



CHIEFS 2019 NFL DRAFT PACKET

*Thursday, April 25th - Saturday, April 27th
84th Annual NFL Draft - Nashville, Tennessee*

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>College</u>
2	56	WR	Mecole Hardman	5-10	187	Georgia
2	63	DB	Juan Thornhill	6-0	210	Virginia
3	84	DL	Khalen Saunders	6-2	310	Western Ill.
6	201	CB	Rashad Fenton	5-11	188	South Carolina
6	214	RB	Darwin Thompson	5-8	200	Utah State
7	216	OL	Nick Allegretti	6-4	320	Illinois

- KC's second-round pick (63 Overall) is from the Los Angeles Rams.
- Kansas City's third-round pick (84 Overall) is from the Seattle Seahawks.
- The Chiefs sixth-round pick (214 Overall) is a compensatory pick.
- Kansas City's seventh-round pick (216 Overall) is from the San Francisco 49ers.

POSITION BREAKDOWN

- (1) WR – Mecole Hardman
- (2) DB – Juan Thornhill, Rashad Fenton
- (1) DL – Khalen Saunders
- (1) RB – Darwin Thompson
- (1) OL – Nick Allegretti



Chiefs Defensive End Frank Clark Introductory Press Conference April 26, 2019

HEAD COACH ANDY REID: “Welcome. I just want to preface this press conference. There are a lot of folks here that I know were not here last night when Brett (Veach) made his statement. We’re sensitive to that. We understand you have a lot of questions. I think you understand also that the case has been re-opened, so we’ll stick with the statement that we made last night about Tyreek (Hill.) Today is Frank’s day. We just appreciate and respect that.”

GENERAL MANAGER BRETT VEACH: “Today is an exciting day for the Kansas City Chiefs. We get to welcome three new members to our football club. We’re excited about our draft picks tonight, but there is no one we are more excited about than this guy right here. As you know, earlier in the week we reached a trade with Seattle. In that trade, we sent our first-round pick this year, a second-round pick next year, and we swapped threes. Now, trades in the NFL happen all the time, but a trade of this magnitude is not done unless it’s for an elite player. Certainly, Frank is an elite player. Over the last four years he’s proven to be one of the four best pass rushers in the NFL, a great run defender and overall just a disruptive defender. The last few days and getting to know some of Frank’s story, it really is a remarkable story. Coming up in South Central L.A., living homeless, just finding his way in life to where he is now is just truly remarkable. One of the things that is equally remarkable is the work that he’s done in the community up in Seattle in regard to giving back to the homeless, giving back to the people in need, the food drives, the Thanksgiving Day drives and spending time with kids in need. He is a great football player with a big heart that’s going to do tremendous things for the Kansas City Chiefs both on and off the field. With that, I’d like to turn it over to Frank.”

DE FRANK CLARK: “Thank you, Brett. First off, I want to thank you guys for coming out. I want to thank the Seahawks and John Schneider and Pete Carroll for, first and foremost, believing in me, in my dream, and drafting me back in 2015 when at the time I felt like nobody wanted me. Nobody was going to give me that first shot, so first off, I just want to thank those guys. I want to thank all of my teammates, especially the staff, the other staff who no one talks about, the cooks and the janitorial staff because we had great relationships and they took care of me. Again, I want to thank Brett. Brett is awesome and his pursuit in coming to get me. I’m just thankful because it’s been a long process for years. You put your all on the line to get to this point and to finally get to this point and just, you’ve got to take it all in sometimes because it’s not everyday things like this happen. For that I’m forever thankful.”

Q: What do you think you bring to this football team and how will you impact it immediately?

CLARK: “I feel like I bring a unique set of abilities like they spoke about before. I feel like I bring a type of attitude and swagger with my play that I feel like every coach loves and I feel like my teammates will love. I feel like it’s infectious. When you can play and make plays on the field, and then bring other players with you, I feel like that’s the key. I feel that’s when you become a great player. Not just about your individual stats, but when you can attribute and help in a whole other manner, which helps out players on your team, that’s when I feel like you’re doing your job.”

Q: Have you talked with Steve Spagnuolo and how do you see yourself fitting in with what he wants to do here?

CLARK: “Yes, he’s a great coach. Legendary. He knows how to win, and I think that’s key. For a young guy like myself I’ve only had two coordinators when I was there in Seattle. For a guy like myself to have a guy like Coach (Spagnuolo) around, it’s just knowledge that I’m going to be able to gain. More knowledge, more game, and I’m all ears right about now. I just want to learn as much as I can from a legend like him.”

Q: Coach, what do you remember about last year having to face him from the other side?

REID: “I wish he wasn’t playing going into that. He had a heck of a game against us, I think everybody here knows that. (Frank Clark) was all over the place. You talk to (Mitchell Schwartz) and you talk to (Eric Fisher) and they’ll tell you what kind of player he is. They know first-hand. The one unique thing is that it’s every play. Every down is an honest down. There’s not time off where he’s cruising at all. We have a great relationship with the Seahawks. Whether it’s Pete (Carroll) or John (Schneider), they’ve been very honest and they’ll tell you like they did yesterday. They mentioned it yesterday in their press conference that he is going to bring it every snap in practice, he’s going to bring it every snap during the game, he loves playing the game, and like he said, that’s what coaches appreciate and they like.”

Q: What are your impressions of your new teammates and how do you feel your defensive chemistry will be in this first year under the new system?

CLARK: “Speaking on chemistry, you never know. I feel like it’s too early to speak on that. The one thing I do know is that we’re going to be alright and I feel like we’re going to be better than 24th in the league on defense. I feel like last year, for a program that I wasn’t a part of, but I had a chance to look at from the outside in, I’m seeing an explosive offense on that side where you’ve got a guy like Patrick Mahomes. He’s doing everything he can to win games. You’ve got a whole group around him and he’s leading this group and this team at a young age and that’s just hats off to a young guy like him. He came up to Seattle and at the time he wasn’t the MVP, but he was playing like the reigning MVP of the league in only his second year. I remember preparing for that game, going into that game, my coach telling me, ‘Man, Pat is a hell of a player. When you rush him, make sure you stay on the upfield shoulder because he’s got a mean spin move.’ I remember rushing off the edge, getting a great jump, and the first thing I thought, I’m thinking as I’m rushing, ‘Attack his upfield shoulder. Attack his upfield shoulder.’ I bent a little bit too much and you can check it out if you go watch that game, he kind of spun out of it pretty cool and he got up out of there. I missed the sack, actually. I knew right then, I knew at that moment, this kid is going to be the MVP of the league, he’s special. Fast forward, I’m just thankful to be a part of it now.”

Q: What makes Frank Clark better for you going forward than either Justin Houston or Dee Ford?

VEACH: “I think if you have a chance to just sit down and watch some tape, and I know you guys do a great job of cranking on some tape when you get a chance, but I think if you were able to just spend time and watch Frank play, he doesn’t really have any weaknesses. Again, I said a trade of this magnitude would only be done if we felt he was elite. We feel he is one of the very best defensive football players in the National Football League. He can win with speed, he can win with power, he can win inside as a rusher, he can win outside as a rusher, he’s dominant against the run. Again, he has almost no weaknesses to his game. Then when you throw in all those factors and you watch him play, he does it every single down. He’s not gassing up for the fourth quarter, he starts the game and he ends the game in the same fashion. He just keeps coming and coming and coming. When this process started, and we made the moves we did and moved on from Justin and Dee, this was the plan. Our plan was to try to get Frank Clark. I told the guys, ‘Look, I don’t know if we’re going to be able to get him. If Seattle doesn’t tag him he’s going to cost a lot of money. Right? If they do tag him, we’re going to have to have some equity to get him.’ This was our plan all along. This was a guy we targeted, and you guys know I’m rather persistent. When we find

someone we like, we find a way to go get him. We did that with Patrick Mahomes and I told him that story. I said, 'We didn't have a first round pick last year and it was for the league MVP.' I told Frank this year I'm having those same conversations with Coach and (Chiefs Chairman and CEO) Clark (Hunt) about Patrick that I'm having with Frank. Pat's an elite player and Frank's an elite player, but again he just doesn't have any weaknesses to his game."

Q: Frank how does it feel hearing that you were pursued by the Chiefs and are you prepared for the scrutiny that comes with a large contract?

CLARK: "Of course, that's the perception. Get the big bucks, you got to play big, you've got to do all these extraordinary things when, in reality, money is great, but I want to be a better teammate than I'm thinking about the dollars I'm going to make, honestly. I feel like that's my ultimate goal. I don't even know my teammates right now, but in a perfect fashion in a perfect world, I know the thought is all about money, it's all about getting the big bucks. But it's much deeper to me here. I want to win some championships. I want to go to heights I've never been. The heights I dream about in my dreams, stuff like that. Speaking about a dream I had, a few days actually before they came and got me, it was just amazing how everything happened. It happened just like I dreamed about it happening. Like I said, (Brett) sitting here saying that I'm a guy who doesn't have any weaknesses, it just says a lot about his character. I look around and I see a lot of flaws all the time, but sometimes it's not what you think about yourself, it's what others think. That's the impression I want to give out here instead of just a guy who is worth \$105 million or whatever."

Q: How would you describe your progression of maturity level since you've entered the league?

CLARK: "It's been a long road, but it's a road that I've been happy to travel. At the end of the day nothing is easy in life, especially in my life. I've been through plenty of storms and I've weathered them all. I know I'm going to go through more stuff in life, that's a thing that I understand. I don't get complacent in thinking I'm perfect or thinking everything is fine or money makes everything fine. I know there's going to be more things I'm going to go through, I know there will be more rocks and more challenges thrown. I just feel like I've got to keep on doing what I've been doing. That's staying persistent in my actions in the community, staying persistent in my actions with my teammates and then my family."

Q: What have you learned and how have you grown since you were dismissed from Michigan?

CLARK: "I've had to learn how to be a better teammate, a better person and just a better man in general. When you go through something like that and you put yourself in that position, the first thing is you have to own up to it and understand what you did, what you have done. I effected a lot of people doing that. It wasn't just Frank Clark or Frank Clark's family or anyone else. It was Frank Clark, the Michigan football team, who would have known? Who would have known where we would have been if Frank Clark was still on that team? Unfortunately, it ended how it ended and it is just something I have to learn and grow from. It is something I will continue to learn and grow from. That is why I am so persistent at bettering myself first. I am persistent. It is five years later. I am just persistent in just doing everything I have to do to spread my word and spread the message and continue to speak out and be an advocate. I think that is important. I think you have to have a heart sometimes. A real heart. That is just being real. I am a real person. I don't sugar coat anything. I don't hide anything. I don't have anything to hide. I can't barley hide, it's all out there. I feel like everyone is going to get a chance to know me. I know what people read and I know everything that people see. I know the perception that people can have. And that is easy. But I just feel like the hard part is getting to know somebody. I feel like once everyone does that they will understand me as a person."

