



CHIEFS 2018 NFL DRAFT PACKET

*Thursday, April 26th - Saturday, April 28th
83rd Annual NFL Draft - AT&T Stadium
Arlington, Texas*

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>College</u>
2	46	LB	Breeland Speaks	6-3	285	Mississippi
3	75	DT	Derrick Nnadi	6-1	312	Florida State
3	100	LB	Dorian O'Daniel	6-1	223	Clemson
4	124	S	Armani Watts	5-11	202	Texas A&M
6	196	CB	Tremon Smith	6-0	190	Central Arkansas
6	198	G	Kahlil McKenzie	6-2	314	Tennessee

* Kansas City traded up from the 54th overall pick in the second round to the 46th overall pick in the second round to select LB Breeland Speaks. The Chiefs gave up the 78th overall pick in the third round and acquired the 100th overall pick in the third round in the trade.

* Kansas City traded up from the 86th overall pick in the third round to the 75th overall pick in the third round to select DT Derrick Nnadi. The Chiefs gave up the 122nd overall pick in the fourth round in the trade.

* Kansas City's fourth-round pick (124th overall) was acquired from the Los Angeles Rams.

* Kansas City traded up to the 198th overall pick in the sixth round, giving the New England Patriots its two seventh-round picks at 233 and 243.

POSITION BREAKDOWN

(2) LB – Speaks, O'Daniel

(1) DT – Nnadi

(2) DB – Watts, Smith

(1) G – McKenzie



General Manager Brett Veach Quotes

April 26, 2018

OPENING STATEMENT: “It was a unique first round for many reasons. First off, it was the first time I had the chance to sit there as a GM. I was telling Ted on the way down that I’ve been doing this for a while and I don’t think I’ve ever been a part of a team, and maybe I have because the years kind of run together, but I’m not sure if I’ve been on a team that doesn’t have a first round pick. It was a lot of waiting, but we’re certainly excited for tomorrow, having a two and two threes.”

Q: Anything in particular surprise you about the first round that you can share?

VEACH: “It’s crazy because every year you feel like there’s a handful of, kind of curveballs, and you’re actually kind of excited about that because the more curveballs that are thrown, the more guys that you value higher are on the board. Another thing that we talked about that the board kind of went off how we thought. There were a couple there at the end that kind of put the numbers back to where we need them, but for the most part I’d say the first 20-25 picks were kind of like clockwork.”

Q: Now that the first round is done, do you think it’s an accurate characterization to say that this draft has more worthy second and third round players than maybe first round players?

VEACH: “All drafts, and I think I said this last press conference, they’re unique in their own way in regards to where those players and the positions that you feel the depth is. Every year it’s different. Some years you feel like second round all day we’re going to get this position and it’s like that every year. I think the draft in general is always deep in rounds two or three. It’s just a matter of what positions that you deem them to be deep in.”

Q: What’s the process that you’ll go through with your staff tonight to reset now that the first round is over and what does it look like tomorrow before the draft starts?

VEACH: “Our guys are up there right now. We kind of had some initial thoughts and now you start doing the mock second round. Your mind goes to the teams that are on the clock the first 5-10 picks and you’re always hoping that teams value players differently than you do. You don’t want teams to value players just like you do because that means that all the good players are gone. Our crew is up there right now, so I’ll leave here and we’ll just do this whole process that we did for the first round for the second round. Our minds play out where these guys are going to go, where it makes sense for some of these guys that we like, what teams might have those guys in mind as well and see where we need to be. We’re happy. We have a two and two threes, so we have good picks and we can get good players staying put and we have some ability to move around too.”

Q: How much was there predicting who’s interested in guys going in the second round?

VEACH: “That’s part of the process the whole time. As far as the second round there are so many things that could happen that you don’t really get into that second round like we’ll do right now. We’ll go upstairs and we’ll really, in detail, go through that process. But there are so many curveballs that can be thrown in round one. I was hoping for a few more of them. There were some, but not as many as I would’ve liked. We’ll do that game and we’ll review our notes now for the guys that are left on the board. The teams that are picking, how many picks they have and who was at the pro days and team needs. Our pro guys do a great job of keeping tabs of what teams need and where they’re likely to focus their interest in. So we’ll do that process now, but it will be in more detail right now.”

Q: How tempted were you to trade into the first round?

VEACH: “I was. We made calls.”

Q: On a scale of 1-10?

VEACH: “I’m always a 10. If you were to ask me what were the odds of me getting into round one I would’ve said very low. It didn’t mean I wasn’t going to try. We certainly had dialogue from 27-31, 32ish we had dialogue. Again, it has to make sense for us both now and in the future. So when you’re talking about multiple picks or when you’re talking getting into ’19 picks it’s something we weren’t interested in doing.”

Q: It never got close?

VEACH: “No, it never really got close.”

Q: Was there enough surprise how the first round was developing that gave you caution to not be as aggressive as you said last week you might be?

VEACH: “Yeah there was. I think tomorrow is always an interesting day because there’s always the guys that we thought or the teams thought would go in the first round. It’s always a handful of two or three guys, and those two or three guys I think everybody sees the same. Then after that, then it gets crazy and it goes in different directions. Then you can see the distinction between boards. Not so much in the first 15, I think everybody has a consensus of 15, 20, maybe 25 players. But once you start getting into the tenth or the eleventh pick of the second round then it kind of gets wild. That’s where your board needs to be really tightened down.”

Q: Where do you think that group is as far as guys you thought were maybe taken tonight?

VEACH: “A handful, four or five. It wasn’t many. But again, those guys that we value, it goes back to how teams utilize their draft chart and what they feel their needs are. You never know anybody else’s team more than your own. So we can sit here and say this team needs this, this and this, but they may have a guy on the practice squad or they may have a young guy that really didn’t play much, was a sixth, seventh lineman or was a backup running back that really flashed and they feel good about this guy. Well they didn’t play so we don’t know that and we may think it’s a need but really they feel good in that position and they’re going to go somewhere else and that kind of throws you off a little. So that’s still a little bit of a guessing game.”

Q: Since you’ve been here you’ve had success in the second and third rounds in getting starters – is that the objective here?

VEACH: "For sure. I think that's always your mindset. I mean you want guys that can step out and play and I think that our guys are up there looking for guys that would have a bunch of talent that you would want to develop those guys in two or three years. I think we have a really good group of guys that we feel if we're able to acquire them, would come in right away and help us next year."

Q: Do you have the mentality that those guys you take at those rounds should be starters?

VEACH: "Yeah, your expectations are always for the guys to come in and compete for a starting job or at least see a lot of playing time and certainly the higher you pick the more confident you feel on those guys coming right in and stepping in. Last year is a little different because you have a quarterback and you had a plan for that, but as far as traditionally picking guys in rounds one, two or three, you're very hopeful that those guys will come in right away and play or be a part of a steady rotation. Like you said, you get into a sixth or seventh, then you might throw some darts on the wall there and do a lot of homework on these guys, but know that there's a lot of qualities and attributes that you like that really translate to success. But certainly if you're picking in the top two, three, four rounds you're looking for guys to come in and help right away."

Q: First pick is still a ways off, but you still feel like the guys you want at 54 you'll have?

VEACH: "Yeah."

Q: Will somebody be there at 54 that you're looking at right now?

VEACH: "Yeah. We feel pretty good about where the board is and how the numbers worked out. They never work out exactly, you try to have kind of a ballpark in your mind about how the numbers are going to work out and where you're going to need to be in regards to probability of guys being there. We're right around that number. You'd always like to be on the plus side of that and be really good. But we're good, I don't know if we're really good, but we're good and feel good whether we stay, move up or move back. I think that there are always different scenarios that could play out, but I think we're positioned to capitalize however it does play out."

Q: How much communication do you have with other teams in the next 15 hours about moving around?

VEACH: "There will be some initial dialogue tonight. Tomorrow at 8 or 9:00, those teams that want to trade down will start shopping their offers. That is how the game is played. They are going to call teams, try to get an offer then they will try shopping offers. Just have to be sure of what you want and where you want to go, and if you want to stay put, you have to have guys in place that you'll take or have back up plans ready to trade back and acquire more picks."

Q: How long is this night for you guys?

VEACH: "It'll go as long as it needs to go until we get up to pick 54. We will fill out our board. I think we already have a strong indication of how the first 10 to 12 picks will play out. We will have some dialogue for the rest of the picks until our pick. But if it takes 20 minutes, it will take 20 minutes and if it takes three hours, we will sit there until we have a consensus for sure."

Q: How much do the other teams in the division's draft affect what you do?

VEACH: "No, not really. I think we are focused on our team and what we need to do and what we need to accomplish. These teams, these divisions are all tough. I don't think, certainly Oakland and Los

Angeles, you take notice of those teams when they are picking. When an NFC team is picking you may notice a player. You certainly know that Denver got (Bradley) Chubb, the Chargers got Derwin James, so they got some pretty good players there. But no, it never dictates what we do. We are going to take care of our business and improve our team in a way that we see. I don't think you ever get into, 'They do this, so let's do that.' No, that isn't our deal."

Q: Are you leaning one way on a position you want to draft based on how tonight developed?

VEACH: "No, I think we are just going to approach it that we want to get our team better. We are building our team for the short and long term. If all things are equal, we will lean towards where we feel this will help sooner rather than later. But they are going to have to be equal or close to being equal. Again, you aren't going to take that we have a fourth or fifth round value on just because—it wouldn't go that way. You can't pass up good players. I think I said this a few days ago. You may roll into a season and think you are good in a position and then you are injured and you really wish you had a guy you valued as a one or a two instead of going off and having a free agent or a street guy in that position. You are always going to stick to that philosophy."

Q: Without the first round pick, did you watch this first round differently than you did in the past and paid more attention to the AFC West teams?

VEACH: "I think some of those teams, not as much the AFC West teams, you look back at last year. A lot of teams had the chance to go up and get a (Patrick) Mahomes or a (Deshaun) Watson. Arizona moved up and these quarterbacks went quickly. It is always good to be a year early in your thought process in how you want to attack things, then to wait till you can't wait anymore. And that is being proactive. You saw those teams tonight. The quarterbacks went early. Teams moved up and didn't move up. Teams were prepared, even right there at the end with Lamar (Jackson) going. I feel good about our thought process last year, being a year early and not a year late."



1st-Round Draft Notes

April 26, 2018

- Kansas City did not make a selection in the first round of the 2018 NFL Draft. It marks the seventh time in the modern era of the draft (since 1970) in which the club did not end up drafting in the first round. Previous years without a first-round pick include 1973, 1975, 1993, 2001, 2004 and 2016.
- The Chiefs own eight total selections in the remaining rounds of the 2018 NFL Draft:
 - 2nd Round – 54th overall
 - 3rd Round – 78th overall (from Washington)
 - 3rd Round – 86th overall
 - 4th Round – 122nd overall
 - 4th Round – 124th overall (from Los Angeles Rams)
 - 6th Round – 196th overall
 - 7th Round – 233rd overall (from Tennessee)
 - 7th Round – 243rd overall (from Arizona)
- Since 2007 when Chiefs General Manager Brett Veach began his personnel career in Philadelphia under then Eagles Head Coach Andy Reid, this marks the fourth time that the pair has not selected a player in the first round of the NFL Draft (2007, 2008, 2016 and 2018).
 - In 2007 the Eagles traded their first-round pick (26th overall) to the Dallas Cowboys in exchange for a second-round selection (36th overall) which was used to select QB Kevin Kolb, a third-round pick (87th overall) which was used on LB Stewart Bradley and a fifth-round pick (159th overall) which was used to select S C.J. Gaddis.
 - In 2008 Philadelphia traded its first-round selection (19th overall) to the Carolina Panthers for a second-round pick (43rd overall) which was eventually traded to Minnesota, a fourth-round pick (109th overall) which was used to draft G Mike McGlynn and Carolina's 2009 first-round selection (28th overall), which was eventually traded to the Buffalo Bills as part of the T Jason Peters trade.
 - In 2016, the Chiefs traded their first-round pick (28th overall) and a seventh-round pick (249th overall) to San Francisco in exchange for a second-round pick (37th overall) which was used on DL Chris Jones, a fourth-round pick (105th overall) which was used to select OL Parker Ehinger and a sixth-round pick (178th overall) which was used on DB D.J. White.
 - Kansas City's 2018 first-round pick (22nd overall) was traded to the Buffalo Bills along with the club's 2017 first-round pick (27th overall) and a 2017 third-round pick (91st overall) in the 2017 NFL Draft in exchange for the Bills' first-round pick (10th overall) which was used to select QB Patrick Mahomes.

