27/15...Signed a one–year deal with Atl. on 3/16/16...Signed a one–year deal with Chi. on 3/11/17...Signed a one–year deal with Min. on 3/22/18...Signed a one–year deal with NYJ on 3/18/19...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/28/19...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 4/3/20.



ROSS DWELLEY

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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.



- 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.



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."

DWELLEY'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	0	0	–	–	0
Sep 20	at NYJ							
Sep 27	at NYG							
Oct 4	Phi							
Oct 11	Mia							
Oct 18	LAR							
Oct 25	at NE							
Nov 1	at Sea							
Nov 5	GB							
Nov 15	at NO							
Nov 29	at LAR							
Dec 7	Buf							
Dec 13	Was							
Dec 20	at Dal							
TBD	at Arz							
Jan 3	Sea							
TOTALS			**1/0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

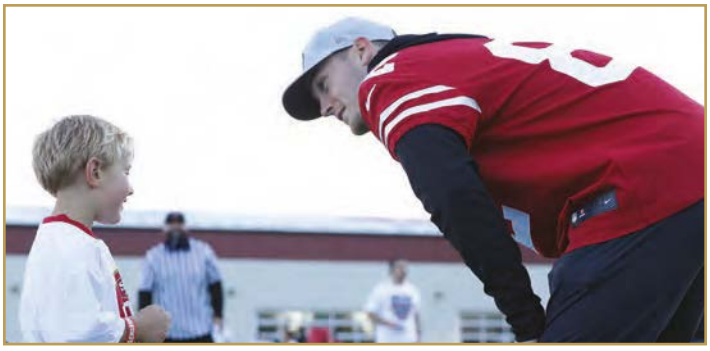
GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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.



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 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.



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	1	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**27**	**6**	**17**	**105**	**6.2**	**25**	**2**	**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
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 6: 2018 (2); 2019 (3); 2020 (1)
Tackles – 1: 2019 (1)
Special Teams Forced Fumbles – 1: 2019 (1)

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 (2 times) Last vs. Arz. (11/17/19)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 29 at Arz. (10/31/19)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 25 vs. LAR (12/21/19)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 2 vs. Arz. (11/17/19)

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 contract on 3/24/20.



DEMETRIUS FLANNIGAN-FOWLES

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6-2 × 210 × ARIZONA

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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

- 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

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	–	–	INACTIVE			–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
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Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**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	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**

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.



DEE FORD

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AWARDS & HONORS

2018: AFC Pro Bowl, AFC Defensive Player of the Month (October), AFC Defensive Player of the Week (Week 8)

PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2019

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- As a member of the Kansas City Chiefs in 2018, registered a career-high 13.0 sacks, ranking t-7th in the NFL and t-5th in the AFC and was named to the 2019 Pro Bowl.
- Finished the 2018 season with a career-high 7 FFs, tied for the most in the NFL. His 7 FFs ranked t-2nd in a single season in Chiefs history (Derrick Thomas – 8 FFs in 1992 & Jared Allen – 7 FFs in 2005).

MOST FFs IN THE NFL, 2018

	Player	FFs
1t.	**Dee Ford, KC**	**7**
	J.J. Watt, Hou.	7
3t.	Khalil Mack, Chi.	6
	T.J. Watt, Pit.	6
5.	Justin Houston, KC	5

GOLDMINE

- Instead of spending opening night of the 2014 NFL Draft in New York City with fellow draft hopefuls, Ford was in Anniston, AL, gathered with family and friends just singing gospel and spending time together. The night was about more than Dee, as the entire Ford family was celebrating. His mother, Debbie, was recently certified as a registered nurse, while his brother had also received a new job offer.
- A multi-talented individual, in addition to playing football, Ford has a strong musical background. With his parents as his biggest role models, Ford grew up watching his mother and father as musicians with multiple gospel groups. He developed the ability to play the drums which later led to him picking up the piano. Said Ford, "Music was all I saw when I was little. Eventually it just grew into me. It became a part of me."



- In celebration of his trip to the 2019 Pro Bowl, Ford brought more than 35 friends and family members down to the festivities in Orlando, FL. Said Ford, "I'm from down south, so there's some family that don't have a chance to come out to the Midwest. It's a real mixture of a lot of people. It'll cost a little penny, but I think the experience is worth it."

FORD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- When Ford was younger, his mother and father created a traveling band with Dee and his sister serving as backup singers and his cousin as a co-lead singer in the "Ford Connection."
- While at St. Clair County (Odenville, AL) High School, participated in the school's jazz band.

FORD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	3	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
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TOTALS			**1/0**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- Prior to San Francisco's Week 14 matchup in New Orleans during the 2019 season, the 49ers stayed in Bradenton, FL for the week. Ford stopped by the local Guitar Center and met Adam Birmingham, a local high school student who was testing out a guitar when Ford approached him. After the two talked and played music together, Ford offered to buy the guitar for him. "I was just there playing and I saw this kid," said Ford. "He was really, really good. He reminded me of myself when I first learned how to play a keyboard and he was very passionate. My message to him was to keep that passion and don't let anyone take it away from you."

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. Ford and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Ford represented the Boys & Girls Club of Oakland.



FORD'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2014	KC	16	0	8	4	4	1.5	10.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
2015	KC	14	5	23	21	2	4.0	25.0	0	0	–	0	2	0	0	0
2016	KC	15	14	38	25	13	10.0	52.5	0	0	–	0	2	1	0	0
2017	KC	6	6	13	11	2	2.0	16.0	0	0	–	0	1	1	0	0
2018	KC	16	16	55	42	13	13.0	71.0	0	0	–	0	0	7	0	0
2019	SF	11	2	13	10	3	6.5	48.0	0	0	–	0	1	2	0	0
2020	SF	1	0	3	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**79**	**43**	**153**	**114**	**39**	**37.0**	**222.5**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**7**	**11**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2015	KC	2	1	6	6	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2016	KC	1	1	3	1	2	0.5	3.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2017	KC	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Back)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2018	KC	2	2	4	4	0	1.0	9.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2019	SF	3	0	4	3	1	1.0	4.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**8**	**4**	**17**	**14**	**3**	**2.5**	**16.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Ten. (9/7/14); **First Start:** at Oak. (12/6/15); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. StL (10/26/14 – QB Austin Davis); Postseason – vs. Pit. (1/15/16 – QB Ben Roethlisberger); **First FF:** Regular Season – at Oak. (10/16/16 – QB Derek Carr); Postseason – vs. Ind. (1/12/19 – QB Andrew Luck); **First Multi–Sack Game:** Regular Season – vs. SD (12/13/15 – 3.0; QB Philip Rivers); **Multi–Sack Games:** Regular Season – 7, Last at LAR (10/13/19 – 1.5; QB Jared Goff)

FORD'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (7)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB
12/13/15	vs. SD	3.0	17.0	Philip Rivers (3.0)
10/16/16	at Oak.	2.0	4.0	Derek Carr (2.0)
10/30/16	at Ind.	3.5	21.0	Andrew Luck (3.5)
11/6/16	vs. Jax.	2.0	8.0	Blake Bortles (2.0)
10/28/18	vs. Den.	3.0	19.0	Case Keenum (3.0)
12/2/18	at Oak.	1.5	6.0	Derek Carr (1.5)
10/13/19	at LAR	1.5	13.0	Jared Goff (1.5)

FORD'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 7 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/23/18); Postseason – 4 vs. Ind. (1/12/19)
Solo: Regular Season – 7 vs. SD (12/13/15); Postseason – 4 vs. Ind. (1/12/19)
Assists: Regular Season – 4 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/23/18); Postseason – 2 vs. Pit. (1/15/17)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (6 times) Last vs. Phi. (9/17/17)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 2 vs. Den. (10/28/18); Postseason – 1 vs. Ind. (1/12/19)
Sacks: Regular Season – 3.5 at Ind. (10/30/16); Postseason – 1.0 (2 times) Last vs. Min. (1/11/20)

FORD'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st–round (23rd overall) draft choice by KC in 2014...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/8/17...Designated Non–Exclusive Franchise Tag by KC on 3/4/19...Traded to SF on 3/13/19...Signed a five–year deal with SF on 3/13/19.



BEN GARLAND

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AWARDS & HONORS



2017: Atlanta Falcons Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award
2018: NFL Salute to Service Award
2019: Perry/Yonamine Unity Award, 49ers Community Relations Veteran Player Award

GOLDMINE

- In 2018, Garland was recognized as the winner of the NFL's Salute to Service Award, honoring his efforts of support to former and present members of the military. As the recipient of the award, Garland received $25,000 from the NFL to be donated to his military charity of choice, with USAA donating an additional $25,000 to be spread across the five military branches. Following his college career at Air Force, Garland signed with the Denver Broncos. Shortly after, he was placed on the reserve/military list and served two years of active duty. Now as a veteran in the NFL, Garland has traveled on two USO tours, to Italy and Germany followed by Iraq and Kuwait. Additionally, he frequently donates tickets to military members, raises awareness about PTSD, and visits with young members of the military to inspire and encourage them. Garland spends his offseasons as a member of the Colorado Air National Guard, where he works in public affairs.



- As the NFL's Salute to Service Award recipient in 2018, Garland will serve alongside a panel of former players and military personnel to vote on this year's winner from the list of nominees chosen by each NFL club.
- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Garland and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Garland represented the charity Waterboys, and said, "I play for the millions of people around the world without access to clean water."

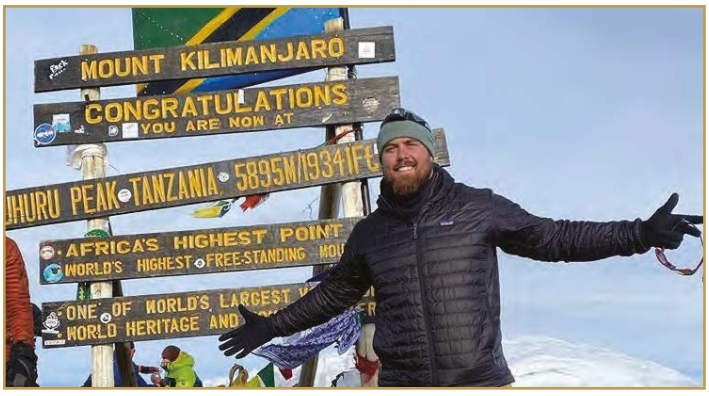


GARLAND'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Named the Perry/Yonamine Unity Award recipient in 2019. 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.
- At the Air Force Academy, served as an element leader of Cadet Squadron 27. The element leader assists in assuring that members of the element comply with orders and instructions. Following his time at Air Force, joined the Colorado Air National Guard, where he spends about 50 days each year with the 140th Wing at Buckley Air Force Base just east of Denver.
- Is one of four siblings, with his sister, Jessica, having graduated from UNC with her PhD in exercise and sports science.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- During the 2020 offseason, Garland partnered with Waterboys and conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa. Waterboys is a foundation whose mission is to provide clean, accessible drinking water to communities in need by hiring local crews to drill deep borehole wells serving up to 7,500 people. During his trip, Garland and his team raised over $200,000 to help give the gift of clean water.



- 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)

- Prior to the 2012 season, Garland was in his second week of training camp with the Denver Broncos, focused on impressing his coaches and teammates. In the midst of camp, he received tragic news: his grandparents' home, which was located near Denver, was destroyed in the Waldo Canyon Fire. When he went to survey the damage, he found that two of his prized possessions, his Air Force football helmet and his Academy sabers, presented to him at graduation, could not be salvaged. Upon hearing this news, his Broncos teammates decided to reach out to the Air Force Academy to replace the two items. "Some of those things are hard to get," Joe Mays, the linebacker who made the arrangements, said. "The fact that we were able to get them is awesome, and even better was that we were able to give them to him."
- 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. Garland 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.



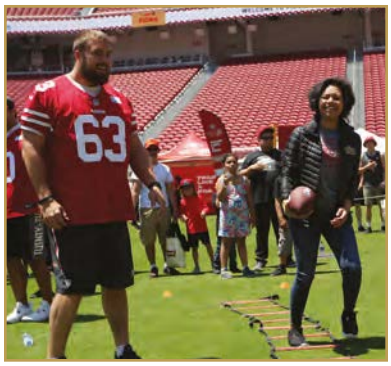
- The 49ers partnered with USAA and took a visit to the U.S. Coast Guard Base in Alameda. Garland and his teammates were given a tour of the base, had the opportunity to get to know the stationed Coast Guard personnel and were shown a search and rescue demonstration.





- The 49ers teamed up with the activist content company, One Community, to show a special private screening of the movie *Just Mercy* to a group of high school students from the African American Community Services Agency. The screening was followed by a group discussion led by Scott Budnick, who executive produced the movie, along with the players in attendance. The event was a part of the NFL's Inspire Change initiative, which encourages teams to support programs that reduce barriers to opportunity. The three priority areas of this initiative are: education and economic advancement, police and community relations, and criminal justice reform.
- 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. Garland 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. Garland 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.

GARLAND'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 63/10: 2014 (8/0); 2016 (16/0); 2017 (16/3); 2018 (14/4); 2019 (9/3)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 9/5: 2014 (1/0); 2016 (3/0); 2017 (2/2); 2019 (3/3)

Additional Statistics:
Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2017 (1)
Tackles: Regular Season – 4: 2016 (3); 2018 (1) **Postseason – 1:** 2016 (1)
Fumbles–Lost 1–0: 2019 (1–0)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Oak. (11/9/14); **First Start:** vs. NO (12/7/17); **First FR:** vs. Buf. (10/1/17 – LB Lorenzo Alexander)

GARLAND'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by Den. on 4/30/10...Placed on the Reserve/Military List on 9/4/10...Activated from the Reserve/Military List on 4/10/12...Waived by Den. on 8/31/12...Signed to Den. practice squad on 9/2/12...Signed to Reserve/Future contract with Den. on 1/15/13...Waived by Den. on 8/31/13...Signed to Den. practice squad on 9/2/13...Re–signed with Den. on a one–year deal on 2/4/14...Re–signed with Den. on a one–year deal on 4/10/15...Waived by Den. on 9/5/15...Signed to Atl. practice squad on 9/9/15...Promoted to Atl. active roster on 12/15/15...Re–signed with Atl. on a one–year deal on 3/30/17...Re–signed with Atl. on a one–year deal on 3/17/18...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 4/24/19...Re–signed with SF on a one–year deal on 3/28/20.



JIMMY GAROPPOLO

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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

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Connected with RB Raheem Mostert on a 76-yd. TD pass vs. Arz. (9/13), the longest pass of his career.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 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.

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

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 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, Chicago Bears general manager Ryan Pace, New Orleans Saints head coach 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

2020 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg	Sk/Yds	Rtg	Rsh	Yds	TD	Total Net Yds.	Pct. Offense
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	33	19	57.6	259	2	0	76t	3/16	103.0	1	9	0	252	68.9%
Sep 20	at NYJ																
Sep 27	at NYG																
Oct 4	Phi																
Oct 11	Mia																
Oct 18	LAR																
Oct 25	at NE																
Nov 1	at Sea																
Nov 5	GB																
Nov 15	at NO																
Nov 29	at LAR																
Dec 7	Buf																
Dec 13	Was																
Dec 20	at Dal																
TBD	at Arz																
Jan 3	Sea																
TOTALS			**1/1**	**33**	**19**	**57.6**	**259**	**2**	**0**	**76t**	**3/16**	**103.0**	**1**	**9**	**0**	**252**	**68.9%**

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- His 67.1 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.
- With a 99.4 career quarterback rating as a member of the 49ers, Garoppolo ranks 2nd in franchise history (min. 500 atts.).
- His 8.4 career average yds. per attempt as a 49er ranks 1st in franchise history (min. 500 atts.).
- 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.

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

	Player	Comp. %
1.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**67.1**
2.	Steve Young	65.8
3.	Joe Montana	63.7
4.	Shaun Hill	61.7
5.	Jeff Garcia	61.4

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

	Player	QB Rating
1.	Steve Young	101.4
2.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**99.4**
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**	**8.4**
2.	Steve Young	8.2
3.	Joe Montana	7.6
4t.	Colin Kaepernick	7.3
	Y.A. Tittle	7.3

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

- 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

- 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.

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**

- Became just the 5th QB in the last 30 years to make his 1st regular season start in a season-opening night game (9/11/16 vs. Arz.). Packers QB Aaron Rodgers was the last (2008, win vs. Minnesota), with Chargers QB Philip Rivers (2006) and former NFL QBs David Carr (2002) and Brian Griese (1999) before him. He finished 24 of 33 for 264 yds. and 1 TD.

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. "It can require a blue-collar mentality, and some people don't have that — but I'm glad I grew up that way."

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. 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."
- 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.

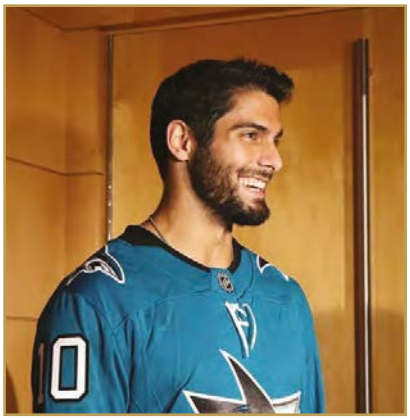


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- In May of 2016, Garoppolo, in partnership with AccessSportAmerica, volunteered at a football clinic for disabled high school students at Harvard Stadium. During the clinic, Garoppolo gave tips to participants on passing, blocking and other essential football skills. Garoppolo enjoyed the clinic so much, he returned to Harvard Stadium again in 2017 to hang out with the AccessSportAmerica 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 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.



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	1	1	33	19	57.6	259	2	0	76t	3	16	103.0	1	9.0	9.0	9	0
TOTALS		**43**	**27**	**870**	**584**	**67.1**	**7,205**	**46**	**21**	**76t**	**68**	**458**	**100.1**	**95**	**125**	**1.3**	**13**	**2**

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
TOTALS		**4**	**3**	**58**	**37**	**63.8**	**427**	**2**	**3**	**30**	**4**	**26**	**75.9**	**10**	**1**	**0.1**	**3**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles–Lost – 11–5: 2016 (2–1); 2017 (1–0); 2018 (1–0); 2019 (7–4)
Receptions – 2: 2016 (1); 2017 (1)
Receiving Yards – (–3): 2016 (3); 2017 (–6)
Tackles – 1: 2017 (1)
Fumble Recoveries – 2: 2018 (1); 2019 (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 – 5, Last at NO (12/8/19 – 349 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.)

GAROPPOLO'S CAREER 300-YARD PASSING GAMES (5)

Date	Opp	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD
12/10/17	at Hou.	33	20	334	1
12/17/17	vs. Ten.	43	31	381	1
10/31/19	at Arz.	37	28	317	4
11/17/19	vs. Arz.	45	34	424	4
12/8/19	at NO	35	26	349	4

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 – 81.8 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19); Postseason – 64.5 at KC (2/2/20)
Passing Yards: Regular Season – 424 vs. Arz. (11/17/19); Postseason – 219 at KC (2/2/20)
Long Pass: Regular Season – 76t vs. Arz. (9/13/20); Postseason – 30 vs. GB (1/19/20)
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 – 1 (2 times) Last at KC (2/2/20)
Rushes: Regular Season – 6 vs. Pit. (9/22/19); Postseason – 4 (2 times) Last vs. GB (1/19/20)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 20 at Was. (10/20/19); Postseason – 2 at KC (2/2/20)
Rushing Touchdowns: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at LAR (10/13/19)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 13 at KC (9/23/18); Postseason – 3 at KC (2/2/20)

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 on 2/8/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/26/18.



KEVIN GIVENS

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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

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**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	1	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**2**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**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
2019	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: at Sea. (12/29/19)

GIVENS' CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Arz.(9/13/20)

Solo: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Arz.(9/13/20)

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.



ROBBIE GOULD

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12.6.82 × JERSEY SHORE, PA × 16TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '17

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

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 HIGHLIGHTS

- Connected on a 52-yd. FG vs. arz. (9/13), his 30th career FG of 50-or-more yds.

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).
- 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.
- 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)].
- Ranks t-3rd in NFL history in FG pct (71.4) on FGAs of 50-or-more yds. (min. 20 FGM).

HIGHEST FG PCT. ON FGAs OF 50-OR-MORE YDS., NFL HISTORY [MIN. 20 FGM]

	Player	FGM	FGA	Pct.
1.	Matt Prater	53	70	75.7
2.	Jeff Wilkins	26	36	72.2
3t.	**Robbie Gould**	**30**	**42**	**71.4**
	Stephen Gostkowski	25	35	71.4
5.	Justin Tucker	39	55	70.9

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).
- In 10 career postseason games, has converted 15 of 15 FGs and 29 of 29 PATs.
- 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 golfing events that benefited the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago in addition to the raising of funds in Gould's 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 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.
- Off the field, helped create Eventlify, which is aimed to change the way golf events are managed. Also hosts a podcast series titled "Kickin' It With Robbie," that features guests from all different realms of sports and entertainment.

GOULD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020 Date	Opp	W/L	Pts	XP–XPA	FG–FGA	Kick–By–Kick
Sep 13	Arz	L	8	2–2	2–2	52, 24
Sep 20	at NYJ					
Sep 27	at NYG					
Oct 4	Phi					
Oct 11	Mia					
Oct 18	LAR					
Oct 25	at NE					
Nov 1	at Sea					
Nov 5	GB					
Nov 15	at NO					
Nov 29	at LAR					
Dec 7	Buf					
Dec 13	Was					
Dec 20	at Dal					
TBD	at Arz					
Jan 3	Sea					
TOTALS			**8**	**2–2**	**2–2**	**Long: 52**

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- 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.

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**

- 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 from 10/23/05 through 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.

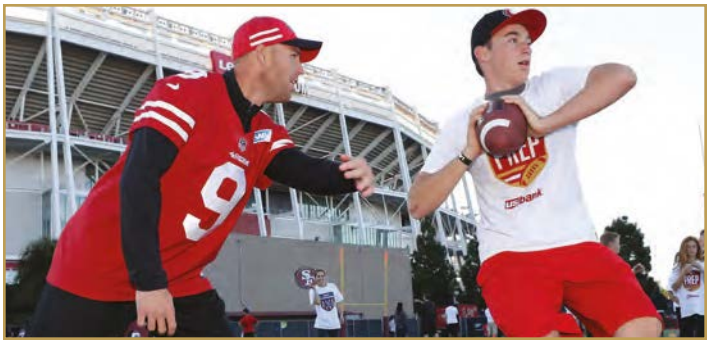
GOLDMINE

- The 49ers partnered with CASSY (Counseling and Support Services for Youth) for a mental health awareness event at Monroe Middle School (Campbell, CA) in December of 2018. Gould and his teammates joined the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who were pre-identified as having mental health struggles, and held group discussions centered on managing stress and destigmatizing mental health matters.
- 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.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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.



- 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.



- During all Week 13 games in 2017, NFL players had the chance to share the causes that are important to them as part of the NFL's My Cause, My Cleats campaign. "Supporting the Lurie Children's Hospital allows me to help children and families going through difficult times," said Gould. "My message to those battling illness: Tackles your fears and fulfill your dreams!"



- 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.



- 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.



- 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	1	2	2	100.0	2	2	100.0	0	52	8
TOTALS		**222**	**497**	**509**	**97.6**	**383**	**441**	**86.8**	**13**	**58**	**1,646**

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
TOTALS		**10**	**29**	**29**	**100.0**	**15**	**15**	**100.0**	**0**	**54**	**74**

Additional Statistics:

Punting – 3–81: 2005 (1–28 yds.; 28.0 avg; 9.0 net avg.); 2007 (2–53 yds.; 26.5 avg.; 26.5 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); **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 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	–	1/1	100.0	0/0	–	0/0	–	1/1	100.0	2/2
TOTALS		**2/2**	**100.0**	**115/116**	**99.1**	**125/138**	**90.6**	**111/143**	**77.6**	**30/42**	**71.4**	**383/441**

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
TOTALS		**1/1**	**100.0**	**4/4**	**100.0**	**2/2**	**100.0**	**7/7**	**100.0**	**1/1**	**100.0**	**15/15**

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.



DRE GREENLAW

57 **LB** 6-0 × 230 × ARKANSAS

5.25.97 × FAYETTEVILLE, AR × 2ND 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."
- 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."



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

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/0**	**5**	**3**	**2**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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.



- 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.



- 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.



- 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.

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	1	0	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		**17**	**10**	**92**	**65**	**27**	**1.0**	**19.0**	**1**	**47**	**47**	**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
2019	SF	3	3	14	10	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**3**	**14**	**10**	**4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 5: 2019 (5)

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)

GREENLAW'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 13 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19); Postseason – 6 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 11 at Sea. (12/29/19); Postseason – 5 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 5 vs. Sea. (11/11/19); Postseason – 2 at KC (2/2/20)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 at Arz. (10/31/19)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 vs. Sea. (11/11/19)
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 (3 times) Last vs. Arz. (9/13/20)
Forced Fumbles: Postseason – 1 vs. Min. (1/11/20)

GREENLAW'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 5th–round (148th overall) draft choice by SF in 2019.



MARCELL HARRIS

36 | **S** | 6-0 × 215 × FLORIDA

6.9.94 × ORLANDO, FL × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED D-6 IN '18

GOLDMINE

- 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. Harris 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.



- 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. Harris 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.



- Harris 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.



HARRIS' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Followed in his father's football career path, as Mike Harris played defensive back at the University of Florida for four years (1994-97).
- In high school, Harris participated in Nike Football's "The Opening" series, which according to Nike is "the only national camp that offers athletes state-of-the-art education in both Nike Football Training and position-specific football from respected position coaches, while improving each player who attends, and does all of this free of cost to attendees."
- Harris grew up with former Gator teammates CB Duke Dawson, who was drafted in 2nd round of the 2018 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots, and S Keanu Neal, who was drafted in the first round of the 2016 NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons. All three played on the 7-on-7 team, the Rat Pak, that was coached by 8-year NFL veteran Keiwan Ratliff.

HARRIS' GAME-BY-GAME

2020

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Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

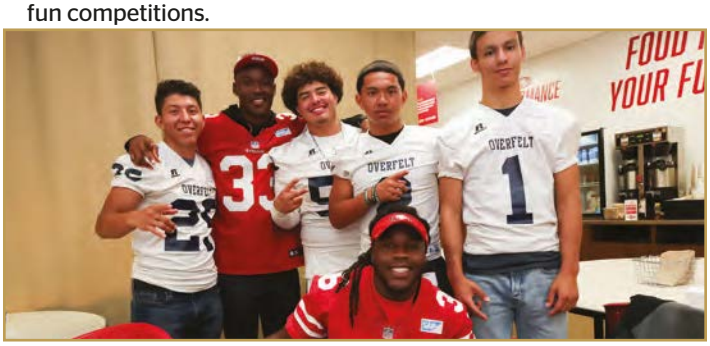
- The 49ers and their families hosted 450 underserved boys and girls from the Bay Area for the first-ever 49ers Hope for the Holidays event. Each child had a once-in-a-lifetime experience traveling through Levi's Stadium and left with a brand new bike, helmet, lock, haircut, shoes, toys, glasses, backpack, dinner and more.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- The 49ers hosted a flag football clinic for local first responders and their children at the team facility in October of 2018. Harris 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.
- Harris 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.





- Harris notes that his mother, Andrea Tate, is the most influencial person in his life. He maintains that since an early age, she gave him the best advice he has ever received, which is having the ability to believe in yourself and not quit something that you start. "I've been through a lot of things, but it's about pushing through and facing adversity," Harris said.
- In October of 2019, Harris and his teammates spent time with fans and members of local Silicon Valley businesses to compete in a bowling tournament as the 49ers Foundation hosted the second annual 1st and Bowl Challenge. The funds raised at the event will support the charitable programs of the 49ers Foundation and benefit Bay Area youth.

HARRIS' CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2018	SF	8	5	31	22	9	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	SF	13	4	34	18	16	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	5	2	1	3
2020	SF	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**22**	**9**	**65**	**40**	**25**	**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	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 – 12: 2018 (5); 2019 (7)
Special Teams Forced Fumble – 1: 2019 (1)

Milestones:

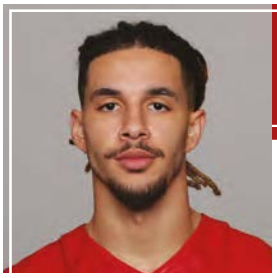
NFL Debut: vs. Oak. (11/1/18); **First Start:** at Sea. (12/2/18); **First FF:** Regular Season – at Bal. (12/1/19 – QB Lamar Jackson); **First FR:** Regular Season – at Bal. (12/1/19 – QB Lamar Jackson)

HARRIS' CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 9 at Sea. (12/29/19)
Solo: Regular Season – 6 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19)
Assists: Regular Season – 4 (2 times) Last at NO (12/8/19)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at NO (12/8/19)
Fumbles Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 at Bal. (12/1/19)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 3 vs. Atl. (12/15/19)

HARRIS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 6th–round (184th overall) draft choice by SF in 2018...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/3/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve/Designated for Return List on 10/17/18...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 11/1/18...Waived by SF on 8/31/19...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/1/19...Promoted to SF active roster on 10/2/19.



JALEN HURD

14 **WR** 6-5 × 230 × BAYLOR

1.23.96 × HENDERSONVILLE, TN × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED D-3 IN '19

GOLDMINE

- 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.



HURD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- As a running back at Tennessee, was teammates with New Orleans Saints RB Alvin Kamara, and the duo was nicknamed "thunder and lightning."
- Named Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year in 2018 after transferring to Baylor.
- In August of 2015, had his jersey retired at Beech (Hendersonville, TN) HS, just two years following his senior season with the school in 2013.
- Is one of four players since 2004 to register 2,800-or-more rush yards and 1,400-or-more receieving yards in his FBS career, joining Oklahoma RB DeMarco Murray, West Virgina RB Charles Sims and Southern Mississippi RB Ito Smith.

HURD'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	0	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
2020	SF	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Back)			–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

HURD'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 3rd–round (67th overall) draft choice by SF in 2019...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/3/19...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/20/20.



KERRY HYDER JR.

92 DL

6-2 × 275 × TEXAS TECH

5.2.91 × AUSTIN, TX × 5TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '20

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Brought down Cardinals QB Kyler Murray for a 5-yd. loss vs. Arz. (9/13), marking his 1st sack as a member of the 49ers. He finished the game with 3 tackles, 1.0 sack and 1 TFL.

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.



- 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 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.

HYDER'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	3	3	0	1.0	5.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
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TOTALS			**1/0**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**1.0**	**5.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**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	19	8	11	1.0	11.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	1	0
2020	SF	1	0	3	3	0	1.0	5.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**41**	**2**	**64**	**39**	**25**	**11.0**	**73.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**0**

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 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 – 2, Last at Min. (11/6/16 – 2.0; QB Sam Bradford)

HYDER'S CAREER MULTI-SACK GAMES (2)

Date	Opp	Sacks	Yds	QB	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)

HYDER'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 5 at NYG (12/18/16); Postseason – 2 at Sea. (1/7/17)
Solo: Regular Season – 3 (4 times) Last vs. Arz. (9/13/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 4 at NYG (12/18/16); Postseason – 2 at Sea. (1/7/17)
Sacks: Regular Season – 2.0 (2 times) Last at Min. (11/6/16)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 vs. GB (1/1/17)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Phi. (10/20/19)

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.



RICHIE JAMES

13 **WR** 5-9 × 185 × MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

9.5.95 × SARASOTA, FL × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED D-7B IN '18

AWARDS & HONORS

2018: PFWA All-NFC Team (KR), ESPN All-Rookie Team (KR)

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. James and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. James represented the Special Olympics Northern California, and said, "I play for athletes to feel included and part of a community." Special Olympics Northern California enriches the lives of more than 23,925 children and adults with intellectual disabilities and their communities in Northern California through sports, education, and athlete health.



- While in high school, James' head coach invited him into his office and asked that he convert to QB and become the leader of their team. He responded by becoming more outspoken as a person and leading his school to their first playoff appearance in eight years.

JAMES' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Finished his collegiate career as Middle Tennessee State's all-time leader in recepts. (244), rec. yds. (3,261) and TD recepts. (23).
- On November 26, 2016, James became the sixth player in NCAA FBS history to have 200 yds. rushing and 100 rec. yds. in a game with 207 rushing yds. and 120 rec. yds. vs. Florida Atlantic.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- In October of 2019, James and his teammates spent time with fans and members of local Silicon Valley businesses to compete in a bowling tournament as the 49ers Foundation hosted the second annual 1st and Bowl Challenge. The funds raised at the event will support the charitable programs of the 49ers Foundation and benefit Bay Area youth.
- As a youth in Sarasota, FL, James faced a handful of hurdles growing up in a rough environment. James notes that while a majority of his classmates took a different route than he did, he was able to make it out of his tough surroundings by taking the more positive route and maintaining his focus on his craft. "I've always had that independent mindset," James said. "I've learned from being out on the streets, and what you really should be doing."

JAMES' GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	0	0	–	–	0
Sep 20	at NYJ							
Sep 27	at NYG							
Oct 4	Phi							
Oct 11	Mia							
Oct 18	LAR							
Oct 25	at NE							
Nov 1	at Sea							
Nov 5	GB							
Nov 15	at NO							
Nov 29	at LAR							
Dec 7	Buf							
Dec 13	Was							
Dec 20	at Dal							
TBD	at Arz							
Jan 3	Sea							
TOTALS			**1/0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

2020 Returns

Date	Opp	KR	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	PR	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 13	Arz	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	0	–	–	0
Sep 20	at NYJ											
Sep 27	at NYG											
Oct 4	Phi											
Oct 11	Mia											
Oct 18	LAR											
Oct 25	at NE											
Nov 1	at Sea											
Nov 5	GB											
Nov 15	at NO											
Nov 29	at LAR											
Dec 7	Buf											
Dec 13	Was											
Dec 20	at Dal											
TBD	at Arz											
Jan 3	Sea											
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

JAMES' CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2018	SF	13	2	8	126	15.8	53	1	0	0	–	–	0
2019	SF	16	1	6	165	27.5	57	1	2	–1	–0.5	–1	0
2020	SF	1	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**30**	**3**	**14**	**291**	**20.8**	**57**	**2**	**2**	**–1**	**–0.5**	**–1**	**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
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

		KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS					
YEAR	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2018	SF	23	580	25.2	97t	1	12	10	75	6.3	23	0
2019	SF	20	428	21.4	81	0	33	11	264	8.0	32	0
2020	SF	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**43**	**1,008**	**23.4**	**97t**	**0**	**45**	**21**	**339**	**7.5**	**32**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

		KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS					
YEAR	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	7	112	16.0	22	0	5	3	49	9.8	26	0
TOTALS		**7**	**112**	**16.0**	**22**	**0**	**5**	**3**	**49**	**9.8**	**26**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles–Lost – Regular Season – 3–2: 2018 (2–1); 2019 (1–1) **Postseason – 1–0:** 2019 (1–0)
Special Teams Tackles – 3: 2018 (1); 2019 (2)
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2018 (1)
Tackles – 2: 2018 (1); 2019 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Det. (9/16/18); **First Start:** vs. Arz. (10/7/18); **First Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (10/7/18 – 7–yd. pass from QB C.J. Beathard); **First TD Reception:** Regular Season – at LAR (12/30/18 – 9–yd. TD pass from QB Nick Mullens); **First Kickoff Return:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (10/7/18 – 32–yd. KOR); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – 22–yd. KOR); **First Punt Return:** Regular Season – at GB (10/15/18 – 0–yd. PR); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – 5–yd. PR); **Kickoff Return TD:** Regular Season – 1 vs. Sea. (12/16/18 – 97–yds.)

JAMES' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 3 at LAR (12/30/18)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 60 vs. Oak. (11/1/18)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 57 vs. Arz. (11/17/19)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at TB (9/8/19)
Punt Returns: Regular Season – 6 vs. Car. (10/27/19); Postseason – 3 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Punt Return Yards: Regular Season – 53 vs. Pit. (9/22/19); Postseason – 26 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Long Punt Return: Regular Season – 32 vs. Cle. (10/7/19); Postseason – 26 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Kick Returns: Regular Season – 4 (3 times) Last at Arz. (10/31/19); Postseason – 4 at KC (2/2/20)
Kick Return Yards: Regular Season – 113 vs. Sea. (12/16/18); Postseason – 61 at KC (2/2/20)
Kick Return Long: Regular Season – 97t vs. Sea. (12/16/18); Postseason – 22 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Rushes: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at NO (12/8/19)

JAMES' TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 7th–round (240th overall) draft choice by SF in 2018...Placed on the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 7/27/20...Activated from the Reserve/COVID–19 List on 8/4/20...Placed on the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 8/4/20...Activated from the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 9/3/20.



D.J. JONES

93 | **DL** | 6-0 × 305 × MISSISSIPPI

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2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Brought down Cardinals QB Kyler Murray vs. Arz. (9/13), marking his 1st sack of the season.

GOLDMINE

- Jones decided to pop the question to his girlfriend, Kayla Fannin, ahead of the San Francisco 49ers *Monday Night Football* contest against the Cleveland Browns. Fannin and family gathered on the sidelines for pregame photos when Jones distracted his girlfriend and dropped to a knee behind her. The emotional affair was featured on the video boards across Levi's® Stadium with the aid of teammate Solomon Thomas. "I was like 'Let's do it on the field. I know some people you can talk to.' I told him 'Bro, this is your special day. You want to get it perfect,'" said Thomas. "We're going to go to the right people and get this done the right way.' And he did."



- D.J.'s father, "Big Dave," owns a BBQ and catering business which is based around his two sauces, Big Dave's Texas Red and Big Dave's All-American Hawaiian Bold Gold. Big Dave cooked for over 200 members of the 49ers family, from players to coaches and staff along with their significant others as the team finished 2019 mini-camp.





JONES' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Jones transferred to Ole Miss following two seasons (2013-14) at East Mississippi Community College (Scooba, MS), the school that was featured in the 2016 Netflix documentary "Last Chance U".
- After playing in every game of his junior season with the Rebels, Jones earned the Jeff Hamm Memorial Award as the Rebels' most improved defensive player in the spring of 2016.

JONES' GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	1	1	0	1.0	1.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**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 a designated home game between Weeks 13-15 of 2018. Jones and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. CityTeam offers help and hope to those in need with hot meals, shelter, life transformation programs, clothing, hygiene items, learning and career help, discovery Bible studies, and more.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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. Jones 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.



- 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. Jones 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.



- Jones transferred to Ole Miss following two seasons (2013-14) at East Mississippi Community College (Scooba, MS), the school that was featured in the 2016 Netflix documentary "Last Chance U". During his two seasons in Scooba, Jones helped lead EMCC to a 24-0 record and back-to-back NJCAA National Championships. Prior to transferring, Jones was listed as the No. 3 junior college prospect in the country by 247sports.com and ESPN.com.
- Jones 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.



- During the 2017 offseason, Jones took on the role of weatherman for FOX Carolina News. He even sounded the part, speaking of a hot day, "Drink water. Get some fluids in you."
- After transferring, Jones immediately became one of the strongest Rebels. According to NFL.com, he benched 440 pounds, squatted 650 pounds and had a max clean of 330 pounds when he finished his time at East Mississippi Community College.

JONES' CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2017	SF	9	0	10	8	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
2018	SF	10	4	16	10	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	SF	11	11	23	19	4	2.0	17.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
2020	SF	1	0	1	1	0	1.0	1.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		**31**	**16**	**50**	**38**	**12**	**3.0**	**18.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**2**	**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	SF	–	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Ankle)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Car. (9/10/17); **First Start:** vs. Den. (12/9/18); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. Car. (10/27/19 – QB Kyle Allen)

JONES' CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 5 vs. Car. (10/27/19)
Solo: Regular Season – 4 (3 times) Last vs. GB (11/24/19)
Assists: Regular Season – 2 (2 times) Last vs. Den. (12/9/18)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Arz. (9/13/20)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 (3 times) Last vs. Arz. (9/13/20)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 at NO (12/8/19)

JONES' TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of two 6th–round (198th overall) draft choices by SF in 2017...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/14/19.



KYLE JUSZCZYK

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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

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PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2018

PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2019

PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2020

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.

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 often promotes PLAY 60, the NFL's movement to get children active for at least 60 minutes a day. In 2013, he participated in a PLAY 60 Challenge kickoff assembly at Essex (MD) Elementary School.
- 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. Juszczyk and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation 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.



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.
- Admires former U.S. Navy SEAL, Marcus Luttrell, who was awarded the Navy Cross Purple Heart for his actions of bravery.

JUSZCZYK'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	1	7	7.0	7	0	1	41	0
Sep 20	at NYJ										
Sep 27	at NYG										
Oct 4	Phi										
Oct 11	Mia										
Oct 18	LAR										
Oct 25	at NE										
Nov 1	at Sea										
Nov 5	GB										
Nov 15	at NO										
Nov 29	at LAR										
Dec 7	Buf										
Dec 13	Was										
Dec 20	at Dal										
TBD	at Arz										
Jan 3	Sea										
TOTALS			**1/1**	**1**	**7**	**7.0**	**7**	**0**	**1**	**41**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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.



- During all Week 13 games in 2017, NFL players had the chance to share the causes that are important to them as part of the NFL's My Cause, My Cleats campaign. "It's not how you act in public that determines your character, but rather how your act when no one is looking," said Juszczyk.



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	1	1	1	7	7.0	7	0	1	41	41.0	41	0
TOTALS		**107**	**69**	**26**	**100**	**3.8**	**12**	**1**	**181**	**1,688**	**9.3**	**56**	**8**

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
TOTALS		**5**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**9**	**84**	**9.3**	**15t**	**1**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles – Lost – 6–6: 2014 (2–2); 2017 (2–2); 2018 (2–2)
Special Teams Tackles: Regular Season – 16: 2013 (5); 2014 (3); 2015 (1); 2016 (3); 2017 (3); 2018 (1) **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 – 2: 2018 (2)

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)

JUSZCZYK'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: Regular Season – 2 (4 times) Last vs. Atl. (12/15/19)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 15 at Pit. (12/25/16)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 12 (2 times) Last vs. Arz. (10/7/18)
Rushing TDs: Regular Season – 1 at Pit. (12/25/16)
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 – 1 (8 times) Last vs. Atl. (12/15/19); 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.



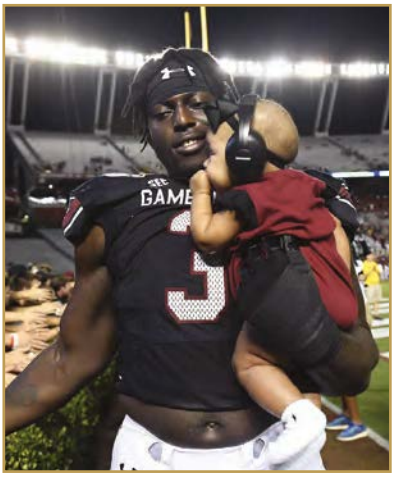
JAVON KINLAW

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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

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
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Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**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	1	0	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Arz. (9/13/20)

KINLAW'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of two 1st–round (14th overall) draft choices by SF in 2020.



GEORGE KITTLE

85 **TE** 6-4 × 250 × IOWA

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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, Veteran Community Service Award

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

PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2019

PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2020

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Is the 5th player and 1st TE in franchise history to record multiple 1,000-yd. seasons (2018-19).
- Set an NFL record for most rec. yds. (1,377) in a season by a TE in 2018.
- Since the start of the 2017 season, he has registered 216 recepts. for 2,945 yds. and 12 TDs. His 2,945 rec. yds. are the most by a TE through his first 3 seasons in NFL history.
- Since entering the league in 2017, Kittle ranks 2nd in the NFL in rec. yds. among all TEs.

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. 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 TE IN THE NFL, SINCE 2017

	Player	Recepts.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
1.	Travis Kelce, KC	283	3,603	12.7	23
2.	**George Kittle, SF**	**216**	**2,945**	**13.6**	**12**
3.	Zach Ertz, Phi.	278	2,903	10.4	22
4.	Jared Cook, NO	165	2,289	13.9	17
5.	Austin Hooper, Atl.	195	1,973	10.1	13

- 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 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

- 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 among all players.

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, 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.
- 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

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	4	44	11.0	14	0
Sep 20	at NYJ							
Sep 27	at NYG							
Oct 4	Phi							
Oct 11	Mia							
Oct 18	LAR							
Oct 25	at NE							
Nov 1	at Sea							
Nov 5	GB							
Nov 15	at NO							
Nov 29	at LAR							
Dec 7	Buf							
Dec 13	Was							
Dec 20	at Dal							
TBD	at Arz							
Jan 3	Sea							
TOTALS			**1/1**	**4**	**44**	**11.0**	**14**	**0**

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- 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.

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

	Player	Date	Opp.	Recepts.	Yds.	TDs
1.	WR Jerry Rice	12/18/95	vs. Min.	14	289	3
2.	WR John Taylor	12/11/89	at LAR	11	286	2
3.	WR Terrell Owens	12/17/00	vs. Chi.	20	283	1
4.	WR Jerry Rice	12/9/85	vs. LAR	10	241	1
5.	WR Dave Parks	10/3/65	at Bal.	9	231	3
6t.	WR Jerry Rice	10/14/90	at Atl.	13	225	5
	WR Bernie Casey	11/13/66	at Chi.	12	225	0
8.	**TE George Kittle**	**12/9/18**	**vs. Den.**	**7**	**210**	**1**
9.	WR Anquan Boldin	9/8/13	vs. GB	13	208	1
10.	WR Jerry Rice	11/17/86	at Was.	12	204	0

- His 210 rec. yds. vs. Den. (12/9/18) are also the 3rd-most by a TE in a single game in the NFL since 1960.

MOST REC. YDS. IN A SINGLE GAME IN THE NFL, 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

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, so any time I can give back. I'm just a fan of that, any time I can give back to help kids, they deserve it, and I just love what Rich is doing, and so I thought I could help out a little bit."



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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.



- 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.



GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- 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.



- Kittle 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.
- 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 kickoff 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.



- As part of the 49ers annual Thanksgiving celebrations, Kittle and his teammates visited Cityteam San Jose to serve a holiday feast to over 300 people in need. Guests enjoyed turkey along with all of the usual holiday sides, while getting to know the 49ers.



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	1	1	4	44	11.0	14	0	1	9	9.0	9	0
TOTALS		**46**	**38**	**220**	**2,989**	**13.6**	**85t**	**12**	**7**	**41**	**7.2**	**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
TOTALS		**3**	**3**	**8**	**71**	**8.9**	**19**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 9: 2017 (1); 2018 (2); 2019 (6)
Fumbles – Lost – 1–0: 2019 (1–0)

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); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 8, Last vs. Atl. (12/15/19 – 134–yds.)

KITTLE'S CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (8)

Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
12/31/17	at LAR	4	100	25.0	0	12/30/18	at LAR	9	149	16.6	1
9/30/18	at LAC	6	125	20.8	1	10/13/19	at LAR	8	103	12.9	0
11/1/18	vs. Oak.	4	108	27.0	1	11/24/19	vs. GB	6	129	21.5	1
12/9/18	vs. Den.	7	210	30.0	1	12/15/19	vs. Atl.	13	134	10.3	0

KITTLE'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 13 vs. Atl. (12/15/19); Postseason – 4 at KC (2/2/20)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 210 vs. Den. (12/9/18); Postseason – 36 at KC (2/2/20)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 85t vs. Den. (12/9/18); Postseason – 19 vs. GB (1/19/20)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 1 (12 times) Last vs. LAR (12/21/19)
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 on 8/14/20.



MIKE McGLINCHEY

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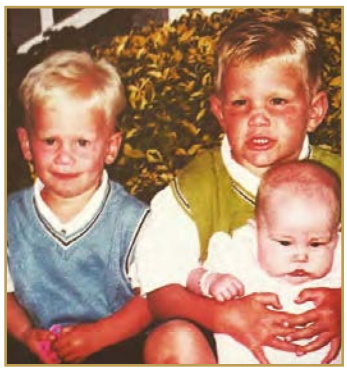
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AWARDS & HONORS

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.



- 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'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 Atlanta Falcons 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)

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- 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.



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McGLINCHEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

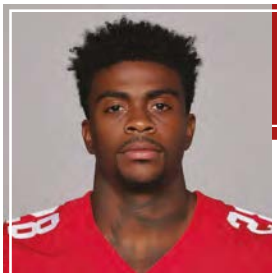
GAMES/STARTS – 29/29: 2018 (16/16); 2019 (12/12); 2020 (1/1)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 3/3: 2019 (3/3)

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 1: 2018 (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.



JERICK McKINNON

28 RB

5-9 × 205 × GEORGIA SOUTHERN

5.3.92 × MARIETTA, GA × 7TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '18

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Recorded a 5-yd. rec. TD in the 4th Qtr. vs. Arz. (9/13), his 1st TD of the season and 1st rec. TD since 2017 as a member of the Minnesota Vikings [at. Atl. (12/3/17)].

GOLDMINE

- 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. McKinnon and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority has services and programs that include the care of sick, injured, lost and abandoned companion animals, animal cruelty investigations, enforcement of animal laws, education and outreach programs, volunteer and foster programs, and more. The 49ers PREP program empowers Bay Area youth to live a healthy, active lifestyle through physical activity and education.



- While at Sprayberry High, McKinnon's head coach Billy Shackelford showed confidence in him, playing him all over the field at quarterback, running back, wide receiver and defensive back. Shackelford urged schools to recruit McKinnon and proclaimed that he had zero red flags as a prospect, and would outwork any player on their current roster. Yet, despite a successful high school career, McKinnon was shunned by major schools who passed on him for taller or heavier prospects. Later, despite an extremely successful career at Georgia Southern, McKinnon's draft projection stated that he was a 'jack of all trades, but a master of none.' For McKinnon, the comments just served as additional motivation. "That kind of rubbed me the wrong way," he said. "I've got it as the screensaver on my phone. I look at it every day. It fuels me." Three years into his NFL career, McKinnon played in his hometown of Atlanta for the first time. For his homecoming, McKinnon made sure that Coach Shackleford, the man who always believed in him, had prime seats for the game.

McKINNON'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Given the nickname 'Jet' at Georgia Southern after contributing early as a freshman. McKinnon's strength and conditioning coach was impressed with his abilities and presented him with two options, 'Jet' and 'Juke.' Jerick chose 'Jet', and the nickname has fittingly stuck with him throughout his career.
- Jerick's brother, Lester Norwood, was a defensive back at the University of Florida from 1998-2002.

McKINNON'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	3	24	8.0	16	0	3	20	1
Sep 20	at NYJ										
Sep 27	at NYG										
Oct 4	Phi										
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Jan 3	Sea										
TOTALS			**1/0**	**3**	**24**	**8.0**	**16**	**0**	**3**	**20**	**1**

McKINNON'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2014	MIN	11	6	113	538	4.8	55	0	27	135	5.0	17	0
2015	MIN	16	0	52	271	5.2	68t	2	21	173	8.2	30	1
2016	MIN	15	7	159	539	3.4	36	2	43	255	5.9	41	2
2017	MIN	16	1	150	570	3.8	58t	3	51	421	8.3	41	2
2018	SF	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–
2019	SF	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–
2020	SF	1	0	3	24	8.0	16	0	3	20	6.7	9	1
TOTALS		**59**	**14**	**477**	**1,942**	**4.1**	**68t**	**7**	**145**	**1,004**	**6.9**	**41**	**6**

PLAYOFFS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2015	MIN	1	0	2	7	3.5	6	0	3	22	7.3	9	0
2017	MIN	2	0	18	74	4.1	14t	1	14	92	6.6	13	0
2019	SF	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**20**	**81**	**4.1**	**14t**	**1**	**17**	**114**	**6.7**	**13**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Kick Returns – 14: 2015 (1); 2017 (12); 2020 (1)
Kick Return Yards – 352: 2015 (24); 2017 (312); 2020 (16)
Fumbles–Lost – 3–2: 2017 (3–2)
Tackles – 3: 2014 (1); 2016 (1); 2017 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at StL (9/7/14); **First Start:** vs. Det. (10/12/14); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – vs. NYG (12/27/15); Postseason – vs. NO (1/14/18); **First Receiving TD:** Regular Season – vs. Chi. (12/20/15 – 17–yd. pass from QB Teddy Bridgewater); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 2, Last at Buf. (10/19/14 – 103 yds.); **2 TD Games:** Regular Season – 1 vs. NYG (12/27/15)

McKINNON'S CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (2)

Date	Opp	Rsh	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rsh	Yds	Avg	TD
9/28/14	vs. Atl.	18	135	7.5	0	10/19/14	at Buf.	19	103	5.4	0

McKINNON'S CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (1)

Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
12/17/17	vs. Cin.	7	114	16.3	0

McKINNON'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: Regular Season – 20 vs. Hou. (10/9/16); Postseason – 10 at Phi. (1/21/18)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 135 vs. Atl. (9/28/14); Postseason – 40 at Phi. (1/21/18)
Rushing TDs: Regular Season – 2 vs. NYG (12/27/15); Postseason – 1 vs. NO (1/14/18)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 68t vs. NYG. (12/27/15); Postseason – 14t vs. NO (1/14/18)
Receptions: Regular Season – 9 vs. Ind. (12/18/16); Postseason – 11 at Phi. (1/21/18)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 114 vs. Cin. (12/17/17); Postseason – 86 at Phi. (1/21/18)
Receiving TDs: Regular Season – 1 (6 times) Last vs. Arz. (9/13/20)

McKINNON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 3rd–round (96th overall) draft choice by Min. in 2014...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/6/14...Signed a four–year deal with SF on 3/15/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/3/18...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/26/19...Activated from the Active/ Physically Unable to Perform List on 8/6/19...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/31/19.



COLTON McKIVITZ

68 OL

6-6 × 301 × WEST VIRGINIA

8.9.96 × JACOBSBURG, OH × ROOKIE × 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 TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 5th–round (153rd overall) draft choice by SF in 2020.



TARVARIUS MOORE

33 **DB**

6-2 × 200 × SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

8.16.96 × QUITMAN, MS × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED D-3B IN '18

GOLDMINE



- Prior to the start of his senior year at Southern Mississippi, Moore's younger sister, Tavy-Anna, 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.

MOORE'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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 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	1	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**33**	**5**	**35**	**27**	**8**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**5**	**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	SF	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	7	7	0	2	0	0	0
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 – 18: 2018 (5); 2019 (12); 2020 (1) **Postseason – 2:** 2019 (2)

Milestones:

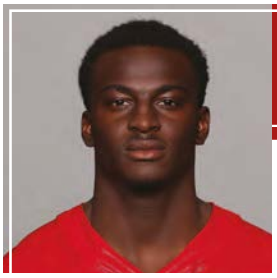
NFL Debut: at Min. (9/9/18); **First Start:** vs. Chi. (12/23/18); **First FF:** Regular Season – vs. Chi. (12/23/18 – WR Allen Robinson II); **First INT:** Postseason – at KC (2/2/20 – QB Patrick Mahomes)

MOORE'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 8 at TB (9/8/19)
Solo: Regular Season – 7 vs. Chi. (12/23/18)
Assists: Regular Season – 3 at TB (9/8/19)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 2 vs. Sea. (12/16/18); Postseason – 2 at KC (2/2/20)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 vs. Chi. (12/23/18)
Interceptions: Postseason – 1 vs. KC (2/2/20)

MOORE'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the second of two 3rd–round (95th overall) draft choices by SF in 2018.



EMMANUEL MOSELEY

41 | CB | 5-11 • 190 • TENNESSEE

3.25.96 • GREENSBORO, NC • 3RD YEAR • ACQUIRED FA IN '18

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Registered a career-high 15 tackles vs. Arz. (9/13).

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. 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 during the 2019 season, the 49ers spent time in Youngstown, OH, where they participated in the Community Blitz. Moseley 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.



- 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 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.

MOSELEY'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	15	11	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
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Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/1**	**15**	**11**	**4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**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 his teammates spent time with fans and members of local Silicon Valley businesses to compete in a bowling tournament as the 49ers Foundation hosted the second annual 1st and Bowl Challenge. The funds raised at the event will support the charitable programs of the 49ers Foundation and benefit Bay Area youth.

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.



- 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.



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	1	1	15	11	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**18**	**9**	**57**	**47**	**10**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**8**	**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	2	14	14	0	0.0	0.0	1	9	9	0	4	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**2**	**14**	**14**	**0**	**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)

MOSELEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 15 vs. Arz. (9/13/20); Postseason – 5 (2 times) Last at KC (2/20/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 11 vs. Arz. (9/13/20); Postseason – 5 (2 times) Last at KC (2/20/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 4 vs. Arz. (9/13/20)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 3 vs. Sea. (11/11/19); Postseason – 2 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 vs. Car. (10/27/19); Postseason – 1 vs. GB (1/19/20)

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.



RAHEEM MOSTERT

31 | RB | 5-10 × 205 × PURDUE

4.9.92 × NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL × 6TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '16

AWARDS & HONORS

2017: 49ers Community Relations Family Service Award
2018: Perry/Yonamine Unity Award, 49ers Community Relations Family Service Award
2019: 49ers Community Relations Family Service Award

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Registered at least 1 rushing TD in each of the final 6 games of the 2019 season, the 3rd player in franchise history to do so and the first since 1995 to score at least 1 rushing TD in 6-or-more consecutive games.

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A RUSHING TD, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Range	Games
1.	Joe Perry	at GB (11/22/53) - at GB (10/10/54)	7
2t.	**Raheem Mostert**	**vs. GB (11/24/19) - at Sea. (12/29/19)**	**6**
	Derek Loville	vs. Car. (11/5/95) - at Car. (12/10/95)	6

- Rushed for 220 yds. and 4 TDs on 29 carries vs. GB (1/19/20 - NFC-C), which marked the first postseason rushing TDs of his career. His 220 rushing yds. set the franchise record for most rushing yds. in a game, regular season or postseason, and he is the only player in NFL history with over 200 rushing yds. and 4 rushing TDs in a postseason game.
- His 226 scrimmage yds. vs. GB (1/19/20 - NFC-C) (220 rushing, 6 receiving) are the most in a Conference Championship Game in playoff history.

MOST YDS. FROM SCRIMMAGE, CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

	Player	Year	Rush Yds.	Rec.Yds.	Scrim. Yds.
1.	**RB Raheem Mostert**	**2019**	**220**	**6**	**226**
2.	RB Marcus Allen	1983	154	62	216
3t.	RB Thurman Thomas	1993	186	22	208
	RB Wilbert Montgomery	1980	194	14	208

- With 5 rushing TDs in the 2019 postseason, became the 2nd-most in 49ers franchise postseason history.

MOST RUSHING TDS IN ONE POSTSEASON, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Year	TDs
1.	Ricky Watters	1993	6
2.	**Raheem Mostert**	**2019**	**5**

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Registered a 76-yd. TD pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo vs. Arz. (9/13), the longest TD recept. of his career and his 3rd career rec. TD. Mostert finished the game with 15 carries for 56 yds. and 4 recepts. for a career-high 95 yds. and 1 TD.

MOSTERT'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His last name is pronounced MOZE-tert.
- Winner of the Perry/Yonamine Award in 2018. The Perry/Yonamine 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.
- Mostert met his wife, Devon, in college, as the two both attended Purdue University from 2011-14. Devon was an athlete herself, playing on the Boilermakers soccer team.
- A native of New Smyrna Beach, FL, Mostert enjoys saltwater and freshwater fishing in his free time.

MOSTERT'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	15	56	3.7	14	0	4	95	1
Sep 20	at NYJ										
Sep 27	at NYG										
Oct 4	Phi										
Oct 11	Mia										
Oct 18	LAR										
Oct 25	at NE										
Nov 1	at Sea										
Nov 5	GB										
Nov 15	at NO										
Nov 29	at LAR										
Dec 7	Buf										
Dec 13	Was										
Dec 20	at Dal										
TBD	at Arz										
Jan 3	Sea										
TOTALS			**1/1**	**15**	**56**	**3.7**	**14**	**0**	**4**	**95**	**1**

2020 HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Mostert's 76-yd. rec. TD is the 4th-longest TD recept. by a RB in franchise history and the longest since RB Garrison Hearst had an 81-yd. rec. TD vs. NO (11/22/98).

LONGEST REC. TD BY A RB, FRACHISE HISTORY

	Player	Opponent	Date	Long Rec. TD
1.	Delvin Williams	vs. Was.	11/7/76	85
2.	Garrison Hearst	vs. NO	11/22/98	81
3.	Carroll Hardy	at Det.	10/30/55	78
4.	**Raheem Mostert**	**vs. Arz.**	**9/13/20**	**76**

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. Mostert and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Mostert represented Ocean Conservancy, saying, "I play to raise awareness to protect our ocean."



- 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. Mostert 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.
- Growing up in Smyrna Beach, FL, known as the "shark-bite capital of the world," Mostert often surfed in the Atlantic Ocean. Said Mostert, "We would go out there and surf and they'd bite on people and stuff. They were usually just small sharks. But they'd mistake us for food."



- 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.





- A two-sport athlete at Purdue, Mostert starred on the track during his senior season in 2014. He won the Big Ten title in the 60m and 200m at the conference indoor track championship in addition to winning the Big Ten title in the 100m and 200m at the conference outdoor track championship. For his efforts, he was named the Big Ten Indoor and Outdoor Track Athlete of the Championship in addition to the Great Lakes Region Track Athlete of the Year.
- As part of the 49ers annual Thanksgiving celebrations, Mostert and his teammates visited Cityteam San Jose to serve a holiday feast to over 300 people in need. Guests enjoyed turkey along with all of the usual holiday sides, while getting to know the 49ers.





- The 49ers joined forces with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose as part of their Community Tuesday kickoff event in September of 2018. Mostert 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."
- 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. Mostert and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. The Melanoma Research Foundation aims to eradicate melanoma by accelerating medical research while educating to and advocating for the melanoma community.



MOSTERT'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2015	MIA/BAL/CLE	11	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
2016	CHI/SF	3	0	1	6	6.0	6	0	0	0	–	–	0
2017	SF	11	0	6	30	5.0	16	0	0	0	–	–	0
2018	SF	9	0	34	261	7.7	52t	1	6	25	3.0	8	0
2019	SF	16	0	137	772	5.6	41t	8	14	180	12.9	39t	2
2020	SF	1	1	15	56	3.7	14	0	4	95	23.8	76t	1
TOTALS		**51**	**1**	**193**	**1125**	**5.8**	**52t**	**9**	**24**	**300**	**12.5**	**76t**	**3**

PLAYOFFS

				RUSHING					RECEIVING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	3	0	53	336	6.3	36t	5	3	8	2.7	10	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**53**	**336**	**6.3**	**36t**	**5**	**3**	**8**	**2.7**	**10**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – Regular Season – 30: 2015 (1); 2017 (8); 2018 (7); 2019 (14) **Postseason – 1:** 2019 (1)
Kick Returns – 26: 2015 (19); 2016 (2); 2017 (5)
Kick Return Yards – 629: 2015 (530); 2016 (35); 2017 (83); 2019 (–19)
Punt Return Yards – 33: 2016 (33)
Fumbles–Lost – 5–5: 2015 (1–1); 2017 (1–1); 2018 (1–1); 2019 (2–2)
Special Teams Fumbles Recoveries – Regular Season – 1: 2019 (1) **Postseason – 1:** 2019 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Jax. (9/20/15); **First Reception:** Regular Season – at KC (9/23/18 – 8–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); Postseason – vs. GB (1/19/20 – 11–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – vs. Oak (11/1/18 – 52 yds.); Postseason – vs. GB (1/19/20 – 36 yds.); **First Receiving TD:** Regular Season – at Cin. (9/15/19 – 39–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 1, at Bal. (12/1/19 – 146 yds.); Postseason – 1, vs. GB (1/19/20 – 220 yds.)

MOSTERT'S CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (2)

Date	Opp	Rsh	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rsh	Yds	Avg	TD
12/1/19	at Bal.	19	146	7.7	1	1/19/20*	vs. GB	29	220	7.6	4

*Postseason

MOSTERT'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: Regular Season – 19 at Bal. (12/1/19); Postseason – 29 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 146 at Bal. (12/1/19); Postseason – 220 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Rushing TDs: Regular Season – 2 at Sea. (12/29/19); Postseason – 4 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 52t vs. Oak. (11/1/18); Postseason – 36t vs. GB (1/19/20)
Receptions: Regular Season – 4 (2 times) Last vs. Arz. (9/13/20); Postseason – 2 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 95 vs. Arz. (9/13/20); Postseason – 6 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Receiving TDs: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last vs. Arz. (9/13/20)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 76t vs. Arz. (9/13/20); Postseason – 10 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Kick Returns: Regular Season – 5 (2 times) Last vs. Pit. (1/3/16)
Kick Return Yards: Regular Season – 159 at Sea. (12/20/15)
Kick Return Long: Regular Season – 53 at Sea. (12/20/15)

MOSTERT'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by Phi. on 5/2/15...Waived by Phi. on 9/5/15...Signed to Phi. practice squad on 9/6/15...Signed from Phi. practice squad to Mia. active roster on 9/15/15...Waived by Mia. on 10/13/15...Claimed off waivers by Bal. on 10/14/15...Waived by Bal. on 12/15/15...Claimed off waivers by Cle. on 12/16/15...Re–signed by Cle. on 3/7/16...Waived by Cle. on 9/4/16...Signed to NYJ practice squad on 9/6/16...Released by NYJ on 9/12/16...Signed to Chi. practice squad on 9/13/16...Promoted to Chi. active roster on 9/21/16...Waived by Chi. on 10/3/16...Signed to Chi. practice squad on 10/4/16...Released by Chi. on 10/21/16...Signed to SF practice squad on 11/28/16...Promoted to SF active roster on 12/30/16...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/29/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/2/18...Re–signed with SF on a three–year contract on 3/19/19.



NICK MULLENS

4 QB

6-1 × 210 × SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

3.21.95 × BIRMINGHAM, AL × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '17

AWARDS & HONORS

2018: Thomas Herrion Award

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- His 2,277 passing yds. in his 1st eight career games are the 4th-most by a QB since 1970.

MOST PASSING YDS. IN FIRST 8 CAREER GAMES, SINCE 1970

	Player	Atts.	Comps.	Yds.	TDs	Rtg.
1.	Cam Newton, Car.	287	174	2,393	11	87.1
2.	Andrew Luck, Ind.	336	190	2,404	10	79.0
3.	Cam Newton, Car.	287	174	2,393	11	87.1
4.	**Nick Mullens, SF**	**274**	**176**	**2,277**	**13**	**90.8**
5.	Marc Bulger, StL	250	163	2,062	16	102.1

GOLDMINE

- 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. Mullens 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.



MULLENS' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- In 2018, 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.
- His grandfather, Ernie Tabor played Major League baseball for the Philadelphia Phillies.
- Named Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year in 2015.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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. Mullens 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.



MULLENS' GAME-BY-GAME

2020 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg	Sk/Yds	Rtg	Rsh	Yds	TD	Total Net Yds.	Pct. Offense
Sep 13	Arz	L	0/0	–	–	–	–	DID NOT PLAY		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 20	at NYJ																
Sep 27	at NYG																
Oct 4	Phi																
Oct 11	Mia																
Oct 18	LAR																
Oct 25	at NE																
Nov 1	at Sea																
Nov 5	GB																
Nov 15	at NO																
Nov 29	at LAR																
Dec 7	Buf																
Dec 13	Was																
Dec 20	at Dal																
TBD	at Arz																
Jan 3	Sea																
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0/0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0%**

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.



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



- In partnership with the One Love Foundation, Mullens, 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.



- Mullens 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.



MULLENS' CAREER STATISTICS

				PASSING										RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG	SK	LST	RTG	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2017	SF	–	–	–	–	–	PRACTICE SQUAD			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2018	SF	8	8	274	176	64.2	2,277	13	10	85t	17	127	90.8	18	–16	–0.9	0	0
2019	SF	1	0	0	0	–	0	0	0	–	0	0	–	3	–3	–1.0	–1	0
2020	SF	0	0	0	0	–	0	0	0	–	0	0	–	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**9**	**8**	**274**	**176**	**64.2**	**2,277**	**13**	**10**	**85t**	**17**	**127**	**90.8**	**21**	**–19**	**–0.9**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				PASSING										RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG	SK	LST	RTG	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	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**

Additional Statistics:
Fumbles–Lost – 1–0: 2018 (1–0)
Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2018 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Oak. (11/1/18)**; First Start:** vs. Oak. (11/1/18); **First Completion:** Regular Season – vs. Oak. (11/1/18 – 11–yd. pass to WR Marquise Goodwin); **First Passing TD:** Regular Season – vs. Oak. (11/1/18 – 24–yd. pass to WR Pierre Garçon); **First 300–Yd. Game:** Regular Season – at Sea. (12/2/18 – 414 yds.); **First 400–Yd. Game:** Regular Season – at Sea. (12/2/18 – 414 yds.); **300–Yd. Games:** Regular Season – 2, Last vs. Den. (12/9/18 – 332 yds.)

MULLENS' CAREER 300-YARD PASSING GAMES (2)

Date	Opp	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD	Date	Opp	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD
12/2/18	at Sea.	48	30	414	2	12/9/18	vs. Den.	33	20	332	2

MULLENS' CAREER HIGHS

Passes Attempted: Regular Season – 48 at Sea. (12/2/18)
Completions: Regular Season – 30 at Sea. (12/2/18)
Completion Percentage: Regular Season – 72.7 vs. Oak. (11/1/18)
Passing Yards: Regular Season – 414 at Sea. (12/2/18)
Long Pass: Regular Season – 85t vs. Den. (12/9/18)
QB Rating: Regular Season – 151.9 vs. Oak. (11/1/18)
Passing Touchdowns: Regular Season – 3 (2 times) Last at LAR (12/30/18)
Rushes: Regular Season – 5 vs. Den. (12/9/18)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/2/18)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 2 vs. NYG (11/12/18)

MULLENS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by SF on 5/4/17...Waived by SF on 9/2/17...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/3/17...Signed to Reserve/Future con–tract with SF on 1/2/18...Waived by SF on 9/1/18...Signed to SF practice squad on 9/2/18...Promoted to SF active roster on 9/26/18.



KYLE NELSON

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GOLDMINE



- Growing up around football, in the summers, Kyle would help his dad, Mark, when he was coaching in the NCAA and CFL. At a young age, Kyle got to see tight knit locker rooms and learned how successful teams work together on and off the field. Mark's career as a football coach meant many moves for the Nelson family. Kyle was born in Norman, OK and growing up, the family moved between Tulsa, OK and Canada three times and Kyle spent time living in Georgia, Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico before coming to California.
- 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.
- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Nelson and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Nelson represented the JW House, saying, "I play for families whose loved ones face medical crisis."



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NELSON'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Comes from a football family. His father, Mark, is the linebackers coach for the Ottawa REDBLACKS in the Canadian Football League, with a quarter-century of coaching experience. Mark played in the CFL for six seasons and spent time coaching in the NCAA at Louisville, Arkansas Tech, Baylor and Kentucky. Kyle's grandfather, Roger, was drafted by Washington in 1954. He played offensive tackle for 13 seasons for the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos from 1954-67 and was elected into the CFL Hall of Fame in 1985.
- Growing up in Canada, the first sport he played was ice hockey. Following a move to the United States in middle school, he began playing soccer before playing football for the first time his junior year of high school.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- The story of how Nelson became a long snapper goes back to his father's playing days. In the middle of training camp, Nelson's dad was extremely tired after grueling practices. Heading into his 11th season he thought to himself, "I wish I was a long snapper." He said, "If I ever have a son, I'm going to make sure he learns how to snap."
- In the past, Nelson has worked with middle school football players in Phoenix, AZ, teaching them the craft of long snapping as colleges begin recruiting students specifically to fill that role. "It helps the kids get into school," he said. "We do it to get them scholarships, get their school paid for so their parents don't have to."
- 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)

- During all Week 13 games in 2017, NFL players had the chance to share the causes that are important to them as part of the NFL's My Cause, My Cleats campaign. The initiative was a culmination of collaborative work between the NFL and players across the league. For My Cause, My Cleats, Nelson supported JW House, which aims to provide a warm, comfortable "home away from home" for families facing medical crisis. "Families facing medical crises need rest and self-care while their loved one is in the hospital," said Nelson. "I want to bring hope and encouragement to those going through the unimaginable."



- In his spare time, Nelson enjoys drawing, reading and going hiking. When Kyle was growing up, his family planned hikes on the weekends where he was able to witness the landscape of Arkansas, Georgia, Texas and Arizona. It translated to painting, where Kyle draws pictures of the outdoors such as oceans, forests and mountains. "I like turning color pictures into black and white, charcoal, Sharpies," he said. "It's a nice, relaxing hobby."
- In honor of the NFL's Crucial Catch campaign, the 49ers hosted a fashion show in October of 2017, featuring breast cancer and pediatric cancer warriors in apparel donated by Levi's®. Nelson, along with his 49ers teammates, walked the runway with cancer warriors as they shared their stories of strength and courage with the audience.



NELSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 104/0: 2012 (6/0); 2013 (11/0); 2014 (16/0); 2015 (16/0); 2016 (16/0); 2017 (16/0); 2018 (12/0); 2019 (10/0); 2020 (1/0)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 3/3: 2019 (3/3)

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 17: 2014 (4); 2015 (5); 2016 (5); 2017 (3)
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2017 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Bal. (11/25/12)

NELSON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent by NO on 7/27/11...Waived by NO on 9/3/11...Signed to NO practice squad on 9/4/11...Waived by NO on 9/5/11...Signed to KC practice squad on 9/7/11... Waived by KC on 9/14/11...Signed to Reserve/Future contract by SF on 1/24/12...Waived by SF on 8/31/12...Signed to Phi. practice squad on 9/25/12...Waived by Phi. on 10/2/12...Signed a two–year deal with SD on 11/20/12...Waived by SD on 5/20/13...Claimed off of waivers by SF on 5/21/13...Waived by SF on 7/10/13...Claimed off of waivers by Sea. on 7/11/13...Waived by Sea. on 8/26/13...Signed by Was. on 10/15/13...Waived by Was. on 7/21/14...Signed by SF on 7/25/14...Re–signed with SF on a four–year deal through 2018 on 3/10/15...Placed on the Reserve/Suspended List on 12/4/18...Signed a four–year contract extension with SF on 3/13/19...Placed on the Reserve/Suspended List on 8/31/19...Activated from Reserve/Suspended List on 10/26/19.



MARK NZEOCHA

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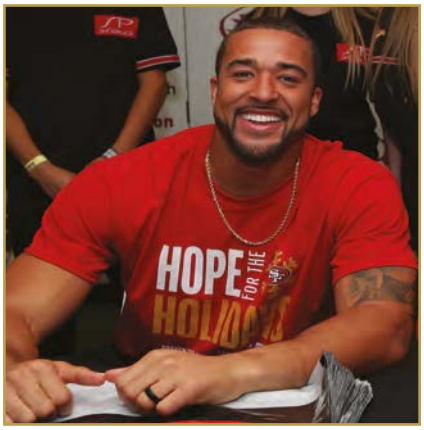
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GOLDMINE

- 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. Nzeocha 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.



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NZEOCHA'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Last name is pronounced nuh-ZAH-chuh.
- At 14, Nzeocha, who knew nothing about American football, was approached by a former coach to come participate in a practice. After that first day, he spent his free time watching games and clips on YouTube in order to learn the sport. Rising in the European ranks, Nzeocha went from playing on his school's club team to being voted first-team All Europe after his junior German national team made the European Championship. This helped get the attention of American coaches, which led him to Division I football.



- His brother Eric Nzeocha also attended the University of Wyoming and played LB for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

NZEOCHA'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
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Nov 29	at LAR													
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Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Ahead of WrestleMania 32, which took place at AT&T Stadium in 2016, Nzeocha joined WWE superstars and spent the day with patients at Children's Health Medical Center in Dallas, playing games, coloring, and speaking to them about the benefits of staying positive throughout tough times. In December, he made a second trip to Children's Health Medical Center as he and his teammates made their annual Children's Hospital Christmas visits. Nzeocha and his teammates also visited Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas, Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, and Medical City Children's Hospital. During each visit, he gave away numerous gifts to hundreds of children and signed autographs, making their Christmas holiday memorable.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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.



- In 2016, Nzeocha teamed with longtime Dallas Mavericks F Dirk Nowitzki and over 50 celebrities to play in the 2016 Dirk Nowitzki Celebrity Baseball Game. The annual family-fun event gave all proceeds to children's charities: Dirk Nowitzki Foundation and Heroes Foundation. Alongside Nowitzki, Nzeocha and various other athletes in Dallas continued to play a huge role helping the youth in the greater Dallas community.



NZEOCHA'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2015	DAL	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2016	DAL	5	0	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2017	SF	10	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2018	SF	16	3	17	12	5	1.0	8.0	0	0	–	0	1	1	0	0
2019	SF	16	0	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
2020	SF	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**50**	**3**	**23**	**18**	**5**	**1.0**	**8.0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2016	DAL	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	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 – Regular Season – 19: 2016 (1); 2017 (4); 2018 (7); 2019 (7) **Postseason – 1:** 2019 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. NYJ (12/19/15); **First Start:** vs. Det. (9/16/18); **First FF:** Regular Season – vs. Sea. (12/16/18 – QB Russell Wilson); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. Sea. (12/16/18 – QB Russell Wilson); **First Interception:** Regular Season – at TB (9/8/19 – QB Jameis Winston)

NZEOCHA'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 4 at Phi. (1/1/16)
Solo: Regular Season – 4 at Phi. (1/1/16)
Assists: Regular Season – 2 at TB (11/25/18)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 vs. Sea. (12/16/18)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at TB (9/8/19)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 vs. Sea. (12/16/18)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 at TB (9/8/19)

NZEOCHA'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 7th–round (236th overall) draft choice by Dal. in 2015...Placed on the Reserve/Non–Football Injury List on 9/1/15...Activated from the Reserve/Non–Football Injury List on 11/18/15...Waived by Dal. on 9/2/17...Signed to Dal. practice squad on 9/5/17...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 9/25/17...Signed a one–year extension with SF on 1/26/18...Re–signed with SF on a three–year contract on 3/15/19.



DANTE PETTIS

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Registered the most TD recepts. (5) by a member of the 49ers in their rookie season since RB Jimmy Thomas registered 5 TD recepts. in 1969, and tied for the 2nd-most by a rookie in franchise history.

MOST REC. TDS IN A SINGLE SEASON BY A ROOKIE, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Year	TDs
1.	WR Dave Parks	1964	8
2t.	**WR Dante Pettis**	**2018**	**5**
	RB Jimmy Thomas	1969	5
	HB R.C. Owens	1957	5
5t.	Seven Players	---	4

- Registered the 9th-most rec. yds. (467) in franchise history among rookies at the time in 2018.