Q: What assurances can you give Chiefs fans that you won't fall into some of your past issues?

CLARK: “The assurance I can give you guys is basically letting you know that it is no greater thing or action that I can do than to just keep it real. I feel like everything I have done from that point is that. I feel like everything I have done has been open and just opening up about my past and just hoping people understand just the type of person I am and where I come from. I feel like when you do something like that and you go through a situation like that, you can come out two sides. You can come out in a positive manner or a negative. It can make or break you. I definitely feel like this is one of the things that happened in my life amongst all the things that have happened that definitely made me better. A better person, a better father and just more understanding and more compassionate and just made my heart a little bit bigger.”

Q: When the Kareem Hunt video emerged, you acted pretty quickly. Why is Tyreek Hill’s situation not resolved?

VEACH: “I’m not going to have too much to add. We are going to continue to gather information, evaluate the information and then, as I said yesterday, we are going to make the right decision when the time is appropriate.”

Q: Have you been in contact with the district attorney?

VEACH: “I am not going to comment on that.”

Q: To what degree should Chiefs players and staff be role models in this community?

VEACH: “I think it is a big deal. When Frank (Clark) came in and the first thing he talked about is his magnitude coming in with this contract, he has a platform now. He has a chance to reach the community. And again, if you did the homework and you talked to the people in Seattle and the things he was able to do to help the homeless shelters out there and help the people in need, the kids in need, it is real. This isn’t made up. Now he has a platform now and he has a stage to continue to share his story. Frank can relate to a lot of people who are going through some rough times. I don’t think there have been a lot of people who have gone through what Frank has. Being on the street and being homeless and finding a way and finding a purpose in life. I am sure there are times where (you think), ‘What is the purpose?’ Homeless shelters, sitting on the street. It would have been very easy for Frank to quit and give up and he has been through a lot. And now Frank has the opportunity to go into the community and meet people that are feeling the same way and share his story. And if he can do it, others can do it. And I think it is important and I think Frank is going to do that. He has a big heart and has a great personality and I think the community is going to embrace him.”

Q: Is your story what motivates you to be such a force on the field and such a nice guy off of it?

CLARK: “That was part of it. That was a large part of it. I’m going to tell you, you will never understand what a homeless person thinks at night when they don’t have food, or they don’t have the money or the housing unless you have actually lived that life. You see people on the side of freeways, you see people with people holding up signs on the street or with their shelters built on the side of the road, baskets and tarps. But you don’t really see the way they think every day. My thoughts every day when I was homeless was, ‘What is the purpose? What is my purpose here in life?’ So, I am going through depression, I am battling all types of stuff. It was really a struggle for the longest (time) trying to find my purpose in life. It got to the point where I started understanding myself a little bit better as I got older and I started maturing. I don’t want to say the last five years, but the last six years, that is the time it has taken for me to really understand my purpose in life and what I really need to be doing with everything. Especially now when I can use my platform to touch many more people. When you are waking up when you are on the street or in the shelter and you showering in a community shower with four or five

hundred people, it is very humbling. Some nights you aren't going to get the shower because it is packed or some nights you don't get a meal because it might not be necessary for some of us to eat or it might not be that good, but I am still thankful for what's in front of me. When you can take that step into seeing how they do things and being in that position, you will understand it a little bit more. I feel like that is my job, to help people who don't really understand it and to help those who do to feel a little bit better about it. It is a touchy subject, the topic of being homeless and just the homeless epidemic. Not just in Seattle or Los Angeles, but everywhere across the country. It touched me on the way to the building and I see guys on the way here holding signs. It is just something in my head and in my heart I wanted to help change. I know it's a little change, but I feel like with a little change it will lead to a lot more. That's really my goal here."

WR Mecole Hardman – Georgia

5-10, 187

Bowman, Ga.

Career Highs:

- * 103 receiving yards at South Carolina, 2018
- * 6 receptions at South Carolina, 2018
- * Long reception of 80 yards vs. Alabama, 2018
- * Long rush of 35 yards vs. Missouri, 2017
- * Long punt return of 70 yards vs. Middle Tenn. State, 2018
- * Long KO return of 47 yards vs. Auburn1, 2017

* **2018 ESPN.com All-America First Team (kick returner)**

* **2018 SI.com All-America Second Team (kick returner)**

* **2018 AP & Coaches' All-SEC 2nd Team**

2018: Started five of 14 games...Georgia's second-leading receiver, with 34 catches for 532 yards and seven TDs...stellar kick returner, despite falling just short of minimum qualification standards (1.2 returns per game) for NCAA rankings...would have ranked 2nd nationally, first in SEC, in punt returns at 20.1 yards/return...one of two winners of the Kevin Butler Special Teams Award at the team's post-season awards gala...had his only career punt return TD vs. Middle Tennessee State, a 70-yarder in the second quarter...had a 65-yard punt return vs. Kentucky that led to Georgia's first score of the game...season-long kickoff return of 41 yards came vs. Auburn...also caught a 32-yard pass in that game...caught a team-high six passes for 103 yards (both career highs) and 1 TD vs. South Carolina...also had a 30-yard rush on a lateral play vs. the Gamecocks...caught one pass vs. Ga. Tech, a 44-yard TD...team-best three catches vs. UMass for 68 yards, including a 57-yard TD reception...caught two passes vs. Austin Peay, including a 59-yarder for a TD...had 180 all-purpose yards in win at Missouri that included a 54-yard TD catch and a 23-yard punt return...100 all-purpose yards vs. Alabama (21 rec., 63 KOR, 16 PR)...named to the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll.

2017: Played in 15 games, making one start...finished season with 25 catches for 418 yards and 6 TDs (4 rec., 2 rush)...also had 1255 all-purpose yards, including season-high 203 vs. Auburn1...scored both of Georgia's touchdowns vs. Alabama in the CFP Championship Game: a 1-yard rush and an 80-yard pass...named the Vince Dooley Special Teams MVP at the team's post-season awards gala...ranked 8th nationally in punt returns (first in the SEC) at 11.8 yards and 21st in KO returns (2nd in the SEC) at 25.3 yards...matched a season-high with four receptions in the SEC Championship game for 67 yards...reeled in one 15-yard reception in the Rose Bowl...hauled in his first career touchdown from Jake Fromm to put Georgia up 7-0 in the first quarter against Samford...scored two TDs -- one rushing and one receiving -- vs. Missouri...caught three passes for 51 yards at Georgia Tech, including a 39-yarder that set up the Bulldogs' third TD of the day...made first career start at wide receiver at Notre Dame and hauled in a team-high four receptions for 27 yards in the win against the Irish...had one catch for eight yards in debut at wide receiver against Appalachian State...named to the 2017 SEC Fall

Academic Honor Roll...moved from DB to WR for spring drills...caught three passes for 62 yards for the victorious Red team in G-Day spring game.

2016: Appeared in 11 games...Saw his first playing time at Mizzou...had special teams tackles in four games...two stops each vs. Florida and Louisiana...also saw action on kickoff return unit vs. Kentucky, Auburn and Louisiana...returned one kickoff 17 yards vs. the Ragin' Cajuns.

High School: Elbert County, coached by Sid Fritts ... Selected to represent the East in the 2016 U.S. Army All-America Bowl.....scored a TD in the 2016 International Bowl vs. Canada....American Family Insurance 2015 USA Today All-USA Second Team defense ... PrepStar Magazine five-star prospect, #26 player nationally on the Top 150 Dream Team ... ESPN.com four-star prospect, #48 player nationally, #2 ATH nationally, #5 player in the state of Georgia ... 247Sports.com five-star prospect, #13 player nationally, #1 ATH nationally, #2 player in the state of Georgia ... Rivals.com five-star prospect, #11 player nationally, #2 ATH nationally, #2 player in the state of Georgia ... Scout five-star prospect, #16 overall prospect and, #2 ATH nationally ... Dawg Post #1 ATH and #2 overall player in the state of Georgia ... 2015 Georgia Sports Writers Association Class AAA Offensive Player of the Year ... 2015 Georgia Sports Writers Association Class AAA First Team offense ... 2015 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Super 11 in Georgia and Class AAA All-State offense ... Played both quarterback and defensive back in high school, leading Elbert County to an 11-3 record and a trip to the quarterfinals of the 2015 GHSA Class AAA playoffs.

Personal: CAREY MECOLE HARDMAN...major: Sport Management...recipient of the Ken and Jody Jackson Family Football Scholarship, as well as the James G. Minter and Michael J. Faherty Football Scholarship.

Career Rushing/Receiving Stats

Year	G	Rush	Lost	Net	Avg.	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2017	15	8	2	61	7.6	35t	2	25	418	16.7	80t	4
2018	14	5	0	36	7.2	30	0	34	532	15.6	59t	7
Career	29	13	2	97	7.5	35t	2	59	950	16.1	80t	11

Career Returning Stats

Year	G	PR	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	KR	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD
2016	11	0	0	-	-	0	1	17	17.0	17	0
2017	15	23	271	11.8	30	0	20	505	25.3	47	0
2018	14	16	321	20.1	70t	1	14	353	25.2	41	0
Career	40	39	592	15.2	70t	1	35	875	25.0	47	0



Chiefs 2nd-Round Draft Pick WR Mecole Hardman

April 26, 2019

Q: How much conversation did you have with the Chiefs during the pre-draft process?

HARDMAN: "I had some communication with them pre-draft. I had a visit with them during the Combine, so I knew they were interested in me and I knew it was possible they would get me in this draft. They took me, so I'm happy for that."

Q: What were those conversations like at the Combine?

HARDMAN: "It was great conversation. They were asking about my deep play ability and special teams was in the conversation, and about my character and about me as a person. It was all good talks and they liked what they heard."

Q: How much have you thought about catching passes from Patrick Mahomes?

HARDMAN: "Seeing Pat Mahomes play, watching him play the way that he did, I think any receiver would be lucky to be on the same field with him and catch passes from him. I'm grateful to be in that situation and I'm looking forward to getting to work with him and get the chemistry going and help him do big things in the future."