BREELAND SPEAKS**HEIGHT:** 6-3**WEIGHT:** 285**HOMETOWN:** Jackson, Miss.**HIGH SCHOOL:** Callaway**Career Defensive Stats**

Year	Games	Solo	Asst.	Total	Sacks/Yds	Int/Yds	FF	FR	PD
2014	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2015	13	14	18	32	1/2	--	--	1	2
2016	12	11	17	28	1/6	--	--	--	1
2017	12	27	40	67	7/36	--	1	1	1
Totals	37	52	75	127	9/44	--	1	2	4

2017

Earned second team all-SEC honors from both the Associated Press and Phil Steele ... Appeared in all 12 games and earned the starting nod in 10 ... Began the year at defensive tackle before starting the final seven games at defensive end ... Ranked second on the team in both tackles (67) and sacks (7.0) ... Finished the season with eight tackles for loss ... Got the start at NT in the season opener vs. South Alabama (9/2/17): Made three stops, including two solo tackles ... vs. UT Martin (9/9/17): Made two tackles and credited with one QBH ... at Cal (9/16/17): Made one tackle, a sack for a four-yard loss, his first of the year ... at No. 1 Alabama (9/30/17): Fourth-leading tackler with five total tackles including three solo stops ... Also forced the first fumble of his career against the Tide ... at No. 12 Auburn (10/7/17): Made five tackles including one TFL ... Started at DE in the win over Vandy and had six tackles, one pass breakup and one QBH ... vs. No. 24 LSU (10/21/17): Tallied a career-high 13 tackles (seven solo) including two sacks and a QBH ... vs. Arkansas (10/28/17): Made five tackles including 2.0 sacks and one QBH ... at Kentucky (11/4/17): Credited with two tackles including 0.5 TFL ... vs. Louisiana (11/11/17): Made five stops including one sack and two QBHs ... Had eight tackles in the Texas A&M game (11/18/17) along with two QBHs ... at No. 14 Mississippi State (11/23/17): Tallied 12 tackles, 1.5 TFLs and one fumble recovery in Egg Bowl victory.

2016

Tied for the team lead with eight QB hurries ... Totaled 28 tackles, 1.5 TFLs, 1.0 sack and a pass breakup on the year ... Played in every game with seven starts at DT ... Earned second letter ... vs. #4 Florida State (9/5/16): Posted a tackle and a QB hurry in start ... vs. Wofford (9/10/16): Made three tackles, including 0.5 TFL, in start ... vs. #1 Alabama (9/17/16): Posted five stops (two solo) and a QB hurry in start ... vs. #11 Georgia (9/24/16): Posted five tackles (one solo) and three QB hurries in start ... vs. Memphis (10/1/16): Registered two tackles (one solo) and a QB hurry in start ... at #22 Arkansas (10/15/16): Made four tackles (three solo) with a sack and a QB hurry in start ... at #23 LSU (10/22/16): Made one tackle in start ... vs. Georgia Southern (11/5/16): Totaled four tackles (two solo), a pass breakup and a QB hurry ... at Vanderbilt (11/19/16): Made three tackles (two solo).

2015

Played in every game with two starts as a defensive tackle ... Totaled 32 tackles, 5.5 TFLs, a sack, two pass breakups and a fumble recovery on the season ... Helped Ole Miss rank top three among SEC teams in tackles for loss (8.1/game - 7th in NCAA), interceptions (15 - t23rd in NCAA) and takeaways (23 - t38th in NCAA) ... Earned first letter ... vs. UT Martin (9/5/15): Made his college debut and collected a pair of tackles (one solo) and a QB hurry ... vs. Fresno State (9/12/15): Led the team with nine tackles (two solo) and posted 0.5 TFL ... vs. Vanderbilt (9/26/15): Recorded two tackles (one solo) and batted down a pass ... at #23 Florida (10/3/15): Made three tackles (two solo), including a TFL ... vs. New Mexico State (10/10/15): Assisted on a tackle for loss ... at #22 Memphis (10/17/15): Made six tackles (three solo), including a pair of TFLs for -24 yards ... vs. #15 Texas A&M (10/24/15): Made his first career start and tallied three tackles (two solo) ... at Auburn (10/31/15): Tallied one tackle, a pass breakup and a QB hurry in start ... vs. Arkansas (11/7/15): Assisted on a tackle ... vs. #15 LSU (11/21/15): Recorded a QB hurry ... at #21 Mississippi State (11/28/15): Made two tackles, including his first career sack ... Sugar Bowl vs. #16 Oklahoma State (1/1/16): Tallied two tackles (one solo), 0.5 TFL and a fumble recovery.

2014

Did not see action and was redshirted ... Member of the 2014 signing class.

Callaway High School

MaxPreps first team Medium School All-American ... A consensus 4-star recruit ... Rated the No. 135 overall prospect by 247Sports.com and No. 179 by Rivals.com ... Rated the nation's 11th-best defensive tackle by 247Sports.com, No. 19 DT by Scout.com and No. 12 strong side defensive end by Rivals.com ... Listed No. 2 on The Clarion-Ledger Targeted 22 list and named to the publication's Dandy Dozen ... Chosen to play in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game ... Enjoyed a breakout senior season in which he was named first team All-State at defensive tackle and Metro Player of the Year by The Clarion-Ledger ... Tabbed Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Coaches ... Posted 118 tackles, 26.5 tackles for loss, nine sacks, 18 QB hurries, four forced fumbles, three blocked kicks, five pass breakups and an interception returned for a touchdown while helping Callaway win a school-record 14 games and reach the Class 5A state semifinals ... Also tabbed All-Metro by The Clarion-Ledger as a junior after leading the Chargers with a team-high 136 tackles, along with nine TFLs and five forced fumbles while playing middle linebacker ... Coached in high school by Daryl Jones ... High school teammate of fellow Ole Miss Rebel Rod Taylor.

Personal

Son of Clyde and Brenda Speaks ... Full name is Breeland Clyde Speaks ... Born: Dec. 18, 1995 ... His brother, Marcellus Speaks, was an All-American linebacker at Jackson State ... Majoring in criminal justice with an emphasis in corrections.



Chiefs Head Coach Andy Reid

April 27, 2018

Opening Statement: “We’re very excited to announce Breeland Speaks from Mississippi. Outside linebacker, defensive end, wherever we choose to play him there. Most likely it’ll be outside linebacker to start with in a rush position on third-down in defensive end. I think what we’re getting here is a high motor, very intense player. Love his core strength, his ability to play the run and the pass. He’s kind of done a little bit of everything for Mississippi. So we look forward to adding him into our rotation there and on the defensive front.”

Q: Was getting a guy like him, playing defensive end, outside linebacker and do things against the run and pass, was that a big hole you were trying to fill?

REID: “I’m not going to say it was a hole as much as it was the best player that we felt was there. Somebody that we wanted to add into that mix with Tamba (Hali) leaving here, so we just feel good about that.”

Q: What made you jump up?

REID: “We like the player – it was pretty simple. So Brett (Veach) has a pretty good feel on needs of other clubs or wants of other clubs. He made the move and went and got him.”

Q: Do you remember when you first started talking about Breeland Speaks?

REID: “So Brett (Veach) has a tendency to do this, I’ve been around him now for a couple years and he has a tendency that when he likes somebody to wear me out with that guy. So he’s done it with some pretty good players. I can always tell by how much he likes somebody because he’s going to let me know. So I’ve watched every game that the kid played. I can’t tell you that I’ve done that with every player, that’s not what I’m doing. But he gives me a heads up on who to look at. This was one where he and I sat together and watched every snap. The thing that amazes me about him and you guys will go through and look at the tape yourself and have a chance to see him play, he was never on the ground. The way he used his hands, that combination of things. I thought was really something. Brett did all the studies on it, comparisons to people. So similar to Tamba (Hali) in his measurements, testing, all of these things. (Terrell) Suggs, (Calvin) Pace – these are guys that either Bob (Sutton) or Mike (Smith) have coached. He kind of fits right into that mold right there.”

Q: Does he strike you as somebody that could get after it quickly in getting playing time or more developmental?

REID: “So we tried to exhaust our time with him and we brought him up here where we could spend time, an extended amount of time with him. He picks it up so easy. He’s a smart kid. We thought he handled everything very well.”

Q: At what point in the draft process did you decide he was the guy you wanted to have?

REID: “Brett (Veach) has had his eye on him, I’m just the communicator right now. But that’s about it, I’m just relaying things to you. He’s had his eye on him all along and targeted him. He was going to go after him aggressively and that’s kind of how he rolls. You’ve seen him operate, this little bit here, this offseason. That’s his nature.”

Q: What can you say about (Breeland) Speaks’ football character?

REID: “I had a chance to talk to his coach – he’s a good kid, hard, hard worker. That was another thing, I never saw him take a play off and he played a lot. In college these kids are on these rotations where they might make it through 50 percent of the snaps, but if you put on tape you’re going to see this kid play. He’s on the field. He chases everything, he’s relentless. I’ve asked the question, does he do that during practice. Our scouts have seen him practice and they said he did. I talked to the coach and the coach said he did. So I appreciate that, I hope he transfers that over to us.”

Q: Do you see him being able to contribute immediately on third-downs?

REID: “I think he’ll get in and compete on the rotation, I would hope. That’s the plan there – get him in and see how he does. But you hope he can rotate in there and go.”

Q: Brett Veach talked about looking for a mindset for guys defensively. You’ve talked about players being energy-givers. How does Breeland Speaks fit into that?

REID: “Yeah, he’s an energy-giver. I’m not telling you he’s a screamer and a yeller and all that. That’s not what he is. But when he left the building, everybody went ‘Wow. That guy was something.’ He just brings good energy. You’ll see when he gets here, you’ll see. You just get a feeling like he’s got it together there a little bit.”

Q: What did he say to you guys about his on-field temperament? He had a couple ejections for hitting – playing hard. What did you need to hear from him on that?

REID: “Yeah I asked him everything. I hit it all. I don’t shy away from that. You can tell he loves the game. He’s made some mistakes early in his career on- and off-the-field. We think that’s past him. He owned up to whatever things went on and he was very honest that way. I think when you meet him you’ll kind of get the feel of him.”

Q: Was there anything that surprised you about Speaks once Brett Veach wanted you to keep watching him more and more?

REID: “I look at certain things with defensive linemen. One of them is ‘how much is he on the ground?’ I look at core strength – there were a couple snaps in there where he was double-teamed, he bent back when most guys would have gone down, he fought through it and made the tackle. The hustle, those are coaching things that I look at when I put on the tape. In today’s world, how well do they use their hands? Now you can teach some of that, but he’s got a good feel for it. The ability to play the game out in front of you, to be able to lean on an offensive lineman where you narrow your body down. These are little things, but they’re important things. Some of them are natural and some of them you can teach. He’s got a pretty good set though. How smart is he? An offensive lineman jumped out after him – he went into every game being their best defensive lineman – so how’s he going to answer those questions

from a player like at Mississippi State, a rival with a real good left tackle. A kid comes out and jumps on him and stuck him pretty good. The next time he did it, [Speaks] busted his move back inside, that's smart football, he was able to adjust. All those little things, that's what I'm looking at and I thought he did all that well."

Q: How much do you enjoy the process of looking at all these prospects and finally being able to narrow it down to picking a guy?

REID: "Every year it's exciting. Probably when it's not fun, then I'll get out. I enjoy it. I watch the process – I used to be involved with it more when I was in Philadelphia and happily I'm not doing all of that – but I watch the process that Brett goes through, the hours that he and his staff put it. It's phenomenal. Brett's the type of person that's not going to leave anything to question. He's going to dig in and go and spend a lot of time at it. When it comes around to this, you target a guy and then you're able to go get him, it's pretty good. I appreciate it, it's fun to watch."

Q: Brett has talked about wearing you out with players in the past. And you said he wore you out with Breeland Speaks. How often does that happen where he is doing this with players?

REID: "Yeah, LeSean (McCoy), DeSean (Jackson) and (Fletcher) Cox, he wore me out. There are others but those were just ridiculous. He did it with Chris Jones, he did it with Patrick Mahomes. These are guys that he gets on one and by the time we are done, Dorse (John Dorsey) and I are going 'Ok, calm down.' But listen, he's very accurate and you're going to know where he stands, which we all appreciate."



Chiefs Second-Round Pick Breeland Speaks

April 27, 2018

Q: What was it like when you got the call that you were going to be on the Kansas City Chiefs?

SPEAKS: "To be honest, it was just a sigh of relief. Knowing that I had a great visit with the Chiefs and I also fit in with that defense and the system and the guys in the organization. I felt at home."