GOLDMINE



- Pettis' father, Gary, earned five Gold Glove awards in 11 seasons in the MLB with the California Angels, Detroit Tigers, Texas Rangers and San Diego Padres. Gary Pettis launched his coaching career after retiring from the game in 1992 and is currently the third base coach of the Houston Astros. Growing up, Dante regularly followed his father to the ballpark, plastic bat and glove in hand. Dante again had the opportunity to follow his dad and join for pregame warmups when the 49ers traveled to Houston for a preseason contest. Only this time, Dante grabbed a bat himself and took part in the team's batting practice, knocking a handful of home runs into the seats at Minute Maid Park while his father watched.
- Pettis, while a standout football player in his own right, has many interests off the field, including playing the guitar and ukelele, literature and photography. If he wasn't playing football, Pettis says that he would be taking wildlife photos for a publication such as *National Geographic*.



PETTIS' GOLDEN NUGGETS



- Pettis' father, Gary, played Major League Baseball for 11 seasons with the California Angels (1982-87), Detroit Tigers (1988-89 & 1992), Texas Rangers (1990-91) and San Diego Padres (1992). He was a five-time Gold Glove winning center fielder and is the current third base coach for the Houston Astros.
- His brother, Kyler, is currently an actor who is best known for his role on NBC's soap opera, Days of Our Lives. Kyler was the winner of the 2019 Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Younger Actor in a Drama Series.
- Set an NCAA record with nine punt return touchdowns in his career.
- Pettis' cousin, Austin Pettis, was drafted in the third round (78th overall) of the 2011 NFL Draft by the St. Louis Rams.

PETTIS' GAME-BY-GAME

2020 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	0	0	–	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ							
Sep 27	at NYG							
Oct 4	Phi							
Oct 11	Mia							
Oct 18	LAR							
Oct 25	at NE							
Nov 1	at Sea							
Nov 5	GB							
Nov 15	at NO							
Nov 29	at LAR							
Dec 7	Buf							
Dec 13	Was							
Dec 20	at Dal							
TBD	at Arz							
Jan 3	Sea							
TOTALS			**1/1**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- Pettis 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.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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. Pettis 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.



- 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. Pettis and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. DrawBridge provides free art programs for homeless and other underserved children in the Bay Area.



PETTIS' CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2018	SF	12	7	27	467	17.3	75t	5	1	–2	–2.0	–2	0
2019	SF	11	4	11	109	9.9	21t	2	0	0	–	–	0
2020	SF	1	1	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**24**	**12**	**38**	**576**	**15.2**	**75t**	**7**	**1**	**–2**	**–2.0**	**–2**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

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

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2018 (1)
Fumbles–Lost – 1–0: 1–0 in 2018
Passing Attempts/Completions – 1/1: 2019 (1/1)
Passing Yards – 1: 2019 (16)
Punt Returns – 10: 2018 (9); 2020 (1)
Punt Return Yards – 35: 2018 (27); 2020 (8)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Min. (9/9/18); **First Reception:** Regular Season – at Min. (9/9/18 – 22–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First Touchdown:** Regular Season – at Min. (9/9/18 – 22–yd. pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo); **First Punt Return:** Regular Season – at Min. (9/9/18 – 0–yd. PR); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 1 at Sea. (12/8/18 – 124–yds.)

PETTIS' CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (1)

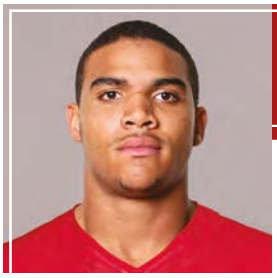
Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
12/2/18	at Sea.	5	129	25.8	2

PETTIS' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 5 (2 times) Last vs. Sea. (12/16/18)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 129 at Sea. (12/2/18)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 75t at Sea. (12/2/18)
Touchdown Receptions: Regular Season – 2 at Sea. (12/2/18)
Punt Returns: Regular Season – 2 (2 times) Last vs. Det. (9/16/18)
Punt Return Yards: Regular Season – 14 (2 times) Last vs. Det. (9/16/18)
Long Punt Return: Regular Season – 14 (2 times) Last vs. Det. (9/16/18)

PETTIS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 2nd–round (44th overall) draft choice by SF in 2018...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/29/18.



JORDAN REED

81 **TE** 6-2 × 242 × FLORIDA

7.3.90 × NEW LONDON, CT × 8TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '20

AWARDS & HONORS

2013: PFWA All-Rookie Team
2016: NFC Pro Bowl

PRO BOWL
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GOLDMINE

- Karen Reed led by example, showing her kids the value of hard work and sacrifice, working multiple jobs in order to make ends meet. As a single mother caring for young children, she would often work until the early hours to help provide for her family. Having children participate in athletics is an added cost and commitment. Though the family lived in New Britain, CT, they were paying rent in New London because Reed wanted her son to be able to play for Jack Cochran in New London. Jordan's friend, Tyler Major, spoke to his parents, Tommie, an assistant football coach at New London, and Barbara, about the possibility of Jordan moving in with them. "Tyler, who is one of Jordan's best friends, came to me and said, 'Can Jordan live with us?'" Barbara said. "I had already fallen in love with him. How could we say no?" Shortly after, the Majors became Reed's legal guardians. "What the Majors have done for me, coach Major, I look up to him like a dad," said Reed. "And Mrs. Major is another mom."
- In June of 2017, Reed returned to New Britain, CT, to take part in the Tebucky Jones Youth Football Camp, named after the former New England Patriot and New Britain native. The camp gives young football players an opportunity to work alongside former players and develop their skills. For Reed, being back in his hometown helping out the youth football community meant a lot. "It feels great. It brings back a lot of memories of when I was a kid, playing basketball right over there and swimming in that pool. It's awesome," said Reed. "I grew up playing with all my friends, playing football and going to the parks and competing. That's what taught me a lot and what I do now, so it feels good to see these young guys out here and with the support they have. It's great to see." Reed hoped that he could help inspire the kids to see that hard work pays off. "It means a lot that I can show that they can make it. When I was growing up, there weren't many guys to look at and to give you hope that it's possible. So, I'm glad that I can do that for some of these kids."



REED'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Older brother, David Reed, was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in the 5th round (156th overall) of the 2010 NFL Draft and played wide receiver with the Ravens (2010-12) and the Indianapolis Colts (2013).
- Grew up playing baseball, basketball and football.
- Despite an early desire to make it to the MLB, Reed was inspired to become a professional football player after watching the movie *Friday Night Lights*. "That's when I really started falling in love with football," said Reed. "I was with my big sister, we watched it together. We always watch movies. It's been my favorite movie ever since."

REED'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	2	12	6.0	10	0
Sep 20	at NYJ							
Sep 27	at NYG							
Oct 4	Phi							
Oct 11	Mia							
Oct 18	LAR							
Oct 25	at NE							
Nov 1	at Sea							
Nov 5	GB							
Nov 15	at NO							
Nov 29	at LAR							
Dec 7	Buf							
Dec 13	Was							
Dec 20	at Dal							
TBD	at Arz							
Jan 3	Sea							
TOTALS			**1/0**	**2**	**12**	**6.0**	**10**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- From an early age, Reed showed commitment to his craft and the determination to outwork his competition. His mom, Karen, was often woken up at six in the morning to the sounds of Reed, a former baseball player, practicing his swings using a training contraption wrapped around a light fixture in the backyard of their Connecticut home. As long as he completed his chores from the night before, he was allowed to practice outside every morning. During a time that his training mechanism was broken, he met Jack Cochran, who coached football at the local high school where Jordan's brother, David, was a wide receiver. Impressed by his size and stature, Cochran helped Reed into becoming the team's quarterback, eventually leading the Whalers to Connecticut's state championship game two times in four seasons.

REED'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2013	WAS	9	4	45	499	11.1	38	3	1	18	18.0	18	0
2014	WAS	11	2	50	465	9.3	30	0	0	0	–	–	0
2015	WAS	14	8	87	952	10.9	32	11	0	0	–	–	0
2016	WAS	12	8	66	686	10.4	33	6	0	0	–	–	0
2017	WAS	6	5	27	211	7.8	20	2	0	0	–	–	0
2018	WAS	13	8	54	558	10.3	34	2	0	0	–	–	0
2019	WAS	0	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
2020	SF	1	0	2	12	6.0	10	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**66**	**35**	**331**	**3,383**	**10.2**	**38**	**24**	**1**	**18**	**18.0**	**18**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2015	WAS	1	1	9	120	13.3	24t	1	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**1**	**1**	**9**	**120**	**13.3**	**24t**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Fumbles – Lost – 7–5: 2014 (1–1); 2015 (3–2); 2016 (1–1); 2017 (1–0); 2018 (1–1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Phi. (9/9/13); **First Start:** at Den. (10/27/13); **First Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Phi. (9/9/13 – 11–yd. pass from QB Robert Griffin III); Postseason – vs. GB (1/10/16 – 3–yd. pass from QB Kirk Cousins); **First TD Reception:** Regular Season – at GB (9/15/13 – 3–yd. TD pass from QB Robert Griffin III); Postseason – vs. GB (1/10/16 – 24–yd. pass from QB Kirk Cousins); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 4, Last at Phi. (12/26/15 – 129 yds.); Postseason – 1, vs. GB (1/10/16 – 120 yds.)

REED'S CAREER 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (5)

Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
10/20/13	vs. Chi.	9	134	14.9	1	12/26/15	at Phi.	9	129	14.3	2
11/30/14	at Ind.	9	123	13.7	0	1/10/16*	vs. GB	9	120	13.3	1
12/13/15	at Chi.	9	120	13.3	1						

*Postseason

REED'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 11 vs. TB (10/25/15); Postseason – 9 vs. GB (1/10/16)

Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 134 vs. Chi. (10/20/13); Postseason – 120 vs. GB (1/10/16)

Long Reception: Regular Season – 38 vs. Chi. (10/20/13); Postseason – 24t vs. GB (1/10/16)

TD Receptions: Regular Season – 2 (7 times) Last at Phi. (10/23/17); Postseason – 1 vs. GB (1/10/16)

Rushes: Regular Season – 1 vs. SD (11/3/13)

Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 18 vs. SD (11/3/13)

Long Rush: Regular Season – 18 vs. SD (11/3/13)

REED'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 3rd–round (85th overall) draft choice by Was. in 2013...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/19/13...Re–signed with Was. on a five–year contract on 5/5/16...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/26/17...Activated from the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 8/20/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/12/17...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/27/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 10/12/19...Released by Was. on 2/20/20...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 8/9/20.



WESTON RICHBURG

58 | **C** | 6-4 × 295 × COLORADO STATE

7.9.91 × BUSHLAND, TX × 7TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '18

GOLDMINE

- 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. Richburg 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.



RICHBURG'S GOLDEN NUGGET

Was also a standout in track & field at Bushland (TX) HS. He recorded a shot put throw of 60 feet, 1 inch, at the 2009 UIL State Championship, which set a school record and ranked fourth in state history.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Richburg was actively involved in helping his local community while attending Colorado State. He helped with homework and reading at the Boys & Girls Club of Larimer County, spent time with low-income students at Linton Elementary and volunteered at Respite Care, which provides support for developmentally disabled children.
- Richburg participated in the NFL's "My Cause, My Cleats" campaign in 2017, wearing custom-designed cleats in support of the Wounded Warrior Project. Richburg has volunteered at several organization events, including the "Pros vs. Joes" video game initiative.



RICHBURG'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 79/78: 2014 (16/15); 2015 (15/15); 2016 (16/16); 2017 (4/4); 2018 (15/15); 2019 (13/13)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 0/0: 2019 (IR)

Additional Statistics:
Fumbles–Lost – 1–0: 2018 (1–0)
Tackles – 4: 2016 (2); 2018 (2)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Det. (9/8/14); **First Start:** at Det. (9/8/14)

RICHBURG'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 2nd–round (43rd overall) draft choice by NYG in 2014...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/4/17...Signed a five–year deal with SF on 3/14/18. Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/11/19...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/28/20... Placed on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List on 9/5/20.



DEEBO SAMUEL

19 **WR** 6-0 × 215 × SOUTH CAROLINA

1.15.96 × INMAN, SC × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED D-2 IN '19

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 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.	Gene Washington	1969	711
4.	Dave Parks	1964	703
5.	Michael Crabtree	2009	625

- His 57 recepts. in 2019 finished 2nd 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.	**Deebo Samuel**	**2019**	**57**
3.	Gene Washington	1969	51
4.	Jerry Rice	1985	49
5t.	Michael Crabtree	2009	48
	Roger Craig (RB)	1983	48

- 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.

MOST 100-YD. REC. GAMES IN A SINGLE SEASON BY A ROOKIE, FRANCHISE HISTORY

	Player	Year	Games
1.	**Deebo Samuel**	**2019**	**3**
2t.	Jerry Rice	1985	2
	Dave Parks	1964	2

- 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

- Samuel 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.



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.

SAMUEL'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
			PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Foot) ON 9/12					
Sep 13	Arz	–	–INJURED RESERVE (Foot)			–	–	–
Sep 20	at NYJ							
Sep 27	at NYG							
Oct 4	Phi							
Oct 11	Mia							
Oct 18	LAR							
Oct 25	at NE							
Nov 1	at Sea							
Nov 5	GB							
Nov 15	at NO							
Nov 29	at LAR							
Dec 7	Buf							
Dec 13	Was							
Dec 20	at Dal							
TBD	at Arz							
Jan 3	Sea							
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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.

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 stepmom, 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'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	0	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**15**	**11**	**57**	**802**	**14.1**	**42t**	**3**	**14**	**159**	**11.4**	**31**	**3**

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
TOTALS		**3**	**3**	**10**	**127**	**12.7**	**30**	**0**	**6**	**102**	**17.0**	**32**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Fumbles–Lost – 2–1: 2019 (2–1)
Tackles – Regular Season – 1: 2019 (1) **Postseason – 1:** 2019 (1)
Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2019 (1)

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); **First Rushing TD:** Regular Season – vs. Car. (10/27/19 – 20–yds.); **100–yd. Games:** Regular Season – 3, Last at Sea. (12/29/19 – 102–yds.)

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

Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Date	Opp	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
11/11/19	vs. Sea.	8	112	14.0	0	12/29/19	at Sea.	5	102	20.4	0
11/17/19	vs. Arz.	8	134	16.8	0						

SAMUEL'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 8 (2 times) Last vs. Arz. (11/17/19); Postseason – 5 at KC (2/2/20)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 134 vs. Arz. (11/17/19); Postseason – 46 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 42t vs. GB (11/24/19); Postseason – 30 vs. GB (1/19/20)
TD Receptions: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last at Bal. (12/1/19)
Rushes: Regular Season – 3 vs. LAR (12/21/19); Postseason – 3 at KC (2/2/20)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 33 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19); Postseason – 53 at KC (2/2/20)
Rushing Touchdowns: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 31 at NO (12/8/19); Postseason – 32 (2 times) Last at KC (2/2/20)

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.



RICHARD SHERMAN

25 | **CB** | 6-3 × 205 × STANFORD

3.30.88 × COMPTON, CA × 10TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '18

AWARDS & HONORS

2011: PFWA All-Rookie Team

2012: AP First Team All-Pro, PFWA First-Team All-Pro, *Sporting News* First-Team All-Pro, NFC Defensive Player of the Week (Week 10)

2013: Pro Bowl, AP First Team All-Pro, PFWA First-Team All-Pro, *Sporting News* First-Team All-Pro, Two-time NFC Defensive Player of the Week (Weeks 2 and 15)

2014: Pro Bowl, AP First-Team All-Pro, PFWA First-Team All-Pro, *Sporting News* First-Team All-Pro, NFC Defensive Player of the Week (Week 13)

2015: Pro Bowl, AP Second-Team All-Pro, PFWA's Good Guy Award

2016: NFC Pro Bowl

2018: Ed Block Courage Award

2019: 49ers Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Nominee, AP Second-Team All-Pro, PFWA All-NFC, NFC Pro Bowl, Garry Niver Award, NFLPA Community MVP (Week 11)



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS



- Finished the 2013 season with a league-leading 8 INTs. It marked the second-consecutive season Sherman recorded 8 INTs, and again ranked as the third-most by a member of the Seahawks in a single season. Capped off the season with a 43-8 victory over Denver in Super Bowl XLVIII.
- Since entering the NFL in 2011, Sherman has registered 35 INTs and 114 PDs. His 35 INTs lead the league, and his 114 PDs rank 3rd among all active players.

MOST INTS AMONG ALL ACTIVE PLAYERS, SINCE 2011

	Player	INTs
1.	**Richard Sherman, SF**	**35**
2.	Reggie Nelson, Oak.	29
3.	Marcus Peters, Bal.	27
4t.	Stephon Gilmore, NE	25
	Earl Thomas, Bal.	25
	Patrick Peterson, Arz.	25

MOST PDS AMONG ALL ACTIVE PLAYERS, SINCE 2011

	Player	PDs
1.	Joe Haden, Pit.	119
2.	Johnathan Joseph, Hou.	118
3.	**Richard Sherman, SF**	**114**
4.	Stephon Gilmore, NE	112
5.	Janoris Jenkins, NYG	108

- As a rookie with Seattle in 2011, his 4 INTs in just 10 starts tied for the second-most by a rookie in franchise history.

SHERMAN'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Was the 49ers 2019 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 pro football writers do their jobs.
- Named the 49ers representative for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award in 2019, which recognizes an NFL player for his excellence on and off the field.
- In addition to finding success on the football field, Sherman has consistently excelled in the classroom. He became the first Dominguez HS student in 20 years to earn a scholarship from Stanford University after finishing high school with a 4.2 GPA. At Stanford, Sherman carried a 3.7 GPA and graduated with a degree in communications.
- Sherman also proved himself as a standout track & field athlete. In high school, he earned All-America honors from USA Today in the triple jump with a school and league-record jump of 50 feet, 8 inches. He later earned a spot on the Stanford track & field team and competed as a freshman, placing fifth in the triple jump at the Pac-10 Championships.

SHERMAN'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/1**	**4**	**4**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE



- Sherman launched his own foundation, Blanket Coverage, in 2013. The foundation provides school supplies and clothing to students in low-income communities so they can more adequately achieve their goals. Sherman has hosted a variety of events with his foundation, including clothing drives, softball tournaments and trips to local schools. Sherman was influenced as a student at Dominguez HS after Magic Johnson gave an inspirational speech at his school, stressing the values of education. Information on Sherman's foundation can be found at https://www.richardsherman25.com.
- Throughout the 2019 season, Sherman and his wife would regularly visit Santa Clara Juvenile Hall and the couple quickly bonded with Unit 1B, who Sherman often acknowledged in postgame interviews before answering questions. During his regular visits, Sherman leads group conversations with the nearly 30 kids. "You get 24 hours in a day," Sherman says. "And I guarantee you that you all understand the importance of every minute of 24 hours right now. When you get free and can control your own destiny, take advantage of every minute and every second of the 24 hours. When you get it back, never give it back to anybody. Live your life to the fullest."
- Born and raised in Compton, CA, Sherman epitomizes the idea of a success story and was heavily influenced by his parents, Beverly and Kevin. Beverly works with disabled, inner-city children, while Kevin works as a garbage truck driver. "It forced my brother and me to understand priorities and family," Richard said. For Kevin, it was about showing his children the value of finishing what you start. "I always tell my kids to finish," Kevin said. "It's all about finishing what I started."





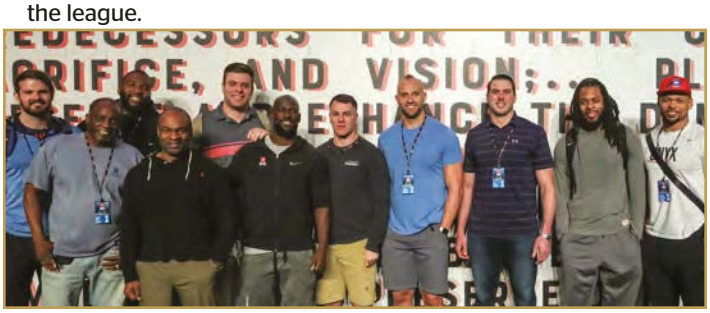
- Prior to Week 2's matchup in Cincinnati during the 2019 season, the 49ers spent time in Youngstown, OH, where they participated in the Community Blitz. Sherman and some of his teammates joined the students at Williamson Elementary School to talk about inclusion and anti-bullying. The players spoke at an assembly before helping the kids write cards and discuss how to be kind to one another.
- Sherman was one of five NFL players that held a charitable partnership with Microsoft in 2017. In October of that year, Sherman's organization was granted $25,000 from the company, which he intended to use to build a Microsoft Surface computer lab at Compton HS. Sherman, a Compton native, wants to utilize his partnership to prove to students in low-income areas that everyone has great potential, and with the power of proper technology and school supplies, students of all backgrounds have the ability to be successful in school and accomplish their goals.



- During the 2017 offseason, Sherman and his organization, Blanket Coverage, held their biggest backpack giveaway to date. Sherman's organization provided backpacks and free food on a first come, first serve basis to children in the Seattle area. Sherman and volunteers distributed backpacks, met with local families, took photos and participated in fun activities with the kids, which even included Sherman himself feeling the wrath of the dunk tank.
- Since he was a child, Sherman has always thought about his future endeavors as a father, which became a reality with the birth of his son, Rayden, in February of 2015, and his daughter, Avery, in April of 2016. "I've thought about my kids since I was a kid. The greatest impact I could have on the world is raising good kids," Sherman said in a self-composed Players Tribune piece. "Football is something that I felt like I was born to do, and I was blessed with ability and the great fortune to be able to play it professionally, and I'm thankful for that and I take that very serious, and I want to be one of the best to ever do it. But in the end, being a great father, it's like the best thing you could ever be - to watch my son and daughter grow up to be incredible people and watch them make a greater impact on this world than I ever could.



- After serving as the Seahawks team representative with the NFL Player's Association since 2014, Sherman was promoted to the organization's executive committee as vice president in 2016. The NFLPA serves as a union for professional football players and provides support for current and former players, while also enhancing their experiences in community-related organizations across the league.



SHERMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2011	SEA	16	10	53	46	7	0.0	0.0	4	45	33	0	17	1	0	0
2012	SEA	16	16	62	52	10	1.0	16.0	8	57	29	1	24	3	1	0
2013	SEA	16	16	49	38	11	0.0	0.0	8	125	58t	1	16	0	2	0
2014	SEA	16	16	57	45	12	0.0	0.0	4	81	53	0	8	1	0	0
2015	SEA	16	16	50	32	18	0.0	0.0	2	30	26	0	14	0	0	0
2016	SEA	16	16	58	38	20	0.0	0.0	4	37	31	0	13	0	1	14
2017	SEA	9	9	35	25	10	0.0	0.0	2	20	19	0	7	0	1	0
2018	SF	14	14	37	30	7	1.0	7.0	0	0	–	0	4	0	1	0
2019	SF	15	15	61	48	13	0.0	0.0	3	65	31	1	11	0	0	0
2020	SF	1	1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**134**	**128**	**462**	**354**	**108**	**2.0**	**23.0**	**35**	**460**	**58t**	**3**	**114**	**5**	**6**	**14**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2012	SEA	2	2	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	3	0	0	0
2013	SEA	3	3	10	4	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	2	0	0	0
2014	SEA	3	3	10	7	3	0.0	0.0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
2015	SEA	2	2	9	8	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	2	0	0	0
2016	SEA	2	2	13	7	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	SF	3	3	9	6	3	0.0	0.0	2	16	13	0	2	1	0	0
TOTALS		**15**	**15**	**51**	**32**	**19**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**4**	**16**	**13**	**0**	**12**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 2: 2011 (2)
Punt Returns – 4: 2013 (1); 2014 (1); 2015 (1); 2016 (1)
Punt Return Yards – 64: 2013 (–6); 2014 (0); 2015 (64); 2016 (6)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at SF (9/11/11); **First Start:** vs. Cin. (10/30/11); **First INT:** Regular Season – vs. Cin. (10/30/11 – QB Andy Dalton); Postseason – vs. Car. (1/10/15 – Cam Newton); **First INT Returned for a TD:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (12/9/12 – QB John Skelton); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. NYJ (11/11/12 – QB Mark Sanchez); **First FF:** Regular Season – at Dal. (11/6/11 – WR Dez Bryant); Postseason – at KC (2/2/20 – RB Damien Williams); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (12/9/12 – QB Ryan Lindley)

SHERMAN'S CAREER MULTI-INTERCEPTION GAMES (6)

Date	Opp	INTs	Yds	QB
12/9/12	vs. Arz.	2	19	John Skelton (2)
12/15/13	at NYG	2	1	Eli Manning (2)
12/22/13	vs. Arz.	2	0	Carson Palmer (2)
11/27/14	at SF	2	6	Colin Kaepernick (2)
10/2/16	at NYJ	2	6	Ryan Fitzpatrick (2)
10/29/17	vs. Hou.	2	20	Deshaun Watson (2)

SHERMAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 8 (5 times) Last at NO (10/30/16); Postseason – 8 at Atl. (1/14/16)
Solo: Regular Season – 7 (3 times) Last at NO (12/8/19); Postseason – 6 at Min. (11/10/15)
Assists: Regular Season – 5 vs. Ari. (12/22/13); Postseason – 4 at Atl. (1/14/16)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 2 (6 times) Last vs. Hou. (10/29/17); Postseason – 1 (4 times) Last vs. GB (1/19/20)
Interception Returns For TD: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last at TB (9/8/19)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at Arz. (10/28/18)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 4 (2 times) Last at Dal. (11/1/15); Postseason – 3 at Atl. (1/13/13)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (5 times) Last vs. Oak. (12/9/14); Postseason – 1 at KC (2/2/20)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last vs. SF (9/17/17)

SHERMAN'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 5th–round (154th overall) draft choice by Sea. in 2011...Signed a four–year extension with Sea. through 2018 on 5/7/14...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/14/17...Released by Seattle on 3/9/18...Signed a three–year deal with SF on 3/11/18.



JUSTIN SKULE

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6-6 × 315 × VANDERBILT

11.23.96 × CLIFTON, VA × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED D-6B IN '19

GOLDMINE

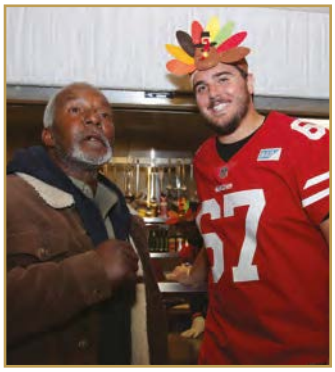
- Skule's father, Joshua, has been an FBI agent for over 20 years, having spent a decade each in Chicago and Washington D.C. Currently, he is the Executive Assistant Director for Intelligence. He was appointed counter terrorism section chief by former FBI director Robert Mueller in 2012 and head of intelligence by former FBI director James Comey in 2016. Joshua deals with terrorism, election hacking, mass shootings and mandates from the White House on any given work day, and not even gameday is an exception. If a "significant crisis event" occurs, Joshua must be ready to take a high-priority conference call, regardless of what is happening on the field. "I'm always curious about who he's talking to when he takes those calls, but he can't say," Justin said. "When I'm playing a game, I obviously don't know what's going on with him," said Justin. "But when I've been with him at my younger siblings' games, he'll get one of those calls, and you just know it's important."
- 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.
- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Skule and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Skule represented Turner's Heroes, and said, "I play for pediatric patients, real-life superheroes."



SKULE'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Last name is pronounced SKOOL.
- Played ice hockey from the time he was three up until he started high school.
- Comes from an athletic family, as his brother, Jackson, is a redshirt freshman on the offensive line at James Madison, and his father, Joshua, played football collegiately at the Naval Academy.

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.
- The 49ers teamed up with the activist content company, One Community, to show a special private screening of the movie *Just Mercy* to a group of high school students from the African American Community Services Agency. The screening was followed by a group discussion led by Scott Budnick, who executive produced the movie, along with the players in attendance. The event was a part of the NFL's Inspire Change initiative, which encourages teams to support programs that reduce barriers to opportunity. The three priority areas of this initiative are: education and economic advancement, police and community relations, and criminal justice reform.

SKULE'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 16/8: 2019 (15/8); 2020 (1/0)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 3/0: 2019 (3/0)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at TB (9/8/19); **First Start:** vs. Pit. (9/22/19)

SKULE'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the second of three 6th–round (183rd overall) draft choices by SF in 2019.



KENTAVIUS STREET

95 **DL** 6-2 × 287 × NORTH CAROLINA STATE

5.8.96 × GREENVILLE, NC × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED D-4 IN '18

GOLDMINE

- Street's grandfather, who served in the Marine Corps, gave him advice in the first grade that would last a lifetime. He told Kentavius that no matter the circumstance, he was going to have to outwork the competition. Street states that he has taken that mindset and carried it with him everywhere he goes - in the classroom, on the field, in the weight room and in the community.
- One of Street's favorite memories comes from a tightly-contested, 10-3 home victory over Notre Dame in 2016. The game was played under unique circumstances, as Hurricane Matthew had recently struck the east coast and transformed the field to a 100-yard slip and slide with a constant downpour in addition to 20-plus mile per hour winds attacking the field. "It was a battle to the very end," Street said. "It was such a fun, well-fought victory."



- Street 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.
- 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.



STREET'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Street's athletic ability was featured in a viral video of his 700-pound squat at a NC State workout.
- His cousin, Kiwaukee Thomas, played eight seasons in the NFL with the Jaguars, Bills and Dolphins. After his playing career was over, Kiwaukee got into coaching, was named the head football coach at Middle Georgia State University and is now the defensive coordinator at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.
- Along with Bradley Chubb (Denver Broncos – 5th overall), B.J. Hill (New York Giants – 69th overall) and Justin Jones (Los Angeles Chargers – 84th overall), Street became the final player from NC State's starting defensive line to be drafted in 2018. It marks the first time since 2013 that a school's entire starting defensive line was selected in the same draft (LSU – 2013).

STREET'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	–	–	INACTIVE			–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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.



STREET'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	–	–	–	RESERVE/NFI LIST (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2019	SF	3	0	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2020	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**0**	**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
2019	SF	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Atl. (12/15/19)

STREET'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 3 vs. LAR (12/21/19)

Solo: Regular Season – 3 vs. LAR (12/21/19)

STREET'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 4th–round (128th overall) draft choice by SF in 2018...Placed on the Reserve/Non–Football Injury List on 9/1/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/1/19...Activated from the Injured Reserve List on 12/14/19...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 1/10/20...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/28/20...Activated from the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 8/4/20.



JAQUISKI TARTT

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6-1 × 215 × SAMFORD

2.18.92 × MOBILE, AL × 6TH YEAR × ACQUIRED D-2 IN '15

AWARDS & HONORS

2015: Thomas Herrion Memorial Award

2019: NFL Way to Play (Week 6), NFL Way to Play (Divisional Round)

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Intercepted Cardinals QB Kyler Murray's pass that was tipped by LB Dre Greenlaw vs. Arz. (9/13), marking his 1st INT of the season and 4th of his career. Tartt's INT is the first by a 49ers S since Tartt picked off Cardinals QB Josh Rosen in 2018 [at Arz. (10/28/18)]. He also added 4 tackles and 1 PD.

GOLDMINE



- In August of 2020, Tartt partnered with Vitality Bowls in San Jose to create the Smart Tartt Smoothie. Ten percent of the proceeds from the smoothie will go to the East Side Union High School District, which serves more than 22,000 students throughout San Jose, including a large population of underprivileged students that come from low income families. East Side Union High School District is using the donated proceeds to provide students with necessary school supplies, such as access to mobile hotspots and technology devices during a remote learning model in the fall, as well as clothing and transportation vouchers. "The partnership with Vitality Bowls came naturally, as I was already finding myself stopping in for a smoothie about five times a week," said Tartt. "The Smart Tartt is a healthy and fresh form of energy for me, and it's definitely my go-to before and after I train. I think everyone will enjoy the smoothie we developed and it's a great way to help local families with a portion of the proceeds."
- 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. Tartt and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. The Epilepsy Foundation of Northern California is dedicated to providing information, resources, and support to the over 180,000 Northern Californians living with epilepsy. Tartt was inspired by his close friend and manager whose daughter, Aria, was diagnosed with Epilepsy at four months old. No medicine was helping and Aria would have up to 100 seizures a day. But after brain surgery, where a piece of her brain was removed, she is now seizure free. "I want to raise awareness for Epilepsy, a cause folks know little about," said Tartt. "My message to those affected by the disease: Stay strong and know that you are not in this fight alone!"

TARTT'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- First name is pronounced juh-KWAH-skee.
- Teamed with Next Level Football Camp for his inaugural camp in his hometown of Mobile, AL, on July 9, 2016. The goal of the camp was to allow one day of football training to impact the other 364 days of the year by participants being partnered with a mentor/coach from the camp.
- Named the 49ers Thomas Herrion Memorial Award winner for the 2015 season. The award, as voted on by the coaches, 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.
- Became the sixth player selected in the NFL Draft in Samford school history and holds the distinction of being the first player drafted in the second round or higher.
- Reunited with high school teammate and 49ers 2014 1st round pick DB Jimmie Ward. Both are products of Davidson HS in Mobile, AL. The pair won the Class 6A Region 1 football championship as the school's starting safeties in 2009.

TARTT'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	1	16	1	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/1**	**4**	**3**	**1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**16**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**



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.



- While visiting his hometown of Mobile during his youth football camp in July of 2016, Tartt was given the key to the city. "If anybody would have told me I would be getting a key to the city of Mobile, I'd have thought they were crazy. It's a wonderful feeling."



- Tartt provided 75 backpacks full of school supplies to 7th graders at Scarborough Model Middle School of Mobile in preparation for that upcoming school year. Said Tartt, "I met with the Mayor and his team and they decided that this would be the best thing to do. Every year, I'm just trying to do something to give back to my community. It was great to see how happy the kids were."
- Tartt's young football career has been heavily influenced by his family. He played his first year of organized football in 2009 at Davidson HS in Mobile, AL, to honor his grandfather, Alfred Lewis, who passed away during the summer before his senior year. "The football coaches and my friends wanted me to come out and play, and he really wanted me to play. I really wanted to play again ever since he passed away, so I do this in his memory." Additionally, Jaquiski chose to attend Samford University at the urging of his mother, a traveling nurse who wanted to go there herself because of their pharmacy program.
- A two-time All-American and All-Southern Conference selection, Tartt was the first player in Samford school history to be invited to play in the Reese's Senior Bowl. Just the sixth player selected in the NFL draft in school history, Tartt holds the distinction of being the first player drafted in the second round or higher from Samford University.

TARTT'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	15	8	66	57	9	2.0	22.0	1	25	25	0	3	1	0	0
2016	SF	15	6	61	38	23	1.0	10.0	0	0	–	0	3	0	0	0
2017	SF	9	9	54	37	17	0.5	3.0	1	37	37	0	3	0	0	0
2018	SF	8	8	41	32	9	0.0	0.0	1	23	23	0	2	0	0	0
2019	SF	12	12	44	31	13	0.5	2.0	0	0	–	0	2	1	2	0
2020	SF	1	1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	1	16	16	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		**60**	**44**	**270**	**198**	**72**	**4.0**	**37.0**	**4**	**101**	**37**	**0**	**14**	**2**	**2**	**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	11	3	1.0	1.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**3**	**14**	**11**	**3**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 21: 2015 (1); 2016 (13); 2017 (1); 2018 (1); 2019 (5)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Min. (9/14/15); **First Start:** at StL (11/1/15); **First Sack:** Regular Season – vs. Min. (9/14/15 – QB Teddy Bridgewater); Postseason – at KC (2/2/20 – QB Patrick Mahomes); **First FF:** Regular Season – at StL (11/1/15 – WR Tavon Austin); **First INT:** Regular Season – at Cle. (12/12/15 – QB Johnny Manziel); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. Sea. (11/11/19 – WR D.K. Metcalf)

TARTT'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 13 vs. NYJ (12/11/16); Postseason – 8 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 9 (2 times) Last vs. NYJ (12/11/16); Postseason – 5 (2 times) Last at KC (2/2/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 4 (4 times) Last at Ind. (10/8/17); Postseason – 3 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 2 vs. Atl. (11/8/15)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Sea. (11/11/19)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Arz. (11/17/19)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (4 times) Last vs. Arz. (9/13/20)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 37 vs. Car. (9/10/17)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 37 vs. Car. (9/10/17)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 (3 times) Last vs. NYJ (12/11/16); Postseason – 1.0 at KC (2/2/20)

TARTT'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 2nd–round (46th overall) draft choice by SF in 2015...Placed on the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 7/31/16...Activated from the Active/Non–Football Injury List on 8/6/16...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/6/17...Signed a two–year contract extension through 2020 on 4/27/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/24/18.



JULLIAN TAYLOR

77 **DL** 6-5 × 305 × TEMPLE

1.30.95 × WILLIAMSTOWN, NJ × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED D-7A IN '18

GOLDMINE

- Taylor's favorite memory in life did not come on the football field, but rather walking across the stage at his college graduation. Taylor describes himself as a quiet, yet cerebral man, and was proud to experience the apex of his academic career with his family this past year at Temple.



- When asked of an experience that helped shape who he is today, Taylor cites two separate season-ending injuries that he suffered while in college. As he points out, the adversity taught him the value of maintaining resilience through tough times.
- Taylor 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.



TAYLOR'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Taylor did not play organized football until his senior year in high school. In his lone season in high school, he registered 60 tackles and 14.0 sacks as he helped lead Williamstown (NJ) HS to a perfect 12-0 record and the 2012 state Class 5 championship.
- His father, Rufus Taylor, also graduated from Temple University and was a walk-on on the men's basketball team in 1989.

TAYLOR'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	–	–	–	RESERVE/PUP			–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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.



TAYLOR'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	6	0	7	4	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	SF	6	0	9	7	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	1	10
2020	SF	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**12**	**0**	**16**	**11**	**5**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**10**

PLAYOFFS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2019	SF	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Knee)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at TB (11/25/18); **First FR:** Regular Season – at Was. (10/20/19 – RB Adrian Peterson)

TAYLOR'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 4 at Bal. (12/1/19)
Solo: Regular Season – 2 (3 times) Last at Bal. (12/1/19)
Assists: Regular Season – 2 at Bal. (12/1/19)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 1 at Cin. (9/15/19)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 at Was. (10/20/19)

TAYLOR'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of two 7th–round (223rd overall) draft choices by SF in 2018...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/28...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/28/20...Placed on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List on 9/5/20.



TRENT TAYLOR

15 **WR** 5-8 × 180 × LOUISIANA TECH

4.30.94 × SHREVEPORT, LA × 4TH YEAR × ACQUIRED D-5B IN '17

GOLDMINE

- 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. Taylor and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. End Slavery Tennessee provides specialized case management and comprehensive aftercare for human trafficking survivors and tactically addresses the problem through advocacy, prevention and training of front line professionals.



- The 49ers joined forces with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose as part of their Community Tuesday kickoff event in September of 2018. Taylor 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."



TAYLOR'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Taylor's father, Greg, played linebacker at Western Kentucky University from 1982-85 under WKU's all-time wins leader, Jimmy Feix, for two seasons (1984-85).
- In 2016, Taylor led the nation with 1,803 rec. yds. on 136 recepts. to go along with 12 TDs.
- Taylor has lived in four states during his life, including Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee and California. During his time in Tennessee, he became very fond of the city of Nashville and country music.
- Growing up, Taylor was a multi-sport athlete while attending Evangel Christian (Shreveport, LA) High School. He was an all-state baseball player in addition to participating in track and long jump. For one season, Taylor played tennis with his quarterback as his doubles partner and the two were state runners-up that year.
- While playing defensive back in high school, Taylor hit an opponent with such ferocity that he broke the receiver's jaw.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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. Taylor 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.

TAYLOR'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	2	7	3.5	5	0
Sep 20	at NYJ							
Sep 27	at NYG							
Oct 4	Phi							
Oct 11	Mia							
Oct 18	LAR							
Oct 25	at NE							
Nov 1	at Sea							
Nov 5	GB							
Nov 15	at NO							
Nov 29	at LAR							
Dec 7	Buf							
Dec 13	Was							
Dec 20	at Dal							
TBD	at Arz							
Jan 3	Sea							
TOTALS			**1/0**	**2**	**7**	**3.5**	**5**	**0**

2020 Returns

Date	Opp	KR	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	PR	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 13	Arz	0	0	–	–	0	2	0	21	10.5	12	0
Sep 20	at NYJ											
Sep 27	at NYG											
Oct 4	Phi											
Oct 11	Mia											
Oct 18	LAR											
Oct 25	at NE											
Nov 1	at Sea											
Nov 5	GB											
Nov 15	at NO											
Nov 29	at LAR											
Dec 7	Buf											
Dec 13	Was											
Dec 20	at Dal											
TBD	at Arz											
Jan 3	Sea											
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**21**	**10.5**	**12**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- Taylor 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.



TAYLOR'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2017	SF	15	1	43	430	10.0	33	2	0	0	–	–	0
2018	SF	14	0	26	215	8.3	23	1	0	0	–	–	0
2019	SF	0	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
2020	SF	1	0	2	7	3.5	5	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**29**	**1**	**69**	**645**	**9.3**	**33**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Foot)			–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

		KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS					
YEAR	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2017	SF	1	8	8.0	8	0	30	16	281	9.4	39	0
2018	SF	1	15	15.0	15	0	10	6	78	7.8	18	0
2019	SF	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	0	–	–	0
2020	SF	0	0	–	–	0	2	0	21	10.5	12	0
TOTALS		**2**	**23**	**11.5**	**15**	**0**	**40**	**22**	**359**	**9.0**	**39**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

		KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS					
YEAR	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	–	INJURED RESERVE (Foot)		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Fumbles–Lost – 2–1: 2017 (1–1); 2018 (1–0)
Tackles – 2: 2017 (1); 2018 (1)
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2018 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Car. (9/10/17); **First Start:** Regular Season – vs. Jax. (12/24/17); **First Reception:** Regular Season – vs. Car. (9/10/17 – 8–yd. pass from QB Brian Hoyer); **First Touchdown:** Regular Season – vs. LAR (9/21/17 – 3–yd. pass from QB Brian Hoyer); **First Punt Return:** Regular Season – vs. Car. (9/10/17 – 9–yd. PR)

TAYLOR'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 7 vs. Arz. (10/7/18)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 92 at Chi. (12/3/17)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 33 at Chi. (12/3/17)
Touchdown Receptions: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Jax. (12/24/17)
Punt Returns: Regular Season – 4 at Arz. (10/1/17)
Punt Return Yards: Regular Season – 41 at Arz. (10/1/17)
Long Punt Return: Regular Season – 39 at Was. (10/15/17)
Kickoff Returns: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. Det. (9/16/18)
Kickoff Return Yards: Regular Season – 15 vs. Det. (9/16/18)
Long Kickoff Return: Regular Season – 15 vs. Det. (9/16/18)

TAYLOR'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the second of two 5th–round (177th overall) draft choices by SF in 2017...Placed on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform List on 7/26/18...Activated from the Active/Unable to Perform List on 7/31/18...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 9/20/19.



SOLOMON THOMAS

94 **DL**

6-3 × 280 × STANFORD

8.26.95 × COPPELL, TX × 4TH YEAR × ACQUIRED D-1A IN '17

AWARDS & HONORS

2019: Ed Block Courage Award

GOLDMINE



- Each year, Thomas walks to raise money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. "I lost one of the most important people in my world to suicide earlier this year," said Thomas. "I will be walking for her and for everyone who suffers from the pain she felt. Ella was my sister. Ella was my best friend. She loved harder than she could breathe. She filled a room with such a strong presence that it would light up the room. She made my life go. Having Ella as my sister was the greatest gift this life has given me. She taught me to be myself, to make everyone feel loved, to appreciate everything in front of me, and so much more. She was so perceptive and so compassionate. I will live every day for my amazing sister.

"I walk not only because of what happened to Ella and our family; I walk because I want to help others. I want others to have better information and resources. It's time to talk about mental health. It's time to acknowledge that everyone is going through something that we don't know about and might not understand. It's time to have empathy for those things we don't understand. The funds raised at this walk will benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Net proceeds will help those affected by suicide and mental health conditions by supporting research, advocacy, survivor resources, education and awareness programs.

"Be meaningful in every conversation, seek to show others you care. You never know what you could say that might save someone's life. I want to make this a better world. Please help me in support of those who suffer." Each year, the Thomas family gets together a group of family and friends which will be known as team "Ella's Sunflowers."

If you are in crisis, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or contact the Crisis Text Line by texting TALK to 741741.



THOMAS' GOLDEN NUGGETS



- Born in Chicago, IL, Thomas moved and spent part of his childhood living in Australia. His father, Chris, was an international sales manager for Proctor & Gamble and he was stationed there. Thomas grew up learning to surf and enjoyed playing on the beach and eating fish and chips. He didn't begin playing football until he moved to Coppell, TX.
- One of Thomas' two career touchdowns at Stanford came at Levi's Stadium, returning a fumble recovery 34 yards for the score in the Cardinal's 41-22 victory over USC in the 2015 Pac-12 Championship Game.
- 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.
- As a junior at Stanford, Thomas earned the Morris Trophy, a prestigious honor voted on by opposing Pac-12 offensive linemen.

THOMAS' GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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. Thomas 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.



- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of the 2019 season. Thomas and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Thomas represented the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and said, "I play for my sister, Ella, and to destigmatize depression."



- 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. Thomas 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.



- The 49ers partnered with CASSY (Counseling and Support Services for Youth) for a mental health awareness event at Monroe Middle School (Campbell, CA) in December of 2018. Thomas and his teammates joined the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who were pre-identified as having mental health struggles, and held group discussions centered on managing stress and destigmatizing mental health matters.



- Thomas spent part of his life living in Australia. Says Solomon, "My dad was an international sales manager for Proctor & Gamble, and they had him out there. It was an amazing experience to be there from two to seven or eight. It definitely gave me a different perspective on life and definitely shaped me for life." Thomas' family moved back to the United States and spent a few years living in Connecticut. It wasn't until his family prepared to move to Texas that Thomas was introduced to football, when his parents had him watch 'Friday Night Lights.'
- During his childhood, Thomas grew up speaking with a thick Australian accent. When he moved back to the States, no one in school could understand him, so he took three years of speech therapy classes to remove the accent. However, if it was up to Thomas, he would have kept the accent. Said Thomas, "It's unfortunate, because I'd love to still have my Australian accent."
- 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. Thomas and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) gives those affected by suicide a nationwide community empowered by research, education and advocacy to take action against this leading cause of death. Thomas also included the phrase "Bad Boys for Life," as a tribute to he and his sister Ella's favorite movie, *Bad Boys*.



- After posing for a photoshoot, Thomas 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.



- Thomas comes from an athletic family. His father, Chris, and mother, Martha, each attended the College of Wooster (OH) where Chris played basketball and Martha ran track. Solomon's uncle, Jon Thomas, ran track at Indiana University where he was a four-time Big Ten 400m hurdles champion.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- In partnership with the One Love Foundation, Thomas, 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.



- The 49ers joined forces with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose as part of their Community Tuesday kickoff event in September of 2018. Thomas 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."



THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2017	SF	14	12	41	34	7	3.0	9.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	1	0
2018	SF	16	13	31	24	7	1.0	2.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2019	SF	16	3	21	15	6	2.0	9.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
2020	SF	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**47**	**29**	**93**	**73**	**20**	**6.0**	**20.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**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	0	4	4	0	1.0	11.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**0**	**1.0**	**11.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. Car. (9/10/17); **First Start:** at Sea. (9/17/17); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at Arz. (10/1/17 – QB Carson Palmer); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20 – QB Kirk Cousins); **First FR:** Regular Season – at LAR (12/31/17 – QB Sean Mannion)

THOMAS' CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 9 at Was. (10/15/17); Postseason – 3 vs. Min. (1/11/20)

Solo: Regular Season – 7 at Was. (10/15/17); Postseason – 3 vs. Min. (1/11/20)

Assists: Regular Season – 2 (3 times) Last at LAR (12/30/18)

Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 (6 times) Last at LAR (10/13/19); Postseason – 1.0 vs. Min. (1/11/20)

Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 at LAR (12/31/17)

THOMAS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of two 1st–round (3rd overall) draft choices by SF in 2017.



CHRIS THOMPSON

2 WR

6-0 × 175 × FLORIDA

5.9.94 × GAINESVILLE, FL × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '19

GOLDMINE



- As a sophomore at Florida in 2014, Thompson met Jay Ryon, a then eight-year old battling cancer. A fan of the Gators, Ryon and Thompson began a close friendship. Before a big game in October of 2015, Thompson and his teammates video chatted with Ryon, who encouraged them for the upcoming contest with rival Ole Miss. "Chris showed everybody [Jay's photo] and we just jumped on board," said former Florida teammate Marcus Maye. "We're all wearing his wristbands now. We're happy to be a part of it, just to bring joy to Jay." Thompson and his teammates sent Ryon a t-shirt and picture of the team, hoping to lift his spirits. "It was such a big deal to him," a family friend, Kathryn Papania, said. "This is the most I've ever seen him smile."

THOMPSON'S GOLDEN NUGGET

- Was a Gainesville Sun First-Team all-area selection in track & field at Gainesville (FL) HS.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- During all Week 13 games in 2017, NFL players had the chance to share the causes that are important to them as part of the NFL's My Cause, My Cleats campaign. Thompson represented Kids Beating Cancer in support of his friend, Jay. "This cause allows me to support Jay and all those little heroes who show great strength each day," said Thompson.



THOMPSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2017	HOU	13	0	5	84	16.8	32	0	0	0	–	–	0
2018	Out of Football												
2019	SF	–	–	–	PRACTICE SQUAD		–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2020	SF	–	–	–	INJURED RESERVE (Hip)			–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**13**	**0**	**5**	**84**	**16.8**	**32**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

PLAYOFFS

				RECEIVING					RUSHING				
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
2019	SF	–	–	–	PRACTICE SQUAD		–	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTALS		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 6: 2017 (6)
Kickoff Returns – 17: 2017 (17)
Kickoff Return Yards – 369: 2017 (369)
Punt Returns – 6: 2017 (6)
Punt Return Yards – 39: 2017 (39)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Ten. (10/1/17); **First Reception:** Regular Season – vs. KC (10/8/17 – 19–yd. pass from QB Deshaun Watson); **First Punt Return:** Regular Season – vs. Ten. (10/1/17); **First Kickoff Return:** Regular Season – vs. Ten. (10/1/17 – 42–yd. KOR)

THOMPSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: Regular Season – 3 at Ind. (12/31/17)
Receiving Yards: Regular Season – 54 at Ind. (12/31/17)
Long Reception: Regular Season – 32 at Ind. (12/31/17)
Punt Returns: Regular Season – 2 (2 times) Last at Ten. (12/3/17)
Punt Return Yards: Regular Season – 21 at Ten. (12/3/17)
Long Punt Return: Regular Season – 15 at Ten. (12/3/17)
Kick Returns: Regular Season – 4 at Sea. (10/29/17)
Kick Return Yards: Regular Season – 76 at Sea. (10/29/17)
Kick Return Long: Regular Season – 28 at Ind. (12/31/17)

THOMPSON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent with Hou. on 5/16/17...Waived by Hou. on 9/2/17...Signed to Hou. practice squad on 9/3/17...Promoted to Hou. active roster on 9/27/17...Waived by Hou. on 8/28/18...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 8/3/19...Waived by SF on 8/8/19...Signed a one–year deal with SF on 8/21/19...Waived by SF on 8/31/19...Signed to SF practice squad on 12/3/19...Signed a two–year deal with SF on 2/4/20...Waived/Injured by SF on 8/15/20...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 8/17/20.



LAKEN TOMLINSON

75 | OL | 6-3 × 315 × DUKE

2.9.92 × CHICAGO, IL × 6TH YEAR × ACQUIRED TR IN '17 - DET.

AWARDS & HONORS

2018: Bobb McKittrick Award

GOLDMINE



- 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. Tomlinson 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.
- 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. Tomlinson 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.



- 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.



- Tomlinson 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.



TOMLINSON'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Moved to America from Jamaica when he was close to 11 years old, where was raised by his single mother in the Rogers Park section of Chicago, IL.
- In 2018, was selected as the Bobb McKittrick Award winner, which is given annually to the 49ers offensive lineman who best represents the courage, intensity and sacrifice displayed by the longtime offensive line coach, during his 21 years of service to the 49ers. The award was established by the 49ers in 1999, and is voted on by the offensive line.
- Was on the track & field team in high school where he participated in both the discus and shot put competitions.
- Named Academic All-ACC all four years of his college career at Duke (2011-14).

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- The 49ers joined forces with Martha's Kitchen of San Jose as part of their Community Tuesday kickoff event in September of 2018. Tomlinson 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."



- Growing up in Jamaica, Tomlinson always aspired to serve in the healthcare industry. After his football career, he plans to become a neurosurgeon. Tomlinson has always taken education seriously, commuting 90 minutes each day to and from school to receive a quality education in high school. He went on to graduate from Duke University with a bachelor's degree in evolutionary anthropology and psychology. While currently focused on football, Tomlinson still finds time to shadow doctors to help prepare for a career in the medical field after his retirement from the NFL. Athletes everywhere can look to Tomlinson as proof that balancing academics and athletics can be difficult but achievable. He enjoys being a role model for kids, but plans to take it a step further. "I want to improve the healthcare system in Jamaica. I believe it is the best way to directly help people in need and make a difference," said Tomlinson.

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. Tomlinson and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. Tomlinson represented NAMI, and said, "I play for all those struggling with mental health."



- 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. Tomlinson and his teammates represented their respective causes with custom-designed cleats in an effort to raise awareness and funding. The National Alliance on Mental Illness is dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.



- In 2014, Tomlinson won the Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award which is presented by a select group of writers from the FWAA to an athlete that displays courage on and off the field, including overcoming an injury or living through hardship. "My mother has been the greatest influence on my life, and none of this recognition would be possible without her sacrifice, love and support," said Tomlinson as he received the award. After growing up in Jamaica and moving to the United States when he was 10, he gives all the credit for who he is today to his mother. "It means the world to me to make her proud. If not for her, I could still be in Jamaica, living a life of poverty. Every time I go home or have an opportunity to talk to my mother, she always tells me before she hangs up, 'Laken, I love you and I'm extremely proud of you and everything that you do for our family. Keep doing what you are doing. The Lord has a plan for you, Laken.'"



TOMLINSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 80/72: 2015 (16/14); 2016 (16/10); 2017 (15/15); 2018 (16/16); 2019 (16/16); 2020 (1/1)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 4/4: 2016 (1/1); 2019 (3/3)

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 4: 2015 (1); 2017 (1); 2019 (2)
Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2018 (1)
Special Teams Tackles – 1: 2019 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: at SD (9/13/15); **First Start:** at SD (9/13/15)

TOMLINSON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st–round (28th overall) draft choice by Det. in 2015...Traded to SF on 8/31/17...Signed a three–year contract extension through 2021 on 6/22/18.



JASON VERRETT

22 | **CB** | 5-10 × 188 × TEXAS CHRISTIAN

6.18.91 × FAIRFIELD, CA × 7TH YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '19

AWARDS & HONORS

2015: Pro Bowl

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."



- 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.
- 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 GOLDEN NUGGETS

- 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.
- Grew up playing football in the East San Francisco Bay Area with former NFL RB C.J. Anderson.

VERRETT'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	–	–	–INACTIVE (Hamstring)					–	–	–	–	–	–
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
Nov 5	GB													
Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)



- 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 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	13	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	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**26**	**22**	**80**	**72**	**8**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**5**	**68**	**68t**	**1**	**19**	**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)			–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
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)

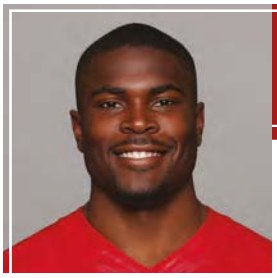
Milestones:
NFL Debut: at Arz. (9/8/14); **First Start:** vs. Sea. (9/14/14); **First INT:** Regular Season – at Oak. (10/12/14 – QB Derek Carr); **First INT Returned for a TD:** Regular Season – vs. Chi. (11/9/15 – QB Jay Cutler – 68 yds.)

VERRETT'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 8 at KC (12/13/15)
Solo: Regular Season – 8 at KC (12/13/15)
Assists: Regular Season – 2 (2 times) Last at Bal. (11/1/15)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (5 times) Last at KC (9/11/16)
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.



JIMMIE WARD

20 **DB**

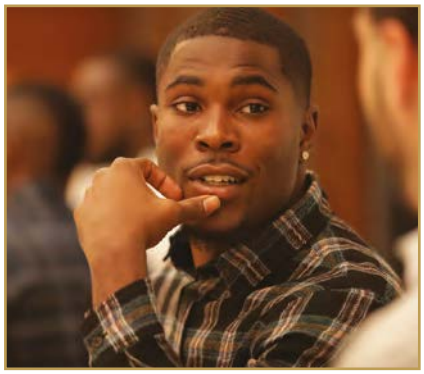
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AWARDS & HONORS

2015: Hazeltine Iron Man Award

GOLDMINE



- 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 best friends growing up with 49ers 2015 2nd round draft pick, S Jaquiski Tartt. The two were teammates at W.P. Davidson High School in Mobile, AL.

WARD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	4	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
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Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/1**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**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	5	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	1	1	4	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		**65**	**45**	**270**	**209**	**61**	**3.0**	**16.0**	**2**	**37**	**29t**	**1**	**29**	**0**	**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
TOTALS		**3**	**3**	**17**	**13**	**4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – Regular Season – 15: 2014 (3); 2015 (4); 2016 (2); 2018 (1); 2019 (5) **Postseason – 2:** 2019 (2)
Special Teams Forced Fumbles – 1: 2016 (1)
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 2: 2016 (1); 2018 (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); **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:** 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 – 3 (5 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19); Postseason – 2 at KC (2/2/20)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 (3 times) Last vs. Arz. (11/17/19)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last vs. NYJ (12/11/16)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 29t at Chi. (12/6/15)
Forced Fumbles: 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)
Interception Return For TD: Regular Season – 29t at Chi. (12/6/15)

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.



FRED WARNER

54 **LB** 6-3 × 230 × BRIGHAM YOUNG

11.19.96 × SAN MARCOS, CA × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED D-3A IN '18

AWARDS & HONORS

2019: NFC Defensive Player of the Month (November), NFC Defensive Player of the Week (Week 12).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 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."



- 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.



- NFL players had the opportunity to participate in the NFL's annual My Cause, My Cleats campaign during Week 14 of 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 ('ma) who passed from breast cancer."



WARNER'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- 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 plays cornerback for the Cougars.

WARNER'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	10	6	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
Oct 4	Phi													
Oct 11	Mia													
Oct 18	LAR													
Oct 25	at NE													
Nov 1	at Sea													
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Nov 15	at NO													
Nov 29	at LAR													
Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/1**	**10**	**6**	**4**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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. 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.



- 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)



- In October of 2019, Warner and teammate Kwon Alexander 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.
- In October of 2019, Warner and his teammates spent time with fans and members of local Silicon Valley businesses to compete in a bowling tournament as the 49ers Foundation hosted the second annual 1st and Bowl Challenge. The funds raised at the event will support the charitable programs of the 49ers Foundation and benefit Bay Area 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 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."



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	83	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	1	1	10	6	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		**33**	**33**	**250**	**178**	**72**	**3.0**	**31.0**	**1**	**0**	**46t**	**1**	**16**	**4**	**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	20	11	9	0.0	0.0	1	3	3	0	2	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**3**	**20**	**11**	**9**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**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); **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 – 14 at LAR (12/30/18); Postseason – 7 (2 times) Last at KC (2/2/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 11 at Min. (9/9/18); Postseason – 5 at KC (2/2/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 6 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/2/18); Postseason – 4 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 2 vs. NYG (11/12/18); Postseason – 1 (2 times) Last at KC (2/2/20)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last vs. Sea. (11/11/19)
Sacks: Regular Season – 2.0 vs. Sea. (11/11/19)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 vs. LAR (12/21/19); 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.



K'WAUN WILLIAMS

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GOLDMINE

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



WILLIAMS' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- First name is pronounced KAY-wahn.
- Was given the nickname "The Shark" by the 49ers coaching staff.
- In 2014, was one of five undrafted rookies to earn a spot on the Browns opening day roster. He initially joined the Browns signing with the team after a successful tryout at Cleveland's rookie minicamp.
- Enjoys reading in his free time, listing his favorite books as the biography of *Steve Jobs* and *The Art of War*.

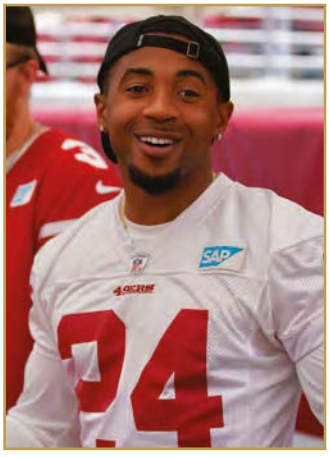
WILLIAMS' GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
Sep 27	at NYG													
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Dec 7	Buf													
Dec 13	Was													
Dec 20	at Dal													
TBD	at Arz													
Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/1**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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. Williams 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)

- Williams 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.



WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2014	CLE	13	4	31	23	8	1.0	6.0	0	0	–	0	8	0	0	0
2015	CLE	13	6	38	30	8	1.0	6.0	0	0	–	0	2	3	2	0
2016	Out of Football															
2017	SF	14	5	54	42	12	1.0	3.0	1	27	27	0	5	2	1	0
2018	SF	14	11	45	40	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	2	0	0	0
2019	SF	15	8	51	35	16	1.0	10.5	2	53	49	0	2	4	0	0
2020	SF	1	1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**70**	**35**	**222**	**172**	**50**	**4.0**	**25.5**	**3**	**80**	**49**	**0**	**19**	**9**	**3**	**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	1	15	13	2	1.0	10.0	0	0	–	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**1**	**15**	**13**	**2**	**1.0**	**10.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 9: 2014 (8); 2015 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Pit. (9/7/14); **First Start:** vs. Pit. (10/12/14); **First Sack:** Regular Season – at Ten. (10/5/14 – QB Charlie Whitehurst); Postseason – vs. GB (1/19/20 – QB Aaron Rodgers); **First FF:** Regular Season – vs Ten. (9/20/15 – QB Marcus Mariota); Postseason – vs. GB (1/19/20 – QB Aaron Rodgers); **First FR:** Regular Season – vs. Arz. (11/1/15 – WR Larry Fitzgerald); **First INT:** Regular Season – vs. Jax. (12/24/17 – QB Blake Bortles)

WILLIAMS' CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 9 vs. Sea. (11/11/19); Postseason – 7 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 6 (3 times) Last vs. Sea. (11/11/19); Postseason – 7 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 4 at Cin. (9/15/19); Postseason – 1 (2 times) Last at KC (2/2/20)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 2 (4 times) Last vs. Jax. (12/24/17)
Sacks: Regular Season – 1.0 (3 times) Last at Hou. (12/10/17); Postseason – 1.0 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last vs. Cle. (10/7/19)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 49 vs. Cle. (10/7/19)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 49 vs. Cle. (10/7/19)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 2 (2 times) vs. Sea. (11/11/19); Postseason – 1 vs. GB (1/19/20)
Fumble Recoveries: Regular Season – 1 (2 times) Last at Pit. (11/15/15)

WILLIAMS' TRANSACTIONS

Originally signed as an undrafted free agent with Cle. on 5/20/14...Waived by Cle. on 8/29/16...Claimed off waivers by Chi. on 8/30/16...Waived by Chi. on 9/1/16...Signed to a one–year deal with SF on 2/22/17...Signed a three–year extension through 2020 on 9/29/17.



TRENT WILLIAMS

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AWARDS & HONORS

2012: NFC Pro Bowl
2013: Pro Bowl
2014: Pro Bowl
2015: AP Second-Team All-Pro, PFWA All-NFC Team, 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

PRO BOWL HAWAII 01.27.13
PRO BOWL HAWAII 01.25.14
PRO BOWL ARIZONA 01.25.15
PRO BOWL HAWAII 2016
PRO BOWL ORLANDO 01.29.17
PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2018
PRO BOWL ORLANDO 2019

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 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' GOLDEN NUGGETS

- 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)

- 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."



- 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."

WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS

GAMES/STARTS – 121/120: 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); 2020 (1/1)
POSTSEASON GAMES/STARTS – 2/2: 2012 (1/1); 2015 (1/1)

Additional Statistics:
Fumble Recoveries – 2: 2017 (1); 2018 (1)
Tackles – 10: 2010 (1); 2011 (2); 2013 (4); 2014 (1); 2017 (2)

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 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.



JEFF WILSON JR.

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6-0 × 213 × NORTH TEXAS

11.16.95 × ELKHART, TX × 3RD YEAR × ACQUIRED FA IN '18

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 Sr. Wilson 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."
- 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 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.

WILSON'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rsh	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ										
Sep 27	at NYG										
Oct 4	Phi										
Oct 11	Mia										
Oct 18	LAR										
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Nov 15	at NO										
Nov 29	at LAR										
Dec 7	Buf										
Dec 13	Was										
Dec 20	at Dal										
TBD	at Arz										
Jan 3	Sea										
TOTALS			**1/0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**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	1	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		**17**	**2**	**93**	**371**	**4.0**	**25**	**4**	**15**	**132**	**8.8**	**25t**	**1**

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
TOTALS		**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**–**	**0**	**1**	**20**	**20.0**	**20**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Fumbles–Lost – 3–2: 3–2 in 2018
Special Teams Tackles – 3: 2018 (1); 2019 (2)

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)

WILSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushes: Regular Season – 23 vs. Den. (12/9/18)
Rushing Yards: Regular Season – 90 vs. Den. (12/9/18)
Rushing TDs: Regular Season – 2 (2 times) Last vs. Pit. (9/22/19)
Long Rush: Regular Season – 25 vs. GB (11/24/19)
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 vs. Arz. (11/17/19)

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 contract 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.



MITCH WISHNOWSKY

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3.3.92 × PERTH, AUSTRALIA × 2ND YEAR × ACQUIRED D-4 IN '19

AWARDS & HONORS

2019: NFC Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 9)

GOLDMINE



- 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.
- 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."
- 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 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.

WISHNOWSKY'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In20	Lg	Blk
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	4	178	44.5	34.0	0	3	51	1
Sep 20	at NYJ										
Sep 27	at NYG										
Oct 4	Phi										
Oct 11	Mia										
Oct 18	LAR										
Oct 25	at NE										
Nov 1	at Sea										
Nov 5	GB										
Nov 15	at NO										
Nov 29	at LAR										
Dec 7	Buf										
Dec 13	Was										
Dec 20	at Dal										
TBD	at Arz										
Jan 3	Sea										
TOTALS			**1/0**	**4**	**178**	**44.5**	**34.0**	**0**	**3**	**51**	**1**

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'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	24	131	41.6	2	23	65	0
2020	SF	1	4	178	44.5	2	8	34.0	0	3	51	1
TOTALS		**17**	**56**	**2,511**	**44.8**	**26**	**139**	**40.9**	**2**	**26**	**65**	**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
TOTALS		**3**	**8**	**349**	**43.6**	**2**	**0**	**41.1**	**1**	**4**	**56**	**0**

Additional Statistics:
Special Teams Tackles – 3: 2019 (2); 2020 (1)

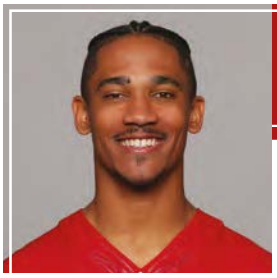
Milestones:
NFL Debut: at TB (9/8/19); **First punt inside–20:** Regular Season – at TB (9/8/19); Postseason – vs. Min. (1/11/20)

WISHNOWSKY'S CAREER HIGHS

Punts: Regular Season – 5 (3 times) Last vs. LAR (12/21/19); Postseason – 4 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Gross Average: Regular Season – 50.5 vs. Arz. (11/17/19); Postseason – 46.5 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Net Average: Regular Season – 50.5 vs. Arz. (11/17/19); Postseason – 43.0 at KC (2/2/20)
Long Punt: Regular Season – 65 vs. Sea. (11/11/19); Postseason – 56 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Inside–20: Regular Season – 4 vs. LAR (12/21/19); Postseason – 2 vs. Min. (1/11/20)

WISHNOWSKY'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 4th–round (110th overall) draft choice by SF in 2019.



AHKELLO WITHERSPOON

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GOLDMINE

- 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. Witherspoon 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.



- Witherspoon, got his musical talents playing the drums and singing from his grandfather, Jimmy Witherspoon (pictured right), who was a renowned blues/jazz musician and singer whose hits, including "Ain't Nobody's Business" which reached number one on the U.S. R&B charts in 1949, came in the late 1940's.



- Not only was Witherspoon's grandfather extremely talented, his father also had skills of his own. Lucky Witherspoon was a running back at the University of Nevada and was invited to a tryout with the Dallas Cowboys.
- After posing for a photoshoot, Witherspoon 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.



WITHERSPOON'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- First name is pronounced uh-KELL-oh.
- Witherspoon began playing football as a high school senior at Christian Brothers (Sacramento, CA) HS in 2012. He went on to play one year (2013) at Sacramento City College before transferring to Colorado University.
- Witherspoon registered a 40.5" vertical jump at the 2017 NFL Combine, the highest registered among all cornerbacks and 3rd highest among all defensive backs.
- Witherspoon grew up playing basketball with current 49ers DL Arik Armstead and trained with his father, Guss.
- Has a passion for medicine and wants to attend medical school after his career in the NFL.

WITHERSPOON'S GAME-BY-GAME

2020

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	at NYJ													
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Jan 3	Sea													
TOTALS			**1/0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- A multi-sport athlete growing up, Witherspoon excelled in soccer as a midfielder and as an outfielder and pitcher in baseball. He picked up soccer at the age of five in order to be more like his older sister, Alexis. Witherspoon credits soccer for teaching him footwork and body awareness skills that have translated to the football field.

WITHERSPOON'S CAREER STATISTICS

				TACKLES					INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES		
YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2017	SF	12	9	32	28	4	0.0	0.0	2	42	23	0	7	1	0	0
2018	SF	14	12	37	30	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	4	0	0	0
2019	SF	10	8	28	24	4	0.0	0.0	1	25	25t	1	9	0	0	0
2020	SF	1	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**37**	**29**	**98**	**83**	**15**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**3**	**67**	**25t**	**1**	**20**	**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	SF	3	1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		**3**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – Postseason – 3: 2019 (3)
Special Teams Fumble Recoveries: 1 – 2018 (1)

Milestones:

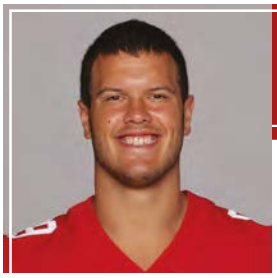
NFL Debut: at Ind. (10/8/17); **First Start:** at Phi. (10/29/17); **First INT:** Regular Season – at Phi. (10/29/17 – QB Carson Wentz); **First FF**: Regular Season – at LAR (12/31/17 – TE Gerald Everett); **First TD:** Regular Season – at TB (9/8/19)

WITHERSPOON'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: Regular Season – 5 (3 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19); Postseason – 1 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Solo: Regular Season – 5 (2 times) Last at Sea. (12/29/19); Postseason – 1 vs. Min. (1/11/20)
Assists: Regular Season – 3 vs. Den. (12/9/18)
Interceptions: Regular Season – 1 (3 times) Last at TB (9/8/19)
Interception Yards: Regular Season – 25 at TB (9/8/19)
Long Interception Return: Regular Season – 25 at TB (9/8/19)
Interception Returns for TD: Regular Season – 1 at TB (9/8/19)
Passes Defensed: Regular Season – 3 at TB (9/8/19)
Forced Fumbles: Regular Season – 1 at LAR (12/31/17)

WITHERSPOON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of two 3rd–round (66th overall) draft choices by SF in 2017... Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/18/18.



CHARLIE WOERNER

89 **TE** 6-5 × 241 × GEORGIA

10.16.97 × TIGER, GA × ROOKIE × ACQUIRED D-6 IN '20

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

2020 Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 13	Arz	L	1/0	0	0	–	–	0
Sep 20	at NYJ							
Sep 27	at NYG							
Oct 4	Phi							
Oct 11	Mia							
Oct 18	LAR							
Oct 25	at NE							
Nov 1	at Sea							
Nov 5	GB							
Nov 15	at NO							
Nov 29	at LAR							
Dec 7	Buf							
Dec 13	Was							
Dec 20	at Dal							
TBD	at Arz							
Jan 3	Sea							
TOTALS			**1/0**	**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	1	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0
TOTALS		1	0	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	–	–	0

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Arz. (9/13/20)

WOERNER'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 6th–round (190th overall) draft choice by SF in 2020.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

ARIZONA 24 × SAN FRANCISCO 20

LEVI'S STADIUM

In 2020 season opener at Levi's Stadium, the 49ers fell to the Arizona Cardinals in a tough divisional matchup, 20–24. The 49ers quickly put points on the board as K Robbie Gould connected on a 52–yd. FG to put the 49ers ahead 3–0 on the team's first possession of the season. After forcing a Cardinals punt, RB Raheem Mostert hauled in a 76–yd. TD pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo to put the 49ers ahead 10–0. The 76–yd. TD marked the longest career pass for Garoppolo and the longest recept. for Mostert. After the team's traded 3–n–outs, P Mitch Wishnowksy's punt was blocked by Cardinals LB Ezekiel Turner and recovered on the 49ers 10–yd. line. The Cardinals capitalized on the field position as QB Kyler Murray connected with RB Chase Edmonds on a 10–yd. TD pass on the ensuing play to make the score 10–7. The 49ers responded with a steady march down field that came up short after the Cardinals held on 4th–and–goal from the 1–yd. line. The 49ers defense helped set up another scoring opportunity for San Francisco after LB Dre Greenlaw tipped Murray's pass and S Jaquiski Tartt intercepted the ball, marking Tartt's 4th career INT. San Francisco turned the takeaway into points as Gould connected on a 24–yd FG to put the 49ers ahead 13–7. Late in the 2nd qtr., Arizona moved the ball down field and Cardinals K Zane Gonzalez hit a 56–yd field goal to close San Francisco's lead, 13–10 at halftime. After the teams traded possessions in the 3rd qtr., Arizona took the lead early in the 4th qtr. as Murray scrambled for a 22–yd TD giving the Cardinals their first lead of the day, 17–13. The 49ers responded on their next possession, when Garoppolo found RB Jerick McKinnon in the end zone for a 5–yd. TD, putting the 49ers ahead again 20–17. Arizona responded as Murray led the Cardinals on a 9 play, 75–yd. drive that was capped off by a 1–yd. TD run by RB Kenyan Drake, making the score 24–20. Garoppolo drove the 49ers into the red zone on their final possession, but a 4th–n–5 pass to WR Trent Taylor was knocked away by the Cardinals secondary.

NOTES: RB **Raheem Mostert** registered a 76–yd. TD pass from QB **Jimmy Garoppolo**, the longest recept. of his career and his 3rd career rec. TD. It also marked the longest career pass for Garoppolo. **Mostert** finished the game with 15 carries for 56 yds. and 4 recepts. for a career–high 95 yds. and 1 TD. **Mostert** is the first player to lead the team in rushing rds. and rec. yards in the same game since 2017 (RB **Carlos Hyde**). According to the Elias Sports Bureau, **Mostert's** 76–yd. rec. TD is the 4th–longest TD recept. by a 49ers RB in franchise history and the longest since RB Garrison Hearst had an 81–yd. rec. TD vs. NO (11/22/98). RB **Jerick McKinnon** recorded a 5–yd. rec. TD in the 4th Qtr., his 1st TD of the season and 1st rec. TD since 2017 as a member of the Minnesota Vikings [at. Atl. (12/3/17)]. DL **Kerry Hyder Jr.** brought down Cardinals QB Kyler Murray for a 5–yd. loss, marking his 1st sack as a member of the 49ers. He now has 11.0 for his career. He finished the game with 3 tackles, 1.0 sack and 1 TFL. S **Jaquiski Tartt** intercepted Cardinals QB Kyler Murray's pass that was tipped by LB Dre Greenlaw, marking his 1st INT of the season and 4th of his career. He also added 4 tackles and 1 PD. DL **Nick Bosa** notched 6 tackles and 1 FF, knocking the ball loose from Cardinals RB Chase Edmunds, marking his 2nd career FF. CB **Emmanuel Moseley** registered a career–high 15 tackles. His previous career–high was 10 tackles vs. Sea. (11/11/19). K **Robbie Gould** connected on a 52–yd. FG, his 30th career FG of 50–or–more yds. **Gould's** 71.4 FG pct. from 50–or–more yds. (30 of 42) ranks t–3rd in NFL history (min. 20 FGM).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Arizona	7	3	0	14	24
San Francisco	10	3	0	7	20

SF – R. Gould, 52 FG (6–41, 3:10)
SF – R. Mostert, 76 pass from J Garoppolo (R. Gould) (1–76, 0:12)
ARZ – C. Edmonds, 10 pass from K. Murray (Z. Gonzalez) (1–10, 0:10)
SF – R. Gould, 24 FG (6–20, 1:59)
ARZ – Z. Gonzalez, 56 FG (6–37, 0:30)
ARZ – K. Murray, 22 run (14–94, 6:48)
SF – J. McKinnon 5 pass from J Garoppolo (R. Gould) (6–78, 1:48)
ARZ – K. Drake, 1 run (Z. Gonzalez) (9–75, 3:35)

TEAM STATISTICS	ARZ	SF
First Downs	29	18
Net Yards Gained	404	366
Rushes/Yards	36/180	25/123
Net Yards Passing	224	243
Att/Comp/INT	40/26/1	33/19/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/6	3/16
Punts/Average	4/47.8	5/35.6
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	9/102	5/53
Time of Possession	31:26	28:34
3rd Down Efficiency	7/14 (50%)	2/11 (18%)

RUSHING: CARDINALS – K. Murray 13–91–1 TD, K. Drake 16–60–1 TD, C. Edmonds 6–26, C. Streveler 1–3 ... **49ERS** – R. Mostert 15–56, J. McKinnon 3–24, T. Coleman 4–18, G. Kittle 1–9, J. Garoppolo 1–9, K. Juszczyk 1–7.

