



PFF PREVIEW

WEEK 2

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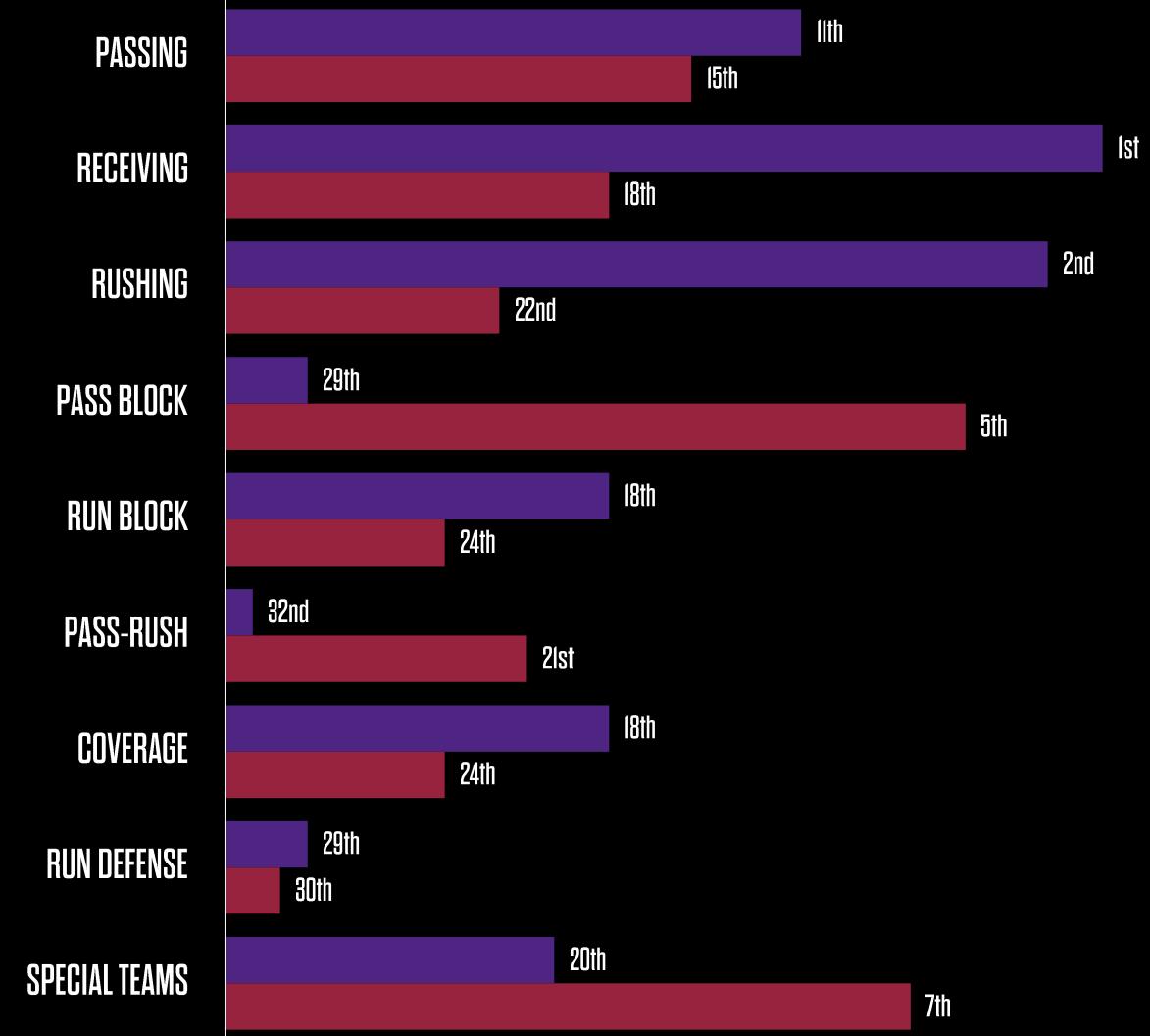