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

SPEAKS: "There was a lot of conversation from the scout Ryne (Nutt), my visit, seeing them at the Combine. They were always pretty much there. They had already scheduled me for a Top 30 visit. From the whole time being there I could tell they genuinely wanted me and I could tell they liked the way I played. That's one thing that I loved about them was they were able to appreciate somebody who was going to give them their all every play."

Q: What do you want to tell the fans in Kansas City that they're getting out of a player like you?

SPEAKS: "You're getting a passionate player who is going to play with relentless effort and who's basically not going to give up on any plays. You're getting somebody who's a hard worker, a blue collar guy from Mississippi."

Q: You now have Chris Jones next to you from Mississippi State. When does the trash talk start?

SPEAKS: "It doesn't. We're on the same side that was college. He's a Bulldog and I'm a Rebel but at the end of the day we both play for the Chiefs. That's the bigger picture. That's what I feel like."

Q: Coach Reid is talking about you being more of a linebacker, you're going to be rushing the quarterback but you're also dropping back in coverage. How do you feel like that fits with your skillset?

SPEAKS: "I feel like it totally fits my skillset. It feels basically like my defensive line coach does it at Ole Miss. Coaches can say 'I can move this guy around wherever I need and I know he's going to do his job'. Just hearing that from a coach that's all I needed."

Q: Given how much you talked with the Chiefs before when you saw them come on the clock did you have a feeling they might be picking you?

SPEAKS: "I did. I really did. I actually saw that they said the Chiefs would possibly move up in the draft and I had a very strong feeling that they were moving up to get me."

Q: What did you learn more about the Chiefs during your visit here during the draft process?

SPEAKS: “That the Chiefs were right there and that they just need a few more players to be that elite team that I know they can be. Like I told Coach, I watched this past season and I dreamed of playing with Eric Berry. I dreamed of playing with Justin Houston, former Tamba Hali, guys like that. I want to learn under guys like that. To hear that the Chiefs so badly want to add me to their roster, it’s a dream come true.”

Q: When during the process did you think the Chiefs would be a likely landing spot?

SPEAKS: “I would have to say after my Top 30 visit.”

Q: Where are you and who was with you when you got the news and what was the reaction?

SPEAKS: “I’m in Jackson, Mississippi at my mom’s house. I have my family. My coach, family, friends around. It was just excitement. Everybody was just waiting on me to get that call. It just got quiet out of nowhere and my phone started ringing with an unusual number. I pretty much knew the time was near.”

Q: What did you tell the Chiefs when they asked you about your past?

SPEAKS: “I was just open and honest. There were some issues early in my football career in college. Basically, just being open with those guys about it. I have a DUI in my past and just really trying to clear the name since those events happened. Just really tried to be open with them and make sure everybody knows you get a guy who, yes, has made mistakes but has also learned from it and is moving forward not backward.”

Q: How did you stay motivated going through a rocky season with the Ole Miss program?

SPEAKS: “To be honest, football motivates me. Just the opportunity to go out and play every game. Being happy to play in the SEC, knowing I am going against top tier talent every week, that was enough for me. But when you add my daughter in the mix, the fact that she needs to eat at the end of the day, it was just an unstoppable force.”

Q: How much were you asked to drop into coverage in college?

SPEAKS: “In college, I was asked to drop back and cover probably twice and that was the past end of the season. I haven’t been asked much to drop in college but I played middle linebacker back in high school. I add that to my sideline-to-sideline play. I think that coverage will be taken care of.”

DERRICK NNADI**HEIGHT:** 6-1**WEIGHT:** 317**HOMETOWN:** Virginia Beach, Va.**HIGH SCHOOL:** Ocean Lakes**Career Defensive Stats**

Year	Games	Solo	Asst.	Total	Sacks/Yds	TFL/Yds	FF	FR	PD
2014	9	8	10	18	--	1.5/2	--	1	--
2015	13	18	27	45	2/10	2/10	--	--	--
2016	13	26	23	49	6/29	10.5/35	1	1	--
2017	13	22	31	53	3.5/20	10/41	1	--	--
Totals	48	74	91	165	11.5/59	24/88	2	2	--

Career Summary

Dominant four-year contributor along the defensive line that showed the ability to clog the run lanes and rush the passer from the interior...appeared in 48 games with 37 starts at defensive tackle and nose guard...recorded 165 tackles, 24.0 TFL, 11.5 sacks and two forced fumbles...selected for Reese's Senior Bowl.

2017

Honors: Watch List: Bednarik, Outland, and Nagurski Awards. Started all 13 games, notching 53 tackles, 10.0 TFL, one FF and 3.5 sacks...named third-team All ACC...a dominant force inside that was named to the preseason Nagurski, Outland and Bednarik award watch list...turned in a dominant first three games against No. 1 Alabama, vs. NC State and at Wake Forest, totaling 19 tackles, 4.5 TFL and a forced fumble...turned in a season-high 2.5 TFL against NC State...assisted on a sack vs. No. 13 Miami and the 2016 Heisman Trophy-winning Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson...finished the season on a tear in his last three games vs. Delaware State, at Florida, vs. ULM and in the Walk-On's Independence Bowl against Southern Miss, totaling nine tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks.

2016

Honors: First Team All-ACC (Coaches), Third Team All-ACC (Media), ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week. Played in all 13 games with 11 starts at nose guard...leader of the Seminoles' interior defensive line who collected first team All-ACC honors from the coaches...finished fifth on the team with 49 tackles and added 10.5 TFLs, 6.0 sacks, one pass breakup, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery... led a stout run defense that allowed only 128.0 rush yards per game (No. 21 in the nation)...vital part of nation's 22nd-ranked defense (349.1 yards allowed)...was integral part of Florida State's nation-leading pass rush...the Noles led the nation in sacks per game (3.92)...collected ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week honors following a dominant effort against eventual national champion Clemson...totaled a season-high eight tackles, two TFLs, one sack and one pass breakup versus the third-ranked Tigers...opened the season with a fumble recovery against No. 11 Ole Miss (forced by DeMarcus Walker) and ended the

regular season with his first career forced fumble against No. 13 Florida (recovered by Walker)...accounted for five tackles, 0.5 sacks, 1 TFL and 1 QB hurry in the Orange Bowl win over No. 6 Michigan...opened the season with two tackles against the Rebels...totaled three tackles and a sack versus Charleston Southern...was limited due to injury at No. 10 Louisville and at USF...had a half-tackle for loss versus No. 23 North Carolina...made seven tackles, including 2.5 TFLs at No. 10 Miami...had four stops versus Wake Forest...tied a season-high with eight tackles at NC State...made three stops, including one TFL, at Syracuse...tallied three tackles, including one sack and his first career forced fumble, versus the Gators.

2015

Honors: All-ACC Third Team (Media). Started all 13 games at nose guard – was one of just five Seminoles on the defensive side of the ball to start every game...finished his sophomore season with 45 tackles, 2.0 TFLs and two sacks...set a career-high with nine tackles against Syracuse, the most by an FSU interior lineman since Timmy Jernigan also had nine in the 2014 BCS National Championship Game vs. Auburn...recorded six tackles at No. 1 Clemson...registered a sack at Boston College and half-sacks vs. Syracuse and Clemson...finished second on the defensive line in total tackles behind only DeMarcus Walker (58)...made his first career start in the season opener against Texas State and finished with a tackle...helped anchor a top-10 scoring defense for the Seminoles in 2015...earned Defensive Most Improved Player honors following the 2016 spring season.

2014

True freshman defensive tackle who made an instant impact...appeared in nine games and had 18 tackles...stepped up during extended action against Georgia Tech in the ACC Championship Game and responded with a season-high six tackles...had four tackles and 1.5 TFLs against Wake Forest...made three tackles against The Citadel...capped season with two stops versus Oregon in the Rose Bowl.

Personal

Consensus four-star defensive tackle recruit in the 2014 recruiting class...ranked the nation's fourth-best defensive tackle recruit and the No. 4 prospect in Virginia by Rivals (No. 81 player overall)...ranked No. 8 defensive tackle and the No. 5 prospect in Virginia by 247Sports (No. 80 overall)...tabbed No. 21 defensive tackle and No. 6 player in Virginia by ESPN (No. 253 overall)...Scout's third-best defensive tackle...played in the Chesapeake Bowl, a Virginia all-star game, and the U.S. Army All-American Bowl...listed as the Virginia-Pilot's No. 4 prospect...led Ocean Lakes to a 12-1 record and the Group 6A South Region semifinals as a senior, piling up 71 tackles and 20 sacks...anchored a Dolphins' defense that held eight opponents to a touchdown or less...Beach District co-Defensive Player of the Year in 2013...totaled 167 total tackles, 27 tackles for loss and 13 sacks while leading Ocean Lakes to its first state championship game appearance as a junior in 2012, grabbing First Team All-Beach District and All-Eastern Region honors...First Team All-Tidewater selection as a junior and a senior...chose Florida State over Virginia Tech, Ohio State, Virginia and Penn State...born May 9, 1996...majoring in social science.



Chiefs Third-Round Pick Derrick Nnadi

April 27, 2018

Q: What were your initial thoughts when you saw that the Chiefs traded up and made the move to select you?

NNADI: "Honestly I was just happy to be picked. I'm blessed for them to give me the opportunity to do what I can for the organization."

Q: What kind of contact did you have with the team leading up to the draft?

NNADI: "I met with them at the Combine for a few meetings. I met with the defensive coordinator and defensive line coach before. I have former teammates who are on the team as well. I'm somewhat familiar to the organization."

Q: Where do you see yourself fitting in along the defensive line?

NNADI: "I'm coming in trying to learn as much as I can and as soon as I can take as much as I can to either become a starting role or really become an impact to this team."

Q: How do you describe yourself as a player?

NNADI: "As a player I see myself as consistent in what I do. I'm really disciplined in everything I do. I feel like everything I do really comes to technique. That's one thing I've always worked on is everything I do is really technique and everything else follows through after that."

DORIAN O'DANIEL**HEIGHT:** 6-1**WEIGHT:** 220**HOMETOWN:** Olney, Md.**HIGH SCHOOL:** Our Lady of Good Counsel**Career Defensive Stats**

Year	Games	Solo	Asst.	Total	Sacks/Yds	TFL/Yds	INT/Yds	TD
2014	12	19	9	28	1/10	1/10	--	--
2015	15	22	14	36	--	5.5/27	--	--
2016	15	37	17	54	2.5/15	10/35	1/1	--
2017	14	51	37	88	5/25	11.5/44	2/66	2
Totals	56	129	77	206	8.5/50	28/116	3/67	2

Career Summary

Emerged as one of the best linebackers in the country in 2017... had 227 tackles, 28 tackles for loss, 8.5 sacks, 12 quarterback pressures, three interceptions for 67 yards and two touchdowns, five pass breakups, two caused fumbles and two recovered fumbles in 1,465 snaps over 56 games (27 starts) in his career ... tied for first in Clemson history in special teams tackles (47) and second in games.

2017

One of five finalists for the Butkus Award ... one of four finalists for the Bobby Bowden Award ... first-team All-American by Bleacher Report and Sports Illustrated ... second-team All-American by AFCA and AP ... first-team All-ACC by Phil Steele ... Second-Team All-ACC selection ... second-team All-ACC by AP ... permanent team co-captain ... had 104 tackles, 11.5 tackles for loss, five sacks, six quarterback pressures, two interceptions for 66 yards and two touchdowns, three pass breakups and two recovered fumbles in 718 snaps over 14 games (14 starts) ... had four tackles in 22 snaps against Kent State on Sept. 2 ... had a team-high 15 tackles, two tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks in 62 snaps against No. 13 Auburn on Sept. 9; named ACC Linebacker-of-the-Week ... had five tackles, a tackle for loss and a 44-yard interception return for a touchdowns in 50 snaps at No. 14 Louisville on Sept. 16; named team co-defensive player-of-the-game ... had four tackles and a tackle for loss in 39 snaps against Boston College on Sept. 23 ... had a team-high 14 tackles, a sack and 22-yard interception return for a touchdown in 52 snaps at No. 12 Virginia Tech on Sept. 30; named Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player-of-the-Week; named ACC Linebacker-of-the-Week; named team co-defensive player-of-the-game ... had six tackles in 48 snaps against Wake Forest on Oct. 7 ... had a team-high 13 tackles, 1.5 sacks, a pass breakup and three quarterback pressures in 83 snaps at Syracuse on Oct. 13 ... had a team-high 11 tackles, two tackles for loss and a sack in 45 snaps against Georgia Tech on Oct. 28; named team co-defensive player-of-the-game ... had 10 tackles, a tackle for loss and pass breakup in 80 snaps at No. 20 NC State on Nov. 4 ... had three tackles and a pass breakup in 58 snaps against Florida State on Nov. 11 ... had five tackles in 26 snaps against The Citadel on Nov. 18 ... had five tackles and a tackle for loss in

43 snaps at South Carolina on Nov. 25 ... had four tackles and a recovered fumble in 46 snaps against No. 7 Miami (Fla.) in the ACC Championship Game on Dec. 2 ... had five tackles and a tackle for loss in 64 snaps against No. 4 Alabama in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1.