RECEIVING: CARDINALS – D. Hopkins 14–151, L. Fitzgerald 4–34, C. Edmonds 3–19–1 TD, D. Arnold 2–21, K. Drake 2–5, C. Kirk 1–0 ... **49ERS** – R. Mostert 4–95–1 TD, G. Kittle 4–44, J. McKinnon 3–20–1 TD, K. Bourne 2–34, J. Reed 2–12, T. Taylor 2–7, K. Juszczyk 1–41, T. Coleman 1–6.

PASSING: CARDINALS – K. Murray 40–26–230–1–1 TD ... **49ERS** – J. Garoppolo 33–19–259–0–2 TD.

INTs: CARDINALS – None **... 49ERS** – J. Tartt 1–16.

SACKS: CARDINALS – A. Balackson 1–7, C. Jones 1–5, Z. Allen 1–4 ... **49ERS** – K. Hyder Jr. 1–5, D. Jones 1–1.

49ERS TURNOVER RATIO: +1 (**ARZ**: 0 fumbles, 1 INT/ **SF**: 0 fumbles, 0 INTs).

Weather: Hazy
Temperature: 66 degrees
Wind: North Northwest 6 mph
Playing Surface: Grass
Time: 3:04

REGULAR SEASON - WEEK 1, GAME 1

National Football League Game Summary

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Date: Sunday, 9/13/2020

Arizona Cardinals at San Francisco 49ers

at Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, CA

Start Time: 1:25 PM PDT

Game Day Weather

Game Weather: Hazy

Temp: 66° F (18.9° C) Humidity: 68%, Wind: NNW 6 mph

Played Open Stadium on Turf: Natural Grass

Outdoor Weather: hazy - 3 miles visibility,

Officials

Referee: Cheffers, Carl (51)
Umpire: Hall, Richard (49)
Down Judge: Turner, Patrick (13)
Line Judge: Podraza, Tim (47)
Field Judge: Cavaletto, Gary (60)
Side Judge: Reynard, Clay (18)
Back Judge: Wilson, Greg (119)
Replay Official: Lambert, Andrew (0)

Lineups

Arizona Cardinals

Offense

WR	11	L.Fitzgerald
LT	74	D.Humphries
LG	67	J.Pugh
C	52	M.Cole
RG	64	J.Sweezy
RT	68	K.Beachum
TE	85	D.Arnold
WR	13	C.Kirk
WR	10	D.Hopkins
QB	1	K.Murray
RB	41	K.Drake

Defense

NT	98	C.Peters
DT	97	J.Phillips
OLB	55	C.Jones
ILB	59	D.Campbell
ILB	58	J.Hicks
OLB	42	D.Kennard
LB	48	I.Simmons
CB	21	P.Peterson
CB	33	B.Murphy
S	34	J.Thompson
S	32	B.Baker

San Francisco 49ers

Offense

WR	18	D.Pettis
LT	71	T.Williams
LG	75	L.Tomlinson
C	50	H.Grasu
RG	60	D.Brunskill
RT	69	M.McGlinchey
TE	85	G.Kittle
WR	84	K.Bourne
RB	31	R.Mostert
FB	44	K.Juszczyk
QB	10	J.Garoppolo

Defense

LDE	91	A.Armstead
LDT	94	S.Thomas
RDT	93	D.Jones
RDE	97	N.Bosa
MIKE	54	F.Warner
WILL	56	K.Alexander
LCB	25	R.Sherman
RCB	41	E.Moseley
NB	24	K.Williams
FS	20	J.Ward
SS	29	J.Tartt

Substitutions

P 4 A.Lee, K 5 Z.Gonzalez, QB 15 C.Streveler, WR 16 T.Sherfield, WR 17 A.Isabella, DB 20 D.Kirkpatrick, CB 27 K.Peterson, S 28 C.Washington, RB 29 C.Edmonds, DB 31 C.Banjo, RB 37 D.Foster, LB 43 H.Reddick, LB 45 D.Gardeck, LS 46 A.Brewer, DB 47 E.Turner, LB 49 K.Fitts, LB 51 T.Vallejo, G 53 L.Gaillard, T 71 J.Murray, C 73 M.Garcia, TE 81 D.Daniels, TE 87 M.Williams, NT 92 R.Lawrence, DE 94 Z.Allen, NT 95 L.Fotu, DE 96 A.Blackson

Substitutions

P 6 M.Wishnowsky, K 9 R.Gould, WR 13 R.James, WR 15 T.Taylor, DB 23 A.Witherspoon, RB 26 T.Coleman, DB 27 D.Johnson, RB 28 J.McKinnon, RB 30 J.Wilson, DB 33 T.Moore, DB 36 M.Harris, LB 51 A.Al-Shaair, LB 53 M.Nzeocha, DE 55 D.Ford, LB 57 D.Greenlaw, T 66 T.Compton, T 67 J.Skule, TE 81 J.Reed, TE 82 R.Dwelley, LS 86 K.Nelson, TE 89 C.Woerner, DT 90 K.Givens, DE 92 K.Hyder, DT 99 J.Kinlaw

Did Not Play

Did Not Play

QB 4 N.Mullens, T 68 C.McKivitz

Not Active

QB 7 B.Hundley, DB 22 D.Thompson, RB 26 E.Benjamin, T 66 J.Miles, T 79 J.Jones

Not Active

QB 3 C.Beathard, WR 11 B.Aiyuk, DB 22 J.Verrett, DB 45 D.Flannigan-Fowles, OL 63 B.Garland, DE 95 K.Street

Field Goals (made ( ) & missed)

Z.Gonzalez 52WR (56) 49WR

R.Gould (52) (24)

		1	2	3	4	OT	Total
VISITOR:	Arizona Cardinals	7	3	0	14	0	24
HOME:	San Francisco 49ers	10	3	0	7	0	20

Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
49ers	1	11:50	R.Gould 52 yd. Field Goal (6-41, 3:10)	0	3
49ers	1	9:53	R.Mostert 76 yd. pass from J.Garoppolo (R.Gould kick) (1-76, 0:12)	0	10
Cardinals	1	6:55	C.Edmonds 10 yd. pass from K.Murray (Z.Gonzalez kick) (1-10, 0:10)	7	10
49ers	2	0:30	R.Gould 24 yd. Field Goal (6-20, 1:59)	7	13
Cardinals	2	0:00	Z.Gonzalez 56 yd. Field Goal (6-37, 0:30)	10	13
Cardinals	4	10:26	K.Murray 22 yd. run (Z.Gonzalez kick) (14-94, 6:48)	17	13
49ers	4	8:38	J.McKinnon 5 yd. pass from J.Garoppolo (R.Gould kick) (6-78, 1:48)	17	20
Cardinals	4	5:03	K.Drake 1 yd. run (Z.Gonzalez kick) (9-75, 3:35)	24	20

Paid Attendance: 0

Time: 3:04

Arizona Cardinals vs San Francisco 49ers

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Final Individual Statistics

Arizona Cardinals

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
K.Murray	13	91	7.0	25	1
K.Drake	16	60	3.8	11	1
C.Edmonds	6	26	4.3	20	0
C.Streveler	1	3	3.0	3	0
Total	36	180	5.0	25	2

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
K.Murray	40	26	230	2/6	1	33	1	78.1
Total	40	26	230	2/6	1	33	1	78.1

PASS RECEIVING	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
D.Hopkins	16	14	151	10.8	33	0
L.Fitzgerald	5	4	34	8.5	10	0
C.Edmonds	5	3	19	6.3	**10**	1
D.Arnold	2	2	21	10.5	13	0
K.Drake	2	2	5	2.5	3	0
C.Kirk	5	1	0	0.0	0	0
M.Williams	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	37	26	230	8.8	33	1

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Total	0	0	0	0	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN20	LG
A.Lee	4	191	47.8	40.5	0	1	53
Total	4	191	47.8	40.5	0	1	53

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD
C.Kirk	2	8	4.0	1	8	0
[OUT OF BOUNDS]	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Total	2	8	4.0	1	8	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD
C.Edmonds	1	42	42.0	0	42	0
[TOUCHBACK]	4	0	0.0	0	0	0
Total	1	42	42.0	0	42	0

San Francisco 49ers

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
R.Mostert	15	56	3.7	14	0
J.McKinnon	3	24	8.0	16	0
T.Coleman	4	18	4.5	10	0
G.Kittle	1	9	9.0	9	0
J.Garoppolo	1	9	9.0	9	0
K.Juszczyk	1	7	7.0	7	0
Total	25	123	4.9	16	0

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
J.Garoppolo	33	19	259	3/16	2	**76**	0	103.0
Total	33	19	259	3/16	2	76	0	103.0

PASS RECEIVING	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
R.Mostert	5	4	95	23.8	**76**	1
G.Kittle	5	4	44	11.0	14	0
J.McKinnon	5	3	20	6.7	9	1
K.Bourne	5	2	34	17.0	18	0
J.Reed	2	2	12	6.0	10	0
T.Taylor	5	2	7	3.5	5	0
K.Juszczyk	2	1	41	41.0	41	0
T.Coleman	2	1	6	6.0	6	0
D.Pettis	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	32	19	259	13.6	76	2

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J.Tartt	1	16	16.0	16	0
Total	1	16	16.0	16	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN20	LG
M.Wishnowsky	4	178	44.5	34.0	0	3	51
[BLOCKED]	1	0		0.0	0	0	0
Total	5	178	35.6	34.0	0	3	51

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD
T.Taylor	2	21	10.5	0	12	0
D.Pettis	1	8	8.0	0	8	0
[DOWNED]	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Total	3	29	9.7	0	12	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	LG	TD
J.McKinnon	1	16	16.0	0	16	0
[TOUCHBACK]	3	0	0.0	0	0	0
Total	1	16	16.0	0	16	0

Arizona Cardinals

FUMBLES	FUM	LOST	OWN-REC	YDS	TD	FORCED	OPP-REC	YDS	TD	OUT-BDS
C.Edmonds	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

San Francisco 49ers

FUMBLES	FUM	LOST	OWN-REC	YDS	TD	FORCED	OPP-REC	YDS	TD	OUT-BDS
N.Bosa	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Arizona Cardinals vs San Francisco 49ers
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Final Team Statistics

	Visitor Cardinals	Home 49ers
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	29	18
By Rushing	13	6
By Passing	12	10
By Penalty	4	2
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	7-14-50%	2-11-18%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-0-0%	0-2-0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	404	366
Total Offensive Plays (inc. times thrown passing)	78	61
Average gain per offensive play	5.2	6.0
NET YARDS RUSHING	180	123
Total Rushing Plays	36	25
Average gain per rushing play	5.0	4.9
Tackles for a loss-number and yards	2-5	1-6
NET YARDS PASSING	224	243
Times thrown - yards lost attempting to pass	2-6	3-16
Gross yards passing	230	259
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED	40-26-1	33-19-0
Avg gain per pass play (inc.# thrown passing)	5.3	6.8
KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks	4-3-3	5-5-4
PUNTS Number and Average	4-47.8	5-35.6
Had Blocked	0	1
FGs - PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
Net Punting Average	40.5	34.0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	8	45
No. and Yards Punt Returns	2-8	3-29
No. and Yards Kickoff Returns	1-42	1-16
No. and Yards Interception Returns	0-0	1-16
PENALTIES Number and Yards	9-102	5-53
FUMBLES Number and Lost	1-0	0-0
TOUCHDOWNS	3	2
Rushing	2	0
Passing	1	2
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempts	3-3	2-2
Kicking Made-Attempts	3-3	2-2
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	1-3	2-2
RED ZONE EFFICIENCY	2-2-100%	1-4-25%
GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY	2-2-100%	1-2-50%
SAFETIES	0	0
FINAL SCORE	24	20
TIME OF POSSESSION	31:26	28:34

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Ball Possession And Drive Chart

Arizona Cardinals

#	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	11:50	10:05	1:45	Kickoff	ARZ 25	5	20	-10	10	1	ARZ 35	Punt
2	9:53	8:31	1:22	Kickoff	ARZ 25	3	3	0	3	0	ARZ 28	Punt
3	7:05	6:55	0:10	Blocked Punt	SF 10	1	10	0	10	1	* SF 10	Touchdown
4	5:17	4:01	1:16	Punt	ARZ 22	4	11	-10	1	0	ARZ 23	Punt
5	12:30	7:28	5:02	Downs	ARZ 1	13	65	0	65	5	SF 34	Missed FG
6	5:16	2:29	2:47	Punt	ARZ 14	5	28	-5	23	2	ARZ 37	Interception
7	0:30	0:00	0:30	Kickoff	ARZ 25	6	37	0	37	2	SF 38	Field Goal
8	15:00	9:49	5:11	Kickoff	ARZ 37	11	57	-25	32	2	SF 31	Missed FG
9	8:10	5:43	2:27	Punt	ARZ 12	6	25	15	40	3	SF 48	Punt
10	2:14	10:26	6:48	Punt	ARZ 6	14	71	23	94	7	SF 22	Touchdown
11	8:38	5:03	3:35	Kickoff	ARZ 25	9	75	0	75	5	* SF 1	Touchdown
12	0:33	0:00	0:33	Downs	ARZ 16	4	2	0	2	1	ARZ 22	End of Game
					(298) Average ARZ 25							

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	11:50	3:10	Kickoff	SF 25	6	26	15	41	2	ARZ 34	Field Goal
2	10:05	9:53	0:12	Punt	SF 24	1	76	0	76	1	SF 24	Touchdown
3	8:31	7:05	1:26	Punt	SF 31	3	5	0	5	0	SF 36	Blocked Punt
4	6:55	5:17	1:38	Kickoff	SF 25	3	7	0	7	0	SF 32	Punt
5	4:01	12:30	6:31	Punt	SF 38	10	66	-5	61	4	* ARZ 1	Downs
6	7:28	5:16	2:12	Missed FG	SF 42	5	22	0	22	1	ARZ 36	Punt
7	2:29	0:30	1:59	Interception	ARZ 26	6	20	0	20	1	* ARZ 6	Field Goal
8	9:49	8:10	1:39	Missed FG	SF 39	3	-2	0	-2	0	SF 37	Punt
9	5:43	2:14	3:29	Punt	SF 7	8	36	0	36	2	SF 43	Punt
10	10:26	8:38	1:48	Kickoff	SF 22	6	51	27	78	3	* ARZ 5	Touchdown
11	5:03	0:33	4:30	Kickoff	SF 25	12	59	0	59	4	* ARZ 16	Downs
					(352) Average SF 32							

*** inside opponent's 20**

Time of Possession by Quarter		**1st**	**2nd**	**3rd**	**4th**	**OT**	**Total**
Visitor	Arizona Cardinals	4:33	8:19	9:52	8:42		31:26
Home	San Francisco 49ers	10:27	6:41	5:08	6:18		28:34

Kickoff Drive No.-Start Average Cardinals: 5 - ARZ 27 49ers: 4 - SF 24

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Final Defensive Statistics

Arizona Cardinals	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
B.Baker	10	5	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Campbell	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Hicks	4	2	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Banjo	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I.Simmons	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Kirkpatrick	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H.Reddick	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Blackson	2	0	2	1	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Z.Allen	2	0	2	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Jones	1	1	2	1	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Murphy	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Thompson	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Peters	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Kennard	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P.Peterson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Vallejo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.Turner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
D.Gardeck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Fitts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Hopkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
C.Edmonds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	**38**	**16**	**54**	**3**	**16**	**4**	**5**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**

TKL = Tackle AST = Assist COMB = Combined QH=QB Hit IN = Interception PD = Pass Defense FF = Forced Fumble FR = Fumble Recovery

San Francisco 49ers	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
E.Moseley	11	4	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F.Warner	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Alexander	6	3	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Bosa	3	3	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Greenlaw	3	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Sherman	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Tartt	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Ward	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Hyder	3	0	3	1	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Williams	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Ford	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Jones	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Moore	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Givens	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Witherspoon	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Armstead	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Kinlaw	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Nelson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Wishnowsky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**48**	**24**	**72**	**2**	**6**	**4**	**3**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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First Half Summary

	PERIOD SCORES		TIME OF POSSESSION
Cardinals	7 3 = 10	Cardinals	12:52
49ers	10 3 = 13	49ers	17:08

Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
49ers	1	11:50	R.Gould 52 yd. Field Goal (6-41, 3:10)	0	3
49ers	1	9:53	R.Mostert 76 yd. pass from J.Garoppolo (R.Gould kick) (1-76, 0:12)	0	10
Cardinals	1	6:55	C.Edmonds 10 yd. pass from K.Murray (Z.Gonzalez kick) (1-10, 0:10)	7	10
49ers	2	0:30	R.Gould 24 yd. Field Goal (6-20, 1:59)	7	13
Cardinals	2	0:00	Z.Gonzalez 56 yd. Field Goal (6-37, 0:30)	10	13

	Arizona Cardinals	San Francisco 49ers
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	11	9
First Downs Rushing-Passing-by Penalty	3 - 8 - 0	3 - 5 - 1
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	2-7-29%	0-6-0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	174	222
Total Offensive Plays	35	32
NET YARDS RUSHING	56	64
NET YARDS PASSING	118	158
Gross Yards Passing	118	170
Times thrown-yards lost attempting to pass	0-0	2-12
Pass Attempts-Completions-Had Intercepted	24 - 15 - 1	16 - 11 - 0
Punts-Number and Average	3 - 50	3 - 25.3
Penalties-Number and Yards	4 - 40	1 - 5
Fumbles-Number and Lost	0 - 0	0 - 0
Red Zone Efficiency	1-1-100%	0-2-0%
Average Drive Start	ARZ 29	SF 37

Arizona Cardinals

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
K.Drake	7	26	3.7	11	0
C.Edmonds	1	20	20.0	20	0
K.Murray	3	10	3.3	9	0
Total	11	56	5.1	20	0

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
K.Murray	24	15	118	0/0	1	15	1	71.2
Total	24	15	118	0/0	1	15	1	71.2

PASS RECEIVING	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
D.Hopkins	8	7	54	7.7	15	0
L.Fitzgerald	5	4	34	8.5	10	0
C.Edmonds	3	2	15	7.5	**10**	1
D.Arnold	1	1	13	13.0	13	0
K.Drake	1	1	2	2.0	2	0
C.Kirk	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
M.Williams	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	22	15	118	7.9	15	1

San Francisco 49ers

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
R.Mostert	9	28	3.1	14	0
J.McKinnon	2	19	9.5	16	0
G.Kittle	1	9	9.0	9	0
K.Juszczyk	1	7	7.0	7	0
T.Coleman	1	1	1.0	1	0
Total	14	64	4.6	16	0

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
J.Garoppolo	16	11	170	2/12	1	**76**	0	124.5
Total	16	11	170	2/12	1	76	0	124.5

PASS RECEIVING	TAR	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
G.Kittle	5	4	44	11.0	14	0
R.Mostert	2	2	81	40.5	**76**	1
J.McKinnon	4	2	15	7.5	9	0
K.Bourne	1	1	18	18.0	18	0
J.Reed	1	1	10	10.0	10	0
T.Taylor	2	1	2	2.0	2	0
D.Pettis	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	16	11	170	15.5	76	1

Arizona Cardinals — Regular Defensive Plays

	TKL	AST	COMB	SK	/ YDS	TFL	Q	IN	PD	FF	FR
B.Baker	6	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Campbell	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Hicks	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
A.Blackson	2	0	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	**14**	**5**	**19**	**1**	**7**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Special Teams

	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL
B.Baker	0	0	0	0	0
D.Campbell	0	0	0	0	0
J.Hicks	0	0	0	0	0
A.Blackson	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Misc

	TKL	AST	FF	FR
B.Baker	0	0	0	0
D.Campbell	0	0	0	0
J.Hicks	0	0	0	0
A.Blackson	0	0	0	0
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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San Francisco 49ers	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
E.Moseley	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F.Warner	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Ward	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Bosa	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**16**	**4**	**20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Play By Play

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ARZ wins the coin toss and elects to defer. SF elects to Receive, and ARZ elects to defend the south goal.

Z.Gonzalez kicks 65 yards from ARZ 35 to end zone, Touchback.

San Francisco 49ers at 15:00

1-10-SF 25	(15:00) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short right to G.Kittle to SF 30 for 5 yards (I.Simmons).	
	PENALTY on ARZ-I.Simmons, Horse Collar Tackle, 15 yards, enforced at SF 30. Caught at SF29. 1-YAC	X1
1-10-SF 45	(14:42) (Shotgun) R.Mostert right tackle to ARZ 41 for 14 yards (J.Thompson).	R2
1-10-ARZ 41	(13:59) R.Mostert left end to ARZ 39 for 2 yards (I.Simmons).	
2-8-ARZ 39	(13:21) (Shotgun) R.Mostert right end to ARZ 45 for -6 yards (J.Hicks).	
3-14-ARZ 45	(12:39) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to G.Kittle to ARZ 34 for 11 yards (J.Hicks). Caught at AZ 48, 14-YAC	
4-3-ARZ 34	**(11:56) R.Gould 52 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-K.Nelson, Holder-M.Wishnowsky.**	

ARZ 0 SF 3, 6 plays, 41 yards, 1 penalty, 3:10 drive, 3:10 elapsed

M.Wishnowsky kicks 65 yards from SF 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Arizona Cardinals at 11:50

1-10-ARZ 25	(11:50) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass short right to D.Hopkins to ARZ 28 for 3 yards (E.Moseley).	
2-7-ARZ 28	(11:24) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to L.Fitzgerald to ARZ 35 for 7 yards (E.Moseley; J.Ward). caught at AZ 34, 1 YAC	P1
1-10-ARZ 35	(11:00) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete short left.	
	PENALTY on ARZ-K.Murray, Intentional Grounding, 10 yards, enforced at ARZ 35.	
2-20-ARZ 25	(10:58) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete short right to L.Fitzgerald (F.Warner).	
3-20-ARZ 25	(10:55) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short right to L.Fitzgerald to ARZ 35 for 10 yards (J.Tartt). caught at 25R, 10 YAC	
4-10-ARZ 35	(10:17) A.Lee punts 53 yards to SF 12, Center-A.Brewer. T.Taylor to SF 24 for 12 yards (D.Gardeck; C.Washington).	

San Francisco 49ers at 10:05

1-10-SF 24	**(10:05) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to R.Mostert for 76 yards, TOUCHDOWN. Caught at SF 29, 71-YAC**	P3
	R.Gould extra point is GOOD, Center-K.Nelson, Holder-M.Wishnowsky.	

ARZ 0 SF 10, 1 plays, 76 yards, 0:12 drive, 5:07 elapsed

M.Wishnowsky kicks 65 yards from SF 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Arizona Cardinals at 9:53

1-10-ARZ 25	(9:53) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Hopkins to ARZ 26 for 1 yard (R.Sherman). caught at 21, 5 YAC
2-9-ARZ 26	(9:20) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short right to K.Drake to ARZ 28 for 2 yards (A.Armstead; F.Warner).
3-7-ARZ 28	(8:43) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete deep right to C.Kirk.
4-7-ARZ 28	(8:39) A.Lee punts 50 yards to SF 22, Center-A.Brewer. T.Taylor ran ob at SF 31 for 9 yards (T.Vallejo).

San Francisco 49ers at 8:31

1-10-SF 31	(8:31) J.Garoppolo pass short right to R.Mostert pushed ob at SF 36 for 5 yards (D.Campbell).
2-5-SF 36	(7:56) R.Mostert left tackle to SF 36 for no gain (C.Peters).
3-5-SF 36	(7:17) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short right to T.Taylor.
4-5-SF 36	(7:14) M.Wishnowsky punt is BLOCKED by E.Turner, Center-K.Nelson, RECOVERED by ARZ-D.Gardeck at SF 15. D.Gardeck to SF 10 for 5 yards (K.Nelson).

Arizona Cardinals at 7:05

1-10-SF 10	**(7:05) K.Murray pass short right to C.Edmonds for 10 yards, TOUCHDOWN. caught at SF 12, 12 YAC**	P2
	Z.Gonzalez extra point is GOOD, Center-A.Brewer, Holder-A.Lee.	

ARZ 7 SF 10, 1 plays, 10 yards, 0:10 drive, 8:05 elapsed

Z.Gonzalez kicks 65 yards from ARZ 35 to end zone, Touchback.

San Francisco 49ers at 6:55

1-10-SF 25	(6:55) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo sacked at SF 18 for -7 yards (A.Blackson).
2-17-SF 18	(6:09) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to G.Kittle to SF 32 for 14 yards (B.Baker). caught at SF 30, 2 YAC
3-3-SF 32	(5:29) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete deep left to J.McKinnon.
4-3-SF 32	(5:22) M.Wishnowsky punts 46 yards to ARZ 22, Center-K.Nelson, fair catch by C.Kirk.

Arizona Cardinals at 5:17

1-10-ARZ 22	(5:17) (Shotgun) K.Drake up the middle to ARZ 24 for 2 yards (F.Warner).
2-8-ARZ 24	(4:52) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete deep right to C.Kirk.
3-8-ARZ 24	(4:45) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to L.Fitzgerald pushed ob at ARZ 37 for 13 yards (D.Ford).
	PENALTY on ARZ-D.Hopkins, Illegal Block Above the Waist, 10 yards, enforced at ARZ 32. caught at AZ 22, 10 YAC

3-10-ARZ 22	(4:29) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray scrambles ran ob at ARZ 23 for 1 yard (T.Moore).	
4-9-ARZ 23	(4:11) A.Lee punts 47 yards to SF 30, Center-A.Brewer. D.Pettis to SF 38 for 8 yards (E.Turner).	

San Francisco 49ers at 4:01

1-10-SF 38	(4:01) (Shotgun) R.Mostert right tackle to SF 47 for 9 yards (B.Baker).	
2-1-SF 47	(3:19) K.Juszczyk up the middle to ARZ 46 for 7 yards (B.Baker).	R4
1-10-ARZ 46	(2:41) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short left to G.Kittle to ARZ 32 for 14 yards (B.Baker). caught at SF 44, 24 YAC	P5
1-10-ARZ 32	(2:00) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to J.Reed to ARZ 22 for 10 yards (D.Campbell). caught at at SF 29, 7 YAC	P6
1-10-ARZ 22	(1:14) R.Mostert left tackle to ARZ 19 for 3 yards (D.Campbell).	
2-7-ARZ 19	(:34) G.Kittle left end to ARZ 10 for 9 yards (B.Baker).	R7

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs R	P	X	T	Efficiencies 3 Down	4 Down
Arizona Cardinals	**7**	**4:33**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0/3**	**0/0**
San Francisco 49ers	**10**	**10:27**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**7**	**0/3**	**0/0**

Play By Play

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San Francisco 49ers continued.

1-10-ARZ 10	(15:00) J.McKinnon up the middle to ARZ 7 for 3 yards (D.Campbell; J.Hicks).	
2-7-ARZ 7	*(14:22) (Shotgun) PENALTY on SF-G.Kittle, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at ARZ 7 - No Play.*	
2-12-ARZ 12	(13:58) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo sacked at ARZ 17 for -5 yards (C.Jones).	
3-17-ARZ 17	(13:16) (Shotgun) J.McKinnon up the middle to ARZ 1 for 16 yards (C.Banjo; B.Baker).	
4-1-ARZ 1	(12:37) R.Mostert up the middle to ARZ 1 for no gain (D.Kennard, D.Campbell). San Francisco challenged the runner was down by contact ruling, and the play was Upheld. The ruling on the field stands. (Timeout #1 at 12:30.)	

Arizona Cardinals at 12:30

1-10-ARZ 1	(12:30) K.Drake left guard to ARZ 5 for 4 yards (F.Warner).	
2-6-ARZ 5	(12:03) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete short left to D.Hopkins.	
3-6-ARZ 5	(11:59) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Hopkins to ARZ 11 for 6 yards (E.Moseley). caught at AZ 11, 0 YAC	P3
1-10-ARZ 11	(11:16) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Drake up the middle to ARZ 14 for 3 yards (N.Bosa).	
2-7-ARZ 14	(10:49) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete short left to M.Williams (D.Jones).	
3-7-ARZ 14	(10:43) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass short middle to L.Fitzgerald to ARZ 23 for 9 yards (K.Williams; J.Tartt). caught at AZ 21, 2 YAC	P4
1-10-ARZ 23	(10:21) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Hopkins to ARZ 35 for 12 yards (F.Warner). caught at AZ 21, 14 YAC	P5
1-10-ARZ 35	(9:49) (No Huddle) K.Drake right tackle to ARZ 46 for 11 yards (F.Warner).	R6
1-10-ARZ 46	(9:27) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Hopkins pushed ob at SF 39 for 15 yards (E.Moseley). caught at SF 39, 0 YAC	P7
1-10-SF 39	(8:53) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Drake up the middle to SF 39 for no gain (N.Bosa).	
2-10-SF 39	(8:15) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to C.Edmonds to SF 34 for 5 yards (J.Ward). caught at AZ 35, 1 YAC	
3-5-SF 34	(7:36) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete short left to C.Edmonds.	
4-5-SF 34	(7:33) Z.Gonzalez 52 yard field goal is No Good, Wide Right, Center-A.Brewer, Holder-A.Lee.	

San Francisco 49ers at 7:28

1-10-SF 42	(7:28) R.Mostert left guard to SF 45 for 3 yards (B.Baker).	
2-7-SF 45	(6:52) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short right to K.Bourne to ARZ 37 for 18 yards (B.Murphy; B.Baker). caught at AZ 49, 12 YAC	P8
1-10-ARZ 37	(6:18) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete deep right to D.Pettis.	
2-10-ARZ 37	(6:08) (Shotgun) T.Coleman up the middle to ARZ 36 for 1 yard (A.Blackson).	
3-9-ARZ 36	(5:32) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short left to J.McKinnon.	
4-9-ARZ 36	(5:26) M.Wishnowsky punts 30 yards to ARZ 6, Center-K.Nelson. C.Kirk to ARZ 14 for 8 yards (T.Moore; D.Johnson).	

Arizona Cardinals at 5:16

1-10-ARZ 14	(5:16) (Shotgun) K.Murray right tackle to ARZ 23 for 9 yards (E.Moseley).	
2-1-ARZ 23	(4:40) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Drake up the middle to ARZ 28 for 5 yards (J.Ward).	R8
1-10-ARZ 28	(4:07) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Drake left guard to ARZ 29 for 1 yard (J.Kinlaw; F.Warner).	
2-9-ARZ 29	(3:30) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Arnold to ARZ 42 for 13 yards (E.Moseley). caught at AZ 36, 6 YAC	P9
1-10-ARZ 42	*(3:01) (No Huddle, Shotgun) PENALTY on ARZ-J.Pugh, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at ARZ 42 - No Play.*	
1-15-ARZ 37	(2:41) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left intended for M.Williams INTERCEPTED by J.Tartt (D.Greenlaw) at ARZ 42. J.Tartt to ARZ 26 for 16 yards (D.Hopkins).	

San Francisco 49ers at 2:29

1-10-ARZ 26	(2:29) R.Mostert left end pushed ob at ARZ 23 for 3 yards (D.Kirkpatrick).	

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2-7-ARZ 23	(1:57) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short right to J.McKinnon to ARZ 14 for 9 yards (C.Banjo).	P9
1-10-ARZ 14	(1:19) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to J.McKinnon to ARZ 8 for 6 yards (D.Campbell). caught at SF 9, 1 YAC	
2-4-ARZ 8	(:44) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short left to G.Kittle.	
3-4-ARZ 8	(:41) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short left to T.Taylor to ARZ 6 for 2 yards (D.Kirkpatrick) [C.Jones]. caught at AZ 6, 0 YAC	
	Timeout #1 by ARZ at 00:33.	
4-2-ARZ 6	**(:33) R.Gould 24 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-K.Nelson, Holder-M.Wishnowsky.**	

ARZ 7 SF 13, 6 plays, 20 yards, 1:59 drive, 14:30 elapsed

M.Wishnowsky kicks 65 yards from SF 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Arizona Cardinals at 0:30

1-10-ARZ 25	(:30) (Shotgun) C.Edmonds left tackle ran ob at ARZ 45 for 20 yards (E.Moseley).	R10
1-10-ARZ 45	(:23) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Hopkins to SF 43 for 12 yards (E.Moseley).	P11
	Timeout #2 by ARZ at 00:18.	
1-10-SF 43	(:18) (Shotgun) K.Murray left end to SF 43 for no gain (E.Moseley).	

	Timeout #3 by ARZ at 00:13.
2-10-SF 43	(:13) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Hopkins to SF 38 for 5 yards (K.Alexander). caught at SF 40, 2 YAC
3-5-SF 38	(:03) K.Murray spiked the ball to stop the clock.
4-5-SF 38	**(:02) Z.Gonzalez 56 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-A.Brewer, Holder-A.Lee.**

ARZ 10 SF 13, 6 plays, 37 yards, 0:30 drive, 15:00 elapsed

END OF QUARTER		Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
	Score		R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Arizona Cardinals	**10**	**8:19**	**3**	**6**	**0**	**9**	**2/4**	**0/0**
San Francisco 49ers	**13**	**6:41**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0/3**	**0/1**

Play By Play

Third Quarter

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ARZ elects to Receive, and SF elects to defend the South goal.

M.Wishnowsky kicks 70 yards from SF 35 to ARZ -5. C.Edmonds pushed ob at ARZ 37 for 42 yards (M.Wishnowsky).

Arizona Cardinals at 15:00, (1st play from scrimmage 14:55)

1-10-ARZ 37	(14:55) (Shotgun) C.Kirk left end to ARZ 40 for 3 yards (D.Greenlaw).	
	PENALTY on ARZ-D.Daniels, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at ARZ 37 - No Play.	
1-20-ARZ 27	(14:27) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to K.Drake to ARZ 30 for 3 yards (D.Greenlaw; E.Moseley). caught at AZ 27, 3 YAC	
2-17-ARZ 30	(13:46) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass short right to D.Hopkins ran ob at ARZ 39 for 9 yards. caught at AZ 39, 0 YAC	
3-8-ARZ 39	(13:15) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Hopkins ran ob at SF 49 for 12 yards. caught at SF 49, 0 YAC	P12
1-10-SF 49	(12:58) (No Huddle) C.Edmonds left guard to SF 48 for 1 yard (N.Bosa; K.Alexander). FUMBLES (N.Bosa), and recovers at SF 46. C.Edmonds to SF 46 for no gain (J.Tartt).	
2-7-SF 46	(12:38) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray sacked at ARZ 49 for -5 yards (K.Hyder).	
3-12-ARZ 49	*(11:52) (Shotgun) PENALTY on ARZ-K.Drake, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at ARZ 49 - No Play.*	
3-17-ARZ 44	(11:37) (Shotgun) K.Murray scrambles left end ran ob at SF 31 for 25 yards (R.Sherman).	R13
1-10-SF 31	(11:02) (No Huddle, Shotgun) C.Edmonds left end to SF 29 for 2 yards (K.Alexander).	
	PENALTY on ARZ-J.Pugh, Tripping, 10 yards, enforced at SF 29.	
1-18-SF 39	(10:42) (Shotgun) K.Murray scrambles right end to SF 31 for 8 yards (R.Sherman).	
2-10-SF 31	(10:01) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete short right [N.Bosa].	
3-10-SF 31	(9:57) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete short right to C.Kirk (J.Ward).	
4-10-SF 31	(9:54) Z.Gonzalez 49 yard field goal is No Good, Wide Right, Center-A.Brewer, Holder-A.Lee.	

San Francisco 49ers at 9:49

1-10-SF 39	(9:49) (Shotgun) R.Mostert left tackle to SF 41 for 2 yards (J.Hicks).	
2-8-SF 41	(9:07) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo sacked at SF 37 for -4 yards (Z.Allen).	
3-12-SF 37	(8:21) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short left to K.Bourne.	
4-12-SF 37	(8:17) M.Wishnowsky punts 51 yards to ARZ 12, Center-K.Nelson. C.Kirk ran ob at ARZ 12 for no gain.	

Arizona Cardinals at 8:10

1-10-ARZ 12	(8:10) K.Murray scrambles right end to ARZ 23 for 11 yards (D.Greenlaw).	R14
	PENALTY on SF-D.Greenlaw, Unnecessary Roughness, 15 yards, enforced at ARZ 23.	X15
1-10-ARZ 38	(8:00) (Shotgun) K.Drake left end pushed ob at ARZ 45 for 7 yards (R.Sherman, J.Ward).	
2-3-ARZ 45	(7:25) (No Huddle, Shotgun) C.Edmonds up the middle to ARZ 48 for 3 yards (K.Alexander).	R16
1-10-ARZ 48	(7:08) (Shotgun) C.Edmonds left end to ARZ 44 for -4 yards (K.Alexander, E.Moseley).	
2-14-ARZ 44	(6:35) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Arnold to SF 48 for 8 yards (E.Moseley, K.Alexander). caught at AZ 43, 9 YAC	
3-6-SF 48	(5:55) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete deep left to D.Hopkins.	
4-6-SF 48	(5:51) A.Lee punts 41 yards to SF 7, Center-A.Brewer, downed by ARZ-T.Sherfield.	

San Francisco 49ers at 5:43

1-10-SF 7	(5:43) (Shotgun) R.Mostert left guard to SF 13 for 6 yards (I.Simmons).	
2-4-SF 13	(5:11) (Shotgun) R.Mostert up the middle to SF 18 for 5 yards (C.Banjo).	R10
1-10-SF 18	(4:40) R.Mostert right guard to SF 20 for 2 yards (Z.Allen).	
2-8-SF 20	(4:02) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short left.	
3-8-SF 20	(3:58) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to K.Bourne to SF 36 for 16 yards (D.Kirkpatrick).	P11
	Penalty on ARZ-D.Kirkpatrick, Defensive Pass Interference, declined. caught at SF 31 for 5 YAC	
1-10-SF 36	(3:42) T.Coleman right tackle to SF 43 for 7 yards (B.Baker; C.Banjo).	
2-3-SF 43	(3:09) T.Coleman left guard to SF 43 for no gain (J.Hicks; C.Banjo).	
3-3-SF 43	(2:27) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short right to T.Coleman (H.Reddick).	
4-3-SF 43	(2:23) M.Wishnowsky punts 51 yards to ARZ 6, Center-K.Nelson, out of bounds.	

Arizona Cardinals at 2:14

1-10-ARZ 6	(2:14) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete short left to C.Edmonds.	
2-10-ARZ 6	(2:11) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray up the middle to ARZ 6 for no gain (K.Williams).	
3-10-ARZ 6	(1:37) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete deep right.	
	PENALTY on SF-K.Williams, Defensive Holding, 5 yards, enforced at ARZ 6 - No Play.	X17
1-10-ARZ 11	(1:31) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Drake left tackle to ARZ 13 for 2 yards (F.Warner).	
2-8-ARZ 13	(1:13) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Hopkins pushed ob at ARZ 20 for 7 yards.	

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3-1-ARZ 20	(:41) #15 C.Streveler in at QB for 1 play. Direct snap to C.Streveler. C.Streveler up the middle to ARZ 23 for 3 yards (F.Warner).	R18
1-10-ARZ 23	(:18) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short middle to D.Hopkins to ARZ 41 for 18 yards (K.Alexander; E.Moseley). caught at AZ 36, 5 YAC	P19

END OF QUARTER

	Score	Time Poss	First Downs				Efficiencies	
			R	P	X	T	3 Down	4 Down
Arizona Cardinals	**10**	**9:52**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**8**	**3/5**	**0/0**
San Francisco 49ers	**13**	**5:08**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**1/3**	**0/0**

Play By Play

Fourth Quarter

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Arizona Cardinals continued.

1-10-ARZ 41	(15:00) K.Murray sacked at ARZ 40 for -1 yards (D.Jones).	
2-11-ARZ 40	(14:21) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Drake right guard to ARZ 47 for 7 yards (J.Tartt; J.Ward).	
	PENALTY on ARZ-L.Gaillard, Offensive Holding, 10 yards, enforced at ARZ 40 - No Play.	
2-21-ARZ 30	(13:55) (Shotgun) K.Murray scrambles right end to ARZ 38 for 8 yards (K.Hyder).	
	PENALTY on SF-K.Hyder, Unnecessary Roughness, 15 yards, enforced at ARZ 38.	X20
1-10-SF 47	(13:20) K.Drake right end to SF 48 for -1 yards (D.Greenlaw, D.Ford).	
2-11-SF 48	(12:37) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass incomplete deep right to C.Kirk.	
	PENALTY on SF-E.Moseley, Defensive Pass Interference, 13 yards, enforced at SF 48 - No Play.	X21
1-10-SF 35	(12:31) (Shotgun) K.Drake left guard to SF 33 for 2 yards (N.Bosa, F.Warner).	
2-8-SF 33	(12:03) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Hopkins to SF 26 for 7 yards (D.Greenlaw). caught at SF 33, 7 YAC	
3-1-SF 26	(11:37) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Drake up the middle to SF 24 for 2 yards (D.Greenlaw; D.Ford). caught at SF 40, YAC 23	R22
1-10-SF 24	(11:09) (No Huddle, Shotgun) C.Edmonds up the middle to SF 22 for 2 yards (N.Bosa; F.Warner).	
2-8-SF 22	**(10:35) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray scrambles right tackle for 22 yards, TOUCHDOWN.**	R23
	Z.Gonzalez extra point is GOOD, Center-A.Brewer, Holder-A.Lee.	

ARZ 17 SF 13, 14 plays, 94 yards, 3 penalties, 6:48 drive, 4:34 elapsed

Z.Gonzalez kicks 59 yards from ARZ 35 to SF 6. J.McKinnon to SF 22 for 16 yards (K.Fitts; T.Vallejo).

San Francisco 49ers at 10:26, (1st play from scrimmage 10:20)

1-10-SF 22	(10:20) J.Garoppolo pass deep right to K.Juszczyk to ARZ 37 for 41 yards (B.Baker; H.Reddick).	P12
1-10-ARZ 37	(9:46) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short right to K.Juszczyk.	
2-10-ARZ 37	(9:41) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short left to R.Mostert.	
3-10-ARZ 37	(9:37) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass deep right intended for J.McKinnon INTERCEPTED by C.Banjo [Z.Allen] at ARZ 10. C.Banjo ran ob at ARZ 10 for no gain. *PENALTY on ARZ-J.Hicks, Defensive Pass Interference, 27 yards, enforced at ARZ 37 - No Play.*	X13
1-10-ARZ 10	(9:28) J.McKinnon left end to ARZ 5 for 5 yards (B.Baker, B.Murphy).	
2-5-ARZ 5	(8:47) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short right to K.Bourne.	
	Timeout #1 by ARZ at 08:42.	
3-5-ARZ 5	**(8:42) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short left to J.McKinnon for 5 yards, TOUCHDOWN. caught at AZ 4, 4 YAC**	P14
	R.Gould extra point is GOOD, Center-K.Nelson, Holder-M.Wishnowsky.	

ARZ 17 SF 20, 6 plays, 78 yards, 1 penalty, 1:48 drive, 6:22 elapsed

M.Wishnowsky kicks 65 yards from SF 35 to end zone, Touchback.

Arizona Cardinals at 8:38

1-10-ARZ 25	(8:38) K.Murray pass incomplete deep right to C.Kirk.	
2-10-ARZ 25	(8:31) (Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Hopkins to ARZ 36 for 11 yards (E.Moseley).	P24
1-10-ARZ 36	(8:13) (No Huddle, Shotgun) Direct snap to K.Drake. K.Drake right guard to ARZ 46 for 10 yards (K.Hyder).	R25
1-10-ARZ 46	(7:48) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray up the middle to ARZ 47 for 1 yard (K.Givens).	
2-9-ARZ 47	(7:22) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray scrambles left tackle to SF 38 for 15 yards (K.Alexander).	R26
1-10-SF 38	(6:42) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short right to C.Kirk to SF 38 for no gain (K.Williams). caught at SF 41, 3 YAC	
2-10-SF 38	(6:00) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short right to C.Edmonds to SF 34 for 4 yards (K.Alexander). caught at SF 35, 1 YAC	
3-6-SF 34	(5:27) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short right to D.Hopkins for 34 yards, TOUCHDOWN. ARZ-D.Humphries was injured during the play. Caught SF 27, 26-YAC The Replay Official reviewed the runner broke the plane ruling, and the play was REVERSED. (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short right to D.Hopkins to SF 1 for 33 yards (J.Tartt). ARZ-D.Humphries was injured during the play. Caught SF 27, 26-YAC	P27
1-1-SF 1	**(5:07) (Shotgun) K.Drake up the middle for 1 yard, TOUCHDOWN.**	R28
	Z.Gonzalez extra point is GOOD, Center-A.Brewer, Holder-A.Lee.	

ARZ 24 SF 20, 9 plays, 75 yards, 3:35 drive, 9:57 elapsed

Z.Gonzalez kicks 65 yards from ARZ 35 to end zone, Touchback.

San Francisco 49ers at 5:03

1-10-SF 25	(5:03) (Shotgun) R.Mostert right tackle to SF 31 for 6 yards (J.Hicks).	
2-4-SF 31	(4:39) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short left to R.Mostert to SF 36 for 5 yards (C.Jones; B.Baker) [A.Blackson]. caught at SF 34, 2 YAC	P15
1-10-SF 36	(3:59) J.Garoppolo scrambles up the middle to SF 45 for 9 yards (H.Reddick).	

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2-1-SF 45	(3:24) R.Mostert right guard to ARZ 48 for 7 yards (C.Banjo).	R16
1-10-ARZ 48	(2:52) J.Garoppolo pass short left to T.Coleman to ARZ 42 for 6 yards (B.Baker). ARZ-C.Jones was injured during the play. caught at AZ 42, 0 YAC	
2-4-ARZ 42	(2:07) (Shotgun) T.Coleman right guard to ARZ 32 for 10 yards (B.Baker).	R17
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1-10-ARZ 32	(2:00) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short left to J.Reed to ARZ 30 for 2 yards (H.Reddick). caught at AZ 30, 0 YAC	
2-8-ARZ 30	(1:43) (No Huddle, Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short left to R.Mostert to ARZ 21 for 9 yards (D.Campbell).	P18
1-10-ARZ 21	(1:21) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete deep right to K.Bourne (P.Peterson).	
2-10-ARZ 21	(1:14) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to T.Taylor to ARZ 16 for 5 yards (B.Baker). caught at Az 16, 0 YAC	
3-5-ARZ 16	(:47) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete deep right to T.Taylor (B.Murphy).	
	Timeout #2 by ARZ at 00:37.	
4-5-ARZ 16	(:37) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass incomplete short right to T.Taylor (B.Murphy).	
Arizona Cardinals at 0:33		
1-10-ARZ 16	(:33) (Shotgun) K.Drake left end to ARZ 25 for 9 yards (E.Moseley, N.Bosa).	
	Timeout #1 by SF at 00:26.	
2-1-ARZ 25	(:26) (Shotgun) K.Drake right end to ARZ 27 for 2 yards (A.Witherspoon).	R29
	Timeout #2 by SF at 00:22.	
1-10-ARZ 27	(:19) (Shotgun) K.Murray kneels to ARZ 22 for -5 yards.	
	Timeout #3 by SF at 00:18.	
2-15-ARZ 22	(:18) (Shotgun) K.Murray kneels to ARZ 18 for -4 yards.	

END OF QUARTER		**Time**	**First Downs**				**Efficiencies**	
	Score	**Poss**	**R**	**P**	**X**	**T**	**3 Down**	**4 Down**
Arizona Cardinals	**24**	**8:42**	**6**	**2**	**2**	**10**	**2/2**	**0/0**
San Francisco 49ers	**20**	**6:18**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**7**	**1/2**	**0/1**

Miscellaneous Statistics Report

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Ten Longest Plays for Arizona Cardinals

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
33	4	3-6-SF 34	(5:27) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short right to D.Hopkins for 34 yards, TOUCHDOWN. ARZ-D.Humphries was injured during the play. Caught SF 27, 26-YAC The Replay Official reviewed the runner broke the plane ruling, and the play was REVERSED. (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short right to D.Hopkins to SF 1 for 33 yards (J.Tartt). ARZ-D.Humphries was injured during the play. Caught SF 27, 26-YAC
26	3	1-10-ARZ 12	(8:10) K.Murray scrambles right end to ARZ 23 for 11 yards (D.Greenlaw). PENALTY on SF-D.Greenlaw, Unnecessary Roughness, 15 yards, enforced at ARZ 23.
25	3	3-17-ARZ 44	(11:37) (Shotgun) K.Murray scrambles left end ran ob at SF 31 for 25 yards (R.Sherman).
23	4	2-21-ARZ 30	(13:55) (Shotgun) K.Murray scrambles right end to ARZ 38 for 8 yards (K.Hyder). PENALTY on SF-K.Hyder, Unnecessary Roughness, 15 yards, enforced at ARZ 38.
22	4	2-8-SF 22	(10:35) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray scrambles right tackle for 22 yards, TOUCHDOWN.
20	2	1-10-ARZ 25	(:30) (Shotgun) C.Edmonds left tackle ran ob at ARZ 45 for 20 yards (E.Moseley).
18	3	1-10-ARZ 23	(:18) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short middle to D.Hopkins to ARZ 41 for 18 yards (K.Alexander; E.Moseley). caught at AZ 36, 5 YAC
15	2	1-10-ARZ 46	(9:27) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Hopkins pushed ob at SF 39 for 15 yards (E.Moseley). caught at SF 39, 0 YAC
15	4	2-9-ARZ 47	(7:22) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray scrambles left tackle to SF 38 for 15 yards (K.Alexander).
13	2	2-9-ARZ 29	(3:30) (No Huddle, Shotgun) K.Murray pass short left to D.Arnold to ARZ 42 for 13 yards (E.Moseley). caught at AZ 36, 6 YAC

Ten Longest Plays for San Francisco 49ers

Yards	Qtr	Play Start	Play Description
76	1	1-10-SF 24	(10:05) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to R.Mostert for 76 yards, TOUCHDOWN. Caught at SF 29, 71-YAC
41	4	1-10-SF 22	(10:20) J.Garoppolo pass deep right to K.Juszczyk to ARZ 37 for 41 yards (B.Baker; H.Reddick).
20	1	1-10-SF 25	(15:00) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short right to G.Kittle to SF 30 for 5 yards (I.Simmons).
18	2	2-7-SF 45	(6:52) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short right to K.Bourne to ARZ 37 for 18 yards (B.Murphy; B.Baker). caught at AZ 49, 12
16	2	3-17-ARZ 17	(13:16) (Shotgun) J.McKinnon up the middle to ARZ 1 for 16 yards (C.Banjo; B.Baker).
16	3	3-8-SF 20	(3:58) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to K.Bourne to SF 36 for 16 yards (D.Kirkpatrick).
14	1	1-10-SF 45	(14:42) (Shotgun) R.Mostert right tackle to ARZ 41 for 14 yards (J.Thompson).
14	1	2-17-SF 18	(6:09) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to G.Kittle to SF 32 for 14 yards (B.Baker). caught at SF 30, 2 YAC
14	1	1-10-ARZ 46	(2:41) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short left to G.Kittle to ARZ 32 for 14 yards (B.Baker). caught at SF 44, 24 YAC
11	1	3-14-ARZ 45	(12:39) (Shotgun) J.Garoppolo pass short middle to G.Kittle to ARZ 34 for 11 yards (J.Hicks). Caught at AZ 48, 14-YAC

Touchdown Scoring Information		Offense	Defense	Special Teams
VISITOR	Arizona Cardinals	3	0	0
HOME	San Francisco 49ers	2	0	0

Player Scoring Information

Club	Player	TD	Rush TD	Rec TD	KO TD	Punt TD	Int TD	Fum TD	Misc TD	FG	XP	2Pt Rush	2Pt Rec	Sfty	Points
ARZ	K.Murray	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
ARZ	K.Drake	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
ARZ	C.Edmonds	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
ARZ	Z.Gonzalez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	6
SF	R.Gould	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	8
SF	R.Mostert	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
SF	J.McKinnon	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

Possession Detail	First Half		Second Half		Game	
	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home
Largest Lead	0	10	4	3	4	10
Drives Leading	0	6	1	2	1	8
Time of Possession Leading	0:00	13:58	0:33	5:08	0:33	19:06
Largest Deficit	-10	0	-3	-4	-10	-4
Drives Trailing	7	0	4	2	11	2
Time of Possession Trailing	12:52	0:00	18:01	6:18	30:53	6:18
Times Score Tied Up		0		0		0
Lead Changes		1		3		4

Playtime Percentage

Percent of playtime per player on offense, defense and special teams

Arizona Cardinals

		Offense		Defense		Special Teams	
J Sweezy	G	82	100%			6	21%
K Beachum	T	82	100%			6	21%
J Pugh	G	82	100%			5	18%
K Murray	QB	82	100%				
D Humphries	T	81	99%			6	21%
D Hopkins	WR	77	94%				
L Fitzgerald	WR	65	79%				
C Kirk	WR	63	77%			5	18%
K Drake	RB	58	71%				
L Gaillard	G	46	56%			6	21%
D Arnold	TE	45	55%			1	4%
M Williams	TE	43	52%			6	21%
M Cole	C	36	44%				
C Edmonds	RB	28	34%			5	18%
D Daniels	TE	14	17%			17	61%
A Isabella	WR	14	17%			2	7%
T Sherfield	WR	2	2%			15	54%
J Murray	T	1	1%			6	21%
C Streveler	QB	1	1%			1	4%
D Campbell	LB			62	100%	5	18%
J Hicks	LB			62	100%	5	18%
B Baker	FS			62	100%	1	4%
P Peterson	CB			61	98%	5	18%
B Murphy	CB			60	97%	5	18%
C Banjo	FS			58	94%	15	54%
C Jones	LB			55	89%	1	4%
C Peters	NT			44	71%	11	39%
D Kennard	LB			34	55%		
J Phillips	DT			31	50%	5	18%
Z Allen	DE			31	50%	5	18%
H Reddick	LB			30	48%	6	21%
A Blackson	DE			23	37%		
D Kirkpatrick	CB			20	32%		
I Simmons	LB			18	29%	4	14%
R Lawrence	NT			14	23%		
K Fitts	LB			9	15%	13	46%
L Fotu	NT			4	6%		
C Washington	FS			2	3%	16	57%
J Thompson	FS			2	3%		
D Gardeck	LB					22	79%
E Turner	LB					20	71%
T Vallejo	LB					17	61%
D Foster	RB					17	61%
K Peterson	CB					12	43%
Z Gonzalez	K					10	36%

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		Offense		Defense		Special Teams	
L Tomlinson	G	62	100%			4	14%
D Brunskill	G	62	100%			4	14%
M McGlinchey	T	62	100%			4	14%
H Grasu	C	62	100%				
J Garoppolo	QB	62	100%				
T Williams	T	62	100%				
G Kittle	TE	61	98%				
K Bourne	WR	57	92%				
D Pettis	WR	45	73%			1	4%
R Mostert	RB	37	60%				
K Juszczyk	FB	36	58%			5	18%
T Taylor	WR	21	34%			3	11%
J McKinnon	RB	19	31%			9	32%
R James	WR	10	16%			7	25%
J Reed	TE	10	16%				
R Dwelley	TE	7	11%			9	32%
T Coleman	RB	6	10%			5	18%
C Woerner	TE	1	2%			7	25%
J Ward	FS			82	100%	13	46%
J Tartt	SS			82	100%	11	39%
E Moseley	CB			82	100%	1	4%
F Warner	LB			82	100%	1	4%
K Alexander	LB			80	98%	1	4%
R Sherman	CB			78	95%		
N Bosa	DE			57	70%	1	4%
A Armstead	DE			52	63%	11	39%
K Williams	CB			47	57%	1	4%
D Ford	LB			46	56%	1	4%
S Thomas	DE			40	49%	7	25%
D Jones	DT			39	48%	10	36%
J Kinlaw	DT			39	48%	10	36%
D Greenlaw	LB			35	43%	23	82%
K Hyder	DE			33	40%		
K Givens	DT			22	27%		
A Witherspoon	CB			4	5%	13	46%
T Moore	CB			2	2%	24	86%
A Al-Shaair	LB					23	82%
M Nzeocha	LB					23	82%
D Johnson	CB					19	68%
M Harris	SS					17	61%
M Wishnowsky	P					14	50%
K Nelson	LS					9	32%
J Wilson	RB					5	18%
R Gould	K					4	14%

A Lee	P	10	36%	T Compton	G	4	14%
A Brewer	LS	10	36%	J Skule	T	4	14%
M Garcia	G	6	21%				

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.	Elvis Grbac	QB	1993–1996	4	43
10.	Steve DeBerg	QB	1978–1980	3	39
	Billy Kilmer	QB	1961–1966	6	39

	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.	Tarell Brown	CB	2007–2013	7	100
	Bruce Taylor	CB	1970–1977	8	100
10.	Shawntae Spencer	CB	2004–2011	8	98

	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.	Bruce Gossett	K	1970–1974	5	70

	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.	Tommy Thompson	P	1995–1997	3	48

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.	Joe Nedney	2005–2010	86	0	0	0	0	0	154/154	129/149	541
7.	Terrell Owens	1996–2003	121	83	2	81	0	2	0/0	0/0	502
8.	Bruce Gossett	1970–1974	70	0	0	0	0	0	163/168	99/153	460
9.	Frank Gore	2005–2014	148	76	64	11	1	1	0/0	0/0	458
10.	Phil Dawson	2013–2016	64	0	0	0	0	0	130/132	99/115	427
11.	Roger Craig	1983–1990	121	66	50	16	0	0	0/0	0/0	396
12.	**Robbie Gould**	**2017–present**	**46**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**98/103**	**97/108**	**389**
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	53	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.	Phil Dawson	at Arz. (12/29/13)	56
	Joe Nedney	at StL (12/24/05)	56
	Mike Cofer	at Atl. (10/14/90)	56
5.	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
8.	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
11.	**Robbie Gould**	**vs. NYG (11/12/18)**	**53**
	Phil Dawson	at Arz. (11/13/16)	53
	Phil Dawson	vs. Arz. (11/29/15)	53
	Phil Dawson	vs. Bal. (10/18/15)	53
	Phil Dawson	vs. Car. (11/10/13)	53
	Phil Dawson	vs. Arz. (12/28/14)	53
	David Akers	at Sea. (12/24/11)	53
	David Akers	at Cin. (9/25/11)	53
	Joe Nedney	vs. Phi. (10/12/08)	53
	Ray Wersching	at Det. (9/2/84)	53
	Tommy Davis	at LA Rams (10/17/65)	53
	Tommy Davis	vs. Chi. (10/4/64)	53

ALL–TIME SCORING

Touchdowns by Rushing	1,046
Touchdowns by Receptions	1,474
Touchdowns by Interception Return	89
Touchdowns by Kickoff Return	22
Touchdowns by Punt Return	30
Fields Goals Made	1,313
Safeties	36

50+YARD FIELD GOALS, Career

	Player	No.
1.	Phil Dawson	14
2.	Joe Nedney	10
3.	David Akers	9
4.	**Robbie Gould**	**7**
5.	Mike Cofer	5

FIELD GOAL PCT., Career

	Player	Pct.
1.	**Robbie Gould, 97–108**	**89.8**
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.	Tommy Davis	130
3.	Joe Nedney	129
4.	Mike Cofer	128
5.	Phil Dawson	99
	Bruce Gossett	99
7.	**Robbie Gould**	**97**
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.	Bruce Gossett	153
5.	Joe Nedney	149
6.	Gordie Soltau	139
7.	Phil Dawson	115
8.	**Robbie Gould**	**108**
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.	Bruce Gossett	163
6.	Joe Nedney	154
7.	Phil Dawson	130
8.	Wade Richey	122
9.	**Robbie Gould**	**98**
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.	Bruce Gossett	168
6.	Joe Nedney	154
7.	Phil Dawson	132
8.	Wade Richey	127
9.	**Robbie Gould**	**103**
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 (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.	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

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.	Steve DeBerg	1978–1980 (3)	39	1,201	670	55.8	7,220	37	60	93t	63.1	5.0
9.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**2017–present (4)**	**26**	**776**	**521**	**67.1**	**6,515**	**41**	**21**	**76t**	**99.4**	**2.7**
10.	Steve Spurrier	1967–1975 (9)	92	840	441	52.5	5,250	33	48	81t	61.2	5.7
11.	Tim Rattay	2000–2005 (6)	32	586	356	60.8	3,941	24	18	89t	81.6	3.1
12.	Frankie Albert	1950–1952 (3)	36	601	316	52.6	3,847	27	43	60	57.7	7.2
13.	Shaun Hill	2007–2009 (3)	18	522	322	61.7	3,490	23	11	61	87.3	2.1
14.	Jim Plunkett	1976–1977 (2)	26	491	254	51.7	3,285	22	30	85t	62.5	6.1
15.	Elvis Grbac	1994–1996 (3)	42	430	284	66.0	3,098	18	16	81t	85.6	3.7
16.	Blaine Gabbert	2014–2016 (3)	15	449	272	60.6	2,994	16	13	75t	80.2	2.9
17.	**C.J. Beathard**	**2017–present (4)**	**13**	**393**	**225**	**57.3**	**2,682**	**12**	**13**	**83t**	**74.6**	**3.3**
18.	Steve Bono	1989–1993 (5)	34	359	220	61.3	2,558	14	7	78	87.7	1.9
19.	**Nick Mullens**	**2018–present (3)**	**8**	**274**	**176**	**64.2**	**2,277**	**13**	**10**	**85t**	**90.8**	**3.6**
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

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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**	**99.4**
3.	Joe Montana	93.5
4.	Colin Kaepernick	88.9
5.	Jeff Garcia	88.3
6.	Shaun Hill	87.3
7.	Tim Rattay	81.6
8.	Alex Smith	79.1
9.	John Brodie	72.3
10.	Y.A. Tittle	70.0

(min. 500 attempts)

AVG Yds PER ATTEMPT, Career

	Player	Y/A
1.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**8.4**
2.	Steve Young	8.2
3.	Joe Montana	7.6
4.	Colin Kaepernick	7.3
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.	Steve DeBerg	1,201
9.	Steve Spurrier	840
10.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**776**

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.	Steve DeBerg	670
9.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**521**
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**	**41**
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.	Colin Kaepernick	30
	Jim Plunkett	30

BEST COMPLETION PCT., Career

	Player	Comp. %
1.	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**67.1**
2.	Steve Young	65.8
3.	Joe Montana	63.7
4.	Shaun Hill	61.7
5.	Jeff Garcia	61.4
6.	Tim Rattay	60.8
7.	Colin Kaepernick	59.8
8.	Alex Smith	59.3
9.	Y.A. Tittle	55.9
10.	Steve DeBerg	55.8

(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.	Steve Young (1993)	68.0
5.	Steve Young (1996)	67.7

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.	Steve Young (1992)	8.62

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
Colin Kaepernick	28	30		0.483
Jimmy Garoppolo	**19**	**6**		**0.760**
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
George Mira	4	2		0.667
Tom Owen	4	4		0.500
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
Nick Mullens	**3**	**5**		**0.375**
Blaine Gabbert	4	9		0.308
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
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
Earl Morrall	1	3		0.250
Trent Dilfer	1	5		0.167
C.J. Beathard	**1**	**9**		**0.100**
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
	545	**476**	**14**	**0.533**

300–YARD GAMES, Career

	Player	Games
1.	Joe Montana	35
2.	Steve Young	28
3.	Jeff Garcia	14
4.	John Brodie	6

300–YARD GAMES, Season

	Player	Games
1.	Steve Young (1998)	7
2.	Jeff Garcia (2000)	6
3.	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

Year	Player	Record as a Starter
1986	Joe Montana	6–2
	Jeff Kemp	3–2–1
	Mike Moroski	1–1
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	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.	Tom Rathman	1986–1993 (8)	115	516	1,902	3.7	35	26
18.	Matt Breida	2017–2019 (3)	43	381	1,902	5.0	83t	6
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.	(12 times) Last: **Tevin Coleman**	**vs. Car. (10/27/19)**	**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.	Frank Gore (2011)	5
	Frank Gore (2009)	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.	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.	John Taylor	1987–1995 (9)	121	347	5,598	16.1	97t	43
10.	Frank Gore (RB)	2005–2014 (10)	148	342	2,883	8.4	55t	11
11.	J.J. Stokes	1995–2002 (8)	111	327	4,139	12.7	53	30
12.	Michael Crabtree	2009–2014 (6)	79	347	4,327	12.5	60t	26
13.	Freddie Solomon	1978–1985 (8)	114	310	4,873	15.7	93t	43
14.	Tom Rathman	1986–1993 (8)	115	294	2,490	8.5	36	8
15.	Bernie Casey	1961–1966 (6)	79	277	4,008	14.5	68t	27
16.	Ken Willard (RB)	1965–1973 (9)	125	273	2,156	7.9	62	16
17.	Gordie Soltau	1950–1958 (9)	107	249	3,487	14.0	54t	25
18.	Anquan Boldin	2013–2015 (3)	46	237	3,030	12.8	76t	16
19.	**George Kittle**	**2017–present (4)**	**46**	**220**	**2,989**	**13.6**	**85t**	**12**
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.	John Taylor	5,598
7.	Vernon Davis (TE)	5,616
8.	Brent Jones (TE)	5,640
9.	Freddie Solomon	4,873
10.	Roger Craig (RB)	4,442

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.	John Taylor	12

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.	Jerry Rice	vs. Min. (12/18/95)	14
4.	**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)**	**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.	**George Kittle (2018)**	**1,377**
10.	Dave Parks (1965)	1,344

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
	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.	Tom Rathman (RB)	1986–1993 (8)	115	810	4,392	5.4	38.2	34
19.	Michael Crabtree (WR)	2009–2014 (6)	79	350	4,345	12.4	55.0	26
20.	Ricky Watters (RB)	1992–1994 (3)	43	793	4,290	5.4	99.8	33

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.	Charlie Garner	1999	297	1,764	5.9	110.3	6
8.	Jerry Rice	1986	96	1,642	17.1	102.6	16
9.	Ricky Watters	1994	305	1,596	5.2	99.8	11
10.	Jerry Rice	1994	119	1,592	13.4	99.5	15
11.	Jerry Rice	1993	101	1,572	15.6	98.3	16
12.	Garrison Hearst	2001	293	1,553	5.3	97.1	5
13.	Frank Gore	2007	313	1,538	4.9	102.5	6
14.	Roger Craig	1989	320	1,527	4.8	95.4	7
15.	Frank Gore	2009	281	1,526	5.4	109.0	13

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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.	(4x) Last: Frank Gore	vs. Det. (12/27/09)	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.	(11 Players) Last: Dontae Johnson	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.	54 Players	72 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.	DeForest Buckner (DL)	2016–2019 (4)	28.5
14.	Larry Roberts (DE)	1986–1993 (8)	28.0
	Fred Dean (DE)	1981–1985 (5)	28.0
16.	Tim Harris (LB)	1991–1995 (4)	26.0
17.	Kevin Fagan (DE)	1987–1993 (7)	25.5
18.	Dennis Brown (DE)	1990–1996 (7)	24.5
19.	Michael Carter (NT)	1984–1992 (9)	22.5
20.	Parys Haralson (LB)	2006–2012 (7)	21.5
	Julian Peterson (LB)	2000–2005 (6)	21.5

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.	Chris Doleman	1998	15.0
	Dana Stubblefield	1997	15.0
7.	Aldon Smith	2011*	14.0
8.	Dwaine Board	1983	13.0
9.	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.	Tommy Davis	1959–1969 (11)	511	22,833	44.7	NA	82	NA	2
3.	Bradley Pinion	2015–2018 (4)	334	14,599	43.7	39.9	65	112	1
4.	Frankie Albert	1950–1952 (3)	139	5,830	41.9	NA	70	NA	1
5.	Tommy Thompson	1995–1997 (3)	208	8,711	41.9	35.6	65	55	3
6.	Tom Wittum	1973–1977 (5)	380	15,494	40.8	NA	68	NA	9
7.	Jim Miller	1980–1982 (3)	214	8,686	40.6	31.7	80	36	1
8.	Jason Baker	2001–2002 (2)	111	4,501	40.5	34.1	64	33	0
9.	Max Runager	1984–1988 (5)	281	11,394	40.5	33.8	62	36	1
10.	Klaus Wilmsmeyer	1992–1994 (3)	145	5,871	40.5	35.0	61	48	0

**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.	Andy Lee	2014	72	3,369	46.8	39.6	71	28	1
8.	Andy Lee	2010	91	4,203	46.2	38.2	64	34	0
9.	Tommy Davis	1965	54	2,471	45.8	NA	65	NA	0
10.	Tommy Davis	1959	59	2,694	45.7	NA	71	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.	Tommy Thompson	55
5.	Barry Helton	50

**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*

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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

49ERS LONGEST PLAYS

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	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
83t	John Brodie to Dave Parks at LA Rams	10/18/64
83t	**C.J. Beathard** to Marquise Goodwin **vs. NYG**	**11/12/17**
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	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.	191	Vic Washington	1971
2.	189	Ken Willard	1965
3.	174	Wilbur Jackson	1974
4.	171	Earl Cooper	1980
5.	129	John H. Johnson	1954
6.	127	Frank Gore	2005
7.	125	Kevan Barlow	2001
8.	109	Don Lisbon	1963
9.	105	Matt Breida	2017
10.	98	Hugh McElhenny	1952

RUSHING YARDS

No	Yds	Player	Year
1.	811	Vic Washington	1971
2.	778	Ken Willard	1965
3.	725	Roger Craig	1983
4.	720	Earl Cooper	1980
5.	705	Wilbur Jackson	1974
6.	684	Hugh McElhenny	1952
7.	681	John H. Johnson	1954
8.	608	Frank Gore	2005
9.	512	Kevan Barlow	2001
10.	509	Billy Kilmer	1961

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	Ken Willard	1965
	5	Dicky Moegle	1955
8.	4	Carlos Hyde	2014
	4	Kevan Barlow	2001
10.	**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.	**57**	**Deebo Samuel**	**2019**
3.	51	Gene Washington	1969
4.	49	Jerry Rice	1985
5.	48	Michael Crabtree	2009
	48	Roger Craig (RB)	1983
7.	**43**	**George Kittle (TE)**	**2017**
	43	**Trent Taylor**	**2017**
9.	40	Eric Johnson (TE)	2001
10.	38	J.J. Stokes	1995

RECEIVING YARDS

No	Yds	Player	Year
1.	927	Jerry Rice	1985
2.	**802**	**Deebo Samuel**	**2019**
3.	711	Gene Washington	1969
4.	703	Dave Parks	1964
5.	625	Michael Crabtree	2009
6.	567	Earl Cooper (RB)	1980
7.	520	Terrell Owens	1996
8.	517	J.J. Stokes	1995
9.	**515**	**George Kittle (TE)**	**2017**
10.	**467**	**Dante Pettis**	**2018**

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

No	TD	Player	Year
1.	8	Dave Parks	1964
2.	**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.	53	George Mira	1964
6.	52	Jim Druckenmiller	1997
6.	51	Dennis Morrison	1974
8.	50	Steve Spurrier	1967
9.	48	Scott Bull	1976
10.	34	Billy Kilmer	1961

PASSES COMPLETED

No	Comp	Player	Year
1.	**123**	**C.J. Beathard**	**2017**
2.	88	Tom Owen	1974
3.	84	Alex Smith	2005
4.	38	Earl Morrall	1956
5.	23	Steve Spurrier	1967
	23	George Mira	1964
7.	21	Jim Druckenmiller	1997
	21	Scott Bull	1976
	21	Dennis Morrison	1975
10.	19	Billy Kilmer	1961

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.	331	George Mira	1964
6.	286	Billy Kilmer	1961
7.	252	Scott Bull	1976
8.	239	Jim Druckenmiller	1997
9.	227	Dennis Morrison	1974
10.	211	Steve Spurrier	1967

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

No	TD	Player	Year
1.	10	Tom Owen	1974
2.	**4**	**C.J. Beathard**	**2017**
3.	2	Scott Bull	1976
	2	George Mira	1964
	2	John Brodie	1957
6.	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	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.	134	Amp Lee	12/13/92	Min.
3.	131	Billy Kilmer	10/8/61	LA Rams
4.	125	Vic Washington	11/28/71	NYJ
5.	124	Dexter Carter	12/17/90	LA Rams
	124	John H. Johnson	11/20/54	Pit.
7.	118	Jimmy Thomas	12/6/69	Chi.
8.	108	Frank Gore	1/1/06	Hou.
9.	100	Ricky Watters	9/6/92	NYG

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	Jerry Rice	12/9/85	LA Rams
	10	Earl Cooper	9/7/80	NO
3.	9	Earl Cooper	9/14/80	StL
4.	8	Seven times, most recently		
		Deebo Samuel	**11/17/19**	**Arz.**

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**	**at 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.	Joe Perry**	vs. GB (12/10/50)	135 (9–78t–1)
4.	Amp Lee	at Min. (12/13/92)	134 (23–43–1)
5.	Billy Kilmer	vs. LA Rams (10/8/61)	131 (19–26–2)
6.	Vic Washington	at NYJ (11/28/71)	125 (27–20–1)
7.	Dexter Carter	at LA Rams (12/17/90)	124 (13–74t–1)
	John Henry Johnson	at Pit. (11/20/54)	124 (17–24t–1)
9.	Jimmy Thomas	vs. Chi. (12/6/69)	118 (6–75t–1)
10.	Billy Kilmer	at Min. (10/15/61)	115 (20–21–4)
11.	Ken Willard	at Min. (11/28/65)	113 (18–21–0)
12.	Frank Gore	vs. Hou. (1/1/06)	108 (25–28–0)
	Joe Arenas	vs. GB (12/9/51)	108 (12–14–2)
14.	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.	68t	Tom Owen	at Chi.	11/17/74
4.	53t	Tom Owen	vs. Atl.	11/24/74
5.	50t	Harry Sydney	vs. NO	11/15/87
	50	Jim Powers	at Det.	10/8/50

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.	Bernie Casey	vs. GB (12/10/61)	118 (5–1)
	Hugh McElhenny	at NYG (11/9/52)	118 (4–0)
11.	**Deebo Samuel**	**vs. Sea. (11/11/19)**	**112 (8–0)**
	Dave Parks	at LA Rams (10/18/64)	112 (3–1)
13.	Jerry Rice	vs. Dal. (12/22/85)	111 (7–0)
14.	Terrell Owens	vs. Car. (12/8/96)	110 (5–1)
15.	J.J. Stokes	at Atl. (12/24/95)	106 (5–1)
	Alyn Beals**	vs. LA Rams (10/1/50)	106 (7–0)
17.	**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)
19.	**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	Matt Breida	3–2–0
5	Kevan Barlow	2–3–0
4	Billy Kilmer	4–0–0
4	Carlos Hyde	1–3–0
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
209		**151–57–1**

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
6	John Brodie	4–1–1
6	Colin Kaepernick	4–2–0
5	**Jimmy Garoppolo**	**5–0–0**
5	Y.A. Tittle	4–1–0
5	Steve DeBerg	0–5–0
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	**Nick Mullens**	**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
130		**82–47–1**

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
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	Vernon Davis	4–5–0
8	R.C. Owens	5–2–1
8	Michael Crabtree	5–3–0
8	**George Kittle**	**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	Garrison Hearst	2–1–0
3	**Deebo Samuel**	**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	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
310		**176–126–8**

49ERS 300-YARD PASSERS

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	9/5/94 (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)

49ERS 100-YARD RUSHERS SINCE 1970

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)
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)

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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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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)
167 – Jerry Rice vs. Atl.	9/10/95 (11 catches)
121 – Jerry Rice vs. Den.	12/17/94 (9 catches)
106 – Rickey 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)

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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.
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
1,377	**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

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
3,653	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	**Mostert, Raheem**	**15**	**56**	**3.7**	**14**	**0**	**24t/10t**

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	**Garoppolo, J.**	**33**	**19**	**57.6**	**259**	**2**	**0**	**103.0**	**13t/10t**

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	**Mostert, Raheem**	**4**	**95**	**23.8**	**76t**	**1**	**15t/11t**

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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**	**4**	**44.5**	**51**	**1**	**21/10**

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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**	**2**	**2**	**8**	**28t/17t**

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**	**2**	**2**	**1.000**	**52**	**1t/1t**

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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**	**1**	**16**	**16.0**	**16**	**0**	**22t/10**

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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**	**2**	**21**	**10.5**	**12**	**0**	**12/7**

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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	**Tartt, Jaquiski**	**1**	**16**	**16.0**	**16**	**0**	**1t/1t**

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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	**Mostert, Raheem**	**15**	**56**	**4**	**95**	**151**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**151**

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 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 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)
37 Matt Ryan, vs. Atl. (12/23/13)
36 Tom Brady, at NE (12/16/12)
35 Dieter Brock, at LA Rams (10/27/85)

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 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)
366 (2000, 16 games)
363 (1980, 16 games)
362 (2017, 16 games)
361 (1979, 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)
4,400 (2000, 16 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)
8.55 (1993, 16 games)

TOTAL NET YARDS

Most Yards Gained
6,800 (1998, 16 games)
6,435 (1993, 16 games)
6,366 (1984, 16 games)
6,268 (1989, 16 games)
6,195 (1992, 16 games)

FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs
381 (1998, 16 games)
372 (1993, 16 games)
362 (1994, 16 games)
357 (1987, 15 games)
356 (1984, 16 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)
213 (1986, 16 games)

Most by Penalty
45 (2018, 16 games)
34 (2014, 16 games)
34 (1978, 16 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)
1,045 (1999, 16 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
30 – Last vs. LA (9/12/16)

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: vs. Atl. (12/4/94)

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)
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 (7 times) Last at Det. (12/19/93)

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 vs. Arz.	9/13/20
6	at Atl.	10/14/90	PASSING TOUCHDOWNS	0	last at Sea.	12/29/19
6	last vs. Ten.	12/17/17	FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED	0	last at Arz.	10/31/19
6	last vs. Ten.	12/17/17	FIELD GOALS MADE	0	last at Arz.	10/31/19
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 at Cin.	9/15/19
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. Arz.	9/13/20
9	at Oak.	12/20/70	TOTAL TAKEAWAYS	0	last at Sea.	12/29/19
10	at Det.	12/17/78	FUMBLES BY	0	last vs. Arz.	9/13/20
6	at Min.	10/15/61	FUMBLES LOST	0	last vs. Arz.	9/13/20
11	(2 times) last vs. LAN	11/21/76	PUNTS	0	(7 times) last at Det.	12/19/93
61.0	at Cle.	9/13/93	PUNTING AVERAGE	0	(7 times) last at Det.	12/19/93
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	(95 times) last at Was.	10/20/19
5	(3 times) last at Chi.	12/12/65	RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS	0	last vs. GB	11/24/19
5	(7 times) last at NO	12/8/19	PASSING TOUCHDOWNS	0	last vs. Car.	10/27/19
7	vs. NO	10/25/87	FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED	0	last at Sea.	12/29/19
6	at Arz.	10/2/05	FIELD GOALS MADE	0	last at Sea.	12/29/19
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	12/21/19
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 Sea.	12/29/19
10	at Dal.	10/12/80	TOTAL TAKEAWAYS	0	last vs. Arz.	9/13/20
8	(2 times) last vs. Min.	10/24/65	FUMBLES BY	0	last at Arz.	10/31/19
6	at NYG	12/1/57	FUMBLES LOST	0	last vs. Arz.	9/13/20
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	21.0	(2 times) last at TB	9/8/19
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' GM John Lynch will be the one to watch in 2019

By Eric Branch
San Francisco Chronicle
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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.

