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DeFOREST BUCKNER

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3.17.94 || HONOLULU, HI || 3RD YEAR || ACQUIRED D-1A IN '16

AWARDS & HONORS

2016: Thomas Herrion Memorial Award, PFWA All-Rookie Team

2017: Hazeltine Iron Man Award

GOLDMINE

- When Buckner was 13 years old, his father, George, was involved in a motorcycle accident that left him in a coma for six months. Upon his awakening, George summoned DeForest to his bedside, where the two had a 'man-to-man' conversation, as his mother, Maria, puts it. After the life-changing event and heartfelt conversation, that is when Buckner believes he became a man and took more responsibility with his family. He became a mentor to his younger brother, Kenya, and began to understand the values his father had instilled in him. "He was hard on us, and disciplined us, shaped us," Buckner said. "He taught us about respect, that it's earned and you have to treat everyone around you like you want to be treated."
- As part of the 49ers annual Thanksgiving celebrations, Buckner 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. "This is the season of giving and Thanksgiving is all about being thankful," said Buckner. "I'm very thankful for what I have in life and the blessings that came my way. But some people aren't as fortunate. Being able to give back and serve food is a great feeling and it's a blessing."



- During his time at Oregon, Buckner used art as an outlet for his emotions outside of football, even earning the nickname "Dr. DeFo" from his art professor for his passion, focus and patience with his pieces. Buckner enrolled in a class called "Art of the Athlete," which provides engagement for student-athletes through the visual arts and has the student-athletes help in the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art workshops for children with disabilities. During the open exhibition at the end of the class, Buckner was awarded with the highest honor, the breakout artist award for his piece titled "King of Pop" showing himself in a Michael Jackson type pose that was spray painted on vinyl.

BUCKNER'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His first name is pronounced duh-FORE-ist.
- Named the 49ers Thomas Herrion Memorial Award winner for the 2016 season. The award, as voted on by the coaches, was established in 2005 by 49ers owners Denise and John York and is presented to a rookie or first-year player who best represents the dream of Thomas Herrion.
- In 2017, named the recipient of the 49ers Hazeltine Iron Man Award. The Hazeltine Iron Man 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.
- While Buckner was 13 years old, his father, George, was involved in a motorcycle accident that left him in a coma for six months. Buckner cites this life-changing event as the time he became a man and took more responsibility with his family.
- As a senior at Oregon, was named Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year and earned the Morris Trophy award, a prestigious honor voted on by opposing Pac-12 offensive linemen.

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- In July of 2017, Buckner returned to his hometown of Waianae, HI, to host a free noncontact youth football clinic at Waianae High School. "Having my first camp back in my hometown means a lot to me because this is where it all started," said Buckner. "Where I grew up shaped a big part of my life and having the opportunity to give back to my community means the world to me. I just want the youth in our community to see that dreams do come true."





BUCKNER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES			SACKS	YDS	INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES			
				TOT	SOL	AST			INT	YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2016	SF	15	15	87	58	29	6.0	26.0	0	0	-	0	1	0	2	0
2017	SF	16	16	61	45	16	3.0	21.0	0	0	-	0	5	1	0	0
TOTALS		31	31	148	103	45	9.0	47.0	0	0	-	0	6	1	2	0

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Tackles – 1: 2017 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: vs. LAR (9/12/16); **First Start:** vs. LAR (9/12/16); **First FR:** at Buf. (10/16/16 – QB Tyrod Taylor); **First FF:** vs. LAR (9/21/17 – RB Todd Gurley); **First Sack:** at Buf. (10/16/16 – QB Tyrod Taylor); **First Multi-Sack Game:** at Buf. (10/16/16 – 2.0; QB Tyrod Taylor); **Multi-Sack Games:** 2, Last vs. NYJ. (12/11/16 – 2.0; QB Bryce Petty)

BUCKNER'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: 10 vs. NYJ (12/11/16)

Solo: 8 vs. NYJ (12/11/16)

Assists: 4 (2 times) Last vs. NE (11/20/16)

Sacks: 2.0 (2 times) Last vs. NYJ (12/11/16)

Passes Defensed: 2 vs. Dal. (10/22/17)

Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2 times) Last at Arz. (11/13/16)

Forced Fumbles: 1 vs. LAR (9/21/17)

BUCKNER'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of two 1st-round (7th overall) draft choices by SF in 2016.



2017

- Started all 16 games and tallied 61 tackles, 3.0 sacks, 1 FF and a career-high 5 PDs.
- Registered the 1st FF of his career vs. LAR (9/21), stripping the ball from Rams RB Todd Gurley II.
- Brought down Cardinals QB Carson Palmer for a 7-yd. loss at Arz. (10/1), marking his 1st sack of the season and 7th of his career.
- Combined with LB Elvis Dumervil for a sack of Colts QB Jacoby Brissett at Ind. (10/8).
- Along with DL Tank Carradine, the pair combined on a 3-yd. sack of Titans QB Marcus Mariota vs. Ten. (12/17).

2016

- Started all 15 games in which he appeared and tied for the team lead in sacks with 6.0. Also tallied 87 tackles, 1 PD and 2 FRs.
- According to GameBook Statistics, ranked 2nd among all DTs in tackles with 73 (Min. DT Linval Joseph - 77 tackles) and ranked 4th among all rookies with 6.0 sacks.