VIKINGS AT CARDINALS

WEEK 2



2020 PFF TEAM RANKINGS



VIKINGS TOP PLAYERS



PLAYER	GRADE	POS	2020 RANK	COMMENT
JUSTIN JEFFERSON	90.4	WR	2 / 127	Led all WRs with 664 receiving yards against press coverage in 2020
DALVIN COOK	89.0	RB	3 / 70	Forced 68 missed tackles on rush attempts, 2 nd behind only Derrick Henry (75)
ADAM THIELEN	87.4	WR	6 / 127	Generated a passer rating of 133.3 against man coverage in '20, 7 th among qualifying WRs in 2020
KIRK COUSINS	83.4	QB	11 / 38	9.6 yards per pass attempt w/ play action tied for 4 th of 32 QBs in '20 (147 ATT, 92 COMP, 1,406 YDS, 18 TD, 4 INT)
ERIC KENDRICKS	82.6	LB	3 / 83	Allowed a 60.5 passer rating when targeted in '20, 1 st among qualifying LBs (42 TGT, 31 REC, 269 YDS, 3 INT)
ALEXANDER MATTISON	80.9	RB	9 / 70	Forced a missed tackle once every four rush attempts, tied for 4 th among qualifying RBs
BRIAN O'NEILL	78.0	RT	11 / 38	Allowed a QB pressure on 4.6% of his 564 pass-blocking snaps in 2020, 15 th of 38 RTs
DALVIN TOMLINSON	75.1	DI	25 / 126	Aligned in the A-gap on 833 snaps and in the B-gap on 1,551 career snaps with the Giants

COUSINS TOP-5 IN KEY METRICS WHEN CLEAN



PASSING WHEN KEPT CLEAN

2020 REGULAR SEASON | RANKS AMONG 32 QBs

9.1 YARDS PER ATTEMPT

RANKS T-1ST WITH D. WATSON

75.8% COMPLETION PCT

RANKS 5TH AMONG QBs

121.7 PASSER RATING

RANKS 2ND BEHIND A. RODGERS

260 / 343, 3,123 YDS, 29 TD, 8 INT



HIGHEST COMP % ON INTERMEDIATE THROWS

COMPLETION % ON THROWS TRAVELING 10-19 YDS

2020 REGULAR SEASON | RANKS AMONG 32 QBs

71%



59%



1ST

COUSINS

NFL AVERAGE



20+ YARDS

10 YARDS

LOS

COUSINS – 99 ATT, 70 COMP, 1,207 YDS, 10 TD, 4 INT, 128.6 RTG (3RD)



COUSINS OFTEN UNDER PRESSURE

PRESSURE BREAKDOWN

2020 REGULAR SEASON | RANKS AMONG 32 QBs

	PRESSED DROPOUT %	AVG. TIME TO PRESSURE
S. DARNOLD	42.1% (32ND)	2.47 SECONDS
D. JONES	40.3% (31ST)	2.42 SECONDS
K. COUSINS	38.6% (30TH)	2.42 SECONDS (T-18TH)
R. WILSON	38.0% (29TH)	2.65 SECONDS
N. MULLENS	37.6% (28TH)	2.38 SECONDS



COUSINS RELATIVELY PASSIVE UNDER PRESSURE

PASSING UNDER PRESSURE

2020 REGULAR SEASON | RANKS AMONG 32 QBs

55.2% OF THROWS DEEMED ‘ACCURATE’

