

= Junior Hemingway =

Kenneth Earl " Junior " Hemingway , Jr . ( born December 27 , 1988 ) is an American football wide receiver who is currently a free agent . He was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs in the 2012 NFL Draft . He completed his redshirt senior season in 2011 for the Michigan Wolverines football team . He led the 2011 team in receptions and receiving yards , and was tied for the lead in receiving touchdowns . Hemingway was the 2010 and 2011 Big Ten Conference leader in yards per reception , ranking third in all of Division I Football Bowl Subdivision as a senior . He received 2011 All @-@ Big Ten honorable mention and was the 2012 Sugar Bowl Most Outstanding Player .

After totaling 593 receiving yards in 2010 , Hemingway surpassed this yardage total in his senior season , finishing with a career @-@ best 699 yards . The improvement resulted in Hemingway 's league @-@ leading 2010 average of 18 @.@ 5 yards per reception improving to 20 @.@ 6 yards per reception in 2011 , which was the third @-@ best average per catch in the nation ( up from 15th in 2010 ) .

= = High school = =

In high school , he was rated as the 4th , 26th and 38th best high school football wide receiver in the country by ESPN , Scout.com , and Rivals.com respectively . He was regarded as the 12th best player in the state of South Carolina by Rivals . ESPN rated him as the 19th best player in the national class of 2007 , while Sports Illustrated regarded him as the 83rd best player in the class . Prior to his 2006 senior season , USA Today listed him as one of six players to watch in the state of South Carolina based on his 56 receptions for 846 yards and 10 touchdowns . He was the second highest rated recruit in Michigan 's class of 2007 ( behind Ryan Mallett ) according to ESPN . He posted 12 receptions in the 2006 Class 4A Division 2 South Carolina High School League championship game against Greenwood High School . He participated in the North @-@ South Game of the Carolinas .

= = College = =

As a true freshman on the 2007 Michigan team , he appeared in 10 games , making his first start September 22 against Penn State . His first receptions came during an October 6 game against Eastern Michigan when he recorded 3 catches for 33 yards . He also recorded a reception in the January 1 , 2008 Capital One Bowl against the Florida Gators . He was limited as a true sophomore by mononucleosis which caused him to miss the final eight games of the season for the 2008 team , but did make one start . He received a medical redshirt as a result of the illness .

Hemingway posted his first 100 @-@ yard reception game , first two @-@ touchdown performance and a career @-@ high five @-@ reception effort in the September 5 season opener for the 2009 team against Western Michigan , during his third career start . He missed the following week 's rivalry game against Notre Dame due to an ankle sprain . In November , he played through back problems . As a redshirt sophomore , he totaled 16 receptions and 268 total yards from scrimmage as a receiver . He also served as a punt returner making 10 returns for 86 yards .

As a fourth @-@ year junior for the 2010 Wolverines , he posted three 100 @-@ yard games and another two @-@ touchdown performance . He did this despite missing the first two games of the season due to a hamstring injury as well as the November 27 regular season finale against Ohio State due to an injury . On October 2 , his then career @-@ high 129 @-@ yard , three @-@ reception effort included a 70 @-@ yard touchdown on the second play of the second half which gave the team a 28 ? 21 lead . It also included a 42 @-@ yard reception with 21 seconds left to put the ball on the four @-@ yard @-@ line before the game winning score on the next play in the 42 ? 35 contest against Indiana . Two weeks later , he broke his career highs for both yards and receptions in a nine @-@ catch 134 @-@ yard effort against Iowa . On November 6 , he recorded 104 yards and two touchdowns in a six @-@ catch performance against Illinois . For the season he totaled 593 yards on 32 receptions . This ranked third on the team behind Roy Roundtree and Darryl

Stonum . However , he led the Big Ten Conference in yards / reception with an 18 @.@ 5 average . This ranked him 15th in the nation .