2016

Had 60 tackles in 479 snaps over 15 games (12 starts) ... included 10 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks ... had an interception and caused fumble as well ... logged a tackle for loss in the season opener at Auburn ... posted first career interception in win over Troy ... had sack and additional tackle for loss against Georgia Tech, a big reason the Tigers held the Yellow Jackets to just 124 total yards ... posted four tackles in win over No. 3 Louisville ... had half of a sack, a pass breakup and quarterback pressure in 33 snaps at Boston College ... posted seven tackles, including one for loss, in road win over No. 12 Florida State ... had a tackle for loss against Syracuse ... had a strip sack in loss to Pittsburgh, his first caused fumble of the season ... notched a tackle for loss at Wake Forest ... had half a tackle for loss in 37 snaps against South Carolina ... had a tackle for loss against Ohio State in Fiesta Bowl.

2015

Had 32 tackles, including 5.5 tackles for loss, in 181 snaps (15 games) ... team leader with 19 special teams tackles ... notched pair of special teams stops against Appalachian State ... had first tackle for loss of the season at Louisville ... came off the bench to earn a share of defensive player-of-the-game honors in the win over Georgia Tech ... posted three tackles for loss in that contest ... named special teams player-of-the-game by Clemson coaches at Miami ... two special teams tackles in win over NC State ... special teams player-of-the-game versus Wake Forest with a pair of tackles in coverage ... had three special teams tackles at South Carolina ... had a coverage tackle in the ACC Championship Game against North Carolina ... tallied three total tackles, including two on special teams, in the Orange Bowl win over Oklahoma.

2014

Had 31 tackles, one tackle for loss, one sack and one caused fumble in 87 snaps over 12 games (one start) ... had a team-high 13 special teams tackles ... played one snap on defense and had a team-high four special teams tackles against SC State on Sept. 6 ... had three tackles in 17 snaps against NC State on Oct. 4 ... had three tackles, including two special teams tackles, in two snaps against Louisville on Oct. 11 ... had a team-high 10 tackles, one sack and a caused fumble in 41 snaps at No. 23 Georgia Tech on Nov. 15; named team co-defensive player-of-the-game ... had five tackles in 21 snaps against Georgia State on Nov. 22; it was his first career start ... had two tackles in five snaps against No. 24 Oklahoma in the Russell Athletic Bowl on Dec. 29; named team special teams player-of-the-game.

2013

Redshirted ... No. 15 signee in the ACC in the preseason by Lindy's ... No. 18 signee in the ACC in the preseason by Athlon.

High School

Rated as the No. 40 player in the nation by Rivals.com ... No. 102 player in the nation by 247Sports.com, No. 46 by PrepStar and No. 112 by ESPN ... played in the U.S. Army All-American game ... No. 6 outside linebacker in the nation by Rivals.com, No. 8 by ESPN, No. 11 by Scout.com and No. 13 by

247Sports.com ... No. 16 outside linebacker in the nation by MaxPreps ... No. 3 player in Maryland by 247Sports.com and ESPN ... member of the top-150 Dream Team by PrepStar ... played running back and linebacker ... helped Our Lady of Good Counsel High School to an 11-1 record as a senior and a No. 1 ranking in the Washington, D.C. area ... first-team all-state and all-conference as a running back ... named Montgomery Sentinel Offensive Player-of-the-Year and Gazette Montgomery County Player-of-the-Year as a senior ... named to the 75th Pigskin Club of Washington All-Metropolitan first team and Washington Post All-Met first team ... contributed to four straight conference championships ... had 1,307 yards on 190 carries and 18 touchdowns in 10 games as a senior ... had a season-high 325 yards on 24 carries in a Sept. win ... had 33 tackles and two sacks on defense as a senior ... had 897 yards on 127 carries and five touchdowns as a junior ... had 38.5 tackles, 16.5 tackles for loss and five sacks as a junior ... had 560 rushing yards and eight touchdowns as a sophomore ... first Tiger signee from the state of Maryland since 1991 (Jeff Fortner) ... coached by Kevin McFadden at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School ... recruited by [Jeff Scott](#) and [Brent Venables](#).

Personal

Graduated with a degree in parks, recreation & tourism management ... born Sept. 4, 1994.



Chiefs Third-Round Pick Dorian O'Daniel

April 27, 2018

Q: How are you feeling?

O'DANIEL: "You can imagine how I'm doing. I literally was shutting down my draft party. I had no idea. I was literally heading to the exit of the clubhouse and my phone started ringing and I was like this can't be happening and then it was Kansas City. It was crazy because I met with Kansas City at the Combine and the energy and the vibe I felt wasn't as strong in the moment. I got Kendall Fuller with me right now, we were best friends in high school and now we're back together doing it. It's live. I can't even put it in words."

Q: When did you think throughout the draft process that Kansas City might be a landing spot for you?

O'DANIEL: "I really didn't think I was going to land in Kansas City. I didn't really know where I was going to land because in this draft process you really don't know where you're going to end up. But early on I always felt deep down that Kansas City liked me a lot. They didn't make a mistake with this pick I'll tell you that much."

Q: What position do you feel like the Chiefs are going to ask you to play?

O'DANIEL: "Special teams to begin with, and then from there, work in some Will linebacker and whatever sub-packages they think might be fighting for my play style."

Q: You've taken a lot of pride in your special teams ability. Tell me what goes into your mentality with that.

O'DANIEL: "It's just one of those things that you have to take pride in. So often I believe that not enough guys take pride in special teams. Early on in my career I wasn't getting a lot of snaps on defense so I figured people are going to hear my name and whether that's punt, kickoffs I was going to go down and make sure people heard my name. Just thinking positive and just getting in where I can get in."

Q: How much pride do you take in your pass coverage?

O'DANIEL: "I take a lot of pride in it because so often I feel like teams feel like they have a mismatch but they put me in the situation and I'm able to show what I'm able to do. I'm very confident in my coverage ability and I think that's what separates me as a linebacker."

Q: What did you say your relationship with Kendall Fuller was?

O'DANIEL: "That's my brother. We went to high school together for three years. He's with me right now. We were watching the draft together. You're on speaker right now."

Q: Where'd you guys watch the draft?

O'DANIEL: "I'm back home in Maryland at my hometown. We rented out a club house. Just closest friends and family just taking care of business."

Q: How cool is it to be able to share a moment like that with a guy who's already on the team you're going to now but he's also your best friend?

O'DANIEL: "It's great because I know what kind of worker Kendall is and for us to link back up at the top that we talked about so often as high school students and in college to have the opportunity to with a teammate that you've grinded with before and you've been through adversity with before it's definitely encouraging and something I'm looking forward to. I'm just so blessed and so thankful."



2nd and 3rd-Round Draft Notes

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Second Round

- Kansas City traded a 2nd-round pick (54th overall) and a 3rd-round pick (78th overall) to Cincinnati for the Bengals' 2nd-round pick (46th overall) and third-round pick (100th overall).
- With the 46th overall pick from Cincinnati, the Chiefs selected **DE/LB Breeland Spears** from Ole Miss.
- **Spears** became the first player from Ole Miss to be drafted by the Chiefs since the club selected **DT Jerrell Powe** in 2011.
- The last time the Chiefs selected a player from Ole Miss in the 2nd round was **WR Dexter McCluster** with the 36th overall pick in the 2010 NFL Draft.
- Spears is the fifth player selected out of Ole Miss by the Chiefs since the AFL-NFL merger. He joins **Powe**, **McCluster**, **DB Kendrick Lewis** (5th round, 136th overall, 2010 NFL Draft) and **WR J.R. Ambrose** (4th round, 96th overall, 1988 NFL Draft).
- Prior to the 2018 NFL Draft, the Kansas City Chiefs had picked one other player with the 46th overall pick, selecting **LB Calvin Daniels** from North Carolina in the 1982 NFL Draft.
- **Spears** is the only Ole Miss player to be taken through the first three rounds of the 2018 NFL Draft.
- Since General Manager Brett Veach joined the Chiefs personnel staff under Head Coach Andy Reid in 2013, the Chiefs have selected an outside linebacker with their first pick in the Draft one other time, taking **LB Dee Ford** out of Auburn 22nd overall in 2014.
- Chiefs Hall of Fame **RB Priest Holmes** announced the club's second-round pick from AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. As an undrafted player out of the University of Texas, Holmes spent four seasons with the Baltimore Ravens before signing with the Chiefs in 2001 and becoming the club's all-time leading rusher after seven seasons in Kansas City.

Third Round

- Kansas City traded a 3rd-round pick (86th overall) and a 4th-round pick (122nd overall) to Baltimore for the Ravens' 3rd-round pick (75th overall).
- With tonight's 75th overall pick, Kansas City selected **DT Derrick Nnadi** from Florida State.
- **Nnadi** is only the second Florida State Seminole taken in the 2018 NFL Draft.
- **Nnadi** is the seventh player the Chiefs have drafted from Florida State since the AFL-NFL merger. He joins **C Rodney Hudson** (2nd round, 55th pick, 2011 NFL Draft), **WR Craphonso Thorpe** (4th round, 116th pick, 2005 NFL Draft), **T Brett Williams** (4th round,

113th pick, 2003 NFL Draft), **WR Snoop Minnis** (3rd round, 77th pick, 2001 NFL Draft), **WR Tamarick Vanover** (3rd round, 81st pick, 1995 NFL Draft), and **QB Danny McManus** (11th round, 282nd pick, 1988 NFL Draft).

- This marks the fourth time in the NFL Draft's modern era (since 1970) that the club has selected a player with the 75th overall pick. Previous years were 2001, 1999 and 1981. The club – then the Dallas Texans – also selected **HB James Saxton** out of Texas in the 1962 AFL Draft with the 75th overall pick.
- The last player to be selected by the Chiefs with the 75th overall pick was DT Eric Downing from Syracuse in 2001. Downing was selected with the first of two third-round picks in 2001.
- **Nnadi** was the second defensive tackle taken in the 3rd round and the 16th defensive lineman drafted overall in the 2018 NFL Draft.
- **Nnadi** joins **LB Terrance Smith** and **OL Cam Erving** as former Florida State Seminoles on the current Kansas City roster.
- The last time the Chiefs picked defensive linemen with back-to-back picks was the 2009 NFL Draft when Kansas City selected **DE Tyson Jackson** from LSU with the 3rd overall pick and **DE Alex Magee** from Purdue 67th overall.
- Pro Football Hall of Fame **LB Willie Lanier** announced the club's first of two third-round picks (75th overall) from AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, representing the Chiefs as a former Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award winner. Lanier was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1986 after an 11-year career as the club's starting middle linebacker. He was named the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year recipient in 1972, becoming the first of five Chiefs to earn the honor.
- With tonight's second of two 3rd-round pick (100th overall), which was acquired in a trade with Cincinnati, Kansas City selected **LB Dorian O'Daniel** from Clemson.
- The last player Kansas City drafted from Clemson was **T Barry Richardson**, who was selected with the first of two picks in the 6th round (170th overall) in the 2008 NFL Draft.
- **O'Daniel** is the fifth player the Chiefs have drafted from Clemson since the AFL-NFL merger, joining **Richardson**, **QB Steve Fuller** (1st round, 23rd pick, 1979 NFL Draft), **WR Stan Rome** (11th round, 277th pick, 1979 NFL Draft) and **RB Jay Washington** (6th round, 131st pick, 1974 NFL Draft).
- The Chiefs now have three Clemson players on the current roster with **O'Daniel** joining **DL Jarvis Jenkins** and **WR Sammy Watkins**.
- The club has selected only one other player with the 100th pick in the NFL Draft, taking LB Louis Haynes out of North Texas State in the 1982 NFL Draft.
- **O'Daniel** graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, Maryland where he played football with current Chiefs **CB Kendall Fuller**.