RANKS 4TH AMONG QBs

56.7% COMPLETION PCT

RANKS 3RD AMONG QBs

9.0 AVERAGE DEPTH OF TARGET

RANKS 29TH AMONG QBs

260 / 343, 3,123 YDS, 29 TD, 8 INT



JEFFERSON HISTORICALLY EFFICIENT IN YEAR 1

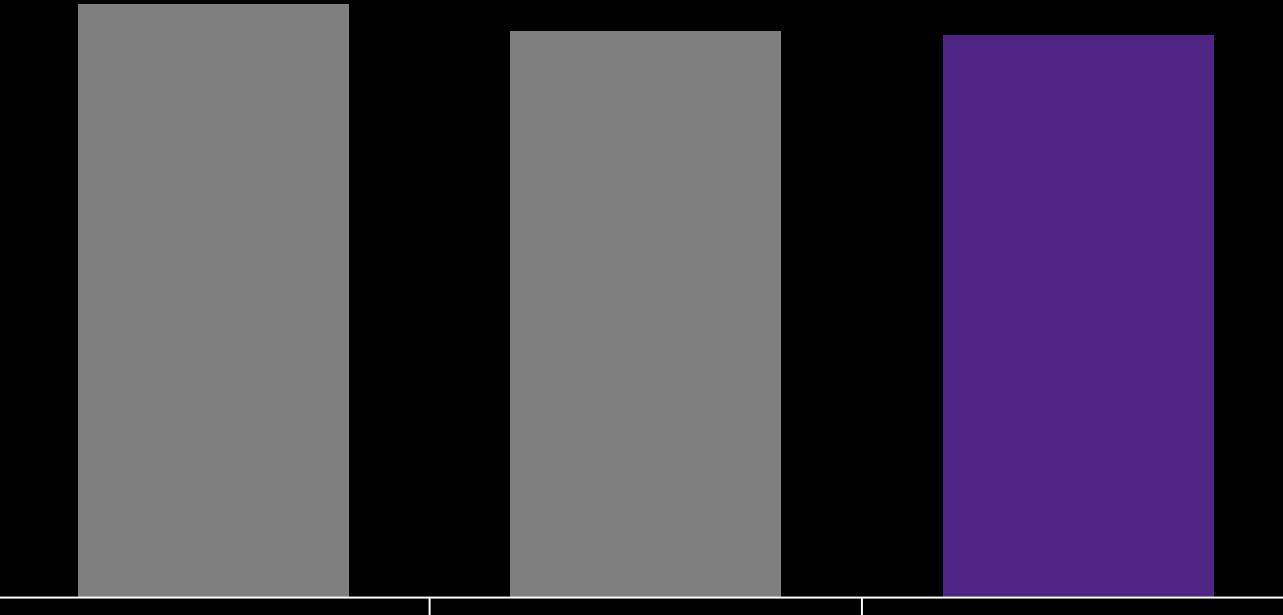
RECEIVING YARDS PER ROUTE RUN

SINCE 2006 | ROOKIE WIDE RECEIVERS

2.75

2.67

2.66



O. BECKHAM - 2014

A.J. BROWN - 2019

J. JEFFERSON - 2020

JEFFERSON – 526 ROUTES, 121 TGT, 88 REC, 1,400 YDS, 7 TD



JEFFERSON SUCCEEDS ALL OVER THE FIELD

RECEIVING BY ALIGNMENT

2020 REGULAR SEASON | RANKS AMONG 100 WRs

WIDE

392 ROUTES (70%)

83 TGT, 63 REC, 919 YDS, 5 TD

PFF GRADE - #1

SLOT

161 ROUTES (30%)

38 TGT, 25 REC, 481 YDS, 2 TD

PFF GRADE - #11

IN 2019 AT LSU, JEFFERSON ALIGNED IN THE SLOT ON 98% OF HIS SNAPS



RB

PFF

THE RED ZONE IS THIELEN'S ZONE

RECEIVING WHEN INSIDE THE RED ZONE

2020 REGULAR SEASON | RANKS AMONG 63 WRs MIN. 50 ROUTES

20

TARGETS [2ND]

16

RECEPTIONS [2ND]

13

TOUCHDOWNS [2ND]

1.9

YARDS PER ROUTE RUN [1ST]



*DAVANTE ADAMS RANKS 1ST WITH 28 TGT, 23 REC & 14 TD

THE RED ZONE IS THIELEN'S ZONE



RED ZONE RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS BY ROUTE

2020 REGULAR SEASON

3

IN-BREAKING

6

OUT-BREAKING

3

'GO-ROUTES'

1

SCRAMBLE ADJUSTMENT



VIKINGS FREQUENTLY USE ZONE RUN CONCEPTS



% OF RUSH ATTEMPTS WITH ZONE RUN CONCEPTS

2020 REGULAR SEASON | TEAM OFFENSES

71%



66%



64%



BEARS

VIKINGS

PACKERS



DALVIN COOK ON ZONE RUNS – 221 ATT (2ND), 1,039 YDS (2ND), 9 TD (2ND), 52 FORCED MISSED TACKLES (1ST)