Q: Where do you think your speed comes from?

HARDMAN: "It's a family thing. My family has got a lot of speed, a lot of track athletes in my family, a lot of football athletes. That just trickled down, I got that. Also, just working on that coming through high school, with track and things like that, it improves on it."

Q: What do you think that Andy Reid can do for your development as a pro?

HARDMAN: "I think he can get me where I need to be. I think he can get me to wherever I need to be at to be the best player I can be, and I trust in him and his staff and I'm just ready to get to work."

Q: Some of your old tweets from 2012-16 have been circulating on Twitter. Have the Chiefs talked to you about that and have you learned anything from that?

HARDMAN: "Yeah, that's a long time ago. That's highly immature of me at the time to tweet things like that and that's my fault for doing that. I can't move away from that. That's not who I am today and that was a very immature decision on my part to tweet things like that. That's definitely not who I am today and I just got to live with that decision that I made and just move forward from it. But like I said, that was a long time ago and that was an immature decision of me to tweet something like that."

DB Juan Thornhill – Virginia

6-0, 210

Altavista, Va.

2018 - College Football News All-America (HM) ... All-ACC (1st) ... *Associated Press* All-ACC (1st) ... *Associated Press* All-Bowl Game ... Pro Football Focus All-ACC (2nd) ... Athlon Sports All-ACC (2nd) ... Senior Bowl Invitee ... Nagurski Trophy Watch List ... Bednarik Award Watch List ... Athlon Sports preseason All-ACC second-team. **2017** - All-ACC(3rd).

2018: Started all 13 of UVA's games ... finished No. 3 in the nation and No. 3 in the ACC with six interceptions ... set a UVA single-season record for interception return yards with 141 ... led UVA with 98 tackles ... started the season-opening game against Richmond at the safety ... made one tackle and broke up one pass against the Spiders ... named ACC Defensive Back of the Week after the Indiana game where he made seven tackles, intercepted one pass and blocked a PAT, returning it for the first defensive extra points by a Cavalier since 1994 ... made nine tackles, all solo, against Ohio in Nashville ... also added 1.0 tackles for loss against the Bobcats ... made seven tackles and broke up one pass against Louisville in the ACC opener ... made seven tackles, 1.0 tackle for loss and broke up two passes at NC State ... named the Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week and the ACC Defensive Back of the Week after making six tackles and picking off two passes against No. 16 Miami ... he returned one interception for a career-long 62 yards ... made eight tackles and intercepted another pass at Duke ... made seven tackles, 0.5 tackles for loss and broke up one pass against North Carolina ... made four tackles and 0.5 tackles for loss against Pitt ... led UVA with 13 tackles and one interception against Liberty ... notched nine tackles at Georgia Tech ... led UVA with 14 tackles at Virginia Tech ... also broke up a pass and tallied 0.5 tackles for loss against the Hokies ... made six tackles, 1.0 tackle for a loss and intercepted a pass in UVA's Belk Bowl win over South Carolina ... part of a secondary that helped keep South Carolina's passing game at bay, snapping QB Jake Bentley's streak of 14 games with at least one passing touchdown and handing him his second-worst QB rating (78.3) of his career ... his 54-yard interception return set a UVA bowl record for longest return and most interception yards in a game.

2017: Started 12 of UVA's 13 games ... missed the Pitt game with an injury ... made 10 tackles, one tackle for loss and broke up a pass in the season-opening win against William & Mary ... made four stops and picked his first interception of the year against Indiana ... made four tackles against UConn ... made nine stops at Boise State and broke up one pass ... made four stops, broke up four passes and intercepted another pass with a four-yard return in a home win against Duke ... made a touchdown-saving tackle at North Carolina ... made two stops against Boston College ... key in the Georgia Tech win with five tackles and three pass breakups ... added a 0.5 sack against the Yellow Jackets, teaming up with Andrew Brown to force a fourth and 15 on Georgia Tech's final drive ... made four stops and broke up a pass at Louisville ... made four stops, broke up two passes and grabbed an interception at No. 2 Miami ... made six tackles and intercepted one pass against Virginia Tech ... made 10 stops (eight solo) against Navy in the Military Bowl ... made 3.0 tackles for loss against the Midshipmen.

2016: Appeared in all 12 of UVA's games with 11 starts ... led UVA with three interceptions ... made first collegiate start against Richmond in the season opener ... made four tackles against the Spiders ... made seven tackles, 1.0 tackle for a loss and broke up one pass at then-No. 24 Oregon ... made four tackles and secured his first career interception at UConn ... also broke up

a pass against the Huskies ... missed the start against Central Michigan after being injured on the opening kick ... named ACC Defensive Back of the Week on Oct. 3 after making two interceptions and four tackles at Duke ... made three tackles and broke up one pass ... made three tackles and forced a fumble against then-No. 22 North Carolina ... made six tackles and first career sack against then-No. 5 Louisville ... also broke up one pass against the Cardinals ... made five stops against Miami ... made one stop at Georgia Tech ... recorded two tackles at Virginia Tech ... also broke up two passes against the Hokies.

2015: Appeared in nine of UVA's 12 games ... made collegiate debut against Boise State ... also saw time at Pitt, against Syracuse and at North Carolina ... made first career tackle against the Tar Heels ... recorded one tackle against Georgia Tech ... recovered an on-side kick against Duke when the Blue Devils made a try on the opening kick of the second half ... made six tackles with 1.0 tackles for a loss at Wake Forest.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Played safety and quarterback at Altavista High School for head coach Mike Scharnus ... rated a three-star recruit by ESPN.com, Scout.com, Rivals.com and 247Sports.com ... Group 1A VHSL State Player of the Year and Group 1A VHSL Quarterback of the Year ... first-team VHSL all-state defense ... helped Altavista to back-to-back 1A state championships ... rushed for the game-winning score, a 40-yard touchdown midway through the fourth quarter of the state championship game win over Essex High School ... in the 2014 championship game he ran for two touchdowns and threw for another ... he finished with 99 rushing yards and 100 yards passing in the state title game ... was 69-of-111 passing for 1,299 passing yards with 15 touchdowns his senior year ... threw one interception, which came in the state title game ... rushed for a team-high 1,562 yards on 145 carries ... named Group 1A, Conference 44 and Region 1A East Player of the Year ... News and Advance's defensive football player of the year ... intercepted five passes and averaged 35.5 yards per kick return ... also plays basketball and has helped Altavista win three 1A state championships ... has tallied over 1,000 career points for the basketball team ... major is undeclared and is currently studying in UVA's College of Arts and Sciences.

Defensive Stats

Year	G	Tack	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	PD	FF	FR
2015	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
2016	12	29	16	1	10	3	32	17	7	1	0
2017	12	47	16	0.5	2	4	4	4	12	0	0
2018	13	62	36	0	0	6	141	62	7	0	0
Career	46	140	68	1.5	12	13	177	62	26	1	0



Chiefs 2nd-Round Draft Pick DB Juan Thornhill

April 26, 2019

Q: What were your first thoughts when you found out you were going to Kansas City?

THORNHILL: "I was really excited. With me, I was a little worried about it. I felt like I had the potential to go first round, but I had to wait a little bit longer and when they gave me that call, I was really excited to be able to get that. The only thing I needed was an opportunity and this is an opportunity I am going to take full advantage of."

Q: From the conversation you have had with the Chiefs, how do they see you fitting in with the defense?

THORNHILL: "Honestly, I am not really sure what Coach wants me to do, but whatever Coach asks me to do, I will definitely step in. If he wants me to be the kicker, I'll be the kicker. I'm very versatile and I can play multiple positions. So, if you see me at cornerback, I will step in and play that. If you see me at safety, I will step in and play safety, so I am willing to play whatever Coach wants me to do."

Q: Speak to that versatility, how did that help you in college?

THORNHILL: "It helped me out a lot. For me, having the opportunity to play both positions, it helped me out a whole bunch. Especially when I played cornerback and was able to move back to safety. When I was able to move back to safety to help, it helped me out a whole lot of having that corner experience and that corner background because it allowed me to cover and make more plays on the ball."

Q: Did you visit the Chiefs as a pre-draft visit?

THORNHILL: "No, I really didn't at all. I was really surprised with this pick, honestly. I was just waiting for my name to get called and I finally had the opportunity when they gave me that call and I am ready to go. I am ready to go and be in Kansas City."

Q: Did you guys talk at all at the combine or at all previously before tonight?

THORNHILL: "Yes. I actually had a visit with them. I was in the meeting room talking to them a little bit. I had a chance to talk with Coach Reid and everything. It was a great conversation and we talked ball and I feel like everything went pretty well. I knew there was a chance I could possibly fall there, but I didn't think the chances were very high. But I am definitely very happy to be there."

Q: Who do you owe teaching your football instincts to?

THORNHILL: "Honesty, the reason I think I read things really well is because in high school I played quarterback and most of the time I can tell what quarterbacks are thinking just because I have the quarterback background and everything like that. That definitely helped me out a lot. Just being able to see the quarterback's eyes and make a play on the ball."



Chiefs Head Coach Andy Reid

April 26, 2019

OPENING STATEMENT: “As you have seen, we had a couple second round picks. At 56, we moved up to take Mecole Hardman and then at 63, which was our second-round pick, we stayed and took a safety, defensive back—he’s played it all—nickel, Juan Thornhill from Virginia. Talk a little bit about Mecole. We like his speed. But he is more than that. He can play inside, he can play outside. He did both at Georgia. And then he is a phenomenal returner. Arguably the best returner in the draft. We look forward to adding him to our wide receiving corps. This is someone Brett (Veach) had his eye on from the get go. It doesn’t have anything to do with the things going on now. It is just a player he has felt very good about and the way the board fell, he was right in position there to do that, which happens in the draft. You get phone calls from these other teams going, ‘Doggone, you jumped in front of us and picked the guy we wanted.’ He was also on a lot of other people’s boards there. And then Juan (Thornhill) gives you a lot of flexibility so (Steve Spagnuolo) will have a guy that can play safety, can play nickel, can play either safety in the box or on the back end and then at corner. He gives you some flexibility there along with Honey Badger (Tyrann Mathieu), they give them some flexibility. And then you see what we have done with (Daniel) Sorensen and how flexible he is playing in the backend and in the box in dime situations and nickel situations at the nickel position. I think two great additions. It was great to see Brett (Veach) work in there along with his guys. I thought they did a tremendous job of maneuvering and there was no doubt of the people he wanted, and he went and got them. A tribute to him. I would also put in my two cents on the great job he did on Frank Clark. That is somebody he had his eye on, what he told you is what he did. He has had his eye on him for quite a while now. He maneuvered around along with Erik, Frank’s agent, and they got the deal done. And then our relationship with the Seahawks has been tremendous over the years and to work that out, I thought the deal was great for both teams. My hat goes off to Brett (Veach) and the job he has done up to this point. He stayed up there and he is getting ready to crank on this third-round pick. With that, time’s yours.”