General Manager Brett Veach Quotes

April 27, 2018

OPENING STATEMENT: “Appreciate you guys for staying. I’m excited to add three new members to the Kansas City Chiefs. All three of these players were players that were targeted this entire time. I just want to start off by thanking the members of my scouting department. Those guys and I, we were on the same page the entire night and the board kind of fell the way we thought last night and we identified some guys this morning and we tried to position ourselves to get those guys. As you guys know we were able to trade 54 and 78 for 46 and 100 and take Breeland Speaks, and 86 and 122 to take Derrick Nnadi and then we stayed at 100 to take Dorian O’Daniel. Going back to free agency we talked about bringing a toughness and mentality in regards to how the defense is going to play, how we’re going to line up on Sundays. We did that when we acquired Reggie Ragland and we wanted to do that again in free agency when we acquired Anthony Hitchens. Talk about Breeland Speaks: a guy that has a high motor, tough guy, plays hard. Talk about Derrick Nnadi: same guy, toughness, temperament. Then Dorian O’Daniel is a guy that can be a chess piece for us. We play in so much dime and sub-packages. This guy will be on the field and be able to cover tight ends, do a lot of different things in regards to matching in our sub-personnel and then we had him graded as the highest rated special teams player. So a guy like that at pick 100 is extremely valuable to us. Again, super excited to add all three of these guys. I look forward to getting them to KC.”

Q: Three-for-three defensive guys tonight, was that the idea?

VEACH: “It was, and again, how these guys are going to approach the process and what they’re going to bring on Sunday. These guys are physical players and they play that style that we want to emulate. You look at some of those teams over the years, I always look at those Steelers teams and Ravens and how those guys just kind of roll their sleeves up and play football. It’s a four quarter battle and that’s kind of the mentality we want to have. Speaks is a guy like that, Nnadi is a guy like that and Dorian O’Daniel is a guy like that. These guys play four quarters, they leave it all on the field and again they bring that kind of temperament we’re looking for.”

Q: Andy Reid suggested that Speaks is at least going to start out at outside linebacker. What is it about his skillset that you like him better there than as a down lineman?

VEACH: “Breeland is an interesting guy. When you start the pre-Combine evaluation process you go into it and you know you don’t have a first-round pick, so you start to kind of, in your mind, know that the (Bradley) Chubb’s are going to go and the Derwin James’ are going to go and these guys and so on and so forth. So you start to look at, alright, we’re sitting there at 54 and there’s no movement, we’re a pocket of players that would make sense for us and when we started the process out we had Breeland in that third-round value this guy would be exactly what we’re looking for. As you know, this draft wasn’t deep in pass rushers. So where can you find guys like that. Breeland’s one of those guys that at three he’ll never

be there by the time we pick again at three so we might have to pull the trigger early at 54. Then as the process goes on you realize he's probably not going to be there at 54. That's just the way this thing works. The old kind of deal I use is that if you're here in three it goes in two, if you're here in four he goes in three. So when you're starting to hear that everybody has Speaks in three you know he's going in two and then you realize when you start looking at the board, and I think that was a question yesterday trying to evaluate Detroit and Dallas and the Colts, they're all picking right in front of you and we just didn't want to risk that because this guy can get to the quarterback. He plays hard, he's smart, he's instinctive and more importantly he's tough. You talk about inside, outside stuff. I saw Coach's clippings about the Tamba (Hali) comparison. I mean if this guy ran 4.7 he's gone way longer. He's got long arms, he's extremely physical. He's a power rush player that can kick inside if he has to, but he's extremely strong. One of the deals he has, and I think Coach mentioned this too, is the guy's really never on the ground and he's got extremely strong hips. So you can run a 4.4 and a 4.5, but I think everything in this league starts with the power game, the power rush player. I would take a 4.7 guy that can power rush as opposed to a 4.5 guy that really can't. So this guy can do that. He can rush the quarterback with power. He can kick inside if he has to and again he goes all day."

Q: Do you see the similarities with Tamba as far as his style of play?

VEACH: "You get into those bigger outside backers, he's not 245 pounds with 4.5 speed. Tamba was a 275, 280 guy, 4.8 and change guy, but he was a point A to point B guy. It wasn't pretty, it was just physical and that's what this guy is. It's not always pretty but it's physical. Some of his late tape I think if you get a chance to watch that I think you can see what we saw and why we valued him so much. Again, just knowing that if you sit there at 54 you're not going to get this guy and you want safeties, you want tackles. You have to affect the quarterback. You can't go out there and play 7-on-7 and we looked at it as the last opportunity to get a guy that can affect the quarterback. That's why we did what we did and went up and got him."

Q: The Chargers and the Colts both had guys between that 45th pick and 54. How do you and your staff work together to know those types of things and the pockets where you're not going to be able to wait?

VEACH: "Yeah that's why you work so hard and it's about time to set that board. You have the Chubb's up there and the Davenport's and you kind of work through that. You're looking and you have (Breeland) Speaks up there and then you see what's behind Speaks – go get him. And you also know those teams that worked him out, our guys do a great job of just keeping their eyes and ears open. We felt like there was a very slim chance he'd be there at 54 so let's be aggressive and get the guys that we want and he was one of them."

Q: (Breeland) Speaks did a good job of taking ownership of the DUI – what goes into your mind about guys that have had problems off the field?

VEACH: "I think everyone is a case by case situation. So it's our job to do all of the homework you can. Spent a lot of time with Breeland at the Combine. He was one of the players that we elected for a formal interview. Spent time with him after that during the course of the week. We invited him in for a top-30 visit. We had a bunch of people speak to him – not just coaches. Certainly we have a lot of connections at the school, some of the coaches that were there with the old regime and some of those coaches have landed in different places. You get a lot of information from different places. We did a ton of homework

on this player. He has a great family and it was one of those situations that we felt really good about the kid, what he's been through, where he is and what he's going to be."

Q: You were an SEC scout for a while – was he a guy that was on your radar?

VEACH: "To backtrack a little – in this position you don't get to spend as much time on the road as you used to and Dave Hinson was our southeast scout and Ryne Nutt went in there too. So both of those guys went in there and put a grade that was noticeable to me in the fall and I remember watching in October and you're so far down the line in regards to where this guy is going to go but I remember just watching this guy. We joked about it after we picked him and Dave and Ryne had some big grades on him and I watched him and I went into Mike Borgonzi's office and asked him if he had watched this (Breeland) Speaks kid, this kid is tough. That's what we're looking for, that type of deal. So that's where it started and then you just keep doing your homework and you build your board. Then you bring your guys in for the pre-Combine and you go through all those guys and you go through that position and guys get excited to watch him. They see the talent. Then you go to the Combine, you meet the kid, get to learn more about him. Then you start doing your homework and you realize you want this guy – ok, go get him."

Q: Was he climbing a lot?

VEACH: "Yeah he was. The league wasn't stepping around. I can't say it 100 percent because we took him. From all the evaluation that we did, from how our board was stacked and from all the information that we acquired – it was either go up and get him and we didn't feel like we'd get him at 54."

Q: How much does that top-30 visit help solidify the decision?

VEACH: "It went a long way. Because you have to see for yourself. I think that the combine was a great intro to the kid and you get a vibe but there's only a certain amount of time and you want to spend as much time as you can with a prospect. We've had situations where we've felt better about players then they come in here and then it's a no, it's just not going to work. So that's a great question but certainly that was a big factor in moving up. Because sometimes you're like okay, wasn't bad and you're still fine with the kid. But the kid came in here and really impressed us. Impressed Coach (Mike) Smith, and certainly impressed Coach (Bob) Sutton and Coach (Andy) Reid, so kid did a great job."

Q: Did you talk to Kendall Fuller at all throughout this process on O'Daniel?

VEACH: "No. I know they went to the same high school and we joked. It was funny because when I called Dorian (O'Daniel), Kendall (Fuller) answered – I thought I had the wrong number. Kendall was kind of screaming, hooting and hollering and that was kind of special. I had no idea, I just knew they went to high school together, knew they were close, knew they were training together. So when I called and I heard Kendall screaming, it was a pretty cool deal. But that kid (Dorian O'Daniel) is high energy. I mean he felt like he was ready to play, he felt like he had the pads on when I was talking to him. Plays with a lot of energy, flies around, always around the football and again he was the guy we had rated as the number one special team's guy in the draft. So that was another key addition for us. That was pretty good value with that pick."

Q: Do you see (Dorian O'Daniel) as more of a safety or a linebacker?

VEACH: "See him more as a money back or a dime linebacker is what he is. So he'll be in the linebacker room but he'll be on the field on passing downs if that makes sense. We think he can develop into will linebacker and provide depth behind Reggie (Ragland) and Anthony (Hitchens) but when you go base, you'll have Reggie and Anthony, you go nickel and you'll have Reggie and Anthony when you go dime. We play a lot of dime and he'll continue to grow and develop and add some more weight. But the reality of it is, we kind of like him where he is. Let him run around and make plays and then play on all (special) teams. If you're playing 40 to 50 percent in regards to sub then playing on all those teams that's a full night's work."

Q: How much do you weigh the raw tools from the players you're evaluating?

VEACH: "I think it all goes into it. Sometimes you try to make it not complicated. Just watch tape. These guys make plays and they play hard. Sometimes you just try to get too cute and look at every little test, every agility test and 40 and bench and this and that. Just the overall thumb, does he make plays? Does he play hard? Does he love the game? That's what these three guys do and that's why we like them."

Q: Are you going all defense tomorrow?

VEACH: "That's a great question. If those are the highest players on the board, for sure. We will see if we can continue to add. We are always going to stay true to the board. We believe in the process and the guys that we like and, sure. If those guys happen to be defensive players, we will make it seven for seven or eight for eight."

Q: What kind of priority was it getting good, young players?

VEACH: "The need was just to get better. We weren't happy where we were. You play a home playoff game and the team drives the ball and chews up nine minutes on the clock. That's not good enough. Sometimes it just comes down to having guys that are wired right. Guys that want to line up and play four quarters of football. Our need is to just get tougher. That's what these guys did. We feel like these guys did that."

Q: Where is O'Daniel's run defense while in the dime?

VEACH: "Certainly, He is an undersized guy. In regards to taking on stuff, he is more of a slip and elude. He has great instincts. He is physical. He's not going to turn blocks down. But at that weight, I'm not going to say he is going to go down there and fill an A gap and bull over a blocker like the two guys we have in there now. He is really instinctive. He is quick to the ball, he has great range. In regards to his ability to slip, duck and elude, that is kind of what he does. Again, the guy just played hard."

Q: Was there a point in your career that you realized the value in moving up to go get your guy?

VEACH: "I think what you do is you spend a lot of time watching tape. You believe in the process and trust your scouts. When you get into the situation where you are looking at that board and there are big gaps, you go up and get those guys. And if the gaps aren't big, you either trade down or just be patient. When we were in the second round and Speaks was on the board, there was a big gap. The drop off after him in regards to a guy that can get after the quarterback was big. We knew he wouldn't be there at 54, so we went up and got him. When you come back to pick 75 when Nnadi was on the board, we were looking at how the board was kind of working, and Nnadi had such a good value there and then there was another big gap, so we went up and got him. And then we felt like we were right on pace for

that third pick, we were good. We just set the board, we believe in it. When we see big gaps and big discrepancies in regards to value and you don't make a move, the alternative when there is a big distinction, you have to go up and get him or realize that you won't get that type of player."

Q: Is it safe to characterize these players as contributors in the rotation with long-term starter potential?

VEACH: "Yeah, absolutely. Again, you guys will get a chance and maybe you guys are really familiar with these guys and maybe you weren't. But when you get a chance to put on these players, we see Speaks as a guy that it will be Justin (Houston), Dee (Ford) and Speaks. That is how I see it just based off of tape and the evaluation. I think last year we had a situation where Dee was hurt, right? Frankie Zombo had to play a lot of plays. Now bring Breeland (Speaks) in here, we feel we have the ability to have Justin, Dee and then Breeland (Speaks) in there. And then Tanoh (Kpassagnon) can still develop and do a little bit of both (strong side and weak side linebacker) and then Frankie can assume more of a (special) teams role. But, again, Justin, Dee and Breeland (Speaks) is how we see it. Nnadi will be in that rotation, and again, with O'Daniel you are looking at the percentages you play in that dime stuff and then all the (special) teams. These guys will be on the field and be contributors. And again, they will make their presence felt because of how they play and the way they play."

Q: How would you rank how much you wore Coach out with Speaks' tape?

VEACH: "I don't know if I wore him out as much because I had a lot more going on. Back in the day, my plate wasn't as full. I could just hang out and text him and send him stuff. He knew I obviously liked these three players. I don't know if I had that kind of free time to just hound him. But he knew."

Q: What do you think about what is left on the board?