MOST TACKLES AMONG DTs (2016)

Player	Tackles
1. Linval Joseph, Min.	77
2. DeForest Buckner, SF	73
3. Ndamukong Suh, Mia.	72
4. Kyle Williams, Buf.	64
5. Kawann Short, Car.	55

MOST SACKS AMONG ROOKIES (2016)

Player	Sacks
1. Joey Bosa, SD	10.5
2. Yannick Ngakoue, Jax.	8.0
3. Leonard Floyd, Chi.	7.0
4. DeForest Buckner, SF	6.0
5. Two players	5.5

- Recorded the 1st 2.0 sacks of his career and his 1st career FR at Buf. (10/16), twice taking down Bills QB Tyrod Taylor. He is the 1st member of the 49ers to register 2.0 sacks and 1 FR in a single game since LB Aldon Smith accomplished the feat in 2011 [vs. StL (12/4/11) - 2.0 sacks and 1 FR].
- Registered 8 tackles, 1.0 sack and 1 FR at Arz. (11/13), his 3rd sack of the season and 2nd career FR.
- Recorded a career-high 10 tackles and 2.0 sacks vs. NYJ (12/11), marking his 2nd career multi-sack game.
- Registered his 6th sack of the season at LAR (12/24), taking down QB Jared Goff for an 8-yd. loss. With that sack, he tied LB Aaron Lynch (6.0 sacks in 2014) for 5th-most sacks by a rookie in 49ers franchise history.
- Part of a 49ers defense that allowed 177 net yds. (99 rush, 78 pass) at LAR (12/24), the fewest given up by the 49ers defense in a single game since 11/19/12 vs. Chi. (143; 85 rush, 58 pass).

MOST SACKS BY A ROOKIE, 49ERS FRANCHISE HISTORY

Player	Sacks	Year
1. LB Aldon Smith	14.0	2011
2. LB Charles Haley	12.0	1986
3. DT Dana Stubblefield	10.5	1993
4. DE Andre Carter	6.5	2001
5t. DL DeForest Buckner	6.0	2016
LB Aaron Lynch	6.0	2014

COLLEGE

Appeared in 54 games during his four-year career at Oregon and registered 232 tackles, 18.0 sacks, 36 TFLs and 9 PDs. In 2015, was named First-Team All-America by *USA Today* and Second-Team All-America by the Associated Press. Also earned Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year honors and the Morris Trophy award, a prestigious honor voted on by opposing Pac-12 offensive linemen. Appeared in all 13 games and registered 83 tackles, 10.5 sacks, 17 TFLs and 5 PDs. As a junior in 2014, started all 15 games for the Ducks, and was named Second-Team All-Pac-12 after recording 81 tackles, 4.0 sacks, 13 TFLs and 4 PDs. In 2013, appeared in 13 games (8 starts) and registered 39 tackles, 2.5 sacks and 3.5 TFLs. As a freshman in 2012, received the Casanova Award as the team's top first-year player after appearing in 13 games (2 starts) and recording 29 tackles, 1.0 sack and 2.5 TFLs.

PERSONAL

- Graduated with a degree in criminology.
- Attended Punahou (Honolulu, HI) HS, where he recorded 73 tackles as a senior and was named first-team all-state at DE. Also a four-year letterwinner in basketball, earning first-team all-state and first-team all-ILH (Interscholastic League of Honolulu) honors during his senior year.
- Recruited to the University of Oregon by 49ers head coach Chip Kelly. Played under Kelly and 49ers defensive line coach Jerry Azzinaro as a freshman at Oregon in 2012.
- Was teammates with 49ers DL Arik Armstead for three seasons at Oregon (2012-14).
- Married to the former Ashlynn Shebelut.
- Son of George and Maria Buckner.
- Born DeForest George Buckner (3/17/94) in Waianae, HI.

INJURY REPORT

2016: Inactive vs. Arz. (10/6) with a foot injury.



BUCKNER'S GAME-BY-GAME

2016													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 12	LAR	W	1/1	4	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep 10	Car	L	1/1	6	5	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 18	at Car	L	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep 17	at Sea	L	1/1	4	2	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 25	at Sea	L	1/1	7	5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sep 21	LAR	L	1/1	5	5	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Oct 2	Dal	L	1/1	6	5	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 1	at Arz	L	1/1	4	4	0	1.0	7.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oct 6	Arz	L	-	-INACTIVE (Foot)				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oct 8	at Ind	L	1/1	5	1	4	0.5	5.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 16	at Buf	L	1/1	9	5	4	2.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Oct 15	at Was	L	1/1	5	4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 23	TB	L	1/1	9	6	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 22	Dal	L	1/1	5	5	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Nov 6	NO	L	1/1	6	4	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 29	at Phi	L	1/1	5	4	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 13	at Arz	L	1/1	8	6	2	1.0	9.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Nov 5	Arz	L	1/1	2	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 20	NE	L	1/1	7	3	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nov 12	NYG	W	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 27	at Mia	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nov 26	Sea	L	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 4	at Chi	L	1/1	7	5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec 3	at Chi	W	1/1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 11	NYJ	L	1/1	10	8	2	2.0	9.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec 10	at Hou	W	1/1	2	1	1	1.0	7.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 18	at Atl	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec 17	Ten	W	1/1	9	7	2	0.5	1.5	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec 24	at LAR	W	1/1	2	2	0	1.0	8.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Dec 24	Jax	W	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jan 1	Sea	L	1/1	2	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec 31	at LAR	W	1/1	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			15/15	87	58	29	6.0	26.0	0	0	1	0	2	0	TOTALS			16/16	61	45	16	3.0	21.0	0	0	5	1	0	0