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AHKELLO WITHERSPOON

CB

6-3 || 195 || COLORADO

3.21.95 || SACRAMENTO, CA || 2ND YEAR || ACQUIRED D-3A IN '17

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- Saw action in 14 games (12 starts) and registered 37 tackles and 4 PDs before being placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/18.
- Registered a career-high 5 tackles at KC (9/23).

GOLDMINE

- Witherspoon's grandfather, Jimmy Witherspoon (pictured right), was a renowned blues/jazz musician and singer whose hits, including "Ain't Nobody's Business" which reached number one on the U.S. R&B charts in 1949, came in the late 1940's. Ahkello also sings and plays the drums.
- Not only was Witherspoon's grandfather extremely talented, his father also had skills of his own. Lucky Witherspoon was a running back at the University of Nevada and was good enough to be invited to a tryout with the Dallas Cowboys.
- After posing for a photo-shoot, Witherspoon and his teammates joined Levi's in support of breast, colon and pediatric cancer warriors at the Crucial Catch Fashion Show presented by Dignity Health on October 2, 2018. 49ers players and cancer warriors took to the runway to show off their attire and share their stories of strength and courage with the audience.
- A multi-sport athlete growing up, Witherspoon excelled in soccer as a midfielder and as an outfielder and pitcher in baseball. He picked up soccer at the age of five in order to be more like his older sister, Alexis. Witherspoon credits soccer for teaching him footwork and body awareness skills that have translated to the football field.



WITHERSPOON'S GOLDEN NUGGETS

- First name is pronounced ah-KELL-oh.
- Witherspoon began playing football as a high school senior at Christian Brothers (Sacramento, CA) HS in 2012. He went on to play one year (2013) at Sacramento City College before transferring to Colorado University.
- Witherspoon registered a 40.5" vertical jump at the 2017 NFL Combine, the highest registered among all cornerbacks and 3rd highest among all defensive backs.
- Witherspoon grew up playing basketball with current 49ers DL Arik Armstead and trained with his father, Guss.
- Has a passion for medicine and wants to attend medical school after his career in the NFL.

WITHERSPOON'S GAME-BY-GAME

2018

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 9	at Min	L	1/1	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 16	Det	W	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 23	at KC	L	1/0	5	5	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 30	at LAC	L	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 7	Arz	L	1/1	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 15	at GB	L	1/0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 21	LAR	L	1/1	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oct 28	at Arz	L	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 1	Oak	W	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 12	NYG	L	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nov 25	at TB	L	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 2	at Sea	L	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec 9	Den	W	1/1	4	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 16	Sea	W	1/1	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE (Knee) ON 12/18

TOTALS				14/12	37	30	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	4	0	0	0
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WITHERSPOON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	TACKLES			SACKS	YDS	INT	INTERCEPTIONS			PD	FUMBLES		
				TOT	SOL	AST				YDS	LG	TD		FF	FR	YDS
2017	SF	12	9	32	28	4	0.0	0.0	2	42	23	0	7	1	0	0
2018	SF	14	12	37	30	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	–	0	4	0	0	0
TOTALS		26	21	69	58	11	0.0	0.0	2	42	23	0	11	1	0	0

Additional Statistics:

Special Teams Fumble Recoveries: 1 – 2018 (1)

Milestones:

NFL Debut: at Ind. (10/8/17); **First Start:** at Phi. (10/29/17); **First INT:** at Phi. (10/29/17 – QB Carson Wentz); **First FF:** at LAR (12/31/17 – TE Gerald Everett)

WITHERSPOON'S CAREER HIGHS

Total Tackles: 5 at KC (9/23/18)

Solo: 5 at KC (9/23/18)

Assists: 3 vs. Den. (12/9/18)

Interceptions: 1 (2 times) Last vs. Jax. (12/24/17)

Interception Yards: 23 vs. Jax. (12/24/17)

Long Interception Return: 23 vs. Jax. (12/24/17)

Passes Defensed: 2 vs. Jax. (12/24/17)

Forced Fumbles: 1 at LAR (12/31/17)

WITHERSPOON'S TRANSACTIONS

Originally the first of two 3rd-round (66th overall) draft choices by SF in 2017... Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/18/18.

2017

- Played in 12 games (9 starts) and registered 31 tackles, 2 INTs, 1 FF and 7 PDs.
- In his 1st career NFL start at Phi. (10/29), picked off Eagles QB Carson Wentz for his 1st career INT, returning the pass 19 yds. The play led to a RB Matt Breida 21-yd. TD receipt. two plays later.
- Registered his 2nd career INT vs. Jax. (12/24), intercepting Jaguars QB Blake Bortles and returning the pass 23 yds. His INT led to RB Carlos Hyde's 6-yd. TD run on the ensuing drive.
- Notched his 1st career FF at LAR (12/31), stripping the ball from Rams TE Gerald Everett. The fumble was recovered by DB K'Waun Williams and led to a 12-yd. TD pass from QB Jimmy Garoppolo to WR Aldrick Robinson on the ensuing possession.

WITHERSPOON'S GAME-BY-GAME

2017

Date	Opp	W/L	P/S	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sk	Yds	Int	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Yds
Sep 10	Car	L	-	-	INACTIVE			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep 17	at Sea	L	-	-	INACTIVE			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep 21	LAR	L	-	-	INACTIVE			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 1	at Arz	L	-	-	INACTIVE			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 8	at Ind	L	1/0	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 15	at Was	L	1/0	2	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 22	Dal	L	1/0	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 29	at Phi	L	1/1	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	1	19	1	0	0	0
Nov 5	Arz	L	1/1	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 12	NYG	W	1/1	3	3	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nov 26	Sea	L	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec 3	at Chi	W	1/1	1	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 10	at Hou	W	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 17	Ten	W	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec 24	Jax	W	1/1	3	2	1	0.0	0.0	1	23	2	0	0	0
Dec 31	at LAR	W	1/1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	1	0	0
TOTALS			12/9	32	28	4	0.0	0.0	2	42	7	1	0	0

COLLEGE

In three seasons with Colorado, appeared in 36 games (21 starts) and registered 77 tackles, 3 INTs, 1 FF, 1 FR and 28 PDs. In 2016, earned Second-Team All-Pac-12 honors and led the nation with 22 PDs. His 22 PDs also tied the school record for the most in a single season (22 PDs by Ben Kelly in 1998). Played in 13 games (12 starts) and registered 24 tackles, 1 INT, 1 FF, 1 FR and 22 PDs. As a junior, played in 13 games (8 starts) and tallied 41 tackles, 2 INTs and 4 PDs. In 2014, played in 10 games (1 start) and recorded 12 tackles and 2 PDs. As a freshman in 2013, played at Sacramento City College, appearing in 8 games where he notched 21 tackles, 3 INTs, 1 FF and 7 PDs.

PERSONAL

- Attended Christian Brothers (Sacramento, CA) HS. As a senior, registered 25 tackles, 1 INT and 4 PDs.
- A multi-sport athlete, also lettered in basketball, baseball and soccer. On the court, he averaged 16 points and 7 assists per game as a senior. While on the diamond, he had a .300 batting average and tallied 21 steals.
- Born Ahkello Witherspoon (3/21/95) in Sacramento, CA.
- Majored in ecology and evolutionary biology.

INJURY REPORT

2018: Placed on the Injured Reserve List on 12/18 with a knee injury.