VEACH: "So we come back, I guess we are 24 in the fourth (round) and then a six and a seven. This is where our road scouts come through. They do a great job. We spend a ton of time on the back end of this board because when you have 30 or 40 picks that are kind of the same, I think I said this yesterday, you start to see discrepancies. That's when these names that people aren't familiar with go just because there's just not a lot. But the lower you go, the more the small school players come into play and these height, weight, speed guys come into play. We spend a lot of time on these late round guys trying to stack our board and be prepared for different scenarios. We are excited for it and we are looking forward to tomorrow and hopefully making some more key additions."

ARMANI WATTS**HEIGHT:** 5-11**WEIGHT:** 205**HOMETOWN:** Forney, Texas**HIGH SCHOOL:** North Forney**Career Defensive Stats**

Year	Games	Solo	Asst.	Total	Sacks/Yds	TFL/Yds	INT/Yds	TD
2014	13	38	21	59	--	2/5	3/36	--
2015	13	83	43	126	--	6/13	1/10	--
2016	9	36	20	56	1/11	6/23	2/0	--
2017	13	57	30	87	0.5/2	10/23	4/15	--
Totals	48	214	114	328	1.5/13	24/64	10/61	--

2017

Defensive team captain that started in all 12 games making 82 tackles with four interceptions and two forced fumbles ... named to the AP All-America Third Team ... earned First Team All-SEC distinction ... selected to play in the Reese's Senior Bowl ... opened the season with 13 tackles, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and two pass breakups at UCLA ... picked off two passes and had eight tackles, including two for loss, against Louisiana ... sealed the victory in OT against Arkansas with an interception in the endzone ... made six tackles and intercepted a pass at Florida ... notched 11 tackles and blocked a kick against Mississippi State ... blocked a kick and had 10 tackles against Auburn ... forced a fumble and registered 11 tackles at LSU.

2016

Continued where he left off in 2015 with a strong junior season starting in each of his nine games before missing the remaining four games with a leg injury ... recorded 56 tackles, six tackles for loss, one sack, two picks, and two forced fumbles and fumble recoveries ... started the season with a seven-tackle performance against UCLA with a sack for a loss of 11 yards ... stripped and recovered a fumble in a goal line stand against Arkansas while also recording three tackles during a huge 1st-and-goal situation in the third quarter ... had the marquee moment for the team with a game-ending pick against Tennessee in overtime ... also forced a fumble and recovered a fumble against Tennessee ... had a season high 12 tackles in his final full game against Mississippi State.

2015

Led the Aggies with 126 tackles on the season ... was the first Aggie to reach 100 tackles since 2010 and the first defensive back since 2003 ... played and started all 13 games at free safety ... recorded a career-high 20 tackles against Ole Miss, which tied for the fifth-most in a game in school history ... also had six tackles for loss on the campaign ... intercepted one pass for 10 yards ... broke up two passes on the year ... recorded two forced fumbles and one recovered fumble on the year.

2014

Won the starting free safety job in fall camp and emerged as one of the Aggies' top playmakers on defense ... led the team with three pickoffs and also contributed 59 tackles, including 38 solo stops and two tackles for loss ... also broke up nine opponent aerials ... had a season-high seven tackles against Mississippi State and five or more tackles in seven games ... played in every game with seven starts ... on a play that was called back due to unsportsmanlike conduct (due to sideline interference) against Rice, Watts scooped up a blocked field goal at the TAMU 7 and weaved through the Owls for an apparent 93-yard TD.

High School

Coached by Lance Gary at North Forney HS in Forney, Texas ... first-team Class 4A All-State as a senior after making 64 tackles and nine interceptions as a senior ... Watts also contributed 446 receiving yards and 233 rushing yards ... first-team All-Area by the Dallas Morning News ... first-team All-Texas High School by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... was first-team all-district on offense and defense and as a return man ... as a junior, Watts earned all-district honors at quarterback after racking up nearly 2,000 total yards, including 1,016 as a rusher ... as a sophomore, he contributed 333 rushing yards and 231 receiving yards.

Personal

Armani Watts is the son of Detra Alexander of Forney, Texas ... born March 19, 1996 ... university studies major with a concentration in leadership in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.



Chiefs Area Scout Willie Davis April 28, 2018

Q: Can you talk about Armani Watts' strengths and what you like about him?

DAVIS: "If you watch film on this guy, you really notice the instincts. He is not the biggest kid, but he is instinctive, he knows where to be, he knows where to put players and he is a tough, tough kid. I think we got a really good football player."

Q: How strong are his leadership traits?

DAVIS: "I think he is going to come in and follow guys like Eric Berry in the beginning. He knows what his role is going to be. He is not going to come in and try to be the guy because he understands who Eric is and the guys on the team. But eventually, this is a kid that will show the leadership qualities."

Q: Are you comfortable with the risk taking that he shows?

DAVIS: "It was all scheme. If you watch it, what he gambles at times, there is a safety over top of him. In that scheme, they gave him freedom to jump things underneath and it made it look a little worse than what it was. In that scheme, they gave him a lot of freedom to believe what he saw on the field."

Q: He was a four-year starter, right?

DAVIS: "Yes, he was,"

Q: How do you see his readiness to come in and compete for playing time?

DAVIS: "I think he is going to come in and compete. There is no doubt about that. I don't know what the coaches' plans are for him right now, but there is no doubt this kid will come in and compete for playing time and a starting spot."

Q: What does it say about a kid that comes in and starts in the SEC as a true freshman?

DAVIS: "It says a lot. It says a lot about the person, the player, the athlete. The intelligence to come in as a freshman and start in the SEC at A&M, it says a lot about the kid and the character of the kid."

Q: What was some of the things the coaches and the support staff at A&M said about him as a person?

DAVIS: "Great person. Great person in the community. They say he is a skateboarder and likes doing that. Great kid though. Great leader in the locker room and that is the main thing. You are not going to have a problem with this kid in the community or in the locker room."

Q: Is he somebody you noticed for a while over the last couple years?

DAVIS: “Last year, (Texas A&M) had a safety drafted in the second round to Tampa. You watched him and then you watched Armani on the other side and you noticed how this kid played. He was the one aligning this defense and telling people where to go and all that two years ago when you are watching all the other guys back there. He was the one directing traffic and putting people in the right position.

Q: How much of the attraction to Amari was the fact that he created turnovers?

DAVIS: “That’s what drew our attention to him. He may not have the fastest 40 but his instincts put him in positions where he doesn’t have to be this 4.4 or 4.5 guy. He’s getting to the ball because he understands route concepts. He understands if he doesn’t have a man in his area, he can go help someone else. This is a guy that doesn’t necessarily need to be the fastest guy on the field because of his instincts.”

Q: Did he specifically say anything about learning from Eric Berry?

DAVIS: “No, but you hear about him taking things away from the older guys that he played with at A&M. Learning from them and listening to them and kind of just hanging out with them. Haven’t heard him say anything about Eric, but you heard him talk about the guys that he looked up to as a younger player at A&M.”

Q: Did it change him as a player when A&M switched defensive coordinators during his career?

DAVIS: “Yeah, I believe a little bit. The defensive coordinator they brought in two years ago was more of a man-to-man type guy. He had to change his technique up playing more man than zone before (John) Chavis came in two years ago. He had to learn how to play more man-to-man defense.”

Q: Can that be helpful for a guy to learn multiple defenses?

DAVIS: “Oh yes, definitely. Especially since he is coming to a man-to-man defense here. It really can help him. And even if it wasn’t here, to see different concepts and understand schemes and different defenses it helps him a lot.”

Q: Where is his room to grow?

DAVIS: “Probably just on the tackling side of it. He is a good tackler but he can get better. I think he has really good ball skills and intelligence and a feel for the game. And I think just coming in and learning from Eric and (Daniel) Sorensen and all the guys that understand how to play the game at this level. So I think just coming in and learning, I think he can become a better overall tackler. It isn’t that he is bad, but you can always get better.”

Q: He played inside quite a bit in nickel and dime packages, is that a role he might fit in?

DAVIS: “I have no clue what the coaches have in store for him. I can’t answer that. I guess we will just have to wait and see what the coaches do with him.”

Q: Were you surprised he fell to the fourth round?

DAVIS: “Very surprised. I think he didn’t have a great Pro Day. I think that kind of hurt him. We are more than pleased that he fell into our hands like that. We are glad.”

Q: Were you surprised by his Pro Day numbers?

DAVIS: “Well, we were surprised. What people need to understand is this, for some reason he left A&M and came back 15 pounds heavier than what he played at. That had a lot to do with the 40 time and the work out and all that. Now, he is back down to his playing weight and we feel a lot more comfortable with it.”



Chiefs Fourth-Round Pick Armani Watts April 28, 2018

Q: Where were you when you got the call?

WATTS: "I was back home at mom's house in Dallas."

Q: What was your reaction?

WATTS: "I was just feeling excitement. I'm finally glad I'm off the board. The whole family is excited. It's overwhelming, really. I'm just ready to get to work."

Q: Was there a point during the draft process where you felt like the Chiefs were going to be one of the teams that would be a possible landing spot for you?

WATTS: "I was thinking it was a possibility and it finally happened so I'm glad it happened."

Q: What are your first thoughts about being in a defensive backfield with Eric Berry?

WATTS: "It's real. He's one of the best safeties to play the game. He's got a lot of knowledge and he's been in this game a while. It's going to be real humbling to get under his wing and learn from his experience and be the best I can for the organization."

Q: How would you describe your game to people who haven't seen you play? What are your biggest strengths?

WATTS: "I would say game changer, ball hawk, able to play anywhere, versatile player, real knowledge of the game and know where to be at times and able to play anywhere the team needs me."

Q: The coaches mentioned your instincts. What has made you successful even though you're not necessarily the fastest guy on the field?

WATTS: "I'd say my preparation for the game, studying film during practice and just working on the little details and the craft of it each and every play and just doing my job each and every play."

Q: You put on some weight for the Pro Day and the Combine, what was the reason behind that?

WATTS: "I was just gaining some weight to see if I moved better at that weight. I was just testing the waters really but I'm already back down to weight. I went back down right after to my normal weight."

Q: What did you gain and how much did you lose?

WATTS: "I only gained about 8-10 pounds and then I went back down to 204."

Q: Did you play much corner in college?

WATTS: "No, sir."

Q: Do you feel like you could learn and play corner because of the Chiefs defensive need at the defensive back position?

WATTS: "Wherever Coach needs me. I can go anywhere."

Q: Where's your room to grow?

WATTS: "Most definitely tackling angles and wrapping up with tackling, that's a big thing. Controlling coverage is another big thing for me and bettering my game in each and every aspect I can."

TREMON SMITH**HEIGHT:** 6-0**WEIGHT:** -**HOMETOWN:** Anniston, Ala.**HIGH SCHOOL:** Saks**Career Defensive Stats**

Year	Games	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL/Yds	PD	FF	FR
2014	12	16	3	19	1/5	7	--	--
2015	11	42	9	51	3/22	17	2	--
2016	13	28	7	35	2.5/4	13	--	1
2017	12	27	14	41	2.5/2	16	--	--
Totals	48	113	33	146	9/33	53	2	1

Punt/Kick Return Stats

Year	Games	PR	Yards	TD	Avg/R	KR	Yards	TD	Avg/R
2014	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2015	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2016	13	25	224	1	9.0	2	27	--	13.5
2017	12	14	71	--	5.1	--	--	--	--
Totals	48	39	295	1	7.6	2	27	--	13.5

Career

Appeared in 36 games, making 25 starts...ranks fourth in program history in passes defensed, with 37 (27 passes broken up, 10 interceptions), tied for seventh in punt return touchdowns (1), 15th in punt return yards (224), 16th in punt returns (25), tied for 18th in interceptions (10)...has made 105 career tackles (86 solos, 19 assisted), 6.5 tackles for loss, and one sack...has forced two fumbles and recovered one...has two punts for 80 yards...compiled 326 career all-purpose yards (224 punt return, 75 interception returns, 27 kick return)

2016

Appeared in all 13 games as starting cornerback...tied for eighth on the team with 35 tackles, including 28 solos...ranked second on the team and third in the Southland Conference with 11 passes broken up...ranked third on the team and tied for ninth in the SLC with two interceptions (32 yards)...recovered one fumble...had 2.5 tackles for loss (4 yards)...returned a league-high 25 punts for 224 yards, which ranked second in the conference...averaged 9.0 yards per return, good for fifth in the league...returned two kickoffs for 27 yards...named Southland Conference Special Teams Player of the Week on September 26th, after returning two punts for 77 yards, including one for a 47-yard touchdown in UCA's 28-23 win at Arkansas State...had a season-high five tackles against Houston Baptist...broke up a

season-high four passes at Sam Houston State...intercepted passes against Arkansas State (32 yards) and Southeastern Louisiana (0 yards)

2015

Appeared in all 11 games as starting cornerback... fourth-leading tackler with 51 total stops, including 42 solos... had 3.0 tackles for loss for -22 yards... had 1.0 sacks for -12 yards... tied for team lead with 5 interceptions (43 yards)... broke up team-high 12 passes... forced a pair of fumbles... tied for SLC lead in interceptions... had season-high 8 tackles twice (Lamar, Sam Houston State)... had a 37-yard interception return at Oklahoma State... had a 15-yard sack vs. Stephen F. Austin.