Q: You called Mecole Hardman the best returner in the draft, is that on punts and kickoffs?

REID: “He has done both. You know what, you really see his toughness. On the outside, he goes by people, he is not running into a whole lot of traffic, although he ran some shallow cross routes similar to some of the things we do with our receivers. But the place you really see his grit is in the return game. He is strong, he breaks tackles. And then you get an idea of his speed also, both wide receiver and the return.”

Q: What similarities do you see between Mecole Hardman and Tyreek Hill?

REID: “Well, the obvious would be speed and return ability. Both those guys have that quality.”

Q: How much of finding that next skill position talent was predicated on your system using speed and getting people in open spaces?

REID: “Well, we wanted to get another receiver. That is something we came into the draft wanting. And then you have to see how the board falls on that and where people go. This just happens to be in a place where we felt, and Brett felt, is in striking distance where he could go up and get him. And to answer your question about the speed part of it, I like variety, it is what I like. Make the defense have to cover a variety of players and blend it and try to work to their strengths and try to be as creative as you can with that.”

Q: What impressed you about Mecole Hardman at the combine?

REID: “Well, he is smart. Everybody you talk to tells you what a great kid he is, you will have a chance to talk to him in a minute. He is a good kid. A lot of energy. We are loving energy givers and both of these guys fall into that category. And you already had a chance to meet Frank (Clark) and Frank has enough energy for everybody in this room right here. This kid is one of those types.”

Q: What are the finer details you look for in receivers?

REID: “Well, you want to see how they fit. You want to look at it and then go, ‘How does he fit into what you are trying to get done?’ And then you look at growth. Where can he be strengthened in his game? Where is he strong in his game? The strength quality of playing the position. In our offense, you better be able to think, and you better be able to do it quickly because we are going to move you all over the place. We aren’t going to let you hang in one spot too long. That flexibility there and being able to digest all the garbage we throw at you is important.”

Q: Where are you going to start Juan Thornhill out at?

REID: “I think you say backend. But, he gives you that flexibility. So much is that match game and he gives you some flexibility there with his size to play over a tight end. He can play over the slot. You can kick him out on the outside and he can play on the outside, he’s comfortable with it. He has great ball skills. I think that was mentioned by the announcers. He has phenomenal ball skills.”

Q: Does Mecole Hardman match what you saw from Tyreek Hill and Deshaun Jackson when they were young?

REID: “Yeah, he’s got that same explosive part. DeSean (Jackson) was probably a little bit further along than Tyreek (Hill) at the position. This kid is probably closer to where Tyreek was coming out as a wide receiver. DeSean was a phenomenal route runner coming out. Now, you’ve seen the growth with Tyreek and I think you will see that with this kid. He catches well. He has great secure hands and he can run like a son of a gun.”

Q: Did you have these guys in for one of your 30 visits?

REID: “We did. Veatch can cover all that with you when he comes down here and talk to you about that.”

Q: What were Steve Spagnuolo’s feelings toward Juan Thornhill?

REID: “So (Steve Spagnuolo) loved the flexibility that he gives you. I compare him to the Honey Badger where you are going to feel comfortable moving him around a little bit. So, if you get into a matchup game you can kind of play that game with these guys. As a play caller and designer, it gives you a little bit of flexibility there.”

Q: Mecole Hardman had some tweets that were inflammatory, did you have a chance to talk to him about those?

REID: “Yeah, we did. I think he will talk to you about it. He was a kid and young and he said some things he shouldn’t have said. I’ve had a lot of kids and a lot of grandkids and I’m sure they are going to surprise me with some things that you don’t want them to say. That is part of growing up. But he will address it. he will talk to you about it.”

Q: What are you expecting from these players between now and OTAs?

REID: “You want to see them grow. You want to see them get an introduction to this offense and defense. The way we do that rookie camp, we bring in a whole team, so they have an opportunity to learn and soak in all this stuff. It is just a foundation we are trying to build with them. And then when they come back for the latter part of phase two there then we load them up again with the veteran players. But right now it is getting in, getting used to how we do things and then the introduction to the offense, defense and special teams.”

DL Khalen Saunders – Western Illinois

6-2, 310

St. Louis, Mo.

SENIOR (2018): Played in 11 games, 72 tackles (42 solo), 6.5 sacks (-38 yards), 1 pass defended, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery.

JUNIOR (2017): Named Honorable Mention Preseason All-Missouri Valley Football Conference...Phil Steele's All-American list... First Team All-MVFC

SOPHOMORE (2016): Honorable Mention All-Missouri Valley Football

Conference... started in all 11 games... 48 tackles, 5.0 for a loss... two pass break-ups and blocked a kick... made his first collegiate start at Eastern Illinois, finished with four tackles to match his career-high... two of his three tackles against Northern Arizona were solo stops... three tackles, including a shared sack, at Northern Illinois... three solo tackles, including two tackles for a loss, at South Dakota State... career-high six solo tackles against Indiana State and also matched his best of two tackles for a loss... five tackles at Missouri State... five tackles, broke up a pass and blocked a field goal attempt against North Dakota State... career-high eight tackles at South Dakota, including a personal-best seven solo stops... four tackles and a quarterback hurry versus Illinois State... three solo tackles against UNI... five tackles at Southern Illinois (four solos).

REDSHIRT-FRESHMAN (2015): Played in all 13 games... made 27 tackles, including 4.5 for a loss and 2.5 sacks... recovered a fumble... recorded two solo tackles in his debut against Eastern Illinois... four tackles at Illinois... recovered a fumble at Coastal Carolina... three solo tackles against Southern Illinois... made two tackles versus South Dakota... solo tackle at UNI... shared on a sack at Illinois State... played against Youngstown State... four tackles at North Dakota State, matching his season-high... made four solo tackles at Indiana State, including a 7-yard TFL... made four tackles, including 2.0 TFL and a sack, with a quarterback hurry against South Dakota State... assisted tackle at Dayton... assisted tackle at Illinois State.

FRESHMAN (2014): Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered in football, wrestling and track/field... earned All-Conference and All-State honors at defensive tackle and at offensive athlete... team placed second in state during the 2013 football season... was runner-up following his junior year in the state track meet in the shot put... played for coach Mark Goldenberg.

PERSONAL: Born August 9, 1996 in St. Louis... his parents have been a major influence, "They support me and my brother, even though we have very different talents."... most admires his HS coach Mark Goldenberg, "For giving me a chance to run the ball."... hobbies include the piano and tumbling... favorite professional team is the Seattle Seahawks... favorite musicians are Kanye West and Chance the Rapper...

son of Kenton Saunders and Kim Hamilton.

MAJOR: Math Education

Defensive Stats

Year	G	Tack	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	PD	FF	FR
2015	12	13	13	2.5	18	0	0	-	0	0	1
2016	11	34	14	0.5	1	0	0	-	2	0	0
2017	12	31	26	8	56	0	0	-	3	3	1
2018	11	42	30	6.5	38	0	0	-	1	1	1
Career	46	120	83	17.5	113	0	0	-	6	4	3



Chiefs 3rd-Round Draft Pick DL Khalen Saunders April 26, 2019

Q: Did you have any idea the Chiefs were targeting you?

SAUNDERS: "They did show a little bit of interest, but I didn't go on a visit to them or anything, so I didn't clearly know they were targeting me or anything. It was a surprise to me and I am just happy to be here."

Q: Did you do a back flip?

SAUNDERS: "No, I was holding my daughter, so I don't know if that would have been the safest thing to do."

Q: How did that backflip video that went viral help bring you attention?

SAUNDERS: "Yeah, it kind of just showed athleticism and my frame is not really supposed to be able to flip like that, so I think it just got a little publicity being able to show athleticism and showing that I am a little bit unique from the average defensive lineman."

Q: What do you think is going to be the biggest challenge for you coming up from the FCS level to the NFL?

SAUNDERS: "It's not necessarily FCS. I played really good completion. Just in general, I think any college player jumping to the NFL, it doesn't matter if you come from the best school in the country or FCS level, you have never played NFL football. I think all of us have something to address. I think my biggest thing is along with everyone else's, just the pace of play and learning to use my technique better than I ever have before."

Q: What do you think of when you hear Kansas City Chiefs?

SAUNDERS: "First of all, the gold and red. I am really excited. I wore red in high school and I am just real excited to get back to that. Secondly, just my home town. I am a St. Louis, Missouri, kid and this is the best thing I can experience is playing in Missouri still. It is a dream come true."

Q: How much more excited were your family members because you are back in Missouri?

SAUNDERS: "They were screaming and hollering. They were going to be happy regardless of wherever I went but it made it even sweeter that I'm just across the state and I know my fan base and my family are going to travel real well, so I am excited about that."



Chiefs General Manager Brett Veach

April 26, 2019

OPENING STATEMENT: “Tonight was a good night. We had a lot of fun up there. Before I begin, I’ve said this many times, I just want to thank my scouting staff. I get to come up here and talk about these guys, but the reality of it is there is so much work that goes into this, it’s a year-long process and we start back in May and it goes all the way through the draft. We certainly had the outcome that we were looking for tonight and we were really ecstatic about it. It really all goes back to the scouting staff I have. They are just a great group of guys and they were super excited. I’ll talk about our three picks tonight. In the second round with the 56th pick, Mecole Hardman from Georgia. Then we came back at 2-63 with Juan Thornhill and then our final pick of the night, 3-84 was Khalel Saunders. All three of these guys are really, really good football players and had you told me before the night started we’d end up with these three players, I wouldn’t have believed it because we had all three of these guys as high 2’s, and to get two of them in 2, and then to get Saunders to fall to 3, we were really surprised that he was still on the board. He was a guy that was in the mix at 63. Again, all three of these players should come in here and provide an immediate impact and should see the field soon. Certainly, with Mecole everyone knows about his speed, his return ability. Juan is a guy that can play all over the field. He actually started at corner, but then they moved him to safety, he can play down in the nickel, he can play some sub-linebacker at times. He is a chest piece for Coach (Steve Spagnuolo). You can’t have enough athletic DTs and that defensive line now, we were looking at our two-deep roster and you add Frank Clark and then you add Saunders and (Emmanuel) Ogbah in the offseason, (Alex) Okafor, Chris Jones, Derrick Nnadi, Breeland Speaks, and Tanoh (Kpassagnon). We looked at that defensive line right after the draft and we were all smiling. Again, it was a great night. Thanks again to the coaching staff for their input throughout the process. Certainly ownership, Clark (Hunt) and Mark Donovan, all their support they’ve given us. But again, credit goes to my scouting staff and their help with that. With that, I’ll take your questions.