John Lynch adjusting to football life away from family

By Conor Orr
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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

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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

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.

What 49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan learned from his first football job

By Ali Thanawalla
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Kyle Shanahan is the son of two-time Super Bowl-winning head coach Mike Shanahan and widely is considered one of the brightest young minds in football.

But before the younger Shanahan could help build some of the best offenses at the NFL, he got his start in coaching at UCLA as a graduate assistant at the ripe age of 23.

"Back then, I was right out of college, so everything I wanted to show, I would put cleats on and try to demonstrate it," Shanahan told ESPN's Nick Wagoner. "You are still wanting to play, and it's neat because you are close in age to all those guys, so you can relate with them a lot more. But you're learning so much more, so you can help bring stuff to the table to them that you don't always have that connection as you get a lot older."

During the 2003 season, Shanahan spent time around running back Maurice Jones-Drew, tight end Marcedes Lewis and quarterback Drew Olson.

But Shanahan only spent one season with the Bruins before being hired by Jon Gruden to be the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' offensive quality control coach in 2004.

"But I also didn't know as much then," Shanahan told Wagoner. "I was a GA and just getting into it. But I think you start to realize when you can help people and teach them stuff, and you can answer questions that help people, it doesn't matter whether you're a GA, a head coach, a quality control, a coordinator or whether you're talking to a walk-on or Maurice Jones-Drew or Marcedes Lewis. If you can say something that helps people and makes sense to them, they will respect you and listen to you.

"That's why I don't think appearance or age or whatever matters. It's if you know what you're talking about. That's why I don't think you have to be a guy who MFs people if you know what you're talking about. And I feel like I've always taken that from a young age and tried to be consistent with it."

Before taking the 49ers head coaching job in 2017, Shanahan spent two seasons in Atlanta and built the Falcons into an offensive juggernaut. He hasn't been able to replicate that success in Santa Clara just yet, but the 49ers are trending upwards.

At just 39 years old, Shanahan has plenty of time left to leave his mark on the game of football.

49ers' Kyle Shanahan rebuilding with time on his side

By Eric Branch
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Last year, in the first 29 minutes of his first regular-season game as an NFL head coach, the 49ers' Kyle Shanahan twice decided to go for it in fourth-down situations, and both times it backfired.
He is not a patient man. Just ask him.

Shanahan recently discussed harnessing his ultra-aggressive tendencies when queried about his team's patient rebuilding process.

"I think it's hard to fight against your natural personality," Shanahan said, smiling. "And I'm not patient. If I'm a gambler, I'm either going to win or lose very fast when I'm in Vegas. It's going to be one or the other: I'm not going home even. That's my personality, but that's why I wanted to come here."

Shanahan came to the 49ers because he and general manager John Lynch were given six-year contracts and a pledge from CEO Jed York upon inheriting a 2-14 team 19 months ago: You will be given the necessary time to fix this mess.

Time, of course, is a luxury rarely afforded in the NFL. Consider: More than half the league's head coaches (17 of 32) have been in their position less than three full seasons.

And Shanahan thinks the lack of job security on the sideline and in front offices often leads to errors. That is, decisions are made that can keep coaches and GMs employed another year, but can damage their franchises in the years to come.

"I didn't want to come somewhere where we had to gamble a ton just so we could try to prove to (ownership): 'Hey, look at what we're doing, trust us, we're good and keep us around,'" Shanahan said. "I think that's a lot of the NFL. And I think that's why people are scared to go to a place that doesn't have a quarterback just sitting there ready to go. That does have a loaded roster.

"Those are hard things because perception can take over. I think that leads people to make a lot of bad decisions. And I felt if got an opportunity to make those (calls) I just really wanted to work with people to try to make the best decision possible. Not the one that will buy us more time."

The latest evidence of the new regime's patient approach was provided last week. The 49ers, a trendy playoff pick who have a gaping hole at edge rusher, one of the NFL's most important positions, pursued Raiders' All-Pro edge rusher Khalil Mack … to a point.

On Saturday, Lynch said the 49ers "aggressively" looked into adding Mack, whose 10.5 sacks last year are more than any player on the 49ers has collected in his career. But the 49ers also established "some parameters." The Bears acquired Mack, 27, in a trade in which they surrendered two first-round picks and then signed him to a six-year, $141 million contract, making him the highest-paid defensive player in league history.

It was too much for the 49ers, who plan to keep strengthening their work-in-progress roster through the draft and by using what is currently the NFL's second-most salary-cap space ($41.9 million), according to the NFL Players Association.

"We're trying to build this thing such that when we get there, we want it to be sustainable," Lynch said Aug. 23. "We don't want to make it a one-year thing and (it's over). I think with the cap money we had available (this offseason), you could have gone and potentially built this as much as you could. But is that lasting? Is that sustainable? We wanted to build this such that we could get there and stay there."
The 49ers' recent draft highlighted their long-term approach.

They used the No. 9 pick on rookie right tackle Mike McGlinchey, despite already having a capable right tackle in Trent Brown. However, Brown was in the final year of his contract, and questions about his passion made the 49ers leery of giving him a big-money extension.

During the draft, the 49ers traded Brown and a fifth-round pick to the Patriots for a third-round pick. The deal allowed them to trade their other third-round pick to move up 15 spots in the second round and select Dante Pettis, the wide receiver Shanahan coveted. Pettis won't start this season, but he's the heir apparent to Pierre Garcon, 32, and McGlinchey is in line to eventually replace left tackle Joe Staley, 34. The picks, which might negligibly improve the 49ers in 2018, reflect how Shanahan and Lynch can make decisions with time on their side.

"We have both things in mind: Who's going to help us now, and who is going to be here long term?" Lynch said. "You draft a kid like McGlinchey because you know you're going to have a player on the line that's a cornerstone for years to come. I think we're mindful of both those things in how we're operating." Shanahan and Lynch aren't without urgency. Their 53-man roster includes only 11 players they inherited last year, including just four on offense. This offseason, they handed out big-money contracts to three players, all of whom are 27 or younger: running back Jerick McKinnon, who tore his ACL on Saturday, center Weston Richburg and quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo.

The unexpected addition of Garoppolo, a potential franchise quarterback they acquired last year for a second-round pick, is the major reason Shanahan says he feels "we're further along than I anticipated when we got here."

However, the 49ers probably aren't there yet. The offensive weapons around Garoppolo aren't overwhelming, the team has depth issues, most notably in the secondary, and the 49ers have no proven edge rushers.

Those shortcomings probably can't be addressed until 2019, meaning Shanahan must keep harnessing his aggressive tendencies.

And he sounds prepared to do just that. He doesn't have much patience, but he knows he has the time to do this right.

"We can be aggressive if it's the right decision, but we don't have to do it for the wrong reasons," Shanahan said. "And that's what made me so excited to come here."

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."

Robert Saleh

Finance to Football: Robert Saleh's Story of Pursuing His Passion
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Robert Saleh stared down a four-foot putt. He took a few extra seconds to make sure he had the read just right.

"Just putt it already," Kyle Shanahan groaned.

"No, man," Saleh fired back. "This is worth a dollar."

There was always something on the line when those two hit the links during their time on the Houston Texans coaching staff in the mid-2000's. Saleh was keen to note that the matchups were largely one-sided.

"I took all his money," Saleh joked. "He paid my rent for a couple months. He lost a lot of money to me on the golf course."

Their friendship began long before Saleh and Shanahan reunited with the San Francisco 49ers in 2017. Shanahan, who had just been hired as the 49ers new head coach, brought in Saleh to be his defensive coordinator. The reunion was Saleh's latest stop on what had been a 15-year journey through the collegiate and professional coaching ranks.

But before Saleh took the plunge into the coaching world, he first had to quit his desk job. Flash back to 2001 when Saleh had recently finished his four years at Northern Michigan. He played tight end on the football team and graduated with a degree in finance. The former – although Saleh had always been bright and good with numbers – carried more influence.

Still, Saleh couldn't turn down an offer from Comerica Bank World Headquarters right out of college. He returned home to Dearborn, Mich., where most of his large family resides. Many of Saleh's relatives are in the real estate industry. So what happened when their clients needed a loan? They sent them to Saleh.

"I had connections afforded to me," Saleh said point blank. "If you needed a loan, you would have come to me."

Saleh knew he wasn't being fulfilled, though. The money was great, sure, but life as a corporate lender didn't provide much else for a 22-year-old fresh into the workforce. Saleh recalled how his father, Sam, faced a similar conundrum back in his youth. Sam played college football at Eastern Michigan and received an offer to join the school's coaching staff following graduation. Instead, Sam went back to Dearborn to join the family business. It's a decision that paid off financially, but Saleh shared that his father always felt a degree of regret for not pursuing coaching as a career.

Saleh felt the urges, but it wasn't until two planes brought down the World Trade Center that he decided to forgo the sure thing and take a leap of faith to pursue his passion. Saleh's brother was in the second tower on Sept. 11, 2001. Fortunately he made it to safety before the building collapsed. Even so, one of the darkest days in American history provided a stark reminder that life can be fleeting. Saleh ditched finance for football just a few months later.

He spent two seasons from 2002-03 at Michigan State as a graduate assistant while getting his masters in kinesiology. Saleh then made the 66-mile drive north from East Lansing, Mich., to Mt. Pleasant, Mich. He sat outside the Central Michigan football offices for an hour and a half until head coach Brian Kelly arrived.
The two had crossed paths before. Kelly recruited Saleh out of high school to come play at Grand Valley State. That familiarity helped Saleh land a graduate assistant role under Kelly in 2004. Saleh made a few

valuable connections during his time with the Chippewas. The first was current 49ers left tackle Joe Staley, who was in the middle of a transition from tight end to tackle. The second, and more important at the time, was Tony Oden. Oden was only at CMU for a month before jettisoning off to the NFL with the Houston Texans. But he and Saleh became fast friends and kept in touch.

Saleh's next move, albeit a brief one, was to Georgia in 2005. That's because a month into his time in Athens, Ga., Oden came calling with an opportunity in Houston. Saleh broke into the NFL with the Texans in the summer of 2005. He joined Houston's coaching staff as a coaching intern and made a whopping $5 an hour. That was beaucoup bucks as far as Saleh was concerned, because $5 an hour turned into $7.50 an hour with overtime. And at 110 hours per week? That came out to around $25,000 annually ($2,083 per month). That's Bill Gates-type dough compared to the $600 a month he made at Michigan State, $800 a month at Central Michigan and $900 a month at Georgia.

"I thought I was loaded," Saleh joked. "I was rolling in it."

The benefit to Saleh was that Houston hired him to a year-long internship shortly before training camp. So when Dom Capers got fired following a 2-14 season in 2006, Saleh was able to stick around for a few months through OTAs. Then Texans general manager Charley Casserly had taken a liking to Saleh and suggested to new head coach Gary Kubiak that he retain the young coach. Kubiak obliged and hired Saleh as a defensive quality control coach.

He spent three years in that role before being promoted to assistant linebackers coach in 2009. In 2010, Saleh got his first taste of the often-harsh reality of professional football. Kubiak decided to fire defensive coordinator Frank Bush, which meant the rest of the defensive coaching staff went with him.

All of a sudden, Saleh was unemployed with his first-born son just three months old. Saleh had no income to sit on while he looked for work since QC coaches aren't given multi-year contracts. Some doubt crept in when a trip to the 2011 Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., presented zero leads.

Money, while a concern, wasn't Saleh's main stressor. He could always return to Dearborn and get back into the finance industry. But Saleh wanted to remain in football – something that seemed less likely with each passing week. He told himself back in 2002 that if he ever found himself jobless at 30 then he'd call it a day. He was 31 when the Texans let him go.

"Nobody gave me the time of day at the Senior Bowl," Saleh said. "I thought it was over. I thought that was it."

Then Saleh caught wind that the Seattle Seahawks were in the market for a quality control coach. Problem was, Seattle's entire coaching staff went on vacation shortly thereafter. Saleh anticipated that at some point during those 14 days, someone would call in a favor for their son/nephew/friend/friend of a friend/etc., and the job would be filled before he even had a chance.

"That was the longest two weeks of my life," Saleh said. "My wife was panicking. I was trying to hold my composure."

But Saleh did get the job, and he spent the next three seasons (2011-13) in Seattle as a defensive quality control coach. Defensive coordinator Gus Bradley and linebackers coach Ken Norton Jr. took Saleh under their wings immediately. They were the first individuals to take a sincere interest in Saleh's development as a coach.

"I realized I didn't know anything," Saleh said.

Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll urged everyone on his staff to really understand themselves and what they wanted to be about – both as a human being and as a football coach. It's vital to carve out your own

style rather than regurgitate someone else's philosophy. That's the only way to make an authentic connection with your players.

"The thing I learned in Seattle is that if you try to be someone else, if you try to steal from someone else and that's the way you live, then you're really not helping players," Saleh explained. "It's all fake. Therefore, you cannot be your best as a coach. You can teach so much greater when you're in tune with yourself."

Saleh had his trial run as a position coach in 2013. Norton Jr. took a two-week leave of absence after his father passed away midseason. Norton Jr. returned on gameday, but it was Saleh's job to get the linebackers prepared during the week. That experience gave him the confidence that he was ready for the next rung up the coaching ladder.

Bradley, who departed to be the head coach of the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2013, provided Saleh with that opportunity in 2014. He spent three seasons as the Jaguars linebackers coach until he came to another crossroad in 2017. Bradley had just been fired following Jacksonville's 3-13 record in 2016. Saleh got the axe as well.

Shanahan called and inquired about Saleh's interest in becoming the 49ers linebackers coach. Meanwhile, Bradley, who became the Los Angeles Chargers defensive coordinator, urged Saleh to join him in Southern California. Saleh went back to Shanahan and floated the idea of interviewing for defensive coordinator, a job that San Francisco was yet to fill. Although the two had kept in touch since their time together in Houston, Shanahan still didn't know much about Saleh as a coach. He'd heard good things, but was his former colleague ready to be an NFL coordinator?

The 49ers head coach told Saleh that he needed to lock him in as linebackers coach before entertaining a discussion about the DC role. Saleh slept on it. He'd always been one to trust his intuition. Saleh also thought back to Carroll's wisdom of creating his own path as a coach. The next day, he accepted San Francisco's offer and informed Bradley that he wouldn't be joining the Chargers staff.

"You want to talk about one of the harder things I've had to do – it was separating from (Bradley)," Saleh said. "His teaching ability and all that he's done for my family – that part was hard. I also felt like it was something that I had to do in order to see if I could do it on my own."

Saleh continued to prod Shanahan for a crack at being his defensive coordinator. Shanahan had long admired Bradley's defensive scheme, so much so that Bradley was one of his top choices for DC. But if Bradley was Mr. Miyagi, then Saleh was the Karate Kid. Saleh was confident that he knew the scheme better than anyone bar Bradley.

"Why don't you just interview me? I'm not asking you to hire me, but just interview me," Saleh remembers stating his case to Shanahan. "I was a good QC. I was a good linebackers coach. I'll be a good defensive coordinator."

Shanahan finally agreed to an interview. The two spent four hours poring over game film. Shanahan hammered Saleh with questions regarding the intricacies of the scheme. He quickly realized that he'd underestimated Saleh's expertise.

Bradley originally built the system back in 2011 during the lockout. He was the architect. Saleh was the scribe, taking meticulous notes as if he were witnessing Thomas Edison construct the first light bulb.

"I was able to answer every question that Kyle had," Saleh said. "I was able to explain what we can do differently – what we could add to the scheme without disrupting the three-deep aspect."

Shanahan was convinced and made the relatively unknown Saleh his defensive coordinator. Saleh explained that his subtle tweaks to the system can only be discerned when taking a deep dive into the film. When pressed on the specifics of those nuances, he opted to keep those close to the vest. Saleh did

publicize his two mantras: "All gas no brake" and "Extreme violence." Players latched on to both and even sported rubber wristbands with the slogans written on them.

The 49ers new regime took their lumps in the first half of Year 1, though. San Francisco opened up 2017 with an 0-9 record and endured a streak of five-straight losses by five points or less. Injuries mounted and rookies were thrust into prominent roles. But Shanahan and Saleh stayed firm to their philosophy. They saw progress. So did the players. That made it even sweeter when things clicked down the stretch.

Jimmy Garoppolo stole the headlines during San Francisco's five-game winning streak to close the year, but it was evident that the 49ers young talent had taken a step forward as well. Third-overall pick Solomon Thomas flashed more consistently. Ahkello Witherspoon, the third-round pick who took constant flack for his perceived lack of physicality, looked like a starting-caliber corner. Adrian Colbert, a seventh-round pick, emerged as a hard-hitting force at free safety.

"When it started showing up in the game," Saleh paused, then cracked a smile, "that was awesome."

The 49ers late-season surge was highlighted by a 44-33 home victory against the AFC South Champion Jaguars. Unsurprisingly, that win carried serious weight for Saleh.

"I'm not going to lie to you, I really wanted to get after Jacksonville, and I feel like we did," he said. "You always want to beat your former teams. You love them, but you also want to kick their a--. That's just the nature of the beast."

All that is irrelevant now as the table resets for 2018. Saleh has shown Shanahan, the players and the 49ers fan base that the job isn't too big for him. But now comes the challenge of developing his defense chock full of young talent. First comes competency. Competency evolves into proficiency. If all goes to plan, proficiency ultimately leads to dominance. The 49ers defense is currently somewhere in the middle of that spectrum.

Saleh is eager for the challenge. He's got faith in his players, but more importantly, he has faith in himself. That self-confidence has gotten him this far. This is merely Saleh's latest – and most prominent – opportunity since leaving the finance world behind 16 years ago. Everyone knows the sarcastic saying, "you better not quit your day job." Saleh is assuredly glad he did.

49ers coordinator Robert Saleh paves way for Arab Americans in the NFL

By Eric Branch
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Before he was the 49ers' defensive coordinator, Robert Saleh was a credit analyst at Comerica Bank's world headquarters in Detroit.

Then 23 years old, Saleh was poised to follow in the lucrative footsteps of his older brother, a financial adviser, and his father, a business owner.

He was set.

And he was sobbing uncontrollably.

In February 2002, less than five months into his job analyzing multimillion-dollar loans, Robert called his brother, David, and told him he wanted to ditch financial security to pursue a dream. At least, that's what the hulking former college tight end said when he could finally form the words.

"I was trying to get him to get a grip and talk to me," David said. "I couldn't understand a word he was saying. Have you ever cried so hard where you can't even speak or breathe?"

Said Robert: "It was the kind of crying when you get the hiccups."

Fifteen years after that call, Robert, 38, was making calls last week as the NFL's third-youngest defensive coordinator in the 49ers' season opener.

For the rookie, who is believed to be the league's first Arab American coordinator, it was a strong debut: The 49ers allowed just 287 yards — their fifth-fewest in their past 38 games — in a 23-3 loss to the Carolina Panthers.

Now, he returns Sunday to Seattle, where he won a Super Bowl in 2014 while working under Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll, his most influential mentor.

For David, 41, who was at Levi's Stadium for the season opener, the game was a reminder of the sometimes penniless path his brother traveled, and the courage it required to begin the journey. Instead of earning a six-figure salary, Robert didn't pocket more than $800 a month until his fifth year in coaching. He spent his first two seasons living for free in the home of family friends.

He didn't start with much, but he also began without regrets.

How many people bemoan late in life the decision to work at a job instead of pursuing a passion?

"God bless him," David said. "There's something to be said about someone who knows at that age that he didn't want to be doing that. He had to travel the unknown, work pretty much for free and slave at it." Football was a passion for the Saleh family and their hometown of Dearborn, Mich.

Their father, Sam, was a linebacker at Eastern Michigan who spent a training camp with the Chicago Bears. Their late uncle, Ossum, was a guard at Michigan State. Robert and David also played at Fordson High, and David, who has remained in finance, is an assistant coach at Dearborn Heights Crestwood High.

When he was 5, Robert began filling his falls with football as a water boy for David's pee-wee team. But Robert figured his 17-year relationship with the sport was finished after he was a four-year starter in college at Division II Northern Michigan.

And that's what was expected in his community. In Dearborn, which has the highest concentration of Arab Americans in the United States, stability and proximity are prized. Robert, the son of Lebanese parents, was working less than 30 miles away from home at Comerica.

"We come from a very close-knit community," said Brian Mosallam, a Dearborn native and close friend of the Salehs who helped Robert get into coaching. "It's a very insular community where we are always around family. So what Robert did was very different. Our kids don't go away and live in eight cities in six years."

Robert missed football. And he might have lived with his emptiness, if not for his father's experience. Sam still regrets declining an offer to be graduate-assistant coach at Eastern Michigan because, as Robert says, he chose to "chase money." Robert decided to chase the sport he felt rudderless without.

"I'd be in my cubicle and think, 'I'm not supposed to be here,'" he said. "And I finally reached a breaking point. I knew if I went into coaching, I'd lose my girlfriend, I'd have to leave home and I wouldn't have any money. I just reached a point where I didn't care. I wasn't going to live with the regret."

The problem: How to get a coaching job.

Robert and David enlisted the help of their coach at Fordson, Jeff Stergalas, and a group of former Michigan State football players that included their uncle and Mosallam. The ex-players made calls to their alma mater on Robert's behalf, while wondering: What was the kid thinking?

"He could have done very well (financially) and I just thought he was wasting his time, quite frankly," said Mosallam, 43, a financial adviser who is on Michigan State's board of trustees. "I just thought it was a crazy decision."

Robert Saleh knew many thought he was foolish. Before he landed a job as a graduate assistant at Michigan State, he was discouraged from taking the job during his interviews. Mike Vollmer, who played at Fordson and worked in MSU's football personnel department, was briefed on Saleh by their high school coach.

"He told me, 'Stergalas told me you'd be overly prepared,'" Saleh said, laughing. "'You don't want to do this. You can make so much money in banking.'"

Instead, Saleh made $650 a month during his two seasons in East Lansing and lived with his uncle's former MSU teammate, John Shinsky, 65, and his wife, Cindy.

Saleh repeatedly says it took a "village" for him to beat long odds. The Shinskys took him in ("You talk about a godsend," he says), his parents gave him their blessing and financial support and his first door opened because of a flood of calls on his behalf.

At some point, though, he had to prove he could coach. And he slowly rose through the ranks with a blend of creativity and ability. In 2004, he drove to Central Michigan and showed up unannounced at head coach Brian Kelly's office to ask for a job. He hoped Kelly would remember recruiting him seven years earlier. Kelly did, but he had bad news: He could only offer him a defensive graduate assistant position that paid $700 a month.

Saleh's reaction: A raise?

"I said, 'OK, that's great. I'll take it!'" Saleh said, laughing.

His decision quickly paid off. A year later, Saleh landed in the NFL based on the recommendation of Texans defensive backs coach Tony Oden, a former assistant at Central Michigan.

Saleh's position: defensive intern. His salary: $5.25 an hour.

It was the start of a six-year stint in Houston during which he was promoted to quality control coach (2006-08) and assistant linebackers coach (2009-10). He went to Seattle as a defensive quality control coach (2011-13) before serving as Jacksonville's linebackers coach from 2014-16.

During his formative years in Houston, Saleh impressed defensive coordinator Richard Smith, whose strong recommendation landed him in Seattle, and then-Texans offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan. The 49ers' head coach hired Saleh in February after Saleh presented him with a bulging binder that painstakingly detailed his plan for his first nine months on the job.

"I had this coordinator book," Saleh said. "And Kyle grabbed it and was like 'Geez.'"

Saleh also made an impression years ago on 49ers linebackers coach Johnny Holland, a former NFL player who spent five seasons with Saleh in Houston. Holland isn't surprised the former intern is now his boss.

"Back then, I knew he was special — such a smart and detailed guy," Holland said. "Robert will be a great defensive coordinator in this league. And there's no doubt he'll be a head coach in this league."

About his smarts: Despite no formal training, Saleh has a near-expert chess rating, and he also taught himself Vizio, the computer program NFL teams had starting using for their playbooks when he entered the league.

As a low-level assistant, he stood out because of his ability to produce mountains of work in a relatively short time. And Saleh's tech savviness gave Shinsky, who initially questioned Saleh's career choice, the first inkling that Michigan State's new graduate assistant coach might have a future.

"Robert would come home every night from work and get on his computer to get plays set up," Shinsky said. "He was so good with technology and that really enhanced his opportunity because he presented everything in an organized and detailed way."

Saleh is a long way from living in the Shinskys' upstairs bedroom. And he's even further removed from the day he called his brother crying hysterically.

"It just came down to: I could make money," Saleh said, "or coach football."

Fifteen years later, it was noted that he's currently doing both.

"Knock on wood," he said. "It's been good so far."

Robert Saleh: The Road from 9/11 to the 49ers

By Robert Klemko
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The Seahawks were in the pupal stages of what would become five consecutive playoff appearances and a Super Bowl victory. It was early in 2011, the lockout year, and Pete Carroll was entering his second season on the job. Marshawn Lynch had been acquired in a trade with the Bills; second-year safety Earl Thomas held steadfast to his fast-receding dreadlocks; the world hadn't yet met Richard Sherman, an outspoken rookie cornerback who'd mostly played wide receiver at Stanford; Russell Wilson was negotiating a release from N.C. State to play his final year of college ball at Wisconsin.

Carroll, ever the motivator, asked his coaches to create mission statements. Among them was a newcomer, Robert Saleh, a quality control assistant who had come highly recommended to then-defensive coordinator Gus Bradley. "Carroll gave the coaches the task and the challenge of finding out what was very important to us as individuals," Saleh says, "to identify who we were as coaches … what defined us."

Saleh, 32 at the time, was not simply a man with an entry-level job in the NFL, but someone who was on a path to daily betterment. As summer morphed into fall, he would become an integral cog in a burgeoning NFL powerhouse. But first, he had to explain his personal philosophy in no more than 20 words.

In short, what do you stand for?

Robert Saleh's journey to the NFL began on Sept. 11, 2001. His oldest brother, David, was beginning his second day of intensive training as a financial advisor with his new employer, Morgan Stanley. During a work break, David looked down from the 61st floor of 2 World Trade Center, the South Tower, and gazed upon a monstrous yacht in the Hudson River that had two helicopters resting on helipads. It wasn't a sight often seen in his hometown of Dearborn, Mich.

"I could not believe how big this yacht was, based on how big it looked from being so high up," David says.

Suddenly, a fireball obscured his view. He didn't know it at the time, but it was American Airlines Flight 11 crashing into the North Tower at 8:46 a.m. David took a step back, stunned by the blast. His colleagues sprinted to the window, and his supervisor rushed into the room and asked, "What's going on?"

"I think the building next door just blew up," David told him.

The supervisor looked through the windows and saw charred debris falling to the ground. He instructed all employees to go back to their offices. Many trainees, including David, ignored him. David grabbed his suit coat, wallet, cell phone and briefcase and started moving down the packed staircase in what he describes as "a very intense and orderly flight."

"It wasn't any chaos or anything like that," David says. "On the 40th floor, I remember the intercom guy saying everything was good, it was an accident, everybody could go back to their offices and continue working."

Some people turned back, fighting against the flow to return to their offices. As David reached the 24th floor, 19 minutes after the first attack, United Airlines Flight 175 struck the South Tower, the building he was in, between the 77th and 85th floors. The stairwell shook, lights flickered. "Initially I had thought that the [first] building tipped over on top of us," David says. "Never in my wildest imagination did I think it would've been a plane."

The pace of the escape picked up. By the time David reached the 11th floor he saw firefighters ascending the doomed tower. “There was one firefighter,” David says, “he was a kid, maybe like 19, 20, somewhere around there. His face looked like a white T-shirt.”

By the time David reached ground level, evacuees were being diverted to a back exit, because victims trapped above the impact zone were jumping out of windows, with some impacts clustering around the other doors. When David got outside, he kept running for about seven blocks. When his adrenaline wore off, he slumped down on the ground and tried calling his parents. No signal. So he ducked into a party supply store and asked to use the store phone.

His father, Sam, answered the phone. David told him he was OK. His father replied, “OK, good. You’re OK. Can you believe what’s going on?”

“I have no idea what’s happening,” David said.

“You don’t know what’s going on? It was these son of a guns. They flew planes into the building!”

“What do you mean they flew planes into the building? You know what? Let me call you when I get back to the room.”

David hung up and kept walking back to the hotel where he was supposed to be staying for the next month while in training. Then, like the scene in “Independence Day” during the alien invasion, cars came to abrupt halts and onlookers stood slack-jawed in the streets.

“Everybody was stopped dead-smack in the streets, just watching everything,” David says. “I want to say it was a cab driver, he had his radio on. Then some lady comes on, ‘The Pentagon was just hit. A plane just crashed into the Pentagon. Ladies and gentlemen, we are under attack!’ I was like, ‘What the f--- is going on?’ It was nuts.”

He kept walking, but the sprint down 61 floors and across Manhattan finally caught up to the former high school football player. Exhaustion took over. Just as he took a seat, at 9:59 am, the South Tower began to collapse. David sat on the sidewalk, watching in disbelief as the world changed.

Back home in Dearborn, his dad fielded phone calls from family and friends. Sam had heard from David, but that was before the towers collapsed and blanketed lower Manhattan in debris and dust. Robert Saleh, 22, had just been hired at Comerica Bank in Detroit. He came home after staying out with friends the night before to find his parents sitting on the couch, crying in front of the TV. “David’s in one of those buildings,” his mom said.

“That was the start of a very long day,” Robert says. “We watched the news. Every minute that passed by became more and more anxious. I can’t begin to describe the stress level for the house. Especially when I looked at my mom. It was not an easy day, not a great day to reflect on.”

At about 4 p.m., David called from his hotel room to confirm he’d made it out alive. Early the next morning he called home again to say he needed a ride home, because all air traffic was suspended in the U.S. His dad contacted a family friend who was returning from Chicago to White Plains, N.Y., in a rental car. David found his way to White Plains, took the rental car and arrived in Dearborn around 5 a.m. on Sept. 13.

“There must’ve been 100 people waiting for me, family and friends,” David says, “and I just wanted to go to sleep.”

Robert went back to work at Comerica the next day, stunned. He’d almost lost his brother, and as he went through the motions as a first-year credit analyst for a commercial lending department, his mind raced. He contemplated the fragility of his brother’s life, of his own. He began thinking about his purpose, about what he wanted to do with his life.

It was football.

Robert Saleh was a four-year starter and all-conference tight end at Division II Northern Michigan. He followed in the footsteps of his father, who starred at Fordson High in Dearborn, played at Eastern Michigan and saw his pro career cut short by a major knee injury in his first training camp with the Bears.

Robert and his friends always joked that his father resembled Bald Bull, the bug-eyed, bald-headed Turkish boxer from Mike Tyson's Punch-Out!! But Robert's dad and his mom are Lebanese (Sam was born in Michigan but spent some of his childhood in Lebanon, and Fatin was born abroad and emigrated as a teenager). Today they're retired after running a furniture store in Dearborn, where Lebanese immigrants began settling in the 1930s to fill new automotive jobs in the city's Ford headquarters.

Over the years, the city attracted immigrants and refugees from all over the Middle East. By 2000, 30 percent of the community was of Arab ancestry; in 2010 that number has risen to about 42 percent. The football team at Fordson, where most Arab-American students clustered in Dearborn, remained a consistent Michigan powerhouse, with the sport becoming a favorite of the Arab-American community. From 1961 until the time Robert graduated, in 1997, there had been a Saleh at Fordson High.

When David was a senior, coach Jeff Stergalas (an alum of the school) created a highlight reel of all the Fordson greats throughout the years. Before a game against top-ranked Lincoln Park, Stergalas gathered the team, dimmed the lights and showed the compendium of big hits and touchdown plays. In one grainy clip, a linebacker bulldozed through the line of scrimmage, tipped the quarterback's pass into the air, snagged it and returned the interception for a touchdown. As the students clamored, Stergalas paused the tape, turned on the lights and told David Saleh, "That's your dad."

Sam had earned a scholarship to play linebacker at Eastern Michigan, despite requiring reconstructive knee surgery during his senior season—the same knee that would later end his short stint with the Bears. Sam never got to realize his NFL dream, and in the wake of 9/11, Robert started to believe he was throwing away his own.

At the end of the 2001 NFL season, Tom Brady and Bill Belichick launched a dynasty, with Brady marching the Patriots into field goal range and Adam Vinatieri nailing a 48-yard field goal to beat St. Louis 20-17 as time expired in Super Bowl 36. As Brady celebrated the first of his five Lombardi trophies, and as Robert financed golf courses at his desk in Detroit, the latter reached a breaking point. He called his brother, David, in tears.

"The Super Bowl was just done, and he calls me up in my office. He's crying profusely, he can't even speak," David says. "I'm like, 'What? What's going on? What's happening?' I told him, 'Just call me back. Call me back when you catch your breath,' and I hang up. I'm calling people to see what's going on, if anything bad is going on. Nobody's answering.

"He calls me back and he says, 'I can't stand this s---. I have to be on the football field,' and I'm like, 'What? Buddy, you didn't go to the combine, you didn't enter any of the drafts,' He's still in that crying voice telling me he doesn't want to play—it hurts, it hurts too much, he's sick of icing everything. I'm like, 'Well, what do you want to do?' He says, 'I'd rather coach.'"

David suggested that he drive over to the high school to see Coach Stergalas, whom Robert describes as a "second father."

"He was on his way to being very successful in the business world," Stergalas says. "I said, 'Well, if you want to get into coaching, you have to become a graduate assistant. That's not a very glamorous life. You better learn how to make coffee and make copies."

Stergalas had always envisioned a coaching career for his former team captain. "After doing this for so long, you can always tell early on those special kids," he says. "They have an intangible about them. They carry themselves a little bit differently."

Stergalas connected Saleh with another former Fordson player, Mike Vollmer, who was in the football personnel department at Michigan State. "Vollmer said he had a student assistant job, and I had to enroll

in grad school, pay my own way, and he might be able to hire me as a student assistant," Robert says. "I don't know if I called his bluff. He tried to talk me out of it, but I was hell-bent."

What followed was a short but wild odyssey that ought to inspire any young budding coach looking for a light at the end of the tunnel: Michigan State coach Bobby Williams was fired after the 2002 season, and though Saleh remained on staff, he saw no future on John L. Smith's staff. David urged him to drive to Central Michigan after the 2003 season to ask for a meeting with Brian Kelly, who had just been hired in Mount Pleasant. Kelly, who had recruited Robert out of high school, remembered him and offered a GA job on the spot. A year later, feeling passed over by the hiring of a grad assistant from Georgia to be a position coach at CMU, Robert called Stergalas, who called Brian VanGorder, the former Wayne State coach who was now the defensive coordinator at Georgia. Then, just a few weeks into his new GA job at Georgia, Robert got a call from Tony Oden, a coach who had left Central Michigan for the Houston Texans. They needed a defensive intern.

Saleh asked Georgia coach Mark Richt for his blessing to abandon a weeks-old GA job for a shot at the NFL.

Are you crazy? Richt told him. You're thinking about that? Get your stuff and get outta here. Don't worry about us, buddy. Everybody dreams about going to that.

The following year Houston hired Richard Smith as its defensive coordinator, and Saleh spent the next three seasons as his quality control coach. He was promoted to assistant linebackers coach under new coordinator Frank Bush in 2009, then let go with the rest of the defensive staff after the 2010 season, when Gary Kubiak replaced Bush with Wade Phillips. At the 2011 Senior Bowl, Pete Carroll and defensive coordinator Gus Bradley asked Smith to recommend a quality control coach, and Smith didn't hesitate to name Saleh, newly a free agent.

"Smith said, I've got a guy, one of the best QC coaches I've ever been around," Bradley says. "He was fast and detailed."

Three years later the Seahawks trounced the Broncos in Super Bowl 48. Saleh called Stergalas from the winning locker room to thank him for everything. Says Stergalas: "I said, 'Well Robert, you better pack your bags.'"

Bradley, who had taken the head-coaching job in Jacksonville a year before Seattle won the title, had passed on Saleh for his linebacker coach slot, choosing to keep longtime position coach Mark Duffner on staff—a move that shook Saleh's belief in loyalty. But now the position was open, and Bradley wanted Saleh.

Over the next three seasons Saleh helped mold fifth-round rookie Telvin Smith into a top-20 standup linebacker, and he helped the Jags' defense improve from 26th in yards allowed in 2014 to sixth in 2016, despite last season's 3-13 finish under new head coach Doug Marrone.

Saleh believes what sustained him through his rise through the coaching ranks was an ability to fill a new niche on football coaching staffs at the turn of the century.

"A QC or GA is asked to do a lot of the computer work, especially back then because of the older generation of coaches," Saleh says. "Even though I didn't know much, I made it a point to figure it out. That skill set helped me create a reputation of being very detailed and efficient, because the amount of work I could produce in the amount of time was different from other people."

Saleh was able to master Vizio, the program that gradually replaced Playmaker Pro as the go-to playbook resource for NFL and college coaches beginning in the early 2000s.

"I think when you have a staff you're trying to build your staff with certain strengths," Bradley says. "Obviously you want coaches on the grass who can really relate to players and teach them, and then there's that technology part of it. It was growing so fast in the NFL that someone who understood it and

could teach us could get a leg up. Robert came in and opened our minds up to some of the things that we could do."

While Saleh was immersing himself in coaching technology and bouncing around college football in preparation for the NFL, the world he'd known in Dearborn was coming to grips with life after 9/11. The high school football team, riding a streak of 34 consecutive winning seasons, became the subject of racial taunts during road games. After an 8-2 season in 2002, they finished 7-11 over the next two seasons combined.

"After 9/11, those kids couldn't recover," Robert says. "The racial backlash they faced, I don't know if you can imagine it, but for a kid to go through what those kids went through was not fair."

Stergalas led the program to a rebound, going 11-2 in 2004 and again in 2006, the year he retired to become the athletic director at nearby Dearborn High. His wife, Georgene, a teacher at the school, filed a lawsuit in 2010 alleging that she and a white colleague were discriminated against in a larger effort to rid Fordson of Christian employees. A judge ruled that the claims were without merit.

Through the years, Dearborn found itself at the center of a struggle to define the Arab-American experience. In 2010, failed Nevada Senate candidate Sharron Angle told supporters the city of Dearborn was under Sharia law. The Islamic Center of America in Dearborn was the target of a 2011 bombing plot and numerous anti-Muslim protests. Last August, University of Michigan-Dearborn chancellor Daniel Little

wrote a letter to students and faculty denouncing then-Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's "virulent strand of anti-Muslim bigotry."

Saleh, who is believed to be the first NFL coordinator of Arab ancestry, was reluctant to be profiled by The MMQB. He feared that his story would be interpreted as a political statement while Trump tries to ban immigrants from a number of predominantly Muslim countries.

"Unfortunately, the perception of our culture and of Arab-Americans who were born in this country and worked tirelessly to assimilate, goes unnoticed," Saleh says. "And all some people can see is what they think they know from what they see on TV. One bad apple spoils them all, fair or not."

Saleh, who is Muslim, declined to say whether he supported Trump or his policies. He speaks Arabic, though not as fluently as his wife, who is also Lebanese. When Ramadan falls on the football calendar, long hours usually prevent him from fasting, though he tries. He wants the focus to be on the community of people who raised him, and the example he's trying to set. "In our culture we believe it takes a village to raise a child," he says. "There are a lot of people back in Dearborn who have helped me."

This offseason, when Kyle Shanahan got the coaching gig in San Francisco, the first-time head coach reached out to Saleh to interview him, and came away impressed with his preparedness. Saleh had the next nine months planned out, in the event he got the job. "He knew exactly what he wanted to do. Mapped out from beginning to end," Shanahan says. "It was a fool-proof plan, and you could tell he's been thinking about it for a long time."

That's how Saleh, who once cried at his desk before changing his life to chase his dream, became the defensive coordinator of the San Francisco 49ers. His journey is encapsulated in the 18-word statement of personal philosophy he gave Pete Carroll six years ago:

A commitment to consistently execute the details required to compete at my greatest level; with loyalty and conviction.

A lover of chess, 49ers' Robert Saleh now playing with bigger board

By Matt Barrows
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They started with the type of plastic chess set you can find in any drugstore. If they were missing a piece they'd use a checker as a substitute or simply write "rook" on a scrap of paper.

Robert Saleh, the 49ers' new defensive coordinator, used to have epic matches with his brother, David, who is four years older. David dominated their early encounters. But at some point, when they were teens, the tally evened out. And soon after that Robert pulled into the lead.

"We don't like to lose to one another," David, 41, said. "Sometimes you wouldn't let the other get up from the table unless we played again."

Robert has had no formal training and has taken no classes, but his chess rating has grown to 1950, just below that of an expert (2000-2199).
"He's very, very meticulous, very methodical," David said of his brother's game. "He really thinks everything out. As a matter of fact, that's why I can't play him in person anymore. He'll take 20, 30 minutes to make a move."

Robert, of course, now is playing with a much bigger board and with more expensive pieces.

After the 49ers finished the 2016 season with two victories, they hired Kyle Shanahan, one of the sharpest offensive minds in the game, as their head coach. But San Francisco's defense was a far greater problem last year. It finished at the bottom of nearly every category and broke a 70-year franchise record in the most elemental principle of the game: stopping the run.

Like last year's defensive coordinator, Jim O'Neil, Saleh is in his mid-30s. Unlike O'Neil, he's never been a defensive coordinator.

The 49ers looked at several veteran options before making the hire, including former Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Gus Bradley and Vic Fangio, whose San Francisco defenses finished in the NFL's top five from 2011-14. Fangio, however, couldn't get out of his contract with the Chicago Bears. Bradley was hired to run the Los Angeles Chargers' defense.

So the 49ers ended up with a guy no one had heard of.

Who is Robert Saleh? If you ask Shanahan, he's a lot like him.

The two first met when they were young assistants with the Houston Texans. Shanahan started as the team's wide receivers coach in 2006. At that time, Saleh was what the Texans called a defensive assistant.

"I was really just a little intern," Saleh said.

The two were the same age and Shanahan said he was impressed with the speed and skill with which Saleh took in the team's defensive schemes and incorporated them into Vizio, the computer program teams had begun using for their playbooks. If Shanahan had questions about defense, he went to Saleh.

"He thinks through everything," Shanahan said. "I always thought he was extremely intelligent in how he'd explain it and – he was so good with computers and stuff – he was pretty off the chart in his preparation and organization."

Said Kailee Wong, a former Stanford linebacker who was with the Texans at the time: “He had an incredible work ethic. He had a lot of good defensive coaches around him at the time. But you noticed that he was the one who worked the hardest.”

Saleh grew up in Dearborn, Mich., where he was part of a large Middle Eastern population that’s been drawn to jobs in the automotive industry since the 1920s. His mother was born in Lebanon. His father, Sam, was born in Michigan after a civil war in Lebanon forced his family to flee to the United States in the late 1940s.

The Arabs, Assyrians and other groups who moved to Dearborn had no background in American football, but they immediately were drawn to the sport.

“A lot of people say they play football because they’re angry,” Sam Saleh said. “I don’t think that’s true at all. I think it’s a way to express their freedom to have fun in a country that allows them to do whatever they want to do and choose what they want to do. But the immigrants who come here certainly embrace football and basketball very quickly.”

Sam, big and bald-headed like his son, was a high school linebacker and nose guard in the 1960s and earned a scholarship to Eastern Michigan. Robert, meanwhile, was a tight end who was talented enough to get attention from Lloyd Carr, then the head coach at the most renowned football school in the state, Michigan.

He also was recruited by Northern Michigan, a Division II program. When he was 18, he visited the school over a three-day weekend and returned to Dearborn with a surprise announcement: He had committed to attend Northern Michigan instead of Michigan.

“I was livid,” Sam recalled. “I looked at him and said, ‘What did you do?’ I kind of hollered at him. And he went upstairs in his bedroom and he laid awake crying. And my daughter said, ‘What is wrong with you, Ba? How can you do that, Dad?’ Even today I get a lump in my throat when I think about it.”

What Sam would learn is that his son does not make decisions without an exhaustive amount of thought.

In his community, young men became doctors, lawyers or financiers. That’s what Robert did after college, landing a job as a credit analyst at a bank that paid him $800 a week, excellent money for someone in his early 20s. But Robert hated it. He eventually realized his passion was football and that he would become a coach.

“He’s deep thinker,” Sam said. “I always said Robert took after my dad in one way. He was a calculated mover as well. He would tell us, ‘Before you make a decision, think about it. Then think about it two, three hundred more times. Then if you feel good about it, do it.’ ”

Deep thinking also is what drew Robert to chess. Looking five, seven, 10 steps ahead is challenging, fun – even cathartic – to him.

“It’s training your mind to see farther and farther,” Robert said. “It’s a game that you can actually improve in, not because you trick people, but because you can see farther than they do.”

Wong said that during the Texans’ road trips, the two used to take a chess set to the back of the plane and settle in. The flight would take off from Houston and land in, say, Chicago and they’d just be wrapping up their first match.

Wong said Saleh’s game is built on strategy and patience and controlled aggression. He wasn’t the type of player who’d bring out his queen early and attack in one mad rush. He played like an older man.
“He was very organized,” Wong said. “He was very strategic. He would just pressure – he always would put pressure on you. It was constant pressure. You didn’t know exactly what he was trying to do. He’d just always be making small, strategic moves to advance his cause.”

For Robert and David, who were close but highly competitive brothers, chess also was a way of staying in contact when they went off to their respective colleges and, after that, started careers and families. The two would play over the computer and, of course, Robert usually was the winner.

With one exception.

“One day, miraculously, he absolutely crushes me,” Robert said. “And he was like, ‘I guess I was in the zone.’ Then he does it again. And again. And I’m like, ‘Something’s up.’ ”

It turned out that David was plugging his brother’s moves into a computer program, one that was set to Grandmaster level.

“It would tell me what move to make and I would wax him that way,” David said, laughing at the memory.

Said Robert: “And I’m like, ‘This son-of-a-gun! At least set it to intermediate.’ ”

Jon Embree

49ers' tight end screamer: Embree urges Kittle, Dwelley to push limits

By Eric Branch
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Before George Kittle was a record-breaking tight end, a 250-pound freight train who flattens defensive backs, he didn't know he was so powerful.

And neither did Kyle Shanahan.

The 49ers head coach thought the rookie fifth-round pick was a promising prospect in 2017.

But Kittle's position coach seemed certain he was Superman.

Jon Embree screamed when Kittle ran out of bounds, wanting him to steamroll somebody. And Embree routinely hollered when Kittle was taken to the ground, apparently believing brick walls were no match for him.

"Sometimes I thought, 'Man, there was no way Kittle could get through that tackle' and Jon would yell at him that he should have broken it," Shanahan said. "For a while, I thought Jon was just being crazy."

Last year, Kittle, who had 737 receiving yards at Iowa, set an NFL record for tight ends with 1,377 yards because he bought into Embree's belief in him: Kittle, running full speed everywhere but out of bounds, led the league with 870 yards after the catch, the most by any player since ESPN started tracking the statistic in 2006.

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"Embo started saying that my rookie year and I was like, 'You're crazy. What do you mean by that?'" Kittle said. "And then definitely last year I caught one and I just literally ran in a straight line and a guy just totally whiffed me. I was like, 'Oh, that's what he means.' Just run. And make them tackle you."

Some coaches are termed quarterback whisperers. Embree, in his 17th season coaching the position he played, is a tight end screamer.

Among the unsung influencers during the 49ers' 10-1 start is Embree, 54, who has played a massive role in developing Kittle and his backup, Ross Dwelley.

Kittle, among the league's best blocking tight ends, has followed his breakout Pro Bowl season with team highs in catches (52) and yards (670) despite missing two games.

Kittle has invoked Embree during postgame interviews this season, smiling while explaining Embree is the coach who told him self-protective defensive backs would take "creative angles" if he just ran with abandon.

And during a recent one-on-one interview, Kittle, one of the team's loudest and liveliest personalities, spoke without the wisecracking that peppers his typical sessions with reporters. He was earnest and sincere. He wanted to properly convey Embree's impact.

"He's just helped me so much: I was terrible my rookie year," Kittle said. "I mean, I was an OK player. But he helped me just understand the game. The basics of it. The basics of this offense. He does such a good job of breaking things down to make it easy to understand."

Dwelley, who wasn't drafted and was playing in the Pioneer League at the University of San Diego two years ago, was recently termed "one of the better football players on our team" by Shanahan.

Dwelley filled in capably at a foreign position when fullback Kyle Juszczyk was sidelined for four games. Then, when Kittle was out, Dwelley had two touchdown receptions Nov. 17 in a win against Arizona, something Kittle has never done in the NFL.

Who saw this coming? Embree was the only NFL coach to put Dwelley through a private workout at USD before last year's draft.

"He's kind of the reason I'm here," Dwelley said. "He saw something in me. So I'm just trying to do everything I can for him."

Embree was fired as Colorado's head coach in 2012, two seasons after inheriting a moribund program transitioning to the Pac-12. Otherwise, the tight end who played two seasons with the Rams has enjoyed consistent success in a career that began with 14 college seasons.

Embree coached two winners of the Mackey Award, given to college football's best tight end, at Colorado (Daniel Graham) and UCLA (Marcedes Lewis) before he entered the NFL.

Embree began his NFL career with the Chiefs working with Tony Gonzalez from 2006-08. And the Hall of Fame tight end had the most catches and yards during any three-season stretch of his 17-year career during their time together.

In 2010, Embree's lone season with Washington, Pro Bowl tight end Chris Cooley matched the best yardage total of his nine-year career. In 2013, Embree's only season in Cleveland, tight end Jordan Cameron had the only Pro Bowl season of his six-year career. With Tampa Bay (2014-2016), Cameron Brate, undrafted from Harvard, had 57 catches, 600 yards and eight touchdowns, an NFL-best among tight ends, in their final season together.

The biggest reason for Embree's success? His son, Taylor, a 49ers assistant coach, has the answer. In 2017, when Shanahan and Kittle thought Embree might be mad, Taylor realized he was working his magic.

"My dad," Taylor said, "believes in people more than they believe in themselves."

Taylor, 31, is in his third season with the 49ers as an offensive quality control coach and he's worked alongside his dad for much of his tenure. Embree's other son, Connor, 28, is a defensive assistant with the Chiefs.

Neither Taylor nor Connor were coveted recruits, but each had Division I success.

Connor was a 5-foot-10, 179-pound walk-on at Kansas who earned a scholarship and ranked fourth in the Big 12 in punt-return average in 2013. For his part, Taylor recalls seeing a recruiting website that gave him a grade he didn't know existed.

"I was half a star," Taylor said, laughing. "I was like, 'How am I half a star?'"

Taylor became a four-year starter at UCLA who finished eighth in school history in career receptions.

So, yes, long before Embree was developing Kittle and Dwelley, he was raising two sons who benefited from their dad's belief in them. And they weren't alone: Embree is a lot of people's biggest booster.

"One of Jon's things that he always tells me," said his wife, Natalyn, "is never say you can't do something."

Taylor terms his dad his players' "toughest teacher and biggest cheerleader." And Taylor experienced both sides growing up.

Jon once grounded Taylor for having a “C” on his report card and Taylor, whose friends were getting poor grades without consequences, thought he was overly strict and unfair. Years later, Taylor saw his dad’s eyes fill with tears for one of the few times in his life when he graduated from UCLA as an all-academic Pac-12 selection.

“I treat my own players like my own kids: We’re going to have fun, but it will also be hard,” Embree said. “I knew when I had kids, I wanted them to be good in school, I wanted them to be good people and I wanted them to be competitive people.”

Jon and Natalyn, who still plays tennis in a USTA league, raised three children in a home filled with competition.

Jon, for example, would play tag with his kids, which sounds sweet and endearing. But it was closer to dangerous and chaotic.

“If someone was chasing you, and you were going around the corner,” Jon explained, “then maybe you’d throw a chair in their way to slow them down.”

Said Natalyn, laughing: “Oh, we lost a couple barstools, for sure.”

Taylor, Connor, and Hannah, 23, who recently graduated from Kansas, grew up playing a variety of sports, often pitted against their dad. Basketball. Pool. Cards. Who could throw that ball into that trash can?

The purpose was to have fun. And impart life lessons. Success doesn’t come easily. Hard work is rewarded. Adversity can be overcome.

It was not a participation-trophy home.

“I think it’s important early to learn how to lose and how to bounce back from that,” said Jon, who made it clear he didn’t help Taylor and Connor get their current NFL jobs. “I wasn’t going to let them win. Yeah, when they were 3? OK. But once they got around fifth, sixth grade, you’ve got to beat them. OK, you lost? Do you go out and practice or do you go play video games?”

Kittle says the team’s tight ends joke around with Embree once their work is done. But the work is no joke.

Last year, Dwelley, then a rookie on the practice squad who wasn’t known for his blocking ability, was constantly hearing it from Embree as he struggled to contain defensive linemen such as DeForest Buckner and Arik Armstead.

“He would coach his ass off when I was on the scout team last year,” Dwelley said. “At first, I was like, ‘Dang, why is he coaching me so hard? It’s just scout team.’ Then I would go home and watch the film and be like, ‘OK, he just wants me to be the best player I can possibly be.’”

Dwelley has since risen from the scout team to become a key member of a 10-1 team. Still, Dwelley noted that his biggest cheerleader isn’t necessarily his most vocal.

“Coach Embo isn’t the guy to be like, ‘You did amazing,’” Dwelley said. “You just kind of do your thing.”

And, with some intense prodding, many have ended up doing it better than they ever thought possible.

Brandon Aiyuk

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

How did an undrafted rookie with an autumn ACL tear make the 49ers roster? Meet linebacker Azeez Al-Shaair

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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

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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."

Kwon Alexander

How Kwon Alexander overcame tragedy, adversity to sign with 49ers

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Within the first hours of the NFL's open negotiating period, former Tampa Bay Buccaneers linebacker Kwon Alexander agreed to terms with the 49ers on a lucrative contract.

Alexander traveled a bumpy and painful road to get to this point in his life. After months of uncertainty, Alexander finally signed the kind of life-changing contract for which he had dreamt.

"I reflect on everything, all the hard work I put into it, the times I ran hills by myself," Alexander said on The 49ers Insider Podcast.

"When it all happened, I just started thinking about everything I've done in the past that got me to this spot I'm in right now. And now I just got to keep going."

The 49ers signed Alexander to a four-year, $53.5 million contract with $14.25 million in guaranteed money, not because of what he has done in the past. General manager John Lynch and coach Kyle Shanahan singled him out among all free agents because of what they believe he can contribute in the middle of the team's defense in the future.

Shanahan knew all about Alexander from facing him with the Atlanta Falcons, including a game that will forever show what the game of football means to him and his family.

As Alexander was preparing for just his seventh NFL game in 2015, he received word from back home in Alabama that his 17-year-old brother, Broderick Taylor II, was shot and killed. The Buccaneers organization told Alexander, a rookie, they would support him if he decided to go home to be with family.

Alexander decided to play in the game.

"It felt right, but it felt wrong. You know what I mean? Because I wanted to be there with my family," Alexander said. "I know they were going through a tough time. But I just knew . . . he always told me, he just wanted me to ball. He wanted me to keep doing what I was doing.

"So I went out there and played for him, and he really took over the whole game for me. I feel like he was in my body the whole game. I was making plays that I wasn't making. It was amazing."

Alexander recorded 11 tackles, forced and recovered a fumble, and had an interception as Tampa Bay defeated the Falcons in overtime.

Alexander joined his family two days later for his brother's funeral. In a piece for The Player's Tribune, Alexander revealed he placed the game ball and the jersey he wore from that game in his brother's casket.

Two years later, the man who shot and killed Alexander's brother was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to life in prison. Alexander got a tattoo over his entire back as a tribute to his brother, Lil' Brod, an energetic and good-natured kid he remembers fondly for his sense of humor, love of family and his plan to serve in the Army.

On the day he signed with the 49ers, Alexander was on the field at Levi's Stadium for photos and interviews. Afterward, he went over to meet a group of young children taking part in the STEAM program. He shook hands, bumped fists and posed for pictures.

He has a son of his own. He considers himself a role model for all the kids back home in Anniston, which also happens to be the hometown of new 49ers edge rusher Dee Ford.
“It’s a difficult place,” he said. “A lot of people don’t make it out. Everybody says that. But back at home, a lot of people don’t make it out. That’s why I’m so happy to play with Dee because we both made it out.

“We can show kids back at home that it’s possible. Whatever you put your mind to you can do. We’re the big picture now, so they can see that and have a great mindset.”

Alexander had three outstanding seasons, including a Pro Bowl appearance, upon entering the NFL as a fourth-round draft pick from LSU. But midway through his contract year, he sustained a torn ACL. Afterward, then-Tampa Bay coach Dirk Koetter referred to Alexander as the “heart and soul” of the team.

The timing of the injury appeared to be disastrous – potentially robbing him of the opportunity to secure a big contract. But Alexander said he never lost faith.

“I’ll never question God. Look where I’m at now,” Alexander said. “I’ve been hurt and I still got what I wanted. It’s amazing. That’s why I put all my faith in Him. And when you have faith in Him, you can do whatever you want to do.”

Alexander’s rehabilitation appears to be going well. He has been running on a treadmill for more than a month. Lynch said the 49ers’ medical staff was thorough with the physical examination, and the official signing turned into a family experience.

“Our doctors came out feeling good about it,” Lynch said. “And that excited us even more because we got to the point where we were signing a contract with his parents, Peaches and Brod, on Facetime. It was fun.”

Alexander said his mind is at ease, and he is not putting any kind of timetable on his return to the football field.

“I wake up every day happy, smiling,” he said. “I’m taking it day by day. Whenever it’s time, it’s time.”

Arik Armstead

49ers' Arik Armstead raises over $100K for equal opportunity education

By Jennifer Lee Chan
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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.

C.J. Beathard

C.J. Beathard ditches his dad bod — what's behind the 49ers QB's transformation?

By Matt Barrows
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Every so often, 49ers safety Jaquiski Tartt walks by C.J. Beathard's locker, flexes his muscles and engages in a bit of good-natured smack talk.

"Man, you think you're big, huh?"

Beathard, a 49ers quarterback, responds by flexing back.

The routine seems to be an acknowledgement of something Beathard lost in the offseason: His dad bod.

For the uninitiated, some men experience the phenomenon known as "dad bod" when they reach middle age. The shoulders slump, the chest narrows and the body becomes decidedly un-sculpted. Beathard's previous physique wasn't one you might see shamelessly doing cannonballs at the neighborhood pool, but in a locker room full of athletes who subsist on whey protein shakes and bench-press results, the quarterback's normal-guy build stood out.

In 2018, his best friend on the 49ers, George Kittle, went as far as saying Beathard's condition had reached a "severe" stage. Kittle, who is both the top tight end in the league and top prankster on the 49ers roster, actually was giving his buddy a compliment at the time.

Kind of.

"He's got a severe dad bod," Kittle said. "He can run longer than anybody I've ever known — which is kind of crazy — and he can take any hit. It's pretty cool. Don't know how he does it."

This offseason, however, the quarterback began the process of turning his dad bod into more of a god bod. For one, being in quarantine meant he had few options aside from heading to a high school gym outside of his hometown of Nashville. A coach he knew let him in four days a week.

Beathard, 26, would be by himself, the clank of metal plates echoing through the gym. But he never felt alone.

"I had a lot of time to think," he said in a recent phone interview. "And I think what motivated me the most was the thought of my brother because I knew had he been here during this time it would have been me and him together working out. So I think that was something that motivated me to push even harder than any year I had before.

"He would always say, 'Let's do one more set,'" Beathard continued. "I just put his voice in my head really every day. So I really credit him for sort of subconsciously pushing me like that."

Beathard's youngest brother, Clayton, was stabbed to death outside of a bar in Nashville four days before Christmas in 2019 and one day before the 49ers hosted the Rams. In June, Michael Mosley, the man accused of killing Beathard, 22, and Paul Trapeni III, 21, and of injuring a third man, was indicted on murder, attempted murder and assault charges. Mosley, 23, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment.

Their brother's death has inspired both C.J. Beathard and his next youngest brother, Tucker, a country music performer. This month, Tucker released an album called "King," which is Clayton's middle name. He wrote the album's final song, "I Ain't Without You," with his father, accomplished country music writer Casey Beathard.

The chorus to that track:

So I keep holdin' on with everything I got in me

To every piece of your memory so the world can see

I ain't, I ain't, I ain't without you

"I've always used songwriting and songs as therapy and my outlet of expressing things," Tucker Beathard said in a recent story in The Tennessean. "That's just what I do. That's my way of getting that out. It feels way better than holding it in, ya know?"

C,J. Beathard's spring workouts, meanwhile, took place at Grace Christian Academy, which is also where the Beathards go to church. That gave his weight-room sessions a spiritual feel, and the extra intensity is reflected in his new training-camp physique.

Not that Kittle has noticed.

"No, George hasn't said anything," Beathard said with a laugh. "Because George is one of my best friends and I don't think he'll ever give me that kind of credit. I think he'd rather throw jokes around, especially because I am a dad. So for the rest of my life I'll technically have a dad bod."

Beathard also noted that because he saw Kittle and receiver Trent Taylor, both of whom spend their offseasons in the Nashville area, throughout the spring and early summer, his transformation might not have been as apparent to them. Those who hadn't seen him for the past six months might notice. He said he received a flurry of direct messages from friends after re-posting a recent picture of him and Kittle on Instagram.

"It was like, 'Man, when did you get ripped?' and stuff," Beathard said. "And honestly, I didn't really notice that I looked that much (different). But I guess people noticed. I must have looked pretty bad before."

The quarterback said he's only gained a bit of weight. He's up to 215 pounds after being at 211 last season. But he said he's stronger and that he figures he won't feel quite as battered if he gets into a game this season.

On Friday, he had perhaps his best practice of training camp, one that included a would-be touchdown pass to running back JaMycal Hasty, which the rookie dropped. That was followed by another to receiver Tavon Austin, which Austin gathered in cleanly and turned into a 38-yard score.

A year ago, Beathard served as the No. 3 quarterback behind Jimmy Garoppolo and Nick Mullens, and he'll probably begin this season in that role, too. Kyle Shanahan, however, seemed just as reluctant to reveal a pecking order as he was in training camp last year.

"My rankings of our quarterbacks for you are they're both tied at two," he said on Friday when asked about Mullens and Beathard.

Both quarterbacks are entering the final year of their contracts, although Beathard is scheduled to be an unrestricted free agent in March while Mullens is due to become a restricted free agent. Beathard will hit the market in better shape than he's ever been.

"I make sure I do my shoulder work and (work on) my mobility and all that stuff," Beathard said. "And if I ever felt I got to a point where it was hindering my throwing ability or anything, if I felt stiffer or whatever, I would definitely lay off the upper body and heavier weights and stuff. I haven't noticed anything so far. I just feel stronger."

Aunt's cancer fight steels Beathard. 'How joyful she is … no reason for me to be angry'

By Chris Biderman
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C.J. Beathard was enjoying a family reunion at the beach in Kitty Hawk, N.C., sitting alongside his aunt Karen. She asked him about losing the starting quarterback job to Jimmy Garoppolo last December.

"Did it hurt your ego?" Karen Beathard asked with a laugh, knowing her unassuming nephew had always put his team first dating to his earliest football days in grade school.

"Not at all," he responded. "Because I know God has a plan, and it's for him to decide when it's my time. I'll learn more (as a backup), so I'm going to use it as a positive."

His optimism came from a place of perspective. The woman he was sitting with was battling a situation far more difficult than being relegated to a backup role.

Karen Beathard had been diagnosed with breast cancer — for a second time.

She's undergone chemotherapy since February and is slated for nine more treatments, not including 45 more radiations, and is waiting to be approved for surgery because the cancer spread. She regularly travels from her home near Franklin, Tenn., to Houston's MD Anderson Cancer Center, one of the few facilities in the country that specializes in her form of inflammatory cancer.

"I still have a long way to go," Karen said in a phone interview with The Bee.

She initially overcame breast cancer three years ago, undergoing a double mastectomy and reconstruction. She thought she was in the clear. But it returned in a new form, which has Beathard playing with a heavy heart while the calendar flips to October, when the NFL raises cancer awareness with its annual "Crucial Catch" campaign.

On Tuesday, Beathard attended the 49ers' Crucial Catch Fashion Show, where he walked down the runway with 2-year-old Tatum McKerr. She was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in March.

Beathard and Tatum were fast friends. She gave him the all-important responsibilities of holding her bottle and blanket while Beathard got to know her mother, Sinead. "The nicest, most down-to-earth guy. I was talking to him like I've known him my whole life," Sinead McKerr said of the 49ers quarterback.

The encounter hit home for Beathard because Tatum was nearly the same age as his daughter, Lyla, who turns 2 in December.

Fighting, with joy

Karen Beathard is married to C.J.'s uncle, Kurt, one of four children to Bobby Beathard, who was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in August following his 33-year career as one of the NFL's top personnel executives. Bobby helped construct four Super Bowl winners — two with the Miami Dolphins in the 1970s and two in Washington in the 80s.

Kurt Beathard is currently the offensive coordinator at Illinois State and has worked as C.J.'s personal quarterback guru in the past.

Away from football, C.J. grew close to Karen because her three daughters, LaRae, Grace and Eva, were similar in age to C.J. and his brothers Tucker and Clay. The cousins and parents were constants in each others' lives, both during the school year and their annual family reunions at the beach.

The Beathard family last offseason would convene at Bobby's house in Tennessee on Sundays, where C.J. would get a chance to see his aunt Karen when she wasn't bedridden by chemotherapy treatments. "There are times after chemo that I can't go anywhere. I'm kind of stuck in the house. Your immune system is down so low," Karen said.

Karen and C.J. have a unique relationship. They have found ways to gain strength from one another, helping overcome their vastly different life obstacles.

Karen's sickness gives C.J. a different perspective on life and reminds him there are more important things than football. The support Karen gets from C.J., and the rest of the family, ranging from hugs to cross-country text messages, is helping her deal with the rigors of her treatment (but she hates watching C.J.'s games because of the hits he takes).

"It keeps you motivated to keep fighting and keep positive," Karen said. "A lot of people don't know this about C.J., he is very emotional and very deep. And a very loving person, compassionate. And he doesn't generally say too much, but you can feel it from it from him. (It's) just how he is. I think it's something a lot of people just don't know about him, that he loves deep."

Said C.J.: "When you talk to my Aunt Karen, you see how joyful she is, how she tries to really live every day. None of us know when our last day's going to be. But when you have cancer that's really trying to kill you, it's so easy to give up and just call it quits. But to see her fighting, to see how joyful she is around everybody, it's like, man, there's no reason for me to be angry or mad right now."

'Feels like the world is ending'

Beathard's young NFL career hasn't been easy or glamorous.

He was widely considered a late-round draft prospect in 2017 before the 49ers surprisingly traded up to the third round to get him. He struggled as a rookie after taking over for veteran Brian Hoyer in Week 6 of 2017, surrounded by a roster in the first year of team-wide rebuilding project. The 49ers went 1-4 in his starts and began the year 0-9, the worst start in team history.

Beathard hardly looked like a building block as first-year pro, ranking at the bottom of the league in most meaningful passing statistics. Then the New England Patriots shocked the football world and traded Garoppolo to San Francisco last Halloween.

Beathard became the odd man out. Garoppolo took the same downtrodden supporting cast and led the 49ers to a 5-0 finish to end the season. He parlayed that into his massive five-year, $137.5-million contract signed in February, which runs longer than Beathard's four-year rookie deal, worth roughly $3.5 million.

Garoppolo, with movie-star looks and near-perfect fundamentals, shares little in common with Beathard, whose Tennessee twang, slender build and unassuming personality often go unnoticed in an otherwise boisterous 49ers locker room.

Beathard, like any player in his situation, struggled last season coming to grips with his new reality as the long-term backup after momentarily being the starter. That's when he turned to his deep-rooted Christian faith, which he shares with the rest of his family, including his aunt Karen.

"It feels like the world's ending," Beathard said of his rough 2017. "Being able to look back, read the bible and know that God has a plan for my life and everyone's life, it kind of gives you peace knowing that if you just put your faith in him, keep working, do your best in every situation you can, it's all going to work out for the right reasons."
But now Beathard is back in the driver's seat as San Francisco's starter after Garoppolo went down with a torn ACL in Week 3.

Last week against the Chargers, in his first start of 2018, Beathard threw for a career-best 298 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown catch-and-run to tight end George Kittle, who believes the 49ers could remain competitive with Beathard under center. The two were teammates at Iowa for five seasons before they joined San Francisco in the same draft class.

“When you see him approach it, he deserves 100 percent of my attention because that’s just the guy he is. You don’t want to let him down,” Kittle said.

‘That’s who C.J. is’

49ers coach Kyle Shanahan liked Beathard in the draft because of his leadership traits, even though he’s not the loud, demonstrative type. Beathard’s also become known for his toughness, repeatedly getting back up after taking some viscous hits. “He’s a badass,” Kittle said last week.

“I think the biggest key in being a leader is being yourself. People will follow people who are themselves, that have special qualities. And that’s who C.J. is,” Shanahan said.

C.J.’s ability to galvanize the people around him while being quiet and unassuming became apparent to Karen when he was first playing quarterback in grade school. Those traits have come to define him.

“Even when he was a little kid, he was just like that. But very caring of other people,” Karen said. “And he’s always been a leader. But not because he tried to be. But it just kind of fell to into place.”

When Beathard takes the field Sunday against Arizona at Levi’s Stadium, he’ll do so knowing the outcome against the Cardinals means little in the broader picture of life.

“I think that’s what C.J. sees when he looks at me,” Karen said, “that you have to keep that strength. You can’t go down that other road, and you can’t do it with football either. You have to look ahead and say that in end that it’s God’s plan, whatever it’s going to be, whether you like it or not. But if you don’t have trials and tribulations, you’re never going to A, appreciate anything you have, and B, you’re never going to learn. And I think he lives like that.”

Nick Bosa

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."

Tevin Coleman

49ers' Tevin Coleman is a survivor and believes his daughter will be, too

By Eric Branch
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Tevin Coleman and his 2-year-old daughter were born into difficult circumstances.

He wishes they didn't have this in common.

But the 49ers' running back is grateful he also shares a trait with his daughter that has served him so well throughout a life that began three months too early and has included five seasons at one of the NFL's most punishing positions.

"She's strong; she's real strong," Coleman said. "Just like me. God definitely picked her to handle this."

On Tuesday, three days after he rushed for 105 yards and two touchdowns in a 27-10 divisional-playoff win over the Vikings, Coleman shared in an interview with The Chronicle that his daughter, Nazaneen, has sickle-cell anemia.

The inherited blood disease makes red blood cells rigid. Their irregular, crescent-moon shape can get stuck in blood vessels, blocking the flow of blood and oxygen. It can cause severe pain, swelling and fatigue, and complications include strokes and organ damage.

For Nazaneen, exposure to cold or a cut can trigger a sickle-cell crisis. Coleman says she has avoided an episode and credits the care of his fiancee, Ahkeilah Murib, for making Nazaneen's first two years relatively smooth.

Of course, there are also times of sadness and stress.

"It's real tough for me, my (fiancee) and her," Coleman said. "Her going through this is really tough."

Coleman, 26, has an unwavering belief Nazaneen will prove to be the family's next survivor.

Coleman was born about three months early, weighed 3 pounds and was given a 20% chance of survival.

Obviously, he has no memory of his seven-week hospital stay. And, besides being slightly smaller and skinnier than his peers growing up in Chicago, he had no issues because of his premature birth.

However, it forged an identity, resolve and purpose. Coleman grew up believing he could overcome because he'd done it even before he could remember. His father, Wister, in a nod to his son's successful struggle, gave him a nickname as a baby that has stuck throughout his life: Rock.

"Every time I would do something good or would make my parents proud, they would remind me of that: How I'm here. How I'm blessed to be here. And how I overcame," Coleman said. "… I'm here for a reason. I'm here to do something. Yes, I'm a fighter. And I can never quit on anything I do.

"I've literally been a fighter since I've been born. It reminds me that I can never give up. God has blessed me to be here on this Earth."

Coleman has ideas for what he will do with his life after football.

He's the son of Liberian immigrants. Coleman first visited the South African country, which has been ravaged by two civil wars, with his father and brother three years ago on a two-week mission trip through his church.

Coleman, working with the Joseph Assignment Global Initiative, which assists poverty-stricken areas, helped install water wells and spoke with orphaned children who drank from mud puddles.

“You never know which of those kids can change the world,” Coleman said. “There are so many smart, athletic, talented kids. Anybody from there can change the world. Can find a cure for cancer, or whatever it is. They just need opportunity.”

Coleman inherited a heart for service. His father has counseled troubled youth and his mother, Adlevia, has worked as a nurse and teacher. He’s also proud of his heritage. His great-great grandfather, William D. Coleman, was a mixed-race slave from Kentucky who immigrated to Liberia and served as the country’s president from 1896 through 1900.

After his NFL career, Coleman wants to help build schools in Liberia.

“Liberia used to be nice,” Coleman said. “It was beautiful. But the civil war destroyed it. It’s trying to build back up, but it’s nowhere even close to where it used to be. So I want to help and find ways to rebuild and help more kids in Africa.”

First, however, there is the matter of his football career with the 49ers readying to host the Packers in the NFC Championship Game on Sunday.

Coleman, who signed a two-year, $8.5 million contract in March, had a mildly disappointing regular season in which he rushed for 544 yards, averaged 4 yards a carry and scored six touchdowns.

He was supplanted by Raheem Mostert as the lead back late in the season and averaged just 5.6 carries in the last five regular-season games. On Saturday, he thrived in a 21-carry performance partly because he ran so effectively when Mostert was briefly sidelined by a calf cramp, and head coach Kyle Shanahan stuck with him.

“It could be” frustrating, Coleman said of the reduced role. “But you can’t let your mind go to those places. That can mess you up. I have all the support from all brothers and teammates. And we’re winning. So how can I be upset? How can I be mad? I’m blessed to be here.”

Coleman feels particularly blessed to have a chance to return to the Super Bowl.

Three years ago, he endured the Falcons’ 34-28 overtime loss in Super Bowl LI to the Patriots, who trailed 28-3 late in the third quarter. Coleman, who gave Atlanta its 25-point lead on a touchdown catch, has not rewatched the game and acknowledges the agony of that loss hasn’t been erased.

Would a Super Bowl win finally ease the sting?

Coleman smiled. “It would bring a lot of joy,” he said.

Coleman has the sickle-cell trait, meaning he has only one copy of the gene that causes sickle-cell anemia. As with most people with the trait, which affects roughly 10% of African Americans, Coleman has lived a relatively normal life.

It’s important for him to stay hydrated, and he needs to be closely monitored at high altitudes. In 2016, in the Falcons’ 23-16 win at Denver, he had 132 receiving yards and scored a touchdown despite struggling to breathe.

“I really couldn’t play more than two plays in a row,” Coleman said. “I was so gassed after each play.”

Coleman’s daughter faces more severe challenges, but there is optimism for her future.

It's possible Nazaneen's twin brother, Nezerah, could be a donor for a bone-marrow transplant, which is currently the only cure for sickle-cell anemia. In addition, "60 Minutes" reported last year that advancements in gene therapy also could provide a cure for the disease.

For his part, Coleman plans to establish a foundation in the offseason to raise money for issues surrounding sickle-cell anemia.

Coleman is anguished his daughter was born into life-threatening circumstances.

But the man his family calls "Rock" is heartened by the belief they will share the same triumphant story.

That one day, Nazaneen, like her father, will feel blessed her struggle gave her an identity, resolve and a desire to do great things.

Signing Tevin Coleman Was 'Christmas in March' for 49ers

By Joe Fann
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Kyle Juszczyk was on vacation in Thailand when he got the call from Mike McDaniel. The San Francisco 49ers had just signed Tevin Coleman, and McDaniel needed to share his elation with somebody. Who better than the fullback who will be Coleman's lead blocker?

There aren't many coaches who know Coleman better than McDaniel. The team's run game coordinator – along with Kyle Shanahan and passing game coordinator Mike LaFleur – spent two seasons with Coleman with the Atlanta Falcons.

Atlanta selected Coleman in the third round (73rd overall) in 2015. According to McDaniel, Shanahan and the rest of the offensive coaching staff believed Coleman was worth a second-rounder. The running back scored 11 total touchdowns in Shanahan's offense in 2016 – his best season as a pro.

Now Coleman is reunited with Shanahan, McDaniel and Co. in San Francisco.
"That was the equivalent of a March Christmas because we hold him in such high regard," McDaniel said of the signing.

Added LaFleur: "He can run and he's explosive, no doubt. The thing that really sticks out with Tevin is how fearless and physical this guy is. He is a man out there. When you tell him to put his foot in the ground and go north and south, he's going to do it times 10. It's every single week. It's every single down. You're always getting the same guy. … When we need him to get us a yard, he's going to get us a yard every single time."

It's evident that Coleman has experience in Shanahan's offense. He's hit the ground running and impressed his teammates and coaches during the offseason program.

"Tevin has been awesome," Juszczyk said. "This has been a great time for him and I to work together and get a feel for each other. The guy works super hard and is super consistent. He runs the zone scheme phenomenally. I've just been seeing him make plays."

Coleman posted 1,076 total yards and nine touchdowns in 2018 with the Falcons. Now he joins a loaded backfield alongside, most notably, Jerick McKinnon, Matt Breida and Juszczyk. Special teams ace Raheem Mostert and second-year back Jeff Wilson have also shown their ability to contribute.
"It's safe to say that this is the deepest backfield that I've ever been around," McDaniel said. "You could go to war with anybody on our roster."

Coleman is currently enjoying a lion's share of practice reps with McKinnon (ACL), Breida (pectoral) and Mostert (forearm) all on the shelf. But all three are expected to be back by training camp.

It will be a challenge – albeit a champagne problem – for the coaching staff to split up gameday reps and figure out how each guy will be used. There are a lot of mouths to feed and only so many touches to go around.

"That conversation hasn't happened," LaFleur said. "We're just so happy to look at that board and know we have a lot of quality running backs – guys who have played in this league and guys who have played in this offense."