2014

Appeared in all 12 games as a true freshman... had 19 total tackles, including 16 solos... had 1.0 tackle for loss (-5 yards)... had team-high 3 interceptions and broke up four passes... had a career-high 10 tackles and an interception vs. Lamar... had 3 tackles, 1 TFL and an interception vs. Houston Baptist

High School

first-team All-State quarterback at Saks (Ala.) HS in 2013... first-team All-Region quarterback in 2013 and 2014... first-team All-Region defensive back 2013 and 2014... Player of the Year District 8... Alabama 3A Player of the Year at quarterback... two-time state Player of the Week... most career TDs in school history... 70 tackles, 4 forced fumbles, 4 interceptions in 2013



Chiefs Area Scout Willie Davis

April 28, 2018

WILLIE DAVIS

Q: What is Tremon Smith's readiness to play when he comes in?

DAVIS: "That is one thing about this kid, he is very competitive. You watch him on film and everything he does is full speed. He wants to compete. He wants to be good. I think he is going to come in here and work hard. He's going to learn from all the veteran guys and he wants to compete."

Q: Did you get the sense that he is confident and were you able to get down to why football matters to him?

DAVIS: "Yeah, he is very confident. That is a big deal about coming into this league and making it, especially from a small school like that. You can hear it just talking to him, the kid knows he can play. He knows he can come in and play against the best players in the world. He is a very confident kid."

Q: Is being a special teams guy going to be one of his roles?

DAVIS: "I think so. I think that is where he is going to have to make his living at first because of the guys he has in front of him and the learning curve he is going to come in with. Being from a small school, he is going to have to come in. The stuff that we do here, he didn't do at Central Arkansas. They run a lot of different defenses, a lot of adjustments and everything. So he has to get adjusted to all that. I think he is going to come in and be able to really contribute to this team on special teams."

Q: Does his speed factor in to you thinking he can translate to this league?

DAVIS: "Well, you can see it on punt returns, when he breaks it, you weren't catching him. You can see it especially on the punt return things he did and the make up speed. If he gets beat he has the speed to recover very well. You saw all that."

Q: Did you go watch them play Kansas State?

DAVIS: "No, we didn't have the chance to. I was out. I am the southwest scout. The only time I saw him on film was against Kansas State. I saw him against Oklahoma State last year, he did very well against Oklahoma State. So he has done well against top competition."

Q: He got his hands on a lot of balls in college, is that what stood out to you?

DAVIS: "That's what stood out. He really gets his hands on a lot of balls. You saw the speed. You couldn't help but notice how often he was around the ball. Whether he was playing his man or coming off his man and seeing the ball come out the quarterback's hands. He is always around the ball. And then you saw the speed. You're right, he got his hands on a lot of balls."

Q: Do you think he will have the temperament to take a year or two on special teams before getting his shot?

DAVIS: "Yeah, I think he understands what it is going to take. He understands it is going to take hard work. It is going to take him sitting back and learning. It is going to take him earning it. He is a sixth round pick so he understands it isn't going to be easy. I think he has the mentality that he is going to come in and accept that he is going to have to play on special teams and earn his way."

Q: With what you have done with Armani Watts and Tremon Smith, was that the goal to go after secondary guys later because it was so deep?

DAVIS: "I think we just wanted to go get football players. Anyone that is going to help us win the Super Bowl, whether it is the corners or the safeties, we drafted defensive linemen. Whoever is going to help us get to that next level to win the Super Bowl, that's who we wanted, it doesn't matter what position. We went and got the best players to help us win."



Chiefs Sixth-Round Pick Tremon Smith

April 28, 2018

Q: Hey congratulations.

SMITH: "Thank you, thank you so much. I can't wait to get up there."

Q: What's going through your mind right now?

SMITH: "Just excited, it's all surreal right now. This is what I've been dreaming about since I was a baby, like since I've been playing out there by myself in the yard throwing the football to myself. This is a moment I've always dreamed of. Really don't know how to think or how to feel. Just ready to get up there this upcoming Friday and go to work."

Q: Was there a particular point during the draft process where you felt like the Chiefs were really interested in you?

SMITH: "Yeah I did but I went on seven visits and they were all kind of the same. But when I got to the Chiefs it was just a different vibe. I sat down and talked football with the coach out there, went in there with the defensive coordinator, Bob Sutton, went up there and talked to him. It always felt pretty good when I was up there in Kansas City. I love the area. Just the coaches and everything, it was just clicking."

Q: Can you give us a scouting report of yourself, what are your strengths as a player?

SMITH: "My strengths would have to be my ball skills, getting the ball back to the offense. Return abilities, from me playing offense in high school and just always having the ball in my hands. That's what I look forward to, being able to intercept. I came from the offensive side."

Q: How much do you value your ability in the open field as far as being a return guy and how much do you think special teams is going to be a factor for you early on here?

SMITH: "I know special teams is going to be very important to me early on because like I said I'm trying to earn that 53-man roster. I'm going out there and doing whatever it takes to help out the team and there's not going to be any ifs, ands or buts about it. I'm going to go out there and compete. I love punt returns, I'm good. I put a couple on film. I always loved it, it's fun to get punt returns/kick returns. I'm ready to excel in the special teams point of view until I can work my way into the defensive side."

Q: How excited are you to be in the same position group with a guy like Eric Berry?

SMITH: “That was my guy growing up. That’s who I looked up to even when he was in Tennessee at college, I wore number 14. On the visit, it just so happened that I was walking out the locker room and he was walking in and I got to meet him and introduce myself and tell him how big of a fan I was. I mean I’ve been watching him all my life, I know he does the little things right. So me learning from that guy is going to help me be the best player that I can possibly be for sure.”

Q: How much do you know how the Chiefs use their corners and how do you think your skill set can fit that scheme?

SMITH: “The defensive coordinator and Coach (Al) Harris was telling me, straight up, that I was already running the technique to a tee. Press-man, we do a lot of press-man. That’s what I did in college. They were just telling me basically how I fit right into the system. Like if I were to come here, like they ended up drafting me, I already would be a step ahead because I’m already used to the technique and I love that the defense of our college could get me prepared for this next step.”

Q: Is press-man your favorite style to play?

SMITH: “Yes sir. That’s what I did 90 percent of the time.”

KAHLIL MCKENZIE**HEIGHT:** 6-3**WEIGHT:** 320**HOMETOWN:** Walnut Creek, Calif.**HIGH SCHOOL:** Clayton Valley**Career Defensive Stats**

Year	Games	Solo	Asst.	Total	Sacks/Yds	TFL/Yds	PD	FF	FR
2015	13	12	12	24	1/5	1/5	1	1	--
2016	7	2	10	12	--	0.5/1	--	--	--
2017	11	17	19	36	2/10	4/24	1	--	--
Totals	31	31	41	72	3/15	5.5/30	2	1	--

2017

- Sacked South Carolina's Jake Bentley for a loss of six yards in the Gamecock's final drive of the first quarter (10/14)
- Made four tackles including 1.5 tackles for loss and his first sack of the season against UMass (9/23)
- Started at DT and made a career-high 8 tackles in season-opening win over Georgia Tech in the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game (9/4)

2016

- Games Played/Started: 7/1
- Will be sidelined for the rest of season due to injury to pectoral muscle suffered against Alabama, as announced by head coach Butch Jones on Oct. 18
- Made first start of career against Alabama (10/15) and made one tackle before exiting due to injury
- Matched career high with five tackles (one solo) at Texas A&M (10/8) and recorded 0.5 TFL
- Played several series in win at Georgia (10/1), making two tackles
- Played in win vs. Florida (9/24)
- One tackle vs. Ohio (9/17)
- One tackle against Virginia Tech (9/10)
- Made two tackles in season opener vs. App State (9/1)
- Changed jersey number from 1 to 99 starting in 2016 season

2015

- Games Played/Started: 13/0
- True freshman saw increased time at defensive tackle
- Played in all 13 games, made 14 tackles with a sack, TFL and a forced fumble
- Four tackles in Outback Bowl win over Northwestern (1/1)

- Two tackles, pass break-up and quarterback hurry in regular-season finale win vs. Vanderbilt (11/28)
- First career sack came in win at Missouri (11/21), with his father Reggie in attendance
- Four tackles in win over #19 Georgia (10/10)
- Five tackles vs. Arkansas (10/3) in most playing time
- Four tackles in win over #19 Georgia (10/10)
- Two tackles at Florida (9/26)
- Two tackles and forced fumble vs. W. Carolina (9/19)
- With father & Raiders GM Reggie McKenzie in attendance, made first college tackle vs. #19 Oklahoma (9/12)
- One of 15 true freshmen to debut vs. Bowling Green (9/5) in Vols opener
- 2015 Lindy's Sports No. 4 Impact True Freshman
- Entered college as Scout's #1 overall prospect in nation

Clayton Valley Charter High School

- 247 Sports: 5-star (No. 3 overall prospect, No. 2 defensive tackle, No. 1 prospect in California)
- ESPN: 4-star (No. 26 overall prospect, No. 5 defensive tackle, No. 4 prospect in California)
- Rivals: 5-star (No. 6 overall prospect, No. 1 defensive tackle, No. 3 prospect in California)
- Scout: 5-star (No. 1 overall prospect, No. 1 defensive tackle, No. 1 defensive tackle in California)
- Did not play as a senior while attending Clayton Valley Charter School in Concord, Calif., in 2014
- Played in 2015 U.S. Army All-American Game
- Attended The Opening in 2015, where he was named the Defensive Line MVP
- Member of ESPN 300

De La Salle High School

- Played at De La Salle High School in Concord, Calif., for coach Justin Alumbaugh in 2013
- Earned 2013 second-team All-American honors
- Registered 74 tackles and a team-high 12 sacks for 62 yards in his junior season
- Helped the team reach the 2013 CIF Open Division state title game with a 14-1 record
- Also participated in track and won the 2013 North Coast Section Meet of Champions shot put title

Southwest (Wisc.) High School

- Played at Southwest High School in Green Bay, Wisc., for former Packers star Bryce Paup in 2012
- Helped Fighting Trojans to a perfect regular season and a 10-1 overall record

Personal

- Full Name: Reginald Kahlil McKenzie Jr.
- Born: Jan. 3, 1997
- Son of June and Reggie McKenzie
- Brother of Jalen, Jasmin and Mahkayla
- Father Reggie was a star linebacker at Tennessee from 1981-84 and in the NFL with the Los Angeles Raiders, Phoenix Cardinals and San Francisco 49ers from 1985-92

- Father Reggie currently serves as the general manager of the Oakland Raiders after working in the front office of the Green Bay Packers from 1994-2011
- Uncle Raleigh was an offensive lineman with the Vols from 1981-84 and played in the NFL with the Washington Redskins, Philadelphia Eagles, San Diego Chargers and Green Bay Packers from 1985-2000
- Majoring in Management
- Recipient of Bob & Holly McManus Athletic Scholarship
- Recipient of Bryan Blalock Athletic Scholarship Endowment



Chiefs Area Scout Pat Sperduto

April 28, 2018

PAT SPERDUTO

Q: What do you project Kahlil McKenzie as?

SPERDUTO: "Yeah, we talked about it and we watched a lot of film on him as a nose tackle. We like some of the things he did at nose tackle, he has such a strong base. His hands are always tight inside, his head is always up. All the things and traits that you look at with him, you could see that this kid might have a shot as a good offensive guard. You look in the past, there are guys that have done it. J.R. Sweezy did it a few years ago at N.C. State. How about Alejandro Villanueva, the guy from the Steelers? He was a wide receiver and a tight end and he made the transition. You look at the traits, you look at some of the things that he did. And I always thought from his freshman year, and I always thought because I live in that area so I go to that school quite a bit, and I always thought as a young kid, if he had played guard from the get go—look at his lower body. You will see it when he comes in. Massive, massive lower body. He plays with such a strong base, he might be a pretty good one. So that was kind of the projection. We said, 'Hey, let's really take a look at this.' To our credit, to the guys up stairs, they did a good job to move up and take him."