Q: How do you feel like Juan Thornhill fits in this scheme with his versatility?

VEACH: “Juan is very versatile. He can do a lot of different things for you. We have some really good safeties, but these guys that we have, I think the knack that they have is kind of down low. The Honey Badger (Tyrann Mathieu) kind of said in his press conference he feels like Superman the closer he is to the football. Armani Watts had a lot of those traits and Dan (Sorensen) is a guy that played down a lot. (Jordan) Lucas is a guy that has some range back there, but I think Juan gives you a true free safety, a center fielder, and he has tremendous ball skills and range on the back end. I think this really gives you a free safety with playmaking skills back there that can take the football away, but he can also slide down and cover some in the slot. I think he’ll be a really good cover piece against some athletic tight ends that we’ll see throughout the course of our season.”

Q: When did you find the best time to trade up for Mecole Hardman?

VEACH: “When we were looking at the board I think we were sitting there at 61. It was funny because we had a lot of action, a lot of phone calls at 61. We were looking at the board and, again, you’re never going to pass up speed. When you looked at the wideouts, there was still a lot of good wideouts left, but none that ran 4.27. We got approached for a 5th round pick, I think it was the Rams, a small move. The teams that were picking before us, we didn’t think that they would go wideout, but I thought there were a few teams that might want to trade up and get in because we had taken a lot of calls. We ended up making the move, and then we came back at 63 and called those teams back that were calling us at 61 and they said they weren’t interested in trading anymore. I think we kind of played those cards right. Scouts talk and sure enough those teams said they were looking at Hardman too. I think we made the right calculated guess there. You kind of see how the board’s falling and how those wideouts are falling.”

Q: How did Dave Toub feel about Mecole Hardman on special teams?

VEACH: “Dave had the biggest smile in the room. There were a few returners that we had Dave go out and we do that every year. He came back, and he said Mecole, he thought, was the closest thing to Devin Hester that he’s seen in a long time. He was ecstatic. He is by far the best punt and kick returner in the draft and, again, it’s hard to turn down that kind of speed. When you have a quarterback like Pat Mahomes you want to give him as many weapons as possible.”

Q: Was there any consideration to trade up and go higher than what you did to trade for Mecole Hardman?

VEACH: “No. I thought that, and credit to Brandt Tilis and Chris Shea, because they kind of work the phones. I’m not as smart as those guys. They can compute the numbers a lot faster than I can. I’ll have to sit there and add and subtract and those guys will just say, ‘Yeah, good value.’ This and that. Those guys do a great job. But the reality of it is at 61 and 63 and not having a 4, the 4 was kind of the pick that would get you a little higher than what you wanted. Knowing we didn’t have a 4 and we only had 5, there was only a certain level we could get to. Unless we wanted sacrifice 2020 picks which we didn’t want to do. We wanted to really just keep our picks next year. There was some talk going back and forth if you wanted to surrender a 2020 third or fourth. That certainly could have got us a lot higher, but we weren’t willing to do that. We knew that if we wanted to make a move the fifth round can only get us five to six to seven spots, and that was probably all we were willing to do.”

Q: So, what is left tomorrow?

VEACH: “Yeah, we will sit. Listen, as you know every year there are a lot of late-round picks and free agents that make your team every year. The fourth round will be a little slow for us, but we will just monitor the board and we will continue to track the guys we like. This is a unique time in the draft because once you get into the fourth, fifth, sixth rounds, team’s boards across the league vary in regard to some guys being picked in the fifth round that we have as free agents and some guys we pick in the fifth round they will have as free agents. Just when you think, ‘Well, you don’t pick till the sixth round,’ there will be a guy that we have on our board late four or early five by the time we are picking at six, he will be there. The fourth round will be slow, but once we get into the early to mid-fifth round, I think our attention will start to perk up a little and we will get excited again.”

Q: Are you surprised on the run on positions early in the draft today?

VEACH: “Again, that is why I started the intro with credit to my scouting staff. The board fell just like we felt. We wanted to get a corner and we had all those corners that went, we had them as second-round

type values. One of the things we talked about with the Frank Clark trade was, where we are picking, maybe 14 to 15 guys valued as first round talent, right? So, if you are picking 30, there is a chance that if you don't trade up or if you trade back or hold your position, you might be taking a guy that you have a second-round value on. But we had those corners valued right where they went. We knew when the day started it would be really hard to get all the way to the top of two because, as I mentioned, we didn't have a fourth-round pick. The fifth can only get you so high. But the board kind of went just like we thought. I think the one surprise is (Khalen) Saunders was still available. We had him kind of right in that mid two to low two level. The fact that he fell to three, we were kind of like, 'Wow.' There was a big gap when we were picking in that third round and he was the highest name on the board. That was a pleasant surprise and I know Coach (Brendan) Daly was happy and (Steve Spagnuolo) was happy, so that was a lot of fun to end the night like that."

Q: What did your staff see when it came to Juan Thornhill and his football instinct?

VEACH: "That is a great point. I think you guys saw the basketball highlights of him. He is just a natural athlete. But he has great eyes and great vision back there. A natural knack to take the football away. He sees things develop quickly. He is able to quickly read and react. Aside from that, this is a guy that played corner his first two years and then they kind of moved him all over the field. So, there was a lot on his plate at Virginia. I think he is a great addition. We have numbers at our safety position, but there aren't a lot of pure free safeties that can come down and cover like Juan (Thornhill) can. I just think the ability to move him around the field was something that was really attractive. He was another guy, too, that where we got him at pick 63, I don't think a lot of us, before the night started, would have thought he would have been there at pick 63. He was a guy that probably fell a little bit lower than we thought, too."

Q: Where is Mecole Hardman at development-wise at wide receiver?

VEACH: "At Georgia, they run the football a lot, so there are some technical aspects that he needs to work on. The stats, again, aren't similar to someone that played at a passing offense like Texas Tech or Oklahoma. But I think you see all the skills you need to see. He is smooth in and out of his break, he has great transitional quickness. And then he can just run. Really, you can't coach speed. You can coach a lot of things. Our coaching staff does a great job of getting receivers and getting the most out of them, but at the end of the day, you can either run or you can't run. And he has something that you can't coach. His ability to take a simple bubble screen 80 or 90 yards is exciting. His ability to flip position on the kick return game and punt return game is exciting, so I am sure Coach Reid will have a lot of fun with him."



2nd and 3rd-Round Draft Notes

April 26, 2019

Second Round

- Kansas City traded its first of two 2nd-round picks (61st overall) and a 5th-round pick (167th overall) to the Los Angeles Rams in exchange for the Rams' 2nd-round pick (56th overall).
- With the 56th overall pick from Los Angeles, the Chiefs selected **WR Mecole Hardman** from the University of Georgia.
- **Hardman** is the first player from Georgia to be drafted by the Chiefs since the club selected **WR Chris Conley** in the 3rd Round (76th overall) in 2015.
- **Hardman** became the second player from the University of Georgia to be selected in the 2019 NFL Draft, joining CB Deandre Baker, who was selected in the 1st round (30th overall) by the New York Giants.
- Prior to the 2019 NFL Draft, the Kansas City Chiefs had never picked a player with the 56th overall pick in the NFL's modern draft. The club twice held the 56th overall pick in the AFL Draft, selecting **K Charles Gogolak** from Princeton in 1966 and **Pro Football Hall of Fame LB Bobby Bell** from Minnesota with the 56th overall pick in the 1963 AFL Draft. Gogolak chose to play in the NFL vs. the AFL while Bell is the only player drafted 56th overall to be elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
- Kansas City acquired the 63rd overall pick in the 2019 NFL Draft from the Los Angeles Rams in the 2018 CB Marcus Peters trade.
- With the 63rd overall pick, the Chiefs selected **DB Juan Thornhill** from the University of Virginia.
- **Thornhill** becomes the first player from Virginia to be drafted by the Chiefs since the club selected **OL Branden Albert** with the 15th overall pick in the 2008 NFL Draft.
- **Thornhill** was the first player from the University of Virginia to be selected in the 2019 NFL Draft.
- The Chiefs have selected three other players with the 63rd overall pick in franchise history, most recently picking **TE Travis Kelce** in the 2013 NFL Draft out of the University of Cincinnati. The Chiefs also selected **DE Leonard Griffin** out of Grambling in the 1986 NFL Draft and **DT Keith Simons** out of Minnesota in the 1976 NFL Draft.
- This marks the fifth time in franchise history that the Chiefs made two picks in the 2nd Round of the same draft (2019, 2010, 2004, 1971 and 1967). Most recently, the club selected **WR Dexter McCluster** (36th overall) and **DB Javier Arenas** (50th overall) in the 2nd Round of the 2010 NFL Draft. Most notably, the Chiefs drafted **Chiefs Hall of Fame LB Jim Lynch** (47th overall) and **Pro Football Hall of Fame LB Willie Lanier** (50th overall) in the 2nd Round of the 1967 NFL Draft. The club also drafted **DT Junior Siavii** (36th overall) and **TE Kris Wilson** (61st overall) in the 2004 NFL Draft and selected **DT Wilbur Young** (39th overall) and **DE Scott Lewis** (42nd overall) in the 1971 NFL Draft.
- Both of Kansas City's 2nd-round picks in the 2019 NFL Draft were announced live in Nashville by **Chiefs Hall of Fame CB Gary Green**. Green was selected 10th overall by the Chiefs in the 1977 NFL Draft and played seven seasons for the club, earning three Pro Bowl berths with the Chiefs. He was inducted into the club's Hall of Fame in 2015.