First and foremost, it's imperative to maintain a positive culture within the running backs room. McDaniel isn't worried about that part and said everyone has bought into the mantra of, "We all have success when one has success."

Matchups will impact which runner is featured on a game-to-game basis. Each opponent will have varying weaknesses that Shanahan will look to take advantage of. It won't always be the same running back that gives the 49ers the best chance to do so.

"We know what these guys can do, so how can we exploit the defense with what they can do? It can change week in and week out," LaFleur said.
Juszczyk envisions a similar scenario playing out.

"I anticipate that you're going to see a different guy shine each week. There's so much skill in that room – there's so much talent that I think it's going to be hard to keep anyone off the field. It's going to be hard to focus on just one guy.

"I think each week you're going to see somebody different make a big play. I think it's a good thing. It's going to be a lot of fun, and I'm interested to see what Kyle does with us."

Tevin Coleman Gives 49ers a Surplus of Talented Running Backs

By Joe Fann
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It didn't take Sherlock Holmes to draw the straight line between Kyle Shanahan and Tevin Coleman. The two spent two notable years together with the Atlanta Falcons, the latter notably including a run to Super Bowl LI.

Coleman played a pivotal role in Shanahan's offense, serving as the counterpunch to lead back Devonta Freeman. He posted 1,347 yards from scrimmage and 12 total touchdowns over the course of those two seasons. Their reunion with the San Francisco 49ers makes obvious sense given that production.

But Shanahan had no expectation that they'd be able to sign Coleman in free agency, which makes the addition a welcome surprise.

"We were very fortunate to have a chance to get Tevin," Shanahan said. "(I) didn't really think that at all that would be a possibility of going through."

The move creates an obvious logjam at the running back position with Jerick McKinnon, Matt Breida and special teams ace Raheem Mostert. That's without mentioning fullback Kyle Juszczyk or Jeff Wilson, who showed well as an undrafted rookie in 2018.

Shanahan was adamant that acquiring Coleman doesn't indicate that another move is in the works or that McKinnon's ACL rehab is behind schedule. This was merely the 49ers taking advantage of the opportunity to sign another quality player and add to the competition on the roster.

"I don't consider it a problem. I consider it a very good thing. There's a lot of guys we have confidence in and a lot of guys with some different skill sets too that we can use differently."

San Francisco's head coach has never had four active running backs on gameday (five if you include Juszczyk), but he didn't rule out that scenario in 2019.

"I think it could make a lot of sense this year," Shanahan suggested.

Coleman isn't worried about San Francisco's surplus of talented runners. It's never been in his nature to stress about the numbers game.

"I'm just going to be me," he said Thursday evening. "I'm going to go out there and compete. This is my team now. Those are my brothers now. We're going to go out there and have fun together and play ball and compete together."

The allure of Shanahan's system and another chance to work with running backs coach Bobby Turner was too good for Coleman to pass up. He noted his fit in Shanahan's offense given his ability to run in a zone scheme, catch the ball out of the backfield and line up at receiver.

As for Turner, the two have kept up over the last two years. Coleman credited the acclaimed running backs coach with improving every aspect of his game.

"He's helped me tremendously in my career," Coleman said. "I'm excited to be here with him."

Fellow free agent signee Kwon Alexander had a unique perspective on San Francisco adding Coleman. Alexander and Coleman saw each other bi-annually in the NFC South for the last four years. Coleman scored four combined touchdowns against Alexander's Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"Oh, I've got a scouting report on him," Alexander said, laughing. "I had to play him twice a year, so, yeah, I know him. He's a great player. He's great, and he can catch the ball, run, and make great cuts. He's got great vision, very fast too. He's going to be a great addition to this team."

Shanahan is going to have his work cut out for him in terms of how to get all of his talented running backs involved next season. That, or there will be a few challenging roster decisions to be made this summer. Either way, those are likely to be champagne problems in Shanahan's eyes.

Tevin Coleman brings more speed to 49ers' fleet running backs group

By Matt Maiocco
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The 49ers have compiled the makings of a pretty good team in their backfield.

Sure, it's a deep group of running backs, but they also can form a nice track team.

Tevin Coleman was at the 49ers' facility on Thursday to sign a two-year, $8.5 million contract. He is a speedster who played two seasons in Kyle Shanahan's offense with the Atlanta Falcons.

He joins a group of running backs that already includes Jerick McKinnon, Matt Breida and Raheem Mostert.

Has Coleman ever been teammates with such an explosive group of running backs?

"No, I have not. It's going to be a 4x1 back there," Coleman said, referring to a 4x100-meter track relay team. "So there's a lot speed in the backfield. I'm real excited to play with those guys."

Coleman was timed at 4.39 in the 40-yard dash before he came out in the 2015 draft. One year earlier, Jerick McKinnon clocked a 4.41 at the combine. Two years ago, Matt Breida ran a 4.39 at his pro day.

Mostert, who signed a three-year extension on Friday, won Big Ten titles at Purdue in the 60 meters and 200 meters during the indoor season, and was the conference champion in the 100 and 200 during the outdoor season. He entered the NFL in 2015.

Shanahan said he has never been with an NFL team that suited up four running backs on game days during the regular season due to the league's 46-player limit. Because of the team's increased depth, he could be tempted to re-think some things, he said.

"I think we're in a situation right now, just looking at our roster, that I think it could make a lot of sense this year," Shanahan said.

It remains unlikely the 49ers will suit up four running backs. But, they can be expected to keep each player on the roster this season. The 49ers know how quickly depth can disappear at running back, so it would be foolish for them to not hold onto all four players.

Last year, McKinnon sustained a season-ending knee injury before the start of the regular season. Breida battled ankle issues; Mostert sustained a fractured forearm; and Jeff Wilson sustained a shoulder injury in the season finale.

Veteran Alfred Morris gained a season-high 111 yards in the final game of the year with Wilson sidelined. Morris, 30, an eight-year pro, remains available on the free-agent market.

If the four running backs remain healthy, the 49ers will be forced to deactivate a proven player for games. Coleman said he is looking forward to bonding with his new running partners as they fight among themselves for playing time.

"Those are my brothers now," Coleman said. "We'll go out there and have fun together and play ball and compete together."

Coleman was a dynamic multi-dimensional player during his four years with the Falcons. He rushed for a career-best 800 yards with a 4.8 average last season. In his first season with Shanahan, he caught 31 passes for career highs with 421 yards and a 13.6 average.

That's the kind of playmaking Shanahan likes to see from his running backs -- making defenses play a big price for breakdowns in coverage.

"It's real big because it's hard to do good in this league with a lot of big guys, a lot of great guys," Coleman said of the importance of speed. "To get me in space, that's what my strength is."

Dee Ford

Dee Ford and Nick Bosa, the 49ers' bookend best friends — 'It's a beautiful situation, man'

By Tim Kawakami
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When you see Dee Ford jogging from station to station during 49ers training camp, nine times out of 10, Nick Bosa is right behind him, always keeping a respectful distance but also looking like he's attached by an irreversible NFL gravitational force.

When Ford is on the field stretching, there's Bosa right behind him, not exactly copying everything he does but not exactly not-copying Ford, either. When Ford is lined up in a drill, there's Bosa glancing over from his spot for clarity or confirmation. When Ford and Bosa are temporarily out of a drill, Bosa habitually wanders over to Ford for a quiet word or two.

"Me and Nick? Yeah, it's a beautiful situation, man," Ford said after a recent practice. "There's a lot of chemistry. That's my guy."

It's pretty simple: Bosa wants to put together a pass-rushing career just like Ford is crafting right now and that common ground fused them almost from the start of their 49er careers in the spring.
They do not have similar backgrounds. Ford grew up in rural Alabama; Bosa grew up in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with a superstar older brother. There's more than a six-year age difference. Ford's been through five seasons in the AFC West cauldron with the Chiefs, registering a career-high 13 sacks last season. Bosa was a star at Ohio State but missed most of 2018 with a core-muscle injury.

But from almost the moment they met at 49ers headquarters, after Ford was acquired in March and Bosa was drafted in April, the potential bookend pass rushers figured out that they were going to get along just fine. Which maybe was what you would've predicted or maybe it wasn't.

"Just when he showed up," Ford said. "First impression, just good vibes. He's a good person. Just from Day 1, man."

The interesting thing I found out from Bosa this week: He sort of planned this from afar, at least his role as a pupil learning from a proven alpha sack man, even before he ended up with the 49ers. While Bosa was preparing for the draft last winter and spring, he had an idea of where he might go — to the 49ers with the No. 2 overall pick — and, once they acquired Ford from the Chiefs, how this dual attack might flourish.

Go to the 49ers. Play with Ford. Chase the QB together. Form the backbone of a great defense and maybe win a lot of big games. Wouldn't that be pretty great?

"Even before I got drafted by the Niners, I had an idea that it was possible that I'd end up here," Bosa told me earlier this week. "So in free agency, they picked him up. Everybody's texting me like, 'Aw, man, they're not going to take you now!' I was just thinking to myself, what if they do take me? We get to play together.

"(With the Chiefs last year), he was in the same division as my brother (Joey, a Chargers defensive end). Last year, I got to watch pretty much every one of my brother's games and I got to watch (Ford). I only watch pass rushers when I watch football. So I watched him and Justin Houston for the Chiefs, and I just love what he does technique-wise. Speed. He uses great power.

"And just to be able to see it in practice situations, just to see how it works … obviously, I'm just a rookie and I'm going to take everything I possibly can from him because he's a vet. He just signed a second contract. He's where all of us want to be. Coming off a huge year. So he's a great role model as a person and obviously as a player."

In practice, the 49ers defensive line has occasionally overwhelmed the first-team offensive line using the defense's new "Wide 9" scheme that emphasizes aggression and a full-out attack-the-QB mode. That offense-defense dynamic could change — the defense almost always gets up to speed more quickly than the offense during training camp.

But the 49ers have poured a lot of resources into this defensive line and are especially focused on unleashing a real pass rush after several years of generating very little outside pressure. So they gave Ford a five-year, $85-million contract ($17 million a year with almost $20 million guaranteed) and also gave up a 2020 second-round pick to the Chiefs to facilitate the deal. And then the 49ers drafted Bosa No. 2 overall.

Will this be the newest duo to terrorize passing offenses? Maybe yes, maybe no. But there's a better chance of it if the two outside rushers have elite skills and also understand each other, share information and feed off of each other, like Ford said was definitely the case with him, Justin Houston and Tamba Hali in their Chiefs days.

You get a look at Ford and Bosa on the field together in this camp and you can see that this is already happening.

"Yeah, we play the same position," Bosa said. "We do the same things. I mean, he's just somebody who's really easy to get along with. Really nice dude."

Of course, Bosa came to the 49ers with a little more of a cloud than most top draft choices. Everybody knows about the pre-draft controversy when it was discovered that Bosa had "liked" a few photos on social media that contained racist or homophobic comments when he was younger.

Kyle Shanahan and John Lynch talked to him, checked with his Ohio State teammates and former coaches and drafted him believing that Bosa wouldn't only be OK in the 49ers locker room, he'd probably end up as one of the most popular guys among his teammates.

So I asked Ford what he thinks now of Bosa's social media history.

"Don't matter to me," Ford said. "Who I meet, you can be whatever you want to be on social media. It's social media. Who you are with me when I meet you in person? That's the person I judge. That's the person I want to be around.

"You could be anything you want to be on social media. There's no ceiling. But you can't fake who you are as a person."

The locker room decides these things, I've always believed. Are you genuine? Are you considerate of your teammates? Do you respect the leaders of the team? Do you work hard? The locker room has pretty much already decided on Bosa —and, as several team sources acknowledged, it sure helps that everybody who watches Bosa in practice knows that he's going to help this team enormously.

So Bosa has already bonded with Ford. He's also won praise from senior 49er Joe Staley and generally is viewed as a quiet, deferential and slyly funny potential superstar, which is about as good a start as you can get in an NFL locker room.

"I like to see that Nick knows how to handle himself and he's one of the guys," Shanahan told me this week. "We love him. Thought the team would like him. But to come in and have everyone embrace him … it's not like they're trying to go out of their way to do that just because he's the first pick. I mean, guys want to bring the first pick in and make him feel at home.

"But it's very natural for him. The guys like him. He's one of them. He's completely himself. It's not like he's going out trying to talk too much or too little. He's been the same guy every day. And I think our team really enjoys him."

Bosa is only 21, but probably because he's spent so much time around his brother at NFL camps and because Ohio State is like a mini NFL franchise, he doesn't sound like a rookie when he talks about how the 49ers defensive line is going to operate.

He actually sounds like a budding defensive coordinator.

"It's great when you have chemistry with your interior guys who are on your side, with Buck and Armstead and Solly and all the guys," Bosa said. "Just knowing what your teammate's going to do, give a little hand signal, whatever it is. Just knowing maybe what move they're going to use so you stay in your rush lane, you don't let the quarterback escape the pocket, stuff like that.

"The biggest thing is keeping double-teams off me. Hopefully, they double (Ford) for a week or two. And then double Buck, double Armstead. And maybe come around and double me once I start making plays. But, I mean, we're stacked. It's going to be tough (to defend)."

Bosa didn't say this bombastically. He said it with a matter-of-fact tone and a slight grin, like he was just telling the truth as he sees it with a little splash. There's humor there, definitely. And I'd heard that he and Ford share that kind of deadpan sensibility.

"Who said that? Dee said that?" Bosa said with a sly grin. "Yeah, it's kinda dry. Sarcastic. We're similar. We're both kind of quiet, but when we do have something to say, it means something."
Yes, I can confirm that it was Ford who told me this, by the way.

"He has a different sense of humor," Ford said. "That's what I like. He's different, man. He's Nick, you know what I mean? Like any other guy, but he's humble and he's ready to learn. And he looks up to me. So it's definitely going to be a fun time, period."

Bosa picked a perfect mentor. Ford has his bookend partner. They have to do it together in games, but they're off to a very comfortable start. Shanahan and Lynch are loving this whole development and they can see it just about every moment of every practice.

Why Dee Ford fits mold of the 49ers' prototypical 'leo' edge rusher

By Matt Maiocco
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The 49ers on Wednesday announced the signing of defensive lineman Dee Ford to a five-year extension after acquiring him in a trade from the Kansas City Chiefs for a second-round draft pick in 2020.

Repeat, the 49ers announced the signing of defensive lineman Dee Ford.

During his five seasons in Kansas City, Ford was an outside linebacker in a 3-4 defensive scheme. All indications are Ford will be the “leo” in the 49ers’ 4-3 defensive alignment.

His job: Get after the quarterback.

Ford did his job exceptionally well last season, recording 13 sacks and forcing seven fumbles. Outside of defensive tackle DeForest Buckner, the 49ers lacked a consistent pass rush. The 49ers, as a team, generated just seven takeaways on the season – the worst mark in the history of the National Football League.

Coach Kyle Shanahan hired Robert Saleh to implement the Seattle-style defense with the 49ers. It’s a 4-3 defense with essentially 3-4 personnel. The leo position is based on the elephant edge-rusher spot that George Seifert used with the 49ers in the 1980s and ‘90s.

Ford fits the height-weight prototype to play the leo position. The 49ers had little consistency at that position in the first two seasons with Saleh as defensive coordinator. Last year, Solomon Thomas mostly started at leo, but he either left the field on passing downs or moved inside to defensive tackle in nickel situations.

Ford is likely being counted upon to be an every-down leo – the pass-rusher the 49ers have lacked since Aldon Smith’s departure.

Here is how Ford height and weight compare to a list of players Saleh cited in 2017 as prototypical edge rushers at the leo position:

Dee Ford 6-foot-2, 252 pounds
Chris Clemons 6-3, 260
Cliff Avril 6-3, 260
Yannick Ngakoue 6-2, 246
Dante Fowler 6-3, 255
Vic Beasley 6-3, 246
Von Miller 6-3, 250
Khalil Mack 6-3, 252

Ben Garland

Air Force Academy's Ben Garland came close to becoming a fighter pilot; now he commands the 49ers' ground game

By Matt Barrows
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Ben Garland calls the A-10 Thunderbolt the offensive lineman of the air. It's a great description.

The plane isn't sleek or swift or stealthy. It's essentially a battle tank with wings, one that's bulked up with 1,200 pounds of titanium armor so it can take a beating while flying low and wiping out tanks, troops, missile launchers or anything else that threatens the U.S. ground game.

"It's a protector. It gives that close air support. It gets down and dirty. It doesn't hide," said Garland, 31, who has served as the 49ers' starting center since the spring. "I love it. It goes right up to the front line. It gets shot up a lot and it can still fly home."

Since he was a boy, Garland wanted to do two things: Fly an A-10 and play in the NFL.

After all, there's been a Col. Garland in the family since World War II. His great grandfather flew combat missions for 3 1/2 years in Europe, including a C-47 cargo plane that carried paratroopers across enemy lines on D-Day in 1944. His grandfather, Hal Garland, worked on an intercontinental ballistic missile crew for years and he has an uncle who flew F-15s.

In 2010, Ben Garland seemed well on his way to the cockpit of A-10 when he was awarded a coveted pilot's slot at the Air Force Academy.

"I was incredibly excited," he said. "It's what I trained for at the Academy."

At about the same time, Garland started getting visits from NFL scouts who encouraged him to enter the upcoming draft. He soon realized his dual dreams were colliding.

In order to compete at defensive tackle, his position at Air Force, he had to maintain his 300-pound weight. To fit inside the cockpit of the Air Force training plane however, he couldn't be over 220 pounds in full gear. He couldn't do both.

"It was a tough decision," he said. "I talked to my grandfather about it. We talked it over and it got to the point where I knew if I didn't go the NFL route and try that, I would always regret it."

Joining the Denver Broncos as an undrafted free agent in 2010 didn't mean Garland had to give up the Air Force altogether, just change career paths. He fulfilled his two-year military commitment by serving as a public-affairs officer at an Air Force base in Illinois. During that time he took part in the Broncos' offseason program while on the NFL's reserve/military list.

When his commitment expired, he joined the Colorado Air National Guard. A Colorado native, he still spends about 50 days a year, including during the long stretch between the 49ers' spring practices and training camp, with the 140th Wing at Buckley Air Force Base just east of Denver.

"It's the closest thing you find to that team environment in the workforce," he said. "You take this group of people from all walks of life — men, women, black white, from the country and the ghetto and you try to become the best team in the world. And you have this close-knit locker-room environment where they're family to you."

Garland is good at juggling assignments. It's what kept him in the NFL.

He stuck around on the Broncos practice squad early in his career because he could do a little of everything, from defensive line to center, guard and even tight end and fullback. While with the Atlanta Falcons in 2016, his main role was as a backup interior offensive lineman, but the team asked if he could be on call if there were issues on the defensive line.

There were, and during the NFC Championship Game that season he recorded his first-ever safety when Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson tripped in the end zone and Garland tagged him down.

“We had some depth issues on the D-line and he plugged right in there,” said 49ers guard Mike Person, a teammate in Atlanta. “He’s going to do exactly what you ask him to do every single time. And when you see that, other guys feed off of it. And it’s really impressive. ”

With the 49ers, Garland’s role is much more well-defined.

The team signed him in the offseason after top-line center Weston Richburg had surgery on his knee and quadriceps. Team officials still say Richburg could be ready by Week 1, but he remains on the physically-unable-to-perform list. With the 49ers’ date with the Buccaneers only a little more than three weeks away, it’s becoming more likely with every practice that Garland lines up at center in Tampa.

Kyle Shanahan said he’s not worried. After the Falcons’ win in the 2016 championship, Shanahan, who was Atlanta’s offensive coordinator at the time, was ready to lean heavily on Garland in the Super Bowl considering the starting center, Alex Mack, was playing with a broken left fibula. Mack ended up playing every snap that game, but Garland started three games for the Falcons the following season and four more last year.

“That’s why we brought him here,” Shanahan said. “He’s played in a lot of games, a lot of big games.”

Garland expects to see a few of his old orange-and-blue No. 63 jerseys in the crowd during the joint practices between the 49ers and Broncos on Friday and Saturday. Some of his buddies from Buckley Air Force Base will be there. So will his grandparents, who live in Colorado Springs and with whom Garland is very close.

He lived with them after graduating from the Air Force Academy in 2010 and stored his belongings in their house after he joined the Broncos full-time two years later. Those belongings were destroyed along with virtually everything else the Garlands owned when the massive Waldo Canyon Fire tore through the neighborhood in 2012. The Garlands relocated to another part of town a year later.

Hal Garland said he and his wife left with only an hour to spare. The blaze was so hot — it reportedly reached 2,000 degrees — that it melted a fireproof gun cabinet they had in the basement of the house.

It contained the weapons the Garland men had used in the various wars since 1939, including the service pistol that had been at Ben Garland’s great grandfather’s side during the Normandy invasion and two swords Ben was given upon graduating from the Air Force Academy that he, in turn, had presented as a gift of thanks to his grandparents.

Later that summer, Garland’s Broncos’ teammates surprised him by presenting him with two replacement swords following a training-camp practice. Hal Garland, meanwhile, said the World War II sidearm was the only thing salvageable from the fire.

“It was extremely damaged,” he said. “I had it reconditioned, but it can’t be used. It’s just a relic now.”

Garland noted there was a bit of poetry in that the National Guard, which he had joined that year, was one of the groups that responded to the disaster.

“So my other family was there helping out my family,” he said. “That was really cool.”

Five Top Candidates for NFL Comeback Player of the Year

By Eric Branch
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Ben Garland's bio includes an almanac of fun facts.

The 49ers' center is a United States Air Force Academy graduate who served a two-year active duty commitment. He's a captain and base executive in the Colorado Air National Guard in his offseasons.

In addition, the offensive lineman is a converted defensive tackle who has played offense, defense and special teams in the NFL: In January 2017, Garland, then with the Falcons, sacked Seattle's Russell Wilson for a safety in a divisional-playoff game before playing seven snaps at center in the next week's NFC Championship Game.

But here's the fact that might interest fans the most about the largely anonymous 31-year-old: He could be the 49ers' starting center Sept. 8 when they open the season at Tampa Bay.

Garland has spent offseason practices and training camp with the first-team offense while starting center Weston Richburg recovers from offseason surgeries on his knee and quadriceps. Last week, general manager John Lynch said the 49ers were "hopeful, but we'll see" when discussing Richburg's chances of playing in Week 1.

With Richburg in the early stages of his extensive rehab, the 49ers signed Garland in late April, based largely on his connection to head coach Kyle Shanahan. They were together in 2015 and '16 with Atlanta and Shanahan said he's comfortable rolling with Garland, who has made seven starts at guard, if Richburg initially isn't ready.

Garland, a 2010 undrafted free agent who signed with the Broncos, acknowledges he didn't expect to survive so long in the NFL. But he's not satisfied to just stick around.

"This is more than I ever dreamed," Garland said. "Now, it's not even close to what my goals are: Now I want to win a championship. I want to win a starting job, become a Pro Bowler — there are a lot of aspirations and goals I've yet to achieve."

As a junior at Air Force, Garland's goal was to become a decorated officer after graduation. He'd earned a coveted pilot slot, but NFL scouts began expressing interest in the defensive tackle as a senior.

Garland decided to pursue the pros, which meant changing his career path in the Air Force. He weighed about 300 pounds, too heavy for the training planes Air Force pilots use before they graduate to larger aircraft.

"After college, I was initially a pilot slot, but I needed to lose about 120 pounds to maintain that," Garland said. "And being a defensive lineman in the NFL and being 180 pounds doesn't really work. So I had to switch career fields or lose a lot of weight."

Garland was a second lieutenant and served as a public-affairs officer during his two-year commitment, which ended in 2012. He was stationed at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Ill., and Fort Meade in Maryland. He wasn't eligible to play in games, but participated in the Broncos' offseason program while on the reserve/military list.

He joined the National Guard after his commitment and has spent about 50 days during each offseason with the 140th Wing at Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, Colo.

Garland, who has a long list of relatives who have served in the military, deployed to Jordan in 2014 to work with the country's military on a coalition trip. He has been on two of the NFL's USO tours and visited U.S. military bases in Italy, Germany, Iraq and Kuwait.

He often donates tickets to military members, and has worked to raise PTSD awareness. He was the Falcons' nominee for the Walter Payton Man of the Year award in 2017. Last year, Garland won the NFL's Salute to Service award for his military service and support.

On the field, he has carved out a unique career. Garland spent the previous five seasons playing both offense and defense, a dual role that began in 2012 when he was on the Broncos' practice squad and began half-jokingly offering to fill in when an offensive lineman was injured.

It turned out he was no joke in his new spot.

Said Garland: "Eventually, before spring ball one year, they said 'Hey, grab your offensive playbook. We want you to play both ways.'"

Garland's versatility explains his longevity. He spent two seasons (2012-13) on Denver's practice squad, made his NFL debut in 2014 and spent most of 2015 on the Falcons' practice squad before making his seven career starts with Atlanta over the past two seasons.

Now, with the 49ers, the National Guard captain hopes the best is to come.

"My concept in college was to be the best Air Force officer I could be," Garland said, "but this came up and I've pursued it with everything I have."

Jimmy Garoppolo

‘Jimmy was kind of like Ferris Bueller’: Inside 49ers QB Jimmy Garoppolo’s early football career

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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.

Five Top Candidates for NFL Comeback Player of the Year

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Every NFL season, injuries and disappointments rob some of the league's brightest players from productive years. And every year, a player will emerge from a lackluster season to silence skeptics. Last year that player was Colts QB Andrew Luck. Concerns about Luck's shoulder injury started to surface after a sprain in 2015 against the Titans. Luck missed two games but continued to play in 2016, despite lingering issues. After the season, he opted for surgery on a labrum tear and missed the entire 2017 season.

Many questioned if Luck would ever be the same. A setback during the recovery process even led to the quarterback seeking treatment in Europe.

In 2018, he responded by throwing for 4,593 yards and 40 touchdowns while compiling a career-best 98.7 passer rating. Luck lead the Colts to a 10–6 record—their best since 2014—and a playoff berth, and the QB won the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year award.

Here are the top candidates for the CPOTY award in 2019:

Jimmy Garoppolo, QB, 49ers: Garoppolo was traded to San Francisco at the trade deadline in 2017 and brought the 49ers home, starting and winning the team's five last games. That made the team a trendy playoff pick ahead of the 2018 season—until Garoppolo suffered a torn ACL three games in.

Garoppolo is practicing with a brace, but has shown promising signs in his progression. One of the last hurdles in his recovery was throwing the deep ball, which he'll need with players like Deebo Samuel, Dante Pettis and Marquise Goodwin at receiver. The 49ers have made it a focal point to surround Garoppolo with weapons.

"The receivers make my job so easy," Garappolo said during training camp in June. "When you have the speed of Quise and Dante and those guys, their ability to separate from the defense makes it easy. Just put it out there far enough and don't underthrow them."

Jimmy Garoppolo Talks 49ers Training Camp, Brian Urlacher And Other Greats

By Andy Frye
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San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo first made his name known to most NFL fans as a superb backup. Drafted by the New England Patriots in 2014, many saw Garoppolo as just a future successor to Tom Brady. But during that rookie year Garoppolo played six games and posted an impressive 101.2 quarterback rating, and in doing so was instrumental not only to winning critical season games but also to the Patriots return to a Super Bowl championship, their first in 10 years.

After helping the Pats win Super Bowls XLIX (in 2014) and LI (in 2016), New England decided to hold on to Brady and traded Garoppolo for a draft pick. After missing much of last season after a knee injury, Garoppolo is set and ready to play, as 49ers camp starts later this week in Santa Clara, California.

I caught up with Garoppolo recently to hear his take on his role as San Francisco's quarterback, and who inspired him as a young player.

Andy Frye: The San Francisco 49ers are a legendary club with some very big name quarterbacks. Do names like Steve Young and Joe Montana add pressure to your role?

Jimmy Garoppolo: I think excitement is the better word for it. There is something special though about playing here, with that tradition behind you. I think the fan base that's here, and also the greatness they are accustomed to seeing over the years— we're trying to get back to that. But this organization is a tremendous one and we have the right people in place to start to do that.

AF: You were born in 1991 and thus didn't grow up watching Joe Montana. But who were some of your football idols early on?

Garoppolo: I didn't even play quarterback until my junior year of high school, so I was into all kinds of positions, growing up. Oddly enough, I was a linebacker before then, so I loved watching Brian Urlacher. He was my guy. He was a monster at linebacker and everyone wanted to play like him.

But once I got into quarterbacking I looked to quarterbacks more. I did watch Brett Favre when I was very young—he was the man when I was a little kid. Then when I got older and started to play it was Peyton Manning and Tom Brady obviously, and Aaron Rodgers. Those guys all make it look easy, when playing football is one of the hardest things.

AF: NFL stars and ex-players are known for their efforts to help their community. You're currently involved with Men's Wearhouse's Suit Drive.

Garoppolo: I think it's important to give back, and I think a lot of men on and off the field have a general attitude of "look good, feel good, play good." So when I got approached and heard about this effort called the Men's Wearhouse Suit Drive, I thought helping less fortunate people was a good thing, but also sort of follows that mentality.

Anyone can donate a used suit at any Men's Wearhouse location. It's something that translates to the workforce—helping men and women who want to get back out there and put on their best look, and feel confident going into a job interview.

Before signing with San Francisco, Garoppolo made his mark filling in as a sub when Tom Brady was injured.

AF: Tell us about your routine during the offseason, and what a big league quarterback gets to eat (or not) to stay fit.

Garoppolo: The eating part was always kind of easy for me. I tend to eat pretty ell, even though I have a sweet tooth that gets me in trouble occasionally. But, getting a good night's sleep is a big part of being able to function at the highest level. The physical stuff like running and working out will never change. But being in a good routine, especially this time of year, going into training camp is essential.

Training camp is a grind. You've got to be in good physical shape and the best mental shape to handle everything that is thrown at you.

AF: What kind of music are you listening to while working out, gearing up for the season?

Garoppolo: For me it's a mix. Sometimes it's a little country or maybe some OAR. But when I'm ramping up and it starts getting intense, a little rock and a little rap gets thrown in there. It all depends on the mood and whatever you are doing at the time.

Jimmy Garoppolo calls learning from Tom Brady on Patriots 'invaluable'

By Dalton Johnson
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Jimmy Garoppolo spent three-and-a-half seasons as Tom Brady's backup quarterback in New England. Over that span, the 49ers' current QB appeared in only 17 games, starting two.

Still, he learned plenty behind the six-time Super Bowl winner.

More than anything, Garoppolo witnessed the immense amount of preparation Brady put into his game every day. Garoppolo recently told The Ringer's Kevin Clark that it was "invaluable" to watch the legendary signal-caller as his backup.

"I can barely put it into words. What you learn is playing the game within the game, that's a big part of Tom," Garoppolo said. "I don't even know if he told me that [directly], but he would always talk about the game within the game."

The story has been told time and time again. Brady beat the odds years ago as a sixth-round draft pick who ran the 40-yard dash in quicksand. Garoppolo emphasized that sweating the small stuff made Brady a Patriots legend and an all-time great.

"The little details and how he ties them all together -- that's what separates you," Garoppolo said.
The two QBs have remained friends after Garoppolo was traded to the 49ers on Halloween in 2017. They were even seen together at the Kentucky Derby this year.

As much knowledge as Garoppolo soaked up from Brady, the 49ers hope it shows in a healthy year this season.

Jimmy Garoppolo Q&A: 49ers QB talks Tom Brady, 2019 pressure, and his future in San Francisco

By Cody Benjamin
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In a league where the last two decades have been defined by recurring Super Bowl appearances from names like Tom Brady and Ben Roethlisberger, most quarterbacks are under tremendous pressure to live up to expectations and prove their worth as "franchise" material.

No starting QB might be under more pressure entering 2019, however, than Jimmy Garoppolo.

Nearly two years after he was acquired via trade by the San Francisco 49ers and anointed "the guy" with a $137.5 million contract, the 27-year-old signal-caller has just eight starts to show for what's now the seventh largest annual salary in the NFL. Not only is the former Tom Brady backup still tasked with emerging from the shadow of one of the greatest QBs to ever play the game, but he's set to open Year Three of the Kyle Shanahan regime with only 12 touchdowns, eight picks and a torn ACL under his belt in San Fran.

Aside from Carson Wentz and Derek Carr, he's the only QB among the top 10 highest-paid at the position to start zero playoff games. Despite two Super Bowl rings he won behind Brady, he's also the only player in the top 30 highest-paid players across all positions to never appear in the postseason. With a potential 2020 out in his big-money deal, it's essentially now or never for Garoppolo to justify Shanahan and Co. keeping him around as the Niners' long-term leader under center.

And yet the Illinois-turned-California star is not sweating it. While promoting a partnership with Men's Wearhouse for the company's annual Suit Drive, which collects gently used professional attire to distribute to more than 150 nonprofits across the nation, Garoppolo spoke with CBS Sports about everything from Brady and 2019 expectations to his future in San Francisco.

CBS Sports: What inspired you to be a part of Men's Wearhouse's annual Suit Drive?

Jimmy Garoppolo: Yeah, it's their 12th year with it, and it seemed like a good match. It's kind of that football player mentality -- look good, feel good, play good. It's for a good cause, you know, helping people who don't have as much. I donated a suit to Men's Wearhouse for it, and it's something great to be a part of.

CBS: How much does something like this help you declare your platform is bigger than just football?
JG: People always get tied up with athletes as if they just do football, just do basketball, but there's more to it. Any chance you get, you want to help people who are less fortunate. It's a great thing to do.

CBS: On the field, how much motivation do you get knowing you're one of the highest-paid quarterbacks with only 10 starts under your belt -- that you've got to go out and prove you're worth it?

JG: There will always be motivation. You're motivated by yourself more than a ton of pressure, but that pressure is a good thing, too. We've had good OTAs so far, and the summer before training camp will be important. Every OTAs, every training camp, you're always making personal goals, and there's an opportunity to go out and do some exciting things.

CBS: What were some of your personal goals for this offseason?

JG: Well, getting my knee back to normal is a big one (laughs). Obviously that was No. 1 this offseason, and that's been great.

CBS: You've also spoken recently about working with QB coach Tom House this offseason. How much has that impacted your preparations for 2019?

JG: Those guys are awesome down in L.A. We were working on mechanics, the throwing motion. Nothing drastic, but if you could better your game by 1%, you want to do it.

CBS: It's been six years since the 49ers made the playoffs, but you're also known for going 5-0 at the end of your first season in town. How close is this team to breaking that streak, replicating 2017's finish and getting into the postseason?

JG: Like I said, there's opportunities. This season's going to show us a lot. It's our job to make that happen. And that's what all the preparation is for. You can't just throw your helmet out there and expect to win.

CBS: You've got quite a few new weapons this year -- Tevin Coleman, Deebo Samuel, Jalen Hurd, Jordan Matthews. How much do you think they can elevate your game in 2019?

JG: Yeah, those guys have been tremendous. Whether it's providing more competition on the practice field, all that stuff, for those new guys, it's not the easiest offense in the world to learn, so for them to pick it up so quickly has been pretty impressive. Now we've just got to take this into training camp.

CBS: Plenty of people still know you from your days in New England. Have you kept in touch with Tom Brady over these last two seasons, and did you connect while rehabbing?

JG: Yeah, we'll shoot each other a text here and there, just saying hi, seeing how it's going. Whether I have a question for him, he's always been awesome for whatever it is. He's really down to earth and just experienced so many things in this league. He's been awesome in that way.

CBS: You've been in San Francisco for a few years now. Even being limited on the field, what have you learned about carrying the label of being a San Francisco 49ers quarterback -- what has that meant to you?

JG: Oh yeah, it's been awesome. The people out here in the Bay Area, initially they were so welcoming, and since then, they've still been so welcoming. The Bay is a special place. And then there's a weight with that. There's a standard to it. A standard to be the best quarterback I can be for this team.

The Time Jimmy Garoppolo Called His Own Number against the Jaguars

By Joe Fann
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It's still a bit surreal to think about the San Francisco 49ers five-game winning streak to close the 2017 season. In just five weeks with Jimmy Garoppolo under center, San Francisco pulled itself out of the cellar in the NFC and back into the national conversation. San Francisco missed the postseason and pundits still found ways to work Garoppolo and the 49ers into their takes of varying temperatures.

Garoppolo threw for 1,560 yards and seven touchdowns last season with the 49ers, but it was his 1-yard touchdown run against the Jacksonville Jaguars that may have left the biggest impression on his teammates.

"That play in particular is probably my favorite Jimmy story," said 49ers nose tackle Earl Mitchell. Garoppolo opened San Francisco's 44-33 win in Week 16 against the Jaguars with a statement drive. The 10-play, 79-yard march through the teeth of Jacksonville's top-ranked defense culminated in Garoppolo's 1-yard touchdown run as he powered across the goal line on a QB sneak. Fans roared as the quarterback spiked the ball to the Levi's® Stadium grass. Jubilation on the 49ers sideline was mixed with a shade of confusion.

That's because the 49ers had never practiced that play. In fact, Shanahan's playbook was void of a QB sneak all together. So how on Earth did Garoppolo end up keeping it himself? He called his own number, of course, and here's why.

On the previous play, Kyle Juszczyk caught a 17-yard pass and took it all the way to Jacksonville's 1-yard line. Garoppolo's initial thought was that his fullback had scored.

"I was borderline celebrating, and then I saw that he was just short," Garoppolo recalled.

What felt like "just short" was a full yard in reality. Juszczyk hobbled back to the huddle after getting banged up on the reception. After a quick hesitation, he pivoted and ran back to the sideline to get looked at by the training staff. Mitchell – yes, the 49ers 310-pound nose tackle – came sprinting into the game to play fullback in front of Carlos Hyde.

This wasn't completely random. Mitchell practiced with the 49ers offense each Friday during goal line work. There were three-to-five plays each week that included Mitchell, but that package was never utilized up until this point.

"All of a sudden Earl was running in," Garoppolo said. "I looked up at the play clock, and it was already down to 16 or 17 seconds. The comms system goes out at 15 seconds. I remember seeing Kyle (Shanahan) on the sideline super animated getting people in, yelling at coaches or whatever it was. Then he looks at me, and once he started to call the play, I hear, 'I-right' and then this beep goes off and the sound goes out."

It's important to remember that at this juncture, Garoppolo was barely through the 101 course of Shanahan's offense full of minute complexities and nuances. Calling timeout was one option, but that was never in the cards.

"We were rolling, so in the back of my head, I was thinking, 'We're on the 1-yard line, we can get this in right now,'" Garoppolo said.

Instinct took over, and the quarterback went with his gut.

"I went, 'I-right, QB sneak on one,' or something like that," he said.

Blank stares washed over the other 10 players in the huddle. The fact that Garoppolo butchered the formation didn't help sell his teammates on his moment of ingenuity. Former 49ers tight end Logan Paulsen was the first to speak up. Paulsen, a player lauded for his football IQ, attempted to help set Garoppolo straight.

"I don't remember exactly what it was, but Logan goes, 'Whoa whoa whoa. Jim, we can't do that,'" Garoppolo laughed as he mimicked Paulsen's voice. "It's funny if you know Logan because he's such a detailed and smart dude. He was all concerned about the formation, and I thought, 'Why does it matter what formation we're in for a QB sneak?'"

The quarterback was far less playful in the moment. He remembers interrupting Paulsen firing back.

"I said something to the effect of, 'We're running the (expletive) play!'" Garoppolo yelled, now impersonating himself. "Everyone just kind of looked at me like, 'OK, we're running it!'"
Mind you, this all transpired within 10 seconds. San Francisco broke from the huddle, hurried to the ball and snapped it with five seconds left on the play clock. The execution ended up being the easiest part of the entire ordeal. Jacksonville's defensive line was fairly spread out with the nose left relatively uncovered. The quick count also helped catch the Jaguars before each player was completely set.

"I put my leg back, got in a sprinters stance and just stayed low," Garoppolo said. "Earl gave me a pretty good push I remember."

Garoppolo shared that he ran sneaks all the time in high school and at Eastern Illinois. The New England Patriots – Tom Brady specifically – are also fond of the play. That's why Garoppolo's spike drew obvious parallels to his former mentor. Brady has never been shy about using the same celebration with equivalent gusto.

But Garoppolo made it clear that his spike had been in the making long before he made it to the NFL. "Since I was a little kid, I've always thought the spike was pretty sweet," he said. "I told myself that whenever I scored my first rushing touchdown in the NFL I was going to spike the hell out of the ball. So I had to."

Shanahan was there to greet Garoppolo on the sideline with a high five and one question: "What did you call?" The quarterback responded with "I-right QB sneak" in an "I totally made it up" sort of way.
Externally, the 49ers have been tabbed as a potential breakout team since January. Internally, John Lynch and Shanahan decided that Garoppolo was indeed the team's quarterback of the future and showed their commitment by signing him to a five-year contract extension. At the time, it was the largest deal in league history.

Excitement continued to build around the 49ers throughout the offseason. Media outlets around the country shared their own angle as to how San Francisco captured lightening in a bottle and reignited the

slumbering army of 49ers Faithful. But it was Garoppolo's in-the-heat-of-battle decisiveness that sold some 49ers players on their quarterback.

"It's a great example of him being a leader and taking control," Mitchell said. "I think at that moment, you knew he was the right guy to lead this team into the future."

While some had already bought into the Jimmy G craze, many naysayers expected the Jaguars to swiftly and definitively terminate the bandwagon's late-season joy ride. Jacksonville strutted into Levi's® Stadium fresh off of a 45-7 pounding of the Houston Texans. Even the rosiest of 49ers fans never expected their team to hang 40 points on the Jags.

Joe Staley said he learned something about Garoppolo during that Christmas Eve contest. Staley, who was another initial skeptic of Garoppolo's play call, shared his admiration for how the quarterback took the reins in the situation.

"I'm much more analytical," Staley said. "I like to be in the right play. But sometimes in football, you've just got to say 'screw it' and make the play happen."

Garoppolo quite literally did just that. His thoughts on the play are best summarized as all's well that ends well.
"Thankfully we got in," Garoppolo joked. "If not this would be a completely different feeling telling this story."

It's a fun anecdote to reflect on. Now the task at hand is to recreate last season's magic. The secret is out, though, and Garoppolo won't be sneaking up on anybody in 2018. The pressure that comes with hope and expectation isn't likely to faze the quarterback. He'll have a prime opportunity to showcase his mettle in Week 1 on the road against the Minnesota Vikings, one of this year's Super Bowl favorites.

Up close with Jimmy Garoppolo: Just one of the guys while being 'the guy'

By Matt Barrows
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Jimmy Garoppolo is a White Sox fan. This tells you a lot.

In the Arlington Heights, Illinois, neighborhood where he and his three brothers grew up, the Cubs are king.

"It's split probably 80-20 Cubs to Sox," he estimates.

They are the trendy team throughout most of Chicagoland, the team of white-collar workers, rich kids from Lake County, people who can afford to leave work and watch a game in the middle of the day. Vince Vaughn loves the Cubs. So do John Cusack, Bette Midler, Bill Murray and, well, it's a long list. The Cubs have a lot of celebrity fans.

The White Sox, meanwhile, are Chicago's other team, the team of hard hats and regular Joes. Their celebrity fan: George Wendt, who played a character on "Cheers" who rarely left his stool at a sports bar. They also are the perfect fit for Garoppolo.

He may look like he should be starring as a handsome young doctor on "All My Children" or modeling merino wool cardigans in a Banana Republic catalog. Or even leading an adoring crowd through "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" at Wrigley Field.

But that's merely a trick of the eye. That's not him at all.

Instead, Garoppolo is the son of an Italian-American electrician, someone who's faithful to his working-class roots, whose housemates and buddies always have been defensive players and who, despite his pretty-boy looks and his quarterback status, doesn't carry an ounce of conceit.

"Having three brothers, especially two older ones, you start putting yourself on a pedestal, they're going to take you down real quick," Garoppolo said.

That authenticity was quickly embraced when he arrived with the 49ers midway through the 2017 and his cool confidence helped rally the team to five straight wins at season's end.

Nine months later, he's suddenly the face of the franchise, someone fans and club executives alike believe can lift the region's most beloved team back to the great heights from which it's fallen. The front entrance to Levi's Stadium is dominated by a pair of huge banners. Joe Montana is on the left, Garoppolo on the right. The slogan: "Faithful Then, Faithful Now."

No, the expectations aren't subtle. In fact, they're 50-feet tall.

Garoppolo, quiet as a kid, never considered himself for that role. In fact he didn't even see himself as a quarterback.

When he was a teenager, he wanted to be like Mike, his next-oldest brother. "Mike was a linebacker," he told The Athletic in a sit-down interview last week. "And I was built similarly to him — a little skinnier — and I thought, 'You know what, that's the path I want to take.' He got a scholarship to Western Illinois and I kind of saw my path going similarly to that."

Jimmy's coaches knew that, of all the Garoppolo boys, he was the best athlete of the bunch. He was the pitcher in baseball, the defensive stopper in basketball — it didn't matter if it was the opposition's center or shooting guard, Jimmy would shut him down — and was capable of playing any position on the football field.

On the first day of youth football, when Jimmy was 12, his coach stood before his new crop of players and asked if any was interested in being the quarterback. One hand eventually, tentatively was raised. It belonged to Jimmy's best friend, Dan Lowry, who lived a couple of blocks from the Garoppolos.

Jimmy says he might have become a quarterback sooner but didn't want to usurp the position from his buddy. Lowry laughs and says he has a slightly different recollection.

"I probably would have been OK with him taking it," Lowry said. "I just remember the coach saying, 'Hey, has anyone played quarterback before?' And nobody really raised their hand. 'Well, does anyone want to give it a try?' And I was, 'Well, I'll give it a shot.'"

So Lowry was the quarterback in middle school. Jimmy played defensive end and halfback, albeit one with a powerful right arm. They began each game the same way, with Lowry pitching the ball back to Jimmy, who then would send it 40 yards downfield.

"I'd literally throw the ball as far as I could and the receiver would run a post," Garoppolo said. "It worked every time."

Said Lowry: "I think he actually had more touchdown passes than I did."

When they started at Rolling Meadows High two years later, there was a thought that Jimmy would play quarterback for the freshman team. But the plan was put on hold when he broke his finger in the opening game. On a sack? On a quarterback keeper? After his hand struck a helmet on a follow-through?

"Tackling, actually," Garoppolo said. "I was still playing linebacker, too. Not the safest thing in the world." Both Garoppolo and Lowry were promoted to varsity as sophomores. Rolling Meadows had a three-year starter at quarterback that year, so Garoppolo played outside linebacker. It wasn't until the following year — Garoppolo's junior season — that he finally made the switch.

During 7-on-7 sessions that summer, a man named Jeff Christensen introduced himself as a quarterbacks coach and gave Garoppolo his card. Garoppolo took it, said thank you, but was puzzled. That guy's a what?

"I'd never even heard of quarterback coaches," he said. "I didn't really know who the guy was or anything. I was immature. I didn't know any better."

Garoppolo's dad, Tony Sr., convinced his son to give Christensen, who had played at Eastern Illinois and spent four years in the NFL, a try. Christensen started showing Jimmy clips of NFL quarterbacks with perfect form — Tom Brady was a regular on the playlist — and they began chipping away at Garoppolo's elongated pitcher's motion, eventually replacing it with the clipped, ball's-out-in-a-snap delivery for which he is known today.

Because he'd never been a quarterback, Garoppolo was a blank slate for Christensen to mold. The protégé embraced the toil and by the end of his senior season was one of the best prep quarterbacks in the Chicago area.

Hard work was natural for Garoppolo. Other changes were not.

He loved lifting weights, for example, and wanted to get as bulky as his brother, Mike, who is built like a refrigerator. Quarterbacks, however, weren't allowed to lift like linebackers. They also weren't allowed to hit. His new position, Garoppolo learned, required a new, measured temperament.

"That was one of the weirdest things when I first became a quarterback," he said. "It's different because you don't hit anybody. You just take hits. Whereas on defense, you can hit or be hit. And quarterback's really the only position where you're like that. I don't know, that was a weird thing for me to accept at first, I guess."

Another adjustment came after he realized just how much a quarterback's success rests on what he does before he even walks on the field.

He remembers watching Brady come to the sideline during games in 2014, Garoppolo's rookie season, and being astounded as the veteran, who was in his 15th season at the time, and offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels flipped through photos of formations as if they were shuffling a deck of cards. Brady's memory and recall were legendary, and Brady and McDaniels would chatter away on the sideline in what seemed like a foreign language.

"He would come to the sideline and before he even looks at the pictures, he'd say, 'That last third down was Cover 1,' or something like that," Garoppolo said. "And I can remember as a rookie thinking, 'How the hell does he know that?'"

Garoppolo watched and mimicked Brady in how he prepared and how he managed his time. He realized that being an NFL quarterback meant becoming so familiar with your own system and players that when you drop back you're only looking at what the defense is doing. Knowing where your players are should be automatic.

Which is what made the recent offseason so challenging. He went from being fluent in one offense to having to learn an entirely different one. And not just that. The one-time linebacker needed to climb inside the head of Kyle Shanahan, perhaps the sharpest offensive mind in the game.

"One of the biggest things this offseason was trying to think the way he thinks, especially when it comes to play-calling and how he views the situation compared to how I was taught in New England," Garoppolo said. "There's different ways to look at any situation. We've gotten on the same page more and more and it's starting to show now."

Shanahan wasn't always happy with the progress, or at least feigned displeasure in order to push the quarterback harder. After Garoppolo went 10 for 12 in a preseason game in Houston, Shanahan said he had to resist sending his $137.5 million quarterback onto the field for another series because he didn't like the way he had gone through his progressions.

"Sometimes, he doesn't go through them right and he still makes some plays," Shanahan said. "We're hard on him about that stuff."

Other things have come much more easily.

Shanahan and general manager John Lynch said one of the telltales they looked for after trading for Garoppolo last year was how he meshed inside the team's locker room. If there was no fit, there would be no deal. Shanahan would look hard at signing Kirk Cousins, who was heading for free agency at the time and who happens to be Garoppolo's Week 1 counterpart.

Instead, the chemistry was nearly instantaneous and better than they could have hoped.

Garoppolo, after all, is the son of a man who played defensive tackle in high school. His oldest brother, Tony Jr., was a guard, Mike was a linebacker and Billy, the youngest, played cornerback.

The rank and file of the 49ers locker room — those are Garoppolo's people.

"I think being one of the guys while still being 'the guy' is a big part of being a successful quarterback," Garoppolo said.

During training camp, he played video games with tight end George Kittle and backup lineman JP Flynn to let off steam. He and safety Adrian Colbert have a two-locker combination in the middle of the locker room that has become a popular spot during down times in the day.

"He's friends with everybody," Colbert said. "(Safety Jaquiski) Tartt comes over here all the time. Spoon (cornerback Ahkello Witherspoon) comes over here all the time. He talks to everybody. And that's what you want in a leader, somebody who will have the same connections with his O-line as he has with the DBs."

Lynch and Shanahan also are undoubtedly pleased not to have seen much of Garoppolo away from the team facility. He turned down magazine shoots, award shows, nearly every endorsement opportunity — he will wear Jordan Brand cleats this year, he disclosed — as well as sit-downs with most national writers. He's not philosophically opposed to that sort of publicity. He just hasn't had time in his first year as a starting quarterback.

He also hasn't been spending much of his newfound wealth. He did buy a house in the South Bay, which included his favorite purchase so far.

"I have a pool at my house," he said. "I was really happy about that one, really excited."

How many months can you use a pool in Chicago?

"Three for real," he said. "If it's four or five, you're pushing it a little bit."

And of course, he's still rooting for the Sox, which has been difficult of late considering they are more than 20 games back in the AL Central and especially since the Cubs finally won a World Series two years ago. "At least we won in '05," he noted. "Up until that point, it was tough."

As backups to greats, Steve Young, Jimmy Garoppolo looked before leaping

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You can learn a lot by watching.

Just ask Steve Young.

And Jimmy Garoppolo.

Young, the 49ers' Hall of Fame quarterback, and Garoppolo, the 49ers' current quarterback, are the lone members of a fraternity: QBs who spent more than three seasons earning a Ph.D. in what it takes to be great while backing up the QBs widely regarded as the best in NFL history.

Young's education was almost all observational. That is, Joe Montana was not his mentor. And Garoppolo gets it because he lived it: Tom Brady wasn't helping Garoppolo work on his footwork. "Yeah, they're not coaching you," Garoppolo said when told of Young's dynamic with Montana. "That's how it is. Especially at the quarterback position because there's only one of you. And I never wanted to be a bother to Tom, especially when I was really young. I don't want to be that guy asking a million questions. Without being annoying, you observe as much as you can."

Garoppolo evidently watched well. He went from caddying for Brady to carrying the 49ers last year, leading a 1-10 team to a 5-0 finish after he was acquired via trade in October.

How did a novice with two career starts look so Brady-esque down the stretch?

Young, who was the NFL's MVP in 1992, his second season after serving his four-season apprenticeship, says seeing had something to do with what Garoppolo achieved.

"Seeing it empowers you because now you know," Young said. "You can't lie to yourself, 'Oh, it's going pretty well.' No, it's not. You know how well it has to go. I can't tell you the empowerment of seeing what greatness looks like."

The similarities between Young and Garoppolo go beyond being caddies to the QBs who have won nine Super Bowls between them.

They also played for two of the best head coaches in NFL history, Bill Walsh and Bill Belichick, and their teams won two Super Bowls as they stood on the sideline: Young made 10 starts from 1987 through '90, and Garoppolo made two starts in 3½ seasons before he was traded.

There is an obvious difference: Unlike Young, who had the burden of replacing Montana in the Bay Area, Garoppolo is roughly 3,100 miles removed from Brady's shadow.

That doesn't mean Garoppolo isn't facing gigantic expectations entering the regular-season opener at Minnesota on Sunday.

He's 7-0 as a starter, making him one of seven QBs since 1970 to win his first seven starts. And his 2,038 passing yards in his first seven starts ranks fourth over the past 49 seasons.

He now has to live up to a $137.5 million contract and a standard of perfection that's impossible to sustain. Again, Young points to Garoppolo's NFL upbringing to explain why he shouldn't be overwhelmed.

"Now the expectations are huge, and that's good," Young said. "He knows how good you have to be. He's watched it — so that's nice. It's not going to be, 'Oh, Jimmy, the expectations are too high.' He's like 'No, I

know how good you have to be. You can expect me to do whatever you want, but I know how good I have to be. I've witnessed it.'"

Head coach Kyle Shanahan was a ball boy when his dad, Mike, was the 49ers' offensive coordinator (1992-94). Shanahan knows Montana wasn't tutoring Young, and he notes that's hardly uncommon in starter-and-backup relationships among QBs. But he doesn't dismiss a reason for why Garoppolo looked unflappable last year despite having a supporting cast and knowledge of the playbook that were extremely limited.

"Tom Brady did not teach Jimmy how to play football at all," Shanahan said. "But you learn so much by watching. I'm sure Steve is the same way, just watching the pressure that was on Joe: how he handled it every day, the expectations, the standard of not to just be good, but if you don't win a Super Bowl, that's considered a failure. For guys like (Young and Garoppolo), I think you know the expectations where they would shell-shock other people."

Of course, Garoppolo has had plenty to do with his own early career success.

He's a second-round pick out of Eastern Illinois who won the Walton Payton Award, given to the best offensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA). Last year, his first throw in his first practice with the 49ers created a memory for Shanahan and general manager John Lynch, who were wowed by the way the ball came out of his hand.

Like Young, an All-American at BYU who entered pro football with the USFL after signing a then-record $40 million contract, Garoppolo doesn't lack natural talent.

But he acknowledges he entered the NFL deficient in other areas.

In college, his video study didn't go much beyond examining the coverages the upcoming opponent employed. In the NFL, he marveled at Brady's mastery of the minutiae, from how a free safety with an injured left ankle could be exposed, to his encyclopedic knowledge of the upcoming cornerbacks.

"The amount of time you put into it is so important, and one thing that really stuck out to me was Tom's film study," Garoppolo said. "He would know the opponent inside and out in the first couple of days of preparation. Whereas in college, you're watching throughout the whole week and you think you're watching, as opposed to what I'm doing now.

"I look back at college and it's like — what the hell was I thinking? I could have done so much better. It's one of those things you don't really learn until you see someone do it."

Said Young: "More than anything, there's a standard of preparation, of anticipatory throwing in game situations, of mastering the data and seeing it live and in person. It's semantical, right? You didn't learn from Tom, but you learned everything from watching Tom."

Last year, Garoppolo won his first start 33 days after he was traded. During that month, he learned part of an offense that had no correlation to what he knew in New England. For example, Garoppolo says the term "rub" has opposite meanings in each offense.

Garoppolo learned enough to flourish, and Shanahan learned during that crash course that his new QB could match his intensity when it came to studying X's and O's.

"I think that's how Tom is, and I think that's how Belichick is: They are hard on everything," Shanahan said. "They hold everyone accountable week in and week out, and that's why it's exhausting for a lot of people. I think I'm very similar to that. So I think it's neat that Jimmy can handle the urgency and demand that I have. And I think that's from being in an organization like that."

Garoppolo can be excused for exhaustion when it comes to his relationship with Brady and his past with the Patriots. In fact, he goodnaturedly feigned surprise when the topic of this story was broached.

When asked if he thinks the credit Brady receives for his development diminishes what he has accomplished, Garoppolo apologized for the cliche, while noting he took it upon himself to prepare each week as if he was the starter.

It's something he did well: Niners linebacker Cassius Marsh, who spent part of last season with Garoppolo in New England, says Garoppolo had reached a point where he resembled Brady's equal. "He would shred our defense every day," Marsh said. "He'd shred the first team every day, and it looked no different than when Tom was on the field. He's a much better athlete than Tom; he's super disciplined and works hard."

Garoppolo hadn't reached a point where he became satisfied with his progress. He says his desire to replace the Patriots' QB was crucial to his development.

"I would never say I got comfortable in New England, especially having Tom in front of me — I was always chasing to be the starter," Garoppolo said. "I think it benefited me, having that mind-set." Young understands. His competition with Montana elevated him, and his observation of Montana allowed him to understand what greatness required.

Will Garoppolo be great? Young envisions a bright future based on what Garoppolo has seen. "Witnessing sucks," Young said, "but it's totally empowering."

A perfect match? Jimmy Garoppolo and the Bay Area's instant embrace

By Nick Wagoner
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It took all of about one minute and seven seconds last season for a large number of Bay Area fans to embrace San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo.

That's how long it took for Garoppolo to enter the game against the Seattle Seahawks, run for 4 yards, complete a pass for 8 and then evade pressure to throw his first touchdown as a 49er, a 10-yard strike to Louis Murphy.

Now, he's got a snow leopard named after him.

That three-play sequence on Nov. 26, 2017 capped an 11-point defeat. That part, the Niners' 10th loss of the season anyway, is mostly inconsequential. But Garoppolo's quick cameo immediately gave Niners fans something they desperately craved: Hope. Hope that the 49ers were on the path back to respectability and that Garoppolo would be the guy to end the team's nearly two-decade search for another franchise quarterback.

In the ensuing months, the Bay Area's love for Garoppolo has been readily apparent despite Garoppolo's attempts to maintain a low profile. And now that Garoppolo has had time to do something other than bury his head in a 49ers playbook, he's taking advantage of the chance to return the love to his new home. "It's exciting," Garoppolo said. "… (I'm) really getting to know certain areas of the Bay a lot better. It's cool. I never got to do that last year. I was pretty much (at the facility) 24 hours a day. It's nice to get out and experience some of it."

After replacing C.J. Beathard as the starter in December, Garoppolo led the Niners to five straight wins to close last season. That was enough for the Niners to show Garoppolo how much they care about him, in the form of a five-year, $137.5 million contract in February.

The Bay Area's instant love for Garoppolo can be seen and experienced in myriad ways, big and small, from San Francisco to San Jose and points in between. It's also grown exponentially, considering all that's happened since he took his first snap with the team.

To wit, within Garoppolo's first month as the starter, La Rocca's Corner Bar in the North Beach neighborhood of San Francisco began advertising that Garoppolo would be at their bar looking for a date, a clever effort to capitalize on both Garoppolo's burgeoning popularity and his movie star good looks.

In April, the San Francisco Zoo took things a step further, naming one of its resident snow leopards after the 49ers quarterback. "Jimmy G" the snow leopard followed in the footsteps of a hippopotamus named for former Giants pitcher Brian Wilson in 2011, a rhinoceros named for former 49ers guard Alex Boone in 2013 and a pair of Bongo calves named for the Giants' Madison Bumgarner and Hunter Pence in 2014.

Those other players all had spent at least a couple of seasons with their Bay Area teams before an animal was named after them, but Garoppolo has perhaps the most fitting animal namesake. After all, the snow leopard is known for its rarity, having first been photographed in the wild in 1971. One could argue a franchise quarterback has been equally elusive for the 49ers.

Garoppolo's popularity has extended to some of the Bay Area's other pro teams. After 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan opened the locker room doors for the San Jose Sharks at a playoff game, Garoppolo said he hoped to get to a game, too. The Sharks wasted little time reaching out to make it happen with defenseman Brent Burns taking to Twitter to invite Garoppolo to a game with the added bonus of a promise of providing Garoppolo with oil for his growing beard.

With left tackle Joe Staley and former Niners lineman Zane Beadles in tow, Garoppolo was the honorary door opener for Game 3 of the Western Conference Finals against the Las Vegas Golden Knights. He even showed up on the scoreboard to fire up the playoff crowd.

"It's weird," Staley said of constant attention Garoppolo draws. "It honestly is. It's like 'Gosh, I don't even want to hang out with you.' Because (all the cameras) are everywhere. Everybody is watching him but he's a good dude."

Garoppolo's offseason adventures even have other celebrities getting in on the clamor. On May 12, Niners tight end George Kittle had a connection for tickets to a Bellator mixed martial arts event in San Jose and brought Garoppolo, receiver Trent Taylor and Shanahan and his son.

At the event, Garoppolo, Kittle and Shanahan found themselves sitting near 50 Cent and eventually posed for a photo with him, a photo the rapper later sent out to his more than 10 million Twitter followers. Even movie star Jeremy Renner, a diehard Niners fan, couldn't help but jump on board. At the NBA Finals, Renner told the San Jose Mercury News he hadn't yet met Garoppolo but was looking forward to it.

"Finally we got someone," Renner said. "Finally!"

Of course, with Garoppolo's escalating fame comes an increasing amount of attention when he goes out. Asked during the team's offseason program if he'd spent much time out with Garoppolo, center Weston Richburg joked that he wasn't "high profile" enough to hang out with his quarterback. And with Garoppolo's every move being documented by cameras, a night out can turn into an appearance on TMZ, as it did outside a bar in San Jose following the Bellator event.

While Garoppolo is enjoying settling into his new home, he's also made it clear that he isn't too big on going out and creating a scene. Garoppolo is just as content to spend a night playing the popular video game Fortnite or to watch NBA games somewhere with his teammates.

But still …

"It's wild," Kittle said. "He likes to have a fun time but he's super professional and he understands that. So we are also really good in that we usually go out in a big group and we are all about protecting the team. It's just weird because I have never really experienced that before. You look around the corner and there's a guy with his camera out and you're like 'Oh yeah, Jimmy is over there.'"

Jimmy Garoppolo is Superman in Disguise

By Joon Lee
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Ten hours after Bill Belichick called to tell him he'd been traded to the Niners, Jimmy Garoppolo almost died. The Patriots had received a better offer from the Browns—multiple high-round draft picks—but Belichick believed San Francisco offered more possibilities for the young quarterback; he settled for a second-rounder. When a report surfaced that Tom Brady played a role in the exit of his own protégé, Garoppolo felt grateful that he didn't have to answer questions in public, high-tailing straight outta Boston.

"Parts of it were true, parts of it I knew weren't true, parts I didn't know if they were true or not," Garoppolo says now. "I appreciated that Coach Belichick put me in the best situation—you hear those horror stories about guys finding out from … Twitter.

"It was a bye week, and he had planned on going home to Illinois for his 26th birthday. He was planning a post-Super Bowl trip with the guys. He was planning to soak in more as Brady's backup—sure, he'd only started those two games for the Pats during the Deflategate suspension, but deep down, he felt he was better than the greatest of all time, that he could one day beat out Brady for the starting job in New England. Hell, he'd even planned on moving to a new place at the Seaport District in Boston for the 2018-19 season, because Jimmy's a planner. "Everything went a little sideways on that plan, but it worked out," he tells Bleacher Report. "I planned every scenario that I could think of in my head." Jimmy plans and plans, then plans some more.

All of a sudden, it was 5:30 on Halloween morning, and Jimmy—the linebacker turned quarterback who used to wear K-Swiss sneakers into the ground and spit Weezy verses from Tha Carter III in his '91 Buick Century—was rushing to the airport to catch the Niners' private plane to the Bay. He was running on not enough sleep, a suitcase full of unfolded clothes and his iPhone blowing up in the backseat of a limousine merging onto I-95.

That's when the unexpected nightmare began. Another car exited the highway, skidded off the side of the ramp, turned straight toward Jimmy's door—straight toward the man who is now the third-highest-paid player in the National Football League.

Jimmy stared at the headlights outside his window. For a young man whose superpower is self-confidence, whose only insecurity is the temporary absence of perfection, Jimmy Garoppolo, once more, didn't know what could possibly happen next.

He is hard to miss, Jimmy is, with that Superman chisel and all, a comparison he's heard multiple times. "I thank my parents for the good looks," he says with a laugh, a denim jacket over his pink T-shirt, with fresh-out-the-box Tinker Hatfield Jordan 3s hovering across the parking lot this June evening. "It's the Italian tan, I guess." Garoppolo is one of those people who immediately make you conscious of what you're wearing, whether you have bags under your eyes or whether there's a stain on your shirt.

At the front door of Fleming's steakhouse here in Santa Clara, hopeful eyes dart toward him instantly. The mood of Niners fans has shifted dramatically in the eight months since the trade for their present and future QB. And as our waiter says after whisking Jimmy into a private back room, delivering a New York strip, medium-plus: "You know how they say a good quarterback makes everybody better? You literally proved that."

"I tried," Jimmy says with a laugh.

People take a glance up and down at Jimmy and see the ever-white smile, the comic-book jawline, the Italian tan and a photogeneity that makes even an unflattering fan selfie impossible to take. They watch a mic'd-up video of him leading the Niners on a game-winning drive and leave comments like this: "Tom Brady really birthed his son and alley-ooped him to the 49ers."

"Baby Brady," another commenter says.

"I've said that stuff since I was a little kid," Jimmy says. "Creepy when you put it all back to back like that. He rubbed off on me, I guess."

Because the Patriots prevented reporters from talking to Garoppolo's family and friends, the perception of the San Francisco 49ers star has been shaped by assumptions, infatuations and the scarce public information known about him. (His Wikipedia page does not have a "Personal Life" section, just stats and stats and dollar signs.) Fans and haters alike wonder out loud: Is Jimmy Garoppolo really that perfect? That humble? The second coming of Brady, on and off the field? Or is he more like Graduation-era Kanye: Dude, you really still trying to convince us you're some kind of underdog?

Spend the weekend with Jimmy Garoppolo, though, talk to Mom, Dad, the three brothers, the coaches, the GM, and then help him find a new house with that record-setting contract—five years at $137.5 million with a signing bonus of $7 million, a guaranteed roster bonus of $28 million and a base salary of $6.2 million just for this season alone—and you'll find that the monotonous march up Mount Perfection is more tumultuous than it looks, that things don't ever really go according to plan…especially when you're not just Tom Brady's mysterious backup on the Patriots anymore.

The first time Jimmy Garoppolo had the chance to play quarterback, he turned it down. Jimmy didn't start playing football until sixth grade, but he was already 6'2" by then, so he started off at tight end and linebacker. On offense, he soon became a running back. Jimmy liked the ball in his hands. Jimmy likes control.

His Pop Warner head coach, Bob Viti, frequently called a play usually saved for desperation time in Madden: the half-back pass, wherein the quarterback—who was Jimmy's best friend growing up, Dan Lowry—would hand off the ball to Jimmy, who would chuck it down the field. Coach Viti liked to call this play because it was always—always—a touchdown. It led Coach Viti to approach his star running back about a position change, to QB. But every time the coach asked, the answer from 11-year-old Jimmy was no.

"He never told me why," Viti says.

This is why: Jimmy had lived a few streets away from Dan Lowry his entire life—Jimmy's family has lived in the same house, on the same cul de sac, in the same suburb of Arlington Heights, Illinois, since before he was born—and simply did not want to take away his best friend's job. Yes, Jimmy was that humble. "I didn't know about quarterbacking," Jimmy says. "Nobody in my family had ever done it."

Jimmy grew up the third of four sons to Denise and Tony Sr., who left for work as an electrician before 6:30 in the morning to put enough food on the table to feed his boys but clocked out at 4:30 to make sure he could coach their sports teams.

"[Jimmy] really just flowed with the way everything went," Denise says. "So on vacations, he really never caused any kind of a problem. My other sons were more boisterous. Jimmy wasn't."

Those around him say he's always been that level-headed. But he was still a linebacker until 2008, his junior year at Rolling Meadows High, when he gave up track and baseball to play quarterback and point guard. Jeff Christensen, a former NFL QB and private coach, saw Jimmy's long release—the remnants of pitching in Little League—and began playing him tapes of other gunslingers. Naturally, 16-year-old Jimmy gravitated toward the quarterback who had just set all the passing records, who had just lost his first

Super Bowl in four attempts before turning 31, the QB who was the star on most of the game tape: Tom Freaking Brady.

“It wasn’t even like I was a Patriots fan,” Jimmy says, “but seeing him do that, it was flawless. I was like, ‘OK, that’s how I should throw.’”

By his senior year, Jimmy felt comfortable under center, finishing high school with 3,136 passing yards and 25 touchdowns in 19 games at quarterback. Christensen, recognizing his student’s potential, called up the offensive coordinator at Eastern Illinois. And even though there was barely enough data or game tape to put together a firm scouting report, EIU trusted Christensen and gave Jimmy a scholarship.

His routines had been sharpened. He almost exclusively ate chicken, spinach and rice for every dinner. He listened to YouTube motivational speeches at the gym. He memorized Tha Carter III by Lil Wayne, front to back, after he learned it was stuck in the CD player of his Buick. And he listed off workouts to his dad: lifting, stretching, throwing repetition drills. Tony Sr. would nod along, listening to his son’s low-key bravado.

“You think you worked hard?” Tony Sr. would ask.“I think I put in some good work,” Jimmy replied.

“There’s always someone working harder than you,” his father would tell 18-year-old Jimmy, then walk away.

The words still leave Jimmy shaking his head.

“He’d just sneak it in,” Jimmy says now. “I would just be like, ‘What the fuck, man?’”

Eastern Illinois wanted Jimmy Garoppolo to transfer. He’d expected to redshirt as a freshman in 2010, throwing out fake signals from the sideline with a headset not connected to anything at all. By the fourth game, he was starting. “Nobody told us there was an NFL quarterback sitting there,” the offensive coordinator, Sterlin Gilbert, says now.

As an assistant at Baylor, Dino Babers had watched Robert Griffin III win the Heisman, and he believed another mobile quarterback would fit the new offensive scheme he brought to EIU as head coach in 2012. But Babers wanted to watch Garoppolo throw a bit, getting a first glimpse at spring ball. It took five passes for the coach to be sure.

“This guy shouldn’t be here,” Babers said.

“That’s exactly what I’m saying,” a staffer told him at the EIU stadium, which seats 10,000.

“No, he shouldn’t be here, as in, he shouldn’t be at I-AA,” Babers said. “There’s a whole bunch of coaches who should be fired for missing this guy. He’s really, really good.”

Jimmy didn’t own a car in college, so he would walk 30 minutes from his place to the football facility and still be the first one there, hours before the rest of his teammates. The day after a game, Jimmy was at the facility by 7 a.m., breaking down tape. If there was a 6 a.m. workout, Jimmy would be there by 5:30, lifting weights. And he was still in routine by sundown, cooking up chicken on a George Foreman Grill—yes, with a side of spinach and rice. His teammates called him “Leaves.”

Jimmy had started keeping a small journal in his dorm room, jotting down the school’s passing records—single-season and career, held entirely by Eastern Illinois legends Tony Romo and Sean Payton—during freshman year. Two seasons later, as a junior, he’d already broken some.

“And, obviously, he got the girl attraction,” says John Wurm, an EIU linebacker and Jimmy’s current best friend. “It was ridiculous. Jim never led a girl on, though, or dated a girl.”

"I definitely got attention just by being next to him," says Jerone Williams, an EIU D-lineman known as Juice to his buddies.

"Pretty small school," says Niko Foltys, Jimmy's former roommate and teammate. "Word gets out."
"Jim's the most laid-back, cool dude you'll probably ever meet," says Pete Houlihan, an EIU cornerback and former roommate. "On the football field? Complete opposite."

"Historical schools … put these guys on pedestals, and it was unfathomable to us that Jimmy could play with those guys," says Adam Gristick, another former roommate and now the linebackers coach at EIU. "Jimmy was the guy from day one."

Jimmy's squad—Wurm, Juice, Niko, Pete and Gristick—would keep him in check with nightly games of Super Smash Bros. on the Nintendo 64. (He played as Samus.) They would make fun of his white K-Swiss sneakers, a pair of which he bought before every year of college, and called him "Swagless Swiss." ("My freshman year, I bought some Vans and they asked me if I was a skater," Jimmy says. "I was just like, 'I don't know what I'm doing. Somebody help me.'")

For the 2014 NFL draft, Jimmy invited his roommates to New York City, registering all five of them as his brothers. The night before, the group came over to his hotel room, which featured a king-size bed, a wheel-in cot and a lumpy couch. Gristick, the 227-pound linebacker, sat down on the couch, only for Jimmy to give him a gentle nudge. "Hey, Gristick, you're in my bed," Jimmy said. "That's where I'm sleeping tonight." Yes, Jimmy had ceded the bed and the cot to his older brothers, and yes, Jimmy Garoppolo is still that kind of guy.

On Day 1 of the draft, Roger Goodell approached the Garoppolo table in the green room. Juice Williams, who is 6'7", black and clearly not Italian, looked up at the commissioner. "Eight brothers, huh?" Goodell said with a laugh. (The NFL disputes this.)

On Day 2, when Jimmy expected to be selected, he walked into the bathroom of Radio City Music Hall and felt a tap on his shoulder. It was former Patriots Pro Bowl linebacker Willie McGinest, who was there to announce the team's pick."

Garoppolo, right?" McGinest asked."

Yes, nice to meet you," Garoppolo said.

"I've got a feeling I'm about to call your name here in a bit," McGinest said, 40 minutes before the Pats' second-round pick.

"I thought he was BS'ing with me, being a nice guy," Jimmy says now.

Three picks before New England went on the clock, Jimmy received a call on his iPhone—location: Massachusetts. "Oh, it's the Patriots!" he thought. He took the call and Bill Belichick was on the line."

Everyone was making noises, and I couldn't hear half the things," Jimmy says. "It didn't matter what was being said. I made sure to say, 'Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Yes, sir.'"

The first time Jimmy Garoppolo met Tom Brady was during a predraft visit. They shook hands, exchanged pleasantries, then disappeared into other meetings. Over the next three-and-a-half seasons in Foxborough, he mostly tried to stay out of the GOAT's way. "I was going to watch and literally absorb everything I could from him without being an annoyance," he says. "I didn't want to ask a ton of questions. I didn't want to ruffle any feathers. You have to play the politics a little bit."

As Jimmy's oldest brother, Tony Jr., says: "You gotta look up the ladder and see who's done it well, and I think he just tried to duplicate as much as he could at what Tom did, and that's not going out too late on the weekend and getting in trouble."

Brady and his backup did, however, develop a competitive relationship. After practice, the two quarterbacks would often play the bucket game, which requires landing a football into a trash can in the back corner of the end zone. “There would be days where one of us would win and you wouldn’t talk to the other for a little while,” Jimmy says. “We’d be fine the next day, but it was one of the best things for me. We would push each other and we got two Super Bowls out of it.”

Jimmy spent most days at Gillette Stadium and did not keep any food in his home. During the offseason, Brady would call once a week to check in on his progress, ask him how he’d been working to get better. In the three full seasons with Jimmy backing him up, Brady produced arguably the best stretch of his career, completing 65.1 percent of passes, throwing for 97 touchdowns against 18 interceptions and posting a QB rating of 103.1…all at ages 37 to 39. (Through the Patriots and the agent he shares with Garoppolo, Brady declined to comment for this story.)“

The competitiveness between the two of us was very similar. If I’m playing my best friend in one-on-one basketball, if we are both into it, by the end, we are going to hate each other,” Jimmy says. “That’s how it is. All the good competitors have that. We got along, but there were always times where we wanted to kill each other. It was a healthy, competitive relationship.”

While Jimmy certainly learned a lot on the field, he received the most advice from Brady off it. He has not adopted Brady’s notoriously stringent diet (“Let me tell you, avocado ice cream is not bad,” Jimmy admits), but he picked up tricks of a modern celebrity life, from the finances to the locker room and, of course, the women. “I can’t tell you that,” Jimmy says with a wide smile, when pressed about veteran dating tips from the husband of one of the world’s most famous supermodels. “That’s top-secret stuff.”

And in New England, you try to not piss off the other GOAT, either. Belichick was a supporter, to be sure, but he and Garoppolo kept it strictly professional. “There was no BS’ing around,” Jimmy says. “I related to him in that way, as crazy as it sounds. He’s different than he is with the media. He has dry humor—he would say some stuff that was borderline mean. He would put up a lowlight clip every once in a while, and it was always your worst throws from practice. He would put it up there, and you already knew what was about to happen. Any position, there are so many people on the outside hyping you up and saying good things, that everyone needs to be brought back down.” (Belichick also declined to comment for this story.)

Jimmy knew he could be a starting quarterback in the NFL, and by the end of his first season, he was itching for that opportunity. Sometimes, Jimmy would joke with his buddy Wurm, a Browns fan, that he’d become the signal-caller in Cleveland. “Maybe I’ll be in Ohio in no time,” Jimmy would tell his best friend. Part of him hoped that the chance would come in New England. His confident side thought he could—maybe one day—beat out Brady on the depth chart. It was, after all, the one best-laid plan he could control: Only Jimmy Garoppolo was going to steal Tom Brady’s job.

“I’ve always had that mindset,” Jimmy says. “I knew that [Brady] was better than me in my first day in the NFL. Naturally, you’re the rookie and he’s the veteran, but you have to have that mindset, that you want to be the starter.”

“Even when I was a little kid, my brothers, whenever we would play, I would literally always think I was going to win. I wouldn’t, but I would always think that. It’s like when I go to New England, when I first got there, I thought in my head, ‘I’m better than this dude.’”

