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JIMMIE WARD

5-11 || 193 || NORTHERN ILLINOIS

7.18.91 || MOBILE, AL || 5TH YEAR || ACQUIRED D-1 IN '14

AWARDS & HONORS

2015: Hazeltine Iron Man Award

GOLDMINE

- Growing up in Mobile, AL, Ward knew when to separate himself from others in his neighborhood. Said Ward, "From where I come from, the neighborhood that I grew up in, a lot of people don't make it out. There's a lot of stuff. They either flunk out of school, end up having a child so they have to drop out of school and raise that child, or end up going to jail. It really just made me want to do something more than what my peers were doing." Ward would later surround himself with positive influences.
- Ward's family is no stranger to professional athletics. He is the cousin of former NBA player, Caron Butler. Butler, 10 years older than Ward, watched him grow up in Racine, WI, prior to Ward's move to Mobile, AL.
- While playing youth football, Ward went by the nickname 'Neko' and was teammates with former Alabama QB AJ McCarron with the Mobile Youth Football's Municipal Raiders. He played linebacker for the team that won multiple Youth Bowl Championships in Mobile.



WARD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- Named the 49ers Hazeltine Iron Man Award winner for the 2015 season. The award is named for former linebacker Matt Hazeltine, a 13-year performer who played more seasons at linebacker than any other 49ers player. Known for his durability and dedication, Hazeltine passed away in 1987 from ALS, and Bill Walsh established the award in his honor that year. The award is given annually to the most courageous and inspirational defensive player as voted upon by the defensive coaches.
- On the day he was selected by the 49ers in the 1st round of the 2014 NFL Draft, drove three hours to New Orleans to purchase a new purse for his mother's birthday. He said, "I never really bought her anything expensive, because you're a kid. Growing up you would write a card, color a card or just buy a card or simple flowers. That's the most I ever did. She likes purses, so I just decided to get her a purse. It really didn't matter how much it cost, you just wanted to see that smile." His act of generosity shows his true character. "I'm not a selfish person. I just like to see and make other people smile too. It makes me feel better as a person."
- Was best friends growing up with 49ers 2015 2nd round draft pick, S Jaquiski Tartt. The two were teammates at W.P. Davidson High School in Mobile, AL.



WARD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES			SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	INTERCEPTIONS		PD	FUMBLES		
				TOT	SOL	AST					LG	TD		FF	FR	YDS
2014	SF	8	0	23	17	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	2	0	0	0
2015	SF	16	8	65	51	14	1.0	9.0	1	29	29t	1	5	0	0	0
2016	SF	11	10	64	49	15	1.0	7.0	1	8	8	0	12	0	0	0
2017	SF	7	6	32	27	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	1	43
TOTALS		42	24	184	144	40	2.0	16.0	2	37	29t	1	20	0	1	43

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 9: 2014 (3); 2015 (4); 2016 (2)

Special Teams Forced Fumbles – 1: 2016 (1)

Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2016 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Dal. (9/7/14); **First Start:** vs. Min. (9/14/15); **First INT:** at Chi. (12/6/15 – QB Jay Cutler); **First INT Returned for a TD:** at Chi. (12/6/15 – QB Jay Cutler); **First Sack:** vs. Cin. (12/20/15 – QB AJ McCarron); **First FR:** at Was. (10/15/17 – TE Vernon Davis)

WARD'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: 12 vs. NYJ (12/11/16)

Solo: 9 vs. NYJ (12/11/16)

Assists: 3 (4 times) Last vs. NYJ (12/11/16)

Sacks: 1.0 (2 times) Last vs. NYJ (12/11/16)

Interceptions: 1 (2 times) Last vs. NYJ (12/11/16)

Interception Yards: 29t at Chi. (12/6/15)

Fumble Recoveries: 1 at Was. (10/15/17)

Passes Defensed: 4 at Arz. (11/13/16)

Interception Return For TD: 29t at Chi. (12/6/15)

WARD'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally a 1st-round (30th overall) draft choice by SF in 2014...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/15/14...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/20/16...Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/1/17.



2017

- Played in 7 games (6 starts) and registered 32 tackles, 1 FR and 1 PD before being placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/1.
- Tallied his 1st career FR at Was. (10/15), scooping up a fumble by Redskins TE Vernon Davis. He returned it 43 yds. and set up a 1-yd. TD run by RB Carlos Hyde on the ensuing play. His 43-yd. return was the longest fumble return by the 49ers since 10/27/13 (at Jax. - LB Dan Skuta - 47 yds.).

2016

- Appeared in 11 games (10 starts) and recorded 64 tackles, 1.0 sack, 1 INT and a career-high 12 PDs before being placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/20 with a shoulder injury.
- Registered 9 tackles and a career-high 4 PDs at Arz. (11/13).
- Recorded his 1st career special teams forced fumble and fumble recovery at Chi. (12/4), knocking the ball loose from WR Deonte Thompson on a kickoff return. It marks the 2nd consecutive year that he has registered a takeaway in Chicago [29-yd. INT return for TD at Chi. (12/6/15)].
- Totaled a career-high 12 tackles, 1 INT, 1.0 sack and 3 PDs vs. NYJ (12/11). On the opening possession of the game, intercepted QB Bryce Petty and returned it 8 yds., marking his 1st INT of the year and 2nd of his career. In the 2nd Qtr., sacked Petty for a 7-yd. loss, his 1st sack of the season and 2nd of his career. With 1 INT and 1.0 sack, he became the 1st 49er to record an INT and a sack in the same game since LB NaVorro Bowman at Arz. (12/29/13 - 1 INT and 1.0 sack).