Third Round

- Kansas City traded its original 3rd-Round pick (92nd overall) to the Seattle Seahawks in exchange for the Seahawks' 3rd-Round pick (84th overall) as part of the **DE Frank Clark** trade.
- With tonight's 84th overall pick, Kansas City selected **DL Khalel Saunders** from Western Illinois University.
- **Saunders** is the first player from Western Illinois to be drafted since Dallas drafted LB Jason Williams in the 3rd Round (69th overall) in the 2009 NFL Draft.
- **Saunders** becomes just the second player from Western Illinois University to be drafted by the Chiefs in franchise history. He joins **E Jack Atcheson**, who was selected with the first pick in the 1960 AFL Draft, making him the first draft pick in franchise history.
- This marks the first time in franchise history that the Chiefs selected a player with the 84th overall pick.
- Kansas City's 3rd-Round pick in the 2019 NFL Draft was announced live in Nashville by former Pro Bowl and All-Pro **WR/KR Dante Hall**. Hall was drafted by the Chiefs in the 5th round (153rd overall) of the 2000 NFL Draft out of Texas A&M.

CB Rashad Fenton – South Carolina

5-11, 188
Miami, Fla.

2018 Unselfish Teammate Award

Career: Solid cover corner who has appeared in 48 games over the past four seasons making 30 starts... recorded 122 tackles, five interceptions, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery with 24 passes defended... logged a 24.8-yard career kick return average, second in school history, including one kickoff return for a touchdown.

2018: Senior defensive back who is generally considered the Gamecocks' top cover corner... also used at nickel and safety this season... one of three players selected by his peers for the Unselfish Teammate Award for the defense... started 12 of 13 games... recorded 34 tackles with 2.5 tackles for loss and six pass breakups... tied for seventh in the SEC with three interceptions... had interceptions in three consecutive SEC games, picking off Georgia's Jake Fromm, Vanderbilt's Kyle Shurmur and Kentucky's Terry Wilson... named to Athlon Sports' 2018 pre-season fourth-team All-SEC unit.

2017: Played in all 13 games, making 11 starts... ranked sixth on the team with 48 tackles, including 42 solo stops... had an interception and a fumble recovery to go with eight pass breakups... also returned 10 kicks for 209 yards with a long of 31... registered six tackles and recovered a fumble in the season-opening win over NC State... set a career high with seven tackles at Texas A&M and added a pass breakup... credited with four tackles and four pass breakups in the Vanderbilt win... matched his career high with seven tackles at Georgia... led the team with six tackles versus Florida, including a tackle for loss... logged his second career interception against Wofford.

2016: Appeared in 12 games with seven starts... logged 38 tackles, with five pass breakups and an interception... had a tackle, a pair of pass breakups and a forced fumble in a starting assignment at Vandy... got the start and made four solo stops at both Mississippi State and at Kentucky... missed the Georgia game with an injury... returned a pair of kicks for 72 yards, including a 50-yard effort and broke up one pass in the UMass win... made four tackles and combined with Darius English for his first career half-sack in the Tennessee win... had five tackles, one TFL and an interception against Missouri... his pick came on the Carolina 2-yard line and stopped a likely Mizzou score, keeping the game tied at 21... logged a career-high six tackles at Clemson... tallied five stops in the Birmingham Bowl vs. USF.

2015: Saw action in 10 games... credited with two tackles... averaged 26.1 yards on 14 kick returns, ranking fifth in the SEC... did not play against North Carolina... saw extensive action at cornerback in the second half against Kentucky and Georgia... broke loose on the first kickoff return of his career at LSU, rambling 96 yards to paydirt... it was the first time he touched the ball in his collegiate career and was the Gamecocks' first kick return for a score since the 2002 season... also logged a pair of tackles against the Tigers... did not make the trip to Tennessee... had three kick returns for 83 yards against The Citadel... had four kick returns for 88 yards against Clemson.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Miami Carol City High School in Miami Gardens, Fla. in 2015... coached by Aubrey Hill, who played for Coach Spurrier at Florida... played in the International Bowl in Arlington, Texas, following the season... started on the varsity squad at Norland High as a freshman... rated a three-star prospect by Rivals... is a three-star prospect and the 119th-best cornerback in the country according to Scout... considered a three-star prospect, the 58th-best player in the state of Florida and the 45th-best cornerback in the country by 247Sports... regarded as a three-star prospect, the 224th-best player in the state and the No. 97 cornerback in the country by ESPN... selected South Carolina over Louisville and Florida.

PERSONAL: Rashad Khambrell Fenton was born February 17, 1997... is an interdisciplinary studies major.

Career Defensive Stats

Year	G	Tack	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	PD	FF	FR
2015	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
2016	12	26	12	0.5	4	1	0	0	5	1	0
2017	13	42	6	0	0	1	8	8	8	0	1
2018	13	25	9	0	0	3	16	16	6	0	0
Career	48	95	27	0.5	4	5	24	16	19	1	1

Career Returning Stats

Year	G	PR	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD	KR	Yds	Avg.	Lg	TD
2015	10	0	0	-	-	0	14	365	26.1	96t	1
2016	12	2	8	4.0	5	0	2	72	36.0	50	0
2017	13	0	0	-	-	0	10	209	20.9	31	0
Career	35	2	8	4.0	5	0	26	646	24.8	96t	1



Chiefs 6th-Round Draft Pick Rashad Fenton

April 27, 2019

Q: Did you know the Chiefs were interested in you?

FENTON: "They showed some interest during the draft process at the combine, you know what I mean? They showed a slight interest, but I feel like it is just a good relationship with the coaches and just feel like they always believed in me. I feel like that's kind of the most I felt about it and knew about."

Q: What did the 2018 Unselfish Teammate Award at South Carolina mean to you?

FENTON: "Coming from the family I grew up in, it just always means a lot putting other people first. Especially the ones that you love and the people that you have to support. That has always been something my mom has raised and instilled in me growing up. It is always a big thing for me to make sure that the people are always on the good and up."

Q: Were you getting nervous about your draft position?

FENTON: "Just to be honest, I was getting kind of nervous at the end. I was literally about to put on some clothes and work out. My mom always says, 'Keep faith.' You never know how it is going to turn out. You still had some 50-something picks left and she was like, 'Just be patient, it might come.' That's how I was at the moment."

Q: Who were you watching the draft with?

FENTON: "Just me, my mom and my sister. It was just us three. My brother is in Australia right now, so it was just the closest family I have, my mom and my sister."

Q: Why is your brother in Australia?

FENTON: "He plays rugby in Australia right now, so he is out of the country."

Q: Was there anything you wanted to prove during the draft process?

FENTON: "I just felt like I had a lot more to prove with everything. Just more so not as a complete cornerback, but as a complete athlete. Being able to bring more to the table than being a lockdown corner. I feel like I was able to prove that in my three years at (South) Carolina starting there. I just also wanted to be able to prove that I can bring more to the table. That's more so what I wanted to do just being selected, I wanted to just bring more to the table than was obviously shown."

Q: How much was special teams discussed with the Chiefs and what kind of role do you think you can have on special teams?

FENTON: "Special teams is always being discussed whether it was on the punt team, whether it is on the kickoff team. I am not really too sure if they knew about my specialists, my kick return ability or my punt return ability. I'm not sure if they knew because I did that at the beginning of my college career. Special teams is always implemented. We always discuss that because that is vital for someone like me in the sixth round to make sure I make the team. That was always brought up."



Chiefs Area Scout David Hinson

April 27, 2019

Q: What did you see when you were evaluating Rashad Fenton?

HINSON: "We really like that he is a tough kid with good athletic ability, has really good ball skills and makes plays on the ball. So, that what we saw and is attractive for us. If we can get turnovers, that is a good deal."

Q: With Mecole Hardman, where is he at as a receiver?

HINSON: "Well, the speed is outstanding, but he also has the quickness and burst and explosion you are looking for in a receiver. Now, can he work on a few things? Everybody can work on things in the next level, but we also like his return ability. He is an instant returner, an instant vertical guy, so we like those things about him."

Q: You mentioned return ability with both Rashad Fenton and Mecole Hardman, how are they fits here in Kansas City?

HINSON: "Mecole (Hardman), he will come in and he will battle for that punt return, kick return position and then (Rashad) Fenton, he will be more of your gunner, your other punt return and kick return stuff. He will do that. He will be a core special teams guy for you, too."

Q: How is Rashad Fenton a Steve Spagnuolo-type of corner?

HINSON: "What's great about Fenton is if you watch South Carolina, they play a few different styles. They do a little more shuffle and bail technique, but you will see him in the off man and zone type stuff where (Steve Spagnuolo) likes to do a little bit of everything. And that's what (Steve Spagnuolo) is great for, he mixes things up, so you don't really know what you are getting, and Fenton is a smart football player that has played all the different techniques."

Q: What showed you that Rashad Fenton had what it took to be in Steve Spagnuolo's defense?

HINSON: "Sometimes in college, you get guys who played just strictly man, strictly playing press the majority of the time. But when you see a team in college that plays a versatile of quarters and cover 2 and cover 3 and works on some different things, usually those corners are a little bit more prepared for the next level and you can work with them to do some zone stuff. Because that is really the tougher things for them at the next level. Everybody is playing some version of man, but how many coverages of zone did you play and then your awareness and your instincts, those are the things coaches are looking for."

RB Darwin Thompson – Utah State

5-8, 200
Tulsa, Okla.

HONORS: Second Team All-Mountain West (2018); Phil Steele Second-Team All-Mountain West (2018); Mountain West Offensive Player of the Week (11/5/18).

RECORDS: Is fourth all-time at Utah State for a single season with his 16 total touchdowns and tied for sixth all-time with his 14 rushing touchdowns... Is also fourth all-time in both a single season and career in rushing average at 6.8 yards per carry and is tied for ninth in single-season scoring with 96 points... Is just the 18th player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a single-season (1,044), and the first since 2013, and the 32nd to record 1,000 rushing yards in a career... Ranks tied for 16th all-time in school history in single-season rushing yards and 32nd in career rushing yards.