“But in your head, you believe you’re better than Tom Brady?” I ask.

“It was always a quiet confidence,” Jimmy says. “I would never speak that.”

I ask again: “But you believed that you were the best dude there?”

“Yeah, you believe in yourself,” Jimmy says. “That’s the best way to put it.”

I check his confidence one more time: “So you’re going up to Tom Brady and saying, ‘I’m better than you’?”

“I’m not stupid. You have to pick your battles, but I had belief in myself that I could do certain things, and it’s always worked out pretty well. It will always be in me, that drive that comes from my dad telling me that someone is always working harder, that I’m always in last place and I need to catch up to someone else.”

Last offseason, San Francisco’s flashy new GM and head coach, John Lynch and Kyle Shanahan, had looked at every scenario to acquire a franchise quarterback. Colin Kaepernick was not going to come back, that much was decided. For Shanahan, none of the attention on the Niners’ protesting quarterback would affect his next decision.

“I did not think about any of the [Kaepernick] stuff,” Shanahan tells B/R. “You’re going to go through a lot of tough times regardless of how good you are. I want someone who can execute the system, has the skill set to manage a win, and I don’t really put anything else into that.”

Shanahan brought with him a dynamic offense, and in clip after clip of QBs who could shine in his complex playbook, Jimmy’s quick release and quicker decisions kept popping up. So Lynch asked about Brady and Jimmy before last season, but Belichick rebuffed on both. Shanahan had expected to wait a year and go hard after Kirk Cousins this offseason and contemplated spending a first- or second-round pick in the quarterback-heavy 2018 draft if all else fell through. But when Belichick came to him at the trade deadline in October, asking if he wanted Garoppolo for a second-round pick, the team jumped at the opportunity.

Even after the trade, however, Lynch and Shanahan emphasized a very specific—and surprising—point to the Niners brass: Just because the franchise had given up a second-rounder for Jimmy...didn’t mean he was immediately the franchise QB.“

A lot of people would say if you’re going to trade a second-round pick, you’ve gotta be committed to this being your guy,” Lynch says. “This was not the way we wanted to talk about it. We had an opportunity to possibly have our guy, but we wanted him to come in. That was worth the risk.”

Shanahan adds: “It would be irresponsible to get someone like that and then commit to him long-term without seeing more of him, especially when you’re in the position we thought we were going to be in, with free agency and Kirk becoming available and the draft.”

Lynch quickly became convinced the Niners had found their man, but it took Shanahan three Garoppolo wins, including a 381-yard, one-touchdown, 72.1-completion-percentage performance against Tennessee, to be finally sold. By the end of the season, five wins, a 67.4 completion percentage and a 96.2 passer rating later, there was not even a decision to be made. Everyone wanted Clark Kent in California for a long time to come.

“I didn’t want to play around with the franchise tag because it’s just a distraction that you don’t need,” Jimmy says. “There are so many things that go into it outside of football. Now that we have this set in stone for years, it’s done, and there’s nothing to worry about.”

The pressure is certainly on now, especially with Jimmy’s newly minted bank account balance. “His first interception last year, he didn’t know the system and had every excuse in the world,” Shanahan says. “But when you get paid like that, you don’t know how people are going to react, and the first interception is going to be different.”

Lynch, who played in New England for his final season, has noticed the Brady influence. “That mindset, that you’re not going to just sit back and learn from Tom and say, ‘I’m going to beat out Tom,’ that works both ways,” Lynch says. “Having a guy as talented as Jimmy around—Tom is Tom Brady, and I don’t

know if he ever thought about it, but it probably made [Brady] better. That's what the great ones do. Every little thing, they draw from it, and I can see that with Jimmy."

Shanahan now has exactly what he wanted out of a franchise star: someone who isn't going to wait around for an opportunity—someone who's going to go out and get what he wants.

"I know New England wanted to keep him there and keep him on ice before Tom eventually retired … but what was exciting for me was that New England knew he wasn't going to re-sign there," Shanahan says. "He wanted to start and he wanted to play. He forced their hand. ... It would've been cool to play for Belichick and do that stuff and be in that system once Brady retires, but he didn't want to wait. That's the guy you want."

Two years ago, Jimmy and his squad from Eastern Illinois reunited in Vegas, as college buddies do, just another pack of sentimental bros waiting in line at the club. The trip gave them an opportunity to remember back after wins on game days, when EIU fans would come over to their place to party, like that time a cowboy riding a horse ended up on their front lawn.

This past March, the roommates returned for another guys trip, and this time, fans were waiting in line to get a photo with Jimmy. He opted out, because one photo turns into hundreds, and the line never stops. The former roommates hit up 1 OAK, where Lil Uzi Vert was scheduled to perform. When Uzi finally hit the stage, he performed one song before coming over to the EIU squad's table, finishing the rest of his set with the spotlight squarely on the quarterback."

That was probably the one big moment for me," says Wurm. "I realized, 'Wow, Jimmy really is the biggest celebrity in here.'"

In college, Jimmy and Wurm watched Entourage together—every season, three or four times—and Jimmy never really related to Vincent Chase, the show's movie-star protagonist. But now he's got talk-show hosts screaming about him in the morning, cornerbacks talking shit about him in the afternoon and the paparazzi following him around at night. Brady and Gisele Bündchen once organized a double date with Garoppolo and a model friend of theirs, but the relationship did not work out. "It's crazy to think about it, not expecting to be in Vinny's situation, but it's slowly turning into that," Jimmy says. Five weeks later, the paparazzi will catch Jimmy on a date with an adult film star, not unlike his Entourage counterpart.

In May, TMZ had posted a video of Jimmy outside a San Jose bar with a young woman. It's the type of attention he's still getting used to, even if he makes his friends read the thirsty Instagram comments. "You're not even sure if it's a real person," Jimmy says. "You just pretend they aren't. … The comments are the weirdest part. The DMs are even crazier." When TMZ claimed he had a girlfriend two months before, friends congratulated Jimmy on the relationship. "It was news to me," he says.

Oh, Jimmy Garoppolo did not die, by the way. As the swerving car crossed the median of the Massachusetts interstate and kept barreling toward him on the morning after the trade, Jimmy's limo driver bailed into a ditch. "Could you imagine that story," the driver said to Jimmy, "if we got hit leaving here?"

"Holy shit, what just happened?" Jimmy asked.

What does someone do right after he almost dies, 10 hours after being traded out of Tom Brady's shadow? If you're as ambitious as this guy, you put on your noise-canceling Bose headphones, turn up the country music and study your new team's playbook, right there on your iPhone. "I had texts going off every second, but I couldn't respond," Jimmy says. "It was my chance."

Now, with a signing bonus to spend, he's deciding between a Tesla or a Maserati and looking to rent a new place. He doesn't have enough time or experience with the area to buy a home just yet, because he doesn't do a whole lot with his time other than play football. He likes to golf, but he's more engrossed by locker room matches of Fortnite. He's figuring out what to do with all the endorsement offers, as both Nike

and Adidas try to sign him as a face for their football brands. He used to be the quiet one who passed on the quarterback job. Now, when one of the richest guys in the NFL returns to his childhood home in Arlington Heights, his unwavering, deep tenor voice shakes the walls like an audible call aiming for the back corner of the end zone.

So when Jimmy goes pad-hunting in San Jose with his family on a Saturday afternoon in June, his dad asks the real estate agent about the vibe of the gated community.

“It’s very quiet here,” says Jimmy’s brother Mike.

“Seems like it,” Jimmy says.

“Once someone finds out you’re here, it’s gonna change,” says the real estate agent.

He’s pretty famous, Jimmy is, with the NFL’s second-highest-selling jersey this offseason and, for a hot minute, its biggest contract ever. He’s not just talented and charming, you know. Technically, he’s still undefeated as a starter. “Don’t jinx me,” Jimmy says.

Some gray hairs have started coming in on the sides of his head, though. Turns out, perfection doesn’t last forever. So what else could Jimmy Garoppolo want? Well, exactly what you’d expect if Superman were the quarterback of your favorite team.“

Super Bowls. That’s every football guy’s dream. That’s why we play the game. We’re just trying to do it one day at a time.” Sure enough, Jimmy pauses and laughs before looking dead ahead. “I know it sounds super Patriots cliché, but it really is true—like what the hell? Try to get better every day.”

"A Bit of Brady": How Jimmy Garoppolo Copied the G.O.A.T. – Then Escaped His Shadow

By Jenny Vrentas
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Jimmy Garoppolo is standing at the 40-yard line, play sheet in hand. It's June, mid-minicamp in Santa Clara, Calif., and the quarterback with the perfect record, swarthy good looks and $137.5 million contract is serving after-practice detention.

The punishment is self-imposed; six false starts by the offense left him no choice. Garoppolo called over left tackle Joe Staley during the third team period and informed him they would all be staying late.

So thirty-some 49ers players surround the quarterback in the black No. 10 jersey, long after the defense has gone inside, tuning their ears to the Chicago accent piercing the late-afternoon breeze. Garoppolo announces a play, then the corresponding cadence, a code of numbers and colors that refers to either a specific command or, well, nothing at all. Tense in their stances, the guys are waiting to hear their QB bark the word that means "go."

It's a pretty good approximation of what the rest of the Bay Area has been doing since the trade that shocked the NFL: hanging on every last thing Garoppolo does. Has there ever been so much hype surrounding a team coming off a 10-loss season? Has there ever been a veteran passer with seven starts to his name who's carried greater expectations?

Right now, Garoppolo is just trying to make sure every offensive player is used to his cadence—he hasn't even been here a full calendar year, after all. It's tedious work, running through infinite combos of the same words. But for these 20 minutes, Garoppolo gets to control the tempo.

Ever since he left his Foxboro apartment at 5 a.m. last Halloween and boarded a plane to northern California, Garoppolo has been living in a sort of time warp. He was transported, in just a few short months, from being Tom Brady's rarely used backup to being the highest-paid player in the NFL (for five weeks, at least). In this new world, a sloppy mid-summer practice is now a headline, and never mind the two banners that adorn one corner of Levi's Stadium. Printed on one, under a photo of Hall of Famer Joe Montana, are the words "FAITHFUL THEN." On the other, under a photo of Garoppolo: "FAITHFUL NOW." No pressure, Jimmy.

After spending most of his career under the radar, Garoppolo, 26, has tried to limit his time in the newfound spotlight. He's turned down multiple offers to pose for magazine covers, including from the outlet that inspired his Jimmy GQ nickname. (Like Brady, his idol and former teammate, Garoppolo has looks that created a buzz in some circles long before he ever made his first NFL start.) Through a 49ers spokesperson, he declined an interview request for this story, citing a desire to play more games and further prove himself on the field first. The biggest headlines he's made since agreeing to a five-year contract extension in February were when cameras found him while on a mid-summer date in Los Angeles with an adult film star.

"He doesn't have to be the star. Really, he doesn't," says his mother, Denise Garoppolo. "It's just coming to him."

As a middle-schooler in the Chicago suburbs, Garoppolo had no interest in playing QB, preferring to hit and be hit as a linebacker and running back. On the basketball court, his parents had to beg him to shoot; he was more interested in passing to his friends.

Two of Garoppolo's three brothers, Mike and Billy, are relocating with him to the Bay Area, to help him keep pace with his rapidly accelerating life. And his parents will fly in for every home game. Last fall, the

football world was taken by surprise when Garoppolo became the face of the 49ers. For the past five years, the family has been getting used to the thought of Garoppolo being the face of any franchise.

When Dino Babers ran into Tony and Denise Garoppolo in a hotel lobby on the eve of the 2013 season opener against San Diego State, it was just the second time the Eastern Illinois coach had spoken to the parents of his star senior quarterback. Tony, an electrician and second-generation Italian-American, and Denise, who worked at a natural foods store, assumed this could be their son's final year of organized football, and so they'd made a point of attending as many games as possible.

Babers was glad to bump into them, as he had a request: "Listen, agents are going to start contacting your son. I want you two to handle all this stuff so he can focus on the season."

Tony stopped him. "That's very nice, but you don't have to say those things—"

"Mr. Garoppolo!" Babers interrupted. "Your son is going to the NFL."

This wasn't false modesty; they simply didn't know. Within a few days' time, that would change. Eastern Illinois was a two-TD underdog at San Diego State, but Garoppolo led the Panthers to a 21-point victory, throwing for 361 yards and three touchdowns. After watching film of Garoppolo dissecting the Aztecs, the coach of SDSU's next opponent, Ohio State's Urban Meyer, announced to the nation, "Eastern has really one of the best quarterbacks I've ever seen."

In the three years before, just a handful of scouts had trickled through the FCS program's campus. Then came Garoppolo's senior season, when 31 teams sent eyes to tiny Charleston, Ill. Sean Edinger, the team's strength coach, recalls a Jaguars scout commenting that Garoppolo's hands were too small and his release too quick. As for the Patriots?

"They came one time," says Babers, now the head coach at Syracuse. "Didn't even stay for the whole practice. But that's classic. If you're on the outside, you think they're not interested. And then—Bam!"

As a case study in the making of a franchise quarterback, Garoppolo is something of an anomaly. The first time he played the position was on the freshman team at Rolling Meadows (Ill.) High, after coach Doug Millsaps saw how the ball came out of his hand when he threw. In the class of 2009, seven QBs across the state of Illinois received scholarships from FBS programs; Garoppolo wasn't one of them. Millsaps recalls personally driving Garoppolo's tape to Northwestern and begging the head coach to offer him. No luck.

It wasn't until his throwing coach, Jeff Christensen, a former Eastern QB who spent a few years in the NFL in the 1980s, called in a favor from EIU's offensive coordinator, Roy Wittke, that Garoppolo even got a look from a college program. Wittke had coached Tony Romo, a four-time Pro Bowler, at Eastern Illinois, and Garoppolo was the first quarterback he'd seen since who bore a resemblance to his former star, from his humble Midwestern manner to his quick release and excellent balance. When Rolling Meadows' coaches described the responsibilities Garoppolo took on before each snap, Wittke gave him an offer.

Garoppolo was EIU's starter just four games into his true freshman season; the team struggled, winning just four games over his first two seasons. When Babers was hired in 2012, some members of the athletic department wanted to make a change at quarterback. After watching Garoppolo throw five passes, Babers concluded that his quarterback shouldn't be at Eastern—he should be at an FBS school. The quickness of his release, Babers likes to say, is second only to Dan Marino.

Babers brought with him from Baylor a spread system that put a premium on quick decision-making, and by Garoppolo's senior season the QB was given the freedom to change plays at the line of scrimmage. But this wasn't a check-with-me situation where he'd pick the better of two plays. If he saw a bad defensive look, he could choose something else entirely. The third game of that season included a 63-yard TD pass—a play that was made before the snap. Illinois State's defense had been in a zero blitz,

with six men rushing against the Panthers' five-man protection. Garoppolo slid the protection and, noticing a nickel safety playing man coverage over star receiver Erik Lora, used a subtle pre-snap hand signal to convert Lora's route to a fade. Pitch-and-catch for an easy score in a 57-24 win.

The passing records Garoppolo eventually broke at Eastern belonged to Romo and Sean Payton, but all along he was being modeled after another QB. In the film room, offensive coordinator Sterlin Gilbert often pointed to Brady's unflappability. Since high school, Christensen had worked with Garoppolo to replicate Brady's impeccable mechanics. Garoppolo himself, meanwhile, wasn't exactly shy about his adulation for the Pats' All-Pro. Nine months before New England drafted him, Garoppolo tweeted: "Happy birthday to my boy Tom #livingLegend #Brady."

"Brady was his idol," says Babers. "Even when he was picking agents, he was so excited he was going to meet Brady's agent [Don Yee]. And that's the agent he picked."

Four years later, Garoppolo's new Niners teammate, Richard Sherman, assessing the QB from a defensive perspective, sees a guy "doing his best impression of Tom." The veteran corner, who signed with San Francisco this offseason, is referring to Garoppolo's quick release and reads, and his ability to neutralize the pass rush by speedily getting the ball out of his hands.

Staley, too, has watched enough TV to know that he's sometimes hearing a bit of Brady in the 49ers' huddle. "[Jimmy] does have a lot of the same sayings," Staley points out with a smirk. "Like, 'Whatchoo say now, 1-0? . . . Let's go now, c'mon, 1-0.' I'm always calling [Jimmy] out on that, like, 'Hey, that's not your saying—that's Tom's saying! Get something else!' "

Kyle Shanahan and Bill Belichick met at the scouting combine in Indianapolis in March 2017, less than a month after Belichick's Patriots roared back from a 28-3 deficit to defeat Shanahan's Falcons in Super Bowl LI. They had a lot to talk about: the game . . . Shanahan's first head coaching job, with the 49ers, which he'd accepted that February . . . and a certain backup Patriots quarterback. San Francisco, at the time, had literally zero QBs on its roster. But when Shanahan inquired, he got the same answer Belichick gave everyone else: Garoppolo, in no uncertain terms, was not available.

Belichick's insistence on holding on to his backup, after his then-39-year-old starter had just won his fifth Super Bowl, only served to stoke other teams' desires. Part of the Garoppolo mystique has always been this implicit endorsement from Belichick, who is notoriously hard to please and who is wary of using high draft picks on QBs. (In 24 drafts with the Browns and Patriots, Belichick has never selected a passer with a top-60 pick.)

Three years earlier, the Garoppolos had been unsure if they'd even attend the NFL draft—they didn't want Jimmy to be uncomfortable if he slid deep into Day 3—but Gil Brandt, the former Cowboys personnel man who's in charge of draft invites, assured them they didn't have to worry. Ultimately the clan all flew in, and on the night before Garoppolo was announced at No. 62 he slept on their "hotel suite's couch. He let his brothers have the beds.

At a press conference the night Garoppolo was picked, Belichick uncharacteristically referenced Brady's age and contract in discussing the Pats' pick. Back in New York, one of Garoppolo's brothers had come running out of the green room to find Jimmy's EIU buddies in the audience, screaming, "He's going to New England!" At 22, Garoppolo was going to be sharing a quarterback room with his idol.

And how did that work out? "I think they had a competition amongst themselves, and Jimmy gave Tom a little push. But it's not like Tom Brady is some average quarterback," says Tony Garoppolo. "He wasn't going anywhere. Jimmy knew that. At the same time, he took the opportunity to learn from [Brady]. Tom was a mentor to him. We couldn't ask anything more."

In the quarterbacks room in New England, Brady would spend most of his time working one-on-one with offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels. Jerry Schuplinski, the assistant QBs coach, would work mainly with the backups: Garoppolo and, before he was traded last September, Jacoby Brissett. "The standard

was always to Tom's [level of] knowledge," Brissett says. The two groups would break down film separately, then come together to share their notes. (The three QBs still have an ongoing group text chain, Brissett says.)

In 2016, when Brady served his four-game Deflategate suspension, Garoppolo got his chance to start, and in the days leading up to the season opener at Arizona he and Brissett hunkered down until 8:30 or 9 each night, going through the game plan and reads and checks. There was one run-to-pass check they spent extra time getting right, and it resulted in a 37-yard touchdown pass to Chris Hogan in the Patriots' 23-21 win.

Millsaps, Garoppolo's coach from Rolling Meadows, was at that game, and he saw Belichick afterward. Belichick, he says, told him how much he appreciated the QB—Garoppolo had the mentality of a linebacker and had helped them on the scout team en route to Super Bowl XLIX. "He was really happy," Millsaps says, "which you don't see on TV."

It all seemed like a glimpse into a post-Brady future—until Garoppolo's run ended prematurely with a right shoulder injury in a Week 2 victory over Miami. Even then, he was sharp in that game, too, and Belichick continued to dole out praise. Later that fall, in response to a question about Brady, he noted, "when we put Jimmy in there, it's really seamless." Even if no one knew when the Patriots would anoint Brady's successor, most felt they knew who that successor would be.

Nate Solder, a fixture on New England's offensive line for seven seasons, saw it the same way: "I thought it was a Brett Favre-Aaron Rodgers situation."

"Looking back," Tony Garoppolo says, "we should have realized something would happen." On Oct. 30, 2017, the Patriots were 6-2; Brady had already tossed 16 touchdowns, showing no signs of slowing down. "With Tom playing as well as he was, do you have [Jimmy] sit for another few years?" Tony asks. "By then, it would be too late for Jimmy."

As the trade deadline approached, all was quiet. Any rumblings of a move had died down after the draft. That's when Belichick reconnected with Shanahan, offering Garoppolo in exchange for the 49ers' 2018 second-round pick. "It was almost too good to be true," says Shanahan's father, Mike, the longtime NFL head coach who fielded a call from his stunned son after the proposal was made. (Mike, too, had played quarterback at EIU, and he'd attended the same suburban Chicago high school as Tony Garoppolo.) It took no more than 10 minutes for Kyle and 49ers GM John Lynch to decide to accept the offer.

Only a day earlier the 49ers had gotten clobbered in Philadelphia, falling to 0-8. Now they were pulling off the exceedingly rare midseason trade for a young franchise QB. "I'd watched him play," tight end Garrett Celek says of Garoppolo, "and I thought, Man, when Brady is done, this guy is going to be good. When we traded for him, I was like, Sweet. I mean, they had to have known what they were losing."

It would seem they did. Garoppolo had become something of a weekday legend in Foxboro. "One of the more enjoyable [parts] of practice was watching Jimmy rip 'em downfield on a tightrope [on the scout team]," says former Patriots center Bryan Stork. When the backup prodded the offense in his thick Chicago accent—"Let's go fellas!"—Stork couldn't help but think of the old Bears Superfans skit on SNL. In games, even in the preseason, Garoppolo brought a "whole next-level kind of competitiveness," recalls Matt Patricia, then the Patriots' defensive coordinator. And the team responded.

The surprise in New England when the trade went down echoed that respect. On one hand, a move had to be coming: Garoppolo's rookie contract was set to expire after the 2017 season, and he hadn't yet signed an extension. The Patriots could either franchise him, thereby paying their backup more than their legendary starter, or they could swap him before his contract expired. But Belichick had just traded Brissett, a move that suggested they had long-term plans for Garoppolo. So what changed?

ESPN reported in January that Patriots owner Robert Kraft had mandated that Belichick trade Garoppolo. (The team denied the story but has not commented on specifics. Belichick, through a spokesman,

declined to be interviewed for this story.) But even longtime players and staff members have no idea what went into the decision, and Belichick never addressed the trade with his team.

One thing is for certain, though: The coach didn't go through his normal process. Which is to say, he didn't milk the asset for every last drop. The Browns, as has been widely reported, were willing to offer more for Garoppolo than what the 49ers exchanged. Was Belichick's hand forced? Was he determined to place Garoppolo where he'd have the best chance of success?

"Bill really, really liked Jimmy," says Denise. "Not like they were warm and fuzzy—but they both knew it was there."

Many around the NFL believe the move came from Belichick's respect for Kyle and Mike Shanahan (he and Mike had ascended the coaching ladder concurrently, and Mike defended him to the NFL during the Spygate scandal) and from his belief that Garoppolo would thrive under Kyle's tutelage. And "if that is true," says the elder Shanahan, "it's the biggest compliment you could receive as a coach."

Last December, following the trade, a sort of weekly ritual began: After each of Garoppolo's starts for the 49ers, he received a text from the coach who had traded him, congratulating him on another win.

On Dec. 3, 2018, Garoppolo made his first start with the 49ers, at Soldier Field, just 30 miles from where he grew up . When Mike Shanahan describes what makes Garoppolo's potential so high, he focuses on both the QB's quick release and his ability to spot seams. And the very first completion Garoppolo made in red-and-gold provided a clue of what was to follow: On third-and-10 he sliced a 15-yard zinger to Marquise Goodwin, beating two converging defenders.

Among the 50-odd friends and family in attendance for the 15–14 victory that day was Tony Garoppolo, celebrating his 61st birthday and wearing binoculars around his neck. Millsaps had just been released from the hospital two days earlier, but he was there, too, as was Lora, the old EIU teammate, and a group of Garoppolo's college roommates from the old brick house on Seventh Street where they'd gather after games and make Jimmy John's runs. (The "Italian Night Club" sandwich for Garoppolo, obviously.)

The quarterback has what Babers, his old college coach, describes as "this weird charisma" that seems to cross all barriers. During that 2013 trip to San Diego, knowing it would be many of his players' first chance to see the Pacific Ocean, Babers scheduled a surprise detour to Mission Beach after their Friday walk-through. He only told Garoppolo, and instructed him to keep it a secret from the rest of the players. But when the buses pulled up, the entire offensive line hopped out and started stripping down to their Speedos. "Garoppolooooo!" Babers boomed. "C'mon coach, those are my hoggies," the quarterback replied. "I had to tell them." At Eastern, his housemates were all defensive players. In New England, he developed a friendship with Alyssa Silva, a Patriots fan living with a rare neuromuscular disorder, after she interviewed him for a feature on her blog. ("No one had really heard of the quiet leader that was Jimmy Garoppolo," she says). His best buddies on the Patriots were Stork and fellow lineman Cam Fleming ("probably the most diverse/random group of three you've ever seen," says Stork), who started a ritual of Papa Gino's pizza and pool each Friday night before a game. During the week of Super Bowl LI in Houston, Garoppolo piled into a six-passenger car with seven linemen for a taco run. As guard Joe Thuney conversed in Spanish with their female driver, Solder, sitting in the front seat, quickly discerned that they were talking about Garoppolo, whom the driver—like so many women—had taken a liking to. "We made fun of him because he was viewed as this ladies' man," Solder says, "but we know he's a goofball—an offensive lineman at heart."

It's been the same in San Francisco. Garoppolo and three teammates—Celek, tight end George Kittle and guard JP Flynn—have assembled what they call "the Dream Team." Only this is no nod to the 2011 Eagles; the Dream Team is their squad name in the popular multiplayer video game Fortnite. "Jimmy is the guy that saves everybody," Celek says. In the game, "there's a thing called the storm, and it hurts you every second you're in it. And he always runs into the storm, hurts himself, but saves all of us."

If this all sounds too good to be true, then the same could be said of Garoppolo's five wins in five starts for the previously 1-10 team he joined in the middle of last season. And he seems determined to make sure this idyllic image holds up. Note the offseason throwing sessions at San Jose State. And the time spent with Celek watching a Brady-Rob Gronkowski highlight reel, discussing the possibilities of being creative within their playbook. ("I have never talked so much with a quarterback about every route, which is awesome," says Celek.) And the extra 20 minutes spent on his cadence on the next-to-last day of the Niners' offseason program.

Watching this all puts into perspective what Garoppolo accomplished last season. Some of Shanahan's play calls are eight or nine syllables long, and there are 100 different cadences. Yet the QB became conversant enough in this complicated language to win every game. On his first day with the 49ers he stayed at the facility until midnight with QBs coach Rich Scangarello, learning the offensive formations. Just a few weeks later he was leading a two-minute march against the playoff-bound Titans as an NFL Films microphone caught him advising his receivers on how to get open against Tennessee's safeties. Gilbert, Garoppolo's old EIU coordinator who's now at South Florida, watched the tape in his office and recognized the Brady-like demeanor he'd so often held up as an example.

"I've been around here a couple offseasons where we've just been like, Man, I hope this year goes well," says Staley, a 49er since 2007. "But now we're working for something. Have a bad play and it's like, We have to get this right." The last time he felt like that? "Probably [Jim] Harbaugh's last year," he says, back in '14. "But even then, there was some stuff going on that was just like, all right, this is going off the rails a little bit. It wasn't so much the QB situation or anything like that, but [now] you can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

Now the question being asked across the Bay is: How can you measure improvement from 5-0? From a completion percentage north of 67? From a passer rating of 96.2? "I don't know how you live up to that," says Kyle Shanahan. "Does that mean we have to have 600 [yards in] these first five games to improve? I don't know what the numbers will be. I think we'll be a better offense. I feel pretty confident in that."

On the final day of minicamp Garoppolo is again lingering on the field, this time for some extra red-zone reps, after some misfires in practice. A few throws later, he's satisfied that he and his receivers have gotten the timing right. As he finally heads inside he passes Celek, who pauses mid-sentence in a conversation with a reporter. "I was telling her all your deepest and darkest secrets," Celek says to his quarterback.

"Just the good ones, right?" Garoppolo jokes. He flashes his cover-model grin and excuses himself, letting that air of mystery linger. While he still can.

Robbie Gould

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.”

Inside Robbie Gould's Candidacy for the 2018 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award Presented by Nationwide

By Joe Fann
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Robbie Gould continues to be an absolute stud for the San Francisco 49ers. He's missed just one field-goal attempt this season, and his 25 makes rank tied for sixth among all NFL kickers. But Gould's stellar on-field performance has been matched by his ongoing philanthropic efforts. It's that work in the community that has earned him the organization's nomination for the NFL's 2018 Walter Payton Man of the Year Award presented by Nationwide.

There are 32 total nominees league-wide, and the winner will be announced at NFL Honors on the eve of Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta. A donation of $250,000 will be made to the United Way in that player's honor. In addition, every nominee will have a chance at receiving $25,000 for a charity of their choice in the "Man of the Year Charity Challenge."

Here's how you can help Gould win that money. Head to Twitter and compose a tweet with "#WPMOYChallenge" and "Gould" to cast a vote for the 49ers kicker. Each use, even within the same tweet, will count as an additional vote. Voting is open now and will run until Jan. 13.
"I think it's important to give back to the community because the game of football and life in general has given me a lot," Gould said. "I was raised in a family where giving back and being part of a community that comes together and helps each other out is really important."

Gould has been a staple in the award-winning efforts of the 49ers community relations team. You'll find Gould at each of the team's Community Tuesday's. In addition, here's a look at the work Gould has done on his own, headlined by his nonprofit organization The Goulden Touch.

Gould founded The Goulden Touch, 501c3 nonprofit organization, in 2011 with a mission to help those in need. In his hometown of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, Gould has contributed over $650,000 to a variety of organizations.

On March 26, 2018, Gould and his foundation, The Goulden Touch, opened the Ace Hardware Robbie Gould Patient and Family Library at Lurie Children’s Hospital following a financial commitment of over $2 million.

Earlier in March, Gould took part in the Children’s Miracle Network’s Children’s Hospitals Week in Orlando, where he visited with patients and helped the organization raise funds as a guest auctioneer. During his time in Orlando, Gould connected so deeply with one family that he hosted them at the 49ers vs. Giants game on Nov. 12.

In addition to being a mainstay at 49ers Community Tuesdays, Gould was also selected as one of five players to direct the team’s social justice contributions, resulting in a joint 2.35-million-dollar grant with Google.org to the National Center for Youth Law to support the Santa Clara Youth Justice Initiative.
To aid in education, he gives annual scholarships to enable students to attend Lock Haven University and has supported the Ross Library.

Gould also donated $150,000 to the construction of Goulden Touch Field, a turf soccer and football field in the West Lawn neighborhood of Chicago, which serves over 12,000 children.

In order to fund these charitable projects, Gould has been hosting the Robbie Gould Celebrity Golf Tournament since 2010, raising and donating more than $2 million in just the last three years. The Lock Haven version of his golf tournament, which started in 2011, raises nearly $100,000 for the area each year.

Kerry Hyder Jr.

49ers' Hyder, Kocurek reconnect for 'unfinished business'

By Eric Branch
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As Kerry Hyder outlined his goals for the 2020 season, the 49ers' defensive end said he wanted to become a "better player" and "contribute" in any way possible.

Yawn, right? But after that standard stuff, Hyder said something unique. Seriously, how often have you heard this from an NFL player?

"If I have to be a guy that's excited on the sideline, I'm willing to be that," Hyder said. "I'll be excited for that. I just want to be a part of this D-line."

Hyder's willingness to serve as a cheerleader, if it comes to that, is an example of why the six-year veteran who is fighting for a roster spot has an influential cheerleader in his corner this summer: defensive line coach Kris Kocurek.

Asked about Hyder on Tuesday, defensive coordinator Robert Saleh smiled. He explained the "man crush" he has on defensive end Ronald Blair — whom he affectionately calls "Ronnie" — is rivaled by Kocurek's strong feelings for Hyder, his pupil for three seasons (2015-2017) with the Lions.

On Wednesday, the first question Kocurek was asked in a phone interview was this: Why are you so fond of Hyder?

The length of Kocurek's answer: 9 minutes and 52 seconds.

Among the hundreds of words Kocurek offered, "works his butt off" and "great teammate" and "great effort player" and "versatile" and "selfless" and "smart" and "prepared" were included.

Yes, it's fair to say Kocurek had something do with the 49ers signing Hyder, 29, to a one-year contract in March.

"I just love Kerry's demeanor," Kocurek said. "Everything he stands for. How he handles himself. Always, in the back of my mind, I was hopeful I could get back with him because I kind of felt our time together kind of got cut short. … I just felt there was a little bit of unfinished business between us."

Kocurek is regarded as one of the NFL's top defensive line coaches.

Last year, in his first season with the 49ers, he played a key role in defensive lineman Arik Armstead's breakout 10-sack season that led to an $85 million extension in March.

However, Hyder might be among Kocurek's more impressive, if much lesser known, success stories.

Consider: Hyder was an undersized 300-pound defensive tackle who went undrafted in 2014, spent his first two seasons on practice squads with the Jets and Lions, and lost 35 pounds before the 2016 season because Kocurek thought he was better suited to play defensive end.

He was right. Hyder led the NFL with 17 quarterback pressures in the 2016 preseason and secured a spot on the season-opening roster with three sacks in the exhibition finale.

And then his Cinderella story reached another level. Hyder, whom Kocurek says was probably the 53rd player to make the 53-man roster, brought down Indianapolis quarterback Andrew Luck twice in Week 1, had at least one sack in each of the first four games and ranked fourth in the NFL in sacks (seven) after

nine weeks. He finished with eight sacks, 19 quarterback pressures and a deep appreciation for the coach who convinced him the position switch could change his fortunes.

“I’d spent two years on practice squads, so for someone to have that type of belief in me and trust in me go into the season, that was huge,” Hyder said. “He stood on a table for me and really gave me an opportunity. I owe a lot to coach Kris, and it’s just a joy to be back with him.”

Hyder is with Kocurek and with one of the best position groups in the league. The 49ers have six first-round selections on their defensive line, all of whom were among the draft’s top 23 picks.

Hyder’s journey has been more arduous. Not only was he undrafted, he remains largely unknown because his success in 2016 was short-lived: Six minutes into the 2017 preseason opener, on his fifth snap, Hyder ruptured his Achilles tendon and missed the season.

Rehab was grueling. He played in just seven games with Detroit in 2018 when he had one sack and lacked the same explosion. Last year, when he says he finally felt fully healthy, he reestablished his career after signing with the Cowboys. He had just one sack, but played all 16 games while logging 439 snaps and filling in across the line.

Hyder’s path has provided hard-earned perspective and explains his willingness to, if necessary, be an All-Pro at exhorting his teammates from the sideline.

Hyder appreciates being in the NFL. After the 2015 season, his second straight on a practice squad, he began to seriously consider post-football plans. He and his wife, Jasmine, had a 1-year-old daughter, Giavonna, and Hyder couldn’t afford to wait through what might be several months of unemployment in hopes of keeping his NFL dream alive.

Fortunately for Hyder, Kocurek was making plans for him to become a defensive end.

“I was prepared to get into coaching,” Hyder said. “I always felt like I had a lot to give to the game. So if I wasn’t able to do it on the field, I was going to try to do it with my mind. I wanted to help younger players fulfill their dreams if I wasn’t able to accomplish mine.”

Kocurek and Hyder were both defensive linemen at Texas Tech and were born and raised in the Lone Star state. They had common ground when they met at the 2014 NFL combine, and Hyder thought of Kocurek, who was impressed with his college video, after spending his first season with the Jets.

Their relationship led to Hyder signing a futures contract with the Lions. Five years later, their connection brought Hyder to the 49ers this spring. Last month, after an offseason of virtual meetings, they finally saw each other in person.

“Right when he got here,” Kocurek said, “he comes in my office and said, ‘Coach, wherever you need me to play, I’ll play.’”

Later, special-teams coach Richard Hightower entered Kocurek’s office.

Hightower “told me, ‘Man, I’ll you what, I really like your guy Kerry Hyder,’” Kocurek said. “He came in my office and said, ‘Whatever you need me to do, coach. Whatever special teams you need me on …’”

The 49ers need Hyder primarily to provide quality snaps as a backup edge rusher behind their Pro Bowl starters, Nick Bosa and Dee Ford. Their pass-rushing depth is a question mark with Blair, their top option off the bench, sidelined with a torn ACL he suffered in November.

Hyder is “everything I remember,” Kocurek said. “He’s probably in the best shape of his life. … If he keeps stacking days and working the way he always does, I think he can be an integral part of our defense.”

D.J. Jones

49ers nose tackle D.J. Jones won't be running on empty this season

By Eric Branch
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Last year, before the 49ers drafted Mississippi nose tackle D.J. Jones in the sixth round, an unnamed SEC offensive assistant told NFL.com that Jones had resembled a "different player" as his senior season progressed.

"I just thought," the coach said, "he looked like he kind of ran out of gas later in the year."

Then, as a rookie, Jones played in nine of the 49ers' first 10 games (missing one with an injury) before the team chose not to dress him for the final six games.

So why was Jones making a habit of sputtering down the stretch? It appears the chronic condition was tied to his conditioning.

On Saturday night, after Jones' standout performance in a preseason loss at Houston, he joked that the south Texas heat the 49ers endured during joint practices with the Texans earlier in the week was nothing compared to what he experienced this offseason in Greenville, S.C.

Jones said he'd wait until midday, when the temperature spiked, to begin three-hour workouts at his high school that included lifting and running around the track and up and down the bleachers. Jones, who is listed at 6 feet and 321 pounds, said he hadn't run so much before and shed 20 pounds while following what he termed "The D.J. Jones Workout, man."

"I feel way better," Jones said. "A lot better. I feel faster, stronger. I can breathe better, actually."

Crowds arrive early on opening day of the Golden Gate International Exposition. Feb. 18, 1939.

And it seems Jones can exhale if his rookie-season finish made him wonder about his chances of making the 53-man roster. On Saturday, two days after finishing a strong training camp, he had three tackles and forced a fumble, while earning the highest grade among 49ers defenders, according to Pro Football Focus.

It appears Jones is in line to eventually replace Earl Mitchell, who will turn 31 in September, and cement himself as one of the 49ers' recent late-round finds. In their past two drafts, the 49ers also have selected tight end George Kittle, wide receiver Trent Taylor, safety Adrian Colbert and promising rookie defensive tackle Jullian Taylor in the fifth round or later.

For his part, Jones concedes it wasn't until months after he was drafted — when he was observing the 49ers' final six games as a healthy scratch — that he understood his work ethic needed upgrading.
"I took that as a signal that I needed to work," Jones said. "If I was inactive, that means someone else was better than me. So I felt like I needed to work that much harder. Nothing against anyone I'm going against, but when I'm on the field, I feel like I'm the best one out there. So I need to show that to these coaches so they can put me on the field."

Jones is a big man with a big personality. Last year, he had a guest spot as a weatherman for Fox Carolina News and advised viewers to "get some fluids in you" as he outlined the steamy forecast. His dad, Dave, also known as "Big Dave," owns a catering business that is headlined by his barbecue sauces ("Big Dave's All-American Hawaiian Bold Gold" is one). D.J. is a big fan, but notes he didn't enjoy any sauce this offseason while he was slimming his body.

"It's still good," he said, careful to not hurt Big Dave's sales, "but I cut it out."

Jones, whose mammoth weight-room numbers include a 440-pound bench press, has the strength to perform the primary duty of most nose tackles: take on the blocks of two offensive linemen, freeing up the linebackers behind him to amass the tackles and glory.

On Saturday, though, Jones had a modest moment in the spotlight when his tackle helped force a fumble by running back Lavon Coleman. It actually appeared a hit by linebacker Mark Nzeocha did more to jar the ball loose, and even Jones was initially clueless.

“I didn’t even know I forced the fumble,” he said. “I had to get to the sideline and people had to let me know I did it.”

So perhaps Jones was fortunate in that case. But after he ran, and ran, to avoid running out of gas, he might say this: Good things come to those who work.

Kyle Juszczyk

For 49ers, Offense Still Gets Plenty of 'Juice'

By Doug Williams
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Niners head coach Kyle Shanahan loves players who can perform in multiple roles. It's one reason why he and general manager John Lynch recently drafted wide receiver Jalen Hurd, because he has the skill set to play wide receiver, tight end or running back.
It's also why he loves fullback Kyle Juszcyk.

In a league where fullback mostly has disappeared from offensive schemes, Jusczcyk still has a job in Shanahan's offense. And, as the 49ers ramp up their offseason program in preparation for the 2019 season, fullback will be a key role again for a scheme that has added running backs and wide receivers to its skill-position stable.

This week, Gregg Rosenthal of NFL.com projected the starters for every NFC West team, and San Francisco stands out as the only one with a fullback.

Wrote Rosenthal: "Give Shanahan credit for zigging while the rest of the league zags. Kyle Juszczyk is the only fullback to make a team's projected-starters list in this entire exercise. He's been one of the 49ers' better offensive players the last two seasons."

Juszczyk, 28, has played six seasons in the NFL and has been selected for the Pro Bowl the past three seasons (the first with Baltimore in 2016 before he signed with the 49ers).

Though he rarely carries the ball out of the backfield – just 15 carries over the past two seasons, for a combined 61 yards and no touchdowns – he's a big part of the passing game as both a blocker in protecting the quarterback, and as a receiver. He averaged 10.8 yards on his 30 receptions in 2018 and had 31 catches in 2017 for a 9.5-yard average.

But as one writer pointed out in 2018, "Juice" is not a throwback as a fullback to an earlier time, but a "unicorn" in that he's a special player who is perfectly suited to Shanahan's system of offense, capable of running deep routes out of the backfield or lining up anywhere he's needed.

"Kyle is a great player," Shanahan said late last season. "He's as good of a fullback as there is or probably has been."

Last season, he had 56- and 35-yard receptions while not lined up at fullback, but as a slot receiver. He has the speed to do that, while also having the size for breaking tackles once he gets into the secondary.
When Shanahan entered this offseason, he knew the 49ers needed major upgrades at almost all positions. But Juszczyk's spot was exempt.

"We're looking to improve at every position except quarterback and fullback," said Shanahan.
In 2019, Shanahan's "unicorn" should again play a high-impact role in the 49ers offense.

Why Kyle Juszczyk is More of a Unicorn Than the Last of a Dying Breed

By Joe Fann
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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

By Nick Wagoner
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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

By Eric Branch
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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

Security and Super Bowls: What motivated 49ers' Kittle in striking a deal

By Eric Branch
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Bad news for NFL defensive backs: George Kittle has 75 million reasons to continue running over them with no regard for his body and, of course, theirs.

On Saturday, a day after signing a five-year extension that made the 49ers' tight end the NFL's highest-paid player at his position, Kittle discussed how the money provided security.

He meant security for himself, his wife, parents and sister, but also the sense of security he'd feel on the field knowing a devastating injury wouldn't devastate him financially. The man who just signed for $30 million fully guaranteed after earning $1.88 million in his first three seasons expressed his sense of relief in a way that was quintessentially Kittle.

"I can just go out there and play football and run through someone's face," Kittle said. "And I'm really excited about that."

Given the punishment, Kittle, 26, has already absorbed in his brief, 45-game career, the first-team All-Pro understandably had zero interest in remaining one of the biggest bargains in the NFL for another season.

But there were some roadblocks on the way to his $75 million extension.

The 49ers didn't have to work out a deal — Kittle had another season left on his contract — but they recognized it was right to reward the player who has the most receiving yards (2,945) by a tight end in his first three seasons in NFL history.

And Kittle and his agent, Jack Bechta, were willing to be flexible to get it done. For example, general manager John Lynch indicated Kittle's contract was structured so his salary in 2021 wouldn't be too onerous in regard to the salary cap. Due to the loss of NFL revenue this season because of the pandemic, the salary cap, $198.2 million this season, could drop to as low as $175 million next season.

"They were going to get what they deserved, but there was a spirit of, 'Hey, can you work with us?'" Lynch said. "In particular in (2021), we needed their assistance. … It's certainly not a back-loaded contract, but there's some creative things that were done within the contract to make it such that it behooves everybody."

Managing next season's smaller cap will be particularly challenging because the 49ers have a host of key players who will be unrestricted free agents. In the end, Lynch suggested, Kittle wanted a deal that would provide for security and Super Bowls.

"George wants to win championships, and he knew there was an element to that as well," Lynch said. "He didn't give in on anything, but he did work with us to make it good for everybody."

Free beer, wrestling and Super Bowl memories: Inside George Kittle's garage

By Tory Zawacki Roy
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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

By Kevin Clark
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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

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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?

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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

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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.

A lesson in selflessness: Tight end George Kittle's impact on 49ers goes beyond numbers

By Chris Biderman
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Setting an NFL record for tight ends in 2018 isn't going to George Kittle's head. The feeling is quite the opposite for the 49ers' budding star entering his third season. He would prefer the ball end up in a teammate's hands.

"Those are my favorite plays," he said.

It's an odd sentiment from someone who had 1,377 receiving yards while leading the NFL in yards after the catch (870) and being one of two tight ends to finish in the top 35 in the category.

Kittle quickly became San Francisco's most dynamic offensive player, which is undoubtedly something his opponents will account for when trying to defend coach Kyle Shanahan's dynamic passing game.

Still, Kittle is a tight end at heart, which is why he felt in his element in a run-centric offense at Iowa. He never had more than 314 yards on 22 catches in a season with the Hawkeyes. Kittle preferred to block, like his father, Bruce, an offensive lineman at the same school in the early 1980s.

"I think I've said it a bunch of times, there's nothing better than to move a man from point A to point B against his will," Kittle said. "And so when you do that, and you can do it multiple times, it's a blast. So there are things that I don't think I'll ever let go away from me. The run game is something I take a lot of pride, because it's a way to separate yourself from other people."

NFL observers would say Kittle's speed that allows him to escape from secondaries downfield is what separates him from other tight ends. But his 49ers teammates might say it's Kittle's unselfishness that sets him apart, particularly coming off one of the best seasons in history for a player at his position.

"He's so selfless and that's why he ate like that," receiver Marquise Goodwin said. "Because he didn't worry about getting the ball, he just worried about getting open and being productive for the team. He had the right mindset. That's why I think he was blessed with that opportunity (to set the record).

"I can't say enough good things about him. I can't wait to see what he does this year."

Goodwin, and other 49ers receivers, could benefit from the way defenses approach Kittle in 2019. His speed and size combination should cause defenses to double team, or at least focus their coverage, which could create favorable situations for San Francisco's young group of wideouts.

Dante Pettis, entering his second season, figures to be a far more prominent part of the passing attack following his 467-yard, 27-catch, five-touchdown rookie year, particularly now that his role will be elevated following the offseason departure of veteran Pierre Garçon.

"it makes the defense just look at everybody and be like, okay, we know this dude (Kittle) gets the ball," Pettis said. "... We know we have to do something to stop him. And so just to have defenses game plan for someone like that is very helpful for everybody else on the team, because then they're not worried about me for instance, they're worried about him, or they're not worried about the run game or something like that.

"And then the fact that he's pretty selfless like that. He's just like, yeah, I'll run my routes. I'll block whenever. If I get the ball, I get the ball. It's pretty cool."

Kittle last season was named a team captain well before he put up his record numbers, which was a strong indication from the coaching staff and front office that Kittle's habits and work ethic were recognized to set the tone for the rest of the team.

And now that Kittle has the numbers to back that up, his credibility as a team leader can't be questioned, even though he doesn't turn 26 until October. Though Kittle's coach isn't necessarily buying the idea he doesn't want the ball in hands.

"I think it's great. I'm sure he's not telling the whole truth. Everybody would much rather have the ball," Shanahan quipped. "George is a football player, and that's what you want. Football players don't care. I mean, they're as competitive as can be and if they believe in themselves, they want to help the team win.

"That's exactly how (Atlanta Falcons receiver) Julio (Jones) was. If he's getting double teamed, he's not yelling at us for not getting him the ball, he's telling other guys they've got to make plays to help get him open. That's how good football players are and that's how good teams are. When your better players act like that, I think it teaches younger guys how they should be."

Kittle credited his offseason workout program in 2018 for his breakout. He dealt with nagging injuries during his rookie year and spent the spring working on ways to prevent injury. He continued that this offseason, adding three straight weeks of yoga to his regimen to add to his flexibility.

He also spent time studying the league's other elite tight ends, such as Travis Kelce of the Chiefs and Eagles star Zach Ertz.

"I just like watching them to see what they do, because everybody does something a little bit different, whether it's at the top of the route, whether it's a release, how they use their hands or something in the run game that might work for them," Kittle said. "I try to pull stuff from them because Ertz and Kelce are considered two of the top guys in the league, if I can learn anything from them, hopefully I can get up there, too."

It wouldn't be surprising if those tight ends spent their offseasons studying Kittle's tape, too.

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.

Richard Sherman, George Kittle welcome LGBTQ 49ers fans to new team group

By Jim Buzinski
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San Francisco 49ers' Richard Sherman and George Kittle are part of an official team announcement on the formation of a group for fans who identify as LGBTQ+.

"Forty-Niner faithful — you've helped us pioneer a group of dedicated fans for over 70 years. We're proud to announce 49ers Pride, the official community of 49ers fans who identify as LGBTQ+ and allies," Sherman, a cornerback, said in the team's video announcing the group.

"As we prepare for the upcoming football season, we want to celebrate the passion of all the faithful, no matter how they identify," said Kittle, the team's starting tight end. "If your team is the Red and Gold, you belong in the 49ers family."

The group is the first in the NFL specifically team-sanctioned for LGBTQ fans and it was a great move to have players part of the announcement. There are no openly gay players on the 49ers or anywhere in the NFL, though the 49ers do have an openly gay assistant coach, Katie Sowers. Having two name players participate gives the formation of the group more meaning.

The 49ers do have a historic legacy in the gay sports movement. Dave Kopay was a running back on the team from 1964-67 and came out after he retired and became and LGBTQ sports icon. An exhibit on Kopay is part of the 49ers' Hall of Fame at their stadium in Santa Clara.

49ers Pride is the first NFL team-sponsored group that officially recognizes its LGBTQ fans. The Chargers have held viewing parties in Los Angeles for that fan base and other teams have done one-offs.

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."

Tight end George Kittle wins 49ers' Bill Walsh Award

By Eric Branch
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The first day of George Kittle's offseason went as well as his regular season did.
On Monday, a day after he set the NFL's season record for yards by a tight end in a 48-32 loss to the Rams, Kittle was named the 49ers' winner of the Bill Walsh Award, voted on by the coaches. It is given to the player who best represents Walsh's standard of professional excellence.

Kittle finished with 1,377 yards on 88 receptions and had five touchdowns. His reception total ranks 19th among tight ends in NFL history. And his yards per reception (15.6) ranks seventh among tight ends with at least 40 receptions in a season.

However, it's his record-breaking yardage total that had the 49ers celebrating near the end of Sunday's game.

Monday, head coach Kyle Shanahan detailed how much it meant to Kittle's teammates for him to get the record. Kittle needed 9 yards to pass Kansas City's Travis Kelce when the Rams had the ball with about three minutes left. Shanahan called two timeouts in an effort to get the ball back and exhorted the defense. Safety Antone Exum responded by blitzing on his own.

"I said, 'Hey, guys, if you can stop them here, we will throw the ball and get Kittle 9 more yards,'" Shanahan said. "We can get it for him if you guys stop them. To say that to the guys and to just watch Exum blitz on his own. Just do whatever they could. Because once I said that to them you could see it in their eyes. And everyone on the bench was yelling for it."

The defense made the stop. And Kittle broke the record with just more than two minutes left on a 43-yard touchdown catch. The team captain said seeing his teammates' excitement made the moment even more special.

Exum "was supposed to cover the post," Kittle said. "He walked down next to (linebacker) Elijah (Lee). Elijah was like, 'What are you doing?' He was like, 'I'm just going to be a baller.' … It worked."
More awards: Defensive tackle DeForest Buckner received the Len Eshmont Award, the team's most prestigious honor which is voted on by the players and given to the player who best exemplifies inspiration and courage.

Buckner, who was voted a team captain, had a career-high 12 sacks. Left tackle Joe Staley likened his work ethic to that of former 49ers running back Frank Gore.

Buckner "has the same kind of hunger and desire to get better that I saw with Frank," Staley said. "The way that he works on the practice field. He's one of the hardest workers, and a super competitor."

Other award winners included left guard Laken Tomlinson (Bobb McKittrick Award for offensive linemen), cornerback Richard Sherman (Ed Block Courage Award, which also takes into account sportsmanship) and quarterback Nick Mullens (Thomas Herrion Memorial Award for first-year players). Buckner also won the Hazeltine Iron Man Award for defensive inspiration.

Injury update: Tomlinson sustained a torn medial collateral ligament in Sunday's game. He will not require surgery, and faces a three-month rehabilitation.

The 49ers initially feared Tomlinson had sustained a torn anterior cruciate ligament, which would have sidelined him for the start of the 2019 season.

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.

George Kittle's breakout season fueled by 'angry mindset,' love of the game

By Matt Maiocco
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George Kittle, who was used primarily as a blocker during his college career at Iowa, has quickly turned into one of the NFL's top playmakers at tight end.

On Dec. 9, Kittle set the 49ers' all-time single-season record for receiving yards from a tight end. He has 79 catches for 1,228 yards entering Sunday's season finale against the Los Angeles Rams. Eric Johnson holds the club record for receptions from a tight end with 82 in a single season.

Kittle, a second-year player, was named last week to the NFC Pro Bowl team.

Where Kittle has made his biggest mark is in yards after the catch. According to Pro Football Focus, Kittle has 772 yards after the catch this season, which ranks behind only Carolina running back Christian McCaffrey's 835.

Among tight ends, Kittle is 229 yards ahead of Travis Kelce of Kansas City and 408 yards in front of Philadelphia's Zach Ertz, who ranks third in yards after the catch.

Recently, former 49ers quarterback and NBC Sports Bay Area analyst Jeff Garcia drew a comparison between Kittle and Hall of Fame receiver Terrell Owens. Garcia said Kittle, like Owens before him, runs "angry."

The typically mild-mannered Kittle said he flips a switch when he steps onto the field to play.

"I play the game angry," Kittle said on The 49ers Insider Podcast. "And I love playing the game, so it's kind of half and half. I'm angry, and I'm having the best time of my life at the same time."

Kittle said he never wants to give any defensive player any breaks. If Kittle is going to come down short of the end zone, he wants that player to earn the tackle and pay the price.

"I decide, if you want to tackle me, you're going to have to tackle me," Kittle said. "I'm not going to let you tackle me. I'm going to do everything I can to go through you, go around you, avoid you, anything.

"But you have to decide that you want to tackle me. And I think with an angry mindset that makes it a little bit easier and a little bit harder on them."

Kittle's single-season receiving total ranks 13th in 49ers history. Jerry Rice occupies eight of those spots, while Owens had three 49ers seasons with 1,300 yards or more. Split end Dave Parks had 1,344 yards receiving in 1965.

In Iowa's run-first offense, Kittle's best college season came as a senior in 2016 when he caught 22 passes for 314 yards and four touchdowns in nine games. The 49ers selected him in the fifth round of last year's draft.

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."

How George Kittle Became A Major Building Block For The 49ers

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Tight End George Kittle entered the NFL in relative obscurity as a fifth-round pick of the San Francisco 49ers back in 2017. Playing at Iowa during his college career, the 6-foot-4 pass catcher didn't have a great track record of success in that role. In fact, he gained just 737 yards in four seasons with the Hawkeyes.

Despite this, 49ers general manager John Lynch and head coach Kyle Shanahan saw something in the athletic tight end. His measurables showed up well on tape — as evidenced by the fact that Kittle ran a 4.52 40-yard dash at the combine.

Even then, he was an unknown. How would Kittle's overall game translate to the NFL? Could he have success in Shanahan's tight end-friendly offense? We got an inkling of what the tight end could do as a rookie. Despite struggling with injuries, he caught 45 passes for 515 yards in 15 games. Kittle also boasted a strong 68.3 catch rate.

The tape told us a story of a mismatch waiting to happen. Too physical to be covered by defensive backs, Kittle's athleticism made it hard for opposing linebackers to go up against. Flush with great route-running skills and a plus-level blocking ability, there were signs that Kittle would emerge as a sophomore.

No one could have envisioned what we've seen thus far this season. Kittle is coming off a 210-yard performance in a surprising win over the Denver Broncos this past Sunday. It's a performance that saw him break the franchise record for most receiving yards in both a game and during a single season. In fact, Kittle was a mere four yards short of breaking the NFL single-game receiving mark for a tight end.

His outing was brilliant. But in no way was it an exception to the rule. Kittle had been making highlight-reel plays on a never-ending loop for the 49ers. It was just lost on the national media due to this team's bottom-feeding status in the NFC West. But now, we simply can't overlook what the young tight ends brings to the table.

Kittle heads into Week 15 having caught 69 passes for 1,103 yards and four touchdowns. He has five catches of 40-plus yards this season — besting every tight end in the NFL. In fact, only Antonio Brown and Tyreek Hill have put up more catches of 40-plus yards in the NFL. Kittle has also gone for 70-plus yards nine times in 13 games. He's about as consistent as they get from a pass-catching standpoint.

More than the basic stats, the tape tells us a story of a young man that's going to be a major building block for the 49ers moving forward. This 85-yard touchdown against the Broncos is a prime example of that. The play design ran Kittle open on an intermediate route. Nick Mullens made a pass that pretty much every quarterback in the league could complete. But it's what Kittle did after the catch that stands out. He legitimately looked like a wide receiver in racking up 70 yards after the reception. That's what makes this tight end a major mismatch. And it's something we've seen repeated over and over again.

“He was open every play, man. It was crazy. Every receiver was open," Mullens said during media availability after Sunday's win. That's the thing. When receivers are doing what they're actually supposed to be doing on the field, Shanahan puts them in a great position to succeed. Kittle has done that on a consistent basis as a sophomore.

Moving forward, this is going to be an absolutely huge element to San Francisco's offense. It's getting to the point where opposing defenses might have to start shading their No. 1 cornerback in Kittle's direction. Simply put, linebackers stand no real chance of covering him. And only the league's best free safeties can hang with Kittle one-on-one. This will open things up big time in the passing game once Jimmy Garoppolo returns from the torn ACL he suffered back in Week 3.

If defenses have to force their top corner into coverage against a tight end, the likes of Dante Pettis will eat big time on the outside. We saw first hand just how dynamic of a threat the rookie receiver is out on the boundary. His ability to create separation at the line is second-to-none in the NFL. This touchdown Sunday against the Broncos magnifies that in a big way.

The ability of Kittle to create mismatches enables San Francisco to head into the offseason thinking bigger picture. Do they really need a true No. 1 receiver with arguably the game's best all-around tight end? Will Kittle's success lead to progression from a rookie receiver in Dante Pettis who has stepped up big time recently?

We don't know the answer to these two questions. What we do know is that Kittle is a true building block for the 49ers. That's no small thing as the team closes up shop on what has been an otherwise lost season by the Bay.

‘He acts like a WWE wrestler’: 49ers’ George Kittle has gone into second season as if sprung from the top rope

By Matt Barrows
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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.

Mike McGlinchey

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."

Mike McGlinchey Expects Offseason Adjustments to Pay Dividends in 2019

By Keiana Martin
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Mike McGlinchey is devoted to avoiding the dreaded sophomore slump and controlling his own narrative heading into Year 2.

He is coming off an impressive rookie campaign as an immediate starter at right tackle. The San Francisco 49ers 2018 first-round pick was rated as the best rookie run blocker and finished the season with the second-highest overall grade among all first-year offensive linemen according to Pro Football Focus. McGlinchey was also among the NFL's most dependable first-year offensive linemen in 2018. He was just one of only two rookie tackles to play 1000 snaps in 2018 and led the entire 49ers offense with 1,054.

Tasked with building on his Year 1 performance, McGlinchey believes that a full offseason without the restrictions of pre-draft and rookie obligations should serve him well in 2019.

"You don't get to really focus on being a traditional offensive lineman (as a rookie). You've got so many other things and hats to juggle," McGlinchey said. "Having a whole year under your belt makes things a lot easier for you when you hit the ground running on Day 1."

McGlinchey admitted to getting behind on his footwork towards the end of 2018. He's spent the offseason concentrating on consistency, grasping the offense and bulking up. He's added 15 pounds since the end of last season and is already starting to feel the benefits of his added strength at the start of OTAs.

Another benefit, or pair of benefits, to add to McGlinchey's growth this offseason is the 49ers additions of Nick Bosa and Dee Ford. McGlinchey will have the opportunity to protect the edge in practice against those two talented pass rushers.

Ford racked up 13 sacks in 2018. He's also known for having one of the quickest first steps off the line of scrimmage. That provides a welcomed challenge for McGlinchey.

"Dee's everything that he's advertised, man. He's in the elite class with his get off and his ability to get into people and take control of blocks," McGlinchey said. "He's just quicker, and he's strong as well. If the timing's off, normally I'm hitting on the second step just a little bit later, and I'm still in control of the block. With Dee, you've got to be as fast as humanly possible because he's that good at getting into you.

"I'm excited to get to work with him. It's only going to make me better (and) the rest of our tackles better. He's going to be special for us this year and I'm certainly glad he's on our side now."

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."

Mike McGlinchey thankful coin-toss fate put him on 49ers, not Raiders

By Jennifer Lee Chan
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Mike McGlinchey recalls the coin toss that made him a 49er, and he couldn't be happier about it. The offensive tackle was a coin toss away from potentially living on the other side of the Bay, wearing silver and black. He has thought about how different his life would be if 49ers general manager John Lynch had lost that first coin toss to the Raiders.

“I have,” McGlinchey said. “I have. And I’m really, really lucky, and I think I’m fortunate to be here. Not that there’s anything wrong with the Raiders, but I lucked into a great situation here. I love my head coach. I love my offensive line coach. I love my assistant offensive line coach. I love my teammates. “I didn’t think about it today, but I started thinking about it when I was buying a house in the area, which side of the Bay I could have been on and all that stuff.”

The Raiders lost their second coin toss of the year to the 49ers on Thursday night. That loss forced them to receive the opening kickoff in the lopsided 34-3 game that gave the 49ers their second win of the season.

The more impactful coin toss, though, occurred in late February at the NFL Scouting Combine, where the Raiders’ and 49ers’ first-round draft pick was decided. That coin toss made drafting McGlinchey a reality for the 49ers, and they selected him with the ninth overall pick two months later.

McGlinchey has turned out to be an incredibly good pick for the 49ers. He is Pro Football Focus’ top-rated right tackle in the NFL.

Rumors were that if the Raiders had won the toss, they would have drafted McGlinchey. Instead, they traded their 10th pick with the Cardinals and drafted tackle Kolton Miller with the 15th selection.

Miller left Thursday's game with a knee injury during the Raiders' opening drive and struggled while playing 25 snaps. The Raiders shuffled the remaining offensive line around while attempting to protect quarterback Derek Carr. They allowed eight sacks.

McGlinchey recognized the short-term challenges of a tough season, but he sees the long-term potential. “It just couldn’t be a better situation here, and I lucked out going to the Niners,” McGlinchey said. “Obviously, we want a little bit more wins, but we’re building something special here, and everybody can feel it.

“That’s why we don’t stop. We don’t stop working, and we don’t stop playing hard. That’s exciting. It’s been awesome to be here, and hopefully we’re getting ready for something big in the future.”

McGlinchey is very happy they way things unfolded and sees a solid future for himself on the 49ers’ side of the Bay.

“It’s obviously not even a guarantee that they would have picked me,” McGlinchey said. “But that’s what the rumors were. But, thank God. I love my situation here. I’m happy here, and I can’t wait to be a Niner for a long time.”

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.

Jerick McKinnon

Jerick McKinnon aims to return to 49ers next season as a better player

By Matt Maiocco
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The first part was the worst part for 49ers running back Jerick McKinnon after sustaining a torn ACL in his right knee on Saturday during a routine practice play.

He knew the injury was bad, but the first thing that crossed his mind was that he would not be available for his new team against his former team in Week 1 of the NFL regular season.

“I think I was more devastated, not at the fact when I found out I tore my ACL and was out for the season,” McKinnon said on Monday, “I was more devastated when it happened with the feeling of knowing I wouldn’t be all right for Week 1. I think this game probably meant a lot to me than anybody else, going against my former team.”

McKinnon played his first four NFL seasons with the Minnesota Vikings. After signing a four-year, $30 million contract with the 49ers on the first day of free agency, the NFL released its regular-schedule. The 49ers were set to open the regular season on the road, Sunday, Sept. 9, against the Vikings.

“That initial thought was, ‘Dang, I’m not going to have a week to get my knee right,' ” McKinnon said. “That was probably the worst feeling. And then once they told me what the injury was, it just kind of confirmed it.”

McKinnon was placed on injured reserve on Monday. He will undergo surgery to repair to the torn ligament once the swelling goes down in his knee, he said.

Now, veteran Alfred Morris and second-year player Matt Breida will take over for McKinnon, who missed three weeks with a calf injury and was taking part in his first practice when he said he felt his cleat stick and his knee twist awkwardly.

“I think this is more of a mental battle than a physical battle, so for me it’s about keeping a positive mindset and making sure I still bring energy to this locker room and to the guys around me,” he said.

He said he will devote himself to being a good teammate and maintaining a positive attitude while being unable to make a contribution on the field.

“I can’t sit here and be down about it the whole time or feel sorry for myself because that’s not going to do anything but set me back even more,” McKinnon said. “I’m here to root these guys on and make sure they stay straight and make sure we get our team goals that we’ve all been talking about since I got here.”

McKinnon impressed those around the 49ers with his work ethic even before signing with the 49ers. Fullback Kyle Juszczyk reached out to McKinnon before free agency. At one point, McKinnon told Juszczyk he would call him back after he completed his second workout of the day.

Now, he will have to wait at least a year for the 49ers to receive any return on the investment they made in him.

“That was another tough pill to swallow, just because I know much work I put in, how much extra time I put in and coming to a new team, learning a new playbook and just me as a person how much I work,” McKinnon said.

“You put in a lot of work, then not being able to let that work show.”

McKinnon is taking the approach that he will put in the work again after surgery to rehabilitate and learn more and more about the Kyle Shanahan's offense to return in 2019 as a better player.

"Everything happens for a reason," McKinnon said "I feel like this is part of the bigger plan. As devastating and disappointing as it was for me to come to grips with not playing this year, that just wasn't in God's plan for me this year. I'm ready for the process to rebuild this knee, this leg, get back to running and watch these guys go out and do what they need to do."

Georgia on their minds: How Jerick McKinnon and Matt Breida emerged from Georgia Southern to form 49ers' 1-2 punch

By Brad Almquist
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Jerick McKinnon had just agreed to sign with the 49ers, marking one of the most significant days of his life. After spending the first four years of his career as a third-down back in Minnesota, he was paid to be a feature back in San Francisco, while moving to an area of the country he had only visited on occasional road trips.

McKinnon made two immediate calls to share the news. The first went to his mother, Frances. The second went to 49ers running back, Matt Breida.

On that May 14th morning, McKinnon and Breida celebrated, reminisced, and looked ahead to a re-established partnership. Five years earlier, they shared the same backfield at Georgia Southern, once an FCS program hardly established as an NFL pipeline.

"It felt like just yesterday we were at Georgia Southern," Breida said. "We were ready to get back together and bring greatness to the 49ers."

Out of the five Georgia Southern alums currently playing in the NFL, Breida and McKinnon, San Francisco's 1-2 punch entering the 2018 season, are the only running backs.

They first crossed paths in Statesboro, a small, southeast Georgia town and the home of Georgia Southern, in the fall of 2013. Breida was a freshman. McKinnon was a senior and the face of a budding program on the verge of making the leap to Division I.

Breida knew all about McKinnon, the team's starting quarterback, rotational running back, and occasional defensive back. The first time Breida encountered McKinnon, nicknamed 'Jet,' he was squatting 600 pounds — on a pulled hamstring.

"(I was like), 'Holy crap. This is crazy. I have never seen this before,'" Breida said. "Anything Jet did, I tried to follow."

It was a fitting introduction for a player who inspired Breida. The odds of an NFL career were inherently slim for Georgia Southern prospects, playing in a region infested with pro talent at bigger schools. The only Georgia Southern running back that McKinnon and Breida knew had made the NFL was eight-year Chicago Bears veteran Adrian Peterson— not to be confused with the longtime Vikings running back.

As McKinnon progressed as an upperclassman, it became clear he was next in line. McKinnon ran the triple-option as the team's starting quarterback, leading the team in rushing in both his junior and senior seasons.

Listen to his coaches and former teammates tell stories about his college career, and it starts sounding like a modern folktale.

During his sophomore year, injuries among the defensive backfield forced the Georgia Southern coaches to play him both ways, despite his inexperience on defense. In his first game at defensive back, he recorded three interceptions. Fast forward to the final game of his college career, and McKinnon led Georgia Southern to its biggest upset in program history. He scored the game-winning touchdown in a 26-20 win at Florida.

"Jerick really set the standard on the next wave of running backs to come through," Breida said. "I always wanted to be like him. I knew he was going to go to the NFL, so that's how I wanted to get there— by following everything he did."

McKinnon nurtured the younger backs by example. He was the strongest lifter of the group and consistently finished first in conditioning drills. At the 2014 NFL Combine, the 5-foot-9 McKinnon lifted 32 bench reps, the second-most ever for a running back at the event.

On May 9th, 2014, McKinnon's hard work culminated when the Minnesota Vikings selected him in the third round of the NFL Draft.

"When I was there, the thing that always came to my mind when I left school, was, 'What did I want the coaches or the players who are younger than me, watching me, to remember me by?'" McKinnon said. "I worked my butt off to get to where I was. I didn't know that I would be in the league, or be in the league this long. I just knew where I wanted to go."

Breida followed McKinnon's blueprint. After being delegated to special teams duties during his freshman season, Breida succeeded McKinnon as the team's starting running back one year later. In that 2014 season, Georgia Southern's first as a Division I team, the Eagles won the Sun Belt Conference.

Breida led the Sun Belt in rushing yards and was named a first-team all-conference player. He led the country with 8.78 yards per carry. As a junior, he did it all again. Breida ran for 1,608 yards, 17 touchdowns, and averaged 7.9 yards per carry — leading the nation for the second consecutive year.

Breida's numbers dipped during his senior season, partly due to a coaching change and roster turnover. He ran for nearly 1,000 yards fewer than his junior campaign, fading from NFL radars.

He had still produced one the most productive careers in recent Georgia Southern history. Perhaps most impressive, the running back group experienced little-to-no drop-off when Breida replaced McKinnon.

"Those two guys were very important in our transition from FCS to FBS and showed that Georgia Southern did belong in Division I football," said Georgia Southern head coach Chad Lunsford.

Similar to his predecessor, Breida helped his pro prospects when he blew away his Pro Day. He lifted 23 bench press reps, ran a 4.38-second 40-yard dash, 42-inch vertical jump, and 142-inch broad jump — all numbers that would have put him in the top-three of all running backs invited to the Combine.

But he was not drafted. The 49ers signed him as an undrafted free agent one week later.

The similarities between McKinnon and Breida are vast. McKinnon is 5-foot-9, 205 pounds, compared to Breida's 5-foot-10, 190-pound frame. Neither were major recruits. Both were instrumental in transforming Georgia Southern into a respectable Division I program.

Both have spent their NFL careers primarily as third-down backs. McKinnon was stuck amid a revolving cycle in Minnesota, where Adrian Peterson, Latavius Murray, and Dalvin Cook were the featured runners on base downs throughout McKinnon's four years. Last year, in Breida's rookie season, he beat out Joe Williams for the No. 2 spot in the rotation and assumed a similar third-down role behind leading rusher Carlos Hyde.

Above all, McKinnon and Breida approach their craft with a similar relentless mindset they developed in the same place.

"We both play with that chip on our shoulder," Breida said. "People say, 'Oh you guys are from Georgia Southern, blah blah blah.' But Georgia Southern, we will still beat you guys."

"And we are not that big," added McKinnon, sitting beside Breida. "We are not big backs. But, we play big. We play like giants."

Neither player is getting comfortable despite promising roles entering the 2018 season. McKinnon wants to prove his lucrative four-year contract, which includes $11.7 million guaranteed, was warranted. Breida

wants to build off a solid rookie season, while fending off Williams as the No. 2 option for a second straight season.

“No matter what happens, stay humble,” McKinnon said. “Keep working. The work you put in, it’ll eventually show.”

That McKinnon and Breida get to enjoy their NFL journeys together adds excitement as they enter important seasons in their careers. Oddly enough, their current situation reminds them of college.

The San Francisco glitz could not contrast the southeast, Georgia grit any more, but that’s not how they see it. They view the 49ers as an organization filled with longstanding tradition, rooted in a place that loves football and treats its players like rock stars— just like Georgia Southern.

“It’s the same sense of feeling, just on a bigger scale,” McKinnon said.

“It’s a unique situation,” Breida said. “I feel like I am back in college, almost.”

In the nearly three months since McKinnon moved to the Bay Area, he and Breida have grown closer than ever before. They’re always together at the 49ers facilities. They haven’t been able to hang out away from football because Breida is married— McKinnon jokes Breida is “tied up”— but they are planning on it now that mini camp has concluded. Their growing friendship has acclimated McKinnon to a new team and city nearly 2,500 miles from his Atlanta hometown.

Neither McKinnon nor Breida has had time to revisit Georgia Southern since they left, yet they continue to indirectly promote their alma mater.

“For both of our guys to be on the 49ers, I think that is going to bring a lot of exposure to us,” Lunsford said.

Lunsford uses McKinnon and Breida as prime examples for the current Georgia Southern players pursuing their NFL goals. Breida says current seniors occasionally call him to thank him for paving the way to the league. He credits McKinnon for the same thing.

“I just go back and think, it started with (McKinnon),” Breida said. “I followed him, and now those guys look at me and keep on going.”

McKinnon and Breida’s college careers will forever be immortalized in a downstairs hallway next to the equipment room at Georgia Southern’s football facility, where every NFL alum has a shrine with his name and corresponding NFL team. Breida will soon be added alongside McKinnon, whose Vikings jersey will be changed to a 49ers one.

Georgia Southern’s influence on McKinnon is also evident.

When asked what his alma mater means to him, McKinnon pulls down the top of his shirt to reveal the tattoos on his chest. He points to the eagle, emblazoned across the middle as a tribute to his Georgia Southern roots, always resting at his core.

Colton McKivitz

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.'"

Raheem Mostert

With 'Unfinished Business' Propelling 49ers, Raheem Mostert Desires to be a 'Feared' Running Back in 2020

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Raheem Mostert enters into the 2020 season with a fresh mindset. As a former undrafted running back who has made his way across six different NFL teams before landing with the San Francisco 49ers, Mostert understands the challenges that accompany overcoming your own adversity.

His mentality has followed him throughout his playing career and while he prepares for his sixth season in the NFL. Now, the running back is eager for the rest of the league to take note of his desire to outperform any limitations.

"I just want to go out there and be dominant," Mostert said. "When I step out onto that field, I want everybody to say 'that's a bad Mo-Fo. He's somebody that we can't take lightly.' I want to put fear in other teams' eyes and that's my mindset. Even when I'm playing gunner, I just want people to know I'm the best special teams player to ever play this game. And that's the mindset I'm going have at running back. I want them to know I'm the best running back to ever play this game.

"Even though it doesn't show as far as my career (stats), I don't necessarily care about that. I always tell myself, once I get that opportunity, I'm never going to look back. And that's what I've got to hold myself up to, that type of standard."

Mostert is coming off of the most productive season of his NFL career. He averaged 5.64 yards per carry in 2019, ranking second in the NFL among all qualifying players and first among running backs. Over his last two seasons in San Francisco, he's averaged 6.04 yards per carry, leading all players in the NFL with at least 125 carries.

Although Kyle Shanahan assumes a by-committee approach to his running back units, Mostert aims to solidify himself as San Francisco's primary workhorse. He spent the offseason bulking up and adding muscle to help build the endurance to manage 20-plus carries a game. Despite more yards and carries, Mostert was third among San Francisco's running backs, averaging 8.6 carries per game in 2019.

He'll be sharing his workload with Tevin Coleman, Jeff Wilson Jr. and Jerick McKinnon, who is expected to make his debut in 2020 after consecutive sidelined seasons in San Francisco. Additionally, the 49ers signed two undrafted rookies, Salvon Ahmed and Jamycal Hasty, who will be looking to prove that they, too, are deserving of snaps.

While each back offers San Francisco a unique group of skill sets out of the backfield, the 49ers are likely to continue to operate with who has the hot hand. And Mostert is preparing himself to be that go-to guy.

"I've got to prepare myself because I am the starting running back," Mostert said. "My confidence level is just up to the guys that consider themselves to be top backs. So for me, I just have to make sure that I'm on a consistent basis and going out there and doing what I've got to do so that way I can help the team out."

Mostert was a large key to San Francisco's postseason success that included a 220-yard, four-touchdown performance against the Green Bay Packers in the NFC Championship game, setting a franchise record for most rushing yards in a regular season or postseason game. He and the rest of San Francisco's locker room already have their sights on returning to that game and earning a shot at redemption from Super Bowl LIV.

Monday was the first opportunity of the offseason for the 49ers to assemble at the team facility following social distancing guidelines due to the effects of COVID-19. According to the running back, the team returned to Santa Clara with the same fire following the championship loss, noting the heightened energy surrounding the group.

As the team continues its ultimate focus of playing into the final game in February, a return trip just isn't enough. Mostert, along with the rest of San Francisco's locker room, are building off of their confidence (and refreshed mindset) to keep that momentum going.

"Being back with the guys definitely brings that type of energy (we) left off from last year," he added. "I know all the guys in this building have some unfinished business. We've seen all the different sayings of how a team doesn't make it back to the Super Bowl the following year. We don't care nothing about that. (George Kittle) emphasized it in the Super Bowl - he will be back. And I think that was everyone's mentality. I feel like we're going to be back this year and we're actually going to win it. That's our goal, that's our mindset."

How does 49ers' top rusher Raheem Mostert feel about special teams? Consider what he named his son

By Matt Barrows
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If you think Raheem Mostert is itching to give up special teams and expand his role as a running back, consider this: He named his son Gunnar.

It's not a coincidence. The name actually was his wife's idea. If his wife had been a boy, her parents would have named her Gunther, Mostert said. Before they had their first baby in June, she suggested they tweak it a bit to fit what Mostert was best known for at the time — being a top-end gunner on the 49ers' punt-coverage unit.

"It was one of those things where she picked the name and it suited everything so well because of how I was playing," Mostert said.

