

= Jonas Mouton =

Jonas Mouton (born March 17 , 1988) is an American football linebacker who is currently a free agent . He played his college football for the Michigan Wolverines football team . He started at weakside linebacker and was previously a highly rated safety for Venice High School .

He led the Big Ten Conference in tackles for the 2010 NCAA Division I FBS football season . He was the starting weakside linebacker for the 2008 , 2009 team and 2010 teams . Mouton was named on the preseason watch list for the 2010 Butkus Award for linebackers and was a postseason 2010 All @-@ Big Ten Conference second team selection by the media . In high school , he played safety in the U.S. Army All @-@ American Bowl .

= = High school = =

Mouton played as a defensive back at Venice High School . In September 2005 , the Los Angeles Times ran a feature story about his accomplishments at Venice . The Times story opened as follows :

" The hardest @-@ working player on the Venice High football team is Jonas Mouton , and he has ability to match . A 6 @-@ foot @-@ 2 , 215 @-@ pound senior defensive back with linebacker @-@ like hitting skills , a quarterback 's awareness of the field and the shifty quickness of a running back , Mouton could rely on natural abilities and coast through high school . But he out @-@ hustled , out @-@ ran and out @-@ lifted just about everyone else during spring practice his sophomore year to earn a spot on varsity . He hasn 't slowed since . "

The major high school rating reports evaluated him as a safety . Rivals.com listed him as the third best safety in the class of 2006 , the seventh best California football player and the 45th best player in the nation . Scout.com ranked him as the sixth best safety . ESPN ranked him as the 14th best safety and 128th best high school football player in the 2006 class . He participated in the January 7 , 2006 U.S. Army All @-@ American Bowl .

= = College career = =

He redshirted in 2006 and made his career debut on September 15 , 2007 against Notre Dame . On January 1 , 2008 , in the Capital One Bowl against Florida he had a 20 @-@ yard kickoff return .

On September 6 , 2008 , he made his first career start against Miami (OH) . On September 27 , 2008 , he had his first quarterback sack in an eight @-@ tackle effort against Wisconsin . Mouton had his first ten @-@ tackle game (eight solo and two assists) on October 18 , 2008 against Penn State . On November 15 , 2008 against Northwestern he set a new career high with eleven tackles (six solo and five assists) . Over the course of the season , he started eleven of the twelve games at weakside linebacker . That season , he finished second on the Wolverines in tackles . However , following the season he was unavailable when 2009 spring practice began due to an injured shoulder .

In the September 12 , 2009 Michigan ? Notre Dame rivalry game Mouton punched a Notre Dame player and was suspended . Twice in 2009 he had ten tackles (five solo and six assists on September 26 , 2009 v. Indiana and two solo and nine assists on November 21 , 2009 v. Ohio State) . Both games matched his career @-@ high tackles total and against Ohio State , he added an interception . He started at weakside linebacker in all eleven games that he played in .

Mouton was one of fifty @-@ one players named on the preseason watch list for the 2010 Butkus Award for linebackers . On September 11 , 2010 , Mouton set a career high with thirteen tackles (6 solo and 7 assists) v. Notre Dame . In that game , he made an interception that led to a one @-@ play thirty @-@ one @-@ yard Michigan touchdown drive . At the midpoint of Michigan 's 12 @-@ game 2010 regular season schedule , he ranked second in the Big Ten Conference in tackles and tied for sixth in interceptions . He took over the lead in tackles after Michigan 's eighth game . Then with a career @-@ high fourteen tackles against Illinois in the ninth game of the season on November 6 , he retained his first place rank in the conference and moved up from 32nd to 20th on

the national list . Coupled with the 12 tackles on October 30 against Penn State , it was the first time he had back @-@ to @-@ back double digit tackle performances . Mouton was unavailable for the Purdue game on November 13 due to a chest injury . However , the following week against Wisconsin he resumed his streak of double digit tackle performances with thirteen . This moved him up to 17th in the nation in tackles . Mouton ended the 2010 Big Ten Conference football season as the leader in tackles . Following the Big Ten conference regular season he was a second team All @-@ Conference selection by the media .

= = Professional career = =

= = = Pre @-@ draft = = =

Mouton was one of 32 linebackers invited to participate in the February 24 ? March 1 , 2011 NFL Scouting Combine . He ranked twelfth in the Standing long jump with a distance of 9 feet 7 inches (2 @.@ 92 m) . He ranked eleventh in the 3 cone drill with a time of 7 @.@ 08 . He ranked fourteenth in the 20 @-@ yard shuttle with a time of 4 @.@ 34 .

= = = San Diego Chargers = = =

Mouton was drafted by the San Diego Chargers with the 61st overall pick in the 2011 NFL Draft . In week 3 of the 2011 NFL season , the Chargers put Mouton on injured reserve for the season . Mouton began the 2012 season inactive . He made his NFL debut on December 2 against the Cincinnati .

On July 26 , 2013 , Mouton suffered a torn ACL during training camp . As a result , Mouton was eliminated for the entire 2013 season .

On July 23 , 2014 , Mouton was waived .