

= Donovan Warren =

Donovan Jamelle Warren ( born January 31 , 1989 ) is an American football cornerback who is currently a free agent . Warren was signed by the New York Jets as an undrafted free agent following the 2010 NFL Draft and has also played with the Detroit Lions , Pittsburgh Steelers and Chicago Bears . He attended the University of Michigan through his junior year .

During his three years playing for the Michigan Wolverines football team , he started in 34 of 36 games . As a member of the 2009 Michigan Wolverines football team , whom he led in interceptions , he earned 2009 first team All @-@ Big Ten recognition from the media and second team recognition from the coaches . He had chosen Michigan over his hometown favorite University of Southern California because he believed that he would be able to play immediately there . Warren had played high school football at Long Beach Polytechnic High School in California .

= = Early years = =

A native of Long Beach , California , Warren attended Long Beach Polytechnic High School , where he tallied 114 tackles , 15 pass breakups , five interceptions and three fumble recoveries during his prep career . Considered a five @-@ star recruit by Rivals.com , Warren ranked third among cornerback prospects and twenty @-@ fifth overall in the nation . Scout.com ranked him fourth among cornerbacks , and ESPN ranked him eighth . He was named to the USA Today All @-@ USA second team and the EA Sports All @-@ American second @-@ team at cornerback . Warren participated in the 2007 U.S. Army All @-@ American Bowl . Warren ran a 10 @.@ 6 seconds time in the 100 meters in high school .

At the beginning of the recruiting process , Warren was considered very likely to play for the USC Trojans football team , since they had four players from his high school on the roster and his godfather , Mark Carrier , was a USC alumni . However , USC had a lot of depth at cornerback at the time and Warren ( as well as his father ) had a good relationship with Michigan assistant coach Ron English . When Warren made Michigan his final decision , he was noted as feeling that his heart wanted him to choose USC , which was the school he had grown up rooting for , but his head led him to Michigan where he could play immediately and work under the tutelage of English , who had developed many defensive backs who went on to the National Football League .

= = College career = =

As a true freshman at Michigan , Warren played in all 13 season games while starting 11 of them at cornerback . He recorded 52 tackles , 1 @.@ 5 tackles for loss , one sack , one forced fumble , two fumble recoveries , one interception and six pass breakups . In the September 15 , 2007 Michigan @-@ Notre Dame rivalry game , which Michigan won 38 ? 0 , he forced and recovered a Jimmy Clausen fumble on the Notre Dame 21 @-@ yard line while the score was 3 ? 0 . The fumble led to a Mike Hart touchdown five plays later . He was named Big Ten Defensive Freshman of the Year by The Sporting News and also made TSN ? s and College Football News ? Freshman All @-@ American second team .

As a sophomore , he started ten games at cornerback and one at safety . During the November 1 , 2008 game at Purdue , he recovered a fumble on Purdue 's opening possession that led to a Brandon Minor 45 ? yard touchdown run on the next play .

As a junior , he started all 12 games at cornerback . That season , he led the Wolverines with four interceptions , which ranked tied for sixth in the Big Ten Conference and 49th in the nation . He recorded one in each of Michigan 's first three conference games during the 2009 Big Ten Conference football season , including a controversial one to seal the team 's fourth consecutive victory to start the season in their conference opener against the Indiana Hoosiers that withstood instant replay video review . He ran back the third of these interceptions for a 40 @-@ yard touchdown in the first minute of the third conference game against the Iowa Hawkeyes . At the conclusion of the season , he was selected as to the 2009 All @-@ Big Ten conference team by the

media ( first @-@ team ) and coaches ( second @-@ team ) .

= = Professional career = =

= = = Pre @-@ draft = = =

On December 20 , 2009 , Warren announced his decision to forgo his final season of collegiate eligibility and enter the 2010 NFL Draft . Warren stated that the NFL 's Draft Advisory Board advised him that if he entered the draft , he would be selected in the first three rounds . When Warren signed Drew Rosenhaus as his sports agent , he was projected as a first or second round draft choice . Warren was considered to be a man @-@ to @-@ man defense specialist who needed to develop his zone defense skills . Some sources , such as Todd McShay , who felt he was just a cut below the top five cornerbacks in the draft prior to the 2010 NFL Combine , had predicted that Warren could be selected in the second round . ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper , Jr. predicted Warren would be drafted in the third or fourth round of the draft , describing him as " a physical corner " who " likes going head to head on an island with the best receivers in the country , he " s never had an issue with that . Anticipation is good . Gambler , though . Gave up some big plays . ? Warren aggravated an ankle injury shortly before the NFL Combine , where he struggled in position drills and ran the 40 @-@ yard dash in 4 @.@ 59 seconds . His disappointing performance was cited as damaging his draft stock .

= = = New York Jets = = =

Despite earlier predictions , Warren was not selected in the draft . He signed as an undrafted free agent with the New York Jets immediately after the draft . Warren 's godfather , former Pro Bowl defensive back Mark Carrier , is an assistant coach with the Jets . The 2010 New York Jets have several cornerbacks on their roster , including Darrelle Revis , Antonio Cromartie , Dwight Lowery , Drew Coleman , Marquice Cole and first @-@ round pick Kyle Wilson . Some sources speculate that Warren would be converted to safety . Jets head coach Rex Ryan said that although Warren would be practicing at both cornerback and safety , he felt that Warren 's best shot was at safety . Warren , who was sidelined during most of the Jets training camp sessions with a concussion , was waived by New York on September 3 , 2010 . Warren would be signed to the team 's practice squad on September 6 , 2010 . Warren would later be released from the team 's practice squad on September 7 , 2010 .

= = = 2011 = = =

Warren signed a contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers on January 7 , 2011 . He was cut September 4 , 2011 . Warren then signed with the Detroit Lions a few days later and was placed on the practice squad . Warren was released from the Lions practice squad on September 20 , 2011 . On January 6 , 2012 , he signed a reserve / future contract with the Chicago Bears . On June 12 , 2012 , he was waived by the Bears .

= = Personal = =

Warren 's uncle Chuckie Miller played for the Indianapolis Colts and his father , Alvin , played football at New Mexico State . His godfather , Carrier , is an assistant coach for the Cincinnati Bengals .