OFFENSIVE LINE OVERVIEW



POS

LT

69

RASHOD
HILL

RANK

N/A

LG

72

EZRA
CLEVELAND

17 / 40

C

56

GARRETT
BRADBURY

25 / 36

RG

74

OLI
UDOH

N/A

RT

75

BRIAN
O'NEILL

11 / 38

PRESSURE % ALLOWED ON 1ST & 2ND DOWNS

1. JETS

44.9%



2. GIANTS

39.7%



3. EAGLES

39.3%



4. CHARGERS

37.6%



5. VIKINGS

37.1%

SMITH CONSISTENTLY ELITE IN COVERAGE



PASSER RATING ALLOWED WHEN TARGETED

SINCE 2014 | RANKS AMONG 72 SAFETIES MIN. 100 TARGETS

55.7



HARRISON SMITH

HA HA CLINTON-DIX

TRE BOSTON

56.3

59.4



SMITH IN COVERAGE SINCE 2014 – 215 TGT, 134 REC, 1,491 YDS, 8 TD, 22 INT (1ST)

VIKINGS THANKFUL TO HAVE HUNTER BACK



RUSHING THE PASSER ON 1ST & 2ND DOWNS

2019 REGULAR SEASON | 84 EDGE DEFENDERS MIN. 150 SNAPS

18.5%

PASS-RUSH WIN %
T-9TH

17.1%

PRESSURE %
3RD

61

TOTAL QB PRESSURES
2ND



VIKINGS (2020) EARLY DOWN PRESSURE %

18.3%

RANKS 32ND OUT OF 32 DEFENSES

ROOKIE OVERVIEW



PLAYER	SCHOOL	POS	NCAA RANK	COMMENT
CHRISTIAN DARRISAW	VIRGINIA TECH	OT	2 / 113	Did not allow a single QB knockdown (sack / hit) across 293 pass-blocking snaps in 2020
KELLEN MOND	TEXAS A&M	QB	19 / 60	109.8 passer rating when kept clean ranked 139 th among 150 FBS QBs in 2020
CHAZZ SURRETT	UNC	LB	136 / 142	In 4 seasons at UNC played 418 snaps at QB and 1,324 snaps at inside LB
WYATT DAVIS	OHIO STATE	OG	35 / 107	Allowed 4 sacks across 865 career pass-blocking snaps at OSU
PATRICK JONES II	PITTSBURGH	EDGE	38 / 129	Jones II (37) and teammate Rashad Weaver (48) combined for 85 QB pressures in 2020
KENE NWANGWU	IOWA STATE	RB	N/A	Rushed for 202 yards after contact in 2020 (247 yards after contact combined in 3 previous seasons)
CAMRYN BYNUM	CAL	CB	44 / 127	Played 218 of his 261 defensive snaps at wide corner in 2020
JANARIUS ROBINSON	FLORIDA STATE	EDGE	97 / 129	Led the FSU defense with 25 QB pressures (3 sacks + 6 QB hits + 16 hurries)
IHMIR SMITH-MARSETTE	IOWA	WR	128 / 156	Caught 9 of 21 targets 10+ yards downfield for 212 yards and 2 touchdowns
ZACH DAVIDSON	CEN. MISSOURI	TE	N/A	Totalled 40 receptions for 984 yards and 15 touchdowns in 2019 at D2 school Central Missouri
JAYLEN TWYMAN	PITTSBURGH	DI	N/A	2019 d-line snap breakdown – A-gap (125), B-gap (455), over the tackle (146)