When Brady Hoke replaced Rich Rodriguez as Michigan 's head coach , AnnArbor.com predicted that Hemingway would be the biggest individual beneficiary on the team , as Hoke was expected to change the team 's offensive schemes from the spread offense to a pro @-@ style offense . He was also expected to help pick up the slack created by the full @-@ season suspension of Stonum . As a fifth @-@ year senior , he established a new career high on September 10 , 2011 , against Notre Dame in the rivalry game and during the first night game ever played at Michigan Stadium , when he recorded three receptions for 165 yards . Before the game , Desmond Howard , who had worn number 21 before Hemingway at Michigan , was honored for his enshrinement in the College Football Hall of Fame , and the jersey number was designated to be adorned with a " Desmond Howard : Michigan Legend " patch on the upper @-@ right chest . On October 8 , against the Northwestern , Hemingway had 5 receptions for a total of 124 yards . Following the 2011 Big Ten Conference football season , he earned All @-@ Big Ten Conference honorable mention recognition from the coaches . In the January 3 , 2012 Sugar Bowl , 23 ? 20 overtime victory over Virginia Tech he recorded the team 's only two touchdowns , earning 2012 Sugar Bowl Most Outstanding Player honors . He concluded the season with team highs of 34 receptions , 699 yards and four receiving touchdowns , giving him a conference leading 20 @.@ 6 yards per reception . His receiving average ranked third in all of Division I FBS . Hemingway was invited to the January 21 , 2012 East ? West Shrine Game , and he was an early invite to the February 22 ? 28 , 2012 NFL Scouting Combine .

In the September 3 , 2011 season opener against Western Michigan at Michigan Stadium , Hemingway recorded a 37 @-@ yard reception . The game was ended by mutual agreement in the third quarter due to inclement weather . At first , the stats for the game were considered official by the Big Ten Conference and the University of Michigan , but the NCAA vacated the statistics for this game because three quarters were not completed . However , at the conclusion of the regular season , the NCAA reversed course and announced that the statistics from the game would be counted in the season totals .

= = = Pre @-@ draft = = =

Hemingway was one of 47 wide receivers that participated in the February 22 ? February 28 , 2012 NFL Scouting Combine . He ranked first among the wide receivers ( 26 participated in this event ) and 3rd at the combine in the 3 cone drill with a time of 6 @.@ 59 . He ranked first among the wide receivers ( 26 participated in this event ) and seventh overall in the 20 @-@ yard shuttle with a time of 3 @.@ 98 . He ranked second among wide receivers ( 13 participated in this event ) and seventh overall in the 60 @-@ yard shuttle with a time of 11 @.@ 16 . He ranked 3rd among the wide receivers in the bench press with 21 reps . He ranked 8th among the wide receivers in the standing long jump with a distance of 10 feet 4 inches ( 3 @.@ 15 m ) . His time of 4 @.@ 53 ranked 19th of the 40 wide receivers who participated in the 40 @-@ yard dash .

= = Professional career = =

He was selected by the Kansas City Chiefs in the seventh round of the 2012 NFL Draft with the 238th selection overall . He is one of three Michigan Wolverines and 41 Big Ten players drafted . On May 11 , 2012 , he signed a four @-@ year contract . On August 31 , Hemingway was cut . He was initially signed to the practice squad but was released to make room for Rich Ranglin on September 3 before being resigned to replace Ranglin on September 8 . On December 29 ( the day before the last game of the 2012 NFL season ) , the Chiefs placed Terrance Copper on injured reserve and elevated Hemingway from injured reserve .

During the 2013 preseason , Hemingway led the Chiefs in receptions and touchdowns . He seemed to have moved into the fourth wide receiver position behind Dwayne Bowe , Donnie Avery and Dexter McCluster . In the 2013 Chiefs season opener , he caught a touchdown against the

Jacksonville Jaguars , who had his college freshman season quarterback Chad Henne and his redshirt senior season quarterback Denard Robinson on their roster . The reception , which came from Alex Smith , was Hemingway 's first in the NFL . Hemingway had a three @-@ reception game that included the game 's opening score on December 1 against the Denver Broncos . In the final game of the season , he had 5 receptions for 45 yards , giving him 13 receptions and 125 yards for the season . Hemingway also posted 2 receptions for the Chiefs in the 2013 ? 14 NFL playoffs against Indianapolis .

Hemingway injured his hamstring in week 7 of the 2014 NFL season against the San Diego Chargers on October 19 . On September 1 , 2015 , the Chiefs cut Hemingway . He announced his retirement in 2016 .