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TE

GEORGE KITTLE

6-4 || **250** || **IOWA**

10.9.93 || **NORMAN, OK** || **2ND YEAR** || **ACQUIRED D-5A IN '17**

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 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.

MOST REC. YDS. BY A ROOKIE TE IN 2017

Player	Rec. Yds.	Round Picked	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

GOLDMINE

- 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. Kittle supported the USO for My Cause, My Cleats. He was inspired by his uncle's service in the army. "Military service members and veterans, like my uncle, enable me to live my life with freedom and liberty," said Kittle.

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- In April of 2018, along with several teammates, Kittle attended the eighth annual UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Prom in San Francisco.

KITTLE'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- 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 the Washington Redskins in 1982. Following his football career, Bruce went on to become an assistant coach at Oklahoma University (2010-12), and is currently a criminal-defense attorney.

- 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.

- Showed off his athleticism at the 2017 NFL Combine, ranking third among all tight ends in the 40-yard dash (4.52 seconds) and broad jump (11'0").

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- 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 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.

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
TOTALS		15	7	43	515	12.0	44	2	0	0	–	–	0

Additional Statistics:
Tackles – 1: 2017 (1)

Milestones:
NFL Debut: vs. Car. (9/10/17); **First Start:** vs. Car. (9/10/17); **First Reception:** vs. Car. (9/10/17 – 13–yd. pass from QB Brian Hoyer); **First TD Reception:** at Ind. (10/8/17 – 5–yd. TD pass from QB Brian Hoyer); **100–yd. Games:** 1, at LAR (12/31/17 – 100 yds.).

KITTLE'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 7 at Ind. (10/8/17)
Receiving Yards: 100 at LAR (12/31/17)
TD Receptions: 1 (2 times) Last vs. Jax. (12/24/17)
Long Reception: 44 at LAR (12/31/17)

KITTLE'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of two 5th–round (146th overall) draft choices by SF in 2017.

2017

- Played in 15 games (7 starts) and notched 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.
- Started in his NFL debut vs. Car. (9/10) in the season opener and registered 5 recepts. for 27 yds.
- Tallied 7 recepts. for 83 yds. and the 1st TD recept. of his career at Ind. (10/8). His 5-yd. TD recept. came with :20 left in the 4th qtr. and tied the game 23-23. He is the 1st 49ers TE to register 7-or-more recepts. in a game since TE Vernon Davis on 10/13/13 vs. Arz. (8 recepts.).
- Finished the game with 3 recepts. for 42 yds. and 1 TD vs. Jax. (12/24). His 8-yd. TD recept. from QB Jimmy Garoppolo marked his 2nd TD recept. of the season (10/8/17 at Ind.).
- Registered his 1st career 100-yd. game at LAR (12/31), hauling in 4 recepts. for 100 yds., including a career-long 44-yd. recept. It marked the 1st 100-yd. game for a 49ers TE since 10/13/13 (TE Vernon Davis - 8 recepts. for 180 yds. and 2 TDs vs. Arz.). He was the only rookie TE to record a 100-yd. rec. game in 2017.

COLLEGE

In four seasons at Iowa, played in 49 games (17 starts) and registered 48 recepts. for 737 yds. and 10 TDs. As a senior, earned Honorable Mention All-Big Ten and Academic All-Big Ten honors. Was also the recipient of the team Hustle Award (offense). Started all 11 games in which he appeared and notched 22 recepts. for 314 yds. and 4 TDs. In 2015, earned Honorable Mention All-America and Academic All-Big Ten honors. Played in 14 games (6 starts) and tallied 20 recepts. for 290 yds. and a team-high 6 TDs. As a sophomore, earned Academic All-Big Ten honors. Played in 12 games and registered 1 recept. for 25 yds. In 2013, played in 12 games and recorded 5 recepts. for 108 yds. Also earned Academic All-Big Ten honors. Redshirted in 2012.

PERSONAL

- Attended Norman (OK) HS, and earned all-state, all-district and all-conference honors as a senior.
- Registered 26 recepts. for 302 yds. and 6 TDs, while also notching 5 INTs as a senior.
- Born George Kittle (10/3/93) in Madison, WI.
- Majored in communications.

INJURY REPORT

2017: Inactive vs. NYG (11/12) with an ankle injury.

KITTLE'S GAME-BY-GAME

2017

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Sep 10	Car	L	1/1	5	27	5.4	13	0
Sep 17	at Sea	L	1/1	2	13	6.5	14	0
Sep 21	LAR	L	1/0	1	8	8.0	8	0
Oct 1	at Arz	L	1/0	2	35	17.5	21	0
Oct 8	at Ind	L	1/1	7	83	11.9	27	1
Oct 15	at Was	L	1/1	4	46	11.5	31	0
Oct 22	Dal	L	1/1	1	16	16.0	16	0
Oct 29	at Phi	L	1/1	2	22	11.0	22	0
Nov 5	Arz	L	1/1	3	27	9.0	14	0
Nov 12	NYG	W	–	INACTIVE (Ankle)		–	–	–
Nov 26	Sea	L	1/0	1	14	14.0	14	0
Dec 3	at Chi	W	1/0	2	20	10.0	11	0
Dec 10	at Hou	W	1/0	2	10	5.0	8	0
Dec 17	Ten	W	1/0	4	52	13.0	24	0
Dec 24	Jax	W	1/0	3	42	14.0	21	1
Dec 31	at LAR	W	1/0	4	100	25.0	44	0
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