CARDINALS TOP PLAYERS



PLAYER	GRADE	POS	2020 RANK	COMMENT
D.J. HUMPHRIES	88.3	LT	4 / 38	Allowed a QB pressure on just 3.5% (career-high) of his 656 (career-high) pass-blocking snaps in 2020
DEANDRE HOPKINS	87.1	WR	7 / 127	Caught 24 passes when targeted within 3 yards of the sideline in 2020, most among WRs
J.J. WATT	85.4	EDGE	7 / 108	Played on 1,567 (67.2%) of 2,330 possible defensive snaps for the Texans over the past two seasons
KYLER MURRAY	82.8	QB	13 / 38	54.5% of his throws traveling 5+ yards downfield were deemed ‘accurate’, 14 th of 32 QBs
BUDDA BAKER	75.3	S	12 / 94	Allowed a 106.5 passer rating when targeted in 2020, a career-best (35 TGT, 24 REC, 277 YDS, 4 TD, 2 INT)
RODNEY HUDSON	73.6	C	8 / 36	Has allowed just 10 sacks across 5,189 career pass-blocking snaps
JAMES CONNER	69.4	RB	39 / 70	Accumulated 485 yards after contact across 180 rushing attempts last season, 2 nd among RBs
CHASE EDMONDS	69.2	RB	41 / 70	7 receptions gaining 15+ yards tied for 5 th among RBs last season

MURRAY MORE AGGRESSIVE WHEN CLEAN IN '20



PASSING WHEN KEPT CLEAN

2020 REGULAR SEASON | RANKS AMONG 32 QBs

	2019	2020
AVERAGE DEPTH OF TARGET	6.2 (31 ST)	7.6 (16 TH)
% OF THROWS PAST STICKS	33% (32 ND)	39% (18 TH)
PASSER RATING	94.8 (28 TH)	102.5 (1-17 TH)

418 ATT, 295 COMP,
3,001 YDS, 15 TD, 8 INT

437 ATT, 321 COMP,
3,229 YDS, 21 TD, 8 INT



MINOR IMPROVEMENT ON INTERMEDIATE THROWS



MURRAY ON THROWS TRAVELING 10-19 YDS DOWNFIELD

SINCE 2019 | RANKS AMONG 32 QBs

2019

PFF GRADE
#32

ACCURATE THROW %
40% [31ST]

COMPLETION %
48% [31ST]

2020

PFF GRADE
#23

ACCURATE THROW %
47% [23RD]

COMPLETION %
58% [21ST]



