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PITA TAUMOEPENU

LB

6-1 || 245 || UTAH

3.9.94 || PROVO, UT || 2ND YEAR || ACQUIRED D-6B IN '17

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

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GOLDMINE

- Taumoepenu grew up with his mother's family about 3,000 miles east of Australia on the island of Tongatapu, which is the main island in the Tongan archipelago. He learned to develop his work ethic on his grandparents farm, where he helped grow pineapples and watermelons.
- Growing up in Tonga, the common sports played are rugby and cricket. Taumoepenu's experience playing rugby helped his transition to football. Said Taumoepenu, "It was hard for me to see through that face-mask. I came from rugby to football. It was pretty difficult at times. But I told myself I can do it. And basically I just tried to stay positive."
- After moving in with his aunt in Provo, UT, Taumoepenu worked to develop his English. He increased his ACT score from an 18 when he first arrived in the United States to a 28 just one year later. Taumoepenu's dedication and hard work continued to pay off, completing degrees in economics and sociology in three years at Utah.



TAUMOEPENU'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- His full name is pronounced PEET-uh, TAO-moy-PEH-new.
- Taumoepenu was just three months old when his grandparents, Pita and Meleseini Taumoepenu, took him and his older sister, Ruth Tuha, to live in Tonga. Not knowing what football was at the time, he remembered listening to his grandfather tell him how he was going to become an NFL player. When he was 17, he moved to Utah where he lived with an aunt and attended Timpview HS. At that time, his cousins persuaded him to try the game his grandfather loved. "My coach just told me to go get the quarterback," Taumoepenu said in 2015. "That's all I cared about. That's all I do, and it was fun."

GOLDMINE (CONTINUED)

- During the 2017 offseason, Taumoepenu volunteered at local football camps. "It's great to be able to come out and play with these kids," said Taumoepenu. "They are so excited to be out here and it makes me feel good that I'm able to make them smile."



TAUMOEPENU'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES				YDS	INT	INTERCEPTIONS				FUMBLES		
				TOT	SOL	AST	SACKS			YDS	LG	TD	PD	FF	FR	YDS
2017	SF	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Ind. (10/8/17)

TAUMOEPENU'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the second of two 6th-round (202nd overall) draft choices by SF in 2017.



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COLLEGE

Appeared in 46 games during his four-year career at Utah where he recorded 73 tackles, 25.5 TFLs, 21.5 sacks, 4 FFs and 1 FR. As a senior in 2016, appeared in 13 games (6 starts) and registered 41 tackles, 9.0 sacks and 12.0 TFLs while earning Honorable Mention All-Pac-12 honors. As a junior in 2015, played in all 13 games where he registered 9 tackles, 6.0 sacks and 1 FF. In 2014, he appeared in all 13 games (1 start) and finished with 17 tackles and ranked 3rd on the team with 5.5 sacks. In his freshman season of 2013, played in 7 games and registered 6 tackles and 1.0 sack.

PERSONAL

- Earned first-team all-state honors as a senior at Timpview (Provo, UT) HS in 2012. Was a *USA Today* All-Utah Football Team selection after finishing with 25.0 sacks, tying the 3rd highest single-season total in state history.
- Played just one year of high school football after moving to Utah from Tonga at the age of 17.
- Moved from Texas to Tonga as a three-month old.
- Son of Michelle and George Adams.
- Born Pita Taumoepenu (3/9/94) in Euless, TX.
- Studied sociology at Utah.

TAUMOEPENU'S GAME-BY-GAME

2017

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 10	Car	L	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep 17	at Sea	L	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep 21	LAR	L	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 1	at Arz	L	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 8	at Ind	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 15	at Was	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 22	Dal	L	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 29	at Phi	L	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov 5	Arz	L	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov 12	NYG	W	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov 26	Sea	L	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec 3	at Chi	W	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec 10	at Hou	W	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec 17	Ten	W	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec 24	Jax	W	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec 31	at LAR	W	-	-			INACTIVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS			2/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0