2015

- Saw action in all 16 games with a career-high 8 starts and set new single-season highs with 65 tackles, 1 INT, 5 PDs and 1.0 sack.
- Intercepted Bears QB Jay Cutler and returned it 29 yds. for a TD, marking his 1st career INT and 1st career TD at Chi. (12/6).
- Registered 7 tackles and added his 1st career sack vs. Cin. (12/20), brining down Bengals QB AJ McCarron for a 9-yd. loss.
- Set a career high with 8 tackles vs. StL (1/3/16) and added 1 PD.

2014

- Played in 8 games and registered 23 tackles and 2 PDs.

COLLEGE

Played in 55 games (39 starts - 12 at CB and 27 at S) and totaled 320 tackles, 11 INTs, including 1 returned for a TD, 2.0 sacks, 4 FFs, 1 FR, 26 PDs, 6 TFLs and 4 blocked kicks for the Huskies. As a senior, Ward ranked 7th in the nation with 7 INTs, en route to earning Second-Team All-America and First-Team All-MAC honors. Started all 14 games at safety, and recorded a team-high 95 tackles, while adding 1.0 sack, 2.5 TFLs and led the conference with 10 PDs. In 2012, earned Third-Team All-America honors from the NFL Draft Report and was a First-Team All-MAC selection. Notched a career-high 104 tackles to lead the Huskies defense, and added 3 INTs, 1 FF, 11 PDs and 1 TFL. As a sophomore, earned Second-Team All-MAC honors, and played in 14 games, starting 12 at CB. Registered 100 tackles, 1.0 sack, 1 INT, 1 FF, 4 PDs and 2.5 TFLs. As a true freshman, saw action in all 14 games, tallied 21 tackles, 1 FF, 1 PD and blocked a school-record 3 punts. Named NIU's 2010 Special Teams Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year.

PERSONAL

- Majored in general studies at Northern Illinois.
- Attended W.P. Davidson (Mobile, AL) HS where he was selected as an honorable mention Class 6A All-State defensive back by the Alabama Sportswriters Association as a senior.
- Also named to the Moblie Press Register's All-Region 4A-6A team following his junior and senior years.
- Born Jimmie Neko Suave Ward (7/18/91) in Racine, WI.

INJURY REPORT

- 2014:** Inactive at Den. (10/19) with a quadricep injury. Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/15 with a foot injury.
- 2016:** Inactive 3 games [vs. Dal. (10/2), vs. Arz. (10/6) and at Buf. (10/16)] with a quadricep injury. Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/20 with a shoulder injury.
- 2017:** Inactive vs. Car. (9/10) with a hamstring injury. Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 11/1 with an arm injury.



WARD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2014													2016																
Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds	Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 7	at Dal	W	1/0	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep 12	LAR	W	1/1	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sep 14	Chi	L	1/0	4	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep 18	at Car	L	1/1	11	8	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 21	at Arz	L	1/0	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	Sep 25	at Sea	L	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 28	Phi	W	1/0	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 2	Dal	L	-	-	-	-	INACTIVE (Quad)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 5	KC	W	1/0	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 6	Arz	L	-	-	-	-	INACTIVE (Quad)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 13	at StL	W	1/0	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 16	at Buf	L	-	-	-	-	INACTIVE (Quad)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 19	at Den	L	-	-	-	-	INACTIVE (Quad)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oct 23	TB	L	1/0	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 2	StL	L	1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nov 6	NO	L	1/1	6	5	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nov 9	at NO	W	1/0	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nov 13	at Arz	L	1/1	9	6	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	4	0	0	0
PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Foot) ON 11/15													Nov 20	NE	L	1/1	6	6	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
TOTALS			8/0	23	17	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	Nov 27	at Mia	L	1/1	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
													Dec 4	at Chi	L	1/1	7	4	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
													Dec 11	NYJ	L	1/1	12	9	3	1.0	7.0	1	8	3	0	0	0		
													Dec 18	at Atl	L	1/1	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
													PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Shoulder) ON 12/20																
													TOTALS			11/10	64	49	15	1.0	7.0	1	8	12	0	0	0		
													2017																
Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds	Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 14	Min	W	1/1	3	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep 10	Car	L	-	-	-	-	INACTIVE (Hamstring)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep 20	at Pit	L	1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep 17	at Sea	L	1/0	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 27	at Arz	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep 21	LAR	L	1/1	7	7	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 4	GB	L	1/1	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Oct 1	at Arz	L	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 11	at NYG	L	1/0	7	7	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 8	at Ind	L	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 18	Bal	W	1/0	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 15	at Was	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	43
Oct 22	Sea	L	1/0	4	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 22	Dal	L	1/1	6	6	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 1	at StL	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 29	at Phi	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 8	Atl	W	1/1	7	7	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Arm) ON 11/1														
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Dec 6	at Chi	W	1/0	3	1	2	0.0	0.0	1	29t	0	0	0	0															
Dec 13	at Cle	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0															
Dec 20	Cin	L	1/1	7	6	1	1.0	9.0	0	0	1	0	0	0															
Dec 27	at Det	L	1/1	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0															
Jan 3	StL	W	1/1	8	6	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0															
TOTALS			16/8	65	51	14	1.0	9.0	1	29	5	0	0	0															