97 ATT, 47 COMP, 780 YDS, 4 TD, 5 INT

110 ATT, 64 COMP, 1,006 YDS, 7 TD, 10 INT

MURRAY THROWS AN EFFECTIVE DEEP BALL

ON THROWS TRAVELING 20+ YDS DOWNFIELD

SINCE 2019 | RANKS AMONG 32 QBs

PFF GRADE

#9

COMPLETIONS

53

8TH

COMPLETION %

42.1%

8TH

PASSER RATING

115.6

5TH

126 ATT, 53 COMP, 1,907 YARDS, 15 TD, 4 INT



MURRAY – 27% OF PASS ATT WENT TO HOPKINS



KYLER MURRAY'S PASSING SPLITS

2020 REGULAR SEASON | TARGETING HOPKINS VS. ANYBODY ELSE

	HOPKINS	ANYBODY ELSE
AVERAGE DEPTH OF TARGET	8.9	8.0
YARDS PER TARGET	9.4	6.3
PASSER RATING	112.6	87.8

146 ATT, 111 COMP,
1,372 YDS, 6 TD, 2 INT

412 TGT, 264 COMP,
2,599 YDS, 20 TD, 10 INT



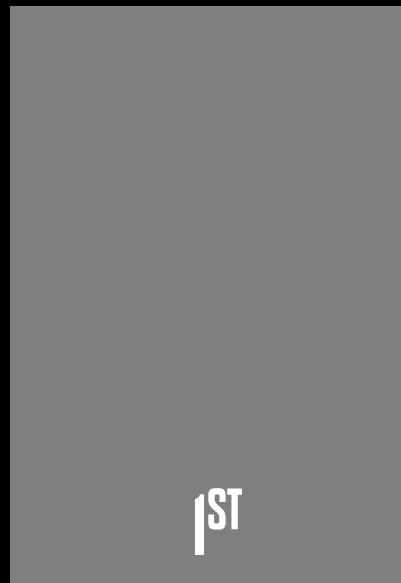
REDUCTION IN SCREEN PASS USAGE IN '20



KYLER MURRAY'S SCREEN PASS ATTEMPT %

2019-20 | RANKS AMONG 32 QBs

20.5%



1ST

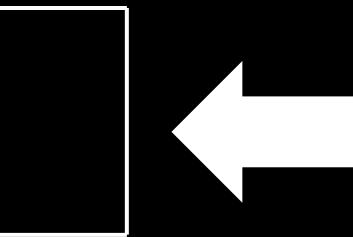
2019

12.5%



9TH

2020



BIGGEST GAP IN NFL

KYLER MURRAY; -8.0%

MITCHELL TRUBISKY; -7.9%

BAKER MAYFIELD; -7.8%

MURRAY IN 2020 – 70 ATT, 61 COMP, 263 YDS, 1 TD, 0 INT, 87.1 RTG



MURRAY IS A DYNAMIC RUSHING THREAT



MURRAY ON DESIGNED RUSHING ATTEMPTS

2020 REGULAR SEASON | RANKS AMONG QBs

147 RUSH ATTEMPTS

RANKS 2ND AMONG QBs (L. JACKSON – 243)

736 RUSHING YARDS

RANKS 2ND AMONG QBs (L. JACKSON – 1,419)

