



JIMMIE WARD

25

DB » 5-11 » 193 » NORTHERN ILLINOIS

718.91 » MOBILE, AL » W.P. DAVIDSON HS, MOBILE, AL » 4TH YEAR » ACQUIRED D-1 IN '14

AWARDS & HONORS

2015: Hazeltine Iron Man Award

GOLDMINE

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



WARD'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

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

WARD'S GAME-BY-GAME

2017

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

WARD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES			SACKS	YDS	INT	YDS	INTERCEPTIONS		PD	FUMBLES		
				TOT	SOL	AST					LG	TD		FF	FR	YDS
2014	SF	8	0	23	17	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	2	0	0	0
2015	SF	16	8	65	51	14	1.0	9.0	1	29	29t	1	5	0	0	0
2016	SF	11	10	64	49	15	1.0	7.0	1	8	8	0	12	0	0	0
2017	SF	1	0	5	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		36	18	157	120	37	2.0	16.0	2	37	29t	1	20	0	0	0

Additional Statistics:

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

Special Teams Forced Fumbles – 1: 2016 (1)

Special Teams Fumble Recoveries – 1: 2016 (1)

Milestones:

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

WARD'S CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WARD'S TRANSACTIONS

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