Q: Did you bring him in and do a full workout as a guard?

SPERDUTO: "No, we were at his Pro Day and we worked him out as a guard. We took a look and he did some really nice things. They had three other offensive linemen working out and he looked better than the other three of them that were there. It was pretty impressive. It stood out and when we brought it up, we tinkered with it back and forth and sure enough, Brett (Veach) and Coach Reid and the staff, they decided it was a good fit, let's try it, let's go for it."

Q: Is he open to changing positions?

SPERDUTO: "Oh yeah, I talked to him a couple days ago. That was the first thing we brought up. I said, 'What if we drafted you as an offensive guard?' He said, 'I'd be willing to do anything. I just want to play football. I want to be a good player in the league.' He said, 'I would definitely do it.' I passed that on and here we are."

Q: How is he getting low and his movement in his ankles?

SPERDUTO: "He has no problem bending. He has no problem. You will see it on film. His trunk is so big and so strong. The way he plays as a nose tackle, he wasn't an up the field guy. He was more of a latch on, take on the double team, show your strength in your hands, lock out and maintain. His head is always up. That was kind of his forte. As a nose tackle, he would have really have been a two-gap run

defender and that's it, where as a guard, now you are talking about a chance to get into people and move them. Now he is the aggressor."

Q: So is he firing out hard?

SPERDUTO: "He isn't necessarily coming out hard. When you think come out, you think a little bit of a flat back. He is not like that. He is more of a vertical on the insides of his feet and he pushes people. It is all out of the strength of his inside hands and his head up."

Q: It's not quite the same, but did seeing Laurent Duvernay-Tardif make the transition from tackle to guard, did that add a little more comfort?

SPERDUTO: "Touché to you, because the last offensive guard we took in the sixth round was Larry, and he was pretty good. But it is different. Larry played offensive tackle in college and he made it really fast. Do I think he is going to make it just as fast? This kid has played football since he was little. His dad is a Hall of Famer and a legend. This kid has been around ball so he has no issues understanding the game and how to do it and stuff like that."

Q: Was it easy to pitch him to the staff and it seems like you have done a bunch of work on him?

SPERDUTO: "I like the kid. Obviously, he comes from good pedigree. You can't take anything away from that. The scuttlebutt around the league I'm sure was the same ideas that, 'Hey, this kid might be a really good offensive guard.' So when you talk about him, you talk about him as a two-gap nose tackle, but this guy might be an offensive guard. That's kind of how it went down. Credit to Brett and Coach Reid. Those guys kind of had a vision and said, 'You know what, this might be the right thing to do.'"

Q: Was there a fun moment when you guys talked about how you drafted the Oakland Raiders' GM's son?

SPERDUTO: "Well, it wasn't really light hearted because we had just stepped out of the room and all of the sudden it was like, 'Pat, get back in here!' Because we traded up and went and got him. It was like, 'OK, let's go. Let's do this.'"

Q: How long has the talk about him becoming a guard been going on? Was it just this draft?

SPERDUTO: "No, we have talked through the process about it, and it is in our reports where it said he might be better suited to play offensive guard. And I had said it quite a while ago that if this kid had come in as an offensive guard as a freshman, there's no telling where he would have gone. And you have to remember he is just a junior and he is just 20 years old. It's not like we are taking a 24-year-old guy and asking him to make a position switch."

Q: Did you talk to his dad (Reggie McKenzie)?

SPERDUTO: "No, I didn't talk to his dad. I talked to the kid. I had seen him a whole bunch of times going up there. I felt pretty good about the person and what we were getting and the football pedigree. There is just a lot of good things for him to do ahead of him. It is kind of a chuckle moment taking his son."

Q: What did the coaches at Tennessee say about this kid?

SPERDUTO: "When he had committed, they put him out of need at defensive line and they just never moved him. He had come in as a really big kid. He was probably 335 as a freshman. He was really big. He

has just grooved his body. And again, when you see him, you will see what I am talking about. Just remember the conversation. You will look at his lower body and you'll be like, 'Oh, OK. I understand what Pat said.'"



Chiefs Sixth-Round Pick Kahlil McKenzie

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Q: What did your dad have to say about this one?

MCKENZIE: “My dad’s happy for me. The rest of the family, they’re happy as well. It’s just going to make for a lot more family rivalries. We’re a competitive family at nature, so we compete at everything we do. This just adds one more ripple into that. I’m excited to get to Kansas City and just help these Chiefs, one, whoop up on the Raiders, and whoop up on the rest of the NFL.”

Q: Did you play on the offensive line at all growing up?

MCKENZIE: “Growing up, I played every position you could pretty much think of in football. I played offensive and defensive line in high school, but then once I got to college, I was strictly a defensive lineman. My dad and uncle both thought it would be cool to see me play offensive line, and they always thought that if I wanted to make that switch, I could. When I got to the Pro Day, some teams asks me – Chiefs being one of them – to work out as an offensive lineman. I did those drills, and they felt really good. Just being able to go through them, and, one, just feeling like they came naturally, and knowing how I play the game, knowing a lot of those things could translate into being a very good offensive lineman. It made it just a no-brainer decision for me. This would be a really good step moving forward.”

Q: So this is not a surprise for you?

MCKENZIE: “There were some teams that I knew I would be looked at at guard, and then there were some teams that would look at me as a defensive tackle. So, it wasn’t necessarily a surprise, but it was more a surprise because you don’t know where you’re going to end up.”

Q: Which side to you prefer to play?

MCKENZIE: “I prefer to play football. Now being an offensive lineman, that’s what I prefer to play. They’re going to get the absolute best out of me playing the offensive line position, whichever position it is on the offensive line – guard, center – I’ll do my very best at it. I think I can come in and dominate that position.”

Q: What positions did you play on the offensive line growing up?

MCKENZIE: “I played guard in high school and sometimes tackle just because, but I was never really a center per say. I did snap sometimes just because. I’ve been working on that ever since Pro Day, but I did play guard and tackle.”

Q: How much of your training since your Pro Day was geared to offensive line rather than defensive line?

MCKENZIE: “I’ve really just been catering my training to both sides because, like I said, you never know what’s going to happen in this draft process. I was just making sure I worked on both sides of the ball, making sure I was ready to go for whatever position the team needed me to play.”

Q: What did your dad say after you told him teams were talking to you about playing guard?

MCKENZIE: “He had a sly little smile on his face. I told him, ‘It’s your conspiracy. You did this.’ Because he always wanted me to play offensive line. He was happy to see me play offensive line and said I moved really well doing it. He said that I just looked like an offensive lineman doing those drills, and I looked like one that could move really well and play the position a lot different. Somebody that knows what defensive linemen are going to do and somebody who can move a lot better than a lot of offensive lineman.”

Q: How do you describe your own body type?

MCKENZIE: “I describe my body type as somebody who is one, physically just a powerful person. My big, tree trunk legs – that’s what my dad always says. Somebody who can move off the ball and just move around and just move with a lot of quickness. That’s how I describe myself physically.”

Q: Have you talked to your dad since you got the call?

MCKENZIE: “Yes, sir.”

Q: Any Chiefs-Raiders conversations?

MCKENZIE: “Oh, no. Just him being excited for me, and of course me saying I can’t wait to whoop up on you twice this year and the next year, and the next year and the year after that.”

Q: Growing up in an NFL family, what did you learn from your dad and about this business?

MCKENZIE: “You just kind of know what goes on in this business. You know what to expect going in, what guys expect out of you. You know what drives decisions that are kind of made behind the scenes. You really know what really matters and kind of the fluff. I know what I need to be able to do and what I need to kind of ignore. I know I don’t need to worry about this or worry about that. I just need to come in and work hard, keep my head down, do what the coaches ask me and go out there and help this team win games because at the end of the day, this is what it’s all about.”

Q: Can you give an example of something you don’t need to pay attention to?

MCKENZIE: “For one, just things like draft position, things like outside noise, things like that. If it’s not coming from inside the locker room, if it’s not coming from your coaches, it’s not something you need to pay attention to. You need to focus on what you need to do to become a better football player that way you can help your team and get this fan base championships.”



4th through 7th-Round Draft Notes

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Fourth Round

- With the 124th overall pick from Los Angeles, the Chiefs selected **S Armani Watts** from Texas A&M.
- **Watts** is the first defensive back from Texas A&M drafted by the Chiefs in the team's history.
- Prior to **Watts'** selection, the Chiefs had drafted six players from Texas A&M since the 1970 merger, including **RB Cyrus Gray** (6th round, 182nd pick, 2012 NFL Draft), **WR Dante Hall** (5th round, 153rd pick, 2000 NFL Draft), **RB Greg Hill** (1st round, 25th pick, 1994 NFL Draft), **LB Todd Howard** (3rd round, 73rd pick, 1987 NFL Draft), **LB Jeff Paine** (5th round, 134th pick, 1984 NFL Draft) and **DE Billy Bob Barnett** (3rd round, 61st pick, 1970 NFL Draft.)
- With **Watts**, Kansas City has now selected four players with the 124th overall pick, including current Chiefs **WR De'Anthony Thomas** out of Oregon in 2014.

Fifth Round

- The club did not make a selection in the 5th round of the 2018 NFL Draft. It marks the 10th time overall that the club did not select at least one player in the 5th round and the first such time since 2004. In 2004, the Chiefs sent their 5th-round pick and a 2005 3rd-round pick to then-Head Coach Andy Reid and the Philadelphia Eagles in a trade that netted the Chiefs **T John Welbourn**.

Sixth Round

- With the 196th overall pick, the Chiefs selected **CB Tremon Smith** from Central Arkansas.
- The Chiefs drafted their first ever player from Central Arkansas when they took **Smith** in the 6th round.
- Kansas City has now selected a total of four players with the 196th overall pick in the NFL Draft – picking at 196 in 1976, 1986 and 2007. In 2007, the Chiefs selected **T Herb Taylor** out of TCU with the 196th overall pick.
- With the 198th overall pick from New England, the Chiefs selected **DT Kahlil McKenzie** from Tennessee.
- **McKenzie** joins **S Eric Berry** and **P Dustin Colquitt** as the three Tennessee Volunteers currently on the Chiefs' roster.
- Kansas City has now drafted 11 players from Tennessee since the AFL-NFL merger, including **McKenzie**, **Berry** (1st round, 5th pick, 2010 NFL Draft), **Colquitt** (3rd round, 99th pick, 2005 NFL Draft), **G Zach Fulton** (6th round, 193rd pick, 2014 NFL Draft), **TE Brad Cottam** (3rd round, 76th pick, 2008 NFL Draft), **DT Turk McBride** (2nd round, 54th pick, 2007 NFL Draft), **DB Julian Battle** (3rd round, 92nd pick, 2003 NFL Draft), **C Jeff Smith** (7th round, 241st pick, 1996 NFL Draft), **DB Dale Carter** (1st round, 20th pick, 1992 NFL Draft), **T Kenny Jones** (12th round, 315th pick, 1983 NFL Draft), **WR Anthony Hancock** (1st round, 11th pick, 1982 NFL Draft) and **DT/DE Sylvester Hicks** (2nd round, 29th pick, 1978 NFL Draft).

- The Chiefs have only selected one other player in franchise history with the 198th overall pick, taking Northwestern **S Rick Telander** with the second of two 8th-round picks in the 1971 NFL Draft.

Seventh Round

- This marks the third-consecutive year that the club has not selected a player in the 7th round of the NFL Draft.
- In 2018, the club sent a pair of 7th-round picks (233rd overall and 243rd overall) to New England in exchange for a 6th-round pick (198th overall), which was used to select **DT Kahlil McKenzie** out of Tennessee. In 2017, the Chiefs traded their 7th-round pick (245th overall), along with a 3rd-round compensatory pick (104th overall) and a 4th-round pick (132nd overall) to the Minnesota Vikings to move up to the 86th overall pick, used to select **RB Kareem Hunt** out of Toledo. In 2016, Kansas City sent its 7th-round selection (249th overall) and its 1st-round pick (28th overall) to the San Francisco 49ers, which netted San Francisco's 2nd-round pick (37th overall), which was used to select **DL Chris Jones** out of Mississippi State, a 4th-round pick (105th overall), used on **OL Parker Ehinger** out of Cincinnati and a 6th-round pick (178th overall), which was used to pick **DB D.J. White** from Georgia Tech.
- Since the NFL Draft moved to seven rounds in 1994, this marks the seventh time the club has not selected at least one player in the 7th round. Previous such years include 2017, 2016, 2014, 2010, 2000 and 1995.
- This marks the first time in the modern era the Chiefs have taken a college defensive player with every selection in the Draft.