Mostert has been the 49ers' best special teams player over the past three seasons and he led the team with 14 coverage tackles in 2019. This season, however, that role has been superseded — at least in the eyes of fans and observers — by what he's done on offense.

During the regular season he not only led the 49ers with 772 rushing yards, his 5.6-yard average was the best of any running back in the NFL. He also led the 49ers with 10 touchdowns, despite never starting a game at tailback. Instead, Tevin Coleman (4.0 yards per carry) has been the 49ers' starter at the position, leading some to ask why Mostert doesn't have a bigger — and starting role — on offense.

One answer: Because he's very, very good on special teams.

Michael Clay is the 49ers assistant special teams coach, and he had the same position on Chip Kelly's Philadelphia Eagles squad when they signed Mostert as an undrafted rookie out of Purdue in 2015.

Clay said he remembers Mostert arriving as a 190-pound bullet. He had taken the gold medal in the Big Ten indoor championships in the 60- and 200-meter races a year earlier. When the Eagles held cone-drill races that spring, it wasn't close. Not only would Mostert win, he'd finish yards ahead of his competitors. He's bulked up to 205 pounds since, but the speed hasn't diminished. And that makes him ideal on coverage units, especially as a gunner on punts.

"In our world, there's an explosive play opportunity every time there's a punt," Clay said. "And if you can stop them, it's a huge swing in field position. His speed puts people in a bind. I tell the players all the time: A fair catch is the easiest tackle in football."

Clay said the 49ers tailor Mostert's special teams load from week to week based on how he's being used on offense and that he won't play gunner following a series in which he's been the tailback. For example, Mostert played a season-low six special teams snaps against the Ravens in Week 13, the same game in which he had season highs in both carries (19) and yards (146).

Still, the 49ers don't want to remove him altogether because of the lift he gives special teams. Clay said the 49ers see Mostert as their version of New Orlean's Taysom Hill, who revs up his team on both special teams — especially on the punt-block unit — and on offense.

"We see him as a weapon in the punt phase," Clay said.
Mostert also likes the dual role.

He noted that he was recruited as a safety out of high school. And while his surf's up! end-zone celebration has focused attention on his beach bum past — he was offered, but ultimately turned down, a

surfing contract by Billabong when he was a teenager — he was thrashing on a skateboard before he learned how to surf.

Which is to say, he's never been shy about throwing his body around.

The most difficult, most perilous trick he's ever done? Probably a kickflip down a flight of steps at the skateboard park in his hometown of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

"We used to call them 'eight steps,'" he said. "You'd go down the railing on an eight-step railing. You'd fall a couple of times (but) you get back up and you'd just learn."

In the same way, he said that "blowing up the wedge" on kickoff coverage is his favorite part of special teams and that he's never envisioned himself giving that up. Special teams allowed him to gain his foothold in the NFL and it's how he identifies himself.

After all, he didn't name his son Rhunnar.

"I just kind of see myself right now as a guy who's going in at the running back position and just making a play and making stuff happen," he said. "I don't necessarily call myself a featured back even though my stats may say otherwise. Like I said, I'm always gonna be that team guy. If somebody needs me to go out there and cover on kickoffs and punts, I'm going to do that."

After the Eagles signed Mostert following the 2015 draft, Kelly and his coaches watched the running back both excel on special teams and finish the preseason that summer with more yards from scrimmage than any other NFL player.

The Eagles felt they had found a keeper, but there was a problem. They already had three proven runners at the position, DeMarco Murray, Ryan Mathews and Darren Sproles. So Kelly crossed his finger and hoped he could stash Mostert on the practice squad.
It worked. For a week.

Hours before Philadelphia's Week 1 game in Atlanta, Mostert got a call from his agent: The Dolphins were signing him to their 53-man roster. How soon could he get to the airport?

"The only clothes I had were the Eagles jumpsuits I was wearing," he said. "That's all I brought. I didn't know I was going to get picked up. So I showed up at the Dolphins organization with Eagles gear on."

It was a good thing he traveled light. After a month-long stint in Miami, he also spent time with the Ravens and Browns, and the following offseason he bounced from the Jets to the Bears. Mostert's winding journey had him doubting whether he had taken the right path and whether he was meant to be in the NFL.

But it finally led him back to Kelly, who in 2016 had become the 49ers' head coach and who, after taking over a five-win team, no longer had a glut of talented runners.

"When he became available, it was one of those things where we needed to get him here as quick as possible," Kelly said in a recent phone interview. "For him, it was just a lack of experience, not a lack of talent. So that's what we were hoping to develop. When I got to San Francisco, I knew he'd be a great fit for what we were doing."

Three years later, Mostert is the only skill player on the 49ers roster who predates Kyle Shanahan. His speed, skills — and a willingness to do anything he's asked — has allowed him to stick around.

"It was always about doing what he can do to help the team," tackle Joe Staley, the longest-tenured 49er, said about Mostert. "That's a message for a lot of young guys — not complaining about your role, what your role is currently, just trying to be the best player you can be for the football team. You never know what's going to happen, what opportunities are going to arise. He's made the most of it."

49ers' Raheem Mostert ready to run with latest opportunity

By Eric Branch
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In November, in a blowout win against the Raiders, 49ers running back Raheem Mostert scored his first career touchdown on a 52-yard run.

For Mostert, who had previously been pegged as a special-teams player, it was more than a milestone. It was a sign he could be a capable NFL running back.

The moment, however, was fleeting: Less than five minutes of game action later, Mostert suffered a grisly broken forearm that ended his season and his immediate chances to move beyond his one-dimensional status.

"My wife has told me that was one of my highest moments and also one of my lowest," Mostert said. "I'd never broken a bone in a game. And that was my first touchdown. But I've tried to move on from that. It's a new year. A new me."

But Mostert, 27, is in the same situation as last year: Injuries in the backfield have again provided the fifth-year veteran with an opportunity to play a prominent offensive role entering the 49ers' visit to Cincinnati on Sunday.

Last week he had a team-high 40 yards on nine carries after Coleman exited, and his 18-yard run late in the fourth quarter helped set up a field goal. However, Mostert said the highlight of his day was a block he threw while pass protecting. And he struck the same note when assessing his overall performance.

"I could have done better," Mostert said, "as far as the little details such as pass protection."

Mostert is working to become an all-around running back who can be trusted to perform all the duties that come with the position.

He's already proved adept at his primary responsibility. Mostert, a Big Ten champion in the 100 and 200 meters at Purdue, has averaged 6.7 yards on 50 career carries. In addition, his 52-yard run last year was the third-longest by a 49ers running back since 2015.

It's a small sample size, but this statistic speaks to Mostert's effectiveness in limited snaps: His yards-per-carry average is the third highest among NFL players with at least 40 carries since 2015.

Head coach Kyle Shanahan was encouraged by Mostert's latest performance.

"Raheem stepped in," Shanahan said, "and was really a pivotal part of us winning that game."

The 49ers are expected to promote running back Jeff Wilson from the practice squad Saturday. And Wilson could steal snaps if Mostert shows he hasn't corrected a major issue. Mostert has lost three fumbles in his 57 career touches, which, for perspective, is only four fewer than Coleman has lost in 628 career touches.

A year after an injury derailed his season, Mostert knows what else could end his latest opportunity.
"I try not to think about fumbling. Ever," Mostert said. "I try not to even use that word. We don't ever use that word in our meeting room. We say 'turnovers.' We don't like that word."

Run and remember: 49ers' Raheem Mostert honored agent's late father after TD

By Eric Branch
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Brett Tessler excitedly yelled for his wife, Lonni, to join him late Monday night at their home in Parkland, Fla.

The NFL agent had been silently watching his client, 49ers running back Raheem Mostert, in a preseason game at Denver.

But then Mostert scored on a 30-yard run.

And that was great.

Mostert had told Tessler that he'd score a touchdown against the Broncos.

And that made it surreal.

Mostert also had told Tessler that he'd celebrate the score by honoring his agent's father, Harry, who died Aug. 5 at age 98. Mostert stared into an end-zone camera and used his hands to form a "T," for Tessler.

And that made the moment deeply emotional and meaningful.

"It's one thing to think it, it's another thing to say it, it's another thing to actually do it," Tessler said. "It was an incredibly thoughtful gesture. And words can't explain how much it meant to me and my family."

"I told him, 'Hey we're family,'" Mostert said. "'And that's what family does for each other.'"

Tessler said he was touched, but not surprised. They've been together since Mostert entered the NFL as an undrafted free agent in 2015 and Tessler terms him "one of the best people in the NFL, and one of the best people that I know, period."

Tessler isn't unbiased, but the sentiment is shared in Santa Clara. Since joining the 49ers late in the 2016 season, Mostert has emerged as one of the NFL's top special-teams gunners and one of the franchise's community-service stalwarts.

Mostert and his wife, Devon, have been co-recipients of the team's family award for community service in each of his two full seasons with the 49ers. Last year, Mostert's teammates also voted him the winner of an award given to the player who best promotes unity within the team and community.

And good things have been happening to the good guy.

In March, Mostert signed a three-year, $8.7 million extension with $3 million fully guaranteed, which no one could have seen coming when he was playing for six teams in his first 18 months in the NFL.

In addition, Mostert might have another chance to show he can offer more than special-teams ability this season. With Jerick McKinnon sidelined with another setback from a torn ACL, Mostert is in line to serve as the No. 3 running back behind Tevin Coleman and Matt Breida to start the season.

Last year, Mostert, a former sprinter at Purdue, averaged 7.7 yards on 34 carries and scored on a 52-yard run before his season ended with grisly broken forearm in a win against the Raiders on Nov. 1.

"I just have to stay patient," Mostert said of potential running-back duties. "We've got a great backfield right now. And then when (McKinnon) gets back, it will be even better."

Mostert's broken forearm required two surgeries and left him with two plates and "14 or 16" screws in his right arm, which he says will be removed after his NFL career. He initially was hesitant in training-camp practices, but he has grown comfortable. On Monday, Mostert had six carries for 58 yards and added 42 yards on two catches. His 38-yard reception was the longest of the game.

"I knew that once I got the confidence back — and got hit in practice — it would be smooth sailing once it comes to the games," Mostert said. "It all came back to me."

That was clear on Mostert's weaving scoring scamper after which he also honored his first football coach, Mike Stokes, who died at 53 in June from melanoma. After forming a "T," Mostert flexed in the end zone in memory of the Pop Warner coach he terms a father figure.

For his part, Tessler, 46, is grateful for the many unexpected years he had with his father, who was 51 when he was born. Harry Tessler was able to see his son marry and become a father of a daughter, Jordan, 11, and son, Brandon, 10.

Still, Tessler is grieving. He was overcome when a client and close friend scored and honored the man he's missing.

"Raheem told me that I'm family to him," Tessler said. "It's things like this that make me realize how fortunate I am to be in this business and have people like Raheem Mostert in my life."

Meet Raheem Mostert, who once was offered a surfing contract and now might be starting for the 49ers this week

By Matt Barrows
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It takes guts to be a full-time gunner in the NFL, the same sort of courage it might take to routinely dangle your feet in the turbid waters off of New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

“The town where I grew up, it’s still to this day the shark-bite capital of the world,” 49ers running back Raheem Mostert noted on Sunday after practice. “We would go out there and surf and they’d bite on people and stuff. They were usually just small sharks. But they’d mistake us for food.”

Like a lot of NFL players, Mostert’s teenage years were spent playing football, running track and lifting weights. But because his house was a 15-minute walk from the beach in what is perhaps Florida’s top surf town, he had a couple of less common activities — surfing and skateboarding — on his athletic résumé. And he was talented enough at both to fetch a contract offer from surf and skate company Billabong when he was still in high school.

Mostert, now 26, said he and his buddies never officially participated in the events Billabong or other groups held in town. Instead, they’d watch and do their own thing on the side.

“I’d be out there surfing or skateboarding on my own, not really trying to make a scene or anything,” Mostert recalled. “And this guy came up to me and wanted to offer me a contract. He was intrigued, basically.”

The contract would have allowed Mostert to take part in events across the country, to be part of the circuit of competitions. It also would have put a level of change in his pocket that 17-years-olds from New Smyrna Beach rarely see.

Mostert, however, had grander plans. Two years later, he became the first person in his family to attend — and later graduate from — a four-year university when he went off to Purdue on a football scholarship. The speedy Mostert left the school as its all-time record holder with 2,289 kickoff return yards.

His NFL career, which began in 2015 with the Eagles, mostly has been built on his special teams ability as well. Last season, Mostert had only six carries for the 49ers but served as the team’s gunner — which entails running down the field on punt-coverage at breakneck speed and zeroing in on the return man — and was its leader in special teams tackles.

This week, his role is a bit different. Mostert promises to get plenty of opportunities not just as a ballcarrier, but as the 49ers’ primary running back.

That’s because the first two players at the position went down with injuries in recent days — starter Jerick McKinnon to a calf strain that knocked him out of Sunday’s practice, and his backup, Matt Breida, to a separated shoulder early in Thursday’s preseason win over the Dallas Cowboys.

Mostert was the next 49ers running back in the game after Breida, and he finished with a game-high 57 rushing yards and averaged 7.1 yards per carry. The stat line wasn’t all good, however. Though he insists he was down when the ball came loose in the scrum of a tackle, officials ruled that he lost a fumble in the third quarter, something he also did last year in one of his few offensive snaps for the 49ers.

“I just can’t leave it to the refs,” he said.

As for his surf-and-skate background, Mostert pointed to a number of parallels to football. Both require exquisite balance and tolerance for physical contact, whether it’s being delivered by a 235-pound linebacker or a wrought-iron railing in a New Smyrna Beach park.

You also have to be able to process a lot of moving parts in an instant.

“You’re in a wave and at that moment you want to make a decision whether you want to do a trick — flare up, do a nice trick and land — or just ride the wave out,” he said. “That’s the same thing with football: there are a lot of different angles. Sometimes, you have to split two defenders. Sometimes, you don’t want to go out of bounds because you can get an extra three or four yards. So you plant a foot and head up field.”

The various sports also demand a certain level of courage. In 2008, when Mostert was a high school sophomore and was in the water almost every weekend, there were 24 shark bites recorded in Volusia County, where New Smyrna Beach is located.

“It’s the same thing in football — you try not to think about it,” Mostert said. “We get concussions, injuries. I mean, you just go out there and play. And that’s kind of like the same mentality you have to have with surfing. You have to go out there and have fun.”

Mostert said he hadn’t been surfing since he left New Smyrna Beach eight years ago. But he had a chance when he went to Hawaii in the spring for teammate DeForest Buckner’s wedding.

“It came back to me,” he said. “I had to take a couple of extra steps because my body had to get adjusted. But the long board is a lot easier than a surfboard.”

Nick Mullens

How the 49ers fell in love with Nick Mullens, a smallish quarterback whose college offense was nothing like the one they run

By Matt Barrows
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Most draft prospects wear casual clothing when they visit a prospective NFL team. Some don sweatpants. When Nick Mullens arrived for a pre-draft visit with the 49ers in April 2017 he was wearing a suit. A tan suit.

“He looked like he was about 17,” Rich Scangarello recalled this week. “He looked small. He went in and he met John (Lynch) and Kyle (Shanahan) and you could just tell what they were thinking: ‘Are you sure? This guy’s a little smaller (than typical).'”

It was Scangarello, just a few months into his new job as 49ers quarterbacks coach, who championed Mullens during the draft process.

He had set out to watch film of another quarterback from the East-West Shrine Game practices from earlier that year, but his eye kept wandering toward the smaller prospect from Southern Mississippi. Mullens — whose exact height is 6 feet and 3/4 inches — simply looked like he knew what he was doing in those sessions. His mechanics were sharp. He threw receivers open. He was comfortable even when the weather got bad that week. At the end of the game when the outcome was in doubt, the coaches sent in Mullens, not the more heralded Cooper Rush from Central Michigan, to try to win the contest.

Intrigued, Scangarello started doing more research and liked what he found:

— Mullens had played at Spain Park High School outside of Birmingham and had been named the Gatorade Alabama Football Player of the Year, an award that’s gone to NFL players like Jameis Winston, Roc Thomas and Kerryon Johnson in other years.

— He was a four-year starter at Southern Miss, rare in college football these days.

— When he arrived there, the football team was coming off an 0-12 season. When he left they had gone to two straight bowl games.

— Against the nation’s most powerful teams, Mullens seemed to grow a little bigger. The Golden Eagles played LSU his senior season and, badly overmatched, lost, 45-10, in Baton Rouge.

“But they were tied at 10 at halftime and he was getting murdered,” Scangarello said. “And he hung in there and made plays. I thought he made people around him better, and you could just see it on the film. … All of those things — they made you think that the guy’s a winner.”

What Scangarello didn’t know the first time he watched the LSU-Southern Miss game is that Mullens had suffered an injury — a gruesome one — in his previous outing against the University of Texas, San Antonio. During the third quarter, Mullens was knocked down, and when he went to the ground the thumb on his throwing hand dislocated and pushed through the skin.

The team’s head coach, Jay Hopson, walked over to the bench to find his senior quarterback’s hand dripping blood and the bone of his thumb sticking out.

“I looked at him and I thought, ‘Well, he’s out for the rest of the season. He’s done. It’s his throwing hand,'” Hopson said in a phone interview. “I remember he looked at me and said, ‘Coach, if you all can just push it back in and sew me up, I think I can play.'”

And that's what they did.

Mullens returned to the game with five stitches and the hand heavily bandaged. The next week against LSU he played with a white glove on his throwing hand.

"I laugh now because we told everybody he was 100 percent," Hopson said. "Because we didn't want them loading up on the run. But that just goes to show you the type of tough, fierce competitor that you're dealing with. I'm telling you, the bone was sticking straight out of the skin."

Scangarello eventually heard those stories, which only heightened his interest.

He first had a phone call with Mullens during which he asked the quarterback how, after taking snaps exclusively from the shotgun at Southern Miss, he learned how to take them from under center at the East-West Shrine Game, which was played a month after the Golden Eagles' season ended. Mullens told him he looked it up on YouTube.

After that conversation, the quarterback was invited to 49ers headquarters for what's known as an official draft visit, the only one that Mullens took that spring. Teams are allotted 30 and the invitations are doled out judiciously.

For prospective quarterbacks, however, they're essential. Coaches had to be reassured that Mullens, who wasn't invited to the scouting combine in February that year, could handle Shanahan's ambitious offense. He ran a spread system at Southern Miss, received the plays via hand signals from the sideline and never ran a huddle.

In the NFL, quarterbacks receive the play call through a radio receiver in their helmet, must visualize what that call means and then articulate it to their 10 teammates in the huddle, all of which is becoming a lost art outside the NFL. Scangarello, who spent 17 seasons coaching in college, noted that it's not just college football that's done away with the huddle. That trend has trickled down to high schools and even the Pop Warner level.

"Nobody gets in a huddle anymore. Nobody visualizes like they do in the NFL," he said. "So you've got to be creative with how you (assess) their learning style, how they retain information, how they process it and how they articulate it. Because one of the more underrated things about playing quarterback is your ability to articulate things clearly to everybody. It can be a huge stumbling block for quarterbacks who are otherwise good players. They just can't get that done. It holds them back."

During Mullens' visit, Shanahan and Scangarello asked him to chart plays on a white board, tested his recall and his ability to repeat plays back to them and came away convinced that he could learn how to run a pro-style offense. Mullens spent the rest of the 2017 season proving them right.

The reason why Mullens downloaded recordings of crowd noise on Apple Music and then blasted it into his headphones last season? So he could rehearse what it would be like to call Shanahan's plays in the din of an NFL stadium.

It was one of the aspects of Mullens' 262-yard, three-touchdown performance against the Raiders that afterward drew praise from Shanahan. Mullens got in and out of the huddle crisply and even got frustrated at Shanahan for continuing to talk over the headset when he was trying to relay the call to his teammates. They laughed at his one-way banter with the head coach, but were impressed with the quick pace and the mastery he showed.

"It was a good huddle," tight end George Kittle said. "He took good command of it and also got us a couple of laughs. It was awesome."

Said Scangarello: "He just had a great memory, quick processing ability. All the things that you see in a

quarterback who maybe doesn't have the biggest arm or the biggest stature but who get the most out of themselves."

After Mullens' visit, the 49ers stayed in contact with the quarterback and his agents until the draft. When it was over they still had to sweat a bit. There were several teams interested in signing him to a free-agent contract, including the Denver Broncos. The 49ers, however, were persistent, especially scout Darrell Moody. His purview includes Southern Miss and he peppered Mullens' agent, Donald Weatherell, with phone calls as the draft was ending.

"He would not let up," Weatherell said. "He was great. He worked it hard and you could tell that they wanted Nick."

So Mullens signed a free-agent contract that included a modest $2,000 signing bonus. To say it's been money well spent would be a colossal understatement. The 49ers have two wins this year. One came with Jimmy Garoppolo, who is due to earn $37 million this season, under center. The other was with Mullens, who counts $395,290 against the salary cap and is the most inexpensive starting quarterback in the league.

As far as his initial meeting with Mullens, Shanahan admitted that the quarterback didn't exactly pass the eyeball test and that the tan suit seemed a little odd at first.

"Nick was buttoned up tight like he was coming in to interview for a quality control position," he joked. "… The first thing that stood out was that we thought he looked like Rich's younger son. We kind of gave (Rich) a lot of crap for it, 'Oh, that's why you like him so much.'"

But the fact that Mullens wasn't very tall, didn't have a huge arm and wasn't a dangerous runner simply reassured the 49ers that he was unlikely to get drafted and that they could grab him afterward. And the suit? It ended up being a natural fit for someone whose greatest strength is making sure he's ultra-ready for every situation.

"It threw me off a little bit. Then it was kind of what I expected," Shanahan said. "The guy's going to be prepared. I mean, that's how I was. I figured out how to play receiver by overly working on it and doing every little thing possible to where you get a chance to be better than what you really are. I have a lot of faith in people who are like that."

Mark Nzeocha

How Germany helped flip the NBC Pro Bowl fan voting

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San Francisco 49ers linebacker Mark Nzeocha isn't a household name. At least not in America.

But in his home country of Germany, Nzeocha's name is starting to ring out like the most famous German professional athlete in American sports: legendary Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki.

For proof of Nzeocha's blossoming fame in his home country, look at fan voting for this year's Pro Bowl. Amid the usual suspects topping the ballot, there sits Nzeocha as the leading vote-getter in the NFC for the special-teams spot.

Fan voting ended Thursday with Nzeocha racking up 183,150 votes, most among all special-teamers. According to the NFL, roughly 80 percent (146,520) of Nzeocha's votes came from Germany. Nzeocha had support from all over Germany, not just his tiny home municipality of Neusitz. Unless, of course, every person in Neusitz voted for Nzeocha roughly 71 times.

"Honestly, it means the world," Nzeocha said. "The football community in Germany is so small and it's such a tight-knit group, it's just like if one of us makes it, everyone is behind him. Which is super, super cool to see. ... It's still a new sport in Germany and the interest is growing, which is really cool to see. I guess they have shown all the Sunday games on free TV now and more and more people are really getting into the sport, which honestly can only help the sport in Germany and it helps the NFL, too, just expanding the platform. It's a great thing."

Nzeocha and the rest of this year's Pro Bowl hopefuls will find out Tuesday night if they made it into the annual all-star game. Under the current format, the fan voting accounts for one-third of the equation, with player and coach voting rounding out the rest. If Nzeocha is selected, he will take his own special place in history among Germans playing major American professional sports.

For the most part, NFL fans voting for the Pro Bowl don't have much of an idea who to vote for in the special-teams spot. Evidence of that can be found in the disparity between the leading vote-getters at, say, quarterback and the special-teams position.

At RanSport, a sports network in Germany, they're keeping tabs on Nzeocha, one of a few Germans to have made and stuck on an active NFL roster. RanSport and NFL Deutschland have made it a point to rock the vote for their homegrown linebacker.

One of the people leading that charge is Roman Motzkus, who played professionally for the Berlin Adler (Eagles) and German national team and now works as a football analyst for RanNFL, which is the network's American football show on a station called ProSieben Maxx. When voting for the Pro Bowl began, the campaign for Nzeocha began.

According to Motzkus, the broadcast for each week's games featured reports on Nzeocha and the network's website featured information on Nzeocha and Pro Bowl voting. Beyond that, RanSport and NFL Deutschland made regular use of their social media channels, putting out tweets that could be retweeted by fans, which would count as a vote for Nzeocha. One such tweet from RanSport on Nov. 29 garnered 805 retweets, good for as many votes.

"Mark gets the support of the whole football nation in Germany," Motzkus said. "We are very proud to have a player in the best football league of the world. He has a lot of supporters in his homeland."

Among them is the German fan organization that specifically supports the 49ers, known as "The Niners Empire Germany." That group also did extensive work to get out the vote for Nzeocha.
Of course, the grassroots efforts didn't necessarily make it all the way around Germany. One spot, in particular: the Nzeocha household.

"My brothers know all about it," Nzeocha said, laughing. "I don't know if my parents are that into it. They are definitely not on social media like that."

That Nzeocha is even in position to make it to a Pro Bowl is a testament to how quickly he learned American football. As a kid who was well aware of Nowitzki, who is from 39 miles north of where Nzeocha grew up, Nzeocha mostly was into basketball. One day when Nzeocha was 14, a former coach came to him and asked him to come to a football practice.

At the time, Nzeocha knew nothing about American football, which has a burgeoning following in Germany, and had never even seen it played on a video clip. All it took for Nzeocha to fall in love with the sport was that first practice. From there, Nzeocha would seek out football games and clips on YouTube because when games were broadcast in Germany, they were on past his bedtime because of the time difference.

Nzeocha proved a quick study and was voted to the junior German national team after playing with his school's club team. It was there that Nzeocha was introduced to international competition in 2008. He played in the European Championship and was voted first-team All Europe, which drew the attention of American coaches.

That interest helped Nzeocha realize the opportunities football could bring. He put highlight tapes together and reached out to schools. As it turned out, the University of Wyoming had German linebacker Oliver Schober, who had opened a pipeline from Germany to Division I college football. At one point, Wyoming had four Germans on the roster, including Nzeocha and his brother Eric.

Nzeocha bounced between safety and linebacker for Wyoming and had enough success to be a seventh-round pick of the Dallas Cowboys in 2015. His transition to pro sports was made easier by the fact that Dallas was already a Nowitzki town. Nowitzki invited Nzeocha to participate in his annual charity baseball game and offered advice on what it takes to make it as a pro.

"Right away we clicked," Nzeocha said. "He's big-time in Germany. There's not a lot of German guys playing U.S. sports professionally, so obviously that's something special to us, and if you meet a fellow German, there's big-time support there."

Indeed, although Nzeocha and Nowitzki haven't spoken in a while, there's still plenty of encouragement going in both directions. Nowitzki, who stunningly has never been voted an NBA All-Star starter in his 21-year career, recently joked about not having the voting campaign Nzeocha has received from their home country.

"If he makes the Pro Bowl, that's a huge deal," said Nowitzki, a 13-time All-Star. "It's almost like back in the days when [former Houston Rockets center] Yao [Ming, of China] was a starter. That's what happens when voting gets people in, but I'd be happy for him. If you grew up in a country where that's not your sport --- I mean, our league over there is not very good I'm guessing, even though I never watched a football game in Germany -- it's hard."

Nzeocha came to San Francisco in September 2017 when the Niners signed him off the Dallas practice squad. He appeared in 10 games last season with most of his work coming as a special-teamer. His fearless approach has earned an expanded role and regular snaps at SAM linebacker.

"Mark's done a real good job for us," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "He's done a really good job on special teams. ... Mark runs and hits and usually if you run and hit, you're a pretty good special-teams player."

For as much as Nzeocha has enjoyed the support that could land him such an individual honor, he's equally pleased with what it means for the sport's growth in Germany. Football was popular in Germany in the days of the NFL Europe but that was mostly limited to stadiums on game days, according to Motzkus.

Since 2015, ProSieben Maxx has been broadcasting regular-season NFL games on free TV. Even with the time differential making it tough, Motzkus said there's between 500,000 and a million viewers every Sunday night and the Super Bowl reaches nearly two million people.

Many of those people have spent the better part of the past month voting for Nzeocha and reaching out to him on social media to let him know they're cheering for him. Nzeocha calls the past few weeks "surreal" and even taped a message in his native language to thank all those who voted for him.

Lest there be any doubt about how much the support means to Nzeocha, he took about 10 minutes to make sure he got his message just right before finally being satisfied enough to hand the phone back to a Niners staffer.

Whether it was all enough to actually land Nzeocha a Pro Bowl spot remains to be seen, but if it does, rest assured Nzeocha won't take any of it for granted.

"That would mean the world to me, especially since I've gotten all the support from back home," Nzeocha said. "To have the opportunity to represent Germany a little bit would be really, really cool."

Dante Pettis

'The final straw': 49ers' Dante Pettis says he found himself after lost season

By Eric Branch
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Dante Pettis barely played throughout the end of last season.

And then the 49ers wide receiver didn't play at all.

In fact, the 2018 second-round pick, an NCAA record holder the 49ers traded up 15 spots to draft, didn't even change out of his street clothes when the 49ers played in Super Bowl LIV in February.

Pettis wasn't injured, but he was inactive. In NFL lingo, he was a "healthy scratch."

Six months later, Pettis, 24, spoke to reporters Friday for the first time since his disastrous second NFL season, which included 11 catches, several public critiques from head coach Kyle Shanahan and a final indignity that added fuel for his offseason.

"If that doesn't change the way someone approaches the offseason, they don't really want to be in the NFL," Pettis said. "There's not too many things worse than that, football-wise, that could get you going, I think, than being inactive for the Super Bowl. I guess that was the final straw."

A year ago, Pettis entered training camp as the team's presumptive No. 1 wideout, a high-end pick who had finished his rookie season with a flourish. Now, he's fighting for a spot on the 53-man roster.

A few weeks after the Super Bowl, at the NFL combine, Shanahan said he wanted Pettis to go on a "mission" in the offseason to realize his potential.

Pettis said he did that. But it wasn't strictly about weight-room work and on-field training. On four occasions, he said he "eventually" will detail his offseason improvement plan more fully. But he did allow that his work with his trainer also involved an "emotional" component. He said he emerged more "in tune" with himself. His goal for 2020? To "play free."

"Basically, I allowed myself to be who I know I can be," Pettis said. "Last year, I wasn't playing the way that I know I could have. I know I was capable of more. I really wasn't allowing myself to do that. And this year the whole quarantine process really helped me. Just being able to step away from everything. Not have any distractions and just kind of go one-on-one with myself."

Pettis is also in a better place with Shanahan.

Shanahan, a former college wide receiver who coveted Pettis in the 2018 draft, rarely calls out players publicly. But he's made an exception with Pettis.

Last year, Shanahan didn't think Pettis showed up for training camp poised to assume a bigger role. And he tried to light a fire. In the preseason, Shanahan said Pettis had a "lot of room to grow," needed to "earn a role on this team" and, without prompting, criticized him for not aggressively trying to prevent an interception in an exhibition game in Kansas City.

It didn't have the desired effect. Finally, after Pettis had a zero-catch, two-drop, 31-snap performance in an overtime loss to Seattle in November, Shanahan said: "The more he doesn't take advantage of his opportunities, the less opportunities he gets."

He wasn't kidding. Pettis played nine snaps in the final 10 games, including the playoffs.

"Last year, I kind of took his coaching the wrong way, I guess," Pettis said. "I made it more personal and about me, than about me realizing how good he knows I can be. I got caught up in the way he said some things and not the actual message he was trying to get to me.

"Once I realized that, everything kind of changed. And I think our relationship is really good. It's open. And we can communicate. When I came back, we had a good talk."

Shanahan said this week he spoke with Pettis shortly after he reported to training camp. On Tuesday, Pettis had a stellar practice that included five catches. Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo notably praised Pettis' "physicality" and "competitiveness," two areas in which Pettis had been viewed as lacking.

"I've been very proud of Dante so far and I think (his offseason work) showed," Shanahan said. "I think he had his best practice (Tuesday) since he's been here. … I know he got a lot of balls and a lot of opportunities, but it wasn't just that. It was his demeanor. The way he played. The aggression and his routes and everything. I've been very pleased with Dante so far."

Still, Pettis, who has the most punt-return touchdowns in NCAA history, hasn't consistently resembled a No. 44 pick this summer. He's been largely quiet in the five other training-camp practices. On Friday, he caught one of five targets, although he did appear to draw a pass-interference penalty on cornerback Ahkello Witherspoon that prevented a deep completion.

Given his draft status, youth and the 49ers' unsettled wide receiver corps, Pettis probably will secure a roster spot with more consistency.

And he sounds confident he will, based on his work in an offseason that unofficially began when he was made inactive.

"There were just certain things that we're holding (me) back football-wise," Pettis said. "And that's not the case anymore."

A different cat: In a league looking for dogs, 49ers receiver Dante Pettis embraces his feline side

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Would you rather eat an apple or an orange? Do you like tall women?

These are the types of oddball, psychological questions an NFL prospect might get in the run-up to the draft, the kind that evaluators hope, after dozens are answered, provide at least a sliver of insight into a player they are considering paying millions of dollars.

Someone who takes time to peel an orange, for example, doesn't mind doing extra work. A guy who dates tall women doesn't have confidence issues. (Side note: A prospect selected by the New York Giants once crossed out the "t" in "tall" and answered with an emphatic, "Yes!")

Then there's this one, which often comes up: Would you rather be a dog or a cat?

It's an easy answer. Dogs are pack animals, they work together, they're not complicated, they follow orders and they're relentless. In fact, "dog" recently has become part of the football vernacular, a highly desirable trait roughly synonymous with tenacity.

Asked his impression of cornerback Jason Verrett last month, defensive coordinator Robert Saleh said, "I'm trying to make sure I say this the right way: He's a dog. That's the best way (to put it). He's just a down-to-earth grown man, and there's no B.S. in him, there's no nonsense."

Said rookie receiver Deebo Samuel when asked why he was such an effective runner after the catch in college: "I just feel like you've got to have that dog in you, that mindset that not one person is going to bring you down, and you're going to make every catch that's thrown your way."

Yes, the NFL loves dogs, the NFL wants dogs and nearly every NFL prospect says they'd rather be a dog than a cat. Well, everyone except receiver Dante Pettis. He's not just a cat guy. He's a cat guy who proudly displays it.

His end-zone celebration is decidedly feline — licking his paws and cleaning the side of his helmet, something he did as a 49ers rookie last season and when he played for, ironically, the Washington Huskies.

No, Pettis' home isn't full of posters of kittens adorably tangled in balls of yarn. He loves big cats — apex predators — and has felt a connection to them ever since he did a high school project on leopards. When he was at Washington, he got a membership at Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo so that he could visit once a week and photograph the lions, tigers, snow leopards and jaguars. After joining the 49ers he bought a pair of Bengal cats — a cross between a house cat and a wild, Asian leopard cat — from a breeder in Bakersfield.

Mowgli and Bagheera are only slightly larger than a domestic cat. But San Jose's population of doves, finches and sparrows would disappear in — poof! — a flurry of feathers if they ever slipped out Pettis' backdoor.

To the 49ers receiver, the allure lies with how cats move.

"They have this athleticism and they move extremely — I don't know — weird," Pettis said one day while watching Mowgli stalk around his living room. "They have a lot of bones in their spines that they can twist in different ways. I feel like I can twist like that, too, or at least that my body moves really weirdly. I remember my best friends always were like, 'You literally move like a cat. You are a cat.'"

NFL cornerbacks would agree. When Pettis runs, his lower half seems to operate independently of the upper, making him difficult to cover. It's the reason Kyle Shanahan traded ahead to take Pettis in the second round last year, earlier than he was projected to go. Pettis had the best quality a receiver could have — he routinely got open.

"I think his most impressive trait is his wiggle," cornerback Ahkello Witherspoon said. "His ability to look like he's going left, and then to come back right. Or even left, right, left. It's something that you can't really teach. He looks like a basketball player out there at times."

Despite that talent and his lofty draft status, no 49ers player has been under as much heat this summer as Pettis. In the modern NFL, head coaches rarely call out or even mildly critique players in front of the media. Shanahan, however, has not been shy about putting pressure on Pettis, doing so both symbolically — playing him in the fourth quarter of Saturday's preseason game, a time when third-stringers usually are on the field — as well as overtly.

Said Shanahan on Sunday: "He's still trying to earn a role on this team and still is trying to show what he's capable of doing," — and here he paused before emphasizing — "consistently."

Even questions about other players have included a response from Shanahan about Pettis. Asked about Jimmy Garoppolo's dubious throw into triple coverage against the Chiefs on Saturday, Shanahan criticized the quarterback's decision but also said Pettis should have made a stronger attempt on the ball.

Talking about the team's offensive potential, Shanahan again worked Pettis into his reply.

"When you get guys back like (George) Kittle, if we could get Jet (Jerick McKinnon) back — and we'll see how that goes this week — when we get everyone healthy, when we get (Jalen) Hurd out there healthy, when we get Pettis playing up to his potential, we've got a number guys on our team who can take us completely to another level," he said.

The 49ers head coach wants Pettis to be more aggressive, to show more fight. In essence, he wants the guy who sees himself as a cat to show more dog.

Pettis' feline fascination doesn't come from his parents. Peggy Pettis said the family always had dogs when Dante was growing up and that she never particularly liked cats.

But both of her sons, Kyler, 26, and Dante, 23, got cats soon after they began living on their own and she's grown to like them after a few pet-sitting gigs at her Southern California home last year.

"Dante's cats will jump on your kitchen counter while you're cooking and try to eat the food right there," she said. "They loved to get under my daughter's bed and stay there all day. They knocked over things, but there wasn't anything really crazy while they were here. They were pretty well mannered."

NFL players usually are the center of attention in their families. Dante, however, often isn't even the Pettis who is asked to sign an autograph.

Peggy is a former Raiderette who cheered when Shanahan's dad, Mike, paced the Raiders' sidelines. Her husband, Gary, won five Gold Gloves during his 11 years as an outfielder and stole 56 bases for the California Angels in 1985. He's now the third-base coach for the Houston Astros.

Their oldest child, Paige, was a talented soccer player while growing up who served as bodyguard for her younger brothers. She remains protective even though one is now an NFL player.

"Today, somebody made a mean comment on Dante's Instagram and she just went off," Peggy said.
Kyler got into acting after hip injuries sank his soccer aspirations. He played Theo Carver, a character with high-functioning autism, on the soap opera "Days of Our Lives" and earlier this year won an Emmy Award for the role. Peggy recently dropped off their youngest child, Shaye, at Baylor University where she's studying to become a nurse.

Peggy works as a teacher's aide at an elementary school and gets her sons to speak to the kids there.
"It's funny because all the boys are intrigued by Dante and some of the boys that are into acting and all of the girls, all they care about is Kyler," she said. "Dante gets recognized more often, mostly because he was big at his high school and people have followed his career and stuff. But when we're at a more artsy event, they all know Kyler."

As you would expect in the family of an ex-NFL cheerleader and a Major League baseball coach, sports were the main activity in the Pettis household and Dante played them year round, sometimes juggling soccer and football in the same season. But he also loved reading poetry, gave books as Christmas gifts and got heavily into nature photography after he left for college.

"We'd go on the road to see Gary, and Dante always wanted to go to the bookstore and look around and see what books there were," Peggy recalled. "He loves watching sports. And he loves playing video games. But he's got this other side where he'll take his camera, go off by himself and take pictures."

Pettis describes himself as an introvert, and he said that helps explain his connection to big cats. His favorite animal at the Seattle zoo was the jaguar, which had a glass enclosure that allowed visitors to get within feet of it. Pettis said he'd spend hours watching the animal simply breathe in and out.

"One of the reasons I like cats so much is that I'm pretty introverted," he said. "And cats are introverted animals. I kind of just naturally understand that, how to interact with them a little more. It honestly felt like every time I stood up, (the jaguar) would walk over and come right up to the glass."

Kyle Shanahan played receiver at Duke and Texas and acknowledged this week he's "always pretty hard" on that position group. It's obvious he's singled out Pettis for the harshest treatment because he believes the receiver has a chance to be elite.

Over the final five games last season, Pettis averaged nearly 72 receiving yards and scored three touchdowns. Despite missing four games with knee injuries, he finished his rookie season just behind Kendrick Bourne for most yards by a 49ers wideout — 467 to Bourne's 487 — and tied Kittle for the team lead with five touchdown catches.

But it's also clear Shanahan didn't think his receiving corps was gritty enough last year, especially after losing veteran Pierre Garçon in the second half of the season. The 49ers used two of their top draft picks on wideouts with plenty of "dog" in them.

Samuel's nickname, "Deebo," comes from the neighborhood bully with the same name in the 1995 comedy "Friday." Third-round pick Jalen Hurd, meanwhile, is a 230-pound former tailback who was prominent this summer for getting into practice-field scuffles and for bulldozing Cowboys defenders for a touchdown in the preseason opener.

Pettis realizes Shanahan is looking for something similar from him — "He wants more urgency, that's the best way to describe it," Pettis said — and noted the comments Shanahan has made to the media are no different than what Shanahan says to him all the time.

He's not discouraged because he wants the same thing his head coach is seeking.

"My thing is, if you're playing receiver, you want to be the dude," he said. "You probably won't be that good a receiver if you don't have that mentality. It's not like he wants me to be something I don't want to be."

He said he's also used to having a demanding coach in his ear.

"I get it, I've had that my whole life," he said. "My dad's a coach, so I know that's how it goes."
So who's harder on him, his dad or Shanahan?
"Right now, Kyle," he said with a laugh.

Pettis has the potential to be the 49ers' most dangerous receiver this season. But if he doesn't raise his game soon, he knows he'll remain in Shanahan's doghouse.

Dante Pettis no longer stressed out as he enters second 49ers season

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Wide receiver Dante Pettis is about the worst person to ask about any changes he has witnessed in quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo from a year ago.

That's because Pettis was way too preoccupied trying to figure out his own assignments as a rookie to even notice who was throwing the passes.

"He looks really good," Pettis said of Garoppolo on the 49ers Insider Podcast. "I was so lost last year, I don't remember what he was like at the beginning of the year. I was only worried about me. If the ball came to me, I was like, 'Cool, awesome. That's great.'

"(But) I didn't know who I was in with. As far as watching him now, he looks really good."

Pettis, a second-round pick in 2018 from Washington, appeared in 12 games last season, catching 27 passes for 467 yards and five touchdowns.

He missed three games early in the season with a knee injury. Pettis returned and had his two best games in Weeks 13 and 15 against Seattle, when things started to click for him. He caught 10 passes for 212 yards and two TDs, as the 49ers split those games against the Seahawks. He was sidelined for the season finale with another knee injury.

It was a process to learn Kyle Shanahan's offense, Pettis said, and he can totally relate to what the 49ers' rookie receivers, including Deebo Samuel and Jalen Hurd, are experiencing this offseason.

"I feel like I was just there, walking onto the field and not know what you're doing, at all," Pettis said. "Every time they call a play, you're looking back at the quarterback, 'What do I have here?'"

Pettis' advice to the young players is to remain in the playbook at keep grinding. Eventually, he said it all makes sense. And that's where Pettis feels most comfortable heading into his second NFL season.

"There's going to be a day where it all just clicks," he said. "I don't have to stress about this really anymore. … I'm not out there stressed out and can play free."

Dante Pettis A Rare Bright Spot In 49ers' Lost Season

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The San Francisco 49ers will be playing out the final quarter of the 2018 season with nothing really on the line outside of a high pick in the 2019 NFL Draft.

On the field, the 49ers want to see progression from youngsters. That includes rookie second-round pick Dante Pettis, who is finally showing out after missing three games to injury earlier in the season.

The 6-foot-1 former Washington standout is coming off a career-best performance against Seattle that saw him put up five receptions for 129 yards and two touchdowns, including a score of 75 yards. This came on the heels of a Week 12 performance in which Pettis nabbed four catches for 77 yards and a score in a loss to Tampa Bay.

For those of us who scouted Pettis at Washington and saw him do his thing during both training camp and the preseason, it's in no way a surprise that he's performed at this level.

"He (Pettis) had a number of plays," head coach Kyle Shanahan said following last week's game. "I think he got in the end zone twice. It was two good routes on both of those. He did a good job when he had the opportunities."

With veteran Pierre Garcon still hobbled by injury, Pettis will almost assuredly start this week opposite Margquise Goodwin against the Denver Broncos. As Shanahan noted, he did a good job when he's had opportunities. Those opportunities should be more plentiful during the final quarter of the season.

Though, it's Shanahan's tough love that has played a vital role in Pettis' progression from wide-eyed rookie to boasting game-breaking ability.

"Yeah, he challenges me all the time," Pettis said of his head coach this week. "Every single play, I know that he expects more out of me. We've had a few talks about what he expects, so I guess you could say that kind of sparked something."

Expectations. That's something Pettis dealt with after showing out against the 49ers' defense during training camp. Whether it was Richard Sherman or other veterans, he continually put defenders on skates.

Again, this isn't a huge surprise. Pettis' has a ridiculously fast first move off the line of scrimmage and boasts that filthy initial cut in the route. It creates a ton of separation, as evidenced by the 75-yard touchdown we saw last week in Seattle.

Whether it's Nick Mullens or C.J. Beathard under center moving forward this season, that's a huge positive for the 49ers' offense. Neither quarterback figures to be a starter for the team moving forward. That role will be handed to Jimmy Garoppolo, once again, when he returns from the torn ACL that cost him all but three games this season.

That's where the expectations are going to be heightened. While Mullens and Beathard struggle with ball placement, this isn't an issue for Garoppolo. It will lead to a ton of yards after the catch for Pettis should he continue to progress and remain healthy.

Through the first nine games of his rookie season, Pettis has caught 16 passes for 314 yards and four touchdowns. He's also averaging a robust 19.6 yards per reception.

More consistency and an ability to remain healthy will be big time for the young receiver moving forward. Even with the 49ers simply playing out the string, the final four games of the season are going to be huge for the dynamic pass catcher and his team.

If Pettis can continue to shine during the final month, it will afford San Francisco not only the ability to move on from the above-mentioned Garcon, but to pencil Pettis in as a starter next season. Coupled with Marquise Goodwin, that's a solid wide receiver tandem in Santa Clara.

On the other hand, struggles with consistency and injury would force general manager John Lynch and Co. to potentially spend cash or draft capital on an exterior option opposite Goodwin.

Pettis' ability to continue this strong recent play will also enable the 49ers to give Goodwin a mulligan for what has been an injury-plagued season for the veteran pass catcher. If the powers to be strongly believe Pettis can be a 1,000-yard receiver as a sophomore, the need for a receiver drops dramatically.

For a team that's in need of a whole plethora of upgrades, this is no small thing.

"The more I've played, the more I've become comfortable with the offense, playing against NFL defensive backs," Pettis told 95.7 The Game in San Francisco this week.

Indeed, Mr. Pettis, the 49ers are relying on you becoming more comfortable in this offense and continuing the strong play we've seen recently.

It continues this week against a strong Denver Broncos defense.

49ers rookie receiver Dante Pettis finally has a healthy outlook

By Eric Branch
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It appears 49ers wide receiver Dante Pettis is ready to start a new streak.

On Wednesday, the rookie second-round pick spoke optimistically about potentially returning from a knee injury to play Sunday at Arizona. Pettis has missed the past three games, and standing on the sideline was an odd feeling.

“It sucks because it was the first time I ever missed a game in my entire life,” Pettis said. “... It’s something that, I guess, you have to learn at some point. Everyone gets hurts playing football.”

Pettis was hurt when he was bent backward and his right knee twisted while returning a punt in a loss to the Chargers on Sept. 30. He initially feared his injury was more serious.

“I thought it was very bad,” Pettis said, “because I couldn’t move my leg at first.”

In his first three games, Pettis had three receptions for 96 yards and a touchdown. Head coach Kyle Shanahan advocated for the 49ers to trade up 15 spots to take Pettis with the No. 44 pick.

“I know he’s excited,” Shanahan said, “and I’m excited to get him back out there.”

Injury report: Running back Matt Breida (ankle) didn’t practice, but Shanahan didn’t rule him out for Sunday.

Breida has been playing with the injury he sustained against Arizona on Oct. 7, and he aggravated it on the 49ers’ first play in Sunday’s loss against the Rams and played just five snaps. After the game, Shanahan said the 49ers would consider giving Breida time off to allow him to heal.

“He’s looking a lot better these last two days,” Shanahan said. “We’ll see how he is tomorrow. If he’s good, we’ll throw him in practice and evaluate him from there.”

Wide receiver Pierre Garcon would “probably be doubtful” for Sunday because of a knee injury. He has dealt with it the past two games, Shanahan said. On Sunday, Garcon played 33 of 59 offensive snaps and had just one catch for 5 yards.

Starting cornerbacks Richard Sherman (calf) and Jimmie Ward (hamstring), both sidelined Sunday, were limited in practice.

Dante Pettis is embracing his weirdness during impressive start with 49ers

By Chris Biderman
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Everything about Dante Pettis is just a little bit different, including the impact he's making on the 49ers practice field during his first week of an NFL training camp.

The rookie receiver is distinguishing himself in the earliest stages, which is something San Francisco hasn't seen from a young receiver in some time. He's the team's most highly-drafted wideout since former general manager Trent Baalke's famous whiff on 2012 first-round pick A.J. Jenkins.

Pettis has been a handful for San Francisco's secondary in six training camp practices. He was targeted on three straight snaps by Jimmy Garoppolo to end Wednesday's session, including a 40-yard touchdown connection on the final play when Pettis burst up the left sideline past second-year corner Ahkello Witherspoon.

Pettis' first impression as a pro football player has been distinct, matching his unique persona.

"Dante's a cool guy, definitely a different personality," fullback Kyle Juszczyk said. "One that you don't always see in every locker room."

Pettis has bright blue hair, an affinity for cats, music (he plays the ukulele and guitar), reading, and a unique way of beating defenders on the football field.

"I move weird and I know it," Pettis said. "People say I got crazy legs."

Pettis' legs have a tendency to flair to the side when he runs. His biomechanics are on the other side of the spectrum from his fellow receiver Marquise Goodwin, the former Olympian, who glides up and down the field as though his feet never touch grass.

"The way my body, my legs move, it's just not extremely normal. It's not how everybody runs and I know that," Pettis said.

Pettis has a baby deer-like cadence, not Goodwin's chiseled build or machine-like running form. But Pettis is efficient nonetheless. He can naturally stagger his steps, speed up and slow down, cut in and out of breaks and use his lateral agility to beat cornerbacks at the line of scrimmage.

Most importantly, he has been good at getting open. But that trait wasn't always evident when the 49ers were scouting Pettis at Washington. Some considered trading up to draft Pettis questionable given his 6-0, 186-pound frame. San Francisco sent a second- and third-round pick to Washington to move up 15 spots to land Pettis.

"It's sometimes hard to see in college because they don't see a lot of man-to-man coverage," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "It's so much zone and you don't have to be great with your feet when you're pretty talented because you can beat a lot of guys you're better than anyways."

What helped Pettis appear viable as a receiver is what he did as a punt returner. He set the NCAA record with nine punt return touchdowns for the Huskies.

"If you can make guys miss with your feet when you have the ball in your hand, you should be able to do it in routes, too," Shanahan said. "To combine that with his speed and his hands and his intelligence, which he is very smart, you feel pretty confident that he's going to continue to get better."

It's a bad cliche, but Pettis has made noticeable improvements each day during his first training camp. Well before beating Witherspoon for Wednesday's practice-ending touchdown, Pettis also beat Richard

Sherman on a crossing route when the second-team offense was going against the starting defense. Later, he came down with a sliding grab on a corner route between three defenders.

And Pettis has been on par with the team's top receivers, Goodwin and Pierre Garçon, during one-on-one sessions where he's been able to show off his speed.

"He has some long limbs, long arms, long legs and it helps him create space with defenders," Garoppolo said. "His body moves a certain way and he explodes out of the break and separates a foot from a guy. That's all you need. As a quarterback, you love to see that."

Also separating Pettis: that curly hair. It's currently a bright tinge of blue that only works because he bleached it beforehand. Previously, it was purple and gold to match his college colors. To be sure, Pettis is the only 49er willing to taste the rainbow when it comes to hairstyle. "What would look cool? Blue might be cool. So I dyed it blue and that's what happened," he said.

Pettis admitted he didn't fully embrace his weirdness until college, when he began to realize he wasn't like his classmates and teammates on the football team. "People were like, 'Yo, Dante, you're weird.' Alright, I guess I'm weird. I just kind of accepted it and that's when I really went all out."

Pettis' ability to go all out, on and off the field, has helped endear himself to his new employers. His work in practice is starting to generate high expectations for his rookie season, where he should have an opportunity to stand out in the rotation of receivers and cement a prominent role for the future.

But even the relatable Shanahan, the second-youngest coach in the NFL who listens to Drake and Lil Wayne, can't quite grasp some of Pettis' off-the-field tendencies.

"I still consider myself somewhat young, but that's definitely the sign of the difference in generations. My age, we didn't roll like that," Shanahan said.

"(But) I think guys accept people who are themselves and they're not trying to be someone they're not. What's really cool about Dante, yeah, he's got the blue hair, yeah he's artistic. That's who he is. He doesn't care what you think. He's not doing it for someone else. That's who he is and that's all you've got to be in this league. Just be yourself and guys respect you. He's the same person every day and he doesn't care what people think about him. I think people respect him a lot for that."

Meet the 49ers' Dante Pettis. His dad played baseball; his brother was on a soap opera

By Matt Barrows
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It was 7:01 p.m. on April 27, nine minutes before the first pitch of the Astros-A's game in Houston. Gary Pettis was beginning to accept that he'd have to watch the start of his son's NFL career on replay.

Pettis, the former Gold Glove outfielder and current Astros third-base coach, figured Dante Pettis, the Washington receiver and his second son, would be selected on Day 2 of the draft. But when during the four-hour telecast?

As Round 2 got underway, Gary watched with four other coaches who had come to know Dante, a frequent visitor in the Houston clubhouse over the years who would effortlessly shag fly balls at batting practice next to the Astros players.

With the eighth pick in the round, the Broncos took a receiver … but it was Courtland Sutton from SMU. At that point, Gary Pettis and the Astros coaches got up from their seats and hustled outside for the national anthem and the start of the game. As a high-school band played the final notes and the words "home of the brave" echoed in the stadium, Pettis looked up at the clock and figured — what the heck? — if he hurried, he could watch another few minutes of the draft. Maybe he'd get lucky.

"My fear was that he was going to get drafted and I wasn't going to be able to see it," Pettis recalled Tuesday. "And as I ran upstairs, I saw that the 49ers had made a trade. And in the back of my mind I had this feeling that this could be it. And sure enough, I heard them say his name. And, man, what a thrill that was."

The Pettises aren't just a talented family. They could air their own variety show.

Gary won five Gold Gloves during his 11 years as an outfielder and stole 56 bases for the California Angels in 1985. Dante's mother, Peggy, is a former Raiderette cheerleader. His older brother, Kyler, played Theo Carver, a character with autism, on the soap opera "Days of Our Lives." A cousin, Austin Pettis, played four seasons for the St. Louis Rams.

Then there's Dante, who did the usual sports as a kid – football, baseball, basketball and track – but who always had a lot more interests than that.

He can play the guitar and ukulele. Like his brother, he sang, danced and performed as a child. He likes to read and, while at Washington, could be seen around campus with a camera in his hand. Landscapes – a snowy valley here, a sandy shoreline there – and nature shots were his focus.

Gary Pettis began bringing his son to the stadium when he was maybe 4 or 5 years old, starting him out with a plastic ball and bat. Pretty soon Dante was running down pre-game fly balls in the same outfield as Albert Belle and meeting Ken Griffey Jr.

Slim at 186 pounds, Dante has the frame, fluidity and tracking ability of a center fielder. Gary thinks his son probably could have excelled at that sport if he had chosen it. But around his sophomore year of high school, football emerged as Dante's top pursuit.

"I think he kind of knew that football was where I was leaning to," Dante said of his dad. "I had had a lot of fun playing baseball and everything like that, but I don't know, there is something about football that is just different than every other sport. I think he saw that I had that kind of passion for the game."

Gary was able to see his son get drafted last month because the 49ers traded ahead 15 spots in the second round to get him.

Dante's 6-foot-1 height and soft hands appealed to coach Kyle Shanahan, a former receiver. So did Dante's ability as a punt returner. He brought back an NCAA-record nine punts for touchdowns at Washington, the record breaker coming just three days after the Astros won the World Series.

Mostly, the 49ers were impressed by Pettis' Renaissance-man traits on the field. He can play each of their receiver positions because he has such a tremendous feel for the game. In college, he was exceptional at setting up and moving past defensive backs with his body language or knowing precisely when to accelerate or cut as a returner.

"He's extremely talented, a very good route runner," Shanahan said. "He can separate and has extremely good hands – very quick, fast enough to run all the routes. And when you meet him, you see how smart he is, how hard he works, and you get why he's the full package."

When he saw the 49ers jumped ahead and were on the clock, Gary Pettis had a sense that's where Dante would land, in part because San Francisco was one of the teams he visited prior to the draft. But there also was something poetic about him becoming a 49er.

Gary is an Oakland native. The Astros are in the same division as the A's, which means regular trips to the Bay Area. Dante, for instance, spent Monday afternoon with his father at the stadium and took part in batting practice with his Astros buddies.

"He talks to a lot of the guys. They're all pretty friendly with him," Gary said. "They're on – what do they call it? – instant messaging or Instagram or whatever they call it. They reach out to him that way, and obviously when he's here, he goes around to the guys and they come around and visit with him as well." The Pettises also live in Orange County, stemming from Gary's years with the Angels. He noted the 49ers will play 12 of their 16 games this season in the Pacific time zone, two of them in the Los Angeles area. The only thing that could scuttle an autumn full of family reunions is if the Astros go deep into the playoffs again. Gary smiled at the prospect.

"I guess I'll trade that for missing a few of his games," he said.

Jordan Reed

49ers TE Jordan Reed having fun thanks to health, new home

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A series of concussions and years of losing in Washington led Jordan Reed to question whether he ever wanted to play football again.

After sitting out all last season following his seventh documented concussion, Reed did opt to resume his career when he signed with the San Francisco 49ers this summer.

“I definitely thought about hanging it up after last season,” Reed said. “But it was when I saw the Super Bowl that really kind of ignited me again. I want to play in those big games. God blessed me to be here and a part of this great team and gave me the opportunity to be in that situation. That’s what’s driving me. I love the game of football. I still have the drive to keep playing.”

The 49ers are happy to have him as they spent the offseason looking for a receiving tight end to pair with versatile All-Pro George Kittle.

While Kittle caught 85 passes last season, the rest of the tight ends on the roster combined for only 17.

“The best thing that Jordan does is that he really gets up on guys quick and he’s very explosive when he’s in and out of his cuts,” Kittle said. “He doesn’t really waste a lot of time moving and then he uses his speed as an advantage. He doesn’t waste time trying to hand fight with the guy. He usually just uses his feet and runs around them. Then when the guy does get too close, he’s really good with his feet, with his double move and getting two feet in the ground to adjust and react. He does that really well. But it’s really just his explosiveness that is way better than anyone else.”

The 30-year-old Reed had 329 catches for 3,371 yards and 24 TDs in 65 career games for Washington, but has ended up on the injured reserve list in four of his seven seasons.

But the biggest concern was the concussions. Reed had three in college at Florida and then four more in the pros. He was placed on injured reserve following one his rookie season in 2013, missed two games each with concussions in 2015 and ’16 and then had the one last summer on a hit from Atlanta’s Keanu Neal in an exhibition game that forced Reed to miss the entire season.

He said he met with specialists this offseason before deciding he was comfortable returning to play. The Niners took it slowly with him since signing him at the beginning of camp and have eased him into practice.

“The way they handled things here is very professional,” he said. “They treat us like professional athletes and they just want the best for us. I really appreciate how they let me come along. Now I’m feeling great and I’m looking forward to the season.”

Reed has shown good flashes in practice as another target for quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo. With several receivers hampered by injuries, he could play a bigger role in two tight end sets for San Francisco.

His transition to his new team has been eased by his familiarity with coach Kyle Shanahan’s offense having spent his rookie year in Washington with Shanahan as his play-caller.

The biggest difference might come from leaving one of the NFL’s most dysfunctional franchises to join a stable one coming off a trip to the Super Bowl last season.

"It's the most fun I had playing football ever," he said. "Honestly, I don't know if it's because I didn't play all season last year or what. But since I've been out there, I've just been having a blast and I've just been really grateful."

Jordan Reed almost retired. Why watching the 49ers in Super Bowl LIV changed his mind

By Chris Biderman
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Jordan Reed thought about retiring last season after suffering his seventh documented concussion.

But the talented tight end found his vigor again after watching the biggest NFL game of the year.

“It was when I saw the Super Bowl that really ignited me again,” Reed said in his first Zoom conference with Bay Area reporters Sunday. “I want to play in those big games. And God blessed me to be here and a part of this great team to give me an opportunity to be in that situation, so that’s what’s driving me.”

Reed has been on the practice field with the 49ers for roughly a week after agreeing to terms with the team Aug. 3, and he’s impressed his teammates with his athleticism and route running. He appears fresh after missing all of last season after suffering a head injury during a preseason game against the Atlanta Falcons.

“This is the most fun I’ve had playing football. Ever,” Reed said. “I don’t know if it’s because I didn’t play all season last year or what, but since I’ve been out there, I’ve just been having a blast and I’ve just been really grateful.”

Reed, who said he went through testing from concussion specialists before returning to football, has been a tough cover for strong safety Jaquiski Tartt in one-on-one drills. He often stands out as the most talented pass catcher when he’s been on the field with second- and third-stringers.

The 49ers are hoping Reed can offer quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo another viable target while the receiving corps deals with injuries.

The team’s top projected wideouts, Deebo Samuel (foot) and Brandon Aiyuk (hamstring), have been sidelined with injuries and could miss time early in the regular season. Reed caught a touchdown pass from Garoppolo during Friday’s practice inside Levi’s Stadium when he was split out wide as a receiver matched up against Pro Bowl cornerback Richard Sherman.

Tight end George Kittle has embraced the idea of adding the former Pro Bowler who could both complement and spell him after Kittle played over 92 percent of the snaps over the last six regular-season games and the playoffs.

The All Pro said he studied Reed’s film with Washington while trying to learn coach Kyle Shanahan’s offense — and that he’s the best route running tight end he’s studied.

“The best thing that Jordan does is that he really gets up on guys quick and he’s very explosive when he’s in and out of his cuts,” Kittle said when asked for a scouting report. “He doesn’t really waste a lot of time moving and then he uses his speed as an advantage. He doesn’t waste time like trying to hand fight with the guy. He usually just uses his feet and runs around them and then when the guy does get too close, he’s really good with his feet and his double move and getting two feet in the ground to adjust and react and he does that really well. But it’s really just his explosiveness that I think is way better than anyone else.”

Reed, who turned 30 in July, was regarded as one of the NFL’s best tight ends in 2015 and 2016. He was named to a Pro Bowl in 2016 and his $46.7 million contract he signed before that season made him the NFL’s second-highest paid tight end. He had a career high 952 yards and 11 touchdowns that year, though he missed 31 games over the next three seasons.

His addition continues a theme for San Francisco, who have been bargain hunting on the margins of the roster as they look get back to the Super Bowl.

The team has taken on similar high-upside, low-risk players like cornerback Jason Verrett, receiver Tavon Austin and defensive end Dion Jordan to fill out bit roles, rather than try younger players the team might have brought in if it wasn't in the middle of a championship window.

Shanahan has become known for his work with heavy personnel packages. The 49ers used "21" personnel groupings (two running backs, one tight end, two receivers) more than any other team last season at 28 percent of the snaps. The next closest was the Minnesota Vikings at 21 percent.

But Shanahan used "12" personnel (one running back, two tight ends, two receivers) 18 percent of the time, which was just below the league average. A healthy season from Reed could see that number increase given how Shanahan often builds a passing attack off the success of the running game and play action.

Two tight ends like Kittle and Reed that catch passes can put defenses in a tough spot. Do they play base packages with a third linebacker and risk being at a mismatch in the passing game? Or do they play for coverage with an additional smaller defensive back who might get pushed around in the running game?

"It poses a big challenge, just because you've got to make the decision on how you want to play them," defensive coordinator Robert Saleh said.

Like Reid did for his touchdown Friday, he has the ability to line up as a receiver, which is a wrinkle both him and Kittle can use to vex defenses.

"When you have two tight ends of that caliber, it's just the sky's the limit," Saleh said. "When you've got the creativity of someone like Kyle and his staff, you can only imagine some of the stuff that they can draw up."

Deebo Samuel

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.

Richard Sherman

49ers' Richard Sherman: How Compton childhood shaped his NFL journey

By Scott Ostler
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Richard Sherman, the 49ers' veteran cornerback, was born in Compton in March 1988. In August that year, gangsta-rap group N.W.A. released the album "Straight Outta Compton."

In the 2015 movie of the same name, police bust down a crack-house door with an armored vehicle, cops and citizens clash on the streets, anger and tension and gunfire fill the air.

That was the world of Sherman's childhood, in a city nationally infamous for high rates of murder and other crime.

"You get used to stray dogs, and the crime, and the shootings, and the violence, the drug deals ... you get kind of used to it," Sherman said Wednesday in the 49ers' locker room after practice. "I honestly had nothing to compare it to, so it was normal for me. Looking back on it, it was pretty bad. ... In hindsight, it was a really dangerous place, but it was home."

Sherman and his siblings — an older brother and younger sister — were lucky. They had a solid family to keep them focused. Their father drove a trash truck and their mother worked with physically and mentally disabled children.

"They never made us feel like we were in a bad neighborhood or we were poor," Sherman said. "They worked as hard as they could to make ends meet and raise three happy kids, good kids, regardless of the circumstances or the environment we were in. But it was a very difficult environment, in hindsight. Once I got to Stanford, I really realized how different places could be."

Sherman isn't the only kid who went straight outta Compton to a life of fame and riches in sports. The small (10 square miles) city just south of Los Angeles was the incubator of, among many others, Baron Davis, James Harden, DeMar DeRozan, and Venus and Serena Williams.

First, Sherman's super-high energy had to be efficiently directed.

"I was running around like a chicken with my head cut off," Sherman said of his childhood. "My mom just put me into sports, and the coaches had to deal with me then."

How did that excess energy play out at school?

"Early on I had my issues," Sherman said, "until my teachers figured out how competitive I was. Then they made everything a competition, and once you make it a competition, then I'm going to redirect all my energy to win. ... Doesn't matter what the prize is, long as somebody wins."

At Stanford, Sherman found plenty of opportunity to compete in the classroom (a degree in communications) and on the field. He was drafted in the fifth round, 154th overall, in 2011 by the Seattle Seahawks. Maybe the scouts didn't pay enough attention to the enthusiasm. When Sherman went into the NFL, the world lost a great carnival barker. The man can bring the energy and salesmanship. What Sherman is selling these days is the 49ers. Step right up, folks, and take a look at my fabulous teammates and coaches!

After Sunday's stunning 20-7 win over the Rams in Los Angeles, a few miles from the old neighborhood, Sherman was at the interview podium naming the 49ers' defensive heroes. When someone mentioned nose tackle D.J. Jones, Sherman literally jumped up and down, shouting, "D.J. Jones! D.J. Jones! D.J. Jones!"

The 49ers' 5-0 start has Sherman extra-buzzed.

"I've definitely got extra pep in my step," Sherman said. "When you're winning and everything's going well, things are fun, I think everyone has a little more pep in their step. You go to work and you're seeing all your hard work come to fruition, the team's executing, everybody's happy. You're still sore. Football still hurts, but it hurts a little less when you get the wins."

It also eases the pain when you can contribute significantly to the team's success. Last season Sherman was coming off Achilles surgery and was not fully healthy. His leadership and enthusiasm never wavered, though, despite the team's 4-12 record. This season he's feeling better and playing better.

Sunday, the moment of highest drama, probably the 49ers' high point of the young season, came late in the second quarter. With the score tied, 7-7, the Rams were stopped on back-to-back runs from the 1-yard line, on tackles led by the aforementioned D.J. Jones.

Lost in the noise: One play earlier, on 2nd-and-goal from the 5, Sherman solo-stopped running back Darrell Henderson at the 1.

"I appreciate you noticing that," Sherman said politely, adding with a smile, "I think I'm blowing my cover of being the washed-up guy. You know, the has-been."

The 49ers are playing better and Sherman is playing better — maybe there's some correlation — and Sherman is the life of the 49ers' party. He's got enthusiastic fellow barkers, like the firecracker tight end George Kittle, but nobody can match the wattage of Sherman in sharing the 49ers' joy with the outside world.

Hey, he could be slinging trash cans into a truck, as Sherman's dad did for 30 years. As a kid, Richard rode along with pop a couple times.

"The truck stunk," Sherman said. "It stunk really bad. It stunk really bad, and I would go to the yard, he'd bring me to the yard just to say hi to everybody. We'd sit there and have lunch, and the yard smelled terrible, because it's a garbage-truck yard. But it gave me a lot of perspective and a lot of respect for him. He never complained, he went to work every day, he worked hard, he did what he had to do, and he did it for 30 years."

Now Sherman's challenge, with his wife Ashley, is to instill those solid values in their two children -- son Rayden (4) and daughter Avery (3) — without the character-building assist of financial hardship.

"I want my kids to grow up and be ambitious and work hard," Sherman said, "so outside of a roof, nothing's given. I don't buy them anything more than I have to, because I want them to understand that. That's a hard balancing act, when it's almost exactly the opposite as it was for me growing up.

"That's the main thing I'm focused on, is how I'm going to raise my kids and how I'm going to keep them hungry."

The Sherman children get their clothes at Target. When Richard was a child, Chuck E. Cheese was the birthday splurge, so guess where Richard and Ashley take the kids for birthdays.

The lessons might be sinking in.

Sherman said, "My son told me his dream is to work hard and buy his mom and dad a house. I said 'Mine was, too.'"

How Richard Sherman's unconventional path led him from streets to NFL

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The kids were watching. They might not have known exactly what they were seeing from their parents. But what they saw, they would come to recognize as normal, expected behavior.

This is how people treat each other. And more than 25 years later, those experiences are at the center of what shaped them.

Jim was a retired railroad worker. He lived across the street from the Sherman family at the corner of Clovis and 93rd streets in South Central Los Angeles.

The Shermans never knew exactly what they would see outside their home at any hour of the day or night. But Jim, living in his white station wagon packed with his belongings, was a constant for years.

"If he saw us doing something bad or out too late, or going to places we shouldn't be going, he'd come out and say, 'Hey, get your behinds home right now, or I'll let your parents know,' " Richard Sherman recalled.

"We knew that he had just as much authority as our parents, and if we got in trouble with him, we were in trouble with our parents."

Richard Sherman, now 31, fully realizes things could have turned out differently. Why he ended up differently, he said, is a direct reflection on his parents and the values they instilled in him.

He is playing his ninth NFL season, and his second with the 49ers. He is one of the best cornerbacks of his generation. He has earned four Pro Bowl trips and three first-team All-Pro awards, and was a Super Bowl champion during his seven seasons with the Seattle Seahawks.

Those accomplishments are impressive, no doubt. But this isn't so much a story about how an athletically gifted teen ended up as an NFL star. It's about the unconventional path he took out of a rough neighborhood and into one of the country's most prestigious universities.

He is a product of his environment -- the good and the bad -- and was shaped by the people and support around him. He thrives being in the center of chaos. He seeks motivation in the form of slights -- real or perceived -- to ignite his already combustible urge for competition and to achieve the upper hand.

Whether it's a local Pop Warner star, Jim Harbaugh, Michael Crabtree, Tom Brady, Baker Mayfield or the next person with whom he experiences a rift, Sherman seems to always find a way to channel his passion and personal conflicts into performance and production.

His competitive nature was evident in the classroom, too.

The Manuel Dominguez High School class of 2006 got it correct when Sherman was selected "Most Likely to Succeed." He finished No. 2 in the class of 420 with a 4.1 GPA. He likely did not need an NFL career to make that class favorite title prophetic.

"Nine times out of 10, kids try to make it out through sports, and that wasn't necessarily the case for him," said cousin Emily Raby, 34. "Richard did it through school. Sports was a bonus. He's a success story no matter how you look at it."

Kevin and Beverly Sherman are the parents of Branton, Richard and Kristyna. Each of their children are 3 years apart in age. Kevin and Beverly are many things to many people. To most, they're known simply as "Unc" and "Auntie."

“Everybody calls them Auntie and Unc for a reason,” said Jeron Johnson, a friend and high school teammate who played with Sherman on the Seahawks, too. “If you ever need them, they are there for you.”

Kevin, the son of a mason, had an interest in building, rebuilding and repairing machinery and devices. Richard still talks about how his father can take parts from three different non-functioning computers and turn them into one that is fully operational.

Kevin lost his right eye as a 14-year-old when the go-kart he was building blew up in his face. That did not deter him from continuing to work with machinery.

Kevin attended Crenshaw High School in LA, and was living at 88th and Orchard when he took a particular interest in twin sisters La Ronda and La Tonya. He was like a big brother to the girls, regularly cajoling them to stop goofing around and get to school on time.

The girls introduced their older sister, Beverly, to this paternal figure in the neighborhood. Kevin and Beverly were married on Feb. 14, 1987.

Both knew the value of education, and ended up attending trade schools. Beverly spent 32 years working for the County of Los Angeles, finishing her career in California Children Services, where she worked with the families of children with serious medical and disabling conditions.

Kevin worked for the City of Los Angeles for three years as a tree trimmer and 27 years as a refuse collector truck operator. He was up and out of the house at 3:45 a.m., which enabled him to spend his afternoons coaching sports -- beginning at the youth level and into high school.

“The way Kevin coached us is the way he raised their kids,” Iban Ahumada said of his first Little League coach. “He was very disciplined, but I never thought of him as a strict person. We always had fun.”

Kevin retired four years ago, and now owns a trucking company. Four of his six employees are family members. While Kevin is laid-back and soft-spoken. Beverly exudes energy, enthusiasm and passion in everything she does -- just like Richard.

“Some of his high personality, his passion, is from her,” Kevin said. “This is the only lady I know who will scream and holler until she can’t talk any more from watching her son play. And not only is she rooting for her son but everyone else on the team. Her adrenaline at the beginning of the game is almost as high as his.”

After their son signed a lucrative contract extension with the Seahawks in May 2014, he moved his parents into a 7,100-square foot home in the Orange County community of Yorba Linda, not far from the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum.

Each of their three children has a bedroom, though they are rarely used. Branton and his wife, Allison, own a home in Covina. Kristyna lives in the Los Angeles area. Richard makes his offseason home in the Seattle area with his wife, Ashley, and their two young children.

Beverly’s eldest sister, Brenda, lives in the 1,400-square-foot guest house with her door opening to the spacious backyard and pool.

The upstairs game room is decked out with sports memorabilia, including Richard’s signed helmets from Stanford, Seattle and the 49ers. His father remarks at how his son's signature has changed through the years. The walls on the hallways are lined with family photos. There is a pile of toys and play things in the corner of the downstairs living room for their five grandchildren.
“He had two great parents who worked hard,” said Keith Donnerson, who coached Branton and Richard at Dominguez High. “Every time you go over to their house, you saw new people you hadn’t seen before.

They always helped everybody. Rich was involved in that. He understands the true meaning of family and hard work."

At home at the park

Beverly and Felicia Crummie peer out over the baseball field at Will Rogers Park, just 6.5 miles from Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, where Richard and his 49ers teammates will play Sunday against the Rams.

The women look toward the tennis courts to the north along Century Boulevard, where Venus and Serena Williams played as youngsters. Right here is where Beverly first saw her young son's passion -- and quick temper -- when he was told, at 3½, that he couldn't play T-ball because he had to be 4 years old. He angrily stomped around, swinging around the little blue bat that his mom purchased for him.

It was on that field where the two women coached the park's 1992 Super Bowl flag-football champion Dolphins. Branton, Felicia's son Darryll and Bobo Montgomery were on that team. Richard was the team mascot.

"We as coaches, team moms, we did this to keep these kids off the streets, gang-banging and doing things they shouldn't do," Felicia said. "We kept them involved. This was like home for them. A lot of beautiful things transpired out of this."

Every weekend -- all day, every season, it seemed, anyway -- the Shermans and their friends could be found at Will Rogers Park playing, coaching, organizing and socializing around flag football, baseball and basketball.

Richard Sherman can point to the scars that remain visible on his eyebrows from the time he ran into the chain-link fence by the dugout.

A lot has changed in this neighborhood since that time. Gone are the well-run leagues that created such a positive impact on the youngsters. Even the park's name has changed. It's now Ted Watkins Memorial Park, though it will always be Will Rogers Park to those who look back fondly on the time spent here as the formative years of their childhoods, their lives.

South Central Avenue runs along the west side of the park. On the east side is Success Avenue. There is something fitting about that.

"We had a great time growing up at that park," Branton said. "Every single season, we were involved in youth sports. That was the foundation of getting us off the ground in youth sports."

'The Big House'

Nearly 30 years ago, the Shermans bought their first house at 93rd and Stanford, just blocks from Watts. Several years later, they moved a couple blocks east on 93rd -- just a two-minute drive from Will Rogers Park.

It became common for the teams and their families to head over to the Shermans' place -- "The Big House," as everyone called it -- to splash around in the small, rubber backyard pools, skate, watch movies and enjoy barbecue. On more than one occasion, they had to rush back to the park to get young Richard, who was doing his own thing and did not get into one of the many cars going to the house.

The Big House and the neighborhood presented a dichotomy that became more obvious as the children grew older. Inside was a sanctuary that in no way resembled life outside those doors. Beverly kept her house immaculate, and the family was not lacking for the necessities. There was food in the refrigerator, clean clothes and a lot of love.

"There was always something going on in that neighborhood," Raby said. "There were addicts and gang members. But in that house, you weren't so sheltered from it, but in a sense, you were."

Kevin and Beverly did not keep their children locked up in the house. They created a sense of kinship with the people who were less fortunate just outside their front door.

“There’s violence everywhere,” Kevin said. “Our neighborhood maybe had a little more than others. Our kids saw all of that. In return, those people we call friends are helping us teach our kids the ins and outs of what is not to be done out here. The streets have a different way of life, so we want to make sure you know both sides.

“We want you to know both sides so you can interpret it for yourself.”

The most-threatening situations that Richard and his friend, Darryll, separately experienced were not in their own neighborhoods. Richard returned home during his sophomore year at Stanford and attended a party in Pasadena, during which gunfire erupted. Sherman took cover behind a car and was not harmed. In another incident, Darryll was shot in West Los Angeles.