2018 (JR): Earned second-team all-Mountain West honors from both the league's coaches and Phil Steele's Magazine after starting nine games and playing in 13... Finished the season carrying the ball 153 times for 1,044 yards (6.8 ypc) and 14 touchdowns, while catching 23 passes for 351 yards (15.3 ypr) and two touchdowns... Ranked first in the MW and 13th in the nation in yards per carry (6.8), second in the MW and 20th in the nation with 14 rushing touchdowns (1.1 pg), third in the MW and 14th in the nation in total touchdowns with 16 (1.2 pg), fifth in the MW and 51st in the nation in scoring (7.4 ppg), fifth in the MW and 56th in the nation in rushing (80.3 ypg), and fifth in the MW and 65th in the nation in all-purpose yards (107.3 ypg)... Had five 100-yard rushing games, the most by an Aggie since 2013, and one 100-yard receiving game... Is the first Aggie since 2012 to record 100 yards rushing and receiving in the same game as he carried the ball 15 times for 140 yards and one touchdown, to go along with a career-high four receptions for a career-best 115 yards and a career-high two receiving touchdowns against San José State (11/10)... Had a career-long 88-yard touchdown reception against the Spartans, which ranks as the sixth-longest pass play in school history... Had at least one rushing touchdown in nine games and multiple rushing touchdowns in four games, which included a career-high three rushing touchdowns at Hawai'i (11/3) as he was named the Mountain West's Offensive Player of the Week after carrying the ball 13 times for a career-high 141 yards and a career-best three touchdowns against the Rainbow Warriors... First 100-yard game of the year was against Tennessee Tech (9/13) as he carried the ball six times for 107 yards, including a 65-yard touchdown... Had 109 yards rushing on 17 carries against BYU (10/5) and 109 yards on 17 carries, including two touchdowns, at Wyoming (10/20)... Scored two touchdowns in his first-career game at No. 11 Michigan State (8/31) and added two more touchdown runs against Air Force (9/22)... Had a team-best 11 rushes of 20-plus yards on the season, including four of at least 55 yards, and three receptions of at least 20 yards, including two over 55 yards.

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Earned National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) second-team All-America honors at running back following his sophomore season at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Okla... Also garnered Southwest Junior

College Football Conference Offensive MVP honors as a sophomore as he helped lead the Norsemen to a conference championship in 2017 as he rushed for 1,391 yards and eight touchdowns on 185 carries (7.5 ypc/115.9 ypg), to go along with 13 receptions for 150 yards and another score... Finished the season ranked first in the nation with 1,619 all-purpose yards and was second overall in rushing yards... Rushed for 100 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries (5.9 ypc), to go along with three receptions for 72 yards (24.0 ypc), against Independence CC in the inaugural Midwest Bowl as Northeastern Oklahoma A&M entered the game ranked No. 4 in the nation... Overall, he had seven 100-yard rushing games during his sophomore season, including a career-high 232 yards on 20 carries (11.6 ypc) against Coffeyville CC, which included a career-long 66-yard touchdown... Gained 169 yards on 14 carries (12.1 ypc) and scored a career-high three touchdowns against New Mexico Military Institute... Added 153 yards on 15 carries (10.2 ypc) and one touchdown against Cisco JC, had 140 yards on 14 carries (10.0 ypc) against Kilgore JC, had 128 yards on 20 carries (6.4 ypc) against Blinn JC, and rushed for 101 yards on 13 carries against Navarro JC... Earned Southwest Junior College Football Conference second-team honors as a freshman at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M as he rushed for 1,029 yards and nine touchdowns on 150 carries (6.86 ypc/102.9 ypg), to go along with nine catches for 119 yards... During his freshman season, he posted seven 100-yard rushing games including a season-best 158 yards on 18 carries (8.8 ypc) and one touchdown against Coffeyville CC... Scored a season-best two touchdowns in three different games during the year, including against New Mexico Military Institute as he gained 111 yards on nine carries (12.3 ypc) and 101 yards on just six carries (16.8 ypc) against Arkansas Baptist... Is the second-leading rusher in Northeastern Oklahoma A&M history with 2,420 career yards and 17 touchdowns on 336 attempts (7.2 ypc).

HIGH SCHOOL: Earned honorable mention all-metro honors from the Tulsa World at running back as a prep senior at Jenks (Okla.) High School as he rushed for 942 yards on 152 carries and 10 touchdowns... Helped the Trojans capture the Class 6A-I state championship with a 21-14 victory over Union HS as he had 13 carries for 144 yards, including a 51-yarder in the second quarter that set up his team's go-ahead touchdown.

PERSONAL: One of three children of Rueben and Lashonne Thompson... His uncle, David Thompson, was a running back at Oklahoma State and played in the NFL with the St. Louis Rams from 1997-99.

Career Rushing/Receiving Stats

Year	G	Rush	Gained	Lost	Avg.	Lg	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2018	13	153	1104	60	6.8	68t	14	23	351	15.3	88t	2
Career	13	153	1104	60	6.8	68t	14	23	351	15.3	88t	2



Chiefs 6th-Round Draft Pick Darwin Thompson

April 27, 2019

Q: When did you first get the idea that the Chiefs were interested in you?

THOMPSON: "I really couldn't tell you. I really had no clue. Up until this point my brand has just been all over the place. I believe this is God's plan. It's a perfect situation for me, my family, in this offense, everything. It's perfect, a perfect fit."

Q: What makes it a perfect fit?

THOMPSON: "I'm a versatile player and just being in the offense with Andy Reid as a head guy and the things they come up with, with situational guys, gadget players like myself. I can be plugged in anywhere and just get to playing. I'm blessed in this position."

Q: Did you come to Kansas City on a visit?

THOMPSON: "Yes sir. That was my third visit or actually my last visit. My best visit, at that. Meeting all the coaches I felt like I see myself at a stage in life that I want to be at from the player development, to the running backs coach, to the OC, to one day being a head coach. I see myself growing in Kansas City."

Q: What told you coming out a year early was the right decision for you?

THOMPSON: "I spent three years in junior college. I redshirted one year, I played two, I played one at Utah State. I didn't feel there was more development that could have been had for me to be that much of a better player next year. I would have ran for 1,500 more yards and 20 more touchdowns, not to say that I'm that much of a better player. To be honest, this whole situation I wouldn't have wanted it to go any different way. All my life I've been the underdog and, basically, in this situation I'm just coming in with a bigger chip on my shoulder."

Q: What made the visit to Kansas City your best visit?

THOMPSON: "Meeting the player development staff, Coach Deland (McCullough), Coach (Eric Bieniemy), Coach Andy Reid. At the age of 35 I hope to see myself in player development. At the age of 45 I hope to see myself as Deland McCullough. At the age of 50, I hope to see myself as Coach (Bieniemy.) I can see myself growing there and they're going to push me to grow not only as a football player, but as a man. Once I seen that, it really blew me away just how much I related to those guys and how much we had that connection. Me and Coach (Bieniemy) for example, he's got the same chip on his shoulder that I do. We both stand 5'7", 5'8", 200 pounds. Coach (Bieniemy) went in the second round, ended up playing ten years in the league and always carried that chip on his shoulder. That's the way he coaches."



Chiefs National Scout Trey Koziol

April 27, 2019

Q: He is a different player than the other running backs the Chiefs have, what made you think Darwin Thompson was a good fit?

KOZIOL: "I think you hit the nail on the head. He is almost a little bit of a change of pace from what we have, which is nice. He is obviously a little bit undersized, but in terms of his twitch and his burst, kind of that change of pace guy that can make moves in space. He is a big-play threat. He always was a big play threat for them at Utah State. It is a little bit different than what we had, so it gives us a little bit different dimension in terms of the passing game and guys who can operate out in space, too."

Q: How does it compare for you only seeing this guy for one year as opposed to a guy that was there for two or three years with a school?

KOZIOL: "Really, it comes down to the relationships you have with the coaches at the school, too. Those guys at Utah State were great in terms of catching you up on who he is as a person and a player, just from what you don't see on tape. On the tape, you just study what you see on film. And you look at his body of work and what he was able to accomplish in that conference on a very good football team this year was very impressive. The body of work is a little bit smaller, but what he did and the opportunities that he was given, I thought he made the most out of it."

Q: What are the traits you saw that allowed him to gain those extra yards per attempt?

KOZIOL: "Even though you look at his size, he is 5'8" 198 pounds, this kid is really put together. I think when you see him in the building, he is a real rocked up dude. I thought he had really good strength and really good contact balance. He runs with a low center of gravity. That is one of the things that the guys at Utah State mentioned. He was pound for pound probably the strongest kids in their program, just in terms of his lower body strength. His ability to work through contact and then obviously he has really quick feet and an ability to make people miss out in space as well. So, they run a spread offense, kind of an air raid style offense, so when you get a guy who has the ability to break tackles and does have very good contact balance and lower body strength out in the open field, I think that is where you get the 6.8 yards per carry. Obviously, 15.3 yards per catch was really impressive, too. This guy has been a big play threat for them. I know it has been limited carries, but what he did, like I said, was very impressive."

Q: Do you see any returner possibilities with him?

KOZIOL: "Sure, I think given his body type and the strength. I think all running backs have the ability to be kick returners. He wasn't really featured there that much this year being a first-year guy, but I think that is something. Coach Toub always does a great job with those guys, even if they weren't guys that did it in college per se. Knile Davis wasn't a guy that had a lot of kick returns at Arkansas, but the way that Coach (Toub) and Rod (Wilson) get those guys ready to go, the way that he runs with his vision and his quickness, certainly is something they could try in the preseason just to see how it goes."

OL Nick Allegretti

6-4, 320
Frankfort, Ill.