14 RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

RANKS 1ST AMONG QBs



HOPKINS – 88.3% OF SNAPS AT LEFT WR



HOPKINS' SNAP BREAKDOWN 2020 REGULAR SEASON

LEFT
WIDE

835 SNAPS

97 / 133, 1,179 YDS, 5 TD

LEFT
SLOT

84 SNAPS

9 / 10, 112 YDS, 1 TD

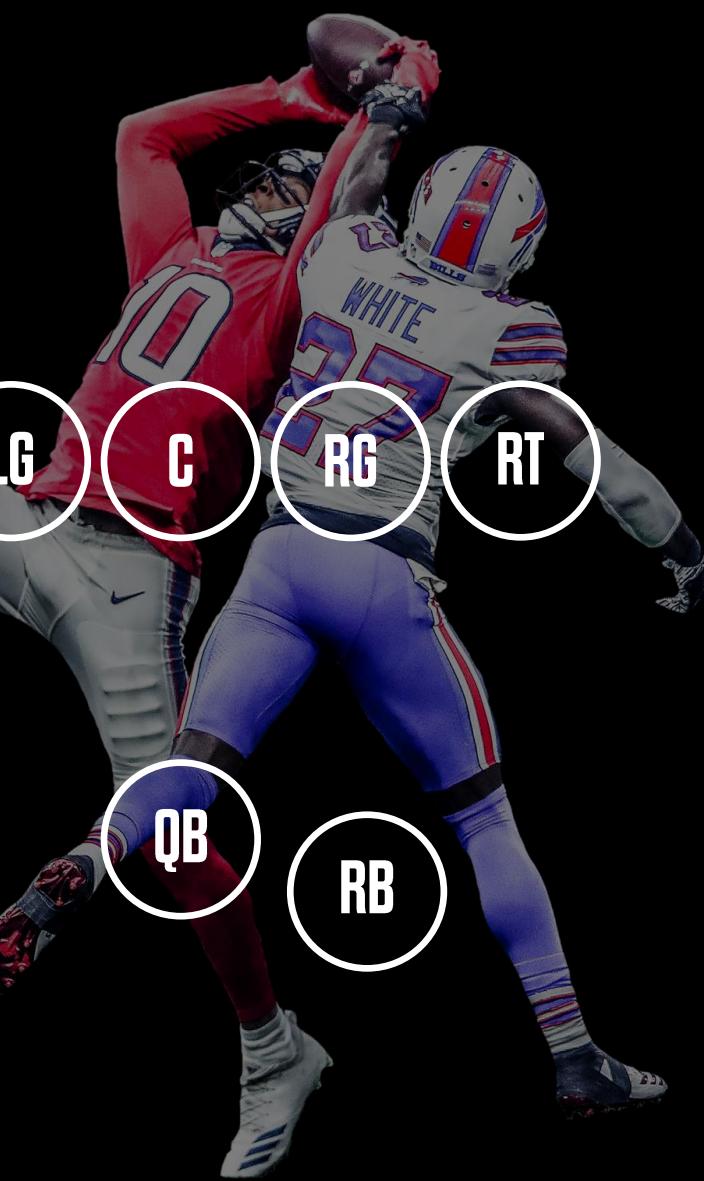
LT

LG

C

RG

RT



RIGHT
WIDE

111 SNAPS

4 / 6, 81 YDS, 0 TD

RIGHT
SLOT

33 SNAPS

5 / 5, 35 YDS, 0 TD

HOPKINS CONSTANTLY MOVING THE CHAINS



RECEIVING ON TARGETS PAST THE STICKS

2020 REGULAR SEASON | RANKS AMONG 89 WRs MIN. 25 TARGETS

60 RECEPTIONS

RANKS 1ST AMONG WR

1,043 RECEIVING YARDS

RANKS 2ND AMONG WR (C. RIDLEY – 1,131)

127.2 PASSER RATING

RANKS 12TH AMONG WR



FIRST DOWN / TD

LOS

MURRAY IS A DYNAMIC RUSHING THREAT



POS

LT

69

| D.J.
HUMPHRIES

RANK

4 / 38

LG

77

| JUSTIN
PUGH

20 / 39

C

61

| RODNEY
HUDSON

33 / 34

RG

71

| JUSTIN
MURRAY

20 / 38

RT

68

| KELVIN
BEACHUM

25 / 39



RODNEY HUDSON

ALLOWED A QB PRESSURE ONCE EVERY

87

RANKS 1ST AMONG CENTERS SINCE 2016

JONES EFFECTIVELY CONVERTS PRESSURE TO SACKS

% OF QB PRESSURES CONVERTED INTO SACKS

SINCE 2018 | RANKS AMONG 45 EDGE DEFENDERS MIN. 75 PRESSURES

26.5%



24.5%



24.4%



CHANDLER JONES

SHAQ BARRETT

JASON PIERRE-PAUL

JONES RUSHING THE PASSER – 31 SACKS (1ST), 12 QB HITS, 74 HURRIES

WATT DOMINATES AS AN INTERIOR RUSHER



PASS-RUSHING SNAPS BY ALIGNMENT

2019-20 | *RANKS AMONG DEFENDERS MIN. 150 SNAPS

703



INTERIOR DEFENDER

199



*RUSHING THE PASSER AS AN INTERIOR DEFENDER

23.2% PASS-RUSH WIN RATE [1ST]

17.4% PRESSURE RATE [1ST]

BAKER BETTER IN RUN DEFENSE THAN COVERAGE



DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW OF THE NFL'S HIGHEST-PAID SAFETIES

SINCE 2017 | RANKS AMONG 107 SAFETIES MIN. 1,000 SNAPS

JAMAL ADAMS

#19

HARRISON SMITH

#2

JUSTIN SIMMONS

#17

BUDDA BAKER

#64

COVERAGE GRADE

RUN DEFENSE GRADE

TFI OR NO GAIN

#3

#4

#5

28

22

28



ROOKIE OVERVIEW



PLAYER	SCHOOL	POS	NCAA RANK	COMMENT
ZAVEN COLLINS	TULSA	LB	1 / 142	Allowed just 157 receiving yards across 534 coverage snaps over the past two seasons
RONDALE MOORE	PURDUE	WR	N/A	Totalled 1,343 yards after the catch in 3 seasons at Purdue (1,913 total receiving yards)
MARCO WILSON	FLORIDA	CB	122 / 127	Allowed a 117.6 passer rating when targeted last season (53 TGT, 37 REC, 490 YDS, 3 TD, 0 INT)
VICTOR DIMUKEJE	DUKE	EDGE	54 / 129	Ranked either 1 st or 2 nd on the Blue Devils defense in all 4 of his collegiate seasons
TAY GOWAN	UCF	CB	N/A	54.9 passer rating allowed ranked 12 th of 184 FBS CBs in '19 (50 TGT, 20 REC, 274 YDS, 2 TD, 2 INT)
JAMES WIGGINS	CINCINNATI	S	65 / 130	Career snap breakdown — in the box (333), free safety (269), 595 slot corner
MICHAL MENET	PENN STATE	C	12 / 54	Allowed 8 sacks across 1,298 career pass-blocking snaps