Those incidents reinforced their belief that, potentially, there is good and bad in every neighborhood.

“It can happen anywhere,” Crummie said. “You got to pick and choose where you go, and there are certain things you have to abide by to make sure you’re safe.”

The Shermans knew their surroundings. They were well-known within the neighborhood, too. They were quick to offer someone a meal or send their kids to take a warm blanket or dinner to Jim’s car. They never put themselves above anyone else, and in return, their lives also were enriched.

Jim, whose whereabouts now are unknown, had a pension from the railroad. He was not forced to be homeless. It was his choice.

“The inner city and the ghetto were pretty much all I knew in life, besides what I saw on TV,” Branton said. “It was fairly normal to walk by every day and see Jim in his station wagon. The neighborhood took care of him. He was an extremely wise old man. He had a lot of knowledge and wisdom. He would stand there and talk to us about life. I thought that was very normal until I reached adulthood.”

The Sherman kids also grew up thinking it was normal to not look down on others because of their life choices and circumstances.

“There were homeless people, stray dogs, people drugged out all over the place,” Richard said. “But my parents treated people with such respect all the time. It didn’t matter if you were a bum who lived across the street in a car, or if you were on drugs and homeless and just walking around the neighborhood. They treated everyone as equals.”

Focused from the start

Richard Sherman never was interested in conforming.

“He had his own little world going on,” said Veretta Elmore, whose son, Jason President, was friends with the Shermans. “He just knew what he wanted from the time he was young. He’d be in the basement, and he didn’t care if anyone was down there. He’d go outside and play on the swings, and then come back in.”

One day, when Sherman was in junior high, Elmore found herself alone with him and asked what he wanted to be. Of course, he’d say he wanted to be a professional athlete, she figured.
Instead, he told her that he wanted to be a businessman.

“You don’t hear that from kids,” Elmore said. “I said, ‘Oh, you want to be a businessman? Hmmm, OK.’ ”
While his brother was into fashion and wearing nice clothes, Richard more likely was to be found wearing sweats and Homer Simpson slippers.

“I loved those slippers,” he said. “They freakin’ broke my senior year. I was heartbroken.”

Outside of athletics, Sherman had his own unique interests. He devoured Harry Potter novels and dragged Darryll to Pokemon tournaments.

“It wasn’t the coolest thing,” Crummie said.

Said Elmore: “Everybody was girl crazy in their early teens. Richard was more focused.”

Bobo Montgomery vividly remembers one coming-of-age moment for his friend. It was at a party at the residence they dubbed “The Presidents’ House” for Elmore’s son, Jason.

One teenage girl apparently decided Richard needed to find more interests in life than sports, school, Ninja Turtles and the Discovery Channel.

“Richard got his first lap dance,” Montgomery said. “You would’ve thought he won the lotto -- the smile on his face.”

All class in the classroom

There are many misconceptions about life in the inner city. The first point those who live there want to make is that nobody’s life is destined to turn out a certain way just because of the environment in which they grow up.

“When you think of Watts and Compton, all you think about are gangs and killings,” Crummie said. “It was right there in our face every day. As soon as we woke up, there was gang violence or gang-bangers trying to get us to join or do all types of things that can stray you away from your path.

“It’s the choices you make. Good character comes out of here as well.”

Sherman’s dad knew from an early age that Richard had unique intelligence when he’d ask him to retrieve a tool from elsewhere in the shop. Richard would take direction and promptly return with exactly what his father had described.

Richard was committed to excelling in school and sports, and his friends respected that side of him.

“You might think people in the inner city would look down on grades,” Montgomery said, “but in the classroom, you knew: Don’t bother Richard. Richard was not going to talk to you in class. He’s going to do his schoolwork.”

Said Crummie: “He made it cool to go to school and do well in class.”

The Shermans moved from South Central LA to North Long Beach, and enrolled their Branton and Richard in Dominguez High School. It was known as a basketball school, sending such players as Tayshaun Prince and Tyson Chandler on their way to long NBA careers.

Despite both parents working good jobs, the Shermans made it known to their children that they likely would not have the resources to afford four-year college educations. Athletic scholarships were a big part of the solution toward finding a way out.

Dominguez turned into a football school. Many of the key players from those teams honed their skills at an early age at Will Rogers Park and Athens Park, where they played the majority of their time in the L.A. Sheriff Packers Pop Warner Football Organization.

Dominguez won the 2005 Division I Southern Section championship and sent 12 football players to Division I schools, Donnerson said. Sherman motivated his teammates to perform in the classroom in a style that was uniquely his own.

"We'd get on the field, and he'd say, 'I'm going to love coming to watch you play in junior college,' " his high school coach said.

That was Sherman's way of inspiring his teammates to take care of business in the classroom in order to qualify for a four-year school.

"He likes to create a little chaos," said Johnson, who went on to Boise State before embarking on a six-year NFL career. "That's his way of motivating people. He talks his mess, makes you mad so you can try to do something about it, and challenge him back."

Richard's methods worked, and he was there to lend as much help as needed to his teammates, his coach said.

"They started getting serious, and he started helping them," Donnerson said. "And some guys would help him. A lot of guys only were only with him in classes as a freshman, because then he took AP [advanced placement] and honors classes. They weren't in his classes any more."

"He used to tell me, 'Look at tests like football. Look at it as a challenge. Take on that challenge. Anything you want, go achieve it,' " said Crummie, who signed with San Jose State as a running back out of high school.

Today, Sherman describes himself as the black sheep among his friends from Stanford, many of whom are lawyers, doctors and venture capitalists. They tell him he has a lot more to offer society than just being a football player.

"I'm the guy who bashes his head in for a living," he jokingly said.

But life outside of being a football player will have to wait. ESPN gauged his interest in retiring to enter the broadcast booth for "Monday Night Football" after he sustained a torn Achilles during the 2017 season. He was offered a lucrative deal to begin his broadcasting career, Sherman said.

But acting as his own agent, Sherman opted to sign a three-year contract with the 49ers shortly after the Seahawks released him in March 2018. ESPN ended up with Jason Witten in the Monday night booth for one season before he returned to the Dallas Cowboys this season.

"He realizes there's a lot more life after football," Sherman's father said. "He seems to be in preparation for that. He doesn't know how long that's going to be, but he's making preparations."

Said his mother: "He has a lot more to do."

Master motivator

Branton Sherman was a standout athlete at Dominguez before his brother. He eventually received a football scholarship to play wide receiver at Montana State. He became the family's first four-year college graduate when he earned a bachelor's of science in health enhancement.

The day Branton earned his college degree was a monumental day for the family.

"It was an even bigger deal when Richard committed to Stanford," Branton said.

Branton serves as his brother's business manager. He also helped his brother start Blanket Coverage, the Richard Sherman Family Foundation, which provides resources to students in low-income communities. Now, Richard's wife, Ashley, runs the foundation's day-to-day operations.
Branton said he always wanted his younger brother to learn from the mistakes he made before him. Branton never got into too much trouble, but there was the time the varsity practice was interrupted by Beverly tearing into the dirt parking lot and pulling her son from practice because she got a phone call from his Spanish teacher that he was acting out in class.

“She came out there and snatched me off the field,” he said. “It was a very embarrassing moment, but it makes sense now that I’m an adult. I was jacking around in class, being a clown.”

Branton knew from an early age how to push his brother’s buttons to get the most out of him. All he had to do was tell him what he could not do.

“When it came to sports or anything, I figured this kid responded well to adversity and people doubting him,” Branton said of his younger brother. “I figured, I’m his brother, he always wants to prove me wrong and show he can do this. I took advantage of that.”

Before a Pop Warner game, Branton struck a nerve when talking about the upcoming opponent’s star player, Marvin “Biggem” Johnson.

“Hey, man,” Branton told his brother, “you’re playing against ‘Biggem’ this week. I don’t know if you guys are going to win. I know he’s going to run you over because he heard you’re playing running back and you’re not a real running back.”

The tactic proved effective that day, and Branton still uses this tool to motivate Richard. He has done it every step of the way, including when Richard began his Stanford career as a wide receiver after then-coach Walt Harris recruited him to Palo Alto.

One player Branton regularly cited to annoy his brother was Michael Crabtree, the two-time Biletnikoff Award winner as the best receiver in college football.

“Bro, I don’t know who this guy Crabtree is over at Texas Tech, but he is doin’ numbers!” Branton told his brother.

Richard responded, according to his older brother: “So what? He’s at Texas Tech. They throw ever single play. He’s not all that good. He’s a’ight, he’s cool, but he’s not that good where those numbers match up to how good he is.”

Sherman had a damaged patellar tendon that made it nearly impossible for him to function as a junior. Then-Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh was angry that Sherman underwent season-ending surgery to repair a damaged patellar tendon early in the 2008 season, Sherman said. Harbaugh expressed to Sherman that he quit on the team, Sherman recalls.

Despite leading the Cardinal in receiving yards as a freshman and sophomore, Sherman was banished from the offensive side of the ball in 2009 and 2010. (The NCAA granted Sherman a medical redshirt for 2008).

Sherman switched to defense and started as the bottom cornerback on the depth chart, determined to excel despite the mutual acrimony he experienced with his coach. Because he knew every element of the team’s offense, he immediately began dominating in offseason workouts and practices. He started at cornerback during his final two seasons at Stanford.

Harbaugh was in his first season as 49ers coach and had no desire for his new organization to consider Sherman in the draft. The Seahawks -- and Harbaugh’s bitter adversary, Pete Carroll – took Sherman in the fifth round of the 2011 draft with the No. 154 overall pick.

Two years earlier, the 49ers had chosen Crabtree at No. 10 overall. Sherman finally would go head-to-head in the NFC West against his secret rival.

The message heard 'round the NFL

Even today, Richard Sherman will get his 49ers teammates fired up for a big defensive series by stating, “Big players make big plays in big games.” Sherman lived up to those words on Jan. 19, 2014.

Sherman already was recognized as one of the game's top players when he made the most memorable play of his NFL career at the most important time.

The 49ers' final bid at an NFC championship ended when Sherman broke up Colin Kaepernick's pass for Crabtree in the right corner of the end zone. Linebacker Malcolm Smith intercepted the deflection for the game-saving play that propelled Seattle to its first Super Bowl title two weeks later. Immediately after the interception, Sherman ran up to Crabtree, stuck out his hand and said, "Hell of a game." Crabtree swatted Sherman's face.

Sherman's eagerness to engage with Crabtree mere seconds after the pivotal play might seem odd, of course. But it certainly isn't out of character, either. Sherman and New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady had a postgame interaction after a 2012 Seahawks victory at which time Sherman famously shouted at him, "You mad, bro?"

Two seasons later, Sherman was the first to stick out his hand to congratulate a still-kneeling Brady immediately after a crushing Seahawks loss to the Patriots in Super Bowl XLIX.

After Sherman made the deciding play to thwart Crabtree, FOX sideline reporter Erin Andrews had a raw, live interview with him on the field. Still feeling the emotions from the victory -- and his personal feelings toward Crabtree -- Sherman let loose like rarely before seen on national television.

"Well, I'm the best corner in the game," Sherman shouted into the FOX microphone. "When you try me with a sorry receiver like Crabtree, that's the result you're going to get. Don't you ever talk about me."

Andrews asked, "Who talked about you?"

"Crabtree!" Sherman shot back. "Don't you open your mouth about the best, or I'm going to shut it for you real quick."

Sherman always thought Crabtree was vastly overrated when they both were college wide receivers. The previous offseason, it got personal when the two got into a verbal altercation during Larry Fitzgerald's charity softball game in Arizona.

"From that point on, Richard really did not care for him as a person and as a football player," Branton said.

That nationally televised postgame interview increased Sherman's popularity. The Shermans sold nearly $1 million in merchandise in the two weeks between the rant and the Super Bowl, Branton said. It also increased Sherman's notoriety in some circles, and led to nasty personal sentiments mostly expressed to him via social media.

Sherman's parents recognized that their son maintained enough composure in the moment to remain safely within FCC regulations.

"Just because you see a heated guy doesn't mean he was a bad guy," Kevin Sherman said. "He gave you the full-on effect without being vulgar."

The next day, Sherman authored his final column of a season-long commitment for Peter King's The MMQB. He wrote:

To those who would call me a thug or worse because I show passion on a football field— don't judge a person's character by what they do between the lines. Judge a man by what he does off the field, what he does for his community, what he does for his family.

Today, as Sherman sits in the 49ers' locker room, he reflects on that moment when he appeared in front of the nation for his jarring live interview, just moments after an emotional victory over the team for which he now plays.

"It could've gone either way," Sherman said. "It elevated my platform. I could have used that platform in a negative way if I'm just tweeting nonsense and BS'ing. But I used that platform to express a positive message about moving forward, about being an academic, about treating people the way you want to be treated and making the world a better place. It became a positive."

Sherman's delivery resonated with many viewers. It appalled others -- mostly 49ers fans, of course. But it forced a lot more people to take a closer look into the journey he took to arrive in that moment in time.

President Barack Obama invited the Seahawks to the White House to honor the organization for the Super Bowl title they claimed two weeks after the victory over the 49ers. During his public remarks, Obama cut to the essence of Sherman:

"He showed kids from his neighborhood that they could make it. And if he seems a little brash, it's because you've got to have attitude sometimes if you're going to overcome some of this adversity. And the fact that he still goes back to inspire high schoolers for higher goals and making better choices, that's all-star behavior."

Look beyond the dreadlocks and his outspoken, unfiltered and, often, controversial observations, opinions and statements. How does an athletically gifted kid from the inner city devote as much time and energy to his academics, motivate his classmates on and off the field, qualify for acceptance into Stanford and thrive in that community, too?

"The real message is, don't judge a book by its cover," Sherman said. "Don't be so quick to pass judgment, regardless of circumstances -- not just about sports, in every situation. There are people who see me and look at me and pass immediate judgment."

Richard Sherman is every bit as complex and multi-layered as the neighborhood, the environment, the street, around which he grew up. You never know what you might see on the outside.

The real Sherm? 49ers' pain-free cornerback feeling like old self

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On Sunday, 366 days after Marquise Goodwin roasted Richard Sherman in a one-on-one drill that went viral, the wide receiver referenced the moment when asked about the All-Pro cornerback.

Goodwin blew past Sherman last year largely because it was Sherman's first padded practice in his return from a torn Achilles tendon he'd sustained eight months earlier.

"Of course I beat him," Goodwin said. "I can't wait to see what he does this year: being healthy, having that full year to play and now coming back with the confidence like, 'All right, I'm back. I'm Sherm now.'"

Yes, a year later, Sherman, 31, is far healthier entering the 49ers' first padded practice of training camp Monday. Now, if he faces Goodwin in a one-on-one drill, he'll do so without the pain that was a near constant in 2018.

Sherman was returning from procedures on both Achilles, and he played the season with sutures in his Achilles that was torn in November 2017. Sherman had those sutures removed in late February, and he discussed them when asked about his biggest challenge last year.

"It was pain; it was pain from sutures that were in my heel," Sherman said. "You work through them and the rest of my body got to a spot where everything was moving well, and then there's still a staple in your heel. … Mechanically, I could do it. But it's like driving your car with a nail in the tire."

Last year, Sherman was leaking some air. He missed two games and was listed as questionable for three others because of calf and Achilles issues that did not fully disappear. He played just 40 of 73 snaps in the regular-season finale against the Rams because of Achilles soreness.

Still, Sherman, at less than full strength, was more than just a shadow of the corner who was voted to four Pro Bowls and led the NFL in interceptions (32) and pass-breakups (99) from 2011 through '17. Last year, Sherman didn't have an interception, but he allowed a reception every 20.2 snaps in pass coverage, which was the best rate in the NFL, per Pro Football Focus. The Chargers' Casey Hayward ranked second (18.8) and Arizona's Patrick Peterson was third (18.2).

That is partly a reflection of the 49ers' lack of a dependable cornerback opposite Sherman, which allowed QBs to avoid him. But it is also a nod to his grit and ability to play through pain. In Seattle, Sherman didn't miss a snap in the 2017 season opener against the Packers despite tearing his hamstring early in the game. He didn't miss a game in 2016 despite playing most of the season with a sprained knee ligament.

"He brings a different element to this team," Goodwin said. "His energy, his focus, his relentlessness. He is just a dog."

Sherman's intangibles have been a topic recently as the 49ers have talked up their chances of reaching the playoffs for the first time since 2013. Left tackle Joe Staley said Sherman's verbosity and bravado have infused confidence in a locker room accustomed to losing. On Sunday, wide receiver Dante Pettis, a 2018 second-round pick, explained how Sherman, one of two players on the team to start in a Super Bowl win, exhorts teammates to reach his standard.

"That guy is unreal," Pettis said. "If I don't bring my best stuff every time, he knows and he's like, 'Hey.' He called me out today. He was like, 'Dude, that wasn't what you normally do' (on a route). So I was like, 'OK, that's true. I've got to bring something else. I've got to be better next time.'"

The early evidence is that Sherman can be better than he was in 2018. On Sunday, in coverage that tested his legs, he stayed with wide receiver Jordan Matthews on a long-developing crossing route, batted away Jimmy Garoppolo's pass to punctuate his 30-yard sprint and raised his arms in celebration.

Does a healthier Sherman mean Goodwin, one of the NFL's fastest wide receivers, won't be able to beat him this training camp in a one-on-one matchup?

"I plead the Fifth," Goodwin said, smiling.

It's likely Sherman will have something to say on the subject.

Richard Sherman, George Kittle welcome LGBTQ 49ers fans to new team group

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San Francisco 49ers' Richard Sherman and George Kittle are part of an official team announcement on the formation of a group for fans who identify as LGBTQ+.

"Forty-Niner faithful — you've helped us pioneer a group of dedicated fans for over 70 years. We're proud to announce 49ers Pride, the official community of 49ers fans who identify as LGBTQ+ and allies," Sherman, a cornerback, said in the team's video announcing the group.

"As we prepare for the upcoming football season, we want to celebrate the passion of all the faithful, no matter how they identify," said Kittle, the team's starting tight end. "If your team is the Red and Gold, you belong in the 49ers family."

The group is the first in the NFL specifically team-sanctioned for LGBTQ fans and it was a great move to have players part of the announcement. There are no openly gay players on the 49ers or anywhere in the NFL, though the 49ers do have an openly gay assistant coach, Katie Sowers. Having two name players participate gives the formation of the group more meaning.

The 49ers do have a historic legacy in the gay sports movement. Dave Kopay was a running back on the team from 1964-67 and came out after he retired and became and LGBTQ sports icon. An exhibit on Kopay is part of the 49ers' Hall of Fame at their stadium in Santa Clara.

49ers Pride is the first NFL team-sponsored group that officially recognizes its LGBTQ fans. The Chargers have held viewing parties in Los Angeles for that fan base and other teams have done one-offs.

How Kobe Bryant became ‘essential’ in Richard Sherman’s recovery

By Nick Wagoner
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The first question was quintessential Kobe.

"When I first called to check on him I said, 'Are you all right, I want to make sure you are not being a baby about it?'" Kobe Bryant recalls of a November 2017 phone call.

On the other end of the line was San Francisco 49ers cornerback Richard Sherman, one day removed from suffering the right Achilles tendon rupture that would end his 2017 season and, eventually, his seven-year tenure as the shutdown cornerback of the Seattle Seahawks' famed Legion of Boom defense.

As Sherman prepared to face one of the most difficult challenges of his NFL career, a conversation with Bryant served as a springboard to his recovery and set the stage for the second phase of Sherman's career, this time as a 49er. That begins Sunday against the Minnesota Vikings.

Long before Sherman's injury, he and Bryant forged a friendship. For Sherman, who said Bryant was "essential" in his rehabilitation, there was no better person to speak to about recovering from such an injury. Bryant suffered the same injury in 2013, and he and Sherman share the same me-against-the-world mentality that has taken each of them to lofty heights.

As Sherman, who to that point in his career had never missed a game because of injury, set about trying to attack his recovery, it was Bryant who often served as a sounding board, offering guidance and checking in throughout his rehabilitation.

"He and I had a previous relationship and talked and texted all the time," Sherman said. "So he gave me some pointers and things I needed to do early on in the process to make sure that I expedited the healing process and I was more proactive than reactive. I think that was one of the big things."

Fast friends

Sherman and Bryant's friendship dates back to just after the Seahawks won Super Bowl XLVIII, when the pair met at a photo shoot Bryant was doing for Nike.

The groundwork for that friendship, though, actually began many years earlier. Sherman, who grew up in Compton, California, had long admired Bryant as he was leading the Lakers to multiple NBA championships. Sherman was 8 when Bryant started in the league, and though he has said he wasn't a huge basketball fan, he would watch games with his grandmother, who was.

Soon enough, Sherman identified Bryant as his favorite player, taking special care to note the unrelenting competitive drive, work ethic and determination that were hallmarks of Bryant's career. When the two finally met, Sherman told Bryant how much he appreciated what he brought to the game. In turn, Bryant told Sherman he was also a fan of his.

The pair exchanged numbers and stayed in contact with Bryant, providing guidance on any number of things, including the business side of the game. Bryant even played in Sherman's charity softball game in Seattle.

Meeting the challenge

When Bryant launched his new Nike shoe last August, Sherman appeared in Bryant's "Mamba Mentality" ad campaign. Bryant subsequently challenged Sherman to break the Seahawks' season interception record of 10, a challenge Sherman readily accepted.

So, when Sherman suffered his Achilles injury in a game against the Arizona Cardinals on Nov. 9, 2017, it was only fitting that he followed Bryant's lead. Immediately after Bryant tore his Achilles during an April 2013 game against the Golden State Warriors, he still managed to stay in the game to shoot two free throws before walking off the court.

"I walked it off, just like he did," Sherman said. "That's what I told him."

As painful as that walk was, the hardest work was still ahead. While other more common injuries, such as torn ACLs, also require long, strenuous recoveries, those who have torn their Achilles will testify that it's one of the worst injuries you can have.

Nobody knows that better than Bryant, who made a career of relying on his mental strength to push past any test.

"This is the ultimate challenge," Bryant said. "I wouldn't wish this on my worst enemy. It's horrible."

When Bryant reached out to Sherman on that November day, he was prepared with plenty of advice on how to get through the grueling process. Bryant gave Sherman the name of a couple of doctors to reach out to about doing his surgery. He provided procedural advice on some of the day-to-day components of the recovery and laid out the different phases of rehab. Most of all, he wanted to make make sure Sherman had his mind right for what was to come.

"The most important part is not looking at the finish line," Bryant said. "It's so far away, it's like starting at the base of Everest and you're looking up at the summit. That's big. That's what the Achilles injury is like, man, it's tough. You can't think about the finish line. You have to just think about the day that's right here in front of you now. You put one foot in front of the other and then next thing you know, time has gone by and you're at the top of the mountain. But you have got to just take it one step at a time."

For Bryant, the hardest part of the recovery was the day-to-day tedium of the endeavor. Any sort of misstep could result in a serious setback that could delay, or potentially kill, a return. Bryant learned all about how to do each day's activities without overstretching the tendon. From there, it became a waiting game. Unlike rebuilding a muscle, the tendon seems to work on its own schedule, which means you have to patiently work to strengthen it and then let it tighten again.

Sherman took that advice to heart and Bryant gave him some techniques to make sure that he didn't let the muscles in his foot atrophy while it was in a cast, for that would have only extended an already lengthy process.

Bryant also suggested finding ways to make some of the monotonous exercises into mini competitions. For example, one of the most common exercises for anyone coming off a serious foot, ankle or Achilles injury is to pick up marbles with your toes and place them in a bowl or bucket. Bryant pushed himself to try to pick up more marbles, and faster, than the day before. As he now says, he wanted to dominate those exercises.

"Every little thing is a challenge in and of itself that you have to approach as the most important thing in your life," Bryant said.

Sherman described his recovery as "three or four hours a day of constant motion and strengthening muscles that kind of die after you tear your Achilles." Heeding Bryant's advice and drawing on his own competitive drive, Sherman chose to view the challenge as another in a long line of them.

"You can look at it like, 'Damn, woe is me, why did this happen to me and oh my God, why did I have to

go through this?'" Sherman said. "Or you can look at it as 'Man, I needed another great challenge and I needed another mountain to climb and I look forward to climbing that mountain.' So that's the way I treated it every day, as another step, another growth. Obviously, there are always setbacks both mentally

and physically and emotionally, but it's one of those things where you allow yourself to see what you're really made of when you go through things like this. And I appreciated that journey."

Back in action

Sherman said he felt at full strength about three or four months ago, and though he had a brief setback during training camp in the form of a hamstring injury, he made it through the preseason and is poised to start Sunday against the Vikings. Given a little perspective with the Achilles injury mostly behind him, Sherman even goes so far as to call it a "fun learning experience."

In addition to the opportunity to conquer something, Sherman also took solace in the extra time the injury allowed him to spend with his children, who helped spur him along in his rehab.

"I saw a side of myself that I never even knew I had," Sherman said. "It was one of those things where you don't know you have to be as strong as you have to be until you have to be that strong. ... Sometimes, I'm not saying it was complacent, but you get bored. It's a routine, you get out there, you play 16 games, you play at a high level, you do your best, you go against these guys and you enjoy it but sometimes throwing a wrench in the plans kind of helps you and it wakes you up and reignites a fire."

When Sherman steps on the field Sunday for his first regular-season game in 10 months, don't be surprised if he has some special footwear for the occasion. Sherman asked Bryant for a pair of Kobe football cleats, a request Bryant and Nike happily accommodated.

Now it's up to Sherman to put the injury behind him and play his usual, aggressive style without thinking about it. It's one final piece of the puzzle, and it's why Bryant isn't going offer another statistical challenge before this season.

"For him, I think it's just the mental aspect of forgetting the injury," Bryant said. "That's a challenge enough. When you come back from an Achilles injury, that really is the biggest challenge of just forgetting about it and understanding that there's nothing you can do about it."

Bryant was 35 when he suffered his injury. He returned after missing the first 19 games of the following season but had that return cut short by a knee injury. Injuries continued to plague him over his final two seasons, though he still averaged 17.6 points in the 2015-16 season. He retired after dropping 60 points on the Utah Jazz on April 13, 2016.

Whether Sherman can bounce back and return to his All-Pro form remains to be seen. Many top-level athletes were never the same after a ruptured Achilles. Sherman turned 30 in March and has heard from many of the same doubters who questioned whether Bryant could return to prominence.

Suffice to say, Bryant has no such questions about his friend's comeback.

"His mentality is what separates him," Bryant said. "From being overlooked, from being kind of thought of as someone who won't be able to maximize his potential, I think he uses that as fuel to drive him and propel him.

"I'm excited for him to come back and show the world what he's got, man. It's going to be awesome."

Of trash and treasure: Richard Sherman's grind inspired by the garbage man in his life

By Matt Barrows
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The first few notes in the soundtrack to Richard Sherman's high school years were the low rumble of a Cadillac starting up.

After the Shermans moved to a house in Compton in 1998 they converted the garage into what would become Richard's bedroom. That put him a few feet from his father's car that was parked outside and meant he knew exactly when the elder Sherman left for work.

"Every morning he'd turn his car on. It would be 3:50 in the morning," the 49ers cornerback said. "It was like clockwork. I could hear it every single day from ninth grade until I was a senior."

Kevin Sherman's destination was the Los Angeles sanitation department facility in San Pedro. When he arrived, he'd park his car and climb behind the wheel of a 25-ton garbage truck. Then it was: Load. Unload. Load. Unload. The same routine for 28 years.

Richard Sherman credits the whipped-fire intensity for which he's famous to both parents and to his brother, Branton, who constantly stoked it the way only needling older brothers know how. But his inner grind, the foundation for a career now entering its eighth season, comes from his father, who continued his garbage route after Sherman became an NFL draft pick and even after he became an NFL star and signed a second contract worth $56 million.

Stop working? Everyone — especially Richard — pleaded that it was time to park the garbage truck for good. Kevin Sherman shook his head and said it made no sense when he was so close to his retirement benefits. Why should his son pay for his health-care costs?

"I told him, 'Hey, I'm at the finish line,'" Kevin said. "I said, 'When it's time, I'll know.'"

That stubbornness should sound familiar. Kevin Sherman, 53, has the same pride, the same confidence, even the same low voice his son has. It just comes out at the slower, more deliberate pace of an older man. The father also is every bit as sharp as the 49ers cornerback, who graduated from high school with a 4.2 grade-point average and went to Stanford on a football scholarship.

Kevin was an athlete, too, but a go-kart explosion when he was 14 cost him his right eye and any pro dream he may have had floating in his head. He also has two scars on his chest, which came when he was an 18-year-old who excelled at truancy and trouble. One day he was sitting on a porch with a group of gang members when a rival group started shooting. The bullets that struck him barely missed his heart.

When his kids were little, Kevin Sherman would raise his shirt and issue a warning: This is what happens when you run with the wrong crowd in Los Angeles.

When he recovered, he decided the dead-end days of hanging out in the neighborhood were over, that it was time to join the workforce. Eventually, he took a job as a garbage man, a punch-line profession in this country, one that exasperated parents warn their sons they might end up with if they don't buckle down and study harder.

Sherman said he never liked doing it, especially early on when all the bins had to be loaded by hand.

There was the smell, the monotony and the every-day anxiety of driving a 26-foot truck through neighborhoods in which you constantly had to watch for kids, dogs and cars darting out of driveways.

"You see everything the night people do," he said. "You see people doing drugs, people robbing, people stealing. All that. I used to get up at 3 o'clock in the morning. You see a lot."

There also were perks. The sanitation department didn't care how long drivers were on the clock as long as they completed their routes. On most days Kevin was home by 11 a.m., giving him plenty of time to help coach his sons' football practices. Sometimes he was back in time to see the kids off to school.

"There are nice people out there," Kevin said. "They give you gifts or whatever. They remember your birthday. There are people out there who take pride in saying hello to the trash man, the mailman, whoever."

Do people still give tips around the holidays?

"Yeah, they'll leave it on top of the trash can," he said. "They'll tape it to the lid."

Other gifts were unintentional. The elder Sherman said he always was surprised by what people threw out: a lamp that merely needed a new shade, a shop-vac with a bad wheel, a high-end vacuum cleaner with a broken belt. Sherman said he found one of the latter, a Kirby vacuum, years ago and still has it today.

"Oh, the Kirby," Richard said when told about his father's pride in some of his curb-side discoveries. "That was his favorite. My mom always wanted one. And we didn't have the money to afford one. So he brought one home one day from his route. My mom was freakin' juiced! Our carpets looked good, the house smelled better."

These days it's Richard Sherman who's being treated like damaged goods. After seven seasons in Seattle, he was discarded by the Seahawks in March with his own bad wheel, a right Achilles tendon that ruptured in November.

"Seven years and I didn't miss a game until my Achilles finally went," Sherman wrote in The Players' Tribune. "And this is what I get. At the first sign of adversity … they let me go."

The question of the offseason has been whether he can remain a high-end cornerback after such a serious injury, and whether, at age 30, his fire still flashes like it did early in his career.

He has yet to go through a full practice with his new team. As soon as his snap count started to rise in training camp, he injured his hamstring. Sherman missed the team's first preseason game and, if coach Kyle Shanahan has his way, he won't play in Saturday's, either.

But he's always pushing, angling, petitioning to come back. After he was allowed to take part in the individual-drill portion of Monday's practice, Sherman stayed late for 15 minutes to run extra drills with young cornerbacks Greg Mabin and Tyvis Powell. Then he worked for another 15 minutes with strength coach Ray Wright. On Thursday in Houston he took post-practice repetitions against Texans receiver DeAndre Hopkins. The heat index at the time: 102 degrees.

Asked if Sherman has been lobbying coaches to get back on the field full time, defensive coordinator Robert Saleh smiled and said, "Constantly."

"Kyle has an inner-demon fight with himself to not listen to what Sherm is bringing to him," he said. "Sherm wants to be out here, especially coming on the road (to Houston) and practicing in another environment. He wants to be here. He wants to be with his teammates, and that's the type of man he is."

Kevin Sherman finally gave in to his son two years ago. He still works — he manages a trucking company — but his days of collecting trash bins are over.

Richard didn't exactly convince him to leave his job, but he bought his parents a home in Orange County a few years ago. It was a crafty move. His father continued to haul trash in San Pedro afterward, but his hour-long commute on Southern California freeways — that's what finally broke him.

So he traded in the trash truck for a recreational vehicle that he drove to the 49ers' first preseason game last week and that he plans to take to most of his son's games this season. That includes Seattle.

"It takes me 23 hours," he said. "I'll leave at 10, 11 o'clock at night. What that does for me is, as I start to get tired, day starts to break. When day breaks, it's like catching your second wind."

As for Richard Sherman, the grind continues. After all, he heard the sound of that Cadillac engine turning over for four years. It's etched in his brain. It always will be playing in the background.

"My dad drove a trash truck," he said. "It stunk. He would take me to work sometimes — you know, take-your-son-to-work day — and I'd be like, 'Dad, it stinks doing this all day.' And he did it for 28 years."

"That's not a fun job, that's not a glorious job," he continued. "That's not a 'Hey, look at me!' job. It's just what you've got to do. And that helped me understand at a young age, that's important stuff: Take care of your family, do what you have to do. Don't complain. And don't — excuse my language — don't bitch. Because you've got to do it."

Jaquiski Tartt

Jaquiski Tartt brings football, life lessons to Ladd-Peebles Stadium

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When the Jaquiski Tartt Next Level Football Camp started at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile on Saturday, a thunderstorm could be seen in the sky to the south. But the storm blew away from the football field, and the San Francisco 49ers safety's second annual free camp went on.

"I love Mobile, but the weather in San Fran is a whole lot different," Tartt said. "When I first got here, I was looking at the weather it seemed like every hour to make sure the chance of precipitation was going down, and it actually was, and today it turned out pretty good."

While Tartt provided the means for the football camp, Jeremy Towns provided the passion. Tartt and Towns were teammates at Samford. Towns is now in medical school at South Alabama after spending time as a defensive tackle with the Washington Redskins and Buffalo Bills of the NFL.

The threatening weather provided one of the messages that Towns delivered during the camp. He told the youngsters as the event opened that they might get in only 45 minutes of camp because of the storm, but that was a lot like life. You might not get as much time as you'd like or you might only get one chance. Because of that, you have to bring high energy to everything you do all the time.

Tartt said he hoped the youngsters got more out of his camp than football.

"I want to encourage them about God and having faith and being disciplined, able to listen and being responsible," Tartt said.

Tartt is on his summer break between the end of the 49ers' offseason program and the beginning of training camp. Tartt is scheduled to report for his third training camp with San Francisco on July 27.

"It's great to give back to the kids," Tartt said about spending part of his vacation sweating with kids back home. "I know when I was little there wasn't too many NFL football camps going around, and I just thought that would be a great idea to have a football camp."

In addition to Towns, Tartt had Tennessee Titans fullback Jalston Fowler and Oakland Raiders defensive end Chris Casher among those on the coaching staff for the camp.

Trent Taylor

49ers' Trent Taylor is running routes, getting back to his 'squirrely ways'

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Trent Taylor has been sprinting, cutting, turning on a dime and — perhaps most encouraging of all — catching passes from Jimmy Garoppolo while the 49ers wait for the green light to fully reopen the team's practice facility.

"I'm getting back to my squirrely ways," the team's smallest, quickest receiver said with a laugh.

Taylor, who missed all of the 2019 season with a foot injury, has been part of the crew of receivers running routes for Garoppolo in the Bay Area in recent weeks. The group also includes two other receivers coming back from injuries — Jalen Hurd (back) and Shawn Poindexter (ACL) — as well as veterans Dante Pettis and Kendrick Bourne.

Taylor said the sessions have been great for his comeback and for breaking up the monotony of an offseason in which all formal NFL practices have been wiped out due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's not like we're just running routes and going home," Taylor said in a phone interview. "There's a lot of talking, learning from the quarterback's perspective and the receiver's perspective. So I think it's real beneficial for us."

Taylor was a key part of the big splash Garoppolo made when he first arrived with the 49ers in 2017. The quarterback's initial start that year came in Chicago, a game in which Taylor caught all six of his targets, including a crucial 33-yard catch-and-run play on third down that set up the 49ers' game-winning field goal. Three weeks later, the two hooked up again on a big third-down play — this one for a touchdown — in a win over the Jaguars.

Both players were injured the following season. Garoppolo tore an ACL in Week 3 and was lost for the season while Taylor battled a lower back injury that limited him to 26 catches and 215 yards. As the 2019 offseason got underway, the quarterback-receiver connection seemed just as strong as it was in 2017. Taylor was perhaps Garoppolo's favorite training-camp target, especially on third downs and around the goal line.

In one of those practices, however, Taylor suffered a fractured right foot. The injury was supposed to hold him out for a few weeks of the regular season. But infections and the resulting removal and insertion of screws led to five separate surgeries and ended up costing him the entire season. He still was in a walking boot when the 49ers were cleaning out their lockers days after the Super Bowl in early February.

Two weeks later, the boot finally came off, and Taylor said Tuesday that his recovery — especially the last two months — has been encouraging. He expects to be full go for the start of training camp.

"I'm back to doing all my normal stuff," he said. "I don't know if you would say that I'm ready to go out and play a football game. I mean, I could if I had to. But mainly, I'm just steadily getting back to normal right now. It feels good. My foot's able to run routes and make cuts right now. So I'm real happy to be back doing that."

Taylor's August injury roughly coincided with the back injury suffered by then-rookie Hurd, who also dealt with setbacks and had to sit out the full season. All of the 49ers receivers — as well as tight ends and

running backs — take turns lining up in the slot position in Kyle Shanahan's system. Taylor and Hurd, however, likely would have lined up there the most last year, if they had been healthy.

Because they were rehabilitating from injuries, the receivers have been among the few players permitted at the team facility during Santa Clara County's shelter-in-place order that began in March. There has been some discussion about having non-rehabbing players return on a voluntary basis sometime this month. A more likely scenario is that the team doesn't gather in any numbers until training camp, which is scheduled to begin in late July.

The 49ers had been researching possible training camp spots outside of California where shelter-in-place rules aren't as restrictive. On Tuesday, however, the NFL told teams that training camps must occur at their home facilities. The league also said there would be no joint-practice sessions like the ones the 49ers have had with the Texans and Broncos in recent years.

Like many of his teammates, Taylor said the Zoom-based classroom sessions the 49ers have been holding during the pandemic have been useful. So have the throwing sessions with Garoppolo. Still, he's ready for the team's practice facility to reopen so he can take part in his first real practice sessions since August.

"It'll make workouts and rehab and everything a lot easier," Taylor said. "I won't have to get in my car to go shower at home all drenched in sweat. It feels like I'm back in middle school — getting done with my middle-school football practice and then driving home."

For 49ers' wide receiver Trent Taylor, it's not personal, it's strictly business

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Trent Taylor's parents live in Nashville.

And two of the wide receiver's teammates and best friends, 49ers tight end George Kittle and quarterback C.J. Beathard, trained in Nashville in the weeks before training camp.

So guess where Taylor worked out this summer?

Wrong.

Taylor, determined to rebound from a frustrating second NFL season, stayed in Santa Clara to train — free from distractions at the team facility, which is located about a mile from where he lives.

"I just liked the fact that I was isolated out here, by myself. No family. No friends," Taylor said. "All I had to focus on was work. That's all I wanted to focus on. So I enjoyed it. My parents were worried about me that I was getting a little lonely out here."

Taylor's decision appears to be paying off in the early stages of training camp.

During the first six practices, the slot receiver has flashed the quickness he displayed during his 43-catch, 430-yard rookie season in 2017. Last year, after undergoing offseason back surgery, Taylor had just 26 catches for 215 yards.

"Just to struggle like that and to not be moving the way I know I can move, it was really tough," Taylor said. "I kept that in the back of my head all through the offseason. And I put in all the work that I possibly could."

Taylor's decision meant saying no to his buddies. Kittle said the lack of a hot and cold tub for recovery was a reason Taylor didn't join them in Nashville.

There are no hot and cold tubs in Music City?

"Not at our training facility," Kittle said, smiling. (Trent's) "pretty high maintenance."

And Taylor's decision also meant passing up family time. Were his parents offended? Taylor's dad, Greg, laughed during a phone interview Friday.

"Nah, shoot, I told my boys when they were 16, 'It's time for y'all to go,'" Greg said. "'I want my (wife) back, and y'all are wearing her out.'"

However, Greg Taylor quickly turned serious when discussing his son's offseason improvement plan.

"In life, if you're pursuing something worthwhile and you get hit with adversity, it's going to ask you a question: 'How bad do you want this?'" Greg said. "So I'm proud of him that he seized the moment, he owned it and went to do something about it."

Taylor didn't play in agony last year. But his rehab sidelined him through the offseason and into the early stages of training camp.

When he returned, the 5-foot-8, 180-pounder lacked his trademark explosiveness. And he never fully recaptured it in a season in which he had more than two catches in just four of 14 games.

"It was just not having the time to build the strength back in my legs that I need to last through an NFL season," Taylor said. "Whenever a guy my size doesn't have an offseason to train and get ready for an NFL season it's tough to do it. I'm not (Falcons All-Pro wide receiver) Julio Jones who can just walk out there and make stuff happen. So the offseason is crucial for me."

On Friday, Taylor had another strong practice, at one point catching three passes in an 11-play span.

He had a deep over-the-middle grab in traffic on a perfect pass from Jimmy Garoppolo that safety Jaquiski Tartt just missed deflecting. Taylor also ran aggressively upfield after catching a short pass, bounced off two defenders and briefly went helmet-to-helmet with cornerback Emmanuel Moseley after they collided at the end of the play.

Taylor's impressive stretch inspired pats on the pads from assistants Wes Welker, Mike LaFleur and Mike McDaniel, along with Kittle, who has presumably gotten over the summer snub.

"Yeah, George was a little offended that I didn't go hang out with him in Nashville," Taylor said. "But it's a business. Friendship can wait until later."

49ers' Trent Taylor — now a Wes Welker protege — hopes to regain form from 2017

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He's small, quick, productive and white, which means 49ers slot receiver Trent Taylor has forever been compared to Wes Welker.

One example: When he was a freshman at Louisiana Tech, Taylor's teammates immediately linked him to the five-time Pro Bowler.

"I don't think they knew my real name," Taylor said. "I think it was just 'Wes.'"

Taylor obviously hasn't been able to escape Welker.

And now that's the case in a different sense.

Welker, 38, is in his first season as the 49ers' wide receivers coach, and Taylor says he has endured plenty of razzing from teammates and coaches since the 12-year NFL veteran was hired in February.

However, Welker and Taylor are teaming on a serious task: to get Taylor back to where he's inspiring those familiar comparisons to Welker.

After a promising rookie season, Taylor, a 2017 fifth-round pick, failed to recapture his form last year following offseason back surgery.

He had just 26 receptions for 215 yards following a 43-catch, 430-yard NFL debut that featured a strong finish: Taylor had more receiving yards (226) in the final six games of his first season than he managed in all of his second.

Taylor's numbers fell last year after he had a procedure to shave down scar tissue in his lower back.

"I was trying to make it happen, but I didn't have the strength to make it happen," Taylor said. "So being able to have the whole offseason to gain that strength back and feel that explosiveness all over again, it's been really good. … What makes me successful is my quickness and explosiveness."

In addition to improved health, Taylor, 5-foot-8 and 180 pounds, now has a position coach who used quickness and explosiveness to overcome his lack of size. Listed at 5-9 and 185 pounds during his career, Welker ranks 22nd in NFL history in career receptions (903).

"It's been extremely helpful, honestly, the type of perspective that he brings," Taylor said. "You can hear the way he thought through his routes, and that's something that no one else can emulate. No matter how hard they tried or how hard they studied an offense: You wouldn't be able to get those types of tips to find that edge that he played with. It's pretty special stuff."

Welker, who spent the previous two seasons as an assistant with the Texans, knew about Taylor before he arrived in Santa Clara. Welker studied him before the 2017 draft and appreciated how his instincts helped him lead the nation in receiving yards (1,803) as a senior and leave Louisiana Tech ranked fifth in Division I history in receptions (327).

"Trent has been really fun to coach," Welker said. "That's probably the easiest guy for me to coach not only because of his skill set, but (he's a) smart kid. He understands the game. Understands space — all those different things.

"He's been healthy this whole spring, which has really helped him, and he's been doing a really great job."

Welker, who went undrafted, maximized his ability. And Taylor, 25, said he learned something about doing just that as he endured a trying second NFL season.

Taylor expected to recapture his elusiveness once he was medically cleared, but he suggested the way he rehabbed from his surgery was a factor in him being largely a nonfactor in 2018.

“I didn’t realize how serious of a problem … it was going to be to come back from that,” Taylor said. “And how much I would have to put into it to really bring myself back to 100 percent. It was a growing experience for me just to realize how big of a deal it is taking care of your body and paying attention to every little detail when it comes to treatment and workouts.”

49ers' Trent Taylor raising his profile

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Trent Taylor, who stands 5-foot-8 and weighs 181 pounds, has recently been mentioned in the same breath as two giants: Michael Jordan and Randy Moss.

OK, no one is suggesting the 49ers' diminutive rookie wide receiver has reached such heights, but his performance in a 15-14 win over the Bears on Sunday raised his stature during what had been a quiet debut season.

Taylor, a fifth-round pick, had career bests in catches (six) and yards (92) while playing with a stomach illness so severe that he was still nursing chicken noodle soup at his locker Wednesday. Head coach Kyle Shanahan was among those to invoke Jordan's off-his-sickbed 38-point performance in the 1997 NBA Finals on Taylor's big day.

"The coaches were already mentioning that before the game," Taylor said. "It was the kind of the standard for me to have a good game at that point. They already put the pressure on me."

Meanwhile, Taylor has quickly earned the respect of quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, who declined this week to compare him to his former teammates, Patriots wideouts Julian Edelman and Danny Amendola. The comparison isn't new: Taylor, Edelman and Amendola are all white, height-challenged, shifty slot receivers.

Garoppolo, who completed every pass he threw to Taylor, including a 33-yarder on the winning drive, seems to want Taylor to carve out his own niche: "He's more like a Randy Moss," Garoppolo cracked. "No, he's a really good player, though."

Taylor, who was sporting puffy eyes and a nasally voice this week, brightened when he heard the comparison.

"Yeah, he's probably right," Taylor said, smiling. "Me and Randy Moss have got a lot in common. He's the guy I try to (emulate) the most, for sure."

Shanahan never evoked Moss — a former Raider and 49er who ranks third in NFL history in career receiving yards — but he acknowledged in the offseason that Taylor was his favorite player in the draft after he led the nation in receiving yards (1,803) last year at Louisiana Tech.

Taylor had shown flashes of what attracted Shanahan, but he had just 26 catches for 239 yards entering Sunday's game.

Of course, elevated quarterback play benefits pass-catchers and it's likely no coincidence that Taylor's breakthrough game coincided with Garoppolo's starting debut with the team.

"He's a master of his craft," fullback Kyle Juszczyk said of Taylor. "He does a great job of running his routes in the slot."

Taylor does a particularly good job at running slants: 49ers quarterbacks are 13-for-13 for 160 yards and have a 143.6 passer rating when targeting Taylor on those routes this season, according to Pro Football Focus.

Taylor ran a deep slant on his career-long, 33-yard catch on 3rd-and-9 that set the stage for Robbie Gould's 24-yard field goal with four seconds left in Chicago. It capped a day in which he was connected to

another legendary name — his 92 yards were the most by a 49ers rookie since Terrell Owens in 1996 — despite feeling like he didn't want to move.

"When I was on the sideline, I was just trying to stay still," Taylor said. "Take deep breaths. Just try to be as calm as possible and not let my stomach start to turn. I just had to sit there and calm down. Make sure I got my breath back. Get ready for the next play."

After gutting out four quarters, Taylor faced another significant challenge shortly after the game: turbulence.

"That was probably one of the longest plane rides of my life," Taylor said. "But we survived. We made it through. … It was all worth it."

Solomon Thomas

When Zoë met Solly: The tail-wagging story of the NFL's first emotional support dog

By Lindsay Jones
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On the worst days in the worst months of his life, Solomon Thomas could always count on one thing to make him smile: the wagging tail and slobbery kisses from Zoë, the French bulldog puppy who has become far more than an unofficial team mascot for the San Francisco 49ers.

As the NFL begins to make mental health treatment for players a priority, Zoë is the league's first emotional support dog. Zoë, who celebrated her first birthday last month, will likely become certified as a therapy dog in the coming months, and it all started with Thomas' suggestion that a little puppy love could go a long way.

"This is a very stressful job, it's very hard for a lot of guys," Thomas said after a training camp practice this month. "A dog could be a perfect getaway for some guys, and sometimes you don't know what a dog could mean."

This is the story of how Zoë met Solly.

Thomas was in the throes of depression last summer and fall, months after losing his older sister, Ella, to suicide. He was angry and stressed, and while he was undergoing therapy and visiting with a counselor, including one provided by the 49ers, there were few moments of joy when he was at work. But a respite came when he'd stop by the player engagement office to sneak in a quick snuggle with Vito, a Frenchie puppy who was spending his days at camp. Vito's owner's sister worked in the public relations office, and Vito got to come to work while she was dog-sitting.

Austin Moss, the 49ers director of player engagement, was just a few months into the job and was still getting to know the players. The puppy was a perfect ice breaker. But when camp ended and Vito went home, Thomas asked if Moss would consider getting a dog full time.

"At first I was like, 'Nah, that's not going to happen,' because I didn't want the responsibility," Moss said. "But then I thought about what (Thomas) was dealing with, and at the end of the day, I had never seen him smile so big and be so happy as he was when the dog was in here."

Thomas persisted. He rallied a handful of teammates and together they raised the money to adopt a female French bulldog puppy from the same breeder who raised Vito. Thomas helped pick the name Zoë, and in October, Moss brought her home. Zoë became a fixture at the 49ers' facility almost immediately. Moss' office, enclosed by glass doors just inside the main entrance to the building, has a dog bed in the corner; the floor is littered with dog toys, and Zoë has free reign to climb on the furniture and onto visitors' laps.

General manager John Lynch admits that while he gave Moss the green light to adopt Zoë, he wasn't sure how the experiment would go long term. After a month, he had his answer.

"Every time I went by, there were more and more players in there, and that's a good thing," Lynch said. "I mean, football is so all-in, to have a place for them to go and kind of unplug, that was a good thing. So I think I finally told our owner after a month. I said, 'Hey, we kind of have this dog now and the guys really like it.'"

Fortunately for Zoë, Jed York was on board, too. It was official: Zoë was a full-fledged member of the 49ers family.

There are other canine companions in the NFL – there's Moose, the chocolate lab who patrols the administrative offices in Cleveland, and Turf, another chocolate lab whose Twitter bio identifies him as the Seahawks "wildlife manager and irrigation specialist," but Zoë is the NFL's first dog specifically working in player engagement, the department designed to help players with all aspects of their off-field lives.

"Given this environment and how stressful it is whether, you know, it's you're trying to make the team or just the daily grind of being a player, we found that it has brought a lot of value to the total wellness portion," Moss said. "In player engagement, one of our main pillars is total wellness — mental health, physical health, emotional health. Zoe's been a great addition for us and we're seeing some positive results from it."

Moss filled out a form online to get Zoë certified as an emotional support dog (which means she can accompany Moss on commercial flights), and now that she's no longer a puppy, Moss has started researching how to get her officially certified as a therapy dog – a more rigorous training program for both dog and handler. Once certified as a therapy dog, Zoë could potentially also visit schools and hospitals, in addition to her regular interactions with 49ers players and staff.

For now, Moss is seeing the type of benefits researchers have found when dogs are part of a mental health program. Zoë is always up for a game of tug of war, but Moss said she seems to instinctively know when a player would rather have a snuggle.

It's that sort of skin-to-skin contact that tends to lead to the most benefits.

"If you're feeling super stressed, you can't learn new things, you can't retain new things. You sit with a dog for a bit, you can sort of settle down. If you're working with a mental health provider, you can relax," said Amy Johnson, director of the Center for Human and Animal Interventions at Oakland University in Detroit who uses therapy dogs in work with homeless and at-risk youth. "It's estimated that three to five minutes of stroking the dog, getting that skin-to-skin contact and feeling the dog's heartbeat, it will help people feel more relaxed, more receptive to what people have to say, better able to communicate."

On a Saturday afternoon two weeks into training camp, Zoë is zooming around Moss' office while he meets with a reporter. Each time Zoë hears the main facility doors open, she races to the doors of Moss' office and smooshes her face against the glass. Finally, she spots Thomas – her first and favorite player. Thomas is on the way to the cafeteria, but he stops, opens the door and scoops up Zoë for a quick cuddle.

Thomas' journey out of his fog took months, and he's been transparent about his struggles and used his personal loss to promote mental health awareness. Zoë played a small part and was another sign that the 49ers were committed to helping not just him, but his teammates deal with the complicated rigors of the NFL.

"I think just anytime I go in there and see her, it's just really relaxing. I can have a good practice or come in there really mad, or come in really sad, and Zoë races over to me. I can just play with the little puppy for 10 or 15 minutes, that just kind of resets my day and lets me put everything back into perspective and keep going," Thomas said.

Solomon Thomas, a 'Dark Hole' and a Shot at Redemption

By Joe Fann
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"Ella's Sunflowers" congregated in Fort Mason on the evening of Saturday, June 8. The group, comprised of Solomon Thomas' family, friends and a large contingent from the San Francisco 49ers, all donned the same white long sleeve shirt featuring a sunflower on the left breast.

Thomas' mom came up with the catchphrase as a way to honor her late daughter (Thomas' sister) Ella, who took her own life in the spring of 2018. The Thomas family has been to hell and back in the year-plus since her death. Now their mission, in Ella's memory, is to create as much awareness as possible regarding mental health.

"Ella's Sunflowers" was one team among thousands of people in attendance at the bi-annual "Out of Darkness Walk" put on by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

"That's what makes the walk so special, because you're around so many people who share a common struggle," Thomas said. "You feel so much more comfortable because you know everyone understands, at least to some extent, what your pain is."

Everyone who participated was given beads to signify their reason for walking. There were different colors for those who'd lost a parent, a sibling, a child, a friend or for those who were in attendance as an ally to help raise awareness.

The walk doesn't represent leaving your grief behind, but rather signifies that it's possible to walk with it. The Thomas family, along with countless others around the world, endures the relentless struggle of learning to live and move forward despite the torture of a void that can never be replaced.

Thomas is more comfortable sharing his story than he was a year ago. He spent time on the walk discussing his relationship with Ella – how they were the best of friends and spoke on a daily basis. Thomas also lent an ear to strangers and listened to their stories.

Maybe the most powerful moments of the night were when Thomas broke away from the group to be with his own thoughts. Overcoming grief and tragedy is like learning to walk all over again. Progress comes in baby steps. Still, in those internal moments, Thomas couldn't help but feel proud of how far he'd come.

"I feel like a totally different person – emotionally, mentally and physically," Thomas said. "I had to reevaluate everything and start over again. I had to find that passion and find my values and what I care about. I had to really learn how to love myself and learn how to build myself in order to be happy again."
But it was an arduous process to get there. Thomas' rock bottom lasted several months. His enthusiasm for life had vanished. He dreaded each day and the only goal, proverbially speaking, was survival.

This stretch coincided with Thomas' second season in the NFL. He didn't record a sack until the 49ers ninth game of the season. Fans groaned as he failed to live up to expectations as the third-overall pick in 2017. But that didn't matter to Thomas. Nothing did.

"If I did good on something, I wouldn't care. If I did bad on something I wouldn't care," Thomas said. "I really didn't want to be around anyone. I'd say whatever I could to get through the day. It was a dark hole, and it took me a long time to get out of it."

What's wild is that Thomas' teammates were naïve to the magnitude of his suffering. With a smile here and a laugh there, Thomas accomplished his mission of disguising his own depression.
Thomas' recent offseason transformation exemplified the stark contrast between where he was in 2018 and how much progress he's made. He spent the winter in Dallas with a regimen that balanced training,

treatment and time with friends. Thomas arrived to the 49ers offseason program noticeably “rocked up” (Dante Pettis’ words) with a markedly improved disposition.

“I thought he was always smiling last year, but now he’s really always smiling,” said Pettis, who took part in the walk with Thomas. “It’s the true him. When you talk to him, you can feel the more upbeat Solomon. It’s pretty cool to see.”

Thomas didn’t feel himself turn a corner until John Lynch approached him just before the 49ers bye week in 2018. San Francisco’s GM suggested to Thomas that the team would be happy to help him find a therapist to speak with. Thomas agreed and began to see immediate results.

It became evident that discussing his feelings and embracing his emotions was the only way through the darkness. It remains how Thomas gets through the hard days (there are still plenty of them). He attempts to instill that approach in others who are currently suffering from grief, mental illness or both.

“It’s OK to not be OK,” Thomas tells them. “Whatever you feel is perfectly normal. Try to be your authentic self. If you honor yourself and honor your emotions then you’re going to see a change in your life.”

In May, Thomas delivered a poignant speech to reporters about his renewed passion for football and his eagerness to reach his potential. The confidence and conviction in Thomas’ voice was unmistakable.

“I know what I can do. I know what I’m going to do. I believe in myself, and I know who I am,” Thomas said. “I’m getting ready to ball this season. I feel athletic and explosive again. I’m ready to be violent and wreak havoc. Now I’ve got to perfect my technique. That’s going to make me a game-changing player.”

The rest of the 49ers locker room anticipates a breakout season from the clear-minded Thomas.
“He showed a lot of courage, and I think he’s very inspirational,” Pettis said. “If you’re not rooting for him, there’s something wrong with you.”

But Thomas will always be defined by more than the game of football. His dreams and expectations as a player will never get in the way of his duty as one of “Ella’s Sunflowers.”

He knows he has a platform, and he will continue to utilize his voice to speak up and raise awareness regarding mental health. Ella, Thomas says, left an impression on each person she met with her vibrant yet selfless personality. In her honor, Thomas knows he can change lives just the same.

“I want to live how she did. She had intent with everything she did,” Thomas said. “She wanted to impact other people. She made whoever she was talking to feel like the most important person in the room. That’s how I want to live.”

After sister's death, 49ers' Solomon Thomas says: 'I'm just ready to move forward'

By Chris Biderman
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The bottom-line business of the NFL can sometimes forget there are people beneath those shiny helmets. Fans are wrapped up in numbers and production, often omitting how real life gets in the way of football.

Which is why 49ers defensive lineman Solomon Thomas was wiping sweat off his brow and speaking quickly during his scrum with reporters Tuesday. As the No. 3 pick in the 2017 NFL Draft, Thomas is forced to deal with tough questions about his low sack total and why he hasn't lived up to the sky-high expectations coming out of Stanford.

"I had probably the worst season ever in my life last year and I'm the most confident I've ever been in my career like right now. And that says a lot," said Thomas. "And I'm just ready to move forward and to show everyone who Solomon Thomas is, who I am, and what I'm about to bring to the table for this team."

It's an awkward dynamic, particularly when human subjects are broached in a game played by millionaires.

Thomas has been dealing with something that could overwhelm anyone – the death by suicide of his older sister, Ella, early in 2018 at the age of 24 – that has eaten away at his life and has affected his football career.

The word "bust" is sometimes thrown around in regards to Thomas. He has just four sacks in two seasons, including just one in 2018. The pass rush has been considered a significant weaknesses of San Francisco's defense – and he was drafted to help solve it. The 49ers again tried to bolster their pass rush this offseason, adding defensive ends Dee Ford and Nick Bosa to offer upgrades toward playoff contention.

And while the defensive line is now considered a strength thanks to those additions paired with star defensive tackle DeForest Buckner, Thomas has been an afterthought, largely because his production hasn't lived up to his draft status.

But he's eager to change that. He said he's "mentally healthy" entering his third season, after taking on the impossible task of dealing with the death of his sister, whom he considered his best friend. Thomas, who calls himself an "over-thinker," indicated football was no longer fun because his mind was elsewhere in 2018.

"I'm a perfectionist," said Thomas. "I want to be perfect in everything I do. And if not, I over think and I get in my head. That's my biggest fallout, one of my biggest weaknesses. And that's what I work on a lot, just going, just letting loose and just having fun."

Thomas mentioned the idea of resetting mentally and physically while regaining his confidence.

"Find a good balance of work and fun – and make it not a job anymore, but just something you get to do every day that you love," he said. "That's what it's been for me, and that's what's been working for me recently."

Thomas has since become a champion for mental health awareness. He penned an emotional essay for ESPN that included the horrific details of his sister's death and outlined how he wants to help. He raised money and walked for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention, which he honored late last season with custom cleats for the "My Cause, My Cleats" initiative.

Thomas was open and expansive Tuesday while discussing the troubles he's gone through, while many athletes avoid those subjects publicly (though Thomas hopes he can help change that, citing the work done by Kevin Love and DeMar DeRozen of the NBA). He said seeing a therapist improved his state of mind dramatically after he initially struggled with the unimaginable tragedy.

"The first year was really hard for me," he said. "All the phases, the anger, depression, the sadness, guilt, grief, all that kind of stuff. … (It was) hard for me to get healthy. And once I was, I was a different person.

"It was like I was light on my feet, I could finally walk and move again. But it took a while, seeing a therapist, being open with my emotions and everything. But, just finding a way to find a new outlook on life. Life won't get easier, but find a way to adjust with it and keep moving."

Adding to the rough patch of Thomas' personal life was a trade rumor that popped up during the week of the draft last month, right before the 49ers took Bosa with the No. 2 selection. General manager John Lynch quickly shot down the report, which indicated San Francisco was trying to move on after two seasons with Thomas. He met with Thomas to let him know where things stood.

"John pulled me in his office and we just had a good, nice, organic, healthy talk," Thomas said. "I respect and love John. He's been nothing but amazing to me. So has Kyle and this whole organization. ... (We talked about) how we're excited about this new scheme, how it perfectly fits how I play and how we're excited for this next year to go."

The plan for 2019 is work Thomas more predominately as a defensive tackle rather than on the edge, where he struggled to provide a much-needed punch during his first two campaigns. That will be up to Ford and Bosa, allowing Thomas to rotate with Buckner, Arik Armstead, D.J. Jones and Sheldon Day along the interior on passing downs.

Thomas' renewed mindset hasn't been lost on others in the organization. Coach Kyle Shanahan said he's noticed Thomas' re-invigoration.

"I've totally seen with my own eyes," Shanahan said. "... He's got his aura back to him. You can see it in his eyes, you can feel his energy a little bit better and it definitely seems like he's in a better place. We all know grieving can be as hard as it gets and takes people a long time, but you can see he's doing better."

Added Richard Sherman, a fellow Stanford alum: "He's got a lot more pep in his step. He's smiling, he's walking around, he's working. He's got an energy about him, an infectious energy on the field. He's relentless."

The 49ers are rooting for Thomas, not only because reaching his goals will help the team improve, but because it will help him deal with the loss of his best friend, which is far bigger than football.

49ers Solomon Thomas honors late sister in suicide-prevention walk

By Cam Inman
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Solomon Thomas lost his sister to suicide four months ago, and the 49ers defensive lineman will be honoring her on June 2 by walking with family and friends in a Dallas fundraiser.

Thomas opened up about his sister's death Tuesday in an emotional post to raise donations for The Out of the Darkness Overnight Walk, which benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Ella Thomas was 24 when she died Jan. 23 in their hometown of Coppell, Texas.

Thomas, the 49ers' top draft pick last year out of Stanford and No. 3 overall selection, wrote:

"On June 2nd, I will be walking to raise money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. I lost one of the most important people in my world to suicide earlier this year. I will be walking for her and for everyone who suffers from the pain she felt.

"Ella was my sister. Ella was my best friend. She loved harder than she could breathe. She filled a room with such a strong presence that it would light up the room. She made my life go.

"Having Ella as my sister was the greatest gift this life has given me. She taught me to be myself, to make everyone feel loved, to appreciate everything in front of me, and so much more. She was so perceptive and so compassionate. I will live every day for my amazing sister.

"I walk not only because of what happened to Ella and our family; I walk because I want to help others. I want others to have better information and resources.

"It's time to talk about mental health. It's time to acknowledge that everyone is going through something that we don't know about and might not understand. It's time to have empathy for those things we don't understand. The funds raised at this walk will benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Net proceeds will help those affected by suicide and mental health conditions by supporting research, advocacy, survivor resources, education and awareness programs.

"Be meaningful in every conversation, seek to show others you care. You never know what you could say that might save someone's life. I want to make this a better world. Please help me in support of those who suffer."

Thomas already had reached his $1,000 goal within hours of Tuesday's post. He's been participating in the 49ers offseason program since April, and he lined up as the first-string defense's edge rusher in Tuesday's team drills.

When Thomas' mother, Martha, appealed Monday for $1,000 in donation as part of Saturday's fundraiser, 49ers general manager John Lynch tweeted the organization's support and pledged $5,000 in Ella Thomas' honor.

Martha Thomas, on her fundraising page, shared cherished memories of her daughter and her understandable grief.

Martha Thomas wrote:

"I am joining the Out of the Darkness Overnight Walk because on January 23 my world was rocked. Our daughter, Ella, died by suicide that morning. I still don't understand.

"Ella was about love. She exuded love to everyone around her. She was strong and tough, unbelievably hilarious, honest to her core, gifted with people, and stunningly gorgeous. She was the kind of woman

who made every person feel like the most important person to her. She was a gift to all of us who knew and loved her, and there are so many of us.

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Laken Tomlinson

Guard Laken Tomlinson, a bust with Lions, finds success with 49ers

By Eric Branch
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Last year, the 49ers traded for an offensive player who performed so well after learning the playbook on the fly that they handed him a hefty contract extension in the offseason.

No, this isn't another story about Jimmy Garoppolo.

Instead, it's about left guard Laken Tomlinson, 26, who might be the answer to this question: Whom did the 49ers acquire in their second-best trade of 2017?

In late August, 11 days before the season opener, the 49ers dealt a 2019 fifth-round pick to the Lions for Tomlinson, a 2015 first-round selection who had become a second-stringer in Detroit.

And the presumed bust blossomed in his new surroundings.

Last year, Tomlinson started 15 games, many while still digesting head coach Kyle Shanahan's complex playbook, and the 49ers' assessment of his performance became clear in June: They signed him to a three-year, $18 million extension which includes the 11th-most guaranteed money ($10 million) on the team.

"For Laken to improve that much throughout the year as an O-lineman in a totally different scheme than he's ever done was very encouraging to us," Shanahan said. "We saw the same thing throughout the offseason. ... That's why we were extremely excited to get him locked up here for a little bit before we got started."

The trade for Tomlinson didn't register as impactful at the time, but in retrospect, it was Shanahan's first significant step in overhauling the offensive line he inherited last year.

Shanahan seeks movement skills in offensive linemen, who are often tasked with running in his zone-blocking scheme. And this offseason, the 49ers traded two starters — center Daniel Kilgore and right tackle Trent Brown — and replaced them with more agile players in free-agent center Weston Richburg and rookie right tackle Mike McGlinchey.

The 49ers signed Richburg to a five-year deal with $16.5 million fully guaranteed and spent the No. 9 pick on McGlinchey. And their offseason investment in Tomlinson suggests Shanahan gambled and won when he guessed Tomlinson was well-suited for his scheme despite having little hard evidence.

Before joining the 49ers, Tomlinson, 6-foot-3 and 312 pounds, had played in power-based schemes at Duke and Detroit. Shanahan, who said he studied Tomlinson closely before the 2015 draft as the Falcons' offensive coordinator, thought Tomlinson could "open up and run."

"That's stuff you couldn't really see (because) he didn't do it much in college," Shanahan said. "He didn't do in much in Detroit. But it's fit him well here. It takes guys a while to learn how to play a certain way that they've never done before. And that's what was so impressive about him."

The 49ers weren't relying solely on Shanahan. They also leaned on 49ers personnel executive Martin Mayhew, who drafted Tomlinson when he was the Lions' general manager.

Mayhew provided more personal background on Tomlinson, who was a double major at Duke (psychology, evolutionary anthropology) and four-time All-Academic ACC pick. Tomlinson is also

obviously a quick study when it comes to NFL playbooks, but he insists he's not close to being the smartest person in his family: His wife, Rachel, was also a double major (biology, psychology) at Duke and is pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Michigan.

Tomlinson credits his wife for supporting him through an NFL career that included two trying seasons with the Lions. In 2016, Tomlinson lost his starting job at left guard to Graham Glasgow, a rookie third-round pick, after five weeks, but he still started 10 games because of injuries to other linemen. Last year, he didn't start any of the first three preseason games before he was traded.

His tenure in Detroit is not a subject on which Tomlinson wishes to linger.

"I mean, it was a learning experience," Tomlinson said, "but I love it here."

Was it dispiriting? "It's a part of the game," he said. "That's what you sign up for. I definitely learned a lot when I was there."

Given his backup status in Detroit, Tomlinson viewed the trade to the 49ers as an opportunity to show why he was a No. 28 overall draft pick. However, he didn't prove much initially: His head was swimming when he started the second regular-season game at Seattle, and he relied on his on-field neighbor, left tackle Joe Staley, to help fill in the blanks for a few weeks.

"It wasn't perfect at first, but I kept working and working," Tomlinson said. "… In Week 2, I was still learning and (by) Week 17, when I could actually go out there and be confident in myself, it definitely felt different. And that confidence goes a long way."

Indeed, it has helped Tomlinson travel quite a distance — from presumed bust to big-money starter — in less than year.

Trent Williams

‘He’s gonna crush whoever’s in his way’: Trent Williams looms, zooms for 49ers

By Matt Barrows
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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.”

Mitch Wishnowsky

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."

Ahkello Witherspoon

Why Ahkello Witherspoon's new mindset is leading to improved results for 49ers defense

By Chris Biderman
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The 49ers made one thing very clear in the offseason. They had faith in their young defensive backs to develop and become productive even while many observers called their secondary one of the NFL's worst in 2018.

Yet coach Kyle Shanahan and general manager John Lynch held their ground and decided to invest premium resources in improving the pass rush rather than the defensive backfield.

"A lot of our resources have gone there because Kyle and I both believe that you've got to hit the quarterback and you've got to bring him down," Lynch said this summer.

They hoped players such as Ahkello Witherspoon and Tarvarius Moore would take the necessary steps as they got propped up by a much-improved defensive line infused with rookie Nick Bosa and veteran Dee Ford.

Witherspoon's evolution is particularly important given the value of cornerbacks in the pass-happy NFL. Teams clearly prefer not to throw to Richard Sherman's side of the field, which led to Witherspoon becoming a vacuum for targets from quarterbacks.

Through the prism of a one-game sample size, the returns are paying off after Witherspoon, who went to Christian Brothers High in Sacramento, was in and out of the lineup due to inconsistent play during his uninspiring second season in 2018.

In Sunday's victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the 2017 third-round pick had the best performance of his career. He had three pass breakups, a personal best, and the game-sealing pick-six fell into his lap just outside the two-minute warning.

Sherman following Sunday's game noted Witherspoon's improved mindset, highlighted by an ability to bounce back from mistakes, like overplaying the ball and not sticking to his assignments, and overreacting to coverage busts whether they were his fault or a teammate's.

"I noticed it during the entire the offseason and then especially in training camp," Sherman said Thursday. "There would be moments that he responded to a certain way last year and the same exact moments, or similar moments, came up this training camp and he responded totally differently. And it's just growth. I think it's just growth as a player, as a man, as a human being.

"Everybody has their different phases of growth and when they really started to get it. And I think he really started to understand just where he is and what he's capable of and how he should react to certain situations. It's awesome to see."

Witherspoon and Sherman both returned picks for touchdowns after the 49ers went the entire 2018 season without a cornerback getting a single interception. It was a sign the pass rush is making an impact while the secondary continues to develop.

For Witherspoon, the reasoning behind his apparent improvement is simple.

"Going through and learning from my previous mistakes, I think that's the biggest key," he said this week. "Knowing I've done it wrong in the past, and then when you are in the fire again, knowing how to approach it differently."

The 49ers held star receiver Mike Evans, who was coming off an illness days before the game, to just two catches for 28 yards, which was paramount in limiting the Buccaneers offense to just 295 yards. Jameis Winston had a 45.4 passer rating thanks to three interceptions after San Francisco allowed a 105.4 passer rating throughout last season, the second-worst mark in the NFL.

Evans and Witherspoon swapped jerseys after the game, with the big-bodied receiver giving the 23-year-old cornerback some lofty praise.

“I don’t know if I’m supposed to say this,” said Witherspoon, “but he was asking me if we knew the offense. I said, ‘No, we’re just out here playing ball, but thanks for the compliment.’ It was crazy.”

Defensive coordinator Robert Saleh has also noticed differences in the physical side of Witherspoon’s game, which could allow him to better utilize his size that made him an appealing prospect during the draft process. Witherspoon ranked in the 90th percentile or better in height (6-foot-3), arm length (33 inches) and vertical jump (40 1/2 inches).

“I think he’s done a great job this offseason of attacking the weight room,” Saleh said. “With the new strength crew and all that, he’s really attacked that. You can feel more strength when he’s out there. He’s stronger, the jump ball he had with Mike Evans a year ago he would’ve just gotten nudged and launched out of there and Mike probably would’ve made a catch. This year, he’s got a bigger body, he feels stronger, he’s playing with good confidence, great technique and so he’s pulling his game together.”

There’s a different kind of challenge facing Witherspoon in Week 2 against the Cincinnati Bengals. Evans (6-5, 230) has a unique blend of size, strength and coordination. Cincinnati’s most imposing wideout, with A.J. Green likely sidelined with an ankle injury, is third-year pro John Ross (5-11, 194), who’s coming off a 158-yard, two-touchdown performance in the season opening loss to the Seattle Seahawks.

Ross broke the record at the 2017 combine for the 40-yard dash, posting a blistering 4.22. On Sunday he scored touchdowns from 33 and 55 yards.

“Thankfully,” Robert Saleh said, “with our guys, you’ve got Marquise (Goodwin) out there and all that, so they get that work in. John Ross, obviously, is a very fast human being and he’s more of a jitterbug, but we see it from our guys. We’ve gotten a chance to see it with Tyreek Hill in the preseason, so they’ve gotten work at it, so I don’t think there will be an adjustment for it.”

Muscled-up Ahkello Witherspoon aims to establish himself at cornerback

By David Lombardi
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It happened at the goal line in early August, during Ahkello Witherspoon's third training camp practice in the NFL.

The 49ers were running a goal line team drill, but they weren't in a live tackling period — meaning that defenders weren't allowed to take ballcarriers to the ground.

So, Witherspoon eased up after Carlos Hyde barreled through the line of scrimmage. He figured the play was wrapping up.

But easing up around the goal line during any part of training camp is tantamount to a toddler touching a stove, and the rookie learned a painful NFL lesson.

Hyde didn't slow down. He galloped onward and leveled Witherspoon.

“He ran a bit further than I was prepared to go,” Witherspoon said, downplaying the collision when recalling it last week. “That was it.”

But later in the same conversation, Witherspoon did acknowledge that the incident showed him that the rules of physicality are different at the NFL level, and that the moment accelerated his drive to master that part of the game.

Along with Chidobe Awuzie and Tedric Thompson — who now play for the Cowboys and Seahawks — Witherspoon formed one of college football's best secondaries at Colorado last year. The Buffaloes actually allowed the fewest yards per pass attempt in the nation in the 2016 regular season.

But Witherspoon's lankiness, which led to struggles in run support, fueled his detractors. At 6-foot-3, he's tall for a cornerback, and he came out of college thin. The 49ers are asking Witherspoon to eventually emulate Seattle's Richard Sherman — who packs the same height at the position — but that wasn't a plausible model until Witherspoon put on weight.

He has.

Witherspoon said he's added seven pounds of muscle — he now weighs 197 pounds — and that figure may even seem conservative to the naked eye.

“He looks huge on film,” defensive coordinator Robert Saleh said. “He's gotten bigger, and he's turning into a man.”

Witherspoon notched his first two tackles 10 days ago in Washington, showcasing the low, driving form that 49ers secondary coach Jeff Hafley has been preaching to him this offseason.

“It's a lot easier to tackle when you come in with a plan,” Witherspoon said. “In college, I think I was taught generically. Technique didn't really apply to me specifically. Face up, chest out, and wrap up. I mean, that's never going to happen with me. I'm never going to hit a running back square up.

“Here, they teach techniques that can apply to you individually, that apply to different body types.”

As the lead cornerback for the 49ers' scout team, Witherspoon has recently employed his new know-how against notoriously physical receiver Pierre Garçon in practice.

“That's really where I've gotten better the last four weeks,” Witherspoon said.

It's been baptism-by-fire, as the 211-pound Garçon is particularly unforgiving against players lighter than him.

“He's unique in that he runs like a running back after the catch,” Witherspoon said. “He's the one initiating contact. So just take out his thighs — don't even mess with him when he's doing all that head-butting — he can't run without his legs.”

Saleh approved of the practice results enough to create a game-day cornerback rotation and thrust Witherspoon into it with Rashard Robinson and Dontae Johnson. The 49ers' Cover 3 scheme, which puts eight men in the box, needs more muscle to lock up receivers on the perimeter, so Witherspoon's chance to assert himself is now.

That became doubly apparent when Robinson committed his fourth pass interference penalty, the most of any player in the NFL, while surrendering a critical third-down conversion on Sunday.

This stronger version of Witherspoon, of course, is nowhere near a finished product. The rookie third-round pick has played 34 and 35 snaps, respectively, over the past two weeks, and he is still looking for his first pass breakup.

And Sunday's matchup against Dez Bryant, one of the best receivers in the NFL, was yet another trial-by-fire experience. Bryant beat Witherspoon for two catches, but the coverage wasn't bad on either of them. In fact, Witherspoon thought he had an interception on Bryant's second reception, when he correctly read the receiver's fake out and broke on Dak Prescott's slant pass.

“I just didn't drive through him hard enough,” Witherspoon said.

Bryant out-muscled him for the catch. It was another teaching moment for the rookie, who's had plenty of them since becoming a professional — but none more physically painful than Hyde's railroading almost three months ago.

Extra point: On Monday, Kyle Shanahan hinted that the 49ers might re-sign veteran cornerback Leon Hall so that they can keep Jimmie Ward at free safety while nickelback K'Waun Williams is hurt.

On Tuesday, the 49ers did just that, inking Hall after cutting him last week. They also signed defensive lineman Datone Jones, a first-round pick in the 2013 draft.

The 49ers released defensive lineman Xavier Cooper and tight end Logan Paulsen — who had already been cut last week only to be re-signed before Sunday's game — to make it work.

With George Kittle and Garrett Celek getting the tight end work, Paulsen seems to be an odd man out, especially since he's not the designated lead blocker when fullback Kyle Juszczyk is healthy.

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.”