Career Highlights

- 2019 Big Ten Medal of Honor Recipient
- 2018 Senior CLASS Award candidate
- 2018 Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year semifinalist
- 2018 Campbell Trophy semifinalist
- Two-time Wuerffel Trophy nominee (community service award)
- Two-time AFCA Good Works Team watch list
- Led the Illini's "Lift For Life," which raised over \$88,000 for charity in two years
- President of the Illinois Uplifting Athletes chapter, which raises money for rare disease research and treatment
- Influential volunteer at the Tom Jones Challenger League
- Two-time team captain (2017 & '18)
- Four-time Academic All-Big Ten
- 20
- 2018 All-Big Ten second team (media)
- No. 3 rated guard in the nation by PFF in 2018
- 48 career games played, 36 career starts (ended career with 36 consecutive starts, every game in 2016, '17 & '18)
- Earned a bachelor's degree in accountancy in Dec. 2017 and will earn a master's degree in recreation, sport and tourism in May 2019

2018 Senior

- Team captain for season
- All-Big Ten second team (media)
- All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches)
- Pro Football Focus All-Big Ten second team
- Phil Steele All-Big Ten third team
- Played and started at guard in all 12 games
- No. 3 rated guard in the nation by PFF
- No. 2 rated guard in the Big Ten by PFF
- No. 11 rated pass-blocking guard in the nation by PFF
- Only one QB hit allowed and zero sacks allowed in 394 drop backs according to PFF
- No. 6 rated run-blocking guard in the nation by PFF
- Big Ten Medal of Honor Recipient
- Big Ten Sportsmanship Award
- Hampshire Honor Society
- Uplifting Athletes Rare Disease Champion Award finalist
- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year semifinalist (One of 20)
- Campbell Trophy semifinalist

- Senior CLASS Award candidate
- Wuerffel Trophy nominee
- Academic All-Big Ten
- PFF Midseason All-Big Ten (10/18/18)
- 36 straight starts to end his career

2017 Junior

- Team captain
- All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches and media)
- Pro Football Focus All-Big Ten second team
- Big Ten Sportsmanship Honoree
- Academic All-Big Ten
- Led Illinois in offensive snaps
- Played 99 percent of offensive snaps
- AFCA Good Works Team watch list
- Rimington Award watch list
- Wuerffel Trophy nominee
- Started all 12 games, eight at guard and four at center
- Started all 24 games the last two years

2016 Sophomore

- Started all 12 games, 11 at guard and one at center
- Started at center in place of injured Joe Spencer in the season opener against Murray State
- Academic All-Big Ten

2015 Redshirt Freshman

- Played in all 12 games as an offensive lineman (both C and G) and on special teams (FG protection)
- Saw time at defensive tackle in two games (WIU and UNC)
- Made Illini debut against Kent State, playing on the offensive line at both center and left guard
- Academic All-Big Ten

2014 Freshman

- Redshirted the 2014 season

High School

- 2013 U.S. Army All-American
- Three-star recruit by ESPN.com, Rivals, Scout and 247Sports

- Ranked the No. 8 center in the nation by Rivals and Scout, and the No. 11 center in the nation by 247sports
- Ranked the No. 19 player in Illinois by Scout and No. 20 by Rivals
- Consensus first-team All-State and Chicago Sun-Times All-Area in 2013 after anchoring an offense that averaged over 30 points per game and reached the IHSA class 7A quarterfinals
- Had 56 pancake blocks in 2013 and 125 career pancakes
- 3-time All-Southwest Suburban Blue selection
- Did not allow a sack during his entire junior and senior seasons
- Four-year letterwinner in wrestling, finishing with a 45-2 record and placing third in class 3A in 2014

Personal

- Born April 21, 1996
- Son of Carl and Tammy Allegretti
- Has one brother, Joey, who is a student at Illinois
- Father played football at Butler University and is the Chairman and CEO of Deloitte Tax LLP
- Two uncles also played football at Butler
- Honor roll student
- National Honor Society member
- Two-time academic All-State
- Says he loved watching former Illini QB Juice Williams play while growing up
- Says Lincoln-Way East alum and current Washington Redskins OL Adam Gettis is his favorite athlete
- Earned a bachelor's degree in accountancy (Dec. 2017) and is pursuing a master's degree in recreation, sport and tourism.



Chiefs 7th-Round Draft Pick Nick Allegretti

April 27, 2019

Q: Did you have an idea it would be the Chiefs that drafted you?

ALLEGRETTI: "Thank you first of all. I'd spoken with the Chiefs a few times throughout the process and earlier today I knew that they had a seventh-round pick they were considering a lineman with. I had that in my back pocket, thinking about it the whole day, but I had no clue. My mind was racing all day. I did a puzzle to try to relax, it didn't help much. It was a good day and then I got the call, saw it on the TV. I don't even know what I did but it was awesome. I'm extremely excited"

Q: How do you usually de-stress? Are puzzles something you do often?

ALLEGRETTI: "We can definitely get into that for sure because I'm a little bit of a different guy. I like puzzles, Rubik's cubes, that kind of thing. I'm a coin collector, I love collecting coins, reading magazines on it. Those are my hobbies that I use to get away from football when I get a shot to just relax."

Q: You've played a couple spots on the offensive line. Where are you most comfortable on the offensive line?

ALLEGRETTI: "Like you said, I've played a couple spots. I know that I need to be able to play all three interior positions and I know I can. I think that I can move pretty fluidly throughout, center, right guard, left guard, doesn't matter which hand I have down. I'm just ready for whatever they need. I'm sure we'll get into that with the coaches more as we move forward, but I know they were excited to get a guy that can move throughout the interior pretty well."

Q: Who is the toughest guy you had to block when you were in college?

ALLEGRETTI: "Big Ten, you get a lot of big, pretty physical guys. I know in this year's draft, Dre'Mont Jones was probably the highest touted prospect that I played against. Probably the toughest player that I played against, though, was Tyler Lancaster who is up in Green Bay now. He played for Northwestern. Just a very physical, high effort, strong player. Never took a snap off. Just his consistency there made him a challenge every snap."



Chiefs Area Scout Terry Delp

April 27, 2019

Q: What do you think is Nick Allegretti's natural position at the next level?

DELP: "His best tape was at guard because he's just a big, physical, mauler type guy. He's really fun to watch, he gets after it, plays football hard. But he is athletic enough and versatile enough, you saw it in the East West (Game) to play center and he did a really good job at it. He played a little heavier during the year, so guard looked better and he lost some weight for the all-star game and looked really good at center. Definitely looking at a two-position guy in the NFL."

Q: How do you see his wrestling background show up on tape?

DELP: "Yeah, it's a big deal. It's one of the first things we look at, we have to type in a report of high school stuff and wrestling is one of them. You get excited when you see that in an offensive lineman because they understand leverage, it's a mindset, it's toughness. They really get an understanding of leverage so it's a plus for sure."

Q: He told us he likes to do puzzles, Rubik's cubes, that sort of thing. What kind of things did you see from him off the field?

DELP: "He's just a typical boring offensive lineman. He's a really smart one. He's a 42 on his Wonderlic. He's really into challenging himself with puzzles and all that stuff."

Q: Talking about transitioning to center, do you talk with Andy Heck and what is that process like?

DELP: "There's certain things that go into it to say he could transition to it. There's athletic ability, the mental is big for center. Then, can he lead the offensive line. You've got to have confidence to make the calls, you've got to really lead that group and the group can tell if you don't have command of it. That all goes in to it."

Q: What kinds of things jump out to you that says Nick Allegretti can do that?

DELP: "His intelligence, he's a natural leader, he's a leader of the O-line room, the guys gravitate toward him, so there's no question there. It was easy for me because you get to see him do it. The hard part is when you got to project it, and sometimes you've just got to go off athletic ability, intelligence, stuff like that."

Q: Is there a gut aspect to that as well?

DELP: "If you don't get to see it, yeah. But fortunately for me I got to see it at the all-star game and in his past. That wasn't too hard of a projection."



4th through 7th-Round Draft Notes

April 27, 2019

Fourth Round

- The Chiefs did not have a 4th-round pick in the 2019 NFL Draft. It marks the first time the club didn't have a 4th-round pick since it traded its 4th-round pick (102nd overall) and a 5th-round pick (144th overall) to Houston in the 2010 NFL Draft to move up to select **TE Tony Moeaki** in the 3rd round (93rd overall).

Fifth Round

- The Chiefs did not select a player in the 5th-round of the 2019 NFL Draft. The last time Kansas City went without a 5th-round pick was in the 2018 NFL Draft, when the club sent its original 5th-round pick (159th overall) to the Cleveland Browns in the 2017 **OL Cam Erving** trade. It is the 11th time overall that the club did not select at least one player in the 5th round.
- It marks the second time in franchise history that the club did not have both a 4th- and 5th-round selection in the same draft. The only other time it happened was in the 1975 NFL Draft when the club sent its 4th-round pick to Denver in the 1974 **LB Tom Graham** trade and sent its 5th-round pick to Los Angeles in the 1974 **T Jim Nicholson** trade.

Sixth Round

- With the 201st overall pick, the Chiefs selected **CB Rashad Fenton** from the University of South Carolina.
- **Fenton** is the first player from the University of South Carolina to be selected by the Chiefs since the club selected **K Ryan Succop** with the final pick of the 2009 NFL Draft (256th overall), making him "Mr. Irrelevant."
- **Fenton** is the second South Carolina Gamecock to be drafted in the 2019 NFL Draft, joining WR Deebo Samuel, who was drafted in the 2nd round (36th overall) by the San Francisco 49ers.
- **Fenton** becomes the first player ever to be selected by the Chiefs with the 201st overall pick in the NFL Draft.
- The Chiefs were awarded a 6th-round compensatory pick (214th overall), which the club used to select **RB Darwin Thompson** from Utah State University.
- **Thompson** becomes the third player from Utah State to be drafted by the Chiefs in franchise history, and the first since **WR Kevin Robinson** was selected in the 6th round (182nd overall) in the 2008 NFL Draft. The club also selected **QB Bob Gagliano** in the 12th round (319th overall) in the 1981 NFL Draft.
- **Thompson** is the first player selected from Utah State in the 2019 NFL Draft.
- This marks the third time that the Chiefs have selected a player with the 214th overall pick in the NFL Draft. **Thompson** joins **T Nate Parks** (1997) from Stanford and **P Case deBruijn** (1982) from Idaho State.

- This marks back-to-back years in which the Chiefs selected multiple players in the 6th round of the NFL Draft. In 2018, the club selected **CB Tremon Smith** (196th overall) from the University of Central Arkansas and selected **OL Kahlil McKenzie** (198th overall) out of the University of Tennessee.

Seventh Round

- The Kansas City Chiefs swapped 7th-round picks with the San Francisco 49ers in the 2016 WR Rod Streater trade, using the 216th overall pick to select **OL Nick Allegretti** from the University of Illinois.
- **Allegretti** becomes the first player from Illinois to be selected by the Chiefs since the club selected **OL Jeff Allen** in the 2nd round (44th overall) of the 2012 NFL Draft. He is the sixth overall player from the University of Illinois to be selected by the Chiefs in franchise history.
- **Allegretti** is the third player to be selected with the 216th overall pick in franchise history, joining **CB Eric Warfield** from Nebraska in the 1998 NFL Draft and **E Billy Clay** from Arkansas in the 1963 AFL Draft.
- **Allegretti** was the first player from the University of Illinois to be selected in the 2019 NFL Draft.
- This marks the first time in four years that the Chiefs made a selection in the 7th round of the NFL Draft. The Chiefs did not select in the 7th round in 2016, 